

College of Arts and Sciences

“Standard Form” for Faculty Vitae

Name	Department	Date
Les W. Field	Anthropology	December 2023

Educational History

Ph.D. 1987 Duke University (Durham NC) Cultural Anthropology

“I am content with my art: Two groups of artisans in revolutionary Nicaragua,” Carol A. Smith
PhD Advisor

B.S. 1975 Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore MD) Anthropology

Employment History Part I

Full Professor, 2008- present, Anthropology Department, University of New Mexico

Associate Professor, 2000 – 2008, Anthropology Department, University of New Mexico

Assistant Professor, 1994- 2000 Anthropology Department, University of New Mexico

Faculty-In-Residence, 1991-94, Anthropology Department, University of New Hampshire

Visiting Assistant Professor, 1991 History Department, San Jose State University

Post-Doctoral Fellow, 1989- 1990, Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical,
Cali, Colombia

Visiting Assistant Professor, 1988 Cultural Anthropology Department, Duke University

Employment History Part II

Tribal Ethnohistorian, 1991- present, Muwekma Ohlone Tribe (San Jose, CA)

Tribal Ethnohistorian, 1994-2000, Esselen Nation of Costanoan Indians (Spreckels CA)

Ethnological Consultant, 1998-2000, Federated Coast Miwok (Graton CA)

Professional Recognition and Honors

Outstanding Teacher of the Year, 2011, OSET-UNM

Snead-Wertheim Endowed Lectureship in Anthropology and History, 2008-2009, UNM
Departments of Anthropology and History

Fulbright IIE Research/Lecturing Fellowship (In Colombia), 2008-10

Gunter Starkey Teaching Award, 2000, College of Arts and Sciences, University of New Mexico

Short Narrative Description of Research, Teaching and Service Interests

My ethnographic research has taken place in Nicaragua, Colombia, Ecuador, Native California, and Palestine. My dissertation research focused upon two groups of Nicaraguan artisans was the basis for my first book, The Grimace of Macho Ratón: Artisans, Identity and Nation in Late Twentieth Century Western Nicaragua (1999: Duke University Press) derived also from post-doctoral work in that country in the 1990s. I later carried out long-term ethnographic research with indigenous farmers in Colombia and Ecuador in the wake of substantive local and national indigenous political organizing of various kinds in those countries. Following return from South America, I began working with unrecognized Native American tribes in the state of California which have been struggling to achieve federal acknowledgement. My research with both unrecognized and federally acknowledged Native peoples in California resulted in the publication of Abalone Tales: Collaborative Explorations of California Indian Sovereignty and Identity (2008: Duke University Press). Additional research since 2005 in Colombia has focused upon archaeology, illicit excavation, indigenous communities, and museums, which resulted in the book Challenging the Dichotomy: The Licit and the Illicit in Archaeological and Heritage Discourses (2016: University of Arizona Press) co-edited with Cristobal Gnecco and Joe Watkins. My research has hinged upon establishing relations of collaboration with communities concerning the goals, methods, agendas and products of anthropological work, and this thrust in ethnographic research was explored in the co-edited volume (with Richard Fox), entitled Anthropology Put to Work. (2007, Berg Publishers). I co-organized with Alexander Lubin two field schools of UNM undergraduates and graduate students in the occupied West Bank in 2011 and in 2015, and published a number of articles from that period of research.

Currently I am pursuing a new project that once again takes up the topic of illicit excavation and the fate of pre-Columbian gold artifacts in what is now Colombia, which I have researched and written about extensively since 2008. The research explores the history and multiple sociopolitical imbrications of diplomat-oligarch who lived in the late 19th and early 20th century, who had a role in building the pre-Columbian gold collection in the Smithsonian, and also played a part in Colombia's loss of Panama that led to the construction of the Panama Canal.

I am also writing a book entitled On the Horizon: Essays on Utopia, Dystopia, and Anti-Utopia that brings together my research in Nicaragua, Colombia, and Native North America; I also plan to write a chapter about late 19th/early 20th century Jewish political movements in the Pale of Settlement. In collaboration with a number of my current and former (now PhD) students, I am co-writing relevant chapters that we are publishing as journal articles first.

I have and continue to teach introductory classes for Ethnology students as well as upper-level undergraduate seminars focused upon Colombia and Palestine. In collaboration with the International Studies Institute, I developed a class entitled "Cultural Diversity and Minority Peoples of the Levant in the 21st Century," which I taught for the first time in Spring 2023. I also teach theory classes for the graduate program, including a Marxist theory class.

At this time and for the past five years, I chair at least eight and as many as twelve PhD committees, and I am dedicated to my students' progress as scholars. My students have consistently secured tenure track positions when that is their goal. I continue useful service for my subfield, Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology (SCALA), as graduate advisor; for my department, including membership on or chairship of innumerable committees, and to supporting my junior colleagues in the SCALA subfield on their committees for tenure and promotion; and finally to supportive cross-disciplinary work with the Latin American Studies program and the Latin American and Iberian Institute.

Scholarly Achievements

Books Authored

- 2008 Abalone Tales: Collaborative Explorations of California Indian Sovereignty and Identity. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 1999 The Grimace of Macho Ratón: Artisans, Identity and Nation in Late Twentieth Century Western Nicaragua. Durham, NC: Duke University Press

Books Co-edited

- 2016 Challenging the Dichotomy: The Licit and the Illicit in Archaeological and Heritage Discourses Edited by Les Field, Cristobal Gnecco, and Joe Watkins. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
- 2007 Anthropology Put to Work. Edited by Les Field and Richard Fox. Oxford, UK: Berg Publishers.

