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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Indigenous rights and citizenship
- Extractivism (hydrocarbons)
- Territorial conflicts
- Decolonial methodologies
- Bolivia (Chaco region)

EDUCATION

- Diploma in Creative Documentary Filmmaking, Feb 2023. Escuela Internacional de Cine y Televisión, San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba.
- PhD in Geography, University of Cambridge, June 2014. Dissertation title: ‘The Elusive Promise of Territory: An Ethnographic Case Study of Indigenous Land Titling in the Bolivian Chaco’.
- MPhil Geographical Research (Distinction), University of Cambridge, October 2010.
- MA International Relations, University of Sussex, November 2005.
- BA History and English (First Class), Cardiff University, July 2002.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024-present, Associate Professor in Human Geography, Durham University
- 2018-2024, Assistant Professor in Human Geography, Durham University
- 2019-2023, Assistant Professor (Research), Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Copenhagen; Co-Investigator LEAKS: Resource Enclaves and Unintended Flows in Latin America (Independent Research Fund of Denmark)
- 2016-2019, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Rule and Rupture Programme, Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Copenhagen.
- 2014-16, Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2022, *Límites a la Descolonización: Territorios Indígenas y Política de Hidrocarburos en el Chaco Boliviano*. Translation by H. Calla Ortega. La Paz: Plural Editores. (open access).
- 2018, *Limits to Decolonization: Indigeneity, Territory, and Hydrocarbon Politics in the Bolivian Chaco*. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press. Winner of Best Book in Race, Ethnicity and Comparative Politics 2019, American Political Science Association Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics.

Edited book

- 2023, *Neextractivism and Territorial Disputes in Latin America*. London: Routledge. Co-edited with Pabel López-Flores.

Special Issues

- 2021, Special Section: The Making of Ethnic Territories: Governmentality and Counter-conducts. *Geoforum* 119, Feb 2021. Co-edited with Kasper Hoffmann.

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2024, 'Indigenous Natures and the Anthropocene: racial capitalism, violent materialities, and the colonial politics of representation', with K. Asher. *Antipode* (online first).
- 2023, 'Countertopographies and the futures of geographical thought'. *Dialogues in Human Geography* (online first)
- 2022, 'The pluri-extractivist state: regional autonomy and the limits of indigenous participation in Bolivia's Gran Chaco Province'. *Journal of Latin American Studies*.
- 2021, 'Rethinking territory and property in indigenous land claims'. *Geoforum* 119: 268-278.
- 2021, 'The making of ethnic territories: governmentality and counter-conducts', with K. Hoffmann. Introduction to Special issue. *Geoforum* 119: 218-226
- 2019, 'Beyond territories of resistance'. *Journal of Human Geography* 12(3): 66-72.
- 2019, 'Ambivalent cartographies: exploring the legacies of indigenous land titling through participatory mapping'. *Critique of Anthropology* 39 (2). pp. 222-242.
- 2018, 'Indigenous peoples and the new extraction: from territorial rights to hydrocarbon citizenship in the Bolivian Chaco'. Special issue 'Open Veins Revisited' N. Fabricant (ed.) *Latin American Perspectives* 45(5): 136-153.
- 2017, 'Ch'ixi landscapes: indigeneity and capitalism in the Bolivian Chaco'. Special issue 'Rendering Land Investable' J.E. Goldstein and J.S. Yates (eds.) *Geoforum* 82: 268-275.
- 2015, 'The ethno-environmental fix and its limits: indigenous land titling and the production of not-quite-neoliberal natures in Bolivia', with Sarah A. Radcliffe. Special issue 'Not quite neoliberal natures' C. de Freitas, A.J. Marston and K. Bakker (eds.) *Geoforum* 64: 257-269.

Book Chapters

- 2023, 'Mapping the Subaltern'. *Routledge Handbook of Geospatial Technologies and Society*.
- 2023, 'Introduction', with Pabel C. López Flores. *Neoextractivism and Territorial Disputes in Latin America*. London: Routledge.
- 2012, 'Territorializing resource conflicts in "post-neoliberal" Bolivia: hydrocarbons development and indigenous land titling in TCO Itika Guasu', in Haarstad, H. (ed.), *New Political Spaces in Latin American Natural Resource Governance*. Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 129-150.
- 2012, 'Regulación ambiental de los hidrocarburos en el Campo Margarita, Tarija'. In Peralta y Hollenstein (eds.), *Jamás Tan Cerca Arremetió lo Lejos: Inversiones extraterritoriales, crisis ambiental y acción colectiva en América Latina*. Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar: Sede Ecuador; RIMISP-Centro Latinoamericano para el Desarrollo Rural.

