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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017-2019 Lecturer  
Center for Latin American Studies & Department of Anthropology  
The University of Chicago

2015-2017 Postdoctoral Fellow  
Science in Human Culture Program & Department of Anthropology  
Northwestern University

## EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D. Anthropology  
Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory  
University of California, Davis  
Dissertation: Mineral Incorporations: Lead Science, Ethics, and Politics in Central Peru.  
Committee Members: Marisol de la Cadena, Joseph Dumit (Co-Chairs), Timothy Choy & Cristiana Giordano

2011 M.A. Anthropology  
University of California, Davis

2005 B.S. Environmental Sciences, German Minor  
University of California, Berkeley

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mining, Lead Toxicity & Exposure Science  
Race, Indigeneity, Inequality & Violence  
Climate Change, Food & Agriculture  
Environmentalism, Health & Human Rights  
Science & Social Movements  
Peru & Latin America

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental & Medical Anthropology  
Decolonial Indigenous STS & Politics  
Climate Change & Extractive Capitalism  
Food Justice and Culinary Cultures  
Racial Inequalities & Human Rights  
Latin American & Caribbean Studies

## PUBLICATIONS

2017 “To Revive an Abundant Life: Catholic Science and Neoextractivist Politics in Peru’s Mantaro Valley.” *Cultural Anthropology* 32, no. 1: 117–148.

- 2017 "Mining's Moral Hazards: The Catholic Church, Toxicity Science, and Anti-Extractivist Politics in Peru." *E-misférica* 13, no. 1: States of Devotion Issue.
- 2017 "To Build This Other World Upon: An Interview with Stefanie Graeter." Dialogues, *Cultural Anthropology* website, June 5, 2017.
- 2017 "Our Electric Backup: Lead-acid Battery" (For short essay collection, "Our Lives with Electric Things." Theorizing the Contemporary, *Cultural Anthropology* website, December 19, 2017.
- Resubmitted "Infrastructural Incorporations: Extractive Capitalism, Ethical Deferral, and Bodies with Minerals at Peru's Port of El Callao," revising after second round of peer review for special issue on *Infrastructure and/as Ethics* in *American Anthropologist*.
- Submitted "Attending to the Mineralized Biologies in Peruvian Extractive Politics" (For short essay collection "Embodied Ecologies"). Theorizing the Contemporary, *Cultural Anthropology*.
- In Preparation *Mineral Incorporations: Ethical Sciences, Contaminated Politics, and Bodies with Minerals in Peru's Neoextractivist Era*. Book manuscript solicited by Duke University Press.
- In Preparation "Toxic Care in Worlds Worth Living." In preparation for submission to *American Ethnologist*.
- In Preparation Book Review of *Edges of Exposure: Toxicology and the Problem of Capacity in Postcolonial Senegal*, by Noémi Tousignant, requested by *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.
- 2012-2014 Online Publications for *Cultural Anthropology*, including interviews with Amade M'charek, Alex Nading, Nicholas D'Avella, and Damien Droney at [www.culanth.org](http://www.culanth.org)
- 2007 "Knowing What Hurts Us: The Gray Area of Toxic Research." *Women and Environments International Magazine*: Winter Issue.

## MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2018 Next Generation Award, the Anthropology and Environment Society of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2014-2015 Mellon-American Council of Learned Societies  
Dissertation Completion Fellowship

- 2014 Winner of the Roy A. Rappaport Prize presented by the Anthropology and Environment Society of the American Anthropological Association for the article manuscript, “Metallic Ecologies, Alchemies of the Self.”
- 2012-2013 Social Science Research Council  
International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2010-2014 National Science Foundation  
Graduate Research Fellowship Program (3 years)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2019 Race, Gender & Indigeneity in Latin America & the Caribbean (University of Chicago)
- 2019 Latin American & Caribbean Social Movements (University of Chicago)
- 2018 Toxic States: Corrupted Ecologies of Latin America and the Caribbean (University of Chicago)
- 2018 Latin American and Caribbean Studies B.A. Thesis Pro-seminar (University of Chicago)
- 2018-2019 Latin American Extractivisms (University of Chicago)
- 2018 Corporeal Collisions: The Catholic Church and Life Politics in Latin America (University of Chicago)
- 2018 Science in the South: Decolonial Approaches to the Study of Science, Technology, and Medicine in Latin America and the Caribbean (University of Chicago)
- 2017-2018 Latin American and Caribbean Studies M.A. Thesis Pro-seminar (University of Chicago)
- 2016 Toxicity, Politics, Slow Violence (Northwestern University)
- 2016-2017 Environmental Anthropology (Northwestern University)
- 2013 Anthropology of Globalization (UC Davis)
- 2010 Race and Science (Teaching Assistant, UC Davis)
- 2010 Ecology and Politics (Teaching Assistant, UC Davis)

