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Associate Professor of Anthropology
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EDUCATION

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY- STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (Binghamton, NY)
Ph.D., Anthropology, August 2007
Dissertation: “‘We are all contaminated’: Lead Poisoning and Urban Environmental Politics in Uruguay”
Dissertation Chair: Carmen Alicia Ferradás
MA, Anthropology, May 2001
Sept 1998-August 2007
UNIVERSIDAD DE LA REPUBLICA (Montevideo, Uruguay)
March- December 1997, Visiting Student
Audited courses in anthropology, history, and sociology
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (Ann Arbor, MI)
BA, with Distinction, Anthropology, 1996
Sept 1994- June 1996
NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Kirksville, MO)
Sept 1992- May 1994

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political ecology; environmental anthropology; social movements; science and technology studies; critical health studies; urban theory; space/place; globalization and neoliberalism; race and identity; sports and performing cultures; Latin America (Uruguay, Southern Cone, Mexico)

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2015 West Virginia University, Office of International Programs Faculty Development Grant; Eberly College Faculty Development Grant; summer research and travel.
2009 West Virginia University Faculty Senate Research Grant, May-July 2009.
2005 Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Dissertation Grant, January-June 2005.
2004 Institute of International Education, Fulbright Student Dissertation Grant, Sept 2004-May 2005.

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015 Research on new environmental movements organized against extractivism and mega-development projects in Uruguay (Montevideo); neighborhood activist movement against cement factory contamination (Minas, Uruguay) [summer research]
2009, '11, '13 Research on grassroots, state, and scientific responses to lead contamination in Uruguay; Environmental conflicts surrounding pulp mill industry and commercial forestry in Uruguay; Afro-Uruguayan race and identity (all summer research)
2004-2005 Dissertation research on socio-political responses to lead contamination, Uruguay (January 2004-June 2005; November 1-December 2, 2005).

1999-2003 Conducted Masters and pre-dissertation fieldwork in Uruguay on six separate visits.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2014 Jacob Matz and Daniel Renfrew, "Selling 'Fracking': Energy in Depth and the Marcellus Shale," *Environmental Communication: A Journal of Nature and Culture*. DOI: [10.1080/17524032.2014.929157](https://doi.org/10.1080/17524032.2014.929157)
- 2013 "We are not Marginals: The Cultural Politics of Lead Poisoning in Montevideo, Uruguay" *Latin American Perspectives* Issue 189, Vol. 40 (2): 202-217.
- 2012 "New Hazards and Old Disease: Lead Contamination and the Uruguayan Battery Industry." In *Dangerous Trade: Histories of Industrial Hazard Across a Globalizing World*. Edited by Christopher Sellers and Joseph Melling. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, pages 99-111.
- 2011 "The Curse of Wealth: Political Ecologies of Latin American Neoliberalism." *Geography Compass* 5 (8): 581-594.
- 2011 "Uruguay: El Plomo y la Justicia Ambiental" (Uruguay: Lead and Environmental Justice) *Ecología Política* 82-89. (Barcelona, Spain)
- 2010 "Hacia una salud integral: La sociedad civil y la contaminación por plomo" (Towards Comprehensive Health: Civil Society and Lead Contamination) In *Plomo, Salud y Ambiente: Experiencia en Uruguay (Lead, Health, and Environment: The Uruguayan Experience)*. Edited by Nelly Mañay and Dario Pose. Montevideo: Pan-American Health Organization, Universidad de la República.
- 2009 "In the Margins of Contamination. Lead Poisoning and the Production of Neoliberal Nature in Uruguay," *Journal of Political Ecology* 16: 87-103
- 2007 "Justicia ambiental y contaminación por plomo en Uruguay" (Environmental Justice and Lead Contamination in Uruguay) *Anuario de Antropología Social*. Edited by Sonia Romero Gorski. Pages 229-239. Montevideo, Uruguay: UNESCO/Nordan Comunidad.
- 2004 "Punta del Este as Global City? Competing Visions of Uruguayan Nationhood in a Geography of Exclusion," *City and Society* 16(2): 11-34.

BOOKS

- 2006 C. Santos, S. Valdomir, V. Iglesias, and D. Renfrew *Aguas en Movimiento. La resistencia a la privatización del agua en Uruguay*. [Moving Waters. The resistance to water privatization in Uruguay]. Montevideo, Uruguay: Ediciones de la Canilla, 198 pages.