Book Reviews

- 2021, *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 40:1, Dangl, Benjamin (2019) *The Five Hundred Year Rebellion: Indigenous Movements and the Decolonization of History in Bolivia*, AK Press (Chico, CA and Edinburgh).
- 2015, with Nancy Postero, *Journal of Latin American Studies*. Derrick Hindery, *From Enron to Evo: Pipeline Politics, Global Environmentalism, and Indigenous Rights in Bolivia*. University of Arizona Press.
- 2014, *Antipode*. *Latin America's Radical Left: Challenges and Complexities of Political Power in the Twenty-first Century* (2014). Rowman and Littlefield.
- 2014, *Social History*, 40:1. Waskar Ari, *Earth Politics: Religion, Decolonization, and Bolivia's Indigenous Intellectuals* (2014). Duke University Press.
- 2013, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 32:4, Stuart Alexander Rockefeller (2010), *Starting from Quirpini: The Travels and Places of a Bolivian People*. Indiana University Press (Bloomington and Indianapolis).

- 2012, *Social Analysis*, 56:3, Bret Gustafson and Nicole Fabricant (eds.), *Remapping Bolivia: Resources, Territory, and Indigeneity in a Plurinational State* (2011). School for Advanced Research Press (Santa Fe).

Documentary films

- 2023, *La casa nueva* (The New House). Direction, production and filming by Penelope Anthias. Self-published open access at: <https://vimeo.com/799120385/description>
- 2022, *Tariquí no se Toca: La Resistencia de Chiquiacá* (Don't Touch Tariquí: The Resistance of Chiquiacá). Direction and production by Penelope Anthias. Self-published open access at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3SbF-nGZbI>

Other Research Outputs

- 2019, BBC Radio 4's Thinking Allowed: "Land and Territory" episode.
- 2016, 'Indigenous Autonomy in the Age of Extraction'. Article on North American Congress on Latin America Research Blog.
- 2015, *La Promesa Esquiva del Territorio: Un Estudio de Caso Etnográfico de la Titulación de Territorios Indígenas en el Chaco Boliviano*. Translation of PhD dissertation by H. Calla Ortega. Distributed in Bolivia and published online.
- 2014, PhD thesis: *The Elusive Promise of Territory: an Ethnographic Case Study of Indigenous Land Tiling in the Bolivian Chaco*. Published online.

Forthcoming

- Book chapter: 'Towards a political ecology of juristocratic reckoning: Law, extractivism and unruly rights in post-neoliberal Bolivia'. In Goodale, M. and Olaf Zenker, *Reckoning with Law in Excess: Juristocratic Mobilizations between Apotheosis and Disenchantment*. Cambridge University Press.
- Edited book: *Territories of Life: Equivocations, Entanglements, and Endurances*. Co-edited with Mario Blaser and Sylvie Poirier. Manuscript undergoing minor revisions following two positive reviews for University of Alberta Press.
- Special Issue: Querying Nature and Decoloniality. *Antipode*. Co-edited with Kiran Asher and Joel Correia. Revised papers accepted or under review following resubmission.

AWARDS, FUNDING & COLLABORATIONS (recent)

- 2023-2024, British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship MFSS24\240071: Untapped Reserves: Mapping extraction and resistance in Bolivia's Protected Areas.
- 2019, Best Book in Race, Ethnicity and Comparative Politics Award 2018, given by APSA Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics.
- 2017-22, Insight Grant (Collaborator), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. "Territory Making as World Making: A participatory comparison of indigenous-state conflicts in Bolivia and Paraguay". With Applicants Mario Blaser and Cristina Rojas.
- 2019-present, Postdoc (0.5) on Leaks: Resource Enclaves and Unintended Flows in Latin America. Independent Research Fund of Denmark.
- 2016-2019 Postdoc (full-time) on Rule and Rupture, European Research Council.
- 2014-16 Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2009-13, 1+3 PhD Studentship, Economic and Social Research Council.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT 2022-24

Book launch events in Bolivia for *Límites a la descolonización* 21-29 March, 2023

- Author meets critics event, Gabriel René Moreno Autonomous University, Santa Cruz.
- Author meets critics event, National Museum of Ethnography and Folklore (MUSEF), La Paz.