Edited Journal Issues:

- 2013 “Imagining Palestinian Archaeologies,” Special Issue of Archaeologies: Journal of the World Archaeological Congress, 9(2)
- 2011 “Collaborative Anthropologies in Latin America,” (co-edited with Joanne Rappaport) Special Issue of Collaborative Anthropologies, Vol. 4.
- 1996 “Mired Positionings: Beyond Metropolitan Authority and Indigenous Authenticity,” Special Edited Issue of Identities 3(1&2).

Articles Published in Refereed Journals

- 2021 “Solentiname’s Utopian Legacies and the Contemporary *Comunidades Eclesiales del Base* (CEBs): An Exchange Between Les W. Field and Lara Gunderson,” *A Contracorriente: una revista de estudios latinoamericanos* 18(3) Spring 2021: 311-337.
- 2017 a) “Anti-Semitism and Pro-Israel Politics in the Trump Era: Historical Antecedents and Contexts,” Middle East Report (MERIP) 284/285, Fall/Winter; 52-54.
b) “The Colombia-Israel Nexus: Towards Historical and Analytic Contexts,” Latin American Research Review, 52(4): 639-653.
- 2013 a) “Museo del Oro: viñetas” (with Cristobal Gnecco). Revista Colombiana de Antropología, vol. 49(2).
b) “The Palestine Field School: Decoloniality and the Geopolitics of Knowledge,” (with Alex Lubin, Jakob Schiller and Melanie Yazzie) Social Text 31(4): 79-97.
c) “Introduction,” in “Imagining Palestinian Archaeologies,” Special Issue of Archaeologies: Journal of the World Archaeological Congress, 9(2): 1-14.

- 2012 "El sistema del oro: exploraciones sobre el destino (emergente) de los objetos de oro precolombino en Colombia," Antipoda: Revista de Antropología y Arqueología (Colombia), Vol. 14: 67-93.
- 2011 Introduction to "Collaborative Anthropologies in Latin America," (co-edited with Joanne Rappaport) Special Issue of Collaborative Anthropologies, Vol. 4: 3-17.
- 2009 "Four Kinds of Authenticity? Regarding Nicaraguan Pottery in Scandinavian Museums, 2006-2008," American Ethnologist 36(3): 507-520.
- 2008 "'Side by Side, or Facing One Another': Writing and Collaborative Ethnography in Comparative Perspective," Collaborative Anthropologies, Vol. 1: 32-51.
2006. "The Potters of San Juan de Oriente," (in Spanish and Danish) in Cerámica Nicaragüense: Tradición y Novedad, Museum of International Ceramics (ed.). pp. 17-25. Danish Center for Culture and Development.
- 2005 a)"Beyond Identity? Analytic Cross-Currents in Contemporary Mayanist Social Science," Latin American Research Review. 40(3): 283-293.
b) "Who is this Really about Anyway? Ishi, Kroeber and the Intertwining of California Indian and Anthropological Histories," Journal of Anthropological Research 61(1): 81-93.
- 2003 a)"Dynamic Tensions in Indigenous Sovereignty and Representation: A Sampler," American Ethnologist 30(3): 447- 453.
b) "Unacknowledged Tribes, Dangerous Knowledge: The Muwekma Ohlone and How Indian Identities are 'Known,'" Wicazo Sa, 18(2): 79-94.
c)"'What Must It Have Been Like!' Critical Considerations of Pre-Contact Ohlone Cosmology as Interpreted Through Central California Ethnohistory," Wicazo Sa, 18(2): 95-126.
d) "On the Detectability of Intelligent Civilizations in the Galaxy," (with N. Duric) Serbian Journal of Astronomy 167: 1-10.
- 2002 a) "Abalone Tales: California Indian Natural Resource Management," News From Native California 16(2); 33-34.
b) "Blood and Traits: Preliminary Observations on the Analysis of Mestizo and Indigenous Identities in Latin vs. North America," Journal of Latin American Anthropology, 7(1): 2-33.
- 1999 "Complicities and Collaborations: Anthropologists and the 'Unacknowledged Tribes' of California" Current Anthropology 40 (2): 193-209.
- 1998 "Post-Sandinista Ethnic Identities in Western Nicaragua" American Anthropologist 100(2): 431-443.

- 1996 a) "State, Anti-State and Indigenous Entities: Reflections Upon A Páez Resguardo and the New Colombian Constitution," Journal of Latin American Anthropology 1(2): 98-119.
 b) "ma' cayuuya' za'nu - we see each other: The Politics of Zapotec and Anthropological Understandings" Introduction to "Mired Positionings: Beyond Metropolitan Authority and Indigenous Authenticity," Special Edited Issue of Identities 3(1&2):137-154.
- 1995 "Constructing Local Identities in a Revolutionary Nation: The Cultural Politics of the Artisan Class in Revolutionary Nicaragua, 1979-90," American Ethnologist 22(4): 786-807.
- 1994 a) "Harvesting the Bitter Juice: Contradictions of Páez Resistance in the Changing Colombian Nation-State," Identities 1(1):89-108
 b) "Who are the Indians? Reconceptualizing Indigenous Identity, Resistance, and the Role of Social Science in Latin America," Latin American Research Review 29(3): 237-248
- 1992 "A Contemporary Ohlone Tribal Revitalization Movement: A Perspective from the Muwekma Ohlone Indians of the San Francisco Bay Area," California History LXXI (3): 412-431
- 1991 a) "Ecuador's Pan-Indian Uprising," Report on the Americas XXV (3): 39-44
 b) "Tools for Indigenous Agricultural Development in Latin America: An Anthropologist's Perspective," Agriculture and Human Values VIII (1&2): 85-93

