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POSITIONS

- 2021-2023 Fred J. Hansen Endowed Chair in Peace Studies
College of Arts and Letters
San Diego State University
- 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
- 2016 - 2021 Assistant Professor; Department of Religious Studies
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.

REFEREED ROUND TABLES/SPECIAL ISSUES

- 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

- 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 AND COMMISSIONED PUBLICATIONS

- Accepted "Soulful Finance." In *Financialization Exposed: Mobilizing Communities in Austere Times*, edited by Mary Jean Hande, Athabasca University Press.
- Submitted "Magical Realism, Decoloniality, and the Religious Imaginary in 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. 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.
- 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

- 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 per investigator)
- 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

- 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

- 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 "*Credere*: 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

- 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

- Senior Seminar: Religious Studies
- Seminar in Latin American Studies (Graduate; Co-taught)
- Seminar on Methods in Latin American Studies (Graduate; Co-taught)
- Latinidades (Graduate)
- In God We Trust: Intersections of Religion and Economy (Graduate)
- 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 hacia la práctica

PROFESIONAL SERVICE

- 2021- Editorial Board Member, Journal of the American Academy of Religion
- 2019 - Associate Director, Center for Latin American Studies; San Diego State University
- 2019 - Faculty Advisor; Agape House Student Organization
- 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
 2017-2026 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; Revista Colombiana de Sociología; Revista Maguaré, Revista de Antropología de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia; Religion Compass; Critical Research in Religion

MEDIA

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=IwAR1YnUE5jCpUtaVbe6yKFAGDZ1VBnIZDUF9UYVvFjq4Zn0>

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

English
 Spanish
 German