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Environmental anthropologist with decades of experience building and strengthening international networks and bridging social, economic, and environmental interests to promote forest conservation and sustainable development. Creative and strategic thinker, believer in the power of collective action. Natural connector who thrives in crafting results-oriented partnerships across government, civil society, private sector, philanthropic, scientific, and academic communities.

Forthcoming book on social movement leaders and strategies in a global biodiversity hotspot:

Running After Paradise: Hope, Survival, and Activism in Brazil's Atlantic Forest (Spring 2022).

EDUCATION

University of Colorado: PhD in Anthropology (2010)

Boulder, CO

University of Colorado: MA in Anthropology (2002)

Boulder, CO

School for International Training: MA in Intercultural Management/Development Practice (1995)

Brattleboro, VT

University of Notre Dame: BA in American Studies and French (1990)

South Bend, IN

CURRENT POSITIONS

Project Director, Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF Task Force)

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

2015 – present

- Direct the world's largest subnational governmental network dedicated to reducing tropical deforestation and promoting low emissions development through policy innovation. GCF Task Force comprised of members from 38 states and provinces in 10 countries, including 100% of the Brazilian and 85% of the Peruvian Amazon, 65% of Indonesia's forests, as well as governments in Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Spain, and U.S.A.
- Manage the global Secretariat at the University of Colorado and Coordinators in Brazil, Peru, Mexico and Indonesia.
- Set and implement strategic direction for policy innovation and mission driven projects working closely with GCF Task Force Governors, Secretaries of the Environment, and civil servant delegates.
- Build relationships and manage projects and partnerships with stakeholders including Norway's Ministry of Climate and Environment (NICFI), the Norwegian Agency for International Development (Norad), UN REDD+ Programme, US AID, and national government agencies, foundations, NGOs, and private sector actors.
- Work closely with global and regional committees for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) to foster and strengthen governmental-IPLC partnerships and promote IPLC interests in policies and state-level projects.
- Provide guidance on IPLC processes to leading forest and climate foundations and donor governments.

Associate Research Professor, Environmental Studies Program (ENVS)

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

2019 – present

- Teach Masters of the Environment Programs (MENV) field course "Sustainable Development in Brazil" in collaboration with students from the University of Amazonas and the State University of Santa Cruz, Bahia.
- Teach MENV course Stakeholder Engagement: Processes, Practices, Politics.
- Mentor graduate students in ENVS and the MENV in Dissertation, Capstone, and Honors Thesis projects.
- Lead 2021-2022 MENV Diversity Fellows Program comprised of 5 graduate students.
- Chair ENVS Internationalization Committee and lead the development of new initiatives, including an inter-institutional Rainforest Social Business School and the SEED Hub for private sector engagement at CU.

Co-Director, Laboratory for Energy and Environmental Policy Innovation (LEEPi)

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

2017 – present

- Lead the lab's three focal areas, including integration across the University of Colorado: Real-time Policy Innovation (with the GCF Task Force), Education and Exchange, and Research and Knowledge Management.

Research Associate, Institute for Behavioral Science Environment & Society (IBS) Program

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

2013 – present

- PI on a five-year National Science Foundation PIRE graduate student training focused grant: "Sustainable Communities & Gold Supply Chains: Integrating Responsible Engineering & Local Knowledge to Design, Implement & Evaluate Sustainable Artisanal Mining in Latin America."

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP**Associate Director, Center for the Study of Conflict, Collaboration & Creative Governance (3CG)**

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

2010 – 2012

- Coordinated 3CG, a center for research and teaching that united governmental agencies, civil society organizations, and businesses to promote research and engagement with issues of environmental, social, and economic governance.
- Developed academic and practitioners' advisory boards.
- Conceptualized, funded, and implemented the center's research agenda.
- Implemented programming including a colloquium series and interdisciplinary workshops focused on governance.
- Founded and led the Brasil-US Network: Environment, Society, Governance, with 4 U.S. and 4 Brazilian institutions.

Coordinator of Greengrants Alliance of Funds, Global Greengrants Fund

Boulder, CO

2004 – 2005

- Developed grant-making and capacity building funds for grassroots socio-environmental groups in Brazil (Fundo Casa), Mexico, and Indonesia (Samdhana Institute) with Greengrants U.S. and global social-environmental activists.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT**Consultant, Climate Reality Project**

2013

Collaborated with Climate Reality staff to plan and organize a 1000 person climate training in Brazil.

Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank Educational Project

2011

Developed 100 curriculum units on *quilombo* communities with the Brazilian Ministry of Education and international team for online educational portals in Latin America.**Consultant, Ambiental Amazônia**

2002 – 2003

Conducted an ecotourism development project for Amazonas, Brazil.

Associate, Domani LLC

2001 – 2003

Served as a planning consultant for the Prairie Gateway Tourism Project.

Project Associate, EDAW

2001 – 2003

Developed environmental education and outreach plans for Commerce City Municipal Project.

Senior Associate, Eco Tourism International

1996 – 2000

Conducted feasibility planning for an ecotourism project in Belize.

Natural Resource Planner, City of Boulder Open Space Department

1997 – 1999

Conducted conservation planning and outreach for the country's first open space program with 30,000+ acres.

Education & Outreach Specialist, City of Boulder Open Space Department

1997

Developed, implemented, and evaluated outreach and public participation opportunities for natural resource projects.

Environmental Education Coordinator, City of Boulder Open Space Department

1996 – 1997

Managed all aspects of the public environmental education program (teaching, outreach, communications).

Ecotourism Consultant, The Minntica Company

1994 – 1995

Conducted feasibility assessment for ecotourism development near Rincon de la Vieja National Park, Costa Rica.

Research Associate, Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia (INPA)

1993

Worked with the Office of International Cooperation on ecotourism, environmental education, and scientific collaboration.

Program Coordinator, The American Forum for Global Education

1996 – 1997

Designed and implemented interdisciplinary educational projects on sustainability and global education for schools and community organizations throughout New York City.

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**Lecturer Presidents Leadership Class**

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

2012 – 2015

- Taught "Global Inquiry for 21st Century Leaders," "Leadership and Ethics," "Community Issues in Leadership," "Multicultural Leadership," and "Development, Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship" (in Brazil)

Consultant, Environmental Center

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

2014

- Transformed 5, non-credit syllabi for the Sustainable Practices Program into online, credit-earning courses for undergraduates at CU.

Lecturer, International Affairs Program

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

2013 – 2014

- Taught “Conservation, Development, and Social Movements in Latin America.”

Director of Global Initiatives, Director of Faculty and Research, Instructor, Presidents Leadership Class,

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

2011 – 2014

- Planned and implemented “Global Inquiry” field programs in Brazil (2012 – 2015) and in Bolivia (2013 – 2014). Taught “Leadership and Ethics,” “Community Issues in Leadership,” and “Global Inquiry for 21st Century Leaders.”
- Conducted research on leadership theory and practice and integrated into the PLC course curriculum and other PLC leadership experiences (summer programs, internships and weekend seminars).
- Designed research opportunities for students in collaboration with professors throughout the CU campus, integrated PLC into other campus leadership initiatives.

Lecturer for Environmental Policy and Management Graduate Program,

University of Denver; Denver, CO

1998 – 2000

- Taught “Ecotourism Policy and Planning,” “Field Methodologies,” “Ecotourism Planning and Management” and “Ecotourism Field Studies” (in Belize) courses for master’s students and advised on these.

PUBLICATIONS*Running After Paradise: Hope, Survival, and Activism in Brazil’s Atlantic Forest.*

University of Arizona’s Critical Green Engagement Series

2022

Negotiating Climate Justice at the Subnational Scale: Challenges and Collaborations between Indigenous Peoples and Subnational Governments. Climate Justice Handbook: Routledge Press.

2018

Book Review on “Conjuring Property: Speculation and Environmental Futures in the Brazilian Amazon.”

American Anthropologist. Vol 19. No. 4

2017

Book Review on “Reminiscências dos Quilombos: territórios da memória em uma comunidade negra rural”

Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

2015

“Governing the ‘white space’: development, identity, and dynamic processes for increasing sustainability and social responsibility”

Organicom. Year 10: No. 18.

2013

“Experiencing Rio + 20 Through the Lenses of Anthropology and Climate Change”

Anthropology News, July

2012

“Suffering, Service, and Justice: Matters of Faith and How Faith Matters to the Environmental Movement in Brazil’s Atlantic Forest” in *Nature, Science, and Religion: Intersections Shaping Society and the Environment.* School of Advanced Research (SAR) Advanced Seminar Series. SAR Press.

2012

“Spaces of Silence and Efforts toward Voice: Negotiation and Power Among Quilombo Communities in Southern Bahia, Brazil”

Afro-Hispanic Review: Special Issue on Afro-Brazilian Culture. Vol. 30 Fall

2011

“Battle in Bahia: A New Port Faces Growing Resistance”

North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA). September/October

2009

“Introdução ao Planejamento e Recreação” in *Ecoturismo: Práticas para o Turismo Sustentável.*

Nelson and Perreira, eds. Manaus, Brazil: Valer Press.

2003

AWARDS

CU Environmental Center Campus Sustainability Award for work with Indigenous Peoples

2020

Chico Mendes Award from Governor Tiao Viana and the Chico Mendes Committee of Acre, Brazil

2018

LANGUAGES

English (native)

Portuguese (fluent)

Spanish (proficient)

French (comprehend)

CURRENT SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Chico Mendes Advisory Board, Acre Brazil

2022

Indigenous Advisory Board, Rainforest X-Prize

2021 – present

Board Member, Instituto Nossa Ilhéus, Ilhéus, Bahia, Brazil

2013 – present