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**EDUCATION**

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| 2000 | Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Virginia                 |
| 1995 | M.A. Anthropology, University of Virginia                  |
| 1990 | B.A. Fundamentals: Issues and Texts, University of Chicago |

**SPECIALIZATIONS**

- Ethnographic Areas:* Amazonia, Andes, Ecuador, Peru, Amazonian Quichua Language and Cultures
- Subject Concentrations:* Sociocultural Anthropology, Ethnopoetics, Oral Literature, Anthropological Linguistics

**BOOKS**

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| in prep | The Ecology of the Spoken Word: What Amazonian Storytellers Have to Teach Us about Oral Poetry, Sound, and Communication (with Edith Calapucha-Taupy) [Under Advanced Contract with the University of Illinois Press] |
| 2005    | <i>The Napo Runa of Amazonian Ecuador</i> . Interpretations of Culture in the New Millennium series. University of Illinois Press.  |

**ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

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| submitted | "Amazonian Fractality (Native and Nonnative)" in <i>Editing Eden: A Reconsideration of Identity, Politics, and Place in Amazonia</i> , Edited by Frank Hutchins (Spalding University) and Patrick C. Wilson (University of Lethbridge). University of Nebraska Press. |
| 2008      | Somatic Poetry in Amazonian Ecuador. <i>Anthropology and Humanism</i> 33(1/2):12-29.  |
| 2008      | "La Textualidad Oral Napo Kichwa y Las Paradojas de la Educación Bilingüe Intercultural en la Amazonia." in Carmen Martínez (ed.) <i>Repensando las identidades y políticas indígenas en América Latina</i> . Quito: FLACSO.  |
| 2007      | Introducción to Juan Carlos Galeano's <i>Cuentos Amazónicos</i> . Jalisco, Mexico: Literalía, pp 9-12, <a href="http://www.literaliaeditores.com/html/ediciones_especiales.html">http://www.literaliaeditores.com/html/ediciones_especiales.html</a> .                |
| 2006      | El regreso de Jumandy: historicidad, parentesco, y lenguaje en Napo. <i>ICONOS</i> 26: 161-172  |
| 2005      | Uzendoski, Michael, Hertica, Mark, and Calapucha, Edith. The Phenomenology of Perspectivism: Aesthetics, Sound, and Power, in <i>Napo Runa Women's Songs of Upper Amazonia</i> . <i>Current Anthropology</i> 46(4):656-662  |
| 2005      | The Primordial Flood of <i>Izhu</i> : An Amazonian Quichua Myth-Narrative. <i>Latin American Indian Literatures Journal</i> , 21 (1): 1-20  |

- 2004 Manioc Beer and Meat: Value, Reproduction, and Cosmic Substance among the Napo Runa of the Ecuadorian Amazon. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. 10(4): 883-902
- 2004 The Horizontal Archipelago: The Quijos Upper Napo Regional System. *Ethnohistory* 51(2):318-357
- 2004 Making Amazonia: Shape-Shifters, Giants, and Alternative Modernities. *Latin American Research Review*. 40(1): 223-236
- 2003 Purgatory, Protestantism, and Peonage: Napo Runa Evangelicals and the Domestication of the Masculine Will. In *Millennial Ecuador: Critical Essays on Cultural Transformations and Social Dynamics*. Norman Whitten, ed. pp. 129-153. University of Iowa Press
- 1999 Twins and Becoming Jaguars: Verse Analysis of a Napo Quichua Myth Narrative. *Anthropological Linguistics* 41(4):431-461 (Peer Reviewed) *note: the primary data for this article is located on the Archive of Indigenous Languages of Latin America (AILLA) [http://www.ailla.org/search/resource.html?r\\_id=120](http://www.ailla.org/search/resource.html?r_id=120)*