Articles Appearing in Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2020 "Gold, Ontological Difference, and Object Agency," in The Anthropology of Precious Minerals, Andrew Walsh, Annabel Vallard and Elizabeth Emma Ferry, eds. University of Toronto Press. Pp. 164-188.
- 2016 a) "Introduction" (co-authored with Cristobal Gnecco and Joe Watkins) in Challenging the Dichotomy: The Licit and the Illicit in Archaeological and Heritage Discourses, Les Field, Cristobal Gnecco, and Joe Watkins, eds. Tucson: University of Arizona Press. Pp. 3-20.
 b) "Dynamism not Dualism: Money and Commodity, Archaeology and Guaquería, Gold and Wampum," in Challenging the Dichotomy: The Licit and the Illicit in Archaeological and Heritage Discourses, Edited by Les Field, Cristobal Gnecco, and Joe Watkins. Tucson: University of Arizona Press. Pp. 180-196
- 2013 a) "Double Trouble: Implications of Historicizing Identity Discourses," in Anthropology and the Politics of Representation: Identity Strategies, Decentered Selves and Crucial Places. Gabriela Vargas Cetina, ed. University of Alabama Press. Pp. 19-32.

- b) "Mapping Erasure: The Power of Nominative Cartography in the Past and Present of the Muwekma Ohlone of the San Francisco Bay Area," in Recognition, Sovereignty Struggles and Indigenous Rights in the United States: A Sourcebook. Amy E. Den Ouden and Jean O'Brien, eds. University of North Carolina Press. Pp. 287-310.
- 2009 "Global Indigenous Movements: Convergence and Differentiation in the Face of the Twenty-First Century State," in Border Crossings: Transnational Americanist Anthropology, Kathleen S. Fine-Dare and Steven L. Rubenstein (eds.) Lincoln and London: University of Nebraska Press. Pp. 230-246.
- 2005 "Native Policy," In New Dictionary of the History of Ideas, Maryane Cline Horowitz (ed.), Detroit: Charles Scribner's Sons. Vol. 4: pp 1594-1598.
- 2004 "From Applied Anthropology to Collaborative Applications of Anthropological Tools: Examples from Indian Country, In A Companion to the Anthropology of North American Indians, Thomas Biolsi (ed.) Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers. Pp. 472-489.
- 1996 "Forward," and "Communal Land and Indigenous Identity in Otavalo, Ecuador," In The Politics of Ethnicity in Southern Mexico, pp. VI-IX; pp. 123-132 , Howard Campbell and John Monaghan eds., Nashville: Vanderbilt University Publications in Anthropology, Vol. 5.
- 1994 "Back From Extinction: A Brief Overview of the Historic Disenfranchisement of the Ohlone Indian Peoples," In The Ohlones Past and Present. L. Bean and S. Van Brakke eds. Menlo Park: Ballena Press. With Alan Leventhal, Rosemary Cambra, and Hank Alvarez.

Other Scholarly Works

Monographs

- 1995 Bridges Between Worlds: The Life of Ascención Solorsano Cervantes, A Traditional Mutsun Ohlone Doctor. San Jose, CA: Amah Mutsun Press. With Alan Leventhal and Joseph Mondragón

Book and Film Reviews; Invited Comments

- 2024 Comments in response to "Comparison through Collaboration: Dilemmas and Opportunities of Joint Ethnographic Research on Gangs in Nicaragua and South Africa," Steffen Jensen and Dennis Rodgers, Current Anthropology
- 2023 Pre-Columbian Art from Central America and Colombia at Dumbarton Oaks. Colin McEwan and John W. Hoopes editors, and Pre-Columbian Central America, Colombia and Ecuador: Toward an Integrated Approach. Colin McEwan and John W. Hoopes editors. With Loa Traxler. Journal of Anthropological Research 79(2): 266-269.
- 2022a Palestine is Throwing a Party and the Whole World is Invited: Capital and State Building in the West Bank. Kareem Rabie. Journal of Anthropological Research 78(2): 265-267.

