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EDUCATION

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
Ph.D. in Geography, 2015
Supervisor: Michael J. Watts

The New School, New York, NY
M.A. in International Affairs, 2009.
Supervisor: Stephen J. Collier

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO
B.A. in Anthropology, 2001

EMPLOYMENT

2021 – Present	Colgate University , Hamilton, NY Associate Professor of Peace & Conflict Studies and Geography
2015 – 2021	Colgate University , Hamilton, NY Assistant Professor of Peace & Conflict Studies and Geography
2007 – 2009	Freelance Investigative Journalist , Bogotá, Colombia Print and radio journalism with outlets such as <i>The New York Times</i> , <i>The Nation</i> , <i>The Progressive</i> , Pacific News Service, Free Speech Radio News, KPFK, WBAI
2002 – 2007	North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA) , New York, NY Editor of its flagship journal <i>NACLA Report on the Americas</i>

BIBLIOGRAPHY

A. PUBLISHED WORKS

Books

2020 *The Frontier Effect: State Formation and Violence in Colombia*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2020 (co-authored with Kendra McSweeney) “The ‘Colombianization’ of Central America: Misconceptions, Mischaracterizations, and the Military-Agroindustrial Complex,” *Journal of Latin American Studies* 52 (4): 805–829.
- 2020 “Investigative Ethnography: A Spatial Approach to Economies of Violence,” *Geographical Review* 110 (1-2): 238–251.
- 2019 “Narco-Frontiers: A Spatial Framework for Drug-Fueled Accumulation,” *Journal of Agrarian Change* 19 (2): 211–224.
- 2013 “Grassroots Masquerades: Development, Paramilitaries, and Land Laundering in Colombia,” *Geoforum* 50: 62–75.
- 2012 “Everyday State Formation: Territory, Decentralization, and the Narco Land-Grab in Colombia,” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 30(4): 603–622.

Book Chapters

- 2017 “Frontiers: Remembering the Forgotten Lands.” In *Other Geographies: The Influences of Michael Watts*, edited by Sharad Chari, Susanne Friedberg, Vinay Gidwani, Jesse Ribot and Wendy Wolford, 169–184. Athens: University of Georgia Press. (underwent editorial review process)

Book Reviews in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 2020 Invited review: “Guerrilla Marketing: Counterinsurgency and Capitalism in Colombia, by Alex Fattal,” *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Journal of Latin American Studies* 52(1): 232–234.
- 2017 Invited review: “A Century of Violence in a Red City: Popular Struggle, Counterinsurgency, and Human Rights in Colombia, by Lesley Gill,” *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 26(4): 570–571.

Reference Book Entries

- 2006 “Homies Unidos.” In *Youth Activism: An International Encyclopedia*, edited by Lonnie R. Sherrod, 316–318. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press. (underwent editorial review process)

Other Contributions to Scholarly Journals (Not Peer-Reviewed)

- 2021 “The Drug-Conflict Nexus: Resilience as Organized Crime.” *International Journal of Drug Policy* 89: 1–2.
- 2014 “A Call for Scholarly Propaganda: Or what can we Learn from Thomas Friedman?” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, published online. (underwent editorial review process)

- 2013 (co-authored). "Gleaning the Current Conjuncture: Notes from the 3rd *Antipode* Institute for the Geographies of Justice." *Antipode* 45(4): 1–6. (underwent editorial review process)
- 2013 "Territories of Life and Death on a Colombian Frontier." *Antipode* 45(1): 238–241.

B. ACCEPTED FORTHCOMING SCHOLARLY WORK

C. COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED SCHOLARLY WORK

D. SCHOLARLY WORK IN PROGRESS

E. SELECTED PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

(A selection of publications aimed at popular audiences related to my scholarship.)

Edited Volumes

- 2006 *Dispatches from Latin America: On the Frontlines Against Neoliberalism*. Co-edited with Vijay Prashad. Boston: South End Press.

Journalism

- 2021 "Barbies and Bullets," *Jacobin*, Issue 43 (Fall), December 11, pp. 105–107.
- 2014 "Colombia's Chance for Peace," *The New York Times*, May 24.
- 2013 "Medellín: Who's Afraid of Hip-Hop?" *OpenDemocracy.net*, March 4.
- 2011 "La telaraña de los 'paras' en Urabá," *Verdad Abierta*, June 14.
- 2009 "The Dark Side of Plan Colombia," *The Nation*, June 15: 22-32.

2. PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, TALKS

A. INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Keynote Address, "What is a Borderlands Perspective?" Global Challenges Research Fund: Drugs and (Dis)Order, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London, UK, February 15.
- 2020 "Narco-Frontiers and Magical Marxism: Agrarian Change on Drugs." Journal of Agrarian Change and Department of Development Studies, SOAS, London, UK, December 2.
- 2016 "From Grassroots to Resilience: Development Masquerades in Post-Conflict Colombia." Department of Development Sociology Colloquium, Cornell University, November 11.

