

Alexander D. Huezo

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EDUCATION

- 2017-2011 Ph.D. Global and Sociocultural Studies
Florida International University
*Contested Natures, Insecurities & Territorialities:
The Aerial Eradication of Coca in Colombia*
- 2010-2007 M.A. Latin American Studies
University of California, Los Angeles
*The Violence of Displacement:
Rural Migrants and Elements of the Supernatural in Cali, Colombia*
- 1997-1993 B.A. Political Science
University of California, Los Angeles

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2019-2018 Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Grant - California State
University San Marcos (\$1500)
- 2018 Best Dissertation Award– Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies –
Florida International University
- 2018 Faculty Center Professional Development Grant – California State University San
Marcos (\$750)
- 2017-2016 Dissertation Year Fellowship - Florida International University (\$17,000 +
tuition)
- 2015 Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship - Social Science Research
Council (\$15,100)
- 2015 Dissertation Evidence Acquisition Fellowship - Florida International University
(\$17,000 + tuition)
- 2014-2011 Presidential Fellowship - Florida International University
(\$75,000 + 3 years of tuition)
- 2012-2011 Graduate Minority Opportunity Fellowship - Florida International University
(\$2,500)

- 2010 Outstanding Thesis Award - Latin American Institute - University of California, Los Angeles (\$2,500)
- 2009 Research Grant (Colombia) - Latin American Institute - University of California, Los Angeles (\$2,500)
- 2009 Foreign Language Area Studies (Brazil) - University of California, Los Angeles (\$7,500 + tuition)
- 2009-2008 Foreign Language Area Studies (Portuguese) - University of California, Los Angeles (\$25,000 + tuition)
- 2008-2007 Graduate Opportunity Fellowship - University of California, Los Angeles (\$15,000 + tuition)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Huezo, Alexander. 2019. "Contested Natures: Coca, the War on Drugs, and Ecologies of Difference in Colombia's Afro-Pacific communities". *Journal of Political Ecology*. 26(1): 305-322.

Huezo, Alexander. 2017. "Eradication without prior consultation: the aerial fumigation of coca in the black communities of the Colombian Pacific". *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*. 42(3): 375-399.

Huezo, Alexander and Gerardo Bazán Orobio. (accepted for publication October 20, 2020). "Corrective Lenses for a Myopic State: Unseeing Coca or Not Unseeing Comunidades Negras in Colombia?". *World Development*.

Book Proposal Under Review:

Huezo, Alexander. *NecroPolitical Ecologies: Mythmaking and Environmental Justice in the Colombian Afro-Pacific*.

Book Chapter in Preparation:

Huezo, Alexander and Ulrich Oslender. "Afro-descendant Territorialities". In *Routledge Handbook for Afro Latin American Studies*.

Published Interviews:

Huezo, Alexander. 2014. "Dominican Hip-Hop in Spain" (interview with Arianna Puello). In

Roorda, Eric, Lauren Hutchinson Derby, and Raymundo González (eds). *The Dominican Republic reader: history, culture, politics*. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press: 479-482.

Huezo, Alexander. 2014. "The Queen of Merengue" (interview with Milly Quezada). In Roorda, Eric, Lauren Hutchinson Derby, and Raymundo González (eds). *The Dominican Republic reader: history, culture, politics*. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press: 483-485.

REFEREE

Journal of Borderlands Studies

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentation + Panel Organized and Chaired:

2016. "Territory is Life: The Aerial Eradication of Coca in Colombia." *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, San Francisco, CA.

Conference Presentation + Panel Co-Organized

2019. "The Legal Dimensions of the Pluriverse: Socio-environmental Justice & Restitution for Rural Ethnic Communities." *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, Washington, D.C.

Invited Presentations:

2020. "Coca, Violence and the Supernatural: Necro-politicizing the War on Drugs in Colombia." *Latin American Institute*, University of California, Los Angeles.

2019. "Why is Environmentalism so White." *Student Sustainability Collective*, University of California, San Diego.

2015. "Aspersión Aérea: Territorialidades, Inseguridades y Biodiversidad." *Departamento de Ciencia Política, La Universidad de los Andes*, Bogotá, Colombia.

Conference Presentations:

2018. "Contested Natures: Coca, the War on Drugs, and a Political Ecology of Difference in the Colombian Afro-Pacific." *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, New Orleans, LA.

2015. "Contested Natures & Insecurities: Examining the Disconnect Between Aerial Eradication Guidelines & Local Experiences in Colombia." *Desafíos para la paz*, University of Toronto.

2013. "Imperial Globality & the Geopolitics of Knowledge: Some perspective on the letter from Guapi." *Im/Mobilities & Dis/Connections*, Florida International University.

2010. "The Violence of Displacement: Rural Migrants and Elements of the Supernatural in Cali, Colombia." *Overt and Discreet Violence: Ruptures and Continuities in Latin America and the Caribbean*, Columbia University.

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-2019 Lecturer – Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, San Diego

- Contemporary Immigration Issues
- Monsters, Orphans and Robots
- US Militarism
- Slavery and the Atlantic World
- Race and Social Movements
- Immigration and Ethnicity in Modern American Society
- Environmental Racism
- Race in the Americas
- Ethnic Politics in America
- Discourse, Power, and Inequality
- Life, Death, and the Human
- The United States-Mexico Border in Comparative Perspective

2019-2017 Lecturer – Department of Liberal Studies, California State University San Marcos

- Globalization and Trade
- Environment, Development and Sustainability
- California, Nature & Society
- World Regional Geography

2018 Lecturer – Department of Geography, San Diego State University

- Environment and Development

2016-2014 Teaching Assistant –Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University

- Classical Sociological Theory
- Ethnohistorical Research Methods
- Introduction to Anthropology
- Sociology of Gender

-Urban Geography
-World Regional Geography

2010-2008 Lecturer - Department of Spanish and Portuguese,
University of California, Los Angeles

-Spanish 1,2,3

FORMAL MENTORSHIP

2021-2020 The Environmental Systems Program (ESYS) Senior Project – University
of California, San Diego

2019 - 2017 Faculty Mentor Program - California State University
San Marcos

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Present - 2015 Consultant – (for Court Case against Colombian Counter-Narcotics
Police) - Universidad del Cauca – Popayán, Colombia

2020 - 2019 Researcher – Allies to End Detention – San Diego, California

2015 Visiting Researcher – Department of Political Science, Universidad de los
Andes – Bogotá, Colombia

2015 Visiting Researcher – National Geographic Institute Agustín Codazzi –
Bogotá, Colombia

2011-2010 Editorial Assistant – *The Dominican Republic reader: history, culture,
politics* – Los Angeles, CA

2007 Archivist - The Arhoolie Foundation's Strachwitz Frontera Collection of
Mexican and Mexican American Recordings – El Cerrito, CA

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2011-2010 Spanish Instructor - Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences - Santa Monica, CA

2010-2007 College Counselor & Writing Instructor – Education Unlimited – University of California, Berkeley

2006-2002 Social Science Teacher – Far West High School - Oakland, CA

2002-2001 ESL & Social Science Teacher – Lincoln High School - San Leandro, CA

2000-1999 Counselor & Instructor – Early Academic Outreach Program – University of California, Berkeley

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Advanced, spoken and written

Portuguese: Advanced, spoken and written

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Geographers
Geógrafxs Colombianistas
Latin American Studies Association

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