

MARCOS ALEXANDER MENDOZA
Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor - University of Mississippi, Oxford (MS)

- Associate Professor of Anthropology, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, July 2019 - Present
- Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, August 2013 – June 2019

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago (IL)

- Doctor of Philosophy in Sociocultural Anthropology, June 2013

University of Chicago, Chicago (IL)

- Master of Arts in Sociocultural Anthropology, June 2007

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (MI)

- Bachelor of Arts in Honors Philosophy and Anthropology, May 2001

FIELDS OF STUDY

Anthropological Fields of Study

- Environmental, Political, and Economic Anthropology

Regions of Study

- Latin America with a focus on Mexico, Argentina, and Chile

Theoretical Interests

- Intellectual History, Political Theory, Political Ecology, Globalization, Capitalism, the State, Risk, Aesthetics, Subjectivity, Contentious Politics, and Legal Culture

Dissertation

- *Topographies of Risk: Social Practice and Environmental Capitalism in Patagonia* (2013)
- Advisors: Joseph Masco (Chair – Chicago), John Comaroff (Harvard), William Mazzarella (Chicago), and Stephan Palmié (Chicago)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2018 Marcos Mendoza, *The Patagonian Sublime: The Green Economy and Post-Neoliberal Politics*, New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, Hardcover ISBN 9780813596754, Paperback ISBN 9780813596747.

Journal Articles

- 2020 Marcos Mendoza, “Alpine Masculinity: A Gendered Figuration of Capital in the Patagonian Andes,” *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, special issue on Gendered Environments: Ecotourism, Space and Politics in Latin America, doi: 10.1111/blar.12839, (available on Early View).
- 2018 Marcos Mendoza and Emily Warner, “Financial Media and the Politics of Difference: Argentine Histories of the Greek Debt Crisis, 2010-2015,” *Journal of International and Global Studies*, 10(1): 91-108.
- 2017 Marcos Mendoza, Robert Fletcher, George Holmes, Laura A. Ogden, and Colombina Schaeffer, “The Patagonian Imaginary: Natural Resources and Global Capitalism at the Far End of the World,” *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 16(2): 93-116.
- 2017 Marcos Mendoza, “Post-Neoliberal Labor in Patagonia: Informality and Citizenship in the Green Economy,” *Dialectical Anthropology*, 41(1): 55-76.
- 2016 Marcos Mendoza, “Educational Policing: Park Rangers and the Politics of the Green (E)state in Patagonia,” *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, 21(1):173-192.

Book Reviews

- In press Marcos Mendoza. “*Guerrilla Marketing: Counterinsurgency and Capitalism in Colombia* by Alexander L. Fattal.” *American Ethnologist*, forthcoming.
- 2019 Marcos Mendoza. “*Science and Environment in Chile: The Politics of Expert Advice in a Neoliberal Democracy* by Javiera Barandiarán.” *Environment and Society: Advances in Research* 10(1): 178-180.
- 2018 Marcos Mendoza. “*The Social Life of Politics: Ethics, Kinship, and Union Activism in Argentina* by Sian Lazar.” *American Ethnologist*, 45(3): 424-425.
- 2016 Marcos Mendoza. “*Rubble: The Afterlife of Destruction* – by Gordillo, Gaston R.” *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 35(4): 546-547.
- 2014 Marcos Mendoza. “*Environmental Winds: Making the Global in Southwest China* by Michael Hathaway.” *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 37(2), online supplement.

Articles in Preparation

- Marcos Mendoza, “Crypto-Tyrannies: Organized Crime, Political Rule, and Public Insecurity in Mexico” – article in preparation for *Cultural Anthropology*
- Marcos Mendoza, “Green Risk Capital: Forest Value, Insecurity, and Stealth Counterinsurgency” – article in preparation for *Geoforum*
- Marcos Mendoza, “Green Distributive Politics: Community Forests, Cooperative Enterprise, and the Narco-Environment in Mexico” – article in preparation for *Conservation and Society*

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

University of Mississippi

- College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant
 - 2019 Award, University of Mississippi, College of Liberal Arts
- Office of Research and Supported Programs Travel Grant
 - 2018 Award, University of Mississippi

