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Curriculum vitae

Assistant Professor of Global Studies
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PROFILE

Political geographer with a regional specialization in Latin America. My research interests include peace and conflict, globalization and development, race and ethnicity, migration, performance, memory, urban studies, feminist geopolitics, and social movements.

EDUCATION

- PhD University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Geography, 2010-2016
Dissertation: ‘Memory is the Strength of our Resistance’: A Critical Performance
Geography of Peace, Memory, Territory, and Politics in the San José Peace
Community, Colombia
Committee: Altha Cravey & Alvaro Reyes (Co-Chairs), Banu Gökarkırsel, Renee
Alexander Craft (Communication Studies), Arturo Escobar (Anthropology)
- BA University of California at Berkeley
Latin American Studies, 2003-2005, with Highest Honors
Study Abroad: Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2005
Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile, 2004
- AA Cabrillo College
Spanish, 2001-2002

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, and Brazilian Portuguese, fluent

PUBLICATIONS

Courtheyn, C. 2020. “Desindigenizados pero no vencidos: raza y resistencia en la Comunidad de Paz y Universidad Campesina en Colombia.” *Revista Colombiana de Antropología* 56 (1): 143-165.

Courtheyn, C. 2019. “De-indigenized but not defeated: Race and resistance in Colombia’s Peace Community and Campesino University.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42 (15): 2641-2660.

Courtheyn, C. 2019. "Territorios de paz: otras territorialidades en la Comunidad de Paz de San José de Apartadó, Colombia." *Territorios* 40 (enero-junio): 291-318.

Courtheyn, C. 2018. "Peace geographies: Expanding from modern-liberal peace to radical trans-relational peace." *Progress in Human Geography* 42 (5): 741-758.

Courtheyn, C. 2018. "Territories of peace: Alter-territorialities in Colombia's San José de Apartadó Peace Community." *Journal of Peasant Studies* 45 (7): 1432-1459.

Courtheyn, C. 2018. "'La memoria es la fuerza de la resistencia': Una *otra política* por medio de la conmemoración espacial y encarnada en la Comunidad de Paz de San José de Apartadó." *Polisemia* 25: 58-82.

Courtheyn, C. 2016. "'Memory is the strength of our resistance': An 'other politics' through embodied and spatial commemoration in the San José Peace Community, Colombia." *Social & Cultural Geography* 17 (7): 933-958.

Courtheyn, C. 2016. "Comunidad de Paz: Una paz 'otra' en San José de Apartadó, Colombia." *Polisemia* 22: 55-72.

Book Review

Courtheyn, C. 2018. "Burnyeat, Gwen (2018). *Chocolate, Politics, and Peace-Building: An Ethnography of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó*." *Revista de Estudios Sociales*. https://revistas.uniandes.edu.co/pb-assets/book-reviews/RevistaEstudiosSociales_reseña_Courtheyn-1536242884800.pdf.

Forthcoming

Courtheyn, C. & A. Kamal. 2020. "Research as Action and Performance: Learning with Activists in Resource Conflicts." *The Routledge Handbook of Critical Resource Geography*, Valdivia, G., E. Havice & M. Himley, eds. New York: Routledge.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor (Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá)

Spatial Analysis. Spring & Fall 2019

Graduate Research Seminar: Advanced Qualitative Methods. Spring 2018 & Spring 2019

Graduate Research Seminar: Research Design in Political and International Studies. Fall 2018

Undergraduate Research Seminar: Research Design in Political, International and Urban Studies. Spring 2018 & Fall 2018

Globalization. Fall 2016, Spring 2017 & Fall 2017

Co-Instructor (Universidad Minuto de Dios, Bogotá)

Peace and Nonviolence. Fall 2016, Spring 2017 & Fall 2017

Teaching Fellow (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Geography of Latin America. Fall 2015

People and Places: An Introduction to Human Geography. Fall 2014

Globalization and Development. Summer 2013

Graduate Research Consultant (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Urban Latin America. Spring 2013

Teaching Assistant (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Development and Inequality. Spring 2016

