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POSITIONS

- 2021 - Associate Professor; Department for the Study of Religion
Affiliated Faculty; Center for Latin American Studies/Women's
Studies/Sociology
San Diego State University
San Diego, California
- 2019 - Associate Director; Center for Latin American Studies
San Diego State University
San Diego, California
- 2021-2023 Fred J. Hansen Chair of Peace Studies
College of Arts and Letters
San Diego State University
- 2016 - 2021 Assistant Professor; Department for the Study of Religion
Affiliated Faculty; Center for Latin American Studies/Women's Studies
San Diego State University
San Diego, California
- 2013-2014 Visiting Professor; Sociology Department
Universidad Nacional de Colombia
Bogotá, Colombia

EDUCATION

- 2016 University of Toronto (Toronto, Canada)
Ph.D. Study of Religion - Anthropology of Religion/
Diaspora and Transnational Studies
- 2007 Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia)
M.A. Political Science - Political Economy of War
- 2006 Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia)
Specialization Armed Conflict Resolution - Political Economies of
Armed Conflict
- 2002 Canadian Mennonite University (Winnipeg, Canada)

B.A. - Theology, Music (majors); Political Science (minor)

SINGLE-AUTHORED BOOKS

2021 *Card Carrying Christians: Debt and the Making of Free Market Spirituality in Colombia*, University of California Press.

Reviews: 2022, Daniel Levine, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, No. 93 (3); 2022, Bernice Martin, *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, No. 37 (3).

REFEREED SPECIAL ISSUES

2024 "Special Issue on Engaged Scholarship." Co-edited with Jeremy Sorgen, Emma Frances Bloomfield, and Amanda Nichols. *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* 18(4)

2019 "Classifying Capital: A Round Table." Co-edited with Lucia Hulsether. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 87(3):581-661

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Under Review "Utterances of God from Migrant Detention: Migration, Religion, and the forces of Climate Change in Migrant Imaginaries" *Religion and Environmentally-Induced Displacement Project*, American University

Forthcoming "The Revolution is Religious: Religion and New Public Spheres in Colombia," *Journal of Religion and Society*

2024 "Engaged Scholarship in Times of Crisis," an Introduction to the Special Issue on Engaged Scholarship," co-authored with Jeremy Sorgen and Emma Frances Bloomfield. *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* 18(4)

2024 "The University as Political Actor: An Interview with Katerine Duque Duque, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana-Cali," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*, 18(4)

2021 "Financializing the Soul: Christian Microfinance and Economic Missionization in Colombia." *Critical Research on Religion* 9(1):31-47.

- 2019 "Introduction to Classifying Capital: A Round Table." Co-authored with Lucia Hulsether. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 87(3):581-195 (Contribution 50%)
- 2019 "The Religious Situation: Christianity in Latin America." *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* 29(2): 147-153.
- 2018 "Confession and the Anthropology of Forgiveness: Colombia's Processes of Transitional Justice." *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 24(1): 145-161.
- 2016 "Giving is Believing: Credit and Christmas in Colombia." *Journal for the American Academy of Religion* 84(4): 1006-1028.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2022 "Magical Realism, Anti-Modernity, and the Religious Imaginaries of Latin American Cinema: A look through *Ciro Guerra's Wind Journeys*." In *A Critical Introduction to Religion and Film*, edited by Tenzan Eaghll and Rebekka King. Pgs. 117-127. New York: Bloomsbury.
- 2018 "Women and Christianity in Latin America." In *Women in World Religions: Faith and Culture Across History*, edited by Susan De Gaia, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Publications.

REPORTS and PUBLIC FACING SCHOLARSHIP

- 2024 "A New Introduction: No longer Underestimating the New Evangelicals: Lessons from Colombia." *The Immanent Frame* (SSRC on-line forum)
- 2021 "[Evangelical Churches Against Colombian National Strikes](https://nacla.org/evangelical-churches-against-colombian-national-strikes)," *North American Council on Latin America-NACLA*, September 16, <https://nacla.org/evangelical-churches-against-colombian-national-strikes>
- 2021 "Las Iglesias Neo-Pentecostales Frente al Paro Nacional," *North American Council on Latin America - NACLA*, September 28, <https://nacla.org/las-iglesias-neo-pentecostales-frente-al-paro-nacional>
- 2016 "Underestimating the Force of the New Evangelicals in the Public Sphere: Lessons from Colombia, South America." *The Immanent Frame* (SSRC on-line forum).