- Bilingual (Spanish/Guaraní) presentation and gifting of book to Council of Elders from the Guaraní People's Assembly of Itika Guasu at anniversary event, Ñaurenda, Tarija.
- Author meets critics event, la Casa de la Cultura in Tarija, Bolivia. With testimonies from Guaraní leaders Justina Gutierrez and Andrés Segundo.
- Book launch Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090929704323>

Screenings of documentary films

The New House

- 18 Nov 2023, Public screening and Q&A at Earthlings Café, Newcastle Upon Tyne, as part of a double screening with a documentary on the Byker Wall social housing project in Newcastle.
- 10 Jan 2023, Public screening at Escuela Internacional de Cine y Televisión Film Festival, Cuba.

Don't Touch Tariquia

- 26 July 2024, Screening at Postgraduate Geography Conference 2024, Durham University.
- 11 Oct 2023, Public screening at Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, to celebrate el Día Internacional de la Mujer (International Women's Day).
- 17 May 2023, Public film screening and panel discussion with activists Sai Murray and Andi Misbahul Pratiwi. Esther Simpson Building, University of Leeds.
- 5 May 2023, Film screening and audience discussion at event on "Women's Resistance in Latin America", Star and Shadow Cinema, Newcastle.
- 16 Feb 2023 Screening and Q&A at Exploring Risk Film Festival, Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience, Durham University.
- 25 January 2023, Documentary screening and commentary at Extraction and Future Fantasies Workshop, Department of Geography, Durham University.
- 24 Mar 2023, Public film screening and debate at Tarija Social Club, Tarija, Bolivia
- 21 Apr, 2023, Screening and Q&A at Plenary session of RGS-IBG Postgraduate Mid-term Conference, London.
- 14 Jan 2023, Public screening and debate organised by Colectivo Angirü, Tarija, Bolivia.
- 8 Dec 2022. Public film screening and talk. Department of Geography, University of Edinburgh.
- 3 Dec 2022, Public film screening and Q&A, Earthlings Cafe, Newcastle.

Media coverage of research in Bolivia 2022-23

- 2023, [Límites a la descolonización](#). Book review by Natalia Roche published in *La Razón*
- 2023, [La mirada oblicua de Penelope](#). Interview-based article by Andrés Escobar in *El País*
- 23 Mar 2023 ["Límites a la Descolonización" abre nuevas líneas de investigación en Tarija](#). *El País*, Tarija.
- 22 Mar 2023 [Television interview with Televisión Andalucía TVA](#), Tarija
- 21 Mar 2023, [Television interview with SurTV Tarija](#)
- 25 Mar 2023, [Radio interview with Guaraní leader Andrés Segundo about Penelope Anthias's research for Limits to Decolonization](#). Voces Indígenas Urbanas, Radio Santa Cruz.

INVITED TALKS

- June 2024, "Indigenous Citizenship in a Hydrocarbon State: Reflections from the Bolivian Chaco". Panel: Indigenous Citizenship: practices, agendas and implications in Latin America. Society for Latin American Studies Annual Conference, Amsterdam.
- June 2024, (delivered by Kiran Asher) "Indigenous Natures and the Anthropocene: racial capitalism, violent materialities and the colonial politics of representation". Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, Bogotá, Colombia.

