

MARA DICENTA

Curriculum Vitae

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Anthropologist of science, technology, and multispecies relations

Research Areas: Feminist & Postcolonial STS; Environmental Anthropology; Latin American Studies

EDUCATION

PhD, Science & Technology Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2020

Dissertation: Beavers, Settlers, and Scientists: Entanglements of Environmental Science and (In)Justice in Austral Patagonia (1940s-2020s).

MS, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 2015

Thesis: 'No Matter the Weight': Experts, Caregivers, and Children in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Childhood Obesity in a Dutch Day Clinic.

MS, Sexology: Education and Sexual Counseling. University of Alcalá, 2015

MS, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Complutense University of Madrid, 2013

BA, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Complutense University of Madrid, 2013

BA Social Work, National University of Distance Education, 2010

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Anthropology & Integrative Conservation, William & Mary. 2021-pres.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. 2020 (Canceled/COVID hiring freezes).

AFFILIATE APPOINTMENTS

Environment & Sustainability Program, William & Mary.

Native Studies, William & Mary.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded

2026 Open Inquiry Award, College of Arts & Sciences, W&M.

2026 Faculty Innovation Grant. Funds to invite guest speakers. W&M.

2025 Reves Faculty International Conference Travel Grant, W&M.

2025 ENSP Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship. Proposal: Multispecies Politics, W&M — Co-Lead Faculty Mentor (competitive internal selection; with Brad Weiss).

- 2025 Faculty Innovation Grant. Funds to invite guest speakers. William & Mary.
- 2024 Faculty Research Grant, William & Mary.
- 2024 Faculty Innovation Grant. Funds to invite guest speakers. William & Mary.
- 2023 PIDUNTF Grant collaborator: Memorias, imaginación y monumentos, una aproximación etnográfica a la topología legendaria de Tierra del Fuego Argentina.
- 2023 Humane Society of the United States Summer Fellowship, Shin Pond, Maine.
- 2023 Summer Research Award. William & Mary.
- 2023 Faculty Success Program Grant (NCFDD), William & Mary.
- 2023 Faculty Innovation Grant. Funds to invite guest speakers. William & Mary.
- 2022 Grant Get It Published: Program for Women Scholarly Book Authors, W&M
- 2022 Faculty Innovation Grant. (Guest Speaker Support), William & Mary.
- 2022 Summer Research Award. William & Mary.
- 2019 NSF International Travel Award Grant – Society for the History of Technology
- 2018-20 Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences Fellowship, RPI.
- 2015-17 La Caixa Fellowship Program for Postgraduate Studies in North America.
- 2014-15 VU University Amsterdam Fellowship Program for Excellent Students.
- 2011-13 Academic Achievement Scholarship, Complutense University of Madrid.\

HONORS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 2022 Marcel Roche Award (Honorable Mention), Latin Am. Society for Social Studies of Science (ESOCITE)
- 2022 Dissertation Award, Southern Cone Section, Latin Am. Studies Association (LASA)
- 2019 EDITH Award for Exploring Diversity in Technology's History, Society for the History of Technology (SHOT).
- 2019 ENVIROTECH Award, Society for the History of Technology (SHOT).
- 2019 Graduate Research Excellence Award, VI Summer School of Science & Technology Studies, Latin American Society for Social Studies of Science (ESOCITE)
- 2013 Undergraduate Excellence Award (Valedictorian), Complutense University of Madrid.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Dicenta, Mara. *Wounded Knowledges: Ecologies of Eradication and Repair in Southern Patagonia.* (Book manuscript in preparation).

Edited Volumes & Special Issues

Dicenta, Mara, Daphné Esquivel-Sada, Columba González-Duarte, Nathalia Hernández Vidal, Alberto E. Morales: “Techno-Environmental Racialization,” *Science, Technology, & Human Values* (in progress).

Guest co-editor (competitively selected); coordinated review of ~50 submissions and development of 14 accepted articles

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2025 **Dicenta, Mara.** “Haunting as Anti-Method: Ecological Rage in the Wake of Organized Disappearance,” *Anthropological Theory*.

2024 **Dicenta, Mara.** “The Promise of Interspecies Desegregation: Allying with Capybaras against gated communities in Buenos Aires' Wetlands.” *Environment and Planning F: Philosophy, Theory, Models, Methods and Practice*.

2023 **Dicenta, Mara** and A. Cecilia Gerrard. “Ecotourism, Infrastructures, and the Drama of Sovereignty in a Border Island.” *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, 28: 298–309.

Contribution: Co-designed study; conducted ethnographic research and analysis; led writing and manuscript preparation.

2023 **Dicenta, Mara.** “White Animals: Racializing Sheep and Beavers in the Argentinian Tierra del Fuego.” *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*, 18:2, 308-329.