- 2011 “The Economics of War and Peace in Colombia: Current Perspectives.” Report commissioned by *Peace Build Canada* and presented to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2020 The Public Work of Christmas. Pamela Klassen and Monique Scheer, eds. McGill University Press. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, (Forthcoming, September 2020).
- 2018 Bordering the Kingdom: A response to Melanie McAlister’s *The Kingdom of God has no Borders* (Oxford University Press 2019). *The Immanent Frame Book Forum* (SSRC on-line forum).
- 2014 Direct Sales and Direct Faith in Latin America. Peter S. Cahn. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011. *The Anthropology of Christianity Bibliography Blog*, <http://www.blogs.hss.ed.ac.uk/anthrocybib>

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Research Grant, American Academy of Religion Research Grant Program (\$5000 USD)
- 2022 SEED Research Grant, Division of Research and Innovation, San Diego State University (\$7500 USD)
- 2022 Honorable Mention, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology Book Prize
- 2021 SDSU Research Center and Institute Support Grant, Division of Research and Innovation, *College and Arts and Letters Research Collaborative on Human Rights in the Americas* (P.I.; \$40,000 USD)
- 2021 Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity in the Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Arts and Letters, San Diego State University (\$1,500 USD)
- 2021 Team Grant Proposal for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Assigned Time grant, Division of Research and Innovation, San Diego State University (\$5,600 USD)

- 2020 Social Science Research Council, Summer Institute, Program for Religion and the Public Sphere: Religion and Social Justice. Summer Fellowship (\$2,500 USD; postponed to summer 2021 due to COVID)
- 2018 Unbelief and Secularism Research Grant, San Diego State University (\$5,500 USD)
- 2018 CTL Course Transformation Academy Fellowship, San Diego State University (\$5,000 USD)
- 2018 Summer Undergraduate Research Program, San Diego State University (\$3,000 USD)
- 2018 Micro-Grant, San Diego State University (\$500 USD)
- 2018 Grants and Research Enterprise Writing Fellowship, San Diego State University (\$3,000 USD)
- 2017 Micro-Grant, San Diego State University (\$500 USD)
- 2017 Critical Thinking Grant, San Diego State University (\$5,500 USD)
- 2016-2017 University Grants Program, San Diego State University (\$9,935 USD)
- 2015 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000 CAD)
- 2013 National Vice-Chancellor for Research and Solidarity Extension. Together with Dr. William Mauricio Beltran, Universidad Nacional de Colombia (\$50,000 CAD)
- 2013 W. Garfield Weston Fellowship for International Doctoral Research (\$50,000 CAD)
- 2012 Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (\$6,000 CAD)
- 2011-2014 SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship (\$100,000 CAD)
- 2011 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$10,000 CAD), declined

- 2010 Entrance Scholarship for Academic Excellence, University of Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion (\$6,000 CAD)
- 2004-2007 Foreign Government Award, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), Government of Canada and Ministry of Education, Government of Colombia (\$100,000 CAD)

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023 “Considering the Entanglements of Christianity and Economy in Latin America,” *Davis Colloquium on Christianity and Economy*, Ohio State University, (October 27)
- 2023 *Publicly Engaged Scholarship Workshop and Retreat*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, (May 3-5)
- 2023 “Story of a Mine: Religion, Migration, and Environmental Racism from Guatemala to Migrant Detention,” *Workshop on Migration, Religion, and the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean*, American University’s Center for Latin American & Latino Studies (CLALS) and the Estación de Investigación y Docencia of the Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas (IIJ) at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Sede UNAM Tijuana, BC, Mexico (April 17-19)
- 2023 “The Revolution is Religious: Political Economies of Peace and Belief in the (im)Possible in Colombia’s Post-War Moment,” *Symposium on Religion in the Public Sphere*, Kripke Center, Creighton University, Omaha, NB, (February 16-17)
- 2022 “We are the Guardians of Change: Anthropologies of Becoming in post-Peace Accord Colombia.” *Ethics and Social Change: Economy, Religion, and Moral Transformation*, Max Planck Cambridge Center for Ethics, Economy, and Social Change, Cambridge, UK (September 7)
- 2022 “Card Carrying Christians - a book talk.” University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, virtual talk (February 24)

- 2021 “Cátedra Permanente con la Colombia Profunda,” Discussant, Universidad Nacional de Colombia Abierta y a Distancia, virtual talk (October 21)
- 2020 “La Confesión y la Antropología del Perdón: Reflexiones sobre los procesos de Justicia Transicional en Colombia.” *Cátedra de Pensamiento Crítico*, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, virtual talk (September 28)
- 2020 “Free market spirituality and Finance in Colombia.” Butler University, Chicago, IL, virtual talk (February 11)
- 2019 “Religiones y economías de la salvación en Bogotá: Miradas hacia la paz.” Instituto Nacional Colombiano de Antropología e Historia, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, and the Colombian Ministry of Culture. Bogotá, Colombia (May 9, 2019)
- 2018 “The Religious Situation: 2018 – Christianity in Latin America,” Center for Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, IN (September 12, 2018)
- 2018 “The political economy of war in Colombia: Some perspectives for peacebuilding,” Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart IN, virtual talk, (May 14)
- 2018 “*Multiplícame*: The Multiple Woman and Christian Consumption in Colombia,” University of California, Riverside (April 12)
- 2018 “Financializing the Soul,” University of Southern California, Los Angeles CA, (January 17)
- 2017 “Género y las Economías de la Salvación en las Megaiglesias en Colombia,” World Vision and the Latin American Theological Society, Bogotá, Colombia (June 19)
- 2017 “The Soul of Finance: Micro-finance and the Christian Corporate Order,” Sociology Department, San Diego State University (February 20)
- 2015 “Financializing the Soul: Christians and Credit Cards in Colombia,” Tufts University, Department of Religion, (November 30)

- 2015 "Micro-credit and Micro-debt: The Soul of Finance in Colombia," San Diego State University, Religious Studies Department (December 7)
- 2015 "The gift in late capitalism: Christmas and *credere* in Colombia," Christmas in the Multicultural City Workshop, Tübingen, Germany, (December 12)
- 2014 "Giving is Believing: Christmas and Credit in Colombia," University of Texas at Austin, Department for Religious Studies, (December 5)

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 "Debt and Deregulated Faith: Wagers on Faith and Futures in Colombian Pentecostalism," American Anthropological Association Meetings, November 2023. Toronto, ON
- 2022 "Public Scholarship on Religion and Catastrophe: A Roundtable." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting 2022. Denver, CO.
- 2021 "Financializing Peace: The Ethical Discourse of Financialization in Colombia," American Anthropological Association Meetings. November 2021. Baltimore, MD.
- 2021 "Capitalism, Dis-Ease, and the Long Shadow of COVID-19," RoundTable, American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings. November 2021. San Antonio, TX
- 2020 "Territorial Peace beyond the Law: Spiritual Politics and Indigenous Political Theologies in Post-Accord Colombia," Discussant, American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings. November 2020, Boston, MA (Virtual)
- 2020 "Deregulated Faith: Necrofinance and political economies of transnational Pentecostalism in Colombia," Latin American Studies Association Annual Meetings, May 2020, Guadalajara, Mexico (Virtual)
- 2018 "The Good Life: A Roundtable," American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings. November 2018, Denver, CO

- 2017 "The Promise of a New Colombia: Miracles, Morality, and the Yet to Be," American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings, November 2017 Boston, MA
- 2017 "Do you believe in Life after War? Religion in Post-Accord Colombia." American Academy of Religion Mid-West Regional Conference. March 2017, Muncie, IN
- 2016 "Financializing the Soul: Micro-finance and Christian Corporate Order in Colombia," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, November 2016, San Antonio, TX
- 2015 "Feeling the Spirit Move: Affect in Colombian Pentecostalism," Society for the Anthropology of Religion, April 2015, San Diego, CA
- 2014 "*Crederere*: An Exploration into Credit and Belief," American Academy of Religion, November 2014, San Diego, CA
- 2014 "Buddhism and Capitalism," Discussant, American Academy of Religion, November 2014, San Diego, CA
- 2014 "Debt, Time, and Accumulation," Workshop of the Religion, Economy, and Law Research and Teaching Network, July 2014, Tubingen, Germany
- 2013 "La construcción de la economía solidaria," Jornada de Investigación, Universidad de Buenos Aires, November 2013, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2013 "Believing the Colombian Economy into Being," Ways of Knowing Graduate Conference, Harvard Divinity School, October 2013, Cambridge, MA
- 2012 "Card Carrying Christians: Debt and Inclusion in Colombia," American Anthropological Association, November 2012, San Francisco, CA
- 2012 "Credit and Spiritualities of Debt in Colombia," Stanford University Religious Studies Graduate Student Conference, May 2012, Stanford, CA
- 2011 "The Truth Shall Set You Free: Confession and the Born Again State," American Anthropological Association, November 2011, Montreal, QC

- 2011 "Desiring Peace, Desiring Freedom," Social Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, York University, May 2011, Toronto, ON
- 2011 "The Spirit of the Free Market in Colombia," Conference on Latin America and the Caribbean, University of Carleton, April 2011, Ottawa, ON
- 2011 "Free Market Spiritualities: Colombian Neo-Pentecostalism and the Ottawa Consensus," Max Planck Institute, February 2011, Berlin, Germany

PANEL, WORKSHOP, AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2023 "Race and the Borderlands: Human Rights, Human Triumphs, and Forging Peace on the U.S.-Mexico Border." Conference co-organizer. San Diego State University. April 2023
- 2022 "Publicly Engaged Scholarship: A Workshop." Workshop co-organizer. University of California Berkeley, sponsored by Social Science Research Council. July 2022.
- 2019 "Capital and the Secular: A Workshop." Workshop co-organizer. University of California, Riverside. February 2019.
- 2017 "Colombia Emerging: Aspirations of the New and the Born-Again." Panel Co-Organizer. American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings. (Boston, MA). November 2017.
- 2017 "Capital and the Secular: New Critiques and New Horizons." Round Table Co-Organizer. American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings. (Boston, MA) November 2017.
- 2016 "From Oikonomia to Occupy: Intersections of the Religious and the Economic." Organizer. University of Toronto. Graduate Student Conference. April 2016.

TEACHING

San Diego State University

Graduate:

- Global Seminar on Community-Based Peacebuilding in Colombia (With the Universidad Javeriana-Cali – study abroad)
- Seminar in Latin American Studies (Graduate)
- Seminar on Methods in Latin American Studies (Graduate; Co-taught)

- Religion and Latinidades in the Borderlands (Graduate)
- In God We Trust: Intersections of Religion and Economy (Graduate)
- Peace, Democracy, and Social Movements in Latin America (Graduate)

Undergraduate:

- Religion and Film
- Senior Seminar (Capstone Course for RELS Majors): Religious Studies in Theory and in Method
- God, Gold, and Glory: Religion and Colonial Encounter in the Americas
- Global Christianity in Anthropological Perspective
- Querying Christianities: Critical Perspectives
- Sociology of Religion
- Introduction to the Study of Global Religions
- Revolutions, Resistance, and Religion: A Course on Peace and Social Justice

University of Toronto

- Christian Traditions in Critical Perspective (Co-taught)
- Rituals and Rites of Passage: An Introduction to the Anthropology of Religion

Universidad Nacional de Colombia

- La antropología de la religión y la economía: Desde la teoría hacía la práctica

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| 2024 | Co-Chair, Seminar on Publicly Engaged Scholarship in the Study of Religion, American Academy of Religion |
| 2021- | Editorial Board Member, Journal of the American Academy of Religion |
| 2021-2026 | Co-Chair, Program Unit on Religion and Economy, American Academy of Religion |
| 2019 - | Associate Director, Center for Latin American Studies; San Diego State University |
| 2018 - 2021 | Co-organizer, Collaborative Grant Writing Workshop for College of Arts and Letters; San Diego State University |
| 2018-2021 | Faculty in Residence; San Diego State University |
| 2017-2023 | Program Unit Committee Member (Religion and Economy); American Academy of Religion |

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Journal of the American Academy of Religion; Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology; Journal of Latin American Studies; Revista Colombiana de Sociología;

Revista Maguaré, Revista de Antropología de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia; Religion Compass; Critical Research in Religion, Revista Controversia (CINEP)

MEDIA

- Producer, “El Canto de las Garzas: Fe y Resistencia en Colombia,” Documentary, Post-Production
- 2023 “Religion y Protección en la Colombia Profunda,” Programa *Creer en Libertad*, Alcaladía de Bogotá, November 16.
- 2023 “Los Estudios Sociales de la Religión y la Protección Comunitaria,” Programa *Tramando Sentidos*, Radio UNAD Virtual, May 30.
- 2021 “Debt and Evangelical Capitalism,” Podcast, *This is Hell*, May 19, 2021, <https://thisishell.com/episodes/1339>
- 2021 “Card Carrying Christians,” *The Revealer*. May 6, 2021. , <https://therevealer.org/credit-card-christianity-debt-and-violence-in-colombia/?fbclid=IwAR1YnUE5jCpUtaVbe6yKFA GDZ1VBnIZDU F9UYVvFjq4Zn0>
- 2019 “Transnacionales de la Fe.” *El Tiempo*. August 12, <https://www.eltiempo.com/datos/transnacionales-de-la-fe-cristianos-mueven-la-politica-en-colombia-393588>
- 2014 Producer, “El Garzal: Fe y Resistencia,” Documentary, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*, HD 30min.
- 2009 Assistant Producer, “La Mina,” Documentary, *Mennonite Central Committee*, HD 17min.
- 2007 Assistant Producer, “Colombian Churches Call for Peace,” Documentary, *Mennonite Central Committee*, HD 12min.

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Anthropological Association
Latin American Studies Association
Society of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

LANGUAGES

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English
Spanish
German