SHORT ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

- 2014 "American Multiracialism," Review of *Multiracial Identity*, Directed by Brian Chihema. *Current Anthropology* 55 (4): 490-91.
- 2014 "Love Bite: Why Uruguayans Revere Luis Suárez." *Huffington Post*, July 11, 2014. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/american-anthropological-association/love-bite-why-uruguayans-b_5578874.html
- 2012 "Translating Race and Culture: Critical perspectives on the Suarez-Evra Football Race Row" *Anthropology News*, Summer online edition, July 2012 [<http://www.anthropologynews.org/index.php/2012/07/26/translating-race-and-culture/>].
- 2006 "Tracing the Local and the Global Through Uruguayan Murga" *Anthropology News*, Volume 47 (8): 60-61.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- (In preparation) *Live without Lead: Contamination, Crisis and Hope in Uruguay*. (Book manuscript)
- (In preparation, with Carlos Santos) "Mega-mining sovereignty: Landscapes of power and protest in Uruguay's new extractivist frontier" (chapter in proposed book, *EXtrACTION: Impacts, Responses, and Alternative Futures*, edited by Kirk Jalbert, Stephanie Paladino, Anna Willow, and David Casagrande; to be submitted to Left Coast Press.
- (Under Review, with Genesis Snyder) "When said with a sneer": Contested translations of language, race and

culture in an English Football Race Row,” submitted as part of a proposed special journal issue titled, *Mobilizing Race: Borders, Translations, Movements*. Co-edited by Daniel Renfrew and Genesis Snyder. (Under Review, with Genesis Snyder) “Introduction to *Mobilizing Race: Borders, Translations, Movements*.”

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2015 “Mega-mining sovereignty: Landscapes of power and protest in Uruguay’s new leftist agro-industrial frontier.” *Society for Applied Anthropology* annual conference, Pittsburgh, PA, March.
- 2013 “Natural/Productive Uruguay: Mega-Development, Showcase Ecology and the New Left,” *American Anthropological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 (with Genesis Snyder) “‘Negro’ or ‘negro’? Contested Translations of Language, Race and Culture in an English Football Race Row,” *American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 “From neoliberal disease to (post)neoliberal mitigation: Lead poisoning and the Uruguayan Left,” *American Anthropological Association*, Montreal, Canada.
- 2010 “Children of Lead: Lead poisoning and popular environmental education in Uruguay,” *American Anthropological Association*, New Orleans.
- 2009 “Mediating the (in)visible: Lead poisoning and body politics among Uruguay’s new urban poor,” *Latin American Studies Association*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- ____. “No al Plomo, Sí a la Vida”: Lead Poisoning and Crisis Politics in Uruguay,” as part of session, “Activism and Life Itself.” *Society for Applied Anthropology*, 69th Annual Meeting. Santa Fe, NM.
- 2008 “Live Without Lead: Class, Place, and Urban Grassroots Environmentalism in Uruguay,” *American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA.
- ____. “Lead Contamination, Othering Strategies, and Ecological Marginalization in Uruguay,” *Persistent Divides: Marginalization and Social Exclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean*. Symposium organized by the Latin American Studies Program, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.
- 2007 “New hazards and old disease: lead contamination and the Uruguayan battery industry,” *Dangerous Trades: Histories of Industrial Hazard Across a Globalizing World*. Conference organized by Stony Brook University History Dept., Stony Brook, NY.
- ____. “Between public health and environmental catastrophe: localizing science in a lead poisoning epidemic,” *American Anthropological Association*, Washington, D.C.
- ____. “Lead contamination and the uneven developments of neoliberal nature in Uruguay,” *Latin American Studies Association*, Montreal, Canada.
- 2006 “Lead contamination, socio-spatial exclusion and the politics of risk in Montevideo, Uruguay,” *American Anthropological Association*, San Jose, California.
- ____. “Fighting a Saturnian Gloom: A Comparative Perspective on Lead Poisoning in the Global North and South,” *Globalization, Environmental Ethics, and Environmental Justice Conference*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.
- ____. “Uruguay Natural and Unnatural Disaster: Lead contamination and the environmental politics of risk,” *Latin American Studies Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2005 “La injusticia ambiental es de plomo: Acción política de base, ambientalismo(s), y la contaminación por plomo en el Uruguay,” *VI Reunión de Antropología del Mercosur*, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 2002 “Punta del Este as Global City? Competing Visions of Uruguayan Nationhood in a Geography of Exclusion,” *American Anthropological Association*, New Orleans.
- 2001 “The New Uruguay: power and identity in times of globalization and Mercosur” *American Anthropological Association*, Washington D.C..

