

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D., International Studies, University of Miami, Florida (2004).
- M.A. History (with distinction), Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble (1999).
- B.A. History, Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble (1998).
- Khâgne, History and Geography, Lycée Berthollet, Annecy (1997).

Languages

- French & Portuguese – bilingual native speaker
- English & Spanish – fluent (spoken and written proficiency)
- Kichwa – basic

Academic Positions

- Senior Lecturer, Political Science and Sexuality, Women's and Gender Studies, [Amherst College](#) (2022-).
- Professor, International Relations, [Universidad San Francisco de Quito](#), Ecuador (2004-24).
- Karl Loewenstein Fellow and Visiting Associate Professor, Political Science & Sexuality, Women's and Gender Studies, [Amherst College](#) (2010/11; 2016/21).
- Fellow, [desiguALdades.net](#), Freie Universität, Berlin (2015).
- [Member](#) of the School of Social Sciences, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2013/14).
- Assistant Visiting Professor, Women's and Gender Studies, Amherst College (2008/10).

Scholarly Publications

Monographs

- [Savages and Citizens: How Indigeneity Shapes the State](#), co-authored with Andrew Canessa, foreword by Jeff Corntassel (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2024) Open Access.
- [Soberanías vernáculas: las mujeres indígenas desafían la política global](#), translation by Silvia Rivera Cusicanqui; foreword by Aura Cumes (Buenos Aires: Prometeo Editorial, 2023) Paperback.
- [Vernacular Sovereignties: Indigenous Women Challenging World Politics](#) (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2018). Hardcover and paperback; 2nd edition in 2019.

Edited Volumes

- *Sexualities in World Politics*, co-editor with Markus Thiel (New York: Routledge, forthcoming 2026).

- *Indigenous Public Humanities*, guest editor [Public Humanities](#) (2025)
- *LGBTQ+ Politics in an Age of Crises*, guest co-editor with Markus Thiel, *International Politics* (Special Issue 2024).
- [Sexuality and Translation in World Politics](#), co-editor with Caroline Cottet (E-International Relations, 2019).
- [Indigenous Politics of Resistance: From Erasure to Recognition](#), guest editor for Special Issue, *New Diversities* 19(2) (Göttingen: Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, 2017).
- [Queering Narratives of Modernity](#), co-editor with Maria Amelia Viteri (Bern/Quito: Peter Lang/FLACSO, 2016).
- [Sexualities in World Politics: How LGBTQ Claims Shape International Relations](#), co-editor with Markus Thiel (New York: Routledge, 2015).

Journal Articles

- "Can there be a public IR?" [International Studies Review](#) 26(3). (2024)
- "International LGBTQ+ politics today: moving beyond 'crises'?" with Markus Thiel, [International Politics](#). (2024)
- "Environmental defenders as first guardians of the world's biodiversity," [Policy Matters](#), Special Issue on Environmental Defenders, vol.3:1-6. (2021)
- "La colonización de sexualidades indígenas: entre despojo y resistencia," [Contemporánea](#) 10(1): 13-34. (2020)
- "Resistance to Extractivism and Megaprojects in Latin America" in Harry Vanden and Gary Prevost (eds) [The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics](#), Oxford University Press. (2020)
- "Between Erasure and Resurgence: De/colonizing Indigenous Sexualities" in Michael Bosia, Sandra Mc. Evan, and Momin Rhaman [Oxford Handbook of Global LGBT and Sexual Diversity Politics](#), Oxford University Press. (2019)
- "Stateness as Land-Grab: A Political History of Maya Dispossession in Guatemala," co-authored with Juan Castro, [American Quarterly](#) 69(4): 791-800. (2017)
- "World Politics in Amazonia" in Julio Faúndez and Celine Tan, [International Law, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development](#), Edward Elgar. (2017)
- "Visões Indígenas Desafiando O Global: Mulheres Kichwa Pluralizando A Soberania," [Monções](#) 6(11): 340-369. (2017)
- "De la academia a las rejas: mi historia de detención y criminalización en Ecuador," [Ecuador Debate](#) (101), August: 109-122. (2017)
- "El caminar de las manuelas" [Crítica Contemporánea: Revista de Teoría Política](#), Dossier - *Ideas que solo se pueden contar: Narrativa (y) Política / Ideas that can only be (re)counted: Narrative (and) Politics*, December (6): 124-138. (2016)
- "Rethinking IR from the Amazon" [Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional](#) 59(2). (2016)
- "Where Did the Women Go? Gender Inequalities in Ecuador's Indigenous Movement," [Social Development Issues](#) 36(3): 92-107. (2014)
- "Decolonizing Methodologies in the Field of IR Theory" [International Political Science Review](#) 34(4): 444-455. (2013)
- "Porter le genre dans la culture: femmes et interlégalité en Équateur," [Cahiers du Genre Rétrospectives](#) Spring (54): 205-226. (2013)
- "Between the Dock and a Hard Place: Hazards and Opportunities of Legal Pluralism for Indigenous Women in Ecuador," [Latin American Politics and Society](#) 54(2):1-33. (2012)

- “Redefiniendo la relación entre la Unión Europea y los países de África, el Caribe y el Pacífico,” with Roberto Dominguez Rivera, RI 92 May/August: 31-38 (2003)

Book Chapters

- “Love Beyond the State: Ancestral Marriage from a Kichwa Nation to the UN and Back,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Grounded and Engaged Normative Theory*, edited by Brooke Ackerly, Luis Cabrera, Monique Deveaux, Fonna Forman, Genevieve Fuji Johnson, and Gina Starblanket. Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming 2025)
- “The Spanish Empires and Its Legacies: From Violence and Mistranslation to Decolonizing Indigenous Sexualities,” co-authored with Julio César Calderón in *Colonialisms and Queer Politics*, edited by Matthew Waites, Sonia Correa and Gustavo Gomes. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (forthcoming 2024)
- “Les passeports amérindiens comme acte anticolonial,” in MIGREUROPE, *Atlas des Migrations dans le Monde*. Paris: Armand Colin. (2022)
- “Sexual Removals: Indigenous Genders and Sexualities as Territory” in Ann McGrath and Lynette Russell (eds) [The Routledge Companion to Global Indigenous History](#). New York: Routledge. (2022)
- “Gender and Sexuality” with Momin Rahman in Vicki Robinson and Diane Richardson (eds) [Introducing Gender and Women's Studies](#), MacMillan (5th edition, 2020).
- “Despojo como genocidio: extractivismo contra pueblos indígenas en Abya Yala” in Alberto Lozano and Abelardo Rodriguez, *Seguridad y Asuntos Internacionales*, Mexico: Siglo XXI. (2020)
- “No Sex Revolution on the Left: LGB Rights in Ecuador” with María Amelia Viteri in Paula Gerber, [Worldwide Perspectives on Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals: Culture, History and Law](#). Santa Barbara: Praeger Press. (2021)
- “Sex, Tongue and International Relations” with Caroline Cottet in [Sexuality and Translation in World Politics](#), co-editor with Caroline Cottet (E-International Relations). (2019)
- “Indigenous Sexualities: Resisting Conquest and Translation” with Josi Tikuna in [Sexuality and Translation in World Politics](#), co-editor with Caroline Cottet (E-International Relations). (2019)
- “Ecuador: The Citizen’s Revolution Against Its Citizens,” With Grace Jaramillo in Francesc Badia I Dalmasas and Sergio Costa (eds) [Condemned to Inequality: From the Pink Tide to the Turn to the Right](#) (p.56-63). (2019)
- “Kichwa Women Gendering Collective Rights in Ecuador” in Márcia Calazans, Mary Castro, and Emilia Piñeiro, [America Latina: corpos, trânsitos, e resistências](#). Porto Alegre: Editora Fi. (2018)
- “Indigenous Politics of Resistance: An Introduction,” [New Diversities](#) 19(2): 1-6. (2017)
- “Activismo y academia: Complementariedad en la resistencia” with Rasu Manuel Paza and Yaku Pérez Guartambel in Catherine Walsh, *Pedagogías decoloniales: Prácticas insurgentes de resistir, (re)existir y (re)vivir*. Quito: Abya Yala. (2016)
- “Simultaneous Translations--Finding My Core in the Periphery” in Elizabeth Dauphinee and Naeem Inayatullah, [Narrative Global Politics](#). London: Routledge. (2016)
- “Inventing Rights of Our Own: Indigenous Rights with Gender Parity in Ecuador,” in David Lehman, [The Crisis of Multiculturalism in Latin America](#). New York: Palgrave MacMillan. (2016)
- “Queering Amazonia: Homo-Affective Relations among Tikuna Society” with Josi Tikuna in María Amelia Viteri and Manuela Picq, [Queering Narratives of Modernity](#) Peter Lang/FLACSO: 113-134. (2016)
- “Droit à l’autodétermination contre extractivisme: Comment la résistance autochtone modifie les relations internationales,” in Yves-Marie Abraham and David Murray, [Creuser jusqu’où? Extractivisme et limites à la croissance](#). Montreal: Eco-société: 271-283. (2015)

- “Extratativismo: a pedra no caminho do desenvolvimento,” in Pedro de Souza, [Brasil, Sociedade em Movimento](#). Rio de Janeiro: Paz e Terra/Celso Furtado: 213-222. (2015)
- “Peripheral Prides: Contributions of LGBTQ Studies to Post-Colonial Thought” in Manuela Picq & Markus Thiel, [Sexualities in World Politics: How LGBTQ Claims Shape International Relations](#). New York: Routledge *Intervention Series*: 108-123. (2015)
- “Self-Determination as Anti-Extractivism: How Indigenous Resistance Challenges IR” in Marc Woons (ed.), [Restoring Indigenous Self Determination](#), E-IR: 26-33. (2014)
- “Direitos Humanos e Questão Social,” in Anete Ivo (ed.), *Dicionário Desenvolvimento e Questão Social*, São Paulo: Annablume: 190-195. (2014)
- “The Inheritance of Resistance: Indigenous Women Leadership in Ecuador” in Marc Becker (ed) [Indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorians Facing the Twenty-First Century](#), Cambridge Scholars Publishing: 71-94. (2013)
- “Indigenous Worlding: Kichwa Women Pluralizing Sovereignty,” in Arlene Tickner and David Blaney (eds.), [Claiming the International](#), New York: Routledge: 121-140. (2013)
- “Trapped Between Gender and Ethnicity: Identity Politics in Ecuador,” in Roger Coate and Markus Thiel (eds.), [Identity Politics in the Age of Globalization](#). Boulder: First Forum Press: 31-56. (2010)
- “Exclusión política de mujeres indígenas en Chimborazo,” in Andrea Pequeño (ed.), [Participación y políticas de mujeres indígenas en América Latina](#). Quito, Ecuador: FLACSO/Ministerio de Cultura: 125-143. (2009)
- “Gender Within Ethnicity: Human Rights and Identity Politics in Ecuador,” Guillermo O’Donnell, Joseph Tulchin, and Augusto Varas (eds.), [New Voices in the Study of Democracy in Latin America](#), Washington, D.C.: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars: 273-307. (2008)

Book Reviews

- Tammy Lewis’ “Ecuador’s Environmental Revolutions: Ecoimperialists, Ecodependents, and Ecoresisters” [Journal of Sustainability and Change](#) (2022)
- David Syring’s “With the Saraguros: The Blended Life in a Transnational World” [Ethnohistory](#) 66(2):407-408. (2019)
- Raúl Madrid’s “The Rise of Ethnic Parties in Latin America” [Bulletin of Latin American Research](#) 34(1): 126-127. (2015)

Public Writing

Media Opinion

- *Selected media venues (since 2013):*
 “An Evangelical Conquista in Amazonia,” [The New York Times](#) (October 2, 2020)- (Portuguese and Spanish translations republished in [Estadão](#)/Brazil).
 “Bolivia is burning. Who will stop its fires?” [The New York Times](#) (September 24, 2019)- (Spanish translation published in *El País*/Spain and *El Comercio*/Peru, October 5, 2019)
 “Ecuador’s Indigenous Peoples See Protest Criminalized Under Correa” [World Politics Review](#) (August 12, 2016)
 “Global Heucheln, Lokal Bohren” [Debatte](#), *Taz* (December 11, 2015).
 “Indigenous Eviction Resisted” *New Internationalist* (April 2015, N 481).
 “What is Left of Latin America’s Left?” [Plataforma Política Social](#) (November 9, 2014)

“Indigenous Continental Summits: The International Politics of Resistance” [People Land Truth](#) (2014).

“Quando a Esquerda Censura,” [Folha de São Paulo](#) (February 21, 2014)

“Lawfare: Ecuador’s New Style of Governance?” [Upside Down World](#) (October 18, 2013).

- [Intercontinental Cry](#) (selected since 2013):

“Evo Morales’ ecocide is a genocide” [Intercontinental Cry](#) (September 24, 2019)

“When the Impossible Happens: Historic Sentence Upholds Prior Consultation in Ecuador’s Rio Blanco Case,” [Intercontinental Cry](#) (September 17, 2018).

“Maya Weavers Propose Collective Intellectual Property Law,” [Intercontinental Cry](#) (March 14, 2017).

“We Will Not Buy What is Ours” [Intercontinental Cry](#) (September 29, 2016).

“Nim Ajpu: Indigenous Lawyers Who Are Changing The Face of Guatemala,” [Intercontinental Cry](#) (August 19, 2016).

“Conflict Soy,” [Intercontinental Cry](#) (May 26, 2016).

“Indigenous Passports Assert Self-determination in Ecuador,” co-authored with Marc Woons [Intercontinental Cry](#) (October 23, 2015).

- [Al Jazeera English](#) (selected among 40 2011/20):

“An oil spill in the times of covid,” co-authored w/Eduardo Kohn [Al Jazeera English](#) (July 14, 2020).

“The Failures of Latin America’s Left” [Al Jazeera English](#) (November 7, 2014).

“Conflicts Over Water Rights in Ecuador” [Al Jazeera English](#) (July 16, 2014).

“Tribal Jurisdiction with Gender Parity” [Al Jazeera English](#) (February 21, 2013).

“Rescuing the Memory of Latin America” [Al Jazeera English](#) (June 7, 2013).

“A Much Needed International Day of the Girl” [Al Jazeera English](#) (October 11, 2012).

“Women in Parliaments: Contested Geographies” [Al Jazeera English](#) (March 8, 2012).

“Stigmatizing Feminism in Latin America,” [Al Jazeera English](#) (August 4, 2011).

Public scholarship (selected)

- “De Kimsakocha al Yasuní: solo respetando las consultas se puede proteger del extractivismo al Ecuador,” [Open Democracy](#) (September 19, 2023)
- “Un censo diseñado para invisibilizar las poblaciones indígenas del Ecuador,” with Byron Villacis, [Open Democracy](#) (November 7, 2022)
- “Decriminalization with exclusion: Ecuador’s new rape abortion law,” [Sexuality Policy Watch](#) (February 2022).
- “Covid-19 e outras pandemias: extrativismo e genocídio na Abya Yala” [Revista Rosa](#) (May 2020).
- “Ecuador’s Not-So-Pink Tide: A Citizen’s Revolution Against Its Citizens,” co-author with Grace Jaramillo, [Open Democracy](#) / [Democracia Abierta](#) (September 2018).
- “Democratizar el matrimonio en Ecuador: la justicia constitucional frente a los derechos de la población LGBTI,” co-author with Catalina Mendoza Eskola, [Sexuality Policy Watch](#) (July 2018).
- “Ecuador’s Expanding Extractive Frontier,” co-author Diana Coryat, [NACLA Report on the Americas](#), Vol. 48(3): 280-283 (2016).
- “Unsafe Abortion: Another Facet of Femicide in Latin America,” Latin American Center on Sexuality and Human Rights, [CLAM](#) (October 29, 2014).
- “Cuando las protestas urbanas se unen a las luchas Indígenas,” [Revista Coyuntura](#), University of Cuenca, Vol. 15: 34-43 (2013).
- “Conversation with Carlos Pérez Guartambel: Indigenous Resistance in the Andes,” [NACLA](#) (November 18, 2013).
- “Ecuador’s Left Punishes Women Rights,” [Sexuality Policy Watch](#) (October 17, 2013).

- “Gay Pride in the Amazon,” [Americas Quarterly](#), Web Exclusive (January 11, 2012).

Honors, Grants, & Awards

- Outstanding Activist Scholar [Award](#), IPE Committee at the International Studies Association (2024)
- Faculty Fellow, Kahn Institute [Project](#) “Coping with Democratic Precarity and the Prospects for Democratic Renewal,” Smith College (2021).
- Nominated in [FemiList 100](#), a list of women from the Global South curated by The Gender Security Project (2021).
- Nominated among 20 New Public Intellectuals in the Americas by [Global Americans](#) (2018).
- Scholar Award, LGBTQA Caucus of the International Studies Association (2016).
- Human Rights Defender Grant, [Protectdefenders.eu](#) (2016).
- Fellow, Five College Program for Crossroads in the Study of the Americas (2011).
- Postdoctoral Fellow/ Junior Scholar for the Study of Democracy in Latin America, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars (2005).
- Barrett Prize for Best Dissertation on a Latin American Topic, Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Miami (2005).
- North-South Scholar, The North-South Center at the University of Miami (1999/2001).

Lectures & Conferences

Selected Invited Talks

- “Within the Law but out of reach: are the rights of nature enforceable?” Marjorie Stoneman Douglas 1912 Annual Lecture, Wellesley College (September 2024)
- “How water defenders’ resistance to extractive megaprojects transformed Ecuador,” [Consortium](#) on Gender, Security and Human Rights, University of Massachusetts Boston (September 2024)
- “Queer indigenous resurgence and the destruction of the Amazon Forest,” Keynote Lecture, Queer Geographies Conference, University of Colorado Boulder (March 2024)
- “Stateness as Landgrab,” Lecture at the [Geography Colloquium](#), UNC Chapel Hill (February 2024)
- “Estrategia nacional povos indigenas na politica sobre drogas,” Commentator at the inauguration of policy-program, Ministry of Justice and Public Security/ Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, Brazil (June 2023)
- “Climate Justice and Extractive Economic policies in Latin America and the Caribbean,” [The Watson Institute](#) (March 2023)
- “Estado de excepción y riesgo autoritario en Ecuador,” Núcleo América del Sur, Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais, Brazil (December 2021).
- “Precolonial LGBTQ+ History,” Special event for Google Pride (June 2021).
- “Indigenous and Feminist Struggles and Ecuador’s 2021 Elections,” Feminist Constellations at CLACS- NYU, with NACLA and Kichwa Hatari (April 2021).
- “Water defenders: why Indigenous peoples are at the frontlines of climate solutions,” Annual Kenneth [Roemer Lecture](#) on World Affairs, SUNY Geneseo, (April 2021).
- “Tendiendo Puentes: conversando nuestras diferencias en America Latina,” Columbia Institute of Latin American Studies & David Rockefeller for Latin American Studies at Harvard (April 2021)
- [Féminismes du Monde](#),” Forum International des Droits des Femmes (April 2021)
- “Mulheres Indigenas Desafiando a Ordem Global,” Keynote Speaker, Aula Inaugural 2020, PUC-RIO, Brazil.

- “Antiféminismes et Masculinismes,” Université d’Automne de [l’Assemblée des Femmes](#), La Rochelle (October 2019).
- [Global Futures](#) Speaker Series, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque (March 2019).
- “Estado y Futuro de las Relaciones Internacionales en America Latina,” Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá (February 2019).
- “Neo-extractivism and regional development,” Latin American Forum, University of Edinburgh (February 2019).
- “Homosexualités indigènes qui défient les récits de la modernité sexuelle,” Colloquium *Pensées Critiques du Genre*, Centre de Recherche Sociologique et Politique de Paris (May 2017).
- “Amazon Gay Prides: Sexual Modernity in Wilderness?” Innsbruck University (June 2016).
- “Courage to Think Dialogues,” Scholars at Risk Global Congress, Montreal (June 2016).
- “Mujeres Kichwas y política internacional,” Universidad Maya de Guatemala (April 2016).
- “Queering narratives of modernity,” Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin (January 2016).
- “Sexuality and the core periphery divide” Keynote address, III European Geographies of Sexualities [Conference](#), Rome (September 2015).
- “Os desafios dos estados plurinacionais na América Latina” Instituto de Economia, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (October 2014).
- “Cosmopolitan Amazons: Disentangling Modernity from the State,” [The Watson Institute](#), Brown University, USA (November 2014).
- “Brazil’s Truth Commission.” Woodrow Wilson International Center For Scholars, Washington D.C. (March 2011).
- “Feminismo Clandestino / Underground Feminisms,” Center for Latin American Studies, New York University, USA (March 2011).
- “Riesgos y oportunidades del pluralismo legal para mujeres indígenas en Ecuador.” Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia (March 2011).
- “O poder e os limites das normas internacionais de direitos humanos,” Lecture, II Seminar About Human Rights in the Alto Solimões, Atalaia do Norte, Amazonas, Brazil (December 2011).

Selected Conference Presentations

- “When Our Bodies Stand With Our Ideas: Being an Activist Scholar in indigenous Latin America,” acceptance speech for the 15th OAS Award, International Studies Association (April 2024)
- “Are Indigenous water defenders taking over electoral politics? Insights from Ecuador, Greenland, and Chile,” International Studies Association, Nashville (April 2022)
- “Resistance to extractivism in Ecuador,” International Studies Association (April 2021)
- “Indigenous Women Challenging World Politics in Ecuador,” Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona (May 2018).
- “Developing Pathways through the International Polarization of LGBTIQ Rights” International Studies Association, San Francisco (March 2018).
- “Self-determination as Anti-Extractivism,” ADLAF, Freie Universität (November 2015).
- “Amazon IR,” International Studies Association, New Orleans (February 2015).
- “LGBTQI perspectives and IR theories: just another feminist gaze?” LGBTQI Caucus Panel, International Studies Association, San Francisco (April 2013).
- “How Indigenous Justice is Dislocating Legal Sovereignty in Ecuador,” Paper presented at the International Studies Association, San Diego (March 2012).
- “Sovereignty from Within,” Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples Conference, University of California, San Diego (November 2011).

- “Is There an Indigenous Feminism in Latin America?” Latin American Studies Association, Montreal (June 2010).
- “Justice, Violence, and Commemoration.” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Tucson (May 2010).

Teaching Experience

- Amazonia in International Relations (2021/22 Amherst College).
- Climate Crisis in the Anthropocene (2014/18/20/22/23 GAIAS USFQ).
- Human Rights in Global Politics (2004 to 2007- USFQ).
- Indigenous World Politics (2016/20- Amherst College).
- Indigenous Women in World Politics (2018 to 2022 Amherst College)
- Inside-Out – Teaching in the Prison System (2017 Amherst College)
- International Organizations (2004 to 2008/22 USFQ).
- International Political Economy (2004/05/06 USFQ).
- International Relations from the Non-core (2015/22 USFQ).
- International Relations Theory – Advanced (2005/06/23- USFQ).
- Gender and Alpinism (2011 Amherst College).
- Gender & Ethnicity in Latin America (2008/09 Amherst College).
- Global Politics of Drug Trafficking (2024 Amherst College).
- Global Politics of Gender (2008/09/10 Amherst College).
- Gender & the Environment (2009/10 Amherst College).
- Political Economy of Gender in Latin America (2009/10 Amherst College).
- Political Economy of Pop Culture: Gender in Hip-Hop (2010 Amherst College).
- Sexualities in International Relations (2016 to 2024 Amherst College/ 2023 USFQ).
- States of Extraction: Nature, Women, and Politics (2017 to 24 Amherst College).

Professional Experience

- Editor, [Public Humanities](#), Cambridge University Press (2024-).
- General campaign manager for presidential candidate Yaku Pérez Guartambel, Ecuador (2021; 2023).
- Organizer, [III Encuentro de Defensores del Agua](#), January 2023, Cuenca, Ecuador .
- Co-founder of the ecofeminist political movement “Somos Agua,” Ecuador (2022).
- President of the Feminist Commission, Somos Agua, Ecuador (2022-2023).
- Contributing Editor, [Intercontinental Cry](#), a Publication of the Center for World Indigenous Studies (2015-2018).
- Opinion Contributor, [Al Jazeera English](#) (2011-2014).
- Academic Dean, Instituto Santiago de Quito – Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Riobamba, Ecuador (2006/08).
- Director, Center For Andean Freedoms, Universidad San Francisco de Quito. (2005/06)
- Co-coordinator for Participation of Civil Society Organizations, Trade Ministerial for the Free Trade Area of the Americas, Miami (2003).

Legal Human Rights Service

- Amicus Curiae: Case Agua Caliente Polochic, Guatemala (2024); Case Puerto Maderos Amazonia, Ecuador (2023); Case Kimsakocha, Azuay, Ecuador (May 2022); Case Pangua, Cotopaxi, Ecuador (March 2022); Case for new jurisdiction on prior consent (November 2021); [Case](#) for a referendum on the crime of ecocide, Constitutional Court, Ecuador (June 2021); Case of the Quijos oil spill, Coca, Ecuador (May 2020); Case of Popular Consultation, Azuay, Ecuador (September 2019); Case Rio Blanco, Cuenca, Ecuador (July 2018); Case Cofán Sinangoe, Succumbios, Ecuador (September 2018).
- Case for the [recognition](#) of Indigenous ancestral marriage at the CERD, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (CERD/C/106/D/61/2017; final opinion in favor granted in May 2022; inscribed formally November 2023).
- Case 15.030 at the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights-IACHR (petition 1145-15).
- Expert country reports in asylum claims for over 40 persons from Ecuador (since 2019), particularly indigenous, women, and LGBTQ+ peoples.
- Shadow report on racial discrimination against indigenous peoples in Ecuador, presented at the periodic examination of Ecuador for CERD, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (co-author, Geneva, August 2017).
- Shadow report on the criminalization of social mobilization in Ecuador, presented at the periodic examination of Ecuador on civil and political rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [OHCHR](#) (co-author, Geneva, June 2016).
- Witness [account](#) for Front Line Defender, European Parliament, Sub-committee on human rights (Brussels, 17 February 2016).
- Grant from [Protectdefenders.eu](#) (2016) to join the Indigenous Law Office, Guatemala.
- Feminist Commission - Somos Agua, Ecuador (2021-).

Academic Service

- Editor, [Public Humanities](#), Cambridge University Press (2024-).
- Editorial Board member: [International Politics](#) (2020-); [International Feminist Journal of Politics](#) (2022-)
- International Editorial Board, Bristol University Press book series [Gender, Sexuality and Global Politics](#) (2020-)
- Manuscript reviewer: *Antipode*; *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*; *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*; *Colombia Internacional*; *Contexto Internacional*; *Development and Change*; *Foreign Policy*; *Globalizations*; *International Feminist Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*; *Latin American Politics and Society*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Millenium*; *Recherches Féministes*; *Revista Brasileira de Ciencias Sociais*; *Social Politics*; *International Studies in Gender, State and Society*; *Review of International Studies*; Routledge; *Third World Quarterly*.
- Member of the Outstanding Activist Scholar Award Committee, International Studies Association (2024-).
- Member of the Academic Freedom Committee of the International Studies Association (2019/21).
- Member of the Latin America and Caribbean Caucus at the International Studies Association (2020/21)
- Research Associate, Bufete de los Pueblos Indígenas (Indigenous Law Office), Guatemala (2018-).
- Section Chair, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer and Allies Caucus, International Studies Association- FLACSO, Buenos Aires/Argentina (2014).

- Co-coordinator, V Queering Paradigms International Conference, Quito/Ecuador (2014).
- Research collaborator, Red de Investigadores Amazónicos (RIA), Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Sede Amazonia (2014/15).
- Research Associate, Project on the Nationalization of Natural Resources in Bolivia and Ecuador – [NEBE](#) (Netherlands, Bolivia, Ecuador) (2013/14).
- Research collaborator, Program “Observatório da Violência contra Mulheres no Alto Solimões,” *Instituto de Natureza e Cultura* - Universidade Federal do Amazonas, Benjamin Constant / AM, Brazil (2012).
- Vice-president, Ecuadorian Studies Section – XXIX Latin American Studies Association (2010/12).
- Co-chair, Five College Faculty Seminar in Afro-Luso-Brazilian Studies (2010/11).
- Program track co-chair, “Afro-Latin and Indigenous Peoples” – XXIX Latin American Studies Association (2010).

Scholarly and Human Rights Affiliations

- International Studies Association (member since 2001).
- Latin American Studies Association (member since 2007).
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (member since 2010).
- Human Rights Defender at [Front Line Defenders](#) (since 2015).
- Scholars at Risk global network (since 2015); Volunteer in SAR’s Proofreader Initiative.

Photography

- Kinsey Institute, “Pride” and “Hands On,” photographs on breastfeeding in the [Kinsey collection](#) (2002).
- Collective Exhibits: *Nature & Nurture: Exploring Human Reproduction from Pregnancy through Early Childhood*, The Kinsey Institute, IN, USA. (2010).
- *Gélido*, Quito School of Architecture & Riobamba Museo de la República, Ecuador (2006); *Women’s Sexualities: Portrayals and Perspectives*, The Kinsey Institute, IN, USA. (2003).
- Photographer for the Women, Infant and Children Program, Miami-Dade County, Florida, and ProMom Breastfeeding Association. (2002).
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