- 2022b A Coalition of Lineages: The Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indian. Duane Champagne and Carole Goldberg, Journal of Anthropological Research 78(2): 264-265.
- 2021 La Batea. Elizabeth Ferry and Stephen Ferry. Anthropology and Humanism online: <http://doi.org/10.1111/anhu.12364>
- 2020a Guerrilla Marketing: Counterinsurgency and Capitalism in Colombia. Alexander L. Fattall. Journal of Anthropological Research 76(1):133-135
- 2020b Wandering Spirits: Loneliness and Longing in Greenland. Janne Flora. Journal of Anthropological Research 76(3):380-381
- 2018 “Comments,” in response to “‘Many Seasons Ago’: Slavery and Its Rejection among Foragers on the Pacific Coast of North America,” David Wengrow and David Graeber, American Anthropologist 120(2): 250-251.
- 2017a A Century of Violence in a Red City: Popular Struggle, Counterinsurgency and Human Rights in Colombia. Lesley Gill. Journal of Anthropological Research 73(2): 332-334.
- 2017b Shellfish for the Celestial Empire: The Rise and Fall of Commercial Abalone Fishing in California. Todd J. Braje. Journal of Anthropological Research 73(3): 509-510.
- 2017c “Illusions in Stone” Brian Brazeal, Director, produced by the Advanced Laboratory for Visual Anthropology. California State University, Chico, Anthropological Quarterly, 90(4): 1251–1255.
- 2014 Returns: Becoming Indigenous in the Twenty-First Century. James Clifford. Journal of Anthropological Research 70(2): 323-325.
- 2013 The Anthropological Study of Class and Class Consciousness. E. Paul Durrenberger, ed. Labour/Le Travail 71(Spring): 312-315.
- 2012 Grave Matters: Excavating California’s Buried Past. Tony Platt. Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology 32(1): 103-4.
- 2011a The Making of a Human Bomb: An Ethnography of Palestinian Resistance. Nasser Abufarha, Journal of Anthropological Research 67(1): 140-142.
- 2011b Defying the Odds: The Tule River Tribes’ Struggle for Sovereignty in Three Centuries. Gelya Frank and Carle Goldberg. Journal of Anthropological Research 67(3): 465-467. (Spring)
- 2010 Ethnographies and Archaeologies: Iterations of the Present. Lena Mortensen and Julie Hollowell, eds. Journal of Anthropological Research 66(3): 429-432.
- 2009a Myths of Modernity: Peonage and Patriarchy in Nicaragua. Elizabeth Dore. Estudios Interdisciplinarios de America Latina y el Caribe 20(1): 232-234.
- 2009b Beyond Red Power: American Indian Politics and Activism since 1900. Daniel C. Cobb and Loretta Fowler (eds) Journal of Anthropological Research 65(3): 520-522.
- 2009c Yanomami: The Fierce Controversy and What We Can Learn From It. Robert Borofsky, et.al. Transforming Anthropology 17(1): 70-71.
- 2008a Shamans of the Foye Tree: Gender, Power, and Healing among Chilean Mapuche. Ana Mariella Bacigalupo, Journal of Anthropological Research 64(3): 453-454.
- 2008b Native Hubs: Culture, Community, and Belonging in Silicon Valley and Beyond. Renya K. Ramirez, Journal of Anthropological Research 64(4): 565-567.

- 2007a Quest for Tribal Acknowledgment: California's Honey Lake Maidus. Sara-Larus Tolley, American Indian Culture and Research Journal 31(1): 162-164.
- 2007b Seeing Indians: A Study of Race, Nation, and Power in El Salvador. Virginia Tilley Journal of Latin American Studies 39(1): 214-216.
- 2007c Courage Tastes of Blood: The Mapuche Community of Nicolás Ailío and the Chilean State, 1906-2001. Florencia E. Mallon. Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology 12(1): 268-270.
- 2006a "Comments," in response to "The Development of Prior Informed Consent in Indigenous Communities," Joshua P. Rosenthal, Current Anthropology 47(1): 131.
- 2006b Native Pathways: American Indian Culture and Economic Development in the Twentieth Century. Brian Hosmer and Colleen O'Neill, eds. Journal of Anthropological Research 62(3): 386-388.
- 2006c Seeing Indians: A Study of Race, Nation, and Power in El Salvador. Virginia Tilley. Journal of Anthropological Research 62(8): 388-389.
- 2005a "Comments," in response to "Collaborative Ethnography and Public Anthropology," Luke Lassiter, Current Anthropology 46(1): 98.
- 2005b Changing Fields of Anthropology: From Local to Global, Michael Kearney, Journal of Anthropological Research 61(3): 423-5.
- 2004 Gramsci, Culture, and Anthropology. Kate Crehan. Journal of Anthropological Research 60(4): 568-569.
- 2003a Lost Visions and New Certainties: Sandinista Profesionales in Northern Nicaragua. Inger Lundgren, American Anthropologist 105(2) 441-442.
- 2003b Rara! Vodou, Power, and Performance in Haiti and its Diaspora. Elizabeth McAlister. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 9(2): 367-368
- 2003c The Dirt is Red Here: Art and Poetry from Native California. Margaret Dubin, ed. Journal of Anthropological Research 59(3): 410-411.
- 2002a "Comments," in response to "An Ethnography of Neoliberalism: Understanding Competition in Artisan Economies," Rudi Colloredo-Mansfeld, Current Anthropology 43(1): 126-127
- 2002b "Comments," in response to "Maya Medicine in the Biological Gaze: Bioprospecting Research as Herbal Fetishism," Ronald Nigh, Current Anthropology 43(3): 469-470
- 2002c Pathways of Power: Building an Anthropology of the Modern World. Eric R. Wolf, Journal of Anthropological Research 58(2): 291-292.
- 2001 The Primal Feast: Food, Sex, Foraging and Love. Susan Allport, Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture 1(2): 103-104
- 2000a To Die in This Way: Nicaraguan Indians and the Myth of Mestizaje 1880-1965 Jeffrey L. Gould, Rural Sociology 65(2): 348-351
- 2000b States and Illegal Practices. Josiah McC. Heyman, Journal of Anthropological Research 56(2): 264-266
- 2000c The Ceramics of Raquira, Colombia: Gender, Work, and Economic Change. Ronald J. Duncan American Ethnologist 27(4): 996-7
- 2000d The Cultural History of the South American Indians. Erland Nordenskiöld (edited, with an introduction by Christer Lindberg), Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 6(4): 737-738.

