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EDUCATION

1991. University of California, Berkeley.
B.A. in Anthropology and History
- honors in anthropology
1995. New School for Social Research.
MA in Anthropology and Historical Studies
2001. New School for Social Research.
PhD in Anthropology.
“Development in the Borderlands: Cotton Capitalism, State Formation and
Regional Political Culture in Northern Mexico”

POSITIONS HELD

- 2018- Professor. Department of Anthropology, UCSB
- 2010- Managing Editor, *Journal of Political Ecology*
- 2023-27 Board Member, Wastewater Needs Assessment Advisory Group, California
State Water Resources Control Board.
- 2018-2023 Chair, Department of Anthropology, UCSB
- 2015-2018 Director, Latin American and Iberian Studies Program, UCSB.
- Fall 2012 Director, Mexico Study Center, University of California Education Abroad
Program. Visiting Professor, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México,
Mexico City, México.
- 2010-2018 Associate Professor. Department of Anthropology, UCSB
- 2010-2012; 2016-2018 Faculty Graduate Advisor, Department of Anthropology, UCSB
- 2008-2010 Assistant Professor. Department of Anthropology, UCSB

2001-2007 Research Professor, Level 3.
Graduate Program in Social Anthropology, Department of Social and
Political Sciences, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2026. Senior Fellow. Institute of Advanced Research (FRIAS), Freiburg University, Germany. \$68,000 USD
2025. Senior Fellow. Institute of Cultural Studies (IFK), Vienna, Austria. \$16,000. (declined).
2024. AlianzaMX Small Grant. "Workshop: The Social Relations of Mexican Commodities in the Twenty-First Century." \$5,000.
2023. UC Santa Barbara, Academic Senate, Faculty Research Grant. "A Community Assessment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Cuyama Valley". \$10,000.
2021. Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholar Grant, Spain. \$13,000
2019. Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholar Grant, Spain. \$13,000. (declined, health reasons).
2019. Distinguished Fellow of the Notre Dame Institute of Advanced Study. University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. \$75,000. (declined, health reasons).
2019. UC Santa Barbara, Academic Senate. Faculty Research Grant. "Water Cultures in Southern Spain". \$7,066.
- 2018-19. Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research. Collaborative Research Initiative Grant. "Knowing the Underground: Collaborative Research on Emergent Oil and Water Politics in Central California". \$7,000.
- 2018-19. California Department of Water Resources, Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program. Proposition 1: Disadvantaged Communities. "Needs Assessment, Santa Barbara Region". Contract. \$104,974.
2015. Chicano Studies Institute, UCSB, Small Grant. "Mexicano/Latino Participation in Groundwater Management in California". \$1500.
2014. UC Institute for Mexico and the United States (UCMEXUS), Collaborative Grant. "Groundwater Use and Management in the Context of Globalized Agriculture and Climate Change" With Co-PI Yanga Villagómez (El Colegio de Michoacan). \$24,828.
2013. UCSB Center for Nanotechnology in Society, Seed Grant: "Filtering the Social: Nanotechnology and Water Treatment in Mexico" \$40,000.

- 2013. FICSAC, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico. Sabbatical Fellowship, January 1 - June 30. ("Programa de Excelencia Académica, Atracción de Académicos Visitantes de Estancia Media). \$7,200.
- 2012. Paul Farmer Global Citizen Award. Center for Public Anthropology.
- 2012. Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Fellowship. Conference: "The Value of Water: Water, Values and Society in the Asia Pacific Region." (National University of Singapore, May 28-June 1, 2012). \$2000.
- 2012. Consolidation Grant, Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (RISC) Consortium, University of Luxembourg. Workshop: "Beyond Utopia: Crisis, Values, and the Socialities of Nature" (IHC, UCSB, March 1-3, 2012). Co-PI with Constanza Parra (University of Groningen). \$4500.
- 2011. Seminar Grant. "Agua y mano de obra en la agricultura de alto valor en California, Nueva Escocia y Michoacán" (El Colegio de Michoacan, Michoacan, Mexico, April 18-20, 2012). Programa Interinstitucional de Estudios Sobre la Region de America del Norte (PIERAN), El Colegio de Mexico. Co-PI with Yanga Villagomez (El Colegio de Michoacan) and Elizabeth Fitting (Dalhousie University). \$5000.
- 2011. Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant, UCSB. "The Political Ecology of Bathing in Mexico." \$3468.
- 2011. Regents Humanities Faculty Fellowship, UCSB. "Water and Bathing in Mexico, 1880-1980." \$7500.
- 2008. Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research, UCSB. "Racism in Mexico: Life Histories of Indigenous Professionals." Co-Principal Investigator, with Emiko Saldivar (UCSB). \$1500.
- 2007-2008. Texas A&M University-Conacyt, Collaborative Research Grant Program. "An Integrated Assessment of Cross-Border Land and Water-Use Changes in the Lower Rio Grande/Bravo Valley Since 1990." Co Principal Investigador, with Christian Brannstrom (Texas A&M), Wendy Jepson (Texas A&M), and Gustavo Garza (UNAM). \$25,000.
- 2007-2009. National System of Researchers (SNI), México. Level 1.
- 2006. "Outstanding Researcher". Office of Research, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- 2006. Enhancement Fellowship. Program for Academic Excellence, Research and Higher Knowledge Trust (FICSAC), Universidad Iberoamericana. \$5,000
- 2006-2008. National Science and Technology Council, México (CONACYT), Research Network Grant Program. "Northern Mexico Riverbasin Research Network" ("Red de Investigadores del Agua en Cuencas del Norte de México") (2006-2008). SEP-004-C01-47222. Participant researcher.

- 2004-2006. National System of Researchers (SNI), México. Level “Candidate.”
- 2003-2004. UCMexus (University of California) Collaborative Research Grants. Project #CN-03-08: “Water, Agriculture and Society on the México-US Border: The Political Ecology of the Delta Regions of the Bravo/Grande and Colorado Rivers” Co-PI with Mariluz Cruz-Torres, ASU. \$25,000
2003. George Brown Prize, UCMexus. \$5,000
- 2003-2004. National Science and Technology Council, México (SEP-CONACYT) Young Researchers Grant Program, Project # J39672-S: “Water, Agriculture and Society on the Northern Border: The Political Ecology of the Valle Bajo Río Bravo, Tamaulipas.” Principal Investigator.
- declined
- 2003-2007. Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, México (SEMARNAT-CONACYT) Proyecto #SEMARNAT-2002-C01-0854: “Water, Agriculture and Society on the Northern Border: The Political Ecology of the Valle Bajo Río Bravo, Tamaulipas.” Principal Investigator. \$100,000 USD
2001. Stanley Diamond Memorial Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences, New School for Social Research.
- 2000-2001. Guest Scholar, Center for US-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego.
- 1999-2000. Visiting Research Fellowship, Center for US-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego. \$40,000
1998. Rockefeller Archive Center Small Grant for the History of the Social Sciences. \$2,000
- 1997-1998. Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship. \$5,000
- 1997-1998. Fulbright Dissertation Research Fellowship. \$25,000
- 1996-1997. Woodrow Borah Fellowship. Agency for Educational Development, National Security Education Program. \$25,000

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Walsh, Casey. 2018. *Virtuous Waters: Mineral Springs, Bathing and Infrastructure in Mexico*. Luminos Open Access Series. Berkeley: University of California Press.
<http://www.ucpress.edu/book.php?isbn=9780520291737>

- Walsh, Casey. 2010. *Construyendo fronteras: una historia transnacional del algodón de riego en la frontera entre México y Texas*. Mexico City: Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social / Universidad Iberoamericana. (Translation of *Building the Borderlands* {2008}).
<http://enlinea.uia.mx/libreriavirtual/detalle.cfm?clave=CSP0208&tipoPublicacion=LIBRO>
- Walsh, Casey. 2008. *Building the Borderlands: A Transnational History of Irrigated Cotton on the Mexico-Texas Border*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press.
<http://www.tamupress.com/product/Building-the-Borderlands,643.aspx>
- Walsh, Casey, Elizabeth Ferry, Gabriela Soto Laveaga, Paola Sesia and Sarah Hill. 2003. *The Social Relations of Mexican Commodities: Power, Production and Place*. San Diego: Center for US-Mexican Studies, Universidad de California, San Diego.
https://www.rienner.com/title/The_Social_Relations_of_Mexican_Commodities_Power_Production_and_Place

Edited Journal Volumes

- Vogt, Lindsay and Casey Walsh (eds.) 2021. Special Issue, "Parsing the Politics of Singular and Multiple Waters" *Water Alternatives* 14(1): 1-116. <https://www.water-alternatives.org/index.php/tp1-2/1911-vol14>
- Barandiarán, Javiera and Casey Walsh (eds). 2017. Special section, "Production/Destruction in Latin America" *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 716-800. http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/Volume24/Volume_24.html
- Walsh, Casey and Constanza Parra (eds). 2016. "Socialities of Nature Beyond Utopia" *Nature and Culture* 11(3): 229-336.
<http://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/nature-and-culture/11/3/nature-and-culture.11.issue-3.xml>
- Walsh, Casey (ed.). 2013. Special Section "Eric Wolf Prize Papers 2012" *Journal of Political Ecology* 20: 199-254.
http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/Volume20/Volume_20.html
- Walsh, Casey (ed.). 2012. Special Section "Mexican Water Studies in the Mexico-US Borderlands" *Journal of Political Ecology* 19: 50-93.
http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/Volume19/Volume_19.html

Articles

- Walsh, Casey. Under review. "Valores y Ficciones: La Mercantilización de los Manantiales Minerales en México." *Mexican Studies / Estudios Mexicanos*.
- Ferry, Elizabeth, Paola Sesia and **Casey Walsh**. Under review. "Introduction: The Social and Material Relations of Mexican Commodities in the Twenty-first Century." *Mexican Studies / Estudios Mexicanos*.

- Walsh, Casey. 2022. "Beyond rules and norms: Heterogeneity, ubiquity, and visibility of groundwaters" *WIREs Water* e1597 <https://doi.org/10.1002/wat2.1597>
- Walsh, Casey. 2022. "Hydraulic Opulence: Artesian Wells and Bathing in Mexico, 1850-1900." *Water History* 14: 85-100. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12685-022-00297-9>
- Vogt, Lindsay and **Casey Walsh**. 2021. "Parsing the Politics of Singular and Multiple Waters." *Water Alternatives* 14(1): 1-11. <http://www.water-alternatives.org/index.php/alldoc/articles/vol14/v14issue1/614-a14-1-9/file>
- Walsh, Casey. 2021. "Waters, Water and the Hydrosocial Politics of Bathing in Mexico City, 1850-1920." *Water Alternatives* 14(1): 47-59. <http://www.water-alternatives.org/index.php/alldoc/articles/vol14/v14issue1/617-a14-1-12/file>
- Partridge, Tristan, Javiera Barandiarán, **Casey Walsh**, Kalina Bakardzhieva, Leah Bronstein, and Monica Hernandez. 2020. "California oil: Bridging the gaps between local decision-making and state-level climate action." *The Extractive Industries and Society* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2020.07.020>
- Andrea E. Pia, Simon Batterbury, Agnieszka Joniak-Lüthi, Marcel LaFlamme, Gerda Wielander, Filippo M. Zerilli, Melissa Nolas, Jon Schubert, Nicholas Loubere, Ivan Franceschini, **Casey Walsh**, Agathe Mora, and Christos Varvantakis. 2020. "Labour of Love: An Open Access Manifesto for Freedom, Integrity, and Creativity in the Humanities and Interpretive Social Sciences." *Common Place: A Publication of the Knowledge Futures Group* (July 16). <https://doi.org/10.21428/6ffd8432.a7503356>
(Reprinted in *ANUAC: Rivista della Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale* 9(1): 77-85 [2020]: <https://ojs.unica.it/index.php/anuac/article/view/4514/4654>)
- Barandiarán, Javiera and **Casey Walsh**. 2017. "Production/Destruction in Latin America" *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: . Introduction to Special Section, "Production/Destruction in Latin America" Javiera Barandiarán and Casey Walsh, editors. *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 717-725. http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/volume_24/BarandiaranWalshintro.pdf
- Walsh, Casey and Constanza Parra. 2016. "Introduction: Socialities of Nature Beyond Utopia" *Nature and Culture* 11(3), Special Symposium, Casey Walsh and Constanza Parra, editors. Pp. 229-238. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3167/nc.2016.110301>
- Saldivar, Laura and **Casey Walsh**. 2015. "Nanotecnología para el tratamiento de agua. Claves sobre la investigación en México" *Mundo Nano* Vol. 8, No. 14: 53-69. <http://www.revistas.unam.mx/index.php/nano/article/view/52513>
- Walsh, Casey. 2015. "Mineral Springs, Primitive Accumulation, and the 'New Water' in Mexico" *Regions and Cohesion* 5(1): 1-25. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3167/reco.2015.050101>

- Saldívar, Emiko and **Casey Walsh**. 2015. "Racial and Ethnic Identities in Mexican Statistics" Special Volume of the *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Research* 20(3), Luis Angosto Ferrandez and Sabine Kradolfer (eds.). Pp. 455-475.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13260219.2014.996115>
- Walsh, Casey. 2013. "Water Infrastructures in the Mexico/U.S. Borderlands" *Ecosphere*. 4(1):8. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1890/ES12-00268.1>
- Walsh, Casey. 2012. "Anthropology and the Commodity Form: The Philadelphia Commercial Museum" *Critique of Anthropology* 32(3): 223-240.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0308275X12449100>
- Walsh, Casey. 2012. "Introduction." Special Section: Mexican Water Studies in the Mexico-US Borderlands *Journal of Political Ecology* 19: 50-56.
http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/volume_19/walshintro.pdf
- Walsh, Casey. 2011. "Managing Urban Water Demand in Neoliberal Northern Mexico." *Human Organization* 70(1): 54-62.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.17730/humo.70.1.5675v70666704712>
- Walsh, Casey. 2009. "'To Come of Age in a Dry Place': Infrastructures of Irrigated Agriculture in the Mexico-U.S. Borderlands." *Southern Rural Sociology* 24(1): 21-43.
<http://journalofruralsocialsciences.org/pages/Articles/SRS%202009%2024/1/SRS%202009%2024%201%2021-43.pdf>
- Walsh, Casey. 2005. "Las Culturas del Agua." *Páramo del Campo a la Ciudad*. Año 3, Número 7: 102-106.
- Walsh, Casey. 2005. "Región, raza y riego: el desarrollo del norte mexicano, 1910-1940." *Nueva Antropología* 64: 53-74.
<http://historico.juridicas.unam.mx/publica/librev/rev/nuant/cont/64/pr/pr4.pdf>
- Walsh, Casey. 2004. "'Aguas Broncas': The Regional Political Ecology of Water Conflict in the Mexico-U.S. Borderlands." *Journal of Political Ecology* 11: 43-58.
http://jpe.library.arizona.edu/volume_11/Walsh2004.pdf
- Walsh, Casey. 2004. "Las Culturas de Agua" *Christus: Revista de Teología y Ciencias Humanas* LXIX, No. 743: 22-23.
- Walsh, Casey. 2004. "Eugenic Acculturation: Manuel Gamio, Migration Studies, and the Anthropology of Development in Mexico, 1910-1940." *Latin American Perspectives* 31(5): 118-145.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0094582X04268405>
- Walsh, Casey. 1998. "Cultura política y política cultural en los estudios mexicanos" *Apuntes de Investigación del CECYP* 2(2/3): 195-206.

- Park, Thomas, James Greenberg, Simon Batterbury and **Casey Walsh**. 2020. "Conclusion" In Greenberg, James and Thomas Park, eds., *Terrestrial Transformations: A Political Ecology Approach to Society and Nature*. Lexington Books.
<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781793605467/Terrestrial-Transformations-A-Political-Ecology-Approach-to-Society-and-Nature>
- Walsh, Casey. 2020. "Peasants, Crime and War in Rural Mexico." In Steve Striffler, Leslie Gill and Leigh Binford, eds., *Fifty Years of Peasant Wars in Latin America*. New York: Berg. Pp. 121-41. <https://www.berghahnbooks.com/title/BinfordFifty>
- Walsh, Casey. 2019. "Water to Wine: Industrial Agriculture and Groundwater Regulation in California." In Jane W. Gibson and Sara E. Alexander, eds. *In Defense of Farmers: The Future of Agriculture in the Shadow of Corporate Power*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press. <https://www.nebraskapress.unl.edu/university-of-nebraska-press/9781496206732/>
- Walsh, Casey and Emiko Saldivar. 2016. "Racial and Ethnic Identities in Mexican Statistics", *The Politics of Identity in Latin American Censuses*, edited by Luis Angosto Ferrandez and Sabine Kradolfer. London and New York: Routledge. (Reprint of 2015 article)
- Walsh, Casey and Cirila Quintero. 2013. "El algodón en el norte de Tamaulipas: 1920-1965" in Cerutti, Mario and Araceli Almaráz, eds., *Algodón en el Norte de Mexico: Impactos Regionales de un Cultivo Estratégico*. Tijuana: El Colegio de la Frontera Norte. Pp 141-198.
- Walsh, Casey. 2013. "Borders, Infrastructures and Power" in Gilles, Peter, Harlan Koff, Carmen Maganda, Christian Schulz (eds.) *Theorizing Borders through Analyses of Power Relationships*. Peter Lang Press, Brussels. Pp. 177-192.
- Walsh, Casey. 2012. "The Role of Culture in Water Demand Management" in Maganda, Carmen and Olivier Petit, eds., *Strategic Natural Resource Governance: Contemporary Environmental Perspectives / Les Gouvernance des Ressources Naturelles Strategiques: Perspectives contemporaines dans le Domaine de L'environnement*. Brussels: Peter Lang Press. Pp. 129-150.
- Walsh, Casey and María del Carmen Caño Secade. 2010. "Infraestructuras de Producción y Consumo: Algodón, Sorgo y Hortalizas de Matamoros, Tamaulipas." *Consumos Globales: De Mexico al Mundo*, Carmen Bueno Castellanos and Igor Ayoro, editors. Mexico: Universidad Iberoamericana.
- Walsh, Casey. 2008. "Statistics and Anthropology: The Mexican Case." *A Companion to Latin American Anthropology*. Deborah Poole, editor. London: Blackwell. Pp. 352-371.
- Walsh, Casey. 2007. "'Un risueño porvenir': Algodón y desarrollo regional en la frontera norte Mexicana, 1920-1965." *Paisajes Mexicanos de la Reforma Agraria: Homenaje a William Roseberry*. Francisco Gómez Carpinteiro, editor. Puebla and

Zamora, Mexico: Benemerita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla / Colegio de Michoacán. Pp. 97-132.

Walsh, Casey. 2004. "Las Culturas de Agua." *Hacia una gestión integral del agua en México: Retos y alternativas*. Cecilia Tortajada, Vicente Guerrero and Ricardo Sandoval (eds.). Mexico: Third World Centre for Water Management / Porrúa. Pp. 433-455.

Walsh, Casey. 2004. "Algodón y la Frontera México- Estados Unidos." *Fronteiras: paisagens, personagens, culturas*. Horacio Gutierrez, Maria Aparecida de S. Lopes and Marcia Naxara (eds.). Sao Paulo, Brasil: Universidade Estadual Paulista, Campus Franca. Pp. 133-158.

Walsh, Casey. 2003. "'A Rosy Future': Cotton and Regional Development in Mexico's Northern Borderlands, 1920-1965" *The Social Relations of Mexican Commodities: Power, Production and Place*. Walsh, Casey et. al. San Diego: Center for US-Mexican Studies, Universidad de California, San Diego. Pp. 19-54.

Walsh, Casey y Elizabeth Ferry. 2003. "Introduction: Production, Power and Place." *The Social Relations of Mexican Commodities: Power, Production and Place*. Walsh, Casey et. al. San Diego: Center for US-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego. Pp. 1-18.

Recent Book Reviews

Walsh, Casey. 2022. BOOK REVIEW. *El norte mexicano sin algodones, 1970-2010. Estancamiento, inconformidad y adiós al optimismo* by Luis Aboites Aguilar. (Ciudad de México: El Colegio de México, 2018). *Historia Mexicana* 71(4) (no. 284), abr.-jun. 2022 <http://dx.doi.org/10.24201/hm.v71i4.4094>

Walsh, Casey. 2020. "A Future History of Water by Andrea Ballesterio (review)" *Luso-Brazilian Review*, Volume 57, Number 2, 2020, pp. E14-E16
<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/782710/pdf>

Walsh, Casey. 2020. BOOK REVIEW. *The Science and Politics of Race in Mexico and the United States, 1910–1950* by Karin Alejandra Rosemblatt. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018.). *Journal of Latin American Studies* 52(2): 436-438.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022216X20000401>

Walsh Casey. 2019. BOOK REVIEW. *Land, Liberty, and Water: Morelos after Zapata, 1920-1940* by Salvador Salinas. (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2018). *H-Net Reviews*. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=53856>

Walsh Casey. 2018. BOOK REVIEW. *Watering the Revolution: An Environmental and Technological History of Agrarian Reform in Mexico* by Mikael D. Wolfe. (Durham: Duke University Press). *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 49(1): 167-8.

- Walsh Casey. 2018. BOOK REVIEW. *Fires on the Border: The Passionate Politics of Labor Organizing on the Mexican Frontera* by Rosemary Hennessy. (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2013). *The Americas* 75(3): 596-7.
- Walsh Casey. 2017. BOOK REVIEW. *Seeds of Empire: Cotton, Slavery, and the Transformation of the Texas Borderlands, 1800-1950* by Andrew J. Torget. (University of North Carolina Press, 2015) *Journal of Latin American Geography* 16(2): 193-5.
- Walsh, Casey. 2015 BOOK REVIEW. *Working Women into the Borderlands*. By Sonia Hernández. (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2014) *Journal of American History* 101(4): 1265-1266.
- Walsh, Casey 2013. BOOK REVIEW: Christopher Boyer, *A Land Between Waters: Environmental Histories of Modern Mexico*. (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2012). *Western Historical Quarterly* 44(3): 354.
- Walsh, Casey. 2013. BOOK REVIEW. Deborah Cohen, *Braceros: Migrant Citizens and Transnational Subjects in the Postwar United States and Mexico*. (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2012). Thomas Maddux and Diane Labrosse (eds.) H-Diplo Roundtable Review, *H-Diplo* 15(15): 20-24. <http://h-diplo.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XV-15.pdf>

Other Publications

- Walsh, Casey. 2022. "#LASA2022: Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos Explores the Transnational Management of Colorado River Water Resources" Blog Post. <https://www.ucpress.edu/blog/59077/lasa2022-mexican-studies-estudios-mexicanos-explores-the-transnational-management-of-colorado-river-water-resources/>
- Walsh, Casey. 2020. *Cuyama Water Census: Final Report*. UCSB Anthropology. <https://walsh.anth.ucsb.edu/sites/default/files/sitefiles/WATER%20CENSUS%20FINAL%20REPORT%201.pdf>
- Walsh, Casey. 2014. "Bordered Spaces: Nation-States and Private Property". Blog Entry. Public Political Ecology Lab, University of Arizona. <http://ppel.arizona.edu/?p=684>

SERVICE POSITIONS

2024- Member, Wastewater Needs Assessment Advisory Group, UCLA

RECENT PAPERS AND CONFERENCES

Invited Lecture: "Visibility and Property in California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)" Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies (FRIAS). University of Freiburg (5/11/26)

Invited Lecture: "Visibility and Property in California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)" Bremen University, Department of Anthropology (4/21/26)

"Neighborly Waters: Groundwater Regulation in California." FRIAS Midterm Fellow Retreat. Freiburg University. (4/20/26)

Invited Lecture: "Virtuous Waters: The Culture and History of Bathing and Mineral Springs in Mexico" Balneology Association of North America (BANA), Community Lecture Series. (4/15/26)

Invited Lecture: "All Eyes on Cuyama". Seminar on Seeds, Soils and Globalization, Director Birgit Muller EHESS, Paris. (2/23/26)

Invited Lecture. "SGMA: Regulation and Degrowth." Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology. Kansas State University. 12/18/25.

Fulbright/DAAD Alumni Reception. Organizer. UCSB. 11/19/25.

"They're bigger, but we're stronger": neighborly moral economy and the making of groundwater regulation in California" II Congreso Internacional El Valor del Agua, Jaen, Spain, June 5-6, 2025.

"Roundtable: Mexican Commodities in the 21st Century" LASA Congress, San Francisco, May 23, 2025.

"California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Regulation and Representation" UCSB Earth Sciences Department Colloquium. 3/14/25.

"De la Igualdad a la Equidad: La Regulacion del Agua Subterranea en California" Institute of Geographical Research (IIG), National University of Mexico (UNAM). 2/11/25.

"La Regulación del Agua de Subsuelo en California" Workshop: Mexican Commodities in the 21st Century. CIESAS, Oaxaca, Mexico. 8/16/24

"Political ecology of the sacred: science, religion and mineral springs in colonial-period Mexico." Recorded Presentation. Sacred Waters: An International and Transdisciplinary Conference. Buxton, U.K. 6/30/24.

"The Journal of Political Ecology and Just and Sustainable Futures" Conference of the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN). Lima, Peru / Dodoma, Tanzania / Lund, Sweden. 6/3/24.

"Crisis, Reproduction and Regulation in Mexico: Mariluz Cruz Torres and the Changueras of Mazatlan." Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Toronto, Canada. 11/17/23.

"Inequality and Participation in the Cuyama SGMA Process" Panel presentation: SGMA in 2023: Advancing an Agenda to Meet Emerging Needs. U.C. Berkeley, U.C. Agriculture and Natural Resources. 6/6/23

Commentator. PhD Thesis Presentation, Jairo Brito Cruz: "La presa de infiernillo". El Colegio de San Luis, San Luis Potosí, México, 5/2/23. Virtual

Introduction. "Against Racism: Organizing for social change in Latin America" Book reception. Monica Moreno Figueroa, Emiko Saldívar. Las Maestras Center, UCSB, 2/7/23.

Commentator. PhD Thesis Presentation, Jairo Brito Cruz: "La presa de infiernillo". El Colegio de San Luis, San Luis Potosí, México, 12/2/22. Virtual

Invited Speaker. "Imaginario del Agua Subterránea: Heterogeneidad, Ubicuidad, Visibilidad". 1 Seminario Internacional Narrativas e Imaginarios del Agua. Universidad de Jaén, Spain, November 10-11, 2022.

Comenterista del libro: Aboites, Luis. 2021. *La caída del algodón en Mexico. El conflictivo ascenso de Chihuahua*. Reunión de NortEstudios. 8/18/21. Virtual.

Chair and Organizer, Panel "Processes, Representations and Devices of Groundwater Management." Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 23, 2021

"Feeding the Models: Property, Class and Representation in California's Sustainable Groundwater Management" Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 23, 2021.

"Expert Knowledge and Stakeholder Engagement in California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)" Invited Lecture, Wednesday Seminar, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UC San Diego. (October 21, 2020)

"Ciencia, ficción, agua: imaginarios del futuro en la California rural" III Congreso Internacional de la Red Internacional de Universidades Lectoras. (September 29, 2020)

"Groundwater Activism in Rural California: Engaging the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act" Panel: Grassroots activism in times of authoritarian neoliberalism: Pathways to radical ecologies and alternative futures. POLLEN2020, the Biennial Meeting of the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN). (September 22-25, 2020)

Discussant. Panel "What Lies Beneath the Surface: Mexico's Subsoil". Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Guadalajara, Mexico (May 12-17, 2020)

"The Past and Future of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act." Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology and the Political Ecology Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Mar. 17-21, 2020)

Panelist. Roundtable "Political Ecology, Political Economy, and Applied Anthropology: Honoring James Greenberg". Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, New Mexico (March 17-22, 2020)

"Bottoming out: Contradictory Consciousness of Groundwater Depletion and Irrigated Ag in California." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver. (Nov. 22, 2019)

Discussant. Panel "Anthropologies of Mud: Collaborative Entanglements, Commitments, and Challenges". Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver. (Nov. 20, 2019)

Invited Lecture. "The Wrath of Grapes: Wine and Water in the Mexico-US Borderlands." School of Transborder Studies, Arizona State University. (Nov. 15, 2019)

"Cuyama Water Needs Assessment". Annual Environmental Justice Update, Central Coast Water Board Meeting, San Luis Obispo. (Jan. 31, 2019).

"Aguas minerales, elite norteño, y el desarrollo de la industria del turismo en México, 1880-1950" Annual Meeting of the Asociación de Historiadores Económicos del Norte de México, San Luis Potosí (November 15, 2018).

"Heterogeneity, Homogeneity and Hydraulic Opulence in the Valley of Mexico". Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose. (November 14, 2018). By Skype.

Keynote Lecture. "El baño en México: 500 años de medioambiente y cultura" IV Seminario Internacional de La Rioja: Lectura, paisaje e imaginarios ambientales" La Rioja, España (October 4-5, 2018).

Invited Lecture. "Los Rios y sus Gentes", Labrit Patrimonio and Municipio of Pamplona, Spain. (October 8, 2018).

"Principles of Good Governance in Water Systems: Lessons from Anthropology" Workshop on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. San Luis Obispo, CA. (Jan. 31, 2017)

"The 'Plan Chavez' in Matamoros Tamaulipas (1934-1950): An Alternative to Big Dam Development in the Mexico-US Borderlands." Canadian Latin American and Caribbean Studies Society (CALACS) Meeting, Calgary, Canada. (June 2, 2016).

Keynote Speaker. "Water Use, Regulation and Conflict in the Context of Climate Change." 5th National Conference of Research on Climate Change, Mexico City. (October 15th, 2015)

Discussant. Panel "Etnografía y post-humanismo: materialidad y ensamblajes en Latinoamerica" IV Congreso Latinoamericano de Antropología, Mexico City. (October 8, 2015)

"Water to Wine: Groundwater and Grapes in Central California" Political Economy of Development Hub, Orfalea Center on Globalization, UCSB (April 1, 2015)

"Groundwater on the Ground", Panel Chair and Organizer, Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology and the Political Ecology Society, Pittsburgh. (March 26, 2015)

"Water to Wine: Groundwater and Grapes in Central California" Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology and the Political Ecology Society, Pittsburgh. (March 26, 2015)

Invited Speaker. Roundtable, "Water in Cuyama". New Cuyama Community Center, New Cuyama, CA. (January 16, 2015)

Discussant. Screening of the film "Watermark". Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UCSB Pollock Theater. (January 15, 2015)

"De Mega a Nano: calidad de agua e infraestructura hidráulica en México", Invited Speaker, Seminar on "Acceso, manejo y control de recursos naturales en las sociedades mexicanas. Conflictos y consensos, siglos XIX-XXI" Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. (October 17, 2014).

"Optimismo, pesimismo o realismo?: cultura y economía entre los algodones del Bajo Rio Bravo, 1930-1960" Invited Speaker, "VI Seminario Agricultura, Tejidos Productivos y Dinamica Empresarial en el Norte de Mexico: 1930-1993" Universidad Autonoma de Sinaloa, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico (August 15, 2014).

"Constant Movement, A Conversation", Invited Speaker. Roundtable with Jenni Sorkin (UCSB) and Fran Siegel (CSUDH). Art, Design and Architecture Museum, UCSB (April 2, 2014)

"Filtering out the Social: Nanotechnology and Water Treatment in Mexico" Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque (March 20, 2014)

"Political Ecologies of Bordered Spaces" Panel Chair. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington Kentucky (February 28, 2014)

"Mega to Nano: Changing Scales and Socialities of Water Infrastructure in Mexico" Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington Kentucky (March 1, 2014)

"Dimensiones sociales de la nanotecnología y el tratamiento de aguas en Mexico", CIESAS-Noreste, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico (June 20, 2013)

"Las Aguas Minerales en Mexico: Mas alla de la formacion del Estado". Invited Lecture, Catedra Angel Palerm, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropologia Social (CIESAS), Mexico City (June 5, 2013).

Comments on "Pueblos Indigenas, manejo de recursos naturales y derechos ambientales", by Yanga Villagomez, El Colegio de Michoacan, Zamora, Michoacan, Mexico (January 31, 2013)

"Hot Springs, Bathing, and the Creation of "New Water" in Mexico" 2012 Conference of the Region Integration and Social Cohesion Consortium, Mexico City (October 30-November 1, 2013).

- “The Social Use of Hot Springs in California, Mexico and Japan” Conference, The Value of Water, Association of Pacific Rim Universities Fellows Program, Singapore (May 29-31, 2012)
- “Wine and Water in Central California” Planning Meeting of the North American Working Group on Water, Migration and Agriculture. El Colegio de Michoacan, Zamora, Michoacan, Mexico (April 18-20, 2012)
- “Studying Out and Scaling Back: A Transnational Political Ecology of Topo Chico Hot Springs, Mexico” 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Baltimore Maryland. (March 28-31, 2012)
- “Beyond Utopia” Organizer, Introduction, Concluding Remarks. Workshop, “Beyond Utopia: Crisis, Values and the Socialities of Nature” Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UCSB (March 1-3, 2012)
- “De ‘abandonado paramo’ a ‘una llanura ilimitada de algodón’: Matamoros, Tamaulipas, 1920-1960” Seminario Historia de los Sistemas Productivos en el Norte de México, Impactos Regionales de la Agroindustria del Algodón en el Desarrollo Regional, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico (November 24-25, 2011).
- “Escalas y ritmos en la historia económica del Norte de México” Keynote Speaker. 20th Meeting of the Association of Economic History of Northern Mexico, “Historia y crisis, Recuperando el pasado economic para delinear el future”, Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico (September 21-23, 2011).
- “Institutional Framework: Water Infrastructures in the US-Mexico Borderlands” Invited Paper, Conference, “Sustainability on the Border: Water, Climate and Social Change in a Fragil Landscape. University of Texas, El Paso (May 11-14, 2011)
- “The Social and Cultural Dimensions of Water Demand Management”, Invited Paper, Conference, “Water in Guanajuato”, Texas A&M University and Universidad de Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico (May 5-7, 2011)
- “Bathing, Health and Tourism in Mexico” 71st Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle, Washington (March 29-April 2, 2011)

GRADUATE COURSES

- “Antropología y Estado” Posgrado en Antropología Social, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- “Debates Contemporáneos en la Antropología” Doctorado, CIESAS.
- “Agua, Agricultura y Sociedad” Posgrado en Antropología Social, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- “Practica de Campo” Posgrado en Antropología Social, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- “El Campo Mexicano en el Siglo XX” Posgrado en Antropología Social, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- “Antropología Económica” Posgrado en Antropología Social, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- “Antropología Política” Posgrado en Antropología Social, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- “Ecología Política” Posgrado en Antropología Social, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- “Teoría Antropológica Contemporánea” Posgrado en Antropología Social, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- “Special Topics in Perspectives on Globalization and Migration: Mexico and the US” Texas A&M / UNAM / UIA.
- “Political Ecology” Department of Anthropology, UCSB.
- “Issues in Contemporary Anthropology” Department of Anthropology, UCSB
- “Research Design and Writing in Sociocultural Anthropology” Department of Anthropology UCSB
- “Culture and Power”, Department of Anthropology UCSB

"Race, Racism and Anti-racism in Anthropology", Dept. Anthropology, UCSB
"Theoretical Foundations of Anthropology", Dept. Anthropology, UCSB

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

"Introducción al Entorno" Departamento de Comunicaciones, Universidad Iberoamericana.

"Introductory Cultural Anthropology" Department of Anthropology, UCSB.

"Borders and Borderlands" Department of Anthropology, UCSB

"Water and Society" Department of Anthropology, UCSB

"World Systems" Department of Anthropology, UCSB

"Anthropological Political Economy", Dept. Anthropology, UCSB.

PhD THESES DIRECTED

Ioannides, Michael. 2026.

- University of Michigan Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow (2026-2028)

Coyotecatl, Jessica. 2025. "Sovereign and Deadly Energy Transition: Fossil Capitalism against Communal Life in Mexico." UCSB Anthropology.

- President's Postdoctoral Fellow, U.C. Santa Cruz (2025-2027)

Rodriguez Solis, Gerardo. 2024. "Racial Capitalism in Mexican-US Contemporary Plantations. Labor Migration Controls in Sonora's Agrarian Carceral Geographies" UCSB Anthropology.

- President's Postdoctoral Fellow, U.C. Berkeley (2024-2026)

Vogt, Lindsay. 2019. "New Water in New India: IT, Water, and the Pursuit of Development in a Digital Age". PhD Thesis, UCSB.

- Lecturer, University of Zurich

Hernández, Cleotilde. 2009. "Desarrollo e Injusticia Ambiental: El Uso de Aguas Negras en el Valle del Mezquital, Hidalgo, México." PhD Thesis, Universidad Iberoamericana.

- Professor, El Colegio de San Luis, San Luis Potosí, México.

Caño Secade, María del Carmen. 2008. "Ecología Política, Sustentabilidad y Conflicto Ambiental: Etnografía por el Control del Agua en el Valle Bajo del Río Bravo/Grande." PhD Thesis. Universidad Iberoamericana.

M.A. THESES DIRECTED

Vogt, Lindsay. 2013. "Water, Culture and Space in the Santa Ynez Valley, California." MA Thesis, UCSB.

Hall, Linda. 2010. "Confronting New Paradigms of Racism: Afro Communities in Pluricultural/Intercultural Ecuador." M.A. Thesis, Latin American Studies, UCSB

González, Columba. 2009. "Ecología y Poder en las Colonias Texanas. El Comercio de Tierra y Agua para Migrantes." MA Thesis, Universidad Iberoamericana.

Zamora Díaz, Fernando Valentin. 2007. "Quetzalcoyotl nació en Amatlan: Identidad y nación en un pueblo mesoamericano." M.A. Thesis. Universidad Iberoamericana.

Martinez Lacy, Pablo Néstor Enrique. 2007. "Uso y aprovechamiento del agua del manantial en Atotonilco, Morelos." M.A. Thesis, Universidad Iberoamericana.

Robles Linares, María Guadalupe. 2005. "La economía familiar de los agricultores de pequeña escala en la frontera norte de México y los factores culturales que la caracterizan." M.A. Thesis, Universidad Iberoamericana.

- Miguel Juárez, Daniel Alberto. 2005. "La crisis de la agricultura de riego en el norte de Tamaulipas, régimen de tenencia de la tierra y unidad domestica: El caso de la Colonia Agrícola Los Ángeles" M.A. Thesis, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- Nava Bernal, Agustina Yolanda. 2005. "Organización social y economía, en la transferencia tecnológica pecuaria en San Marcos de la Loma, Municipio de Villa Victoria." M.A. Thesis, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- Prieto Valdéz, Ana Luisa. 2004. "Clínica Huasteca Lem: Un proyecto de desarrollo en Tampamolón." M.A. Thesis, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- Ospina Peralta, Pablo Enrique. 2004. "Galápagos, naturaleza y sociedad. Actores sociales y conflictos ambientales en las Islas Galápagos, Ecuador." Tesis de Maestría, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- Currently Professor at Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador.
- Bermeo, José Luis. 2002. "Formaciones y dinanismos étnicos en el Guera, República de Chad." Universidad Iberoamericana.
- Bernardino de Sahagún Prize, National Institute of Anthropology and History, Mexico, 2002.

B.A. THESES DIRECTED

- Emi Saroyan. 2024. Armenia's Cultural Diaspora & Resurgence through Familial Bonds. B.A. Thesis, UCSB
- Carrie Guzis. 2024. Mutiracial Transfer Students' Sense of Belonging at Transfer Institutions. B.A. Thesis, UCSB
- Klarissa Olivares. 2022. Cooperation and Sustainability within Houseless Populations: A Study of the Isla Vista Community. B.A. Thesis, UCSB.
- Kelly Garvey. 2020. "Politics and Equity in Collaborative Governance Processes: The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Cuyama Valley" B.A. Thesis, UCSB.
- Bennink, Chloe. 2019. "'It is so much harder to show love with your face covered and no contact': COVID-19's impact on addiction treatment and recovery communities" Anthropology UCSB.
- Alston, Seth. 2019. "Groundwater Markets & GSA development, a Case Study of the Fox Canyon GMA". B.A. Thesis, UCSB.
- Joelle Alley. 2017. "Groundwater Management in the Soquel Valley: SGMA and the Precedent of Historical Common Pool Resource Management Systems" B.A. Thesis, UCSB.
- Lukas Hibdon. 2016. "The Color-Blind Double-Bind: UCSB as a Hispanic Serving Institution." B.A. Thesis, UCSB.
- Mayugba, Alexandra. 2011. "Folk Principles and Belief: An Exploration of Belief within the Filipino Culture." B.A. Thesis, UCSB
- Weipking, Ruairi. 2010. "*An Cupla Focal*: Examining Language Ideologies in Modern Ireland." B.A. Thesis, UCSB.

PHD THESES COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Brito Cruz, Jairo. 2026. "Una historia de esperanzas y fracasos: un proyecto de desarrollo regional en la cuenca hidrológica del Balsas, 1960-1980." El Colegio de San Luis, Mexico.
- Smith, Gage. 2023. "Memorialization Among Vietnam Veterans in Santa Barbara: An Ethnography of a Memory Community." Anthropology, UCSB
- Lecturer, UCLA Extension

- MacMahon, Christopher. 2021. "Riparian Revolt: Water Policy and Ecological Change in Early Nevada, 1850-1900" History, UCSB
 - Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum
- Borja Bernabé-Crespo, Miguel. 2019 "Geografía del agua de boca y el saneamiento en el Campo de Cartagena – Mar Menor (1945-2017)". Departamento de Geografía, Universidad de Murcia, España. External Committee Member.
- Weigler, Elizabeth. 2019. "The Lives We Tell: Sikh Identity and Collective Memory of the Great War in Britain." Anthropology, UCSB
- Khan, Hareem. 2019. "Shaping Faces: Migrant Women Negotiating Racialized Subjectivities in the Los Angeles Beauty Industry." Anthropology, UCSB
 - Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Cal State San Bernardino
- González Jiménez, Alejandra. 2017. "Entanglements: Volkswagen de México and Global Capitalism" University of Toronto. External examiner
 - Assistant Professor, University of Toronto
- Mejia, Viviana Cañedo. 2016. "'Fall by the Way': Legislación Migratoria e Instituciones Psiquiátricas de California ante los Enfermos Mentales de Origen Mexicano, 1855-1942". Universidad Autónoma de Baja California.
 - Honorable Mention, Genaro Estrada Prize for best PhD Thesis, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, México.
- Maas, Grayson Summer 2015. "Bridging The Identity Gap: Affordances and Constraints to becoming a "Science Person"" Anthropology, UCSB
 - Director of Outreach, Art of Problem Solving (AoPS).
- Williams, Nicholas. 2015. "Understanding the effects of rural infrastructural development in Nicaragua's Caribbean Coast on agrobiodiversity in home gardens and small horticultural plots" UCSB
 - Assistant Professor, Cal Poly SLO
- Taylor, Jennifer Spring. 2013. "Know Thyself: Theorizing Multiple Personality through Social Movements." UCSB
- Whittle, Matthew. 2013. "The Culture of Collaboration: The resilience of the peasantry in San Pablo Coatlan, Oaxaca, Mexico" UCSB
 - Lecturer, Anthropology Department, CSU Northridge
- Lanzas, Gisela. 2013. "After Plan Chontalpa: The Impact of a Regional Watershed Management Development Program on the Livelihood Strategies of Small-Scale Producers in Chontalpa, Tabasco, Mexico." UCSB
 - Associate Professor, Central American Studies and Anthropology, CSU Northridge
- Carney, Megan. 2012. "The Other Side of Hunger: Everyday Experiences of Mexican and Central American Migrant Women with Food Insecurity in Santa Barbara County" UCSB
 - Associate Professor, School of Anthropology, and Director of Food Studies Institute, University of Arizona.

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

Yuribi Mayek Ibarra (UC MEXUS Postdoctoral Fellowship): 2015-16

Gian-Carlo Delgado (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México – UNAM): 2016-17

Diego Silva (University of Geneva): 2020