2022 **Dicenta, Mara.** “Coproducir (en) Diferencia: Éticas de Colaboración entre Científicos, Cazadores, y Especies Invasoras.” *Redes: Revista de Estudios Sociales de la Ciencia y la Tecnología*, 28:54, 1-41.

2021 **Dicenta, Mara** and Gonzalo Correa. “Worlding the End: Edging Extinction in the Castorcene.” *Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology and Society*, 4:1, 1-17.

Contribution: First author; led ethnographic research, analysis, and writing.

2020 Archibald, Jessica L., Christopher B. Anderson, **Mara Dicenta**, et al. “The Relevance of Social Imaginaries to Understand and Manage Biological Invasions in Southern Patagonia.” *Biological Invasions* 22(11): 3307-3323.

Contribution: Developed theoretical framework and historical analysis; contributed to interdisciplinary interpretation.

2017 **Dicenta, Mara.** “Bioseguridad y la Constitución de Nuevos Sujetos Políticos más allá de lo Humano,” *Anuario de Antropología Iberoamericana*, <https://aries.aibr.org/autores/661/articulos>

Book Chapters

2024 **Dicenta, Mara.** “La política animal en los estudios CTS a través del proyecto tecno socio ambiental de los castores en Tierra del Fuego.” In *Ciencia, Tecnología y Sociedad en América Latina. La Mirada de las Nuevas Generaciones*, ed. by Fernando Herrera, Antonio Franco, Ronald Cancino, Luciano Levin, 19-42. Quito: Escuela Politécnica Nacional.

- 2023 Anderson, Christopher, **Mara Dicenta**, and Jessica L. Archibald. "How changing imaginaries of nature and tourism shape national protected area creation in Argentine Patagonia." In *Tourism and Conservation-based Development in the Periphery - Lessons from Patagonia for a Rapidly Changing World*, ed. by Trace Gale, Andrea Ednie, and Keith Bosak, 71-97. Springer.

Contribution: Conducted archival and ethnographic research; led historical analysis; co-authored and edited manuscript.

- 2021 Anderson, Christopher, Cristóbal Pizarro, Alejandro Valenzuela, Natalia Ader, Sebastián Ballari, José Cabello, Valeria Car, **Mara Dicenta**, et al. "Reconceiving the Biological Invasion of North American Beavers (*Castor Canadensis*) in Southern Patagonia as a Socio-Ecological Problem: Implications and Opportunities for Research and Management." In *Biological Invasions in the South American Anthropocene*, ed. by Fabián Jaksic and Sergio Castro, 231–53. Cham: Springer.

Contribution: Conducted interviews and analysis on interdisciplinary collaboration; authored section and contributed to manuscript revision.

Public & Applied Scholarship

Public-Facing Articles (editor-reviewed)

- 2025 **Dicenta, Mara**, Micah Dill, Elena McCullough. "Losing Touch with Herring in the Rappahannock River," *Edge Effects*.
<https://edgeeffects.net/human-herring-relations/>
(co-authored with undergraduate students)
- 2024 Rico Rodríguez, Tyanif, Adriana Ressiore, Jéssica M. Coyotecatl Contreras, Alberto E. Morales, Columba González-Duarte, **Mara Dicenta**. "Un/repairing Through More-than-human Care in Latin America: Conversatorio," *Engagement: The online journal of the Anthropology and Environment Society*.
<https://aesengagement.wordpress.com/2024/08/29/un-repairing-through-more-than-human-care-in-latin-america-conversatorio/>
- 2023 **Dicenta, Mara**. "The Violence of Gated Communities in Buenos Aires Wetlands," *Edge Effects*.
<https://edgeeffects.net/buenos-aires-wetlands/>
- 2020 **Dicenta, Mara**. "The Beavercene: Eradication and Settler-Colonialism in Tierra del Fuego," *Environment & Society, Arcadia*, Spring 2020:1
<http://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/8973>
- 2019 **Dicenta, Mara**. "The Green Tide as a Boundary Object: Beyond the Curse of the Left." *Somatosphere*.
<http://somatosphere.net/2019/the-abortion-green-scarf-as-a-boundary-object-beyond-the-curse-of-the-left.html/>

Digital & Community-Engaged Scholarship

- 2025 **Website:** “Oral Histories and Digital Archive on Herring and Fishing Communities in Virginia.” <https://sites.google.com/view/herringstories> (with undergraduate research team).
- 2025– **Podcast Series:** “Conservation Ethics Podcast Series.” <https://soundcloud.com/afternatures/sets/conservation-ethics-podcast> (Faculty Lead & Editor, with student producers).
- 2025 **Magazine Article:** “Restoring Herring: Learning from Oral Histories on the Rappahannock.” *Essex County Conservation Alliance (ECCA) Magazine*. (co-authored with undergraduate students).
- 2022 **StoryMap:** “River Herring in Virginia,” <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/6fb8447871bb473880a5b0bbb10ef6b6> (with undergraduate student & Smithsonian Environmental Research Center).
- 2018– **Website:** “AfterNatures.” Public scholarship and student publication platform: <https://afternatures.com>

Technical Reports (selected)

- 2025 Fisher, Lindsay; Kylee Ledford, Camille Andrews, Mara Dicenta, Mangaliso “Kenny” Jafta. Report: “Land as Oppression and Opportunity: An Oral History Approach to Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development in Mbhashe, South Africa.” Institute for Integrative Conservation & Battle of Lurwayizo Development (BOLD), Eastern Cape, South Africa. (Faculty & staff lead; with student team and partners)
- 2025 Ledford, Kylee; Lindsay Fisher, Camille Andrews, Mara Dicenta. Report: “Oral Histories for Healing and Heritage: Reconstructing Health and Cultural Knowledge in Mbhashe through Veteran and Community Narratives.” Institute for Integrative Conservation (William & Mary) & Battle of Lurwayizo Development (BOLD), Eastern Cape, South Africa. (Faculty & staff lead; with student research team and partners)
- 2024 Boyd, Corinne, Jana Smith-Perry, Ketito (Cynthia) Kileken, Mara Dicenta, Erica Garrouette, Hellen Kayiaa, Pheona Meneto. Report: “Exploring Maasai Women’s Perspectives on Equitable and Effective Women Ranger Programs in Kenya.” Institute for Integrative Conservation & South Rift Association of Land Owners, Kenya. (Faculty & staff lead; with student research team and community partners)
- 2022 Shrimali, Malvika, Mara Dicenta. Report: “Local Ecological Knowledge as an Avenue for River Herring Restoration in the Rappahannock River.” Institute for Integrative Conservation & Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. (Faculty lead; with student research team).

Book Reviews

- 2024 **Dicenta, Mara.** “Reseña de Blair, James J.A. *Salvaging Empire: Sovereignty, Natural Resources, and Environmental Science in the South Atlantic*. Ithaca y Londres: Cornell University Press, 2023. 296 pp.” *A Contracorriente: Una Revista De Estudios Latinoamericanos*, 21(3), 318–328.

- 2020 **Dicenta, Mara.** “Can ‘Southernized’ Science have Authority?,” *Science as Culture*, 29(4), 621-624.

Translations

- 2019 Campbell, Nancy D. “La criminalización de las mujeres embarazadas que consumen drogas.” Original title: *The Construction of Pregnant Drug-Using Women as Criminal Perpetrators*. Translated by **Mara Dicenta**. *Zona Franca* 27: 320-341.

INVITED TALKS & DISCUSSIONS

- 2025 “H(a)unting Technologies: Invasive Species, Humane Killing, and the Temporal Politics of Refusal,” ENSP Seminar, W&M
- 2025 “Interspecies Desegregation: On Racial Capitalism, Real Estate Extractivism & Multispecies Resistance,” Sustaina-bite seminar, Office of Sustainability, W&M
- 2025 “Raza, Naturaleza, y Justicia Multispecies.” Guest talk, Dept. Environmental Sciences, Universidad Nacional de Tierra del Fuego, Ushuaia. Virtual.
- 2025 “Pescar para vivir o vivir para pescar. Una aproximación a la actividad pesquera desde el análisis del sentido común, talk by Eduardo Puc Vazquez.” Discussant. Seminario Permanente Tecnociencia, Ambiente, y Sociedad, UNAM Mérida, México. Virtual.
- 2024 “Thinking with beavers: race, science, & the environment.” Guest speaker, “Sociology of Sciences and Technologies,” Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada, Virtual.
- 2024 “Interspecies Desegregation: Multispecies Alliances & Gated Communities in Buenos Aires.” Guest speaker, “Deep Futures,” Anthropology Dept., NCSR, NY. Virtual.
- 2024 “Etnografía y Justicia Multispecies.” Guest talk, Dept. Environmental Sciences, Universidad Nacional de Tierra del Fuego, Ushuaia. In person.
- 2024 “Wounded Knowledges, Eradication and Multispecies Reparation in Southern Patagonia.” Guest speaker, Sociology Dept., University of Oregon, Eugene. In person.
- 2024 “Multispecies Justice and Planetary Health in Conservation.” Guest speaker in the course “Migrations & Planetary Health,” Anthropology Dept., NCSR, NY. Online.
- 2023 “Wounded Knowledges: Eradication and Multispecies Reparation in Southern Patagonia,” Anthropology Brown Bag, W&M.
- 2023 “White Animals: Racializing Sheep and Beavers in the Argentinian Tierra del Fuego,” guest speaker, “Political Animals,” University of Southern California, CA.
- 2022 “White Exceptionalism, Indigeneity, Nature, and the Nation in Argentina,” course “Modern Latin American & Caribbean History,” William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.
- 2022 “Conservation after not-only-human settler colonialism,” STS Seminar, Virginia Tech.
- 2021 “Decolonizing Science, Justice, and Environment,” Anthropology Brown Bag W&M.
- 2020 “Raza, especies, naturaleza. Articulaciones desde la Ciencia y la Historia en Tierra del Fuego,” Seminario Socio-Eco. Centro Austral de Investigaciones Científicas, Ushuaia.

- 2020 “Un Antropoceno Fuegoino: Sobre los Castores, la Extinción, y la Violencia del Futuro.” Hacer Antropología en la era del Antropoceno. Seminario de Antropología de la Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires.
- 2020 “Tracing the Ghost of Race with Scientific Cartographies.” Seminar of the STS Institute. University of Maimonides, Argentina.
- 2020 “The Racial Politics of Science.” Knowledge in Action Webinar Series. STSGlobal Consortium, USA, <https://youtu.be/xByovHCrWVQ>.
- 2019 “Un-settling Natures in Tierra del Fuego.” Engineering the Anthropocene Colloquium, Department of Science & Technology Studies, Rensselaer, Troy, NY.
- 2019 “More-than-human Cartographies.” Institute of Geography, Univ. of Buenos Aires.
- 2019 “Knowledge Production in the Anthropocene, Science or Politics?” Public Seminar at the Austral Center for Scientific Research, Tierra del Fuego.
- 2018 “Science, Nature, and Coloniality in the End of the World.” Austral Center for Scientific Research, Department of Socio-Ecology, Ushuaia, Argentina.
- 2017 “Disavowed Necropolitics.” Spanish National Research Council. Research Talk in the Department of Science, Technology, and Society, Madrid, Spain.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

- 2024 “Multispecies Temporalities and Technoenvironmental Racialization in Latin America.” EASST/4S, Amsterdam, July 16-19.
- 2023 “Whitening with More than Human Life: Anthropomorphizing and Racializing Flora and Fauna.” Am.Society for Environm. History, Boston, March 22-25.
- 2022 “More-than-human whiteness,” Chair and organizer, meeting of ESOCITE and Society for Social Studies of Science, Cholula, Mexico, Dec. 7-11.
- 2022 “Cultivating partnerships between Virginia's tribal communities and William & Mary for shared educational and environmental goals,” Virginia Tribal Education Consortium, Nov. 5.
- 2022 “Procesos de colonización en Latinoamérica: apropiaciones, opresiones y conflictos, siglos XVII-XX,” Chair and organizer, ann. meeting Latin American Studies Association, virtual, May 5 – 8.
- 2021 “STS from the Wounds,” Society for Social Studies of Science, virtual, Oct. 6 – 9.
- 2019 “Engineering Modernity-Coloniality,” Soc for the Hist of Tech, Milan, Oct. 24 – 27.
- 2019 “Inhabiting Borderlands,” Am Assoc of Geographers, Washington DC, April 3 – 7.
- 2019 “Situated Natures and Politics of Knowing,” Am Assoc. of Geographers, Washington DC, April 3 – 7.
- 2018 “Interdisciplinary Research Roundtable. Re-conceptualizing Environmental Problems from a Socio-ecological Perspective,” Tierra del Fuego Nat Univ, Ushuaia, Nov. 23.

- 2017 “Necropolitics,” Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, Aug. 30 – Sept. 2.
- 2017 “Necropolitics,” Environmental Humanities and the New Materialism Network, Paris, June 7 – 9.