INVITED TALKS

- 2015 “Mega-desarrollo, extractivismo, y el nuevo ambientalismo en Uruguay.” One of three presenters in seminar: “La Cuestión Ambiental en Uruguay” (“The Environmental Question in Uruguay”), organized by the Environmental Studies Network, University of the Republic (RETEMA, Universidad de la República), (Interdisciplinary Space, University of the Republic, June 24).
- 2014 “Mega-development, resource extraction, and the new environmentalism in Latin America.” West Virginia

- University, Invited talk, Campus Greens speaker series. (October 22).
- 2013 Discussant/Commentator: Book launch of the *Anuario de Antropología Social y Cultural del Uruguay* (Yearbook of Social and Cultural Anthropology in Uruguay), Interdisciplinary Space, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay (July 2013).
- 2011 “Ecologías políticas en América Latina: Una revisión de temas y abordajes en el último lustro.” Invited talk as part of lecture series, “Ciencias Sociales y Ambiente,” co-organized by the Environmental Theme Network and the Interdisciplinary Center for Climate Change, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay (July 8).
- 2010 “Old Hazards and New Disease: Lead Contamination, Environmental Justice, and the Uruguayan Battery Industry,” Invited talk, Department of Social Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Stout (March 11).
- 2009 “‘Contaminados estamos todos’: Ecología Política de la Contaminación por Plomo en Uruguay” Invited talk, Grupo Cultura y Ambiente. Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay (July 16).
- 2005 “Una historia socio-política y comparativa sobre la contaminación por plomo,” Invited paper for the Second Annual *Foro sobre contaminantes químicos ambientales y participación popular (Forum on Environmental Chemical Contaminants and Popular Participation)*, Montevideo Municipality, Montevideo, Uruguay, November 3-4, 2005.
- ____. “Grassroots and institutional responses to the discovery of lead contamination in Montevideo, Uruguay,” Presentation on dissertation research, *Fulbright Regional Enhancement Conference*, Santiago, Chile, April 2005.
- 2004 “Una mirada comparativa sobre la contaminación por plomo,” Paper presented at the First Annual Social Encounter on Lead, *Impactos y Respuestas a la Contaminación por Plomo en el Uruguay (Impacts and Responses to Lead Contamination in Uruguay)*, Montevideo Municipality, Uruguay, September 24, 2004.
- ____. “La (in)justicia ambiental. Un marco conceptual,” Invited presentation at the *Foro Social Uruguay (Uruguay Social Forum)*, Montevideo, Uruguay, 18 September 2004.

HONORS

- 2007 *Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research*, Binghamton University-SUNY.
- 2004 *Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Teaching*, Binghamton University-SUNY.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association

Sections: Environment Section; Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (SLACA); Society for Urban, National, Transnational/Global Anthropology (SUNTA)

Latin American Studies Association

Sections: Culture, Politics, and Power; Environment; Health, Science and Society; Southern Cone Studies

Political Ecology Society (PESO)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY (2014-present): Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY (2008-2014): Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Courses: *Cultural Anthropology (SOCA 254)*, *Latin American Cultures (SOCA 350)*, *Social Movements (SOCA 457/693)*, *Environmental Anthropology (SOCA 458/693)*, *Anthropological Thought (SOCA 493F/459)*, *Writing (SOCA 389)* and *Capstone Experience (SOCA 488)*

TOWSON UNIVERSITY (2007-08): Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice

Courses: *Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 207)*, *American Culture (ANTH 209)*, *Tradition and Revolution in Latin America (ANTH 369)*

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY- SUNY (2001-06): Instructor of Record, Department of Anthropology
Courses: *Introduction to socio-cultural anthropology (ANTH 166), Cultures and Crisis (ANTH 264/HDEV 351)*

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (2003 and 2006, summer): Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology and Social Work
Course: *Introduction to socio-cultural anthropology (AN 100)*

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (2001-2003, summer): Adjunct Instructor, Department of Foreign Languages
Course: *Contemporary Latin American Cultures (SN 314)*

MASTERS AND PH.D. COMMITTEES

Masters Committees:

- Adam Babich (Sociology, West Virginia University, MA, Defended 2009, Member)
- Kimberly Nailler (Sociology, West Virginia University, MA, Did not complete, Member)
- Dawn Lozzi (Sociology, West Virginia University, MA, Defended 2011, Member)
- Jacob Matz (Sociology, West Virginia University, MA, Defended 2012, Chair)
- Derek Stemple (Geography, West Virginia University, MA, 2012-present, Member)
- Allyssa Sobey (Geography, West Virginia University, MA, Defended 2014, Member)
- Craig Zell (Sociology, West Virginia University, MA, Defended 2015, Chair)

Ph.D. Committees:

- Timothy Scott Pruett (Geography, West Virginia University, Ph.D., Defended 2012, Member)
- Vaida Lilionyte-Manthos (Political Science, West Virginia University, Ph.D., 2015-present, Member)

SERVICE

Department, College, and University (WVU)