- 1999a Walking Where We Lived: Memories of a Mono Indian Family. Gaylen D. Lee, Journal of Anthropological Research 55(2): 307-309
- 1999b The Indigenous World: 1997-98. International Working Group on Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), Journal of Anthropological Research 55(2): 319-320
- 1998a American Indian Activism: Alcatraz to the Longest Walk. Troy Johnson, Joane Nagel, and Duane Champagne, Journal of Anthropological Research 54 (3): 430-431
- 1998b "Lightening that Burden," review of Killing the White Man's Indian: Reinventing Native Americans at the End of the Twentieth Century. Angus Bordewich. Current Anthropology 39(4): 583-584
- 1998c Indigenous Revolts in Chiapas and the Andean Highlands. Kevin Gosner and Arij Ouwenweel Bulletin of Latin American Research 17(1) 250-251
- 1998d Indians and Anthropologists: Vine Deloria Jr. and the Critique of Anthropology. Thomas Biolsi and Larry Zimmerman. Journal of Anthropological Research 54(4): 562-563.
- 1997a "Great (and Small) Leaps Forward," review of History and Modernity in Latin America: Technology and Culture in the Andes Region. Constantin von Barloewen. Current Anthropology 38(4): 703-4
- 1997b Indians and Indian Agents: The Origins of the Reservation System in California, 1949-52. George Harwood Phillips Journal of Anthropological Research 53(2): 247-9
- 1996 "Global Systems and Local Selfhoods," review of Consumption and Identity. Jonathan Friedman (ed.); Cultural Identity and Global Process. Jonathan Friedman American Anthropologist 98(2): 12-14
- 1995 Memory, Myth, and Time in Mexico: From the Aztecs to Independence. Enrique Florescano American Ethnologist 22(4): 1032
- 1994 New Voices in Native American Literary Criticism. Arnold Krupat Current Anthropology 35(4): 474-475
- 1991 The Catholic Church in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Philip Williams, Latin American Anthropology Review III (1): 21

Works in Progress

Nd "Lenses of Transparency: Optical Disjunctures Around Mining and the Future in Greenland's Nation-Building Project," submitted, revised; entire volume How Transparency Works: Ethnographies of Global Value, F. Calvão, M. Bolay, E. Ferry (eds.), currently under review at Cambridge University Press.

In preparation book manuscript: **On the Horizon: Essays on Utopia, Dystopia, and Anti-Utopia**

Chapters of this book that will be submitted as journal articles:

- 1) "Colombian Anti-Utopia: Remembering and Reconsidering the FARC's *Zona de Despeje*, 1998-2002" co-authored with Félix Manuel Burgos, (submitted to the Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology 10/17/22; revised manuscript re-submitted 11/2023, under review)

- 2) “Ursula K. LeGuin, Indigenous Futurisms, Anthropology.” Co-authored manuscript under development in 2024 with Blaire Topash Morseau
- 3) “Lenin’s Utopia: The Path to Marx and Engels’ Communism” (submitted to Journal of Historical Materialism in 2021, rejected in 2021; now a book chapter)

Invited Lectures/Seminars/Scholar-in-Residence

- 2023a “The non-functional fit between state and nation-building:” Carol Smith’s Legacies in 21st Century Contexts,” Invited paper for “Integrity, Rigor and Caring Critique: A Forum in Honor of Carol Smith,” University of California Davis Anthropology Department, February 5.
- 2023b “The Tribe Vanishes: Legibility and the Recognition Petition of the Muwékma Ohlone Tribe,” Santa Clara University Native American Symposium (inaugural event), May 5
- 2022a. “What is Anthropos? A Panel Discussion” Invited Presentation, Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies Program, University of New Mexico, April 15.
- 2022b. "What Was the FARC? The Colombian Guerrilla Dystopia 1948-2016." with Felix Manuel Burgos, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico. Sept. 27
- 2021a “Fear of an Indigenous Planet: Anthropology and Muwekma Futurisms” Invited paper for Columbia University “Culture, Power, Boundaries” Seminar, February 8 (virtual)
- 2021b “Teaching the Anthropology of Food at the University of Greenland,” Ethnography and Creative Process in the Arts” Invited Paper, Musicology Colloquium Series Spring 2021, University of New Mexico, April 29. (virtual)
- 2021c “Armed Conflict and Anthropology in Colombia: the Vaupés Scenario” Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Invited session, invited paper for session entitled “Thinking with Jean Jackson: Retrospective Oral Presentation Session,” Baltimore MD, November 20. (virtual)
- 2021d “Conversations about Utopia and Anti-Utopia in Latin America: Co-Authored Writing,” With Félix Manuel Burgos and Lara Gunderson, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico, October 25.
- 2019 “Food, Landscape and the Future of Greenlandic Agriculture,” Invited Presentation at the University of Greenland/Ilisimatusarfik, Nuuk, Greenland, May 15
- 2016 “The State's Own Anthropology: Scholarship, Knowledge, and Governmentality in Palestine and California,” Invited Lecture, University of British Columbia, March 24
- 2015 “Scholarship, Knowledge, and Governmentality in Palestine and California,” Invited Lecture, Cornell University, October 16
- 2013a “Theorizing Collaborative Research: An Invited Seminar,” Georgetown University, April 4-6
- 2013b “Collaborative Research in Indigenous and Afro Communities,” Invited Intensive Seminar for PhD students, Universidad del Cauca (Popayan, Colombia), October 7-11.

- 2012 “Connecting the Dots of 1982: The Dynamics of the Global Left and Right and their Contemporary Legacies,” Invited Lecture, The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR), American University of Beirut (AUB), October 9.
- 2011 Invited Guest Speaker, “Global Indigenous Politics,” Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship Workshop
- 2009a “The Gold System: Explorations of the (Ongoing) Fate of Colombia’s Pre-Columbian Gold Artifacts,” Snead-Wertheim Fellowship Lecture, University of New Mexico.
- 2009b Scholar-in-Residence, University of Western Ontario, October 27-29 (Three Lectures/Workshops)
- 2008a “Four Kinds of Authenticity? Regarding Nicaraguan Pottery in Scandinavian Museums, 2006-2008,” Invited Lecture, University of Iceland, August 22.
- 2007 “The Many Uses of Nicaraguan Pottery: Three Decades of Change Among the Potters of San Juan de Oriente, Nicaragua,” Invited Lecture, University of Helsinki, Finland, November 7.
- 2006a “The Potters of San Juan de Oriente in Nicaraguan History and Culture,” Invited Lecture, Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Relations, Managua, Nicaragua, June 1
- 2006b “Indigenous Identity and Artisanal Production in San Juan de Oriente, Nicaragua: Anthropological Interventions and Dynamic Representations,” Invited Lecture, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, September 11
- 2004 “Beyond Identity? Analytic Cross-Currents in Contemporary Scholarship of Indigenous Peoples,” Invited Lecture, Northwestern University
- 1995 "Macho Ratón's Late Twentieth Century Grimace" Invited Lecture, School of American Research Lecture Series (Santa Fé, NM)

