

CURRICULUM VITA

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RESEARCH AND THEORETICAL INTERESTS

My work focuses on the ways in which the rural and urban poor use particular cultural forms and discourses to construct meaningful community at the local level. Through two previous ethnographic projects in Holyoke, MA and Santa Cruz, Bolivia, I explore rituals, traditions, and cultural performances that shape and infuse community spaces with particular meaning. My current research moves from community building practices to the making of social movements. I examine the specific cultural forms and essentialist discourses of indigeneity used by *Landless Peasant Movement* as 'weapon of the weak' or political tool in Bolivia. By focusing on the complex interrelations between archival historical work, discursive, political, and material analysis, my work calls for an interdisciplinary approach to bridging culture and political economy.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Neoliberalism and Globalization
Urban Anthropology
Latin American history
Indigenous Politics
Social Movements

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Cultural Anthropology

Ph.D. candidate, June 2005

GPA: 3.941

Masters Thesis, Spring 2004

Carnal Policies Spatial Existences: Exploring State Regulation of Prostitution in Bolivia *Fin de Siècle to Fin de Siècle* (end of 19th and 20th century).

Advisor: Mary Weismantel

Mount Holyoke College

Urban Anthropology

Bachelor of Arts, May 1999

GPA: 3.84 Magna Cum Laude

Senior High Honors Thesis, Spring 1999

Returning to Our Roots: The Search for Meaning through Community Gardens in Holyoke, MA

Advisor: Lynn Morgan

JOURNAL/PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

In Press. La Sociedad como materia fuera de lugar: Demarcando espacios y resistencia simbólica, política y cultural, MST-Santa Cruz. *Selected Papers from the 2006 Bolivian Studies Association Symposium*, Bolivian Studies Association, accepted for publication in 2006.

HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program, 2006-2007

Alumnae Fellowship, Northwestern University (*declined to accept Fulbright-Hays*)

Graduate Research Grant, Winter 2005
CICS, Center for International and Comparative Studies Grant, Spring 2006
IT-Weinberg College Grant, Summer 2006
CICS, Center for International and Comparative Studies Grant, Summer 2003
National Science Foundation Summer Research Grant, Summer 2003
Phi Beta Kappa, Spring 1999
Fulbright IIE, Spring 1999, for field-research in Bolivia
Class of 1905 Alumna Award, Mount Holyoke College Spring 1999
Sarah Williston Scholar, Mount Holyoke College Fall 1997

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Scars on Earth, Scars on Body: Exploring Landscapes of Violence and Terror in Santa Cruz Bolivia, Universidad Gabriel Rene Moreno, September 2006.

Returning to Our Roots, Hampshire College Undergraduate Symposium, May 1999.

La Suciedad como materia fuera de lugar: Demarcando espacios y resistencia simbólica, política y cultural, Bolivian Studies Association Symposium, Sucre, Bolivia June 2006.

RELATED RESEARCH AND CONSULTING

Documentary on Yuquises: Violent Land Wars in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Spring 2006
Documentary on Autonomy in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Summer 2006

WORK EXPERIENCE

Rockefeller Fellow Program Coordinator, Northwestern University, LACS, Fall 2006

Northwestern University Funded Ethnographic Researcher, Summer 2005
Conducted research on highland to lowland migration and grassroots politics, made contacts with professors at the University of San Simón in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

NSF Funded Summer Research, HIV/AIDS clinic, Santa Cruz, Bolivia Summer 2003
Conducted qualitative interviews with migrant sex workers regarding the importance of social networks and communal support as a form of healing from disease. Wrote several reports for the clinic on the importance of culturally sensitive therapeutic strategies for HIV/AIDS.

Research Associate, Hunter College School of Social Work, Feb. 2001-August 2002
Conducted qualitative/quantitative interviews in two substance abuse treatment programs in the South Bronx for a federal project on Women, Violence and Co-Occurring Disorders. Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data. Participated with a team of researchers in writing articles for scholarly journals.

Fulbright Funded Ethnographic Researcher, Tahuichi, Santa Cruz, Bolivia 1999-2000
Collected observational and interview data (n of 150) regarding the ways in which Tahuichi Aguilera Soccer Academy created a sense of community for urban street youth through songs, rituals, traditions, and fictive kin relations with coaches.

American Red Cross, Research Assistant, Homeless Services, NY, NY Summer 1998
Conducted research on the impact of the Welfare Reform Act on mothers living in the shelter

Mount Holyoke College Research Assistant, Department of Politics, MHC, 1997-1998
Researched topics related to race and poverty.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Centro Romero Adult Literacy Program, Rogers Park, Chicago 2005-06

Children's Program Coordinator, Nuestras Raices, Holyoke, MA January 1997-99
Organized educational programs for Puerto Rican children focusing specifically on 'protecting our environment.' Led children's gardening group twice a week.

Family Activities Worker, American Red Cross Homeless Services, Summer 1998
Organized recreational programs for homeless mothers and children.

English Instructor, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Summer 1997
Taught basic English skills to 12 year old boys through use of self-designed games.

Supervisor, Vacation Camp for the Blind, Summers 1995, 1996 and 2000
Organized recreational activities for adults with multiple disabilities and supervised program staff.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, Department of Anthropology, Fall 2003-Winter 2005
Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, Latin American Studies, Rockefeller, Spring 2005

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
Anthropological Feminist Association (AFA)
American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Society for Latin American Anthropology (SLAA)
Bolivian Studies Association (BSA)

LANGUAGE

Fluent Spanish and Portuguese, knowledge of Quechua