World Regional Geography. Fall 2012, Spring 2013 & Spring 2014

Geography of Latin America. Spring 2012

People and Places. Fall 2010, Spring 2011 & Fall 2011

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2019 Conference Travel Award, Universidad del Rosario (\$1,000)
- 2018 Conference Travel Award, Universidad del Rosario (\$900)
Conference Travel Award, Universidad del Rosario (\$700)
- 2017 LASA/Oxfam America 2017 Martin Diskin Dissertation Award, Latin American Studies Association (\$1,000)
Conference Travel Award, Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios (\$600)
- 2016 Nomination for the Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Conference Travel Award, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (\$680)
- 2015 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship for Latin American and Caribbean Research, UNC-Chapel Hill Institute for the Study of the Americas & Mellon Foundation (\$2,250)
Best Single-Authored Paper at the Ph.D. Level, Latin American Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (\$500)
Graduate Student Transportation Grant, Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill (\$620)
Graduate Student Conference Travel Award, Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-Chapel Hill (\$400)
Conference Travel Award, Department of Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill (\$350)
- 2014 Future Faculty Fellowship Program, Center for Faculty Excellence, UNC-Chapel Hill (\$450)
- 2013 Grassroots Development Ph.D. Fellowship Program 2013-2014, Inter-American Foundation (\$25,000)
Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship, Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill (\$4,170)
Cecile Daniel Osment Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill (\$2,000)
- 2012 Tinker Pre-Dissertation Field Research Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill Institute for the Study of the Americas & Tinker Foundation (\$2,355)
- 2011 Tinker Pre-Dissertation Field Research Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill Institute for the Study of the Americas & Tinker Foundation (\$1,850)

INVITED LECTURES

- 2020 “Paz territorial desde lo ‘glocal’: Dignidad ecológica en la Comunidad de Paz de San José de Apartadó.” Corporación Universitaria Autónoma del Cauca. April 21, 2020.
- 2019 “Dignidad ecológica: Paz territorial en Colombia.” II Simposio en Gestión y Legislación Ambiental: Construcción de Paz Territorial, Fundación Universitaria de Popayán, Popayán, Colombia. October 19, 2019. (With honorarium)
- “Performing geographies of peace in Colombia.” Honors College Study Away Program, Purdue University, Bogotá, Colombia. May 7, 2019.
- 2018 “The State, Territory, Autonomy, and Social Movements.” Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University, New York, NY. October 16, 2018.
- “‘Peace does not come from them’: Divergent territorialities in Colombia’s ‘peace’ conjuncture.” Department of Geography and Spark M. Matsunaga Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI. March 15, 2018.
- “Colombia’s Peace Process: Historical Context, Accord Implementation and Political Struggles.” Spark M. Matsunaga Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI. March 13, 2018.
- 2016 “Colombia’s Peace Accord and Plebiscite: Historical Context and Political Struggles.” Department of Political Science, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. October 6, 2016.
- “Acuerdos de paz: Una reflexión crítica de su contenido e incidencias.” Universidad Minuto de Dios Magdalena Centro, La Dorada, Colombia. September 23, 2016. (With honorarium)
- 2015 “‘Hay paz porque hay comunidad’: Las geografías de paz en San José de Apartadó como antagonismo de territorialidades.” Department of History, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia. October 16, 2015. (With honorarium)
- 2014 “‘If We Remain on the Land’: Performing Displacement, Resistance, and Peace in Colombia.” Department of Peace Studies, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD. October 2, 2014. (With honorarium)
- “Geographies of Peace in Colombia through Human Rights and Solidarity.” Department of Political Science, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI. September 26, 2014.
- 2009 “Peace Psychology in Colombian Community Resistance.” Psychology Department, University of California at Santa Cruz, CA. October 8, 2009. (With honorarium)
- “Los derechos humanos y las comunidades de paz en Colombia.” Spanish Department, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA. March 24 and April 1, 2009.

Public Performances

- 2015 “‘Memory is the Strength of our Resistance’: A Performance Geography of Peace, Memory, Territory, and Politics in the San José Peace Community, Colombia.” Carolina Performing Arts and Graduate Certificate in Participatory Research. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. November 2, 2015.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