International Workshops and Symposia (co-organized/attended)

- 2019a “Extractive Capitalism and Emerging Independent Greenland,” Cultures of Energy 8 Symposium, Rice University, April 10-13.
- 2019b “Gems and Mining is/as the Future in Greenland’s Nation-Building Project,” a writing workshop for the "Transparency: qualities and technologies of the Global Gemstone Industry,” Geneva, Switzerland May 31-June 1.
- 2016a “Possible Futures: Comparative Perspectives On Collaborative Research In Anthropology In North And Latin America,” co-organizer with Eric Lassiter (Marshall University), Wenner-Gren International Workshop, New Orleans, April 12-14.
- 2015 “Notes Towards a Theorization of Gold,” participant, Wenner-Gren International Workshop, Toronto, April 30-May 1.
- 2011 “Illicit Excavation, Archaeology, Communities And Museums: An International Workshop On Complex Relationships And Future Perspectives,” co-organizer with Cristobal Gnecco (Universidad del Cauca) Wenner-Gren International Workshop, Bogotá and Villa de Leiva, January 27-30.
- 2005 "Anthropology /At Work /As Work," co-organizer with Richard Fox of an Wenner-Gren International Symposium, New York City May 19-22

- 2003 " The Past Imperfect: 'Outsider' Perspectives on Nationalist, Indigenous, and Contract Forms of Archaeology," participant, Wenner-Gren Invited Workshop entitled "The Politics of Heritage " (Wicklow, Ireland)

Refereed Presentations/Sessions at Professional Meetings

- 2021 "Next Steps in Greenland's Agricultural Future: National Development vs. Climate Determinism," Tenth International Conference of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS X), Archangelsk Russia, June 15-19 (virtual)
- 2019 "Outline of a Research Project: Food, Agriculture, and Landscape Transformation in Greenland," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver BC November 20-24.
- 2018 "Connecting the Dots of 1982: Latin America and Palestine/Israel, the Global Right, and Contemporary Legacies," Latin American Studies Association Annual Meetings, Barcelona, May 23-26.
- 2017a "The Home and the Museum: Illicit Excavation, Upper Class Home Decor, and National Places in Twentieth Century Colombia," Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fé.
- 2017b "The Palestine Field School: Decoloniality and the Geopolitics of Knowledge." 5th Action Research Network of the Americas Conference and 1st Global Assembly for Knowledge Democracy, Cartagena, Colombia June 13-15.
- 2017c "The Smith Family Totem Pole: Stewardship and Collaboration Between the Tlowitsis Nation and the University of New Mexico," Round-table, Indigenous International Repatriation Conference, Association on American Indian Affairs, Pueblo of Isleta, September 25-26.
- 2016a Discussant for "Eco-Subjectivities: Resisting Environmental Inequality Through Indigenous and Local Community Coalition-Building," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Minneapolis)
- 2016b "Anthropology, Advocacy, Activism: Reflections after the Resolution to Boycott Israeli Academic Institutions," Round-table, Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Minneapolis)
- 2015 Round-Table participant "Engaging Ethics: Ethical Intentions and Tensions in Collaborative and Engaged Anthropologies," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Denver)
- 2014a "Peace Will Never Come: The (Trans) Nationality of the National Security State," Fifth International Conference of The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR), American University of Beirut (AUB), January 6-9.
- 2014b "The Politics of Erasure, Nominative Cartography, and the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe's Reclamation of their Ancestral Heritage Sites: A View from the Tribe's Excavation at the 3rd Mission Santa Clara Indian Neophyte Cemetery." With Alan Leventhal, and Rosemary Cambra, Society for American Archaeology Annual Meetings, Austin, April 24-27.
- 2014c "Peace Will Never Come: The (Trans) Nationality of the National Security State Invited Lecture, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico, October 16.

