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## **EDUCATION**

PhD                      **Cornell University**  
Development Sociology, August 2008

MSW                    **University of British Columbia**  
Social Work, December 2000

BSW                    **University of Washington**  
Social Work, December 1995

## **RESEARCH / TEACHING THEMES**

*Sustainable Development; Environmental Justice; Environmental Social Movements; Political Economy/Political Ecology; Grassroots Innovations and Public Policy; Food Systems Policy; Globalizations; Worldviews; Agroecology; World Social Forums; Latin American Politics; United Nations and Global Policy; Ecological Economics*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Lecturer III – University of New Mexico**  
**Sustainability Studies Program**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico (Summer 2021 – Present)

**Department Chair and Associate Professor – Marymount Manhattan College**  
Department of International Studies  
New York, New York – (Fall 2017 – Summer 2021)

**Department Chair and Assistant Professor – Marymount Manhattan College**  
Department of International Studies  
New York, New York – (Fall 2013 – Fall 2017)

**Assistant Professor – Marymount Manhattan College**  
Department of International Studies  
New York, New York – (Fall 2010 – Fall 2013)

**Adjunct Professor - Ithaca College**  
Department of Sociology  
Ithaca, New York – (Spring 2008, 2009)

**Field Instructor - Ithaca College**

Department of Sociology

Ithaca, New York/Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic - (Summer 2008)

*Field Instructor for 'Culture and Society: An International Field Experience' - Dominican Republic*

**Adjunct Professor - Bard College**

Bard College Prison Initiative

Annandale-on-Hudson, New York - (Fall 2007 - Spring 2008)

**Teaching Assistant - Cornell University**

Department of Development Sociology

Ithaca, New York - (2002, 2005)

**TEACHING AWARDS*****Outstanding Professor in the Humanities and Social Sciences (2019)***

*Student voted award*

Marymount Manhattan College

***Outstanding Professor in the Humanities and Social Sciences (2013)***

*Student voted award*

Marymount Manhattan College

***Innovative Teaching Award (2012)***

*Center for Teaching Innovation and Excellence*

Marymount Manhattan College

**INTERNSHIP SUPERVISION****Supervisor (2021 – Present)**

*Professional Immersion Internship Program*

Sustainability Studies Program and Latin American Studies, University of New Mexico

**Director (2015 - 2021)**

*Marymount Manhattan United Nations Program*

Department of International Studies, Marymount Manhattan College

**Coordinator (2010 - 2021)**

*Internship Program*

Department of International Studies, Marymount Manhattan College

**PUBLICATIONS / FILMS**

***Does The Sun Condition Revolution and Social Protest*** (under review). *Nature Humanities and Social Sciences*.

**Pathways to Sustainability (In Press)**, In (ed.) Zilli Vieira, C. *The impact of Anthropogenic Activities on the Natural Environment and Societies during the Contemporary Period*. CRC Press.

**Unreformable: Soil Struggle and Justice** – *E-Flux Journal* (Film and Interview). (2021). Available Online: <https://www.e-flux.com/video/programs/425638/unreformable/>

**Senegalese Ecovillage Movement** – *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Futures*. (2021). [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-51812-7\\_225-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-51812-7_225-1)

**Solar Revolutions** – *CICA Museum of Contemporary Art*. South Korea: (Film Exhibition). June 8 – August 18, 2021

**The Emergence of Agroecology as a Political Tool in the Brazilian Landless Movement** – *Local Environment*. 25:3 (2020). p. 205-227.

**Scaling-Up Sustainable Development Initiatives: A Comparative Case Study of Agri-Food System Innovations in New York, Senegal and Brazil** – *Sustainability*. 10 (2018). 4057

**Another Worldview is Possible: Social Movements and the Making of the New Story.** *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*. 12:2 (2018). p. 147-171.

**Soil, Struggle and Justice: Agroecology in the Brazilian Landless Movement.** *Journal for Video Ethnography*. 1:2 (2015). Available Online [videoethno.com](http://videoethno.com)

“Best Environmental Film” Mexico International Film Festival

Other representative Festivals: Festival of New Cinema (Brazil); Latin American Film Series (Cornell University); Montreal Cinefest (Canada); Nez International Film Festival (India); Kuala Lumpur Eco Film Festival (Malaysia); Milan International Film Fest (Italy); Reclaim the Fields Film Series (UK).

**Participatory Budgeting in the City: Challenging NYC's Development Model from the Grassroots.** *Interface*. 4:1 (2012). p. 316-326.

**Challenging Market Fundamentalisms: The Emergence of 'Ethics, Cosmovisions, and Spiritualities' in the World Social Forums.** In McMichael, P. (Ed.). *Reclaiming Development: Critical Struggles for Justice and Social Change*. New York: Routledge. (2010).

**Ethics, Cosmovisions and Spiritualities: Resistances and Challenges for a New World,** In Sauquet, M. (Ed.). *100 Proposals of the World Social Forum*. Paris: Charles Leopold Mayor Editions. (2006).

Also published in the following countries: Brazil (Voices), Cameroon (Tropique) Chile (QuartoPropio). Gabon (Les Editions du Silence), Guinea (Ganndal ), India (Tulika), Mali (Jamana), Morocco (Tariks), South Africa (Jacana), Tanzania (Nkuku Na Nyota), Spain (Popular), Venezuela (Laboratorio Educativo).

**Hope Will Win Over Fear: The World Social Forums.** Delhi: Magic Latern. (2004). **(Film)**

*Representative Screenings:* Persistence/Resistance Film Festival (Delhi, India), Cornell University Cinema (Ithaca, USA), World Social Forum (Brazil), Our Common Future: Film Series (University of Michigan, USA), Melbourne Social Forum (Australia), Center for Civil Society (Durban, South Africa).

**The Georgian Velvet Revolution (Sort of).** *Countercurrents*. Nov. 30, (2003). Available Online: <http://www.countercurrents.org/gr-hernandez301103.htm>.

**The Collapse in Cancun and the Transformation of the Global System.** *Znet*. Sep. 26, (2003). Available Online: <http://www.zmag.org/content/showarticle.cfm?ItemID=4204>

**Nationalism as Resistance to Economic Globalization in the Republic of Georgia.** *UNIRONDON Journal of Law*. 1:5 (2003). p. 131-151.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Agroecology as a Political Tool.** Institute for International Studies. University of New Mexico. March 2022

**Agroecology in Brazil.** Geography Awareness Week. Department of Geography and Environmental Studies.

**Agroecology in the Brazilian Landless Movement.** Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh & Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico. Online. February 2022

**Social Transformation: Vision and Action.** Comergencia Podcast #63 (Brazil). November 2021.

**Education for Peace: Is it Possible?** (Organizer and Facilitator). With Satish Kumar and Lama Padma Samten. Online. October 2021.

**Grassroots Environmental Movements and Public Policy.** 108 Hours of Peace. Porto Alegre, Brazil. January 2020.

**Public Policy: Learning from Sustainable Development Initiatives Around the World.** Viamao City Council. Viamao, Brazil. August 2019.

**Pathways to Sustainability.** Caminho do Meio Ecovillage. Viamao, Brazil. March 2019.

**Grassroots Sustainable Development.** Institute for Advanced Studies. Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul. Porto Alegre, Brazil. February 2019.

**Scaling-up Sustainable Development Initiatives: A Comparative Case Study of Agri-Food System Innovations in New York, Senegal, and Brazil.** United Nations International Conference on Sustainable Development. New York City, NY. September 2018

**Soil, Struggle and Justice.** 21<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Soil Science. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. August 2018.

**Introduction and Overview of Immigration and Refugees in Brazil.** Rumos: Perspectivos Sobre Imigracao no Seculo 21 no Brazil. UNISINOS, Porto Alegre, Brazil. May 2018 (Conference co - organizer).

**Soil, Struggle and Justice: Agroecology in the Brazilian Landless Movement.** Yale Food Symposium. New Haven. CT. September 2016.

**Agroecology and Mistica in the Brazilian Landless Movement.** Harvard Divinity School. Cambridge, MA, March 2016.

**Agroecology in the Brazilian Landless Movement.** Center for Place, Culture and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center., NYC, February 2016.

**Agroecology as a Political Tool in Brazil and Senegal.** Pitzer College. Claremont, CA. November 2015.

**The Making of Agroecology in the Brazilian Landless Movement.** Delaware Valley University. Doyleston, PA. September 2015.

**Visual Ethnography with the Brazilian Landless Movement.** University of Piaui. Picos, Piaui, Brazil. February 2015.

**Soil, Struggle and Justice: The Brazilian Landless Movement.** Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University, NY, February 2014.

**Participatory Budgeting in the City: Challenging NYC's Development Model from the Grassroots.** American Sociological Association. Denver, Colorado. August 2012.

**Territorialization of Alternative Rural Development: A Photo Elicitation Study of an Agro-Ecological Cooperative in the Brazilian Landless Movement.** Social Practices, Visual Narratives, and Relations of Power. Vicosia, Brazil. September 2011.

**A Cultural History of the Territorial Expansion of Santo Daime.** Konferenz Amazonas. Heidelberg, Germany. November 2010.

**Challenging Market and Religious Fundamentalisms.** The Polson Institute for Global Development. Ithaca, New York. November 2009.

**The Religio-Spiritual Politics of the World Social Forum.** The Polson Institute for Global Development Social Movement Working Group Workshop. Ithaca, New York. October 2007.

**Embedded Religious Subjectivity.** Cornell Latin American Studies Program Annual Conference. Ithaca, New York. March 2007.

**Ethics, Cosmovisions and Spiritualities in the Construction of Social Hopes at the World Social Forum.** Latin American Politics Series. Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul. Porto Alegre, Brazil. February 2006.

**The Digital Journal of Social and Environmental Issues.** The International Visual Studies Association. San Francisco. August 2004.

**The Mercosur Project of the Brazilian Workers Party.** The Brazilian Studies Association. Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. June 2004.

**Head in the Clouds, Feet on the Ground: Knowledge Creation and Movements.** The World Social Forum. Porto Alegre, Brazil. January 2003.

**Nationalism as Resistance to Economic Globalization in the Republic of Georgia.** The International Sociological Association. Brisbane, Australia. July 2003.

**Radical Democracy as a Social Work Vision.** International Association of Social Workers. Montpellier, France. July 2003.

**Ecosystem Collapse and Social Work: Towards an Ecologically Based Theory of Social Work.** Joint Conference of the International Association of Social Workers and the International Association of Social Work Universities. July 2000.

## **FELLOWSHIPS / GRANTS / AWARDS**

**Co-Principal Investigator** – How Parents Manage Climate Anxiety, Australian Research Council (2023)

**Faculty Leave** – Marymount Manhattan College (2020)

**Faculty Development Award** – Marymount Manhattan College (2017)

**“Best Environmental Film”** – Mexico International Film Festival (2015)

**“Award of Merit”** – Awareness Film Festival (2015)

**“Festival Mention”** - LakeCity Film Festival (2015)

**“Award of Merit”** – World Film Awards (2015)

**“Festival Mention”** – NEZ International Film Festival (2015)

**“Award of Merit”** – International Film Festival of Environment, Health and Culture (2015)

**Faculty Development Award** – Marymount Manhattan College (2015)

**Faculty Leave** – Marymount Manhattan College (2014)

**Sokol Award** – Marymount Manhattan College (2013)

**Faculty Development Award** – Marymount Manhattan College (2010, 2011, 2012)

**Polson Institute for Global Development** - Cornell University (2007)

**Provost’s Diversity Fellowship** - Cornell University (2004-2005)

**Latin American Studies Program Tinker Research Grant** - Cornell University (2003)

**Institute for Southern Development (Grant)** - University of Missouri (2003)

**Einaudi Center for International Study Research Grant** - Cornell University (2002)

**Polson Institute for Global Development Seed Grant** - Cornell University (2002)

**Center for Religion and Ethics in Policy (Grant)** - Cornell University (2002)

**Cornell University Graduate School Research Grant** - Cornell University (2002)

**State University of New York Graduate Fellowship** - Cornell University (2001-2003)

**Social Science and Humanities Small Grant** - University of British Columbia (1999)

**International Graduate Tuition Fellowship** - University of British Columbia (1998-2000)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND EXTENSION**

Organizer

**Social Entrepreneurship Trainings – United Nations Scalabrini Immigration and Migration Network**

*Organized four-week course for Directors of migrant and refugee centers in Colombia to jump start social entrepreneurship in centers and with populations served.*

Artistic Consultant

**SocioHealth Lab, University of Queensland, Australia**

*Worked with researchers to transform scholarly work into films.*

Coordinator

**Community Outreach – Sustainability Studies, University of New Mexico**

*Develop initiatives bringing together community members, organized society, governance and the university – including launch of community film series. Coordinated creation of professional immersion internship program. Connect student projects with community organizations and movements.*

Advisory Committee

**Senegalese Ecovillage Movement**

*Support Movement through development of service learning programs in Senegal with US-based cloud team.*

Steering Committee

**108 Hours of Peace**

*Annual event brings together social transformation leaders, interreligious dialogue and music and culture, over five days at the Caminho do Meio Ecovillage. The 2021, and 2022 editions were online.*

Artistic Advisor

**SocioLab – University of Queensland**

*Advised SocioLab, organization working on sociology of health, to transform academic articles into artistic pieces for journal publication.*

Director

**United Nations Program**

*This program links undergraduate students with full-time Professional Immersion internships in UN Agencies during the General Assembly. Students are supported by evening coursework taught by UN professionals. This program also brings together UN policymakers, academics and students through round tables, conferences and projects.*

Focalizer

**Caminho do Meio Ecovillage College Program**

*Developed two terms of College programs through the Caminho do Meio ecovillage in Brazil. These semester long programs consisted of meetings with global leaders in social transformation, workshops and classes.*

Organizer

**CEBBTalks**

*Developed online series through Caminho do Meio ecovillage in Brazil with engaged Buddhist leaders from every continent. Average online participation was 1500 people.*

Organizing Committee

**Tupambaë: Forum for Sustainable Life and Dignity**

*Organized regional ongoing sustainability forum and marketplace in Southern Brazil. This annual event brings together hundreds of social movements, organizations and public actors.*

Co-Organizer

**Immigrantes**

*Project linked immigrant musicians from West Africa and Haiti, with established Brazilian Musicians through student record label Sigmund. This project sought to open conversation on the meanings of immigration to Brazil in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

CityWide Steering Committee / Research Coordinator

**New York City Participatory Budgeting Initiative**

*This Committee implemented the participatory budgeting (PB) process begun in Porto Alegre, Brazil in New York City. 34 of 52 City Council Members now use PB for the development funds, and PB has become a part of City agencies such as the Department of Education.*

Steering Committee Member

**Bedford Hills Prison Program**

*This program unites five universities to offer a liberal arts degree in the Bedford Hills Maximum Security Prison for Women in New York State.*

**University of New Mexico Faculty Committees**

*Workload Policy, 4-year Sustainability Studies Degree.*

**Marymount Manhattan College Faculty Committees**

*Head Librarian Search (Co-Chair), International Studies Faculty Search (Chair), International Studies Faculty Search (Africa position – 2010 and 2011), Ecology Faculty Search, Communication Arts Faculty Search (two positions), Academic Standing, Digital Fluency Working Group, Dean's Technology Task Force, Bedford Hills Prison Program, Faculty Grants and Leaves, Barry Commoner Environmental Lecture Series, Social Science Lecture Series, Singh Lecture Series, Campus-Wide Strategic Planning Committee, International Studies Internship Coordinator.*

## **ADVISING**

### **Undergraduate Theses and Projects**

*Advised 36 Undergraduate Research Theses leading the course “Senior Thesis” over three consecutive years at Marymount Manhattan College. Advise all required capstone projects for Sustainability Studies at University of New Mexico.*

### **Graduate Theses**

Co-Advisor – Pablo Arias Benavides; Latin American Studies, University of New Mexico

Committee Member – Marsella Masias; Latin American Studies, University of New Mexico

*Member of thesis committees for five MA students in Development Studies at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa. Serve as advisor for Summa Academia Fellowship.*

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Travel Writer**

Tblisi, Georgia - (1998)

### **Case Manager/Director of Transition Program – Boulder Shelter for the Homeless**

Boulder, Colorado – (1997-1998)

### **Case Manager - Boulder Day Resource Center for the Homeless**

Boulder, Colorado - (1996-1997)

### **Musician – Seattle, Washington (1990 -1994)**