- 2016 "Territorial Masquerades and Frontier State Formations." Department of Geography Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, December 4.
- 2014 "From Zone Breaking to State Making," Department of Geography, University of Delaware, November 19.

B. CONFERENCE PAPERS, ROUNDTABLES, PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2022 Paper, "Frontier Capitalism and the Drugs-Development Nexus," International Studies Association (ISA), Nashville, TN (Remote), March 28.
- 2019 Paper, "The Frontier Effect: The Configuration of Rule in 'Ungoverned Spaces,'" American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC, April 4.
- 2019 Roundtable, "Storytelling in Critical Geography," American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC, April 6.
- 2018 Paper, "Narco-Fronteras: Un marco espacial sobre la acumulación ilícita." Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG), San José, Costa Rica, May 22.
- 2018 Organizer of five panels, "Frontiers in the Contemporary Moment" (I, II, III, IV, V), American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 13.
- 2018 Paper, "Narco-Frontiers in Latin America and Beyond," American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 13.
- 2017 Paper, "Post-Conflict Futures and the Technocratic Imagination in Colombia," American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA, April 4-9.
- 2017 Roundtable, "Sustainable Territories? Local and Transnational Territorializations for Environmental Governance," American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA, April 4-9.
- 2016 Paper, "Post-Conflict Futures and the Technocratic Imagination," Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY, May 27-30.
- 2016 Paper, "Enlisting Nature: A Political Ecology of the Drug War," American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA, March 31.
- 2016 Roundtable, "In Honor of Michael Watts," American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA, March 31.
- 2014 Paper, "Missing Like a State? Counterinsurgency and Revanchist State Formation in Northwest Colombia," Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL, May 21-24.
- 2014 Paper, "'Zone Breaking': The Political Ecology of Territory in a Colombian War Zone," American Association of Geographers, Tampa, FL, April 8-12.
- 2014 Organizer of panel, "Rethinking Territory Beyond the State," American Association of Geographers, Tampa, FL, April 8-12.

- 2014 Roundtable, "Engaged Scholarship in Critical Geography: Theory, Practice and Pedagogy," American Association of Geographers, Tampa, FL, April 8-12.
- 2013 Paper, "Grassroots Masquerades: Development, Land Laundering, and Frontier State Formation in Colombia," American Association of Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 9-13.
- 2013 Roundtable, "Territory, Life, Hope," American Association of Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 9-13.
- 2012 Organizer of panel, "*Contando lo narco*: Research, Methods, and Narratives of Narco-Fueled Violence," Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, May 23-26.
- 2012 Paper, "Investigative Ethnography and Narco Economies of Violence," Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, May 23-26.
- 2011 Paper, "Territory by Dispossession: Decentralization, Statehood, and the Narco Land Grab in Colombia," American Association of Geographers, Seattle, WA, April 12-16.

C. INVITED PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2021 Workshop, "Illicit Drug Crop Economies, Capitalist Development and Agrarian Change at the Frontier," Drugs and (Dis)Order, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London, UK, February 15.
- 2020 Workshop, "Corruption Plots: Stories, Ethics, and Publics in the Millennial City," American University, Washington, DC (held online because of Covid), May 21-22.
- 2019 Paper, "Land in Colombia's Postconflict Interregnum," *Governance at the Edge of the State*. University of Copenhagen, Denmark, August 28-30.
- 2019 Paper, "Enlisting Nature: Toward a Political Ecology of the Drug War," *Irregular Ecologies: The Environmental Impact of Unconventional Warfare*. Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München, Florianopolis, Brazil, July 19-20.
- 2018 Workshop, "Landscapes in Transformation in Central America," National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis, MD, August 13-16.
- 2018 Paper, "The Antinomies of Community: Subaltern Land Disputes, Justice, and (Neo)Paramilitarism in Colombia," *Paramilitarism and the Problem of Justice in Colombia Workshop*. University of Cambridge, St. Edmund's College, Cambridge, UK, March 16-17. (The organizers canceled the conference a few weeks before.)
- 2018 Workshop, "Landscapes in Transformation in Central America," National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis, MD, February 14-16.
- 2015 Paper, "The Contradictions of Community: Subaltern Land Disputes and the Politics of Victimhood," *International Conference on Land, Memory, and Justice: Challenges for Peace in Colombia*, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, October 2-3.

- 2014 Workshop, “Drugs, Disorder, and Agrarian Change,” School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London, UK, May 12-13.
- 2012 Paper, “Grassroots Masquerades: Development, Paramilitaries, and Land Laundering in Colombia,” *Second International Conference on Global Land-Grabbing*, Cornell University, October 17-19.
- 2012 Workshop, Summer Institute in Economic Geography, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland, July 1-6.
- 2011 Workshop, Advanced Oral History Summer Institute, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA, August 15-19.
- 2011 Workshop, *Antipode* Institute for the Geographies of Justice, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, May 30-June 3.
- 2011 Paper, “Territory by Dispossession: Decentralization, Statehood, and the Narco Land Grab in Colombia,” *First International Conference on Global Land-Grabbing*, University of Sussex, April 6-8, 2011.

D. ON CAMPUS COLGATE TALKS

- 2020 “Why the Drug War is so F*cked,” Browns Commons Fireside Chat, November 10.
- 2020 “Enlisting Nature: The Drug War as Environmental Warfare,” Social Science Division Luncheon Seminar Series, March 5.
- 2019 “Why is the Amazon Burning?” Big Question Seminar Series, Sponsored by the Residential Commons, September 18.
- 2016 “From Grassroots to Resilience: The Masquerades of ‘Development’ in Post-Conflict Colombia,” Social Science Division Luncheon Seminar Series, November 17.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

A. GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants and Fellowships

- 2018 Fulbright Scholar, \$26,000
- 2014 The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Dissertation Fellowship, \$20,000
- 2014 University of California’s Center for Right-Wing Studies Mini-Grant, \$3,000
- 2013 Social Science Research Council (SSRC), International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF), \$24,500
- 2012 Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Drugs, Security, and Democracy Fellowship (DSD), \$21,000
- 2011 Inter-American Foundation (IAF) Grassroots Development Fellowship, \$25,000 [Declined]

- 2010 University of California's Human Rights Center, Summer Fellowship, \$3,500
- 2009 Multi-year University of California Regents' Intern Fellowship, 5-years of tuition and stipend
- 2007 The New School, NASDAQ Economic Policy Fellow, partial tuition remission
- 2006 Fulbright Student Research Grant for study in Colombia

Internal Grants and Fellowships

- 2022 Picker Fellowship, Research Council, Colgate University, \$7,662
- 2022 Upstate Institute, Faculty Research Grant, Colgate University, \$4,746
- 2018 Picker Fellowship, Research Council, Colgate University, \$10,000
- 2018 Kallgren Faculty Travel Grant, Faculty Development Council, Colgate University, \$26,000
- 2015 Start-up Research Grant, Dean of the Faculty, Colgate University, \$25,000.

B. HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES

- 2020 Nominated by students for the Phi Eta Sigma "Professor of the Year" award, the only teaching award at Colgate given directly by students.
- 2012 *Antipode* Graduate Student Scholarship Award
- 2009 Master's Thesis at The New School "Outstanding Thesis Award" in International Affairs

C. INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Radio: KPFA, KPFK, WBAI, FSRN, La W

Television: TeleSur, Al Jazeera, TYT

Print: BBC, *Bloomberg Business Week*, *El Tiempo* (Colombia), *Frontline* (India), *New York Times*, *New Scientist*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE & SERVICE TO PROFESSION

A. COLGATE ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2022-2025 University Professor of Core Communities, Liberal Arts Core Curriculum

B. COLGATE UNIVERSITY ELECTED COMMITTEES

Service on Elected Committees

- Fall 2022 Student Affairs Board (SAB)
- 2020-2023 Committee on Honorary Degrees & Civic Awards
- Fall 2016 Committee on Honorary Degrees & Civic Awards

Stood for Election

2020	Faculty Nominating Committee
2017	Academic Affairs Board

B. DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE POSITIONS

2022	Search Committee (Chair) Visiting Assistant Professor, Peace & Conflict Studies Program
2021	Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor, Peace & Conflict Studies Program
2020	Search Committee for two Visiting Assistant Professors, Department of Geography
2019-2020	Peace & Conflict Studies (PCON) Program Curriculum Committee
2019-2020	Gamma Theta Upsilon Honor Society, Faculty Liaison

C. COLGATE STUDY GROUPS

Fall 2023	(Projected) Director of Colgate Study Group in Wollongong, Australia
Fall 2021	Director of DIS Study Abroad Colgate Study Group in Copenhagen, Denmark.
N/A	Organizing Committee for Proposed Study Group in Wellington, New Zealand

D. EDITORIAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Membership

2014-2021	<i>Antipode</i> (two terms)
2016-2019	<i>Environment and Planning D: Society and Space</i>

Book Manuscript Referee (last five years)

Routledge
Duke University Press
University of Georgia Press, Geographies of Justice Series

Peer Review for Refereed Journals (last five years)

Annals of the American Association of Geographers
Anthropological Quarterly
Antipode
Cultural Anthropology
Culture, Theory, Critique
Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space
Environment and Planning D: Society and Space
Geoforum

Journal of Agrarian Change
Journal of Latin American Studies
Journal of Peasant Studies
Progress in Human Geography
Social and Cultural Geography
Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers

D. OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2018 Ran for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG)

5. COURSES TAUGHT

Criminal Underworld: Drugs, Guns, Bodies
Environmental Security
Is the Planet Doomed?
War in Lived Experience: Practices of Peace & Conflict
The Invention of Latin America (Core Latin America)