- 2013 "Minerals, Scarcity, and Technological Change in the 21st Century: Hegemonic Simulations and True False Consciousness," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Chicago)
- 2011 "Guaquería's Necessities: Licit/Illicit/ Science/Fantasy," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Montreal)
- 2010a "Relativity Effects: Reconsidering the Cultural Biography of Pre-Columbian Gold Objects," Society for Cultural Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM
- 2010b "Mapping Erasure: The Power of Nominative Cartography in the Past and Present of the Muwekma Ohlone of the San Francisco Bay Area," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (New Orleans)
- 2009a "Anthropology Put to Work: The Case of the Muwekma Ohlone," Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM
- 2008 "Like Looking Through a Glass Onion: Learning Anthropology with Carol Smith," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (San Francisco, CA)
- 2007 "Writing Collaborative Ethnographies: When We Read What They Write," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Washington DC)
- 2006 "Can the 'Record' be Rectified: New Collaborations and the Legacy of Anthropological Solipsism in Native Northern California" Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (San Jose, CA)
- 2005 Discussant for panel entitled "Subaltern Groups, Power, Memory in the Americas," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Washington DC)
- 2004 "Is the Identity Paradigm Exhausted? What that Could Mean and What it Cannot" Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Atlanta)
- 2003 "Enter the Matrix: Preliminary Thoughts on What's Global and What's Not in Contemporary Indigenous Struggles," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Chicago)
- 2002a "What are We Responsible For? Anthropological Legacies and Collaborations in the Present," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (New Orleans)
- 2002b "Utopian Projects: Comments on Joanne Rappaport's "Anthropological Research and Ethnic Pluralism: Doing Collaborative Research in Colombia" Discussant Paper for Society for Latin American Anthropology Presidential Lecture, Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (New Orleans)
- 2001a "Unacknowledged Tribes, Dangerous Knowledge: How Indian Identities are Known and by Whom," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Washington DC)
- 2001b "Unacknowledged Tribes, Dangerous Knowledge: The Muwekma Ohlone and How Indian Identities are 'Known,'" Ethnohistory Meetings (Tucson, AZ)
- 2000a "Mestizaje: Academic Positionings in North and Central America," Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association (Miami)
- 2000b "'We Don't Walk Alone:' Exploring Complex Relationships between California Indians and the Abalone Mollusk" Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (San Francisco)

- 1999a "The Tear in the Eye: Contestations Over Nature and Native Sovereignty, " Session organized for the Annual Meetings of the American Ethnological Society (Portland, OR)
- 1999b "Understanding Abalone among Native Peoples of California," Annual Meetings of the American Ethnological Society
- 1999c "The Abalone Project: An Introduction," Session organized for the California Indian Conference
- 1999d "Academic and 'Real World' Analyses of Mestizaje: A Ramble about Privilege, Positioning, and Politics," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Chicago)
- 1998a "Anthropologists and Unacknowledged Tribes: An Encounter," A Special Day-long Invited Session organized for the Annual California Indian Conference (San Francisco)
- 1998b "The Creation of California's 'Unacknowledged Tribes'," Annual California Indian Conference
- 1998c "What is to be Done? The Pragmatics of Thinking about the Future in Late 1990s Nicaragua," Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association (Chicago)
- 1998d "Breaking the Silence: Suche-Malinche, Nicaraguan Feminism, and Artisan Women" Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Philadelphia)
- 1996 "Contrived Extinction: The Esselens and Anthropology," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (San Francisco)
- 1995 "El Güegüence and the Demarcation of Nicaraguan Culture," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Washington DC)
- 1994 "Literacy, Publishing and Representation: The Politics of Political Languages in Ecuador," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Atlanta)
- 1993 a) "The Creation of Indigenous Territorial Entities in the Colombian Constitution of 1991: Assessing the Impacts," Invited session for the Society for Latin American Anthropology, co-organized with Robert Dover (University of Alberta), Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Washington DC)
b) "Páez Resistance Strategies and State Hegemony After 1991," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association
- 1992 a) "Indigenous Identities and Ideologies: A Zone of Contention," Invited session for the Society for Latin America Anthropology, co-organized with Howard Campbell (University of Texas, El Paso), Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (San Francisco)
b) "Ideology, Language and Social Change: The Representation of the Indigenous Movement in Ecuador, " Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association
- 1991 a) "Communal Land and Indigenous Identity in Otavalo, Ecuador," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Chicago)
b) "Sustainable Agriculture and Indigenous Farmers' Access to Land," Varieties of Sustainability Conference (Santa Cruz, CA)

- 1988 "Revolutionary Change-- Revolutionary Technology," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (Phoenix, AZ)
- 1987 "Revolutionary Culture and the Challenge to Ethnography," Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association

Research

Research Funding

- 2020-21 National Science Foundation Research Supplement
- 2020-21 American-Scandinavian Foundation
- 2018-22 National Science Foundation EAGER
- 2015-16 Wenner-Gren Foundation International Workshop Grant
- 2010-11 Wenner-Gren Foundation International Workshop Grant
- 2008-10 Fulbright Research/Lecturing Award: Colombia
- 2007-8 Nordic Cultural Foundation Grant
- 2006 Research Allocation Committee, University of New Mexico
- 2006 Tinker Foundation, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico
- 2005 Wenner-Gren Foundation International Workshop Grant
- 2002 Research Allocation Committee, University of New Mexico
- 2000-01 National Endowment for the Humanities Extending the Reach Faculty Research Award
- 2000 Wenner-Gren Foundation Research Grant
- 2000 Research Allocation Committee, University of New Mexico
- 1999 Research Allocation Committee, University of New Mexico
- 1998 Research Allocation Committee, University of New Mexico
- 1997-98 Bureau of Indian Affairs/Branch of Acknowledgment and Research ANA (Administration for Native Americans) Grant with the Esselen Nation
- 1995 Tinker Foundation/ Latin American Studies Research Grant, University of New Mexico
- 1993 Liberal Arts Faculty Research Support Grant, University of New Hampshire
- 1992 Summer Faculty Research Grant, University of New Hampshire
- 1989-91 Rockefeller Foundation Social Science Research Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
- 1984-85 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Grant

Teaching

Doctoral Advisement (Committee Chair or Co-Chair)

Degree Awarded (with year of PhD Defense)

Zsofia Szoke (2023)
Pilar File-Muriel (2022)
Holly Brause (2021)
Blair Topash Caldwell (2020)
Caitlin Davis (2019)
Nicholas Barron (2019)
Lara Gunderson (2018)
Jara Carrington (co-chair with Louise Lamphere) (2017)
Andrew Carey (2016)
Sean Bruna (2014)
Andrea Lopez (co-chair with Louise Lamphere) (2014)
Lavinia Nicolae (2013)
Shirley Heying (2012)
Patrick Staib (2012)
Shasta Gaughen (2011)
Philip Laverty (2010)
Angelle Khachadorian (2005)
Cymene Howe (co-chair with Louise Lamphere) (2003)
Mariela Nuñez-Janes (2003)

