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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023-2024	Harvard Radcliffe Institute Fellow
2020-Present	Assistant Professor Anthropology Department and International Affairs George Washington University, USA
2019-2020	Chancellor's Advance Postdoctoral Fellow Mentored by Jennifer Terry Department of Gender & Sexuality Studies University of California, Irvine, USA

EDUCATION

2019	Ph.D. in Cultural Studies with Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory & Research University of California, Davis, USA. Dissertation: <i>Trust in Scales: Humanitarian Demining and Peace Laboratories in Rural Colombia</i>
2010	M.A., in Cultural Studies. Universidad de los Andes, Colombia Thesis: <i>Them and Us: Struggles and Contradictions in the Ways of (self)Representation of Women (1930-1932)</i>
2009	BA, History Universidad de los Andes, Colombia, 2009

RESEARCH AND FIELD INTERESTS

Explosive Legacies of Warfare; Practices & Politics of Humanitarian Demining; Ethnographic Theory; (Post)Conflict & Development in Latin America and Colombia.

Anthropology of Violence & Peace; Feminist Geographies & Political Ecology; Feminist Science & Technology Studies; Critical Humanitarian Studies; Colombia & Latin American Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2023 Sensory Co-laboring: Mine Detection Dogs and Handlers in Humanitarian Demining in Colombia. *Environmental Humanities* 15 (3): 30–51. [LINK](#)
- 2023 Ethical Disconcertment and the Politics of Troublemaking: Land mines, Humanitarian Demining and Ecologies of Trouble in Rural Colombia. *American Ethnologist* 50 (3): 462–73. [LINK](#)
- 2023 Explosiveness: Territories of War and Technoscientific Practices in Colombia. *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. 28 (3): 239-250. Co-authored with Julia Morales Fontanilla. [LINK](#)
- 2023 Response to commentaries to explosiveness: Territories of war and technoscientific practice in Colombia. *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. 28 (4): 360-361. Co-authored with Julia Morales Fontanilla. [LINK](#)
- 2023 “Introduction to The Domestication of War.” *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 9 (1). Co-authored with Xan Chacko, Jennifer Terry, and Astrida Neimanis. [LINK](#)
- 2020 *Artefacto Explosivo Improvisado*: Landmines and Rebel Expertise in Colombian Warfare. *Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology and Society* 3 (1): 472–92. [LINK](#)

Editor-Reviewed Publications

- 2023 Making Peace Possible Amidst Minefields. Hot Spots, *Fieldsights*, July. [LINK](#)
- Forthcoming Ordinary Warfare and Militarized Landscapes. A Syllabus. *Critical Ethnic Studies Journal*. 9 (1). (Fall 2023).
- 2022 Landscapes of Suspicion: Minefields and Cleared-Lands in Rural Colombia. Theorizing the Contemporary, *Fieldsights*, January. [LINK](#)
- 2021 *Aprender a tocar bien*. Boletina Anual # 9, Escuela de Estudios de Género, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Facultad de Ciencias Humanas. September. [LINK](#)
- 2020 On Landmines and Suspicion: How (not) to Walk Explosive Fields. *Environment & Planning D: Society & Space*, Forum. [LINK](#)

Book Chapters

- 2023 Q de Quebrapatas. In *Belicopedia*. Edited by Daniel Ruiz Serna and Diana Ojeda. Bogotá, Colombia. Universidad de los Andes. [LINK](#)

2017 The Amputated Body: Ghostly and Literal Presence. In *Territories of Conflict: Traversing Colombia through Cultural Studies*. Edited by Andrea Fanta Castro, Alejandro Herrero-Olaizola, Chloe Rutter-Jensen, New York: University of Rochester Press. [LINK](#)

Book Reviews

2023 War as an Environment: Domesticity, Bitterness, and Multispecies Attachments to Life. *Current Anthropology* 64 (3): 352–53. [LINK](#)

2022 Legacies of War: Violence, Ecologies, and Kin by Kimberly Theidon. *Anthropological Quarterly* 95 (4): 497–504. [LINK](#)

Special Issues

2023 Co-editor (with Xan Chacko, Jennifer Terry, and Astrida Neimanis) of The Domestication of War.” *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 9 (1). [LINK](#)

Online publications

2020 Mine Detection Dog ‘Unit’: More Than Humans in the Humanitarian World.” *Platypus: The CLASTAC Blog*. [LINK](#)

2016 Scaling Up Trust in Suspicious Landscapes: *Artefactos Explosivos Improvisados* and Humanitarian Demining in Colombia. *Backchannels, Society for Social Studies of Science*. [LINK](#)

Work in Progress

In Preparation *Landscapes of Suspicion: Minefields, Peace Laboratories, and the Affective Ecologies of (Post)War in Colombia*. [Book Manuscript]