- May 2024, “Body-Territory: Feminist geopolitics in Latin America”. Workshop on Feminist Geopolitics with Distinguished International Visitor Jennifer Fluri, Department of Geography, Durham University.
- July 2023, “Cuts, flows and leaks: Contested spaces of extraction in Bolivia’s Tariquía Reserve”. Workshop on “Geographies of energy production and the politics of awkward circulations”, University of Copenhagen.
- July 2023, “Contested energy futurities at Bolivia’s hydrocarbon-conservation frontier”. International workshop on “Contested Transitions: New Directions in the Anthropology of Energy, Climate Change, and Resource Imaginaries”. University of Lausanne.
- June 2023, “Countertopographies and the futures of geographical thought”. Department of Geography, Leeds University. Social Justice, Cities and Citizenship series.
- Jan 2023. “Extractivist temporality, countertopographies and the futures of geographical thought”. Extraction and Future Fantasies Workshop, Department of Geography, Durham University.
- December 2022. Screening and reflections on documentary film Tariquia no se Toca: La Resistencia de Chiquiacá. Department of Geography, University of Edinburgh
- November 2022. “¡Tariquía no se toca!” Resisting the hydrocarbon complex in Southern Bolivia”. Historical Materialism Conference, London.
- April 2021. Panel discussant, “Querying Nature, Colonialism and Decolonialism”. AAG Annual Congress (online).
- Sept 2019. Keynote: “Contested Territories”. Political Economy of Contested Territories Workshop, University of York.
- August 2019. “The elusive promise of territory”. Presentation at International Conference on Governance at the Edges of the State, University of Copenhagen.
- July 2019. “The pluri-extractivist state: regional autonomy and the limits of indigenous participation in the Bolivian Chaco”. Invited talk at Natural Resources Economy in South America Workshop, University of York.
- April 2019, “Response to Critics”. Invited contribution to author-meets-critics session, Association of American Geographers Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- March 2019, ‘Limits to Decolonization: Indigeneity, territory, and hydrocarbon politics in the Bolivian Chaco’. Department of Geography, Syracuse University.
- March 2019, ‘Limits to Decolonization: Indigeneity, territory, and hydrocarbon politics in the Bolivian Chaco’. Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Florida.
- December 2017, ‘Indigenous peoples and the new extraction: from territorial rights to hydrocarbon citizenship in the Bolivian Chaco.’ American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C.
- December 2017, ‘Limits to Decolonization: Indigeneity, territory, and hydrocarbon politics in the Bolivian Chaco’. Goucher College, Series: Resource Conflicts in Latin America: Geographies of Oil, Gas, and Minerals.
- December 2017, ‘Limits to Decolonization: Indigeneity, territory, and hydrocarbon politics in the Bolivian Chaco’. Towson University, Series: Resource Conflicts in Latin America Today: Geographies of Oil, Gas, and Minerals.
- October 2017, ‘Limits to Decolonization: Indigeneity, territory, and hydrocarbon politics in the Bolivian Chaco’. Cornell University, Public event ‘The Everyday Politics of Dispossession: Land, Resources and Rights: Cases from Indonesia, Bolivia, Peru and Mozambique’.
- September 2017, ‘Protecting indigenous natures? Indigenous territories and the limits of recognition’. Presented at Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference, London.
- May 2017, ‘La Lucha Indígena por el Territorio’. Invited talk at Indigenous University UNIBOL, Ivo, Bolivia.

- April 2016, 'Ontological conflicts and decolonial politics'. Presented at Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- November 2016, 'Limits: Indigeneity, territory, and extraction in the Bolivian Chaco'. Department of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden.
- May 2015, 'From "territories of difference" to "ethnic governable spaces"? Shifting visions of territory and autonomy in the Bolivian Chaco'. Presented at Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- April 2015, 'Enframing and extracting value(s) in indigenous territories: reflections from the Bolivian Chaco'. Presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- February 2015, 'Autonomy and development in a hydrocarbon state.' Department of Anthropology, University of California San Diego.
- October 2014, 'The elusive promise of territory: indigenous land claims, settler geographies and natural gas extraction in the Bolivian Chaco'. Geography Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley.
- April 2014, 'Identity production, exclusions and legacies of Tierras Comunitarias de Origen in the Bolivian Chaco'. Presented at the Society for Latin American Studies Annual Conference, London.
- October 2013, 'Shifting terrains of indigenous citizenship: the politics of funding indigenous land claims in a changing Bolivia'. Presented at LASA-ERIP Annual Conference, Oaxaca, Mexico.
- May 2013, 'Contested territory, entangled landscapes: Indigenous land claims, settler geographies and natural gas development in the Bolivian Chaco'. Presented at Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress, Washington D.C.
- April 2013, 'Contesting sovereignty at the (post)colonial frontier: indigenous land titling and local landowner resistance in the Bolivian Chaco', Presented at the Society for Latin American Studies Annual Conference, University of Manchester.
- July 2012, 'Decolonising development in a post-neoliberal state: How are indigenous struggles for "territory" faring in Morales' Bolivia?' Presented at PILAS Annual Conference, University of Oxford.
- February 2012, 'Reconfiguring territories, negotiating rights: Indigenous land titling and hydrocarbons development in the Bolivian Chaco'. Presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York.
- September 2010, 'Indigenous land titling in lowland Bolivia: transformations and contradictions of the "process of change"'. Presented at The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual Conference, London.
- July 2010, 'Navigating the "proceso de cambio": opportunities and threats for lowland indigenous organisations under the Morales government'. Presented at the International Sociological Association Annual World Congress of Sociology 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANISED

- May 2017, 'Indigeneity and Capitalism'. Organizer, Chair and Discussant for panel at Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Lima, Peru.
- May 2015, 'Titling Indigenous Territories: Ambivalences, Conflicts, Legacies.' Organizer and Chair of double panel at Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS (selection)

- May, 2017, 'La Lucha por el Territorio en Itika Guasu'. Talk and discussion at Guaraní youth workshop, Caraparí, Bolivia.

- July 2014, 'La promesa ilusoria del territorio: las limitaciones del SAN-TCO y el surgimiento de nuevas estrategias territoriales en Itika Guasu'. Presentation at Guaraní community training workshop, Camiri, Bolivia.
- July 2014, 'La promesa ilusoria del territorio: las limitaciones del SAN-TCO y el surgimiento de la "ciudadanía extractivista" en Itika Guasu'. Paper presented at Universidad la Católica, Tarija, Bolivia.

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

- 2023-present Member of International Advisory Board, Journal of Peasant Studies.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING (2018-present)

AY 2023-24 - Department of Geography, Durham University.

- L3 Understanding Land Conflicts. Module Convenor, delivered 21 2-hr workshops.
- L1 Planet Under Pressure. Module Convenor, will deliver 5 2-hr lectures in term 2.
- L2 Theory and Concepts. Delivered 3 2-hr lectures and 5 seminars on Postcolonialism
- L2 Social Research. Delivered 4 2-hr workshops and will lead Manchester fieldtrip in term 2.

AY 2021-22 – Department of Geography, Durham University.

- L3 Understanding Land Conflicts. Module Convenor, delivered 7 2-hr workshops.
- L1 Planet Under Pressure. Designed and delivered 5 lectures on Political Ecology.

AY 2020-21 – Department of Geography, Durham University.

- L3 and L4 Understanding Land Conflicts. Module Convenor, delivered 7 2-hr workshops.
- MRes Philosophy and Theory in Contemporary Human Geography. Module Convenor, taught 3 2-hour workshops.
- L3 Philosophy and Geography. Guest lecture.

AY 2019-20 - Department of Geography, Durham University.

- L4 Changing Geographies of Development. Module Convenor, delivered 7 2-hr workshops.
- MRes Philosophy and Theory in Contemporary Human Geography. Module Convenor, taught 3 2-hour workshops..

AY 2018-19 - Department of Geography, Durham University.

- MRes Philosophy and Theory in Contemporary Human Geography. Module Convenor, taught 3 2-hour workshops..
- L3 Geographies of Difference. Taught 3 2-hour lectures.
- L1 Introduction to Geographical Research. Taught 2 2-hour workshops and Newcastle fieldtrip.

AY 2018-19 – University of Copenhagen

- MA Global Development: 5 workshops on “Decolonial Struggles in Latin America”

PHD SUPERVISION

- Yuanjing Jang (from Oct 2023), Water governance in the Honghe Hani terraces on China-Vietnam border. 60% with Mike Crang.
- Gelin Wang (from Oct 2023), Heritage de-commodification: a community-based approach to the management of ethnic minority heritage. 60% supervision with Mike Crang.
- Pietra Cepero-Rua-Perez (from 2019), The Politics of Nature and Mining in the Amazon: Territory, Materiality and Extraction in Pará, Brazil. 50% supervision, with Gavin Bridge.
- Tim May (completed May 2021). Friends of the Lake? The Megacollector Conflict and the Revindication of Tz'unun Ya'. 40% supervision, with Mike Crang and Simone Abrams.

LANGUAGES

- English (native), Spanish (fluent), Guaraní (intermediate), French (intermediate), German (intermediate), Danish (basic).