Conference Papers & Discussant Roles

- 2025 “Ghosts: Hauntings, Trauma, and the Anthropological Encounter” – Roundtable, AAA New Orleans, Nov. 19-22
- 2025 “Ghosts of the *Castorene*: Spectral Care in Forests of Ruination and Organized Disappearance,” presenter, AAA New Orleans, Nov. 19-22
- 2025 “Haunting Root and Branch: Future Memory, Colonial Specters, And Imperial Ghosts Among Ethnographers in Plant Studies,” Discussant, AAA New Orleans, Nov. 19-22
- 2025 “Sex, Place, and Nature 1: Author’s Roundtable: Dr. Melina Packer’s “Toxic Sexual Politics,” roundtable, 4S Seattle, Sept. 6
- 2025 “Methods Otherwise.” Panel Session Discussant, 4S Seattle, Sept 4
- 2025 “Techno-Environmental Racialization,” Roundtable, 4S Seattle, Sept 3
- 2025 “Tecnologías capturantes: trampas animales, muerte humanitaria y rechazos cronopolíticos,” VII Encuentro CTS Ecuador, hybrid, July 16-17.
- 2025 “Allying with Capybaras against Gated Communities,” Just GLOBE Conference, University of Helsinki, virtual, May 7.
- 2024 “Laboratory death: More-than-human temporalities of abandonment, care, and persecution.” EASST/4S, Amsterdam, July 16.
- 2024 “Conocimientos Perseguidos: La construcción de justificaciones científicas en un proyecto de erradicación animal.” Antropól. Iberoam en Red (AIBR), Madrid, July 12
- 2024 “Un/repairing Through Care,” American Ethnological Society, Pittsburgh, Apr. 4-6
- 2023 “H(a)unting Knowledges,” Soc. for the Social Studies of Science, Honolulu. Nov. 2023
- 2023 “Beavers in Patagonia. How North American Species helped engineer whiteness in Tierra del Fuego.” American Society for Environmental History, Boston, March 22-25
- 2022 “White Animals, Racializing Sheep and Beavers in the Argentinian Tierra del Fuego,” ESOCITE and Society for Social Studies of Science, Cholula, Mexico, Dec. 7-11.
- 2022 “Rewilding as interspecies desegregation: Allying with Capybaras against Gated Communities in Buenos Aires,” Am Anthropological Association, Seattle, Nov. 9-13.
- 2022 “White Animals, Racializing Sheep and Beavers in the Argentinian Tierra del Fuego,” annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, virtual, May 5 – 8.
- 2022 “What is repair in conservation, and what pasts are to be repaired?” STS Across the Commonwealth conference, Charlottesville, April 29 – 29.
- 2021 “Reparation after not-only-human settler colonialism,” annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, Nov. 17 – 21.

- 2021 “Binational Conservation in Tierra del Fuego: Diplomacy and Repair at the Expense of Whom?” Anthropology and Conservation virtual conference, Royal Anthropological Institute, Oct. 25-29.
- 2021 “Reparation in worlds after not-only-human settler colonialism,” annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, virtual, Oct. 6 – 9.
- 2021 “Pluricentric Science in Conservation,” Hist. of Sci, Tech & Med. in LatAmerica working group, May 27.
- 2020 “Science, Nature, and More-than-human Settler Colonialism in Tierra del Fuego,” Environmental History Workshop, Sept. 7 – 8.
- 2019 “Social Justice in More-than-human Postindustrial Landscapes,” Envirotech Workshop, Milan, Oct. 27.
- 2019 “Living and Dying in the Beaverscene: Science and Coloniality in Tierra del Fuego,” annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology, Milan, Oct. 24 – 27.
- 2019 “Sur o no Sur: Making Science and Colonialism in ‘The End of the World,’” annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, New Orleans, Sept. 4 – 7.
- 2019 “Naturalezas Alter-Nativas,” Escuela de Verano ESOCITE, Quito, Aug. 14 – 17.
- 2018 “Understanding the politics of environmental problems like the beavers,” Tierra del Fuego National University, Ushuaia, Nov. 23.
- 2018 “Landscapes of Invasion, Extinction, and Abandonment in Austral Patagonia.” annual meeting of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences, Buenos Aires, Nov. 19 – 23.
- 2018 “Failures, Successes, and Disavowals in the Modernization of *The End of the World*: The Case of the Beavers,” annual meeting of the Latin American Conference of Social Studies of Science and Technology, Santiago de Chile, July 18 – 20.
- 2017 “Bleaching Cells: Locations of (White) Disavowal in Biotech Research,” annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, Aug. 30 – Sept. 2.
- 2017 “Necropolitical Interventions,” annual meeting of the New Materialism Network and the Environmental Humanities, Paris, June 7 – 9.
- 2017 “From Witch Hunting to Beaver Eradication. Thinking Conservation, Colonialism, and Biodiversity with Beavers and Dams.” XII International Workshop of Science, Technology, and Gender. Spanish National Research Council. Madrid, June 21-23
- 2017 “Non-human Biopolitics and Biosecurity Interventions,” Graduate annual meeting of the Northeast Science and Technology Studies Network, Toronto, April 21 – 23.
- 2017 “Dying More/less than Human,” Humanities Grad Student Assoc, Toronto, Feb. 17 – 18.
- 2016 “Biosecurity and the Constitution of New Political Subjects Beyond the Human,” annual meeting of the Iberoamerican Anthropology Network, Barcelona, Sept. 6 – 9.

- 2016 “Biorisk Interventions, Epidemics, and Creative Onto-ecologies,” annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science and the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology, Barcelona, Aug. 31 – Sept. 3.

WORKSHOPS

- 2025 Anthropology & Environment Junior Scholar Writing Workshop,” AAA, 2025
- 2024 “Summer Institute in Environmental Humanities,” Colby College, Waterville, ME. July 28 – Aug 4.
- 2023 “Co-Laboratorio de Pensamiento.” Spring & Fall Semester.
- 2023 “Río de la Plata Workshop 2023.” Omohundro Institute, Williamsburg, VA Mar. 10.
- 2023 “Patawomeck Eel Pot Workshop.” Patawomeck Indian Tribe. Irvington, Feb. 24 – 26
- 2023 “Faculty Success Program.” Nat Center for Faculty Dev. & Diversity, Spring Semester.
- 2022 “Anthropology & the Environment Junior Scholar Writing Workshop.” AAA Seattle, Nov. 11.
- 2022 “Get It Published: Group Program for Women Scholarly Book Authors.” Virtual, Jun. 6 – Aug. 16.
- 2020 “Anthropology & the Environment Junior Scholar Writing Workshop.” AAA, Virtual, Nov. 6.
- 2020 “Animal Borderlands.” British Animal Studies Network, virtual. Discussant of Keynote Speaker Marcus Coates. Sept. 18 – Oct. 2.
- 2019 “Envirotech SIG Workshop,” Envirotech Network, Milan, Oct. 27.
- 2019 “VI Graduate School for the Social and Political Studies of Science and Technology.” FLACSO – ESOCITE, Quito Aug. 14 – 17.
- 2019 “Preparatory Workshop for the first Chile-Argentina bilateral scientific campaign in the Beagle Canal,” CADIC. Ushuaia. Jul. 1 – 2.
- 2019 “I Nat. Meeting for Managing Invasive Exotic Species.” Buenos Aires, Apr. 9 – 11.
- 2019 “Biodiversity Conservation. Experiences & Challenges in Magallanes,” Punta Arenas, Chile, Mar. 21.
- 2018 “III Binational Scientific and Academic Seminar for Exchanging Experiences around environmental conservation in Tierra del Fuego and the Beagle Canal.” CADIC – UNTDF. Ushuaia, Oct. 4 – 5.
- 2017 “The Anthropocene Campus.” Drexel University Philadelphia. Oct. 22 – 26
- 2014 “STS: Knowledge and Participation.” Spanish National Research Council. Feb. – June.

COURSES TAUGHT

Dept. of Anthropology & Institute for Integrative Conservation, William & Mary
Multispecies Politics (UG)

Ethnographic Methods (Grad/UG)	Spring 2023, 24, 25, 26
Environmental Voices from the Margins (UG)	Spring 2023
Environmental Anthropology (Grad/UG)	Spring 2022, Fall 2022, 23
Indigenous Knowledges in Conservation (UG)	Spring 2022, 23, 24, 25, 26
The Plantationocene Campus (UG)	Spring 2022
Conservation Ethics (UG)	Fall 2021, 22, 23, 25
Spring 2025	

Visiting Professor, Dept. of Social Psychology, University of La República, Uruguay

Biopolitics, Necropolitics, and Multispecies Epistemologies (Grad), Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant, Dept. of STS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Environment and Society	Spring 2018
Introduction to STS (Instructor)	Fall 2017
Race in Culture	Spring 2017
Gender in Culture	Fall 2016

STUDENT MENTORSHIP & RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Mentor 8+ undergraduate and graduate students annually across lab, thesis, and applied research. Recognized with course release (2025) for sustained mentorship of 6+ students annually through IIC programs.

Postdoctoral & Graduate Mentorship

- 2025- Postdoctoral Co-Advisor, Dr. Emma Pask, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, “Multispecies Politics.”
- 2023 - Dissertation Co-Chair. Caroline Watson. “Disaster in Ponce: a contemporary archaeological approach to the embodied phenomenon(s) of coloniality and climate change in Puerto Rico.”
- 2025 MA Thesis Committee Member. Dolly Lebow, “The Tug Is My Drug”: Blue Catfish, Care, and Power.”
- 2022 MA Thesis Committee Member. Mary Lawrence Young, “Sustaining the Shell Middens: A Coastal Vulnerability Assessment of Shell Midden Sites within the Nansmond River Tributary.”

Undergraduate Theses Supervision

- 2025– Simon Levine, Honors Thesis Chair. “Curation, Commemoration, and Conversation: Negotiating the 250th Anniversary of American Independence on Instagram.”
- 2024 Julia Wack, Committee Member
- 2024 Dolly Lebow, Committee Member
- 2024 Nick Ayoub, Committee Member
- 2024 Erin Cearlock, Committee Member

- 2017 Allison Mrugal, Co-Chair (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
 “The Silent Prisons Project”
- 2017 Asia Gauler, Co-Chair (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
 “Gender and Women in STEM careers”

Multispecies Care Lab (MCARE) - Director

Student-centered, theory-driven research mentoring; projects contribute to ongoing faculty research agenda, training students in STS/ethnography, IRB approved.

- 2026 Strengthening Indigenous Capacity in Artisan and Sustainable Economies in the Argentine Chaco (Julia Peavey & Harrison Greenberg). Faculty-led collaborative project, including 5-weeks travel.
 Partners: Myriam Perret (IIGHI-CONICET), Cecilia Quevedo (UNC-CONICET), and Escuela Cacique Francisco Supaz del Paraje del Sapo, Misión Nueva Pompeya.
- 2025-2026 Humanizing Violence: How the United States, Argentina, and Australia Construct 'Humane Treatment' in Animal Welfare Law (Ella White)
 Laboratory Lives: The Everyday Experiences of Lab Personnel Rats and Mice (Charlie Goodman)
 A Never-Empty Nest: Human-animal (un)bonds formed through Home-based Wildlife Rehabilitation in Richmond, Virginia (Ryleigh Scott)
- 2025 Service Beneath the Surface: Care, Retirement, and Veteranhood in the U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program (Julia Peavey)
 Cultured Care: Structures of Feeling between Scientists and Bacteria (Elena McCullough & George Piccininni)
- 2022-25 Integrating Traditional and Ecological Knowledge to Restore River Herring in Virginia (Elena McCullough, Luke Sahli, Micah Dill, Emily Johnson, Malvika Shrimali, Dolly Lebow).
 Partners: Henry Leggett & Matthew Ogburn, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.

Student Mentorship Through IIC Applied Research Programs

12-month projects, summer intensive, partner-based conservation projects involving sustained faculty mentorship, student supervision, and partner coordination; program administered by IIC

- 2025- One Health Approach to Community Health, Development, Conservation, and Environmental Justice in Mbhashe, South Africa (Lindsay Fisher, Kylee Ledford, Lelia Cotton-Rack, Jolie Le Sueur)
 Led by Camille Andrews
 Partner: Battle of Lurwayizo Development (BOLD), Eastern Cape, South Africa
- 2025 Understanding and Advancing Improvements to Nighttime Lighting for the Benefit of Birds, Other Wildlife, and People. Fall & Summer (Athena Lee).

- Led by John Swaddle
Partner: Jo Anna Lutmerding (US Fish and Wildlife Service)
- 2024 Exploring Maasai Women's Perspectives on Developing Equitable and Effective Women Ranger Programs in Kenya (Corinne Boyd & Jana Smith-Perry)
Partner: South Rift Association of Landowners, Kenya
- 2023 Rewilding Patagonia: Analysis of Funding, Stakeholders, and Environmental Values for Inclusive and Just Conservation Practices (Manvi Nair, W&M and Melissa Villalba, ICSE-UNTDF)
Partner: Cecilia Gerrard, UNTDF-CONICET, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina
- 2023 Collaborating with the Nansemond Community to Explore Historical Oyster Populations and Sustainable Oyster Practices (Alayna Knapp)
Led by Martin Gallivan and Jessi Jenkins
Partner: Nansemond Indian Nation, VA
- 2022 Designing Protocols and Participatory Methods for Inclusive and Just Conservation in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Spring semester (Angie Tellez-Sandoval)
Partner: Cecilia Gerrard, UNTDF-CONICET
- 2022 A framework for the Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture to reach historically underserved producers in the Texas and Oklahoma Grassland (Natalie Spage)
Led by Rob Rose
Partner: The Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture and the American Bird Conservancy

SERVICE

Service to Profession

Editorial Service

2020– AVÁ. Revista de Antropología, Argentina. (Since 2020)

Manuscript Reviewer

Peer reviewer for leading journals, about 8 reviews per year.

- 2026 Conservation Biology; American Ethnologist
- 2025 Science, Technology, & Human Values (x2); Cultural Anthropology; Postcolonial Studies; Critique of Anthropology (x2); Ocean and Society
- 2024 Science, Technology, & Human Values (x2); Cultural Anthropology; Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies; Runa; VA Engage Journal
- 2023 Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology; Ecosphere; Ciencia, Docencia, y Tecnología; Science, Technology, & Human Values

- 2022 Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies; Environment & Society Portal (x2); Science as Culture
- 2021 Science, Technology, & Human Values; Science as Culture; Green Letters
- 2020 Environment & Society Portal

Grants/Awards Reviewer

- 2024 Marcel Roché Awards, Latin Am Assoc of Soc Studies of Science and Technology.
- 2021 NSF Proposal Review, Science and Technology Studies Program.

Conference Organizing

- 2012 Organizer, First annual meeting of the Institute of Anthropology of Madrid.

Professional Affiliations

- 2016 – Society for the Social Studies of Science
- 2017 – American Anthropology Association
- 2018 – Latin American Society for the Social Studies of Science and Technology

W&M University Service

University

- 2024 Michael R. Halleran Dissertation Completion Fellowships, Committee Member
- 2022 Distinguished Dissertation Awards Committee, Member
- 2022 Charles Center Poster Session, Chemistry Chaperone

Department of Anthropology

- 2026 Ad hoc Grad Curriculum Committee, Member
- 2025 Chair, Search Committee: ENSP/ANTH Mellon Postdoc in Multispecies Politics (review of ~50 applications; coordinated interviews and final selection)
- 2023 – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member
- 2022 – 23 Search Committee Member: Tenure Track hire in Native Studies / Anthropology
- 2021 – 22 Graduate Committee Member

Institute for Integrative Conservation

- 2025 – Research Committee Member
- 2021 – Curriculum Committee Member
- 2023-24 DEIJ Committee Member
- 2021-22 Speaker Series Committee Member
- 2021-22 Conservation Research Program Committee Member

Major Advising

- Ryleigh Scott (ENSP, 2027)

Katherine C. Ingle (Anthropology & Conservation, 2027)

Bethany Suhr (Anthropology, 2026)

Kayleigh MacDowell (Anthropology, 2026)

Percy Zimering (Conservation, 2025)

Elizabeth M. Henrickson (Conservation, 2025)

Stella Davis (ENSP, 2025)

Aggie Rigo Saitta (Self-Designed, 2025)

Sarah Bomar (ENSP, 2024)

Student Engagement & Invited Contributions

- 2025 Guest Talk at “Sustaina-bite Lunch Sessions” (Office of Sustainability), Sept 17.
- 2024 Contributor, student project: Retaining Students of Color in Environmental Majors
- 2024 WMGIC VIII Editor (Deep Sea Mining in Zambia)
- 2023 Interviewed by grad student “Science Communication”
- 2023 Interviewed in Podcast “Native Americans & Corporations”
- 2021 W&M Trailblazers in Conservation Speaker Series run by IIC students. Dec. 1.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

- 2022 “Faculty Favorites: Readings for an Anticolonial Environmental Syllabus,” *Edge Effects*, <https://edgeeffects.net/anticolonial-environmental-syllabus/>
- 2022 “Connecting People and Nature,” *William & Mary Alumni Magazine*, <https://magazine.wm.edu/issue/2022-winter/connecting-people-and-nature.php>
- 2021 “Institute for Integrative Conservation holds discussion on women in conservation,” *The Flat Hat*, <https://flathatnews.com/2021/12/06/institute-for-integrative-conservation-holds-discussion-on-women-in-conservation/>
- 2021 Jazmin Dicks, “The IIC Welcomes Dr. Mara Dicenta,” *IIC LinkedIn*, https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/iic-welcomes-dr-mara-dicenta-william-?trk=organization-update-content_share-article
- 2019 Manuel Torino, “Bienvenidos al Antropoceno. ¿La última era geológica?,” *La Nación*, <https://www.lanacion.com.ar/lifestyle/bienvenidos-al-antropoceno-la-ultima-era-geologica-nid2302862/>
- 2019 “Antropoceno: Ciencia o Política” *Comunicadíc*, <https://cadic.conicet.gov.ar/antropoceno-es-o-se-hace/>

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2020 Researcher, Grupo Variaciones de la Carne. Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
Proyecto: Ciencias y Tecnologías de Muerte Animal.

- 2016-2017 Researcher, Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY. Project: Co-production of Scientific Facts and Social Values on Age, Death, and Reproduction: A Laboratory Ethnography.
- 2011-2012 Researcher, Grupo Antropología y Feminismos, Instituto Madrileño de Antropología. Proyecto: Disputas material-semióticas en la sociedad, el estado, y los colectivos militantes en torno al aborto.
- 2013-2014 Internship, Médicos del Mundo. Evaluation and Audit of international and national projects in health and migration.
- 2010-2014 Advocacy and research, Yo Sí Sanidad Universal, Madrid. Participatory Action Research promoting access to healthcare for undocumented citizens.
- 2009-2010 Internship, Krecer NGO. Community social worker with women and families in Madrid.