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Fellowships

2015-2016 Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship, IDRF
2015-2016 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant Wenner-Gren Foundation (Gr. 9074)

Research Grants at George Washington University

2023 ESIA Faculty Supplemental Research Awards

Major Fellowships from the University of California

2019 Residential Research Group Civil War, UCHRI

2016-2017 Provost Dissertation Year Fellowship
2012-2013 Miguel Velez Fellowship
2011-2012 Miguel Velez Fellowship

Preliminary Research, Travel, and Block Grants

2018 Hemispheric Institute on the Americas, LASA Travel Award
2018 Graduate Student Association Travel Award
2017 Graduate Student Association Travel Award
2017 Humanities and Arts Dean's Summer Fellowship Award
2017 Women's Resource and Research Center. Graduate Research Award
2016-2017 UCD & Humanities Graduate Research Award
2016 Latin American Studies Association Travel Grant
2014 Margrit Mondavi Summer Fellowship Award
2014 Social Justice Initiative Summer Fellowship
2012 Cultural Studies Summer Research Fellowship
2012 Tinker Field Research Grant
2011 Cultural Studies Graduate Group First Year Supplemental Fellowship

INSTITUTES AND WORKSHOPS

2023 Digital Project Summer Cohort, Faculty Development, GWU
2021 Colby Summer Institute in Environmental Humanities, Waterville, MA
2021 Course Design Institute, Faculty Development, GWU

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

George Washington University

2023 Anthropology of Science and Technology. Department of Anthropology. Undergraduate course. Spring.
Anthropology of Environmental Politics, Department of Anthropology. Undergraduate-Graduate course. Spring.
2022 Social Study of Science and Technology. Department of Anthropology. Graduate course. Spring.
2021 Anthropology of Latin America, Department of Anthropology. Undergraduate course. Fall.
2021 Social Study of Science and Technology. Department of Anthropology. Graduate course. Spring.
2021 Anthropology of Science and Technology. Department of Anthropology. Undergraduate course. Spring.
2020 Anthropology of Environmental Politics, Department of Anthropology. Undergraduate-Graduate course. Fall.
2020 Anthropology of Latin America, Department of Anthropology. Undergraduate course. Fall.

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

2021 *Retazos de la Macarena*. Universidad de Antioquia, Seminario de investigación sobre

- 2019 Cultura, Violencia y Territorio, Medellín, Colombia, April 17.
A Troubling Proposal: Slowing Down the Humanitarian Ethical Response to Landmines. University of California Irvine – Department of Gender and Sexualities, Irvine, November 19.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 **Infernal alternatives in rural Colombia: minefields, coca fields, and gold mines.** American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington, November 9-13.
- 2022 **Cartographies of Mine-Contamination. Containing Suspicion in a Polygon.** Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. Cholula, México, December 7-11.
- 2022 **Hechizas e improvisadas. Las minas antipersonal y la guerra en Colombia.** International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Virtual conference, May 5-10.
- 2021 **Dog-Human Co-laboring: Practicing Trust in Suspicious Mined Landscapes in Colombia,** American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, November 17-21.
- 2021 **Explosiveness, Corporeal Sensibilities, and Forensic Expertise in the Colombian War Landscapes,** Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, October 6-9.
- 2021 **Paisajes sospechosos: Los impactos afectivos de las minas improvisadas en Colombia.** International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Virtual Congress, May 26-29.
- 2020 **Retazos de la Macarena.** Tercer Coloquio Nacional de Estudios Sociales de las Ciencias y la Tecnologías. Bogotá, Colombia, December 14-16.
- 2019 **Residual Suspicions: Humanitarian Demining and the Fear of Reoccupation.** Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, September 4-7.

SERVICE

Academic

- 2022 **Panel Co-organizer:** *The Political and Ecological (Dis)Orders of War.* American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington, November 9-13.
- 2022 **Panel Co-organizer:** *Suspicious Landscapes: the affective aftermath of war's technologies.* Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. Cholula, México, December 7-11.
- 2022 **Panel Co-organizer:** *Las materialidades de la (post)guerra en Colombia.* International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Virtual conference, May 5-10.
- 2021 **Panel Co-organizer:** *Ecological Worldings: environmental politics and more-than-human relations in/from the Global South,* American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2019 **Panel Co-organizer:** *Interrupting the Care/Violence Nexus in Times of War and Peace,* Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, September 4-7.

Institutional

2022-2023 **Committee member:** Ph.D. admissions in anthropology department
2022 **Organizer:** Event on “Global Anti-Blackness”
2021-2022 **Coordinator:** Dean’s Race and Technology Talk Series seminar
2020-present **Undergrad thesis advisor:** 2
2020-present **Internal examiner** Ph.D. dissertation defense: 2

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA), American Ethnological Society (AES), Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

LANGUAGES

Spanish, Mother tongue

English, Fluent

REFERENCES

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