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Curriculum Vitae

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School of International Service

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EDUCATION

2014	PhD Anthropology Columbia University
2012	M.Phil Anthropology Columbia University
2009	Ed.M International Education Policy Harvard University
2005	BA Psychology Boston College

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2022-Present	Senior Professorial Lecturer School of International Service, American University
2015-2022	Professorial Lecturer School of International Service, American University.
2014-15	Post-Doctoral Fellow Faculty of Ethnology, Université d'Etat d'Haiti.
2014	Visiting Scholar The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University.
2013	Pre-Doctoral Fellow The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Eroding Projects: Aid and the Politics of Soil in Haiti
(Manuscript in progress)

Edited Volumes

2017 Who Owns Haiti? People, Power, and Sovereignty. Edited by Robert Maguire and Scott Freeman. University Press of Florida: Gainesville.

Peer Reviewed Articles

2021 Aid or exploitation?: Food-for-work, cash-for-work, and the production of “beneficiary-workers” in Ethiopia and Haiti. Lauren Carruth and Scott Freeman. *World Development* 140: 105283.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105283>

2020 Aid Projects: The effects of commodification and exchange. Scott Freeman and Mark Schuller. *World Development* 126: 104731
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2019.104731>

2019 Perfume and Planes: Ignorance and imagination in Haiti’s vetiver oil industry. *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 24(1): 110-126.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jlca.12368>

2018 *Lojik èd: Pwojè e Odit nan Ayiti* (Logics of aid: The project and audit in Haiti). *Chantiers: Revue des Science Humaines & Sociales de l’Université d’État d’Haiti*. ISSN: 2618-0170.

Book Chapters

2017 Sovereignty and soil: Collective and Wage Labor in Rural Haiti. *In Who Owns Haiti? People, Power, and Sovereignty*. Edited by Robert Maguire and Scott Freeman. University Press of Florida: Gainesville.

2017 Sovereignty and Ownership from Inside and Out. Robert Maguire and Scott Freeman. *In Who Owns Haiti? People, Power, and Sovereignty*. Edited by Robert Maguire and Scott Freeman. University Press of Florida: Gainesville.

2017 Reflections on Sovereignty. Robert Maguire, Scott Freeman and Nicholas Johnson. *In Who Owns Haiti? People, Power, and Sovereignty*. Edited by Robert Maguire and Scott Freeman. University Press of Florida: Gainesville.

Encyclopedia Entries

2015 Environmental Conservation and Development: Critical Perspectives. *In International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition, Vol 7. James D. Wright (editor-in-chief), Oxford: Elsevier (713–719).

Book Reviews

2013 Review of: *The Beginner's Guide to Doing Qualitative Research: How to Get into the Field, Collect Data, and Write Up Your Project*. Teachers College Record.

Manuscripts in Submission

How Should Food be Produced? *In People Before Markets: An alternative case book*. Souleles, Gersel, and Thanning, eds. (Forthcoming at Cambridge University Press)

From *konbit* to *brigada*: a critical political ecology of land and labor in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. *Island Anthropologies*. Kiran Jayaram, *ed.* (Under review).

Other Publications

- 2016 Dumping Peanuts in Haiti: Stop calling “aid” what really is about supply management for US agricultural interests. With Adam Diamond, Garrett Grady-Lovelace. *The Globalist*.
- 2015 Who speaks for soils? Committee on the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing. <http://blog.castac.org/2015/04/speaking-for-soils/>.
- 2013 Vetiver in Southwest Haiti. New York: Haiti Research and Policy Program, Columbia University. http://haiti.ciesin.columbia.edu/docs/earth_institute.
- 2013/14 Focus on Haiti Blog: www.focusonhaiti.com
- 2013 On Time and Evaluation. *Ethnography.com*.
<http://www.ethnography.com/2013/06/on-time-and-evaluation/>
- 2011 Where was Anthropology? *Anthropology News*. American Anthropological Association, December.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS

- 2019 F. Gunther Eyck Award for dedication and devotion to teaching and students. School of International Service, American University.
- 2019 Annual Article Prize: Latin American Studies Association. Haiti/Dominican Republic Section. “Perfume and Planes: Ignorance and Imagination in Haiti’s vetiver oil industry.”
- 2017 Dean’s Summer Research Award. School of International Service, American University
- 2016 Dean’s Conference Travel Award. School of International Service, American University
- 2014 Provost Doctoral Dissertation Grant. Teachers College, Columbia University
- 2013 Wenner-Gren Institutional Development Grant co-author
- 2013 Rappaport Prize Finalist: Anthropology and the Environment Society
- 2012 AC4 Graduate Student Fellowship: Earth Institute, Columbia University
- 2010 Bea Medicine Award. Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2010 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Haitian Creole). US Dept of

Education

- 2010 Pre-Dissertation Field Research Grant. Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 Hybridity: Examining Processes of Circulation, Collaboration, and Conflict. Keynote Panel. May 6. Latin American Studies Center, University of Maryland.
- 2014 Agricultural Labor, Post Colonialism, and Aid in Haiti. Africana Studies Emerging Scholars Conference. Gettysburg College, PA.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2020 Papers, procedures, and plants: Expanding the political ecology of bureaucracy. Political Ecology Network (POLLEN). Online.
- 2019 Beyond the crisis: Peasants and agrarian movements at the limits of environmental narratives. Gainesville, FL: Haitian Studies Association. (Plenary panel).
- 2016 Global Elisions: Silence and Circumvention in Conservation and Development. Minneapolis: American Anthropological Association.
- 2015 Projects, Log Frames, and Bureaucracies: 'Formalization' and Aid in Haiti. Montreal: Haitian Studies Association.
- 2013 Beyond Neoliberalisms: NGOs and Anthropological Theory. Chicago: The Future of NGO Studies.
- 2012 Conserving and Sustaining Forests and Farms: Conservation and Development Discourses, and the (Re)creation of Subjectivities. San Francisco: American Anthropological Association.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2021 The temporalities of Environmental aid projects in Haiti. Anthropology and Conservation (Royal Anthropological Institute). Online.
- 2020 No time to plant: The timescapes of aid projects in Haiti. Political Ecology Network (POLLEN). Online.
- 2019 From *konbit* to *brigada*: a critical political ecology of land and labor. Island Anthropologies. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2018 *Konbit* or *Ranpono*?: Methodological nationalism and collective labor in Haiti. Haitian Studies Association. Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- 2018 Caf  conservation: Reciprocal labor and coffee cultivation in the Dominican Republic. Political Ecology Network Conference. Oslo, Norway.
- 2018 Controlling Soils: Bureaucracy, Coercion, and Soil Conservation. Political Ecology Network Conference. Oslo, Norway.
- 2016 Playing the Project: Environmental NGOs and aid funding in Haiti. American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2016 Cultures of development: Aid and the projectification of Haiti. Caribbean Studies Association. Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

- 2016 Finding Roots? Coffee, Ecology, and Attempts to Revive Cooperative Labor in the Dominican Republic. Society for Applied Anthropology. Vancouver, Canada.
- 2015 Becoming a Project: Aid Transformations in the Haitian Countryside. Haitian Studies Association. Montreal, Canada.
- 2015 Revisions of soil: Generations of applied anthropology in Haiti. Teachers College Conference on Applied Anthropology. New York, NY.
- 2014 Eroding Conservation: The Politics and Poetics of Soil in Haiti. Washington DC: American Anthropological Association.
- 2014 The Projectification of the Haitian Countryside: Logics of Aid in Haiti. Washington DC: The George Washington Anthropology Department Yearly Symposium.
- 2013 Conserving the Project: Labor, Development, and Environmental Government in Haiti. Chicago: American Anthropological Association.
- 2013 To Conserve and Protect: Haitian Farmers, Soil Conservation, and the Legacies of International Development. Denver: Society for Applied Anthropology.
- 2012 Working the Land: NGOs, Farming, and Environments in Haiti. San Francisco: American Anthropological Association.
- 2012 Haitian Roofs and French Perfumes: The movement and imagination of vetiver in Haiti. Rutgers University: Transnational Hispaniola Conference.
- 2012 Cash in the Ground: Vetiver root farmers in Haiti. Baltimore: Society for Applied Anthropology.
- 2011 Conserve and Sustain? Environmentally focused development projects and fishers in the Dominican Republic. Montreal: American Anthropological Association.
- 2011 Expensive oils and shifting soils: Examining the social context of the vetiver plant in Southwest Haiti. Kingston, Jamaica: Haitian Studies Association.
- 2011 Developing Context: Fishers and Sustainable Development in the Dominican Republic Seattle: Society for Applied Anthropology.
- 2009 Cross-Cultural Professional Development as a Means to Improve Literacy: The Case of Finca del Niño. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Graduate School of Education Student Research Conference.