- College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant
 - 2017 Award, University of Mississippi, College of Liberal Arts
- College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant
 - 2015 Award, University of Mississippi, College of Liberal Arts
- College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant
 - 2014 Award, University of Mississippi, College of Liberal Arts

University of Chicago

- Lichtstern Distinguished Dissertation Prize
 - 2013-2014 Winner, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology
- Provost/Markovitz Dissertation Fellowship
 - 2010-2011 Fellow, University of Chicago, Social Sciences Division
- International Dissertation Research Fellowship
 - 2008-2009 Fellow, Social Science Research Council
- Leiffer Field Research Fellowship
 - 2007 Award, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology
- Latin American Studies Tinker Field Research Grant
 - 2006 Award, University of Chicago, Center for Latin American Studies
- Trustees Fellowship
 - 2004-2008 and 2009-2010 Fellow, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations – Research

- *Green Distributive Politics: Community Forests, Cooperative Enterprise, and the Narco-Environment in Mexico*. Paper Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Conference; Vancouver, Canada; November 23, 2019.
- *Criminal Politics and Narco-Rule in Michoacán, Mexico*. Paper Presentation at the Central States Anthropological Society Annual Meeting; Memphis, TN; April 20, 2019.
- *Green Speculation: The Narco-Environment, Reforestation, and the Pine Resin Market in Mexico*. Paper Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference; Portland, OR; March 22, 2019.
- *Green Distributive Politics in a Comparative Perspective: From Mexican Narco-Reforestation to Argentine Ecotourism*. Paper Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Conference; San Jose, CA; November 17, 2018.
- *A State of Popular Exception: The Autodefensa Movement and the Violent Environment in Mexico*. Paper Presentation at the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers; San Jose, Costa Rica; May 22, 2018
- *Slapped by the White Glove: The Self-Defense Movement and the Violent Environment in Rural Mexico*. Paper Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Conference; Washington, DC; December 2, 2017
- *Post-Neoliberal Labor in Patagonia: Informality and Citizenship in the Green Economy*. Paper Presentation at the Southern Anthropological Society Meeting; Carrollton, GA; March 24, 2017
- *Post-Neoliberal Labor in Argentina*. Paper Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Conference; Minneapolis, MN; November 17, 2016
- *Alpine Masculinities in the Patagonian Andes*. Paper Presentation at the Latin American Studies Association Conference; New York, NY; May 29, 2016
- *Post-Neoliberal Conservation in Argentina*. Paper Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Conference; Denver, CO; November 21, 2015
- *Eco-regionalism in Southern Andean Patagonia*. Paper Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference; Pittsburgh, PA; March 25, 2015
- *Visions of Ethical Accumulation: the Comerciante Class Fraction and Environmental Capitalism in Patagonia*. Paper Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Conference; Washington, DC; December 4, 2014

- *Scientific Sustainability: Land Management, Ideological Rupture, and Environmental Capitalism in Patagonia*. Paper Presentation at the Association of American Geographers Conference; Tampa Bay, FL; April 8, 2014
- *Commodity Kinaesthetics: Sublime Taste and Mobile Embodiment in the Patagonian Andes*. Paper Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Conference; Chicago, IL; November 24, 2013
- *Enacting the State: Conservation Policing and Environmental Capitalism in Patagonia*. Paper Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference; Denver, CO; March 20, 2013
- *Migratory Golondrinas: The Precarious Service Class and Environmental Capitalism in Patagonia*. Paper Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Conference; San Francisco, CA; November 22, 2012
- *The Gift of the Protected Area: Environmental Philanthropy in Patagonia*. Paper Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference; Baltimore, MD; March 29, 2012
- *The Risks of Environmental Capitalism in Patagonia*. Paper Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Conference; Montreal, Canada; November 16, 2011
- *Alpine-Style Climbing in the Patagonian Andes: Risk-Taking Subjectivity in Transnational Worlds*. Paper Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference; Seattle, WA; March 31, 2011
- *The Political Ecology of Climate Change in Patagonia*. Paper Presentation at the Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship Conference; Austin, TX; March 7, 2010

Invited/University Presentations – Research

- *Criminal Politics and Narco-Rule in Mexico*. Paper Presentation to the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Spring Lecture Series, University of Mississippi; Oxford, MS; April 26, 2019.
- *Post-Neoliberal Labor Politics in Argentina*. Paper Presentation to the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Spring Lecture Series, University of Mississippi; Oxford, MS; February 24, 2017
- *Patagonian Alpinism: Style, Status, and Resolve in the Alta Montaña*. Invited Paper Presentation to the Department of Anthropology & Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University; Starkville, MS; April 17, 2014
- *Patagonian Alpinism: Style, Status, and Resolve in the Alta Montaña*. Paper Presentation to the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Spring Lecture Series, University of Mississippi; Oxford, MS; March 7, 2014
- *Investment Futures and Market Imaginaries: Entrepreneurs and Environmental Capitalism in Patagonia*. Invited Paper Presentation to the Department of Anthropology and Honors College, George Washington University; Washington, DC; February 11, 2013
- *Investment Futures and Market Imaginaries: Entrepreneurs and Environmental Capitalism in Patagonia*. Invited Paper Presentation to the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Mississippi; Oxford, MS; February 8, 2013
- *Conservation Policing: Park Rangers, Resource Management, and Enactments of the State*. Paper Presentation to the Global Environment Workshop; University of Chicago; May 6, 2011
- *Neoliberal Subjectivity and the Risk Ethic of Elite Mountaineering in Patagonia*. Paper Presentation to the Workshop for the Anthropology of Latin America and the Caribbean; University of Chicago; April 9, 2008
- *Patagonia, Risk Capital: Alpine Mountaineering, Epistemic Practice, and Valuations of Place*. Paper Presentation to the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago; May 22, 2007

University Presentations – Other

- Invited Talk at the GradUCon, “Year One as Faculty,” University of Chicago; April 10, 2015

Panels Organized

- Co-organizer with Maron Greenleaf, “A Global Green New Deal? Distributive Politics at the Interface of the State, Economy, and Environment,” 2019 American Anthropological Association Conference
- Co-organizer with Carter Hunt, “Dimensions of the Global and Local Narco-Environments,” 2019 Society for Applied Anthropology Conference
- Co-organizer with Robert Fletcher, “Sharing the Wealth: The New Politics of Distribution in the Age of Sustainable Development,” 2018 American Anthropological Association Conference

- Organizer, “Political Ecologies of the Violent Environment,” 2017 American Anthropological Association Conference
- Co-organizer with José Martínez-Reyes, “Beyond Neoliberal Conservation: New Perspectives from the Global South,” 2015 American Anthropological Association Conference
- Co-organizer with Joseph Wiltberger, “Placing Economic Imaginaries in Latin America,” 2014 American Anthropological Association Conference, *Invited Session* for the Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology & the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists
- Co-organizer with Robert Fletcher, “Imagined Nature & Environmentalism in Patagonia,” 2014 Association of American Geographers Conference
- Organizer, “Embodiment & Nature: On the Aesthetics of Environmental Mobility,” 2013 American Anthropological Association Conference
- Organizer, “Political Cultures of Conservation Policing,” 2013 Society for Applied Anthropology Conference
- Organizer, “*Precariedad* and Third Way Neoliberalism in Latin America,” 2012 American Anthropological Association Conference
- Organizer, “Regimes of Risk and Environmental Capitalisms,” 2012 Society for Applied Anthropology Conference

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Politics of Insecurity and Self-Defense in Mexico

- Ethnographic and archival research
- Research periods: January 2017, July 2017, May-June 2018, June 2019, December 2019-February 2020

Media Cultures of Finance in Latin America

- Media research regarding Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, and Venezuela (August 2018-present)
- Media research regarding Argentina and the Greek sovereign debt crisis (September 2015-June 2017)

The Politics of the Green Economy in Patagonia

- Ethnographic and archival research
- Research periods: August-September 2006, November-December 2007, October 2008-November 2009, November-December 2011

Artisans, Neoliberalism, and the Agrarian Politics of Culture in Mexico

- Ethnographic field research in Mexico
- December 2005-January 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Courses Taught

- Seminar in Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology (ANTH 606)
- Empire and Revolution (ANTH 603/403 and SOC 603/403)
- Political Ecology (ANTH 360)
- Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 303)
- Economic Anthropology (ANTH 365)
- Culture & Society in Latin America (ANTH 328)
- Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 101)
- Legal Anthropology (ANTH 414/614)
- Anthropological Theory (ANTH 409)

Teaching Awards/Nominations

- Nominated for the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher of the Year, 2017-2018

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Courses Taught

- Power, Identity, & Resistance II: Liberalism and its Critics

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (abridged)

University and Departmental Service

- Environmental Studies Minor, 2013-present
 - Core faculty member within the Environmental Studies Program
- Lecture Series Coordinator
 - The University of Mississippi-Mississippi State University Anthropology Lecture Series, 2013-present
- Theory & Politics Society
 - Coordinator of the University of Mississippi Society for Contemporary Theory & Politics, 2015-present
- Academic Research Workshop
 - Member of the Faculty Writing Workshop, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, 2016-present

Thesis Committees

- Current Students
 - Primary Advisor
 - William Hudson, “Exploration of the Social Imagination of Latinx-Americans and Immigrants in Oxford, MS,” Anthropology (MA Summer 2020)
 - Martha Grace Mize, “Exercising Hope: Branding Imaginaries in Alabama’s Black Belt,” Anthropology & Southern Studies (MA Spring 2021)
 - Isabelle Hudson, International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2021)
 - Reader
 - Jacqueline Knirsch, English Literature (BA)
 - Dwayne Ford, Anthropology (MA)
 - Bryan Kessler, History (PhD)
 - Philip Baltuskonis, History (PhD)
- Former Students
 - Primary Advisor
 - Jarvis Benson, “The Haves and the Have Nots: Segregation and Marginalization in Puebla, Mexico,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2019)
 - Holly Prather, “When Words Are Not Enough: The Development of Human Trafficking in Venezuela under the Maduro Administration,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2019)
 - MarlaRose Gridley, “The Yasuní ITT Initiative and the Creation of Global Green Sovereignty,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2018)
 - Joseph Bell, “¡Patagonia Sin Represas!: Hydropower Development and Competing Spheres of Power in Argentine and Chilean Patagonia,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Fall 2017)
 - Madeleine Achgill, “Argentina’s Contemporary Multiculturalism and Its Implications for Chinese Identity in Buenos Aires,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2017), Latin America Regional Prize Winner
 - Alexandra Waddell, “Privileged Spaces: Urban Planning, Tourism and National Identity in Quito, Ecuador,” International Studies (BA Fall 2016)

- Kathryn Wright, “Portrayals of Pinochet: Historical Narratives in Chilean Schools,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2016), Terasawa Prize Winner and Latin America Regional Prize Winner
- Bryce Warden, “Kirchnerismo and Postcoloniality: The Question of the Islas Malvinas within Contemporary Argentine Politics,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2016)
- Hadley Peterson, “Constructed Digital Images: Ecotourism, Noble Savages, and Huaorani Identity,” International Studies (BA Spring 2016)
- Reader
 - Leta Rowan, “‘Nosotras Como Mujeres’: The Environmental Activism of Indigenous Women of the Ecuadorian Amazon,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2019)
 - Margaret Dykes, “An Analysis of Cultural Identity in Multilingual China,” International Studies (BA Fall 2018)
 - Margaret Cartner, “Water Policy in Chile and Bolivia: A Comparative Case Study,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2017)
 - Jacob Waalk, “Pocket Monsters and Pirate Treasure: Fantasy and Social Platforms in the 21st Century,” Anthropology (MA Summer 2015)
 - Murray Miller, “A Global Perspective on Ethical Consumerism: A Study of Advertisements from Social Enterprises to Identify the Ethical Consumer,” International Studies and Honors College (BA Spring 2015)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Journal Article Reviewer

- Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology and Society
- Geoforum
- Journal of Sustainable Tourism
- Regional Environmental Change
- Journal of Ethnobiology
- Journal of Latin American Geography
- European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Culture, Agriculture, Food, and Environment
- