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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

George Washington University

2020-Present Assistant Professor
Anthropology Department and International Affairs

Harvard University

2023-2024 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellow

University of California, Irvine

2019-2020 Chancellor's Advance Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Gender & Sexuality Studies
Mentored by Jennifer Terry

EDUCATION

2019	Ph.D. Cultural Studies with designated emphasis in Feminist Theory & Research University of California, Davis, USA.
2010	M.A. Cultural Studies Universidad de los Andes, Colombia.
2009	B.A. History Universidad de los Andes, Colombia.

RESEARCH AND FIELD INTERESTS

Anthropology of Violence & Peace; Environmental Anthropology; Feminist Science & Technology Studies; Critical Humanitarian and Security Studies; Political Ecology; Colombia & Latin American Studies.

Explosive legacies of warfare. Practices & politics of humanitarian demining. (Post)conflict & development in Latin America and Colombia. Multispecies ethnography.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Forthcoming "Fields of Suspicion: Landmines and the Making of Peace in Rural Colombia." Duke University Press. Coming out in March 2027. [LINK](#)

Journal articles (*indicates peer-reviewed)

Forthcoming Alternativas infernales: entre campos minados, el temor de la (re)ocupación y la sospecha residual. *Revista Colombiana de Antropología*. * Coming out in January 2027.

Under review Writing with each other's hands: ethnographic co-labor and complex fieldwork [Co-authored journal article]*

2026 Grounding Specifics: Rats and Dogs in Landmine Detection. *War & Society*, June 3, 2026, 1–26. Co-authored with Darcie DeAngelo. [LINK](#)*

2025 Time and the remains of war: Retazos of morgues and minefields in Colombia. *Ethnography* 0 (0): Co-authored with Julia Morales Fontanilla. [LINK](#)*

2024 Ordinary Warfare and Militarized Landscapes. A Syllabus. *Critical Ethnic Studies Journal*. 8 (2). Fall 2023. [LINK](#)

2023 Sensory Co-laboring: Mine Detection Dogs and Handlers in Humanitarian Demining in Colombia. *Environmental Humanities* 15 (3): 30–51. [LINK](#)*

2023 Ethical Disconcertment and the Politics of Troublemaking: Land Mines, Humanitarian Demining and Ecologies of Trouble in Rural Colombia. *American Ethnologist* 50 (3): 462–73. [LINK](#)*

2023 Explosiveness: Territories of War and Technoscientific Practices in Colombia. *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. 28 (3): 239-250. Co-authored with Julia Morales Fontanilla. [LINK](#)*

2023 Response to commentaries to explosiveness: Territories of war and technoscientific practice in Colombia. *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. 28 (4): 360-361. Co-authored with Julia Morales Fontanilla. [LINK](#)

2023 "Introduction to The Domestication of War." *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 9 (1). Co-authored with Xan Chacko, Jennifer Terry, and Astrida Neimanis. [LINK](#)

- 2020 *Artefacto Explosivo Improvisado: Landmines and Rebel Expertise in Colombian Warfare. Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology and Society* 3 (1): 472–92. [LINK](#)*
- 2017 Ethics, Collaboration, and Knowledge Production: Digital Storytelling with Sexually Diverse Farmworkers in California. *Lateral* 6 (1). Co-authored with Tania Lizarazo, Elisa Ocegüera, David Tenorio, and Robert McKee Irwin. [LINK](#)*

Book Chapters

- 2023 Q de Quiebrapatas. In *Belicopedia*. Edited by Daniel Ruiz Serna and Diana Ojeda. Bogotá, Colombia. Universidad de los Andes. [LINK](#)
- 2017 The Amputated Body: Ghostly and Literal Presence. In *Territories of Conflict: Traversing Colombia through Cultural Studies*. Edited by Andrea Fanta Castro, Alejandro Herrero-Olaizola, Chloe Rutter-Jensen, New York: University of Rochester Press. [LINK](#)