DISCUSSANT

- 2017 Life, Distributed: Biogeographies of the Anthropocene. American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNDERGRADUATE

American University

International Development

Politics of Conservation

Marginalization and Conservation

Bureaucracy and Inequality

George Washington University

Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology

Development Anthropology

University of Maryland

Introduction to Latin American Studies

Columbia University

(TA) Intro to Comparative Ethnic Studies

GRADUATE

American University

International Development

Politics of Conservation

Political Ecology of Water/Pineapple in Costa Rica (Practicum)

Micropolitics of Dev and Social Analysis

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service

Conservation, Sustainability, and Development

Qualitative Field Research Methods

George Washington University

Globalization, Institutions, and Bureaucracy

Methods Seminar in Development Anthropology

Université d'Etat d'Haiti

Antwopoloji Anviwonman-Environmental Anthropology

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Adhoc Review: American Ethnologist, Journal of International Development, Ecosystem Services, Anthropological Quarterly, Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, Research in Transportation and Business Management, Water Alternatives, Routledge Press, Lexington Books, University Press of Florida

2017-Present Editorial Review Board: Environment and Society: Advances in Research.

2020 Reviewer: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

2020 Article Prize Selection Committee. Latin American Studies Association Haiti/DR Section.

2017 Book Prize Selection Committee. Latin American Studies Association Haiti/DR Section.

2017 Rappaport Graduate Paper Selection and Mentorship Committee: Anthropology and the Environment Section, American Anthropological Association.

2013-14 Internal Editor: Anthropology and Education Quarterly

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019- Undergraduate Thematic Area Coordinator: Global Inequality and Development

2019-2021 Learning, Pedagogy, and Assessment Committee, School of International Service

- 2016-2018 Term Faculty Mentorship Committee, School of international Service
- 2015-2017 Faculty Advisor: Student Advocates for Native Communities
- 2016-2017 Ecollaborative colloquium committee
- 2016-2017 Trans-species encounters co-coordinator

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2021 MSNBC: Andrea Mitchell Reports.
- 2017 “Who Owns Haiti?” Voice of America Creole Service.
- 2015 “The Deportation Crisis No one is Talking About.” MSNBC. Changing America with Maria Teresa Kumar.
- 2014 Tropical grass used to make luxury fragrances. Television interview. Reuters.
- 2014 Perfumers promote fair trade for Haiti’s ‘super crop’. Reuters.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 Research Consultant: Earthspark International.
- 2015 Research Consultant: NSF review- State University of New York.
- 2014 Research Consultant: INADEB (*Instituto Para la Autogestión y el Desarrollo de Base*- Institute for Self-Management and Grassroots Development), Dominican Republic.
- 2011 Research Consultant: United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Haiti.
- 2009-2012 Graduate Hall Director. Residential Life. Barnard College.
- 2008-2009 First Year Residential Proctor. Harvard College.
- 2005-2007 Peace Corps Volunteer: Dominican Republic.

MENTORSHIP AND ADVISING

- 2017- Substantial Research Project Advisor: Reuben Aubee, Lalini Pedris, Hanley Fultz, Esterline Vielot-Elanus, Carlos Quintela, Heather Harl, Lia Check.
- 2016 Capstone Advisor: Alex Spevack. Global Human Development, Georgetown University.

2015

Reader: Estefanía Charvet Masters Thesis: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies: Geneva.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Fluent in reading, speaking, writing.

Haitian Creole: Fluent in reading, speaking, writing.

French: Proficient in reading.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association

Society for Applied Anthropology

Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

Latin American Studies Association

Haitian Studies Association

Caribbean Studies Association

Political Ecology Network (POLLEN)