2008-2009 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Teaching Assistant, UC Davis)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2010-2017  
(21 Months) PhD Ethnographic Research in La Oroya, Huancayo, El Callao & Lima, Peru; Interviews with U.S. Research Scientists & Presbyterian Missionaries in the United States & Canada

2009-2010 Graduate Student Researcher, Dr. Suzana Sawyer, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Davis

2007-2008 Research Assistant, Environmental Working Group, Oakland, CA

2005 Undergraduate Researcher, Dr. Ellen Simms, Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley

## **INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

2018 “Mineral Incorporations: Environmentalism, Politics, and Life with Minerals in Peru’s Neoextractivist Era.” Lecture for the Penn Program in Environmental Humanities and the Department of Anthropology, The University of Pennsylvania.

2018 “Mineral Incorporations: Environmentalism, Politics, and Life with Minerals in Peru’s Neoextractivist Era.” Anthropology Lecture Series, Princeton University.

2017 “Life with Minerals: Politics without Resolution at Peru’s National Seaport.” Engineered Worlds II Conference: On Resolution and Resolve, Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, University of Chicago.

2017 “Mineral Incorporations: Embodied Ecologies and Neoextractivist Politics in Peru.” Presentation of Book Manuscript, Toxic Sovereignities Workshop, Columbia University.

2017 “Metallic Ecologies, Alchemies of the Self: Race and the Politics of Mineral Embodiments in Neoextractivist Peru.” Sociocultural Anthropology Workshop Series, University of Michigan.

2017 “Global Alliances of Science and Faith: Mining Politics and Environmental Justice in Peru.” Global Encounters Lecture Series, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

- 2016 “(Im)possibilities of Environmentalism in Neoextractivist Peru.” Buffett Institute for Global Studies Lecture, Northwestern University.
- 2015 “Mineral Incorporations: Environmentalism and Politics in Neoextractivist Peru.” Anthropology Lecture Series, University of Chicago.
- 2015 “An Ethical Objectivity in a State of Corruption: Catholic Science and Heavy Metal Monitoring in Peru’s Mantaro Valley.” Klopsteg Lecture Series, Northwestern University.

**MEDIA WORK**

- 2015- Present “The Lead Zone.” Ethnographic film made in collaboration with residents of El Callao, Peru. View rough cut with subtitles at: <http://stefanietoneygraeter.com/film>
- 2013 Photo Essay Winner, Social Science Research Council Photo Competition <http://www.ssrc.org/pages/2012-idrf-photo-competition-winners/> and <http://stefanietoneygraeter.com/photos>

**OTHER GRANTS and AWARDS**

- 2013 Mellon-UC Davis Environments and Societies Research Initiative, Summer Funding for Film Project
- 2013 UC Davis Department of Anthropology, Writing Block Grant
- 2013 Photo Essay Winner, Social Science Research Council Photo Competition <http://www.ssrc.org/pages/2012-idrf-photo-competition-winners/>
- 2009-2010 UC Davis Anthropology Summer Research Funding
- 2009 Hemispheric Institute of the Americas, UC Davis, Summer Research Funding
- 2008-2010 UC Davis Teaching Fellowships

**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS**

- 2018-Present B.A. Thesis Supervision, Anthropology and Latin American Studies Majors, University of Chicago.
- 2018-Present PhD Research Proposal and Dissertation Defense Quorum Member, Department of Anthropology.