- **Director of Undergraduate Studies**, WVU Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2010-present
- **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**, WVU Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2008-present.
- **Research and Graduate Studies Committee**, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, WVU, 2010-2013
- **Latin American Studies (LAS) Program Committee**, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, WVU 2009-present; Faculty Associate since LAS program launch in 2012-13.
- **Effective Communication Working Group**, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, WVU, 2014-present.
- **B.A. Separation Committee**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, WVU, 2014-15.
- **Chair's Advisory Committee**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, WVU, 2014-present.
- **Search committee**: Sociology/Anthropology External Department Chair, 2011.
- **Search committee**: Sociology/Anthropology Teaching Assistant Professor position, 2011.
- **Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholars Program**, West Virginia University, 2009, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16. Faculty mentor of five anthropology undergraduate students engaged in independent research as part of a program supporting historically underrepresented students seeking to enter a graduate program.
- **Faculty Mentor, Transition Grant**, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, 2013; summer mentoring of recently graduated Masters student to submit manuscript for journal publication.
- **Faculty Mentor of Dr. María Alejandra Pérez, PROF-DOC (Post-Doctoral) Fellow**, Dept. of Geology & Geography, and Adjunct Faculty Dept. of Sociology/Anthropology, West Virginia University, 2012-14.
- **Grant Reviewer**: Faculty Senate Grant for Research and Scholarship; and Faculty Senate Grant for Public Service (WVU, both 2013).

Professional

- **Grant Reviewer:** *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)* Faculty Research Insight Grant, 2015; *Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC)* Mellon International Dissertation Enhancement Awards, 2013, 2014, 2015; *Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* STAR Fellowship Program, 2011.
- **Journal Peer Reviewer:** *City and Society* (Anthropology); *Human Organization* (Anthropology); *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (Anthropology); *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (PoLAR, Anthropology); *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* (JLACA, Anthropology); *Anuario de Antropología Social y Cultural del Uruguay* (Anthropology); *Antipode* (Geography); *Geoforum* (Geography); *Sociological Inquiry* (Sociology); *Journal of Politics in Latin America* (Political Science); *Development and Change* (Inter-disciplinary); *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* (CNS, Inter-disciplinary); *Latin American Research Review* (LARR, Inter-disciplinary)
- **Award Committee (Judge):** Rudolf Virchow Graduate Student Paper Prize, Society for Medical Anthropology, Critical Anthropology for Global Health Special Interest Group, 2014.
- **Co-editor**, with Genesis Snyder (West Virginia University) of proposed special journal issue, “Mobilizing Race: Borders, Translations, Movements.” Under Review.
- **Co-organizer**, with Genesis Snyder (West Virginia University) of session, “Mobilizing Race: Borders, Translations, Movements” *American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA, November 2012.
- **Co-organizer**, with Thomas Pearson (Binghamton University-SUNY) of session, “Activism and Life Itself” *Society for Applied Anthropology*, 69th Annual Meeting. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009.
- **Co-organizer**, with Susanna Bohme (Brown University) of session, “The Production of Disease and Political Resistance in Neoliberal Latin America” *Latin American Studies Association*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 11-14, 2009
- **Co-organizer**, with Elana Shever (UC Berkeley) of session, “Tracing Neoliberal Natures Across Latin America” 2007 *Latin American Studies Association*, Montreal, Canada.
- **Co-organizer**, with Carmen Ferradás (Binghamton University) and Javier Taks (Universidad de la República) of working group, “Nature and Society in South America” as part of the *VI Anthropology Meetings of the Mercosur*, Montevideo, Uruguay. Over thirty researchers from North and South America and Europe presented papers for the working group over two days in November 2005.
- **Bioethics workshop:** Participated as sole social science representative in a medical bioethics workshop directed by Fr. Omar Franca. Theme: “The bioethics of lead poisoning,” Universidad Católica, Montevideo, Uruguay (August 2004-March 2005).
- Helped establish a **research network** between toxicologists, pediatricians, and child psychologists of Cornell University, Penn State University, the Universidad de la República, and the Universidad Católica for ongoing research on lead poisoning, environmental health, and child development in Uruguay (2006-present).

Community

- **Media outreach:** Twelve total interviews in addition to media coverage of public talks on topics ranging from lead poisoning, environmental conflicts, hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”), and sports and race with three commercial, one university, and two community radio stations; and three print media interviews (Uruguay, 2004-2015).
- **Public outreach:** Eight public talks on lead poisoning at Montevideo Municipality, community centers, public schools, union halls, Uruguay Social Forum (Uruguay, 2004-2009)
- **Co-organizer**, *Social Encounter on Lead Poisoning*, Montevideo Municipality (IMM), Montevideo, Uruguay, Sept. 2004. (Brought together workers, citizens, families of lead poisoned children, municipal authorities, parliamentary lawmakers, physicians, journalists, activists, and academics in a first-of-its-kind “social encounter” on lead poisoning and environmental health in Uruguay.)

LANGUAGES

English: native speaker

Spanish: native speaker

French: reading, writing, translating and speaking skills (moderate proficiency)

Portuguese: reading and translating skills (high proficiency); speaking skills (moderate proficiency)

German: reading and speaking skills (low proficiency)