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EDUCATION

- Expected May 2018 Ph.D. in Anthropology, The Ohio State University
Dissertation: "Precarious Labor and Neoliberal Conservation in Peruvian Amazonia" Advisor: Jeffrey H. Cohen, Professor
- 2011 M.A. in Anthropology, The Ohio State University
- 2009 B.A. in Anthropology (with Departmental Honors); minor in Sociology,
The University of Texas at Austin

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economies of labor, socioecological change, applied anthropology, extractive economies, conservation, Andes-Amazonia, Latin America

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014-2015 U.S. Department of Education, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (\$44,141)
- 2012-2013 U.S. Department of Education, International and Foreign Language Education, Foreign Language and Areas Study (FLAS) in Quechua (\$23,000)
- 2011-2012 U.S. Department of Education, International and Foreign Language Education, Foreign Language and Areas Study (FLAS) in Quechua (\$23,000)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2016 Office of Energy and Environment Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2015 Edward J. Ray Travel Award, The Ohio State University (\$750)
- 2013 Office of International Affairs Travel Grant, The Ohio State University (\$4,300)
- 2013 Tinker Field Research Grant, Tinker Foundation (\$2,200)
- 2013 Elizabeth A. Salt Travel Award, The Ohio State University (\$500)
- 2013 Student Travel Award, Society for Economic Anthropology (\$650)
- 2012 Summer Institute for Research Design (SIRD) in Cultural Anthropology (NSF-sponsored tuition, room & board at Duke University Marine Lab)
- 2012 Center for Latin American Studies Travel Award, The Ohio State University (\$1,800; declined to attend SIRD)

PUBLICATIONS IN PRINT

- 2016 **Ulmer, Gordon L.** and Jeffrey H. Cohen “Ethnographic Inquiry in the ‘Digitized’ Fields of Madre de Dios, Peru and Oaxaca, Mexico: Methodological and Ethical Issues” *Anthropological Quarterly* 89(2):535-556.
- 2015 **Ulmer, Gordon L.** “Gold Mining and Unequal Exchange in Western Amazonia” *disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory* 24:1-23.

PUBLICATIONS IN REVIEW

- n.d. Kawa, Nick and **Gordon L. Ulmer** “Troubling Ecologies of the Anthropocene: Floods, Garbage, and Disease in an Amazonian Urban Settlement” In Review at *Current Anthropology* (submitted June 11th, 2017)
- n.d. Kawa, Nick; **Ulmer, Gordon L.** and Sidney Silverstein “Environmental Change, Residential Relocation, and State-Led Redevelopment in the Peruvian Amazon” In Review at *Anthropology Today* (submitted February 28th, 2017).

PUBLICATIONS NEARING SUBMISSION

- n.d. **Ulmer, Gordon L.** and Nick Kawa “Putting the Moral Economy to Work for the State in Peruvian Amazonia” Nearing submission to *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.
- n.d. **Ulmer, Gordon L.** “Occupational Multiplicity in Madre de Dios, Amazonia Peru. Nearing submission to *American Anthropologist*.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2017 “Political Ecologies of Gold and Disposable Labor in the Peruvian Amazon” In prep for panel “Conserving and Confounding Nature: The New Middle Grounds in Amazonia” scheduled for *American Anthropological Association Annual Conference*, November 29th-December 3rd, 2017, Washington D.C.
- 2016 “Contingent labor and occupational multiplicity in the Peruvian Amazon.” *American Anthropological Association Annual Conference*, November 16th-20th, 2016, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2015 “Ethnographic inquiry in the ‘digitized’ fields of Madre de Dios, Peru and Oaxaca, Mexico: Methodological and ethical issues.” Roundtable session: Strange new techniques and familiar friends: Current trends in anthropology research methods. *American Anthropological Association Annual Conference*, November 18th-22nd, 2015, Denver, Colorado.

- 2013 “Gender habitus and the cultural production of livelihood disparities in Amazonia Peru.” *Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Conference*, Washington University in Saint Louis. April 11th-13th, 2013, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2012 “Ecotourism and extractive economies in Madre de Dios, Amazonia Peru.” Presented at the 2012 *Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference on Nature/Society*. The University of Kentucky Political Ecology Working Group, April 13th, 2012, Lexington, Kentucky.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2016 “Precarious labor and neoliberal conservation in Western Amazonia”
Talk presented at Case Western Reserve University, hosted by the Social Justice Institute, November 12th, 2016, Cleveland, Ohio.

INVITED CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “Intermodalities of anthropological inquiry” Presented at the Methodological Colloquium hosted by College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, April 7th, 2017, Columbus, Ohio.
- 2015 Interdisciplinary panel on ethnographic research: “Field methods seminar”
Hosted by Department of Spanish & Portuguese, The Ohio State University, September 9th, 2015, Columbus, Ohio.
- 2014 “Extraction, conservation, and contingent labor in the Peruvian Amazon”
Talk presented at *Andes/Amazonia Working Group brown bag lunch series*.
Invited and sponsored by Andes/Amazonia working group, The Ohio State University, March 5th, 2014, Columbus, Ohio.
- 2013 “Ethnographies of la chamba in Amazonia Peru”
Talk presented at “Tinker Talks” invited and sponsored talk by Center for Latin American Studies, The Ohio State University, October 7th, 2013, Columbus, Ohio.
- 2010 “Andean literati: The politics of ethno-history and social memory”
Talk presented at the symposium “Folklore, history, and memory: Ireland and beyond.” Invited and sponsored by the Center for Folklore Studies, The Ohio State University, February 19th, 2010, Columbus, Ohio.

CONFERENCE EVENTS ORGANIZED

2016 Planning Committee member and event co-coordinator with Michelle Wibbelsman, “Feria de Idiomas” (Language Workshop) at the first annual Symposium on Indigenous Languages and Cultures of Latin America (ILCLA), hosted by the Center for Latin American Studies at The Ohio State University, October 13th-16th, 2016.

FULL TEACHING APPOINTMENTS AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

“Crisis! Anthropological Perspectives of Global Issues” Anthropology 3597.01:
Autumn 2015; Spring 2016; Summer 2016; Summer 2017; Autumn 2017 (5 semesters)

“Cultural Conflict in Developing Nations” Anthropology 4597.01 (capstone course):
Autumn 2013; Spring 2014 (2 semesters)

OTHER TEACHING APPOINTMENTS AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

“Music and Spanish in the Andes Language Learning Academy” (summer program through Center for Latin American Studies): Summer 2017 (1 summer session)

FIELD AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017 Graduate Research Associate (Center for Latin American Studies, OSU)
2016-present Ethnographic research on relocation project in Belén, Iquitos, Peru.
Collaborative Project with Nick Kawa (OSU), ongoing
2014-2015 Ethnographic research on extraction/conservation in Madre de Dios, Peru for
Ph.D. dissertation, 16 months (OSU)
2013 Ethnographic research in Madre de Dios Peru for Ph.D. dissertation, 2 months
(OSU)
2013 Note taker/Transcriber for k-12 grade teacher focus groups, 1 month (PAST
Foundation)
2012 NSF-sponsored methods training program: Summer Institute for Research Design
in Cultural Anthropology, 3 weeks (Duke University Marine Lab, North Carolina)
2010-2011 Graduate research appointment at Borror Laboratory of Bioacoustics. Supervisor:
Doug Nelson, 2yrs (OSU)
2010 Ethnographic research in Amazonia Peru for M.A. thesis, 2 months (OSU)
2008 Ethnographic research in Amazonia Peru, 3 months (UT-Austin)

SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

2017 Project Faculty Member, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
Summer Institute K-12 ‘Teaching the Andes’
2017 Musician, Andean Music Ensemble (OSU)

2013-2014 Diversity Committee Representative, Department of Anthropology (OSU)
2014 Workshop Co-leader, conservation workshop for school-aged children in Madre de Dios, Peru, Asociación para la Conservación de la Cuenca Amazónica (also conducted workshops previously in 2010 and 2008)
2013 Guest Speaker, West Broad Elementary School, Columbus, Ohio
2013 Volunteer, YWCA Family Center, Columbus, Ohio
2010-present Mentor, Undergraduate Anthropology Mentor Program (OSU)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

2017 Student Mentor, Global Awareness Project, Grandville High School, Ohio
2015-2017 Invited Participant, Andean Music Ensemble, OSU: Andean cultures and music demonstration, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio
2014-2015 Workshop Co-leader, Asociación para la Conservación de la Cuenca Amazónica (ACCA): Conservation workshops for school-aged children in Madre de Dios, Peru
2013 Guest Speaker, West Broad Elementary School, Columbus, Ohio: Conservation in the Amazon Rainforest
2013 Volunteer, YWCA Family Center, Columbus, Ohio
2010 Invited Participant, Scientific Saturdays, Los Amigos Biological Station, Madre de Dios, Peru

LANGUAGES

English- native speaker
Spanish- advanced
Quechua- basic

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Qualitative Data Analysis Software (Atlas.ti; MAXQDA); Digital Audio Workstation and Video Editing (Final Cut, Pro Tools, Ableton Live); Basic website design (WordPress)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association, Society for Economic Anthropology, Society for Applied Anthropology, Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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