

Curriculum Vitae

Clayton Whitt

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EDUCATION

2017 University of British Columbia, Vancouver

PhD Anthropology.

Dissertation: Atmospheric Politics: Negotiating Climate Change in the Bolivian Highlands

Supervisor: Dr. Gastón Gordillo

Committee: Dr. Carole Blackburn, Dr. Juanita Sundberg

2004 California Polytechnic State University

B.Sc. Social Sciences, Minor in Spanish.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental anthropology; climate change; place and space; affect and the body; political ecology; environmental justice; indigeneity; Latin America; Bolivia; Andean indigenous communities.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Whitt, Clayton. 2018. "From Flooded Fields to a Vanished Lake: the Politics of Broken Water Cycles in the Bolivian Altiplano." *Geoforum*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.03.009>

Refereed Book Chapters

Whitt, Clayton. 2018. "Fluid Terrain: Climate Contestations in the Mudflats of the Bolivian Highlands." In *Territory Beyond Terra*, edited by Kimberley Peters, Philip Steinberg, and Elaine Stratford. London: Rowman & Littlefield International.

Other Publications

Whitt, Clayton. 2017. Review of *Our Vanishing Glaciers* by Robert William Sandford. *The Ormsby Review*. <https://bcbooklook.com/2017/11/29/our-vanishing-glaciers/>

Whitt, Clayton. 2017. "Dying and Drying: The Case of Bolivia's Lake Poopó." *NACLA Contested Natures Blog*. <https://nacla.org/news/2017/06/30/dying-and-drying-case-bolivia%E2%80%99s-lake-poop%C3%B3>

Whitt, Clayton. 2016. Review of *Letters to my Grandchildren* by David Suzuki & *A World for My Daughter: An Ecologist's Search for Optimism* by Alejandro Frid. *BC Studies* 192. Pp. 174-176

Whitt, Clayton. 2014. "Living Climate Change in the Bolivian Highlands Through Mud and Lightning." *Anthropology News*, 55(7-8) July/August. Pp. 10-11.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Entanglements of Climate Change and Extraction: The Conflicted Environmental Politics of the Bolivian Altiplano. Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, May 26.
- 2017 "The Land Has Become Desert": Water Pollution, Out-Migration, and Creating Community in the Bolivian Highlands. Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) and International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) joint conference, Ottawa, May 4.
- 2016 Endless Flood: Space-Time and the Ethnography of Disaster in an Andean Village. American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, March 29.
- 2015 Shifting Water Rhythms: Irrigators Confront Climate Change and Mine Waste in the Desaguadero River of the Bolivian Highlands. American Anthropological Association, Denver, November 20.
- 2015 Spatialized Anxieties: Quinoa in a Transforming Andean Landscape. Canadian Association of Geographers, Vancouver, June 4.
- 2015 "Everything is Mixed Up": Experiencing the Elements of Climate Change in the Bolivian Andes. Thinking Mountains Conference, Jasper, AB, May 6.
- 2015 Fluid Terrain: Climate Change and the Textured Materiality of Daily Life in the Bolivian Highlands. Association of American Geographers, Chicago, April 22.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 El Estudio Antropológico del Cambio Climático. Invited lecture for the Escuela de Líderes Medioambientales (School for Environmental Leaders), Centro de Ecología y Pueblos Andinos (Center for Ecology and Andean Peoples, or CEPA), Oruro, Bolivia, June 7.
- 2014 Cambio Climático y la Etnografía en el Altiplano Orureño. Invited lecture for the staff and volunteers of el Centro de Ecología y Pueblos Andinos (CEPA), Oruro, Bolivia, April 21.

PRESS COVERAGE

- 2018 Blair, Laurence. "The ecological catastrophe that turned a vast Bolivian lake into a salt desert." *The Guardian*. January 4. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/04/the-ecological-catastrophe-that-turned-a-vast-bolivian-lake-to-a-salt-desert>

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Canadian Anthropology Society / La Société Canadienne D'Anthropologie (CASCA)
Outstanding Graduating Anthropology Student Award
- 2016 – 2017 UBC Dept. of Anthropology, PhD Thesis Writing Award
- 2013 – 2016 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research
Council (SSHRC)
- 2013 – 2014 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork
Grant
- 2013 – 2014 Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, Bottom Billion
Fieldwork Fund
- 2013 – 2014 Faculty of Arts, University of British Columbia, Arts Graduate Research Award
- 2012 – 2016 University of British Columbia, Four Year Doctoral Fellowship
- 2011 – 2012 University of British Columbia, Graduate Entrance Scholarship
- 2011 – 2012 University of British Columbia, International Tuition Award

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sessional Lecturer

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC.

2018 Global Problems and the Culture of Capitalism (3rd year; writing intensive)

Department of Anthropology, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, BC.

2018 Social & Cultural Anthropology (1st year; introductory course)

Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver, BC.

2018 Contemporary Anthropological Theory (3rd year; writing intensive)

2018 Culture and Communication (2nd year)

Columbia College, Vancouver, BC.

2017 Introductory Anthropology

Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia (UBC).

2016 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, Dr. Vinay Kamat

2015 Contemporary Anthropological Theory, Dr. Andrew Martindale

2015 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, Dr. Vinay Kamat.

2013 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, Dr. David Geary.

2012 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, Dr. Charles Menzies.

2011 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, Dr. John Barker.

Teaching Assistant Training Co-Coordinator, Department of Anthropology, UBC.

2012-2013, 2015-2016

Instructional Skills Workshop, UBC Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, 2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association, Canadian Anthropology Society / La Société Canadienne
D'Anthropologie, Environmental Studies Association of Canada, International Union of
Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Latin American Studies Association