Book Reviews

- In prep. Resurgency: Outlasting the War on Terror in Iraq by Kali Rubaii. *American Ethnologist*
- 2023 War as an Environment: Domesticity, Bitterness, and Multispecies Attachments to Life. *Current Anthropology* 64 (3): 352–53. [LINK](#)
- 2022 Legacies of War: Violence, Ecologies, and Kin by Kimberly Theidon. *Anthropological Quarterly* 95 (4): 497–504. [LINK](#)

Special Issues

- 2023 Co-editor (with Xan Chacko, Jennifer Terry, and Astrida Neimanis) of The Domestication of War." *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 9 (1). [LINK](#)*

Online articles and publications (editor-reviewed)

- 2023 Making Peace Possible Amidst Minefields. Hot Spots, *Fieldsights*, July. [LINK](#)
- 2022 Landscapes of Suspicion: Minefields and Cleared-Lands in Rural Colombia. Theorizing the Contemporary, *Fieldsights*, January. [LINK](#)
- 2021 *Aprender a tocar bien*. Boletina Anual # 9, Escuela de Estudios de Género, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Facultad de Ciencias Humanas. September. [LINK](#)

2020 On Landmines and Suspicion: How (not) to Walk Explosive Fields. *Environment & Planning D: Society & Space*, Forum. [LINK](#)

2020 Mine Detection Dog 'Unit': More Than Humans in the Humanitarian World." *Platypus: The CLASTAC Blog*. [LINK](#)

In Progress

In prep. Journal article: Peace Laboratories: Demining and the Experimental Politics of Postwar in Colombia.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Fellowships

2023-2024 Harvard Radcliffe Institute Fellowship for Advanced Study

2015-2016 Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship, IDRF

2015-2016 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation (Gr. 9074)

Research Grants at George Washington University

2023 ESIA Faculty Supplemental Research Awards

Major Fellowships from the University of California

2019 Residential Research Group Civil War, UCHRI

2016-2017 Provost Dissertation Year Fellowship

2012-2013 Miguel Velez Fellowship

2011-2012 Miguel Velez Fellowship

Preliminary Research, Travel, and Block Grants

2018 Hemispheric Institute on the Americas, LASA Travel Award

2018 Graduate Student Association Travel Award

2017 Graduate Student Association Travel Award

2017 Humanities and Arts Dean's Summer Fellowship Award

2017 Women's Resource and Research Center. Graduate Research Award

2016-2017 UCD & Humanities Graduate Research Award

2016 Latin American Studies Association Travel Grant

2014 Margrit Mondavi Summer Fellowship Award

2014 Social Justice Initiative Summer Fellowship

2012 Cultural Studies Summer Research Fellowship

2012 Tinker Field Research Grant

2011 Cultural Studies Graduate Group First Year Supplemental Fellowship

INSTITUTES AND WORKSHOPS

2023	Digital Project Summer Cohort, Faculty Development, GWU
2021	Colby Summer Institute in Environmental Humanities, Waterville, MA
2021	Course Design Institute, Faculty Development, GWU

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

George Washington University

2020-Present	Anthropology of Latin America, Department of Anthropology. Undergraduate course.
2020-Present	Anthropology of Environmental Politics, Department of Anthropology. Undergraduate-Graduate course. <i>"Ecologies of War"</i>
2020-Present	Anthropology of Science and Technology. Department of Anthropology. Undergraduate course.
2020-Present	Social Study of Science and Technology. Department of Anthropology. Graduate course. <i>"Experimental Practices"</i> <i>"Multispecies Ethnography: Animal Edition"</i>

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

2024	Landscapes of Suspicion: Minefields, Peace Laboratories and (Post)War in Colombia. Brandeis University, Anthropology Colloquium, Boston, MA, March 22.
2024	Containing Minefields: From Matters of Fear to Matters of Fact. Brown University, STS Colloquium, Providence, RI, February 29.
2021	<i>Retazos de la Macarena</i> . Universidad de Antioquia, <i>Seminario de investigación sobre Cultura, Violencia y Territorio</i> , Medellín, Colombia, April 17.
2019	A Troubling Proposal: Slowing Down the Humanitarian Ethical Response to Landmines. University of California, Irvine, Department of Gender and Sexualities, Irvine, November 19.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