Current PhD Students, Chair, in Anthropology and Latin American Studies:

Josüe Aciego
Keren Assaf
Hope Casareno
Neider Devia Merchan (Latin American Studies)
Andy Gorvetzian
Felicia Katz-Harris
Erin Tooher
Cameron Zarrabzadeh

PhD Committee Member (Department of History)

Shawn Austin (2014)
Scott Crago (2015)

Masters Thesis Advisement in Anthropology

Stacie Hecht (2014)
Ilse Biel (2012)

Masters in Latin American Studies (committee member)

Fiore Bran Aragón (2021)

Jackie Munro (2021)

Masters in American Studies (committee member)

Farah Nousheen (2014)

Bachelor's Honors Advisement (since 2010)

Benhalim, Ahmed Fethi 2011

Langley, Charles 2013

Mertens, Nickolas 2018

Nylander, Arielle 2011

Rajha, Roudina 2011

Classroom Teaching

Undergraduate:

ANTH 101: Introduction to Anthropology

(Topics and FLC 101s: Violence, Peace, and Humanity; Nature/Culture/Human Sexuality; Food and Humanity; Land and Water in New Mexico)

ANTH 130: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 330: Principles of Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 340: Critical Issues in Political Anthropology

ANTH 340/ISI 499 Cultural Diversity and Minority Peoples in the Levant

ANTH 340/ISI 499: Cultural Pluralism and Minority Peoples of the Levant

ANTH 340/530: Palestinian Memoir

ANTH 340/530: Anthropology of Occupation: Palestine

ANTH 340/530: Settler Colonialism in the 21st Century: The Case of Palestine

ANTH 340/530: Colombia Indígena

ANTH 340/530: Colombia in War and Peace

ANTH 340/530: Israel/Palestine Field School

ANTH 343/530: Latin American Societies and Cultures

ANTH 387/530: Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean

ANTH 498: Honors Seminar in Anthropology

Graduate

ANTH 530: Identity: Methods and Approaches

ANTH 530: Marxism, Anthropology, and Marxist Anthropology

ANTH 530: Interdisciplinary Marxisms

ANTH 530/LTAM 510: Pro-Seminar in Latin American Studies

ANTH 530 Post-Colonial Theory

ANTH 546: Semester One, Theory in Anthropology

ANTH 547: Semester Two, Theory in Anthropology

Curriculum Development or Teaching Administrative Positions

UNM Teaching Fellowship, 2016-17, Center for Teaching Excellence

Service

University and Department Service

2024-	Chair, Department Graduate Committee
2023-	SCALA Graduate Advisor/Department Graduate Committee
2022-	Departmental Workload Committee
2022-	Departmental Awards Committee
2022-	Departmental Colloquium Committee
2021-	CBA Workload Committee
2021-2022	Study Abroad Allocation Committee (SAAC; University wide)
2021-2023	Convenor, Ethnology/SCALA Subfield
2002-	Reviewer and Committee Member , UNM Fulbright Scholar Program
2001-	Member, Grants and Awards Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute
2019- 2020	Ethnology Graduate Advisor, Dept. Graduate Committee
2015-2019	Chair, Department of Anthropology
2013-2014	Senior Promotion Committee, School of Arts and Sciences
2012-2014	Ethnology Representative, Dept. Graduate Committee
2012-2013	Chair, Museum Studies Director Search Committee
2011-2015	Associate Chair, Department of Anthropology
2010-2012	Chair, Ethnology Search Committee
2010-2015	Director, Peace Studies Program
2008-2010	Chair, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology
2009-2011, 2013-2015	Department Merit Productivity/Salary Committee
2007-2009	President, Executive Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute
2007	Interim Director, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico (Spring semester)
2005-2006	Associate Chair, Department of Anthropology
2004-05	Member, Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum Review Committee
2003-05	Member, Arts and Science Tenure and Promotion Committee
2001-05	Chair, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology
1999-2000	Chair, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology
2000-2007	Administrator, International Exchange Program with the University of East London, UK
2002-05	Member, ICLAS, Latin American and Iberian Institute
1994-2000	Member, Publications Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute
2002-05	Member, Faculty Senate Undergraduate Committee
2001-05	Member, Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Committee
1999-2000	Member, Faculty Senate

Professional

2000-present	Outside reviewer for other universities' tenure and promotion and promotion to Full Professor
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2007-8, 2021-2006	U.S. Student Fulbright National Screening Committee Martin J. Diskin Award Committee, Latin American Studies Association
2001-2003	Grant Review Panel, Wenner Gren Foundation
1997-present	Grant Review for National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, Austrian Science Foundation, Canada Research Foundation, National Humanities Center, American Philosophical Society, American Council of Learned Societies
1994-present	Manuscript Reviewer for MIT Press, University of California Press, Stanford University Press, University of New Mexico Press, Duke University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Texas Press, University of Nebraska Press, St. Martin's Press, Princeton University Press, Rutgers University Press, Routledge, Bergin and Garvey, University of Toronto Press
1994-present	Manuscript reviewer for Current Anthropology, American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Cultural Anthropology, Identities, Journal of Anthropological Research, Journal of Latin American Anthropology, Latin American Research Review, Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology, Ecology and Society, The Extractive Industries and Society, Anthropological Quarterly, Transforming Anthropology, Journal of Latin American Studies, New Mexico Historical Review