- 2017-Present M.A. and B.A. thesis writing and research workshop leader; M.A. program admissions, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago.
- 2016-Present Peer Reviewer for *Cultural Anthropology* and *Anthropological Quarterly*.
- 2011- Present DSLR Videography, Photography, Editing (Canon 60D, Adobe Premier)
- (Use of ethnographic film and photography to supplement written work, as educational tools, and alternative forms to communicate research to intellectual and general audiences and research participants.)
- 2015-2017 Co-organizer and Speaker Liaison for Klopsteg Lecture Series, Science in Human Culture Program, Northwestern University
- 2016-2017 Real Food Northwestern Undergraduate Club, Faculty Advisor
- 2013-2015 Workshop Participant, “What Does Health Mean Today?” Global Health Cluster, UC Davis
- 2012-2014 Editorial Intern, *Cultural Anthropology* Journal
- 2013 Advisor for Undergraduate Senior Thesis & Student Publication in Undergraduate Journal
- 2011-2012 Organizer, New Graduate Student Mentorship Program, UC Davis Anthropology Department

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Liquidation Unlimited: Environmental Law and Corporate Purgatory in Peru’s Neo-extractive Era.” (Panel Co-organizer, “Corporate Critique: Trajectories of the Corporation in Latin American Power Critiques”)
- 2018 “Lead as Pharmakon: Intelligent Subjects in Toxic Aftermaths.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.
- 2018 Discussant for “Ethnography in/of Disastrous Times.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.
- 2017 “Mineral Incorporations: Founding Life in Lead in Peru’s Metallurgic Capital.” (Panel Co-organizer, “Intimate Exposures”). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- 2016 “Mineral Embodiments as Infrastructure.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN.

- 2016 “The Embodiment of Extractivist Pasts and Futures in Central Peru.” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2015 “An Ethical Objectivity in a State of Corruption: Catholic Science and Heavy Metal Monitoring in Peru’s Mantaro Valley.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2015 “The Story of a Nearly Perfect Lead Exposure Study: The Production of an Ethical Objectivity in La Oroya, Peru.” The Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- 2015 “We Want to Work: Exposure as Agency in Peruvian Mining Politics,” Ethics, Agency & Aesthetics in the Anthropocene Symposium, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 “Doing Science in a State of Corruption: Establishing Ethics in Peruvian Lead Exposure Science,” Fakin’ It, an STS Conference, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 “The Lead Zone,” Screening of collaborative ethnographic film project and workshop with community participants in El Callao, Peru.
- 2014 “Metallic Ecologies, Alchemies of the Self,” Roy A. Rappaport Prize Finalist Panel, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC.
- 2014 “Incommensurable Rights: Health, Work, and Livelihood in Lead Exposure,” (Co-Organizer & Presenter of Panel “Living in Chronic Disorder”). Biennial Meeting of The Society of Cultural Anthropology, Detroit.
- 2014 “Chemical Determinants of Moral Character: The Politics of Lead Exposure and Race in La Oroya and El Callao, Peru,” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Environmental History, San Francisco.
- 2013 “The Politics of Becoming in Exposure,” (Panel Co-Organizer, “Anthropologies of Exposure”). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- 2013 “The Velocity of Metals: Disjunctures of Expert Times,” Making Time Matter, Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, UC Davis.
- 2013 “Mining Dreams, Corporate Gifts, and Embattled Expertise: Who will envisage the ‘greening’ of Peru?” Is there a New Development?, STS Symposium, UC Berkeley.
- 2013 “Analysis of Participation in Environmental Health Programs in La Oroya, Peru.” Presentation to research collaborators of the Mantaro Revive Project, Huancayo, Peru.

2012 “Strategic Enactments: Lead’s Movement In and Out of Politics in Central Peru.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish	Fluent Speech & Comprehension, Advanced Reading & Writing
German	Advanced-intermediate Speech, Comprehension, Reading & Writing
French	Elementary Speech, Comprehension, Reading & Writing

Member of the American Anthropological Association, Society for Cultural Anthropology, Society for Medical Anthropology, Anthropology and Environment Society, Latin American Studies Association & The Society for the Social Study of Science



## REFERENCES

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