- 2026 Accepted. The Technopolitics of Mine Detection Dogs. Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada, October 7-10.
- 2025 Peace as horizon: Beyond the binary of remedy and poison. American Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 20-22.
- 2025 Panel Ecologies of War: Anthropology's Battlefields. Society for Cultural Anthropology Biennial. Stony Point, New York, May 8-11.
- 2023 A Mine Detection Dog through War-Polluted Landscapes and Humanitarian Demining Effort. Toxic and explosive legacies. Living with war pollution across the globe; International workshop. Amsterdam, Netherlands, October 11-13. <https://www.niod.nl/en/activities/war-pollution-and-environment>
- 2022 Infernal alternatives in rural Colombia: minefields, coca fields, and gold mines. American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington, November 9-13.
- 2022 Cartographies of Mine-Contamination. Containing Suspicion in a Polygon. Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. Cholula, México, December 7-11.
- 2022 *Hechizas e improvisadas. Las minas antipersonal y la guerra en Colombia*. International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Virtual conference, May 5-10.
- 2021 Dog-Human Co-laboring: Practicing Trust in Suspicious Mined Landscapes in Colombia, American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, November 17-21.
- 2021 Explosiveness, Corporeal Sensibilities, and Forensic Expertise in the Colombian War Landscapes, Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, October 6-9.
- 2021 *Paisajes sospechosos: Los impactos afectivos de las minas improvisadas en Colombia*. International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Virtual Congress, May 26-29.
- 2020 *Retazos de la Macarena*. Tercer Coloquio Nacional de Estudios Sociales de las Ciencias y la Tecnología. Bogotá, Colombia, December 14-16.
- 2019 Residual Suspicions: Humanitarian Demining and the Fear of Reoccupation. Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, September 4-7.

SERVICE

Academic

- 2022 **Panel Co-organizer:** *The Political and Ecological (Dis)Orders of War*. American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington, November 9-13.
- 2022 **Panel Co-organizer:** *Suspicious Landscapes: the affective aftermath of war's technologies*. Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. Cholula, México, December 7-11.
- 2022 **Panel Co-organizer:** *Las materialidades de la (post)guerra en Colombia*. International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Virtual conference, May 5-10.
- 2021 **Panel Co-organizer:** *Ecological Worldings: environmental politics and more-than-human relations in/from the Global South*, American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2019 **Panel Co-organizer:** *Interrupting the Care/Violence Nexus in Times of War and Peace*, Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, September 4-7.

Institutional at GWU

- 2026, 2025, 2022 **Committee member:** Ph.D. admissions in the anthropology department
- 2025-present **Executive committee member** of the WGSS program
- 2024-present **Ph.D. dissertation committee member:** 2
- 2023 **Committee member:** ESIA 2023 Student Graduation Prizes
- 2020-present **Undergrad thesis advisor:** 3
- 2020-present **Master's Culminating Project Reader:** 1
- 2020-present **Internal examiner** Ph.D. dissertation defense: 4
- 2020-present **Dissertation defense chair:** 2
- 2020-present **Faculty member**, Health, Science, and Society concentration

Events at GWU

- 2026 **Discussant:** Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES) Annual Conference
- 2025 **Organizer:** Human rights and environmental violence in Colombia

2025 **Co-organizer:** Screening of the documentary "Suspension"
(Anthropocinema)

2024 **Organizer:** Lecture on Post-Colonialism, Law, and War in the Age of
Space Exploration

2023 **Discussant:** Book talk. Munira Khayyat's "*A Landscape of War: Ecologies
of Resistance and Survival in South Lebanon*"

2022 **Organizer:** Event on Global Anti-Blackness

2021-2022 **Organizer:** Dean's Race and Technology Talk Series seminar

International

2026-present External **Ph.D. dissertation committee member:** 1

2025-present External examiner **Ph.D. dissertation prospectus:** 1

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA), American Ethnological Society (AES),
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

LANGUAGES

English: Fluent reading, speaking, listening, and writing.
Spanish: Native fluency.