## BOOK REVIEWS

- accepted "Ethnoarcheology of Amazonian Peoples." *Nukak: Ethnoarchaeology of an Amazonian People* Gustavo G. Politis Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press. 2007 *Current Anthropology*.
- accepted Puyo Runa: Imagery and Power in Modern Amazonia. Norman E. Whitten Jr. and Dorothea Scott Whitten. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2008, 304 pp. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*.
- 2007 *The Metamorphosis of Heads: Textual Struggles, Education, and Land in the Andes*. Denise Y. Arnold with Juan de Dios Yapita, University of Pittsburgh Press, 2006. *Anthropology and Education Quarterly* (online).
- 2007 Holy Intoxication To Druken Dissipation: Alcohol Among Quichua Speakers in Otavalo, Ecuador, Barbara Butler, University of New Mexico Press. *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture* (University of California Press): Volume 7 Number 3.
- 2006 Cubeo Hehénewa Religious Thought: Metaphysics of a Northwest Amazonian People. Irving Goldman, Edited by Peter J. Wilson, Afterword by Stephen Hugh-Jones, New York: Columbia University Press, 2004. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 11(2): 497-498.
- 2002 Review of Sammons and Sherzer (eds.) *Translating Native Latin American Verbal Art: Ethnopoetics and Ethnography of Speaking*. *American Anthropologist* 104(3) 995-996.

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2008-present Associate Professor, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics, Florida State University
- 2006-2008 Associate Professor. Department of Anthropology, Florida State University
- 2000-2006 Assistant Professor. Department of Anthropology, Florida State University
- 2002 Associate Investigator and Instructor. Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) of Ecuador. Taught an intensive 4 week seminar on

- anthropological theory to MA students and the indigenous students of Ethnic Studies (Spanish language course)
- 2000 Guest Instructor. Casa Bartolemé de las Casas/ Escuela Andina de Postgrado. Cuzco, Peru. Taught 2 week seminar on the history of anthropological theory (Spanish language course)
- 2000 Instructor. Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. University of Richmond. Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology (Scheduled for Spring)
- 1999 Instructor. Amazonian Peoples. University of Virginia Department of Anthropology (Fall)
- 1999 Instructor. Elementary Spanish. University of Virginia, Department of Spanish (Fall)
- 1999 Instructor. Introduction to Anthropology. University of Virginia Department of Anthropology (Summer)
- 1999 Academic Tutor. Department of Academic Affairs. University of Virginia Department of Athletics
- 1998 Customer Care Specialist (Spanish-English). Cox Communications, Omaha, NE
- 1995-1996 Unemployment Claims Deputy (Spanish-English). Nebraska Department of Labor, Omaha, NE
- 1995 Grader, University of Virginia Department of Anthropology
- 1993 English as a Second Language Instructor, University of Virginia
- 1993 Teaching Assistant for Social Organization, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia
- 1992 Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Anthropology, University of Virginia
- 1991 Spanish Teacher, Weber High School, Chicago, Illinois

#### **HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS**

- 2008-2010 National Science Foundation/National Endowment for the Humanities Documenting Endangered Languages Program (DEL). "Documenting and Archiving Napo Quichua (QUW) Verbal Art." Award Amount: \$44,048
- 2004 Summer Research Grant (COFRS), Florida State University, Council for Research and Creativity, \$8, 000.
- 2002 Fulbright Scholar Award. Lecture and Research Award to Ecuador. Also sponsored by the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) of Ecuador.
- 2001 First Year Assistant Professor Award, Florida State University, Council for Research and Creativity, \$10, 000.
- 1998-1999 University of Virginia Dissertation Year Fellowship.
- 1996-1997 Fieldwork Grant. Pew Charitable Trusts (Overseas Studies Ministries Center Research Enablement Program).
- 1994-1995 Fulbright-Hays Study Grant to Ecuador.
- 1993 University of Virginia Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork Grant.

- 1992 Foreign Language Areas Studies Fellowship. Quichua.
- 1991 University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dupont Fellowship.

### FIELD SCHOOLS

- 2008 Director of the Florida State University Summer Field School in Napo Ecuador, June 26- August 7. International Programs, Florida State University, <http://www.international.fsu.edu/Types/College/Ecuador.aspx>
- 2007 Director of the Florida State University Summer Field School in Napo Ecuador, June 21- August 2, International Programs, Florida State University, <http://www.anthro.fsu.edu/research/napo-2007.shtml>
- 2003-2006 Instructor of Quichua and Anthropology. Arizona State University Andes and Amazon Summer Field School. Ecuador

### INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

- 2007 Panelist for "Repensando los movimientos indígenas en América Latina: logros y limitaciones." Paper title, " La política de la alfabetización: Una exploración de las paradojas de la educación bilingüe intercultural en la Amazonía." Congreso Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Ciencias Sociales, October 29-31, 2007, FLACSO Ecuador, Quito.
- 2006 "Etnopoética y el arte verbal Napo Kichwa." Paper Presented at the Third Encounter of Ecuadorian Studies for the session, "Literatura, etnopoética, música y arte en el Ecuador Contemporáneo." Quito, Ecuador.
- 2006 Panelist for "Expanding the Ayllu: A Workshop for Quechua Pedagogy and Dialectology" (with Rodolfo Cerrón Palomino, Bruce Mannheim, and Serafin Coronel Molina). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2006 "The Hybridity of Amazonian Religious Thought." Paper presented for the session, "De-essentializing Amazonian Social and Political Space." Latin American Studies Association Meetings, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-18.
- 2006 The Anaconda and the Human Penis: Interspecies Sexuality among Amazonian Quichua Speakers. Paper presented at the first annual conference of the Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture. Gainesville, FL
- 2003 "Christianity and Masculinity among the Napo Runa," Paper presented for the session, "Masculinity in the North Andes" at the 2003 Latin American Studies Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX.
- 2002 "El Regreso del Jumandy: Historicidad, Parentesco, y Memoria en Napo." Paper presented at the first encounter of the Latin American Studies Association, Ecuadorian Studies Section. Quito, Ecuador (Spanish language presentation).
- 1997 "Cristianidad y Mito: La Transformación de Ideología en la Regeneración del Tiempo Sagrado." Paper presented for the session, "Myth and History in the Americas." 49<sup>th</sup> Congress of Americanists in Quito, Ecuador.
- 1997 Research colloquium for the Research Enablement Program, Nashville, TN. Presented a paper detailing status of field research.

## NATIONAL MEETINGS

- 2006 Coorganizer and Presenter for Session, "Experiencing Gender in Amazonia: Fieldwork, Emplacement and Social Roles." *American Anthropological Association Meetings*, San Jose, CA. Paper Title, "Gender, Sexuality, and Experience among the Napo Runa."
- 2005 "Writing, Culture, and Regionalism among Amazonian Quichua Speakers of Ecuador." Paper presented at the session, "New Writing Systems" (Society of Linguistic Anthropology) for the 2005 American Anthropological Association Meetings in Washington D.C. Nov 30 - Dec 4.
- 2003 "The Return of Jumandy: the Convivial Person and the Indigenous Uprising of 2001." Paper presented for the session, "Ambiguous Others: Indigenous American Conceptualizations and Transformations of Alterity" (chair). 2003 American Anthropological Association Meetings in Chicago.
- 2001 "The Intensity of Conviviality." Paper presented for the session, "Anthropologist and Changing Relations in the Field: From Detached Observer to Community Partnership" (co-organizer). 2001 American Anthropological Association Meetings in Washington D.C.
- 2000 "Borders, Boundaries, and Exchange Among the Napo Runa of the Ecuadorian Amazon." Paper presented for the session, "Making Crossing, and Questioning Borders: The Production and Transformation of Cultural Boundaries in South America" (co-organizer). 2000 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 1999 "Representations from the Ecuadorian Amazon, Napo (Quijos) Quichua Regional System." Paper presented for the session, "Forms of Regional Integration, South America, Melanesia, Southeast Asia." 1999 American Anthropological Association Meetings in Chicago.
- 1998 "Christianity and the Transformation of Values: Napo Quichua Evangelicals and the Domestication of the Masculine Will." Paper presented for the session, "Christianity, Populations, Globalization." 1998 American Anthropological Association Meetings in Philadelphia.

## OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2008 Napo Quichua Storytelling and Oral Poetry. Presentation given at the ASU Field School of the Amazon and Andes, Napo, Ecuador.
- 2008 Social Relationships with Plants. Workshop [with Edith Calapucha] given to the Garden Club and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class. Cornerstone Learning Community. Tallahassee, FL 32303
- 2007 Informal Presentation Given to the Sustainable Development Outreach Club, Tallahassee, Florida
- 2007 Shamanism among the Napo Runa of Amazonian Ecuador. Presentation Given for the Student Anthropology Club, South Florida University.
- 2005 "Representations of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Revolutionary Jumandy and Social Action among the Napo Runa." Invited Lecture at Valdosta State University (Georgia) as part of Amazon Day.
- 2003 "Performance, Memory, and History among the Napo Runa." Lecture and video presentation given for Amazonian Week at Florida State University.

- 2002 Napo Runa Religious Beliefs. Presentation at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2001 "Amazonian Quichua Narratives and Women's Songs." Brown Bag Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Florida State University.
- 2001 "Amazonian Quichua Narratives and Women's Songs." Talk with Edith Calapucha given for the Global Gathering Series at the International Student Center, Florida State University (This talk also appeared on the local television channel WFSU).
- 2001 Presentation. Christianity among the Napo Runa. Brown Bag Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Florida State University.
- 2000 "Etnohistoria de Quijos/Alto Napo." Paper presented in Spanish at the Casa de Bartolomé de las Casas, Cuzco, Peru.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2007-2008 Research in Napo on Amazonian Quichua Storytelling (summer/winter).
- 2006 Field-Researcher and Anthropological Advisor for the Documentary Film, "The Trees Have a Mother" directed by Juan Carlos Galeano and Valierre Auzenne. Film site: Iquitos, Peru. Funded by the Florida State University Division of Sponsored Research and the FSU Film School.
- 2006 Research in Napo, Ecuador on mythology (summer).
- 2004 Exploratory research conducted in the summer in Napo Province, Ecuador dealing with aesthetics, narrative, and storytelling
- 2003 Faculty Associate and Field Research. Arizona State University Ecuador Field School. Napo, Ecuador
- 2002 Fieldwork in Napo Province, Ecuador (2 months)
- 2001 Fieldwork in Napo Province, Ecuador (2 months)
- 2000 Fieldwork in Napo Province Ecuador (1 month)
- 1996-1997 Fieldwork in Napo Province, Ecuador on kinship, exchange, gender, and hierarchy (14 months). Pew Charitable Trusts (OSMC, Research Enablement Program)
- 1994-1995 Fieldwork in Napo Province, Ecuador on shamanism, myth, ecology, and religion (12 months). Fulbright
- 1993 Quichua Language Study and Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork in Otavalo, Ecuador (3 months). University of Virginia

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association

Latin American Studies Association

Ecuadorian Studies Association (Section of the Latin American Studies Association)

Society for Latin American Anthropology (Section of the American Anthropological Association)

Society for the Anthropology of Religion (Section of the American Anthropological Association)

Society for Humanistic Anthropology (Section of the American Anthropological Association)

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee. Department of Anthropology, Florida State University (2006-2008).

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Anthropology, Florida State University (2003-2007)

Steering Committee for the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program at Florida State University (2003-present)

### SERVICE TO PRESSES, JOURNALS, AND GRANT AGENCIES

2002-present Reviewer for the *Identities*, *The Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, *The University of Nebraska Press*, *The University of Arizona Press*, *Duke University Press*, and the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, and *Current Anthropology*. Also, reviewed for the National Science Foundation (2008) and Social Science Research Council (2007-2008).

### OTHER SERVICE

2008 Organized Undergraduate Volunteer English Teaching for the Unidad Educativa Bilingüe "El Pano," Napo Ecuador.

2005 Interpreter/translator for Moi Enomenga, Huaorani leader, for his talk on Huaorani struggles against petroleum companies at Valdosta State University (GA).

2005 Chair and co-organizer of the third annual *Amazonia Week* at Florida State University. Co-sponsored by the Departments of Anthropology, History, Modern Languages, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2004 Co-organizer second annual *Amazonia Week* at Florida State University. Co-sponsored by the Departments of Anthropology, History, Modern Languages, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

2003 Co-organizer of the first annual *Amazonia Week* at Florida State University. Co-sponsored by the Departments of Anthropology, History, Modern Languages, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

2001 Volunteer work for the Mary Brogan Museum's exhibit on Art and Amazonia.

### LANGUAGE

Fluent (near native) Spanish. Three years of college Spanish, summer study in Spain (1989) and in Quito, Ecuador (1992). Used in the field and have worked as a bilingual representative in both government and private industry. Worked as a Spanish instructor at University of Virginia. Also taught two graduate courses in Spanish (Peru, Ecuador).

Fluent (near native) Quichua. Attended University of Wisconsin-Madison's Intensive Quichua Institute. Also completed a three month intensive Quichua language/culture course (Andean Quichua) in Otavalo, Ecuador. Extensive experience with the Napo dialect of Amazonian Quichua.