- 2019 “South-South Solidarities: Convergences and Ruptures in Theory and Politics.” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. April 4, 2019 (Washington, DC). Co-organized with Ahsan Kamal & Kiran Asher.
- 2018 “Fanonian Peace: Global Perspectives.” Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference. September 29, 2018 (Philadelphia, PA). Co-organized with Yousuf Al-Bulushi.
- “South-South Theory and Politics: Convergences and tensions across Latin America and South Asia.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress. May 23, 2018 (Barcelona, Spain). Co-organized with Ahsan Kamal.
- 2015 “Symposium: The Challenges of the Peace Process in Colombia – Multiple Perspectives.” UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. April 2-3, 2015 (Durham and Chapel Hill, NC). Co-organized with Diana Gómez, Miguel Rojas, and Irene Cabrera.
- “A critical inquiry on the ‘transition towards peace’.” UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies Annual Conference. February 13, 2015 (Durham, NC). Co-organized with Diana Gómez and Irene Cabrera.
- 2012 “Performance Ethnography as Embodied Knowledge.” Critical Geographies Annual Conference. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. November 3, 2012 (Chapel Hill, NC). Co-organized with Pavithra Vasudevan, Helen Orr, and Seana Monley.
- “Negotiating Positionalities through Performance Ethnography.” International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry Annual Conference. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. May 19, 2012 (Urbana-Champaign, IL). Co-organized with Pavithra Vasudevan, Helen Orr, and Seana Monley.
- “Activists in/and the Academy.” UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies Annual Conference. February 17-18, 2012 (Durham and Chapel Hill, NC). Co-organized with Diana Gómez.

Papers Presented

- 2019 “Where is the North when theory travels across the South?” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. April 4, 2019 (Washington, DC), co-authored with Ahsan Kamal.
- “Critical Resource Geographies in Pakistan and Colombia: Ethics, Performance, and Learning.” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. April 4, 2019 (Washington, DC), co-authored with Ahsan Kamal.
- “Postaccord San José de Apartadó.” Panelist on *Geographies of Peace in Colombia*, American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. April 5, 2019 (Washington, DC).

- 2018 “(Non)violent liberation and politics: Fanon and Colombia’s Peace Community.” Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference. September 29, 2018 (Philadelphia, PA).
- “Where Theory Travels: Decoloniality and Subaltern studies perspectives from Latin America and South Asia.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress. May 23, 2018 (Barcelona, Spain), co-authored with Ahsan Kamal.
- “Envisioning Subaltern Futures from Pakistan and Colombia.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress. May 23, 2018 (Barcelona, Spain), co-authored with Ahsan Kamal.
- “A Racial Analysis of Colombia’s Peace Community and Campesino University.” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. April 11, 2018 (New Orleans, LA).
- 2017 “‘We will stay if...’: Critical performance geography.” Knowledge/Culture/Ecologies International Conference. November 15, 2017 (Santiago, Chile).
- “La educación como bien común para la construcción de territorios en Resistencia.” II Congreso Internacional de Educación para el Desarrollo en Perspectiva Latinoamericana. October 27, 2017 (Bogotá, Colombia).
- “De-indigenized but not defeated: Alter-territories, race, and peace in Colombia’s Peace Community and Campesino University.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress. April 30, 2017 (Lima, Perú).
- “‘Memory is the strength of our resistance’: A critical performance geography of peace, memory, territory, and politics in the San José Peace Community, Colombia.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Martin Diskin Memorial Lecture. April 30, 2017 (Lima, Perú).
- “Decoloniality and Subaltern studies: Toward cross-regional solidarity politics.” Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Convention. March 24, 2017 (Baltimore, MD), co-authored with Ahsan Kamal.
- 2016 “Alter-territories and alter-peaces: The radical transrelational peace of the San José Peace Community, Colombia.” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. April 1, 2016 (San Francisco, CA).
- “De-indigenized but not defeated: Primitive accumulation, radical transrelational peace, and critical performance geography in the San José Peace Community, Colombia.” Panelist on *Race and the Agrarian Question*, American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. March 29, 2016 (San Francisco, CA).
- 2015 “‘Everyone being together with the same goal’: Geographies of Peace in San José de Apartadó.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress. May 30, 2015 (San Juan, Puerto Rico).
- “‘Peace does not come from them’: Antagonistic territorialities of neo-extractivism and autonomy in Colombia.” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. April 24, 2015 (Chicago, IL).

- “The power to refuse participation in the war’: Geographies of peace in Colombia according to the San José de Apartadó Peace Community.” UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies Conference. February 17, 2012 (Durham, NC).
- 2014 “We Will Stay If...’: International Protective Human Rights Accompaniment in Colombia.” Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership, With/Out ¿Borders? Conference. Kalamazoo College. September 25, 2014 (Kalamazoo, MI).
- “A different type of peace process and spatial politics in San José de Apartadó, Colombia.” Inter-American Foundation Mid-Year Conference. February 11, 2014 (Mexico City, Mexico).
- 2012 “Performing memory and an alter-politics in Colombia amidst the global crisis.” Critical Geographies Annual Conference. University of North Carolina. November 3, 2012 (Chapel Hill, NC).
- “Embodying Geographies of Displacement and Peace.” Critical Geographies Annual Conference. University of North Carolina. November 3, 2012 (Chapel Hill, NC).
- “If we remain on the land’: A Performance Ethnography of Resistance to Displacement in Colombia.” International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry Annual Conference. University of Illinois. May 19, 2012 (Urbana-Champaign, IL).
- “Memory is the strength of our resistance’: Geographies of peace in Colombia,” Association of American Geographers Annual Conference. February 25, 2012 (New York City, NY).
- “The Politics of Activism and Activist Performance in Academia.” UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies Annual Conference. February 17, 2012 (Durham, NC).
- 2011 “Enacting their own justice: Spaces of peace through memory in Colombia.” Association of American Geographers Annual Conference. April 15, 2011 (Seattle, WA).
- “Community resistance to displacement and militarization in San José de Apartadó.” UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies Annual Conference. February 12, 2011 (Chapel Hill, NC).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Board member, Fellowship of Reconciliation Peace Presence, 2013-2019
 Team Coordinator, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Colombia Peace Program, 2010
 Protective Accompanier, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Colombia Peace Program, 2008-2009
 Intern, Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz, California, 2002

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator, “Abandoning the Revolution? An Urban Ethnography of South-South Migration and Socialism in South America.” Urban Studies Program, Faculty of International, Political and Urban Studies, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, 2019-present

Co-Investigator, “The commons and ‘the common’ as expressions of new forms of citizenship and territorialities of peace in Colombia,” Citizenship, Peace and Development Research Group, Universidad Minuto de Dios, Bogotá, 2016-present

Principal Investigator, “Political and performance geographies of territorial peace.” Urban Studies Program, Faculty of International, Political and Urban Studies, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, 2018-2020

Co-Investigator, Bodies, territories and resistances Working Group, Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO), 2016-2019

Research Assistant, Dr. Arturo Escobar: “Designs for the Pluriverse,” Department of Anthropology, UNC-CH, 2015-2017

Principal Investigator, Doctoral Dissertation: “‘Memory is the strength of our resistance’: A Critical Performance Geography of Peace, Memory, Territory, and Politics in the San José Peace Community, Colombia,” Department of Geography, UNC-CH, 2010-2016

Co-Investigator, Hurston Collective for Critical Performance Ethnography, UNC-CH, 2015-2016

Co-Investigator, Social Movements Working Group, UNC-CH, 2010-2013

Co-Investigator, War and Peace in the Americas Working Group, UNC-CH, 2011-2012

Co-Investigator, Growing Local/Buying Local in Warren County Working Group, UNC-CH, 2011

Research Assistant, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, Dr. Candice Slater: “Alternative Modernities,” University of California, Berkeley, 2005

Principal Investigator, Undergraduate Research Program: “Helados, CDs piratas y cantantes: El sector informal en las calles y las micros de Santiago de Chile,” Advised by Arnold Bauer, University of California and Universidad de Chile, 2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, *Antipode*, 2020

Reviewer, *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, 2018, 2019

Reviewer, *Social & Cultural Geography*, 2016, 2019

Reviewer, *Human Rights Review*, 2019

Reviewer, *Journal of Agrarian Change*, 2019

Reviewer, *Political Geography*, 2019

Reviewer, *Desafíos*, 2019

Reviewer, *Tabula Rasa*, 2019

Reviewer, *Progress in Human Geography*, 2017, 2018

Reviewer, *Development and Change*, 2017

Reviewer, *Estudios Interdisciplinarios-Universidad Libre*, 2017

Reviewer, *American Anthropologist*, 2016

Reviewer, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016

Reviewer, *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, 2015

Reviewer, *Ciudad paz-ando*, 2015

Graduate Representative, Graduate Committee, Department of Geography, UNC-CH, 2014-2015
Co-Founder, Teaching Committee *Geography is Fun to Teach (GIFT)*, Department of
Geography, UNC-CH, 2013
Co-President, Geography Association of Graduate Students, UNC-CH, 2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Geographers
International Studies Association
Latin American Studies Association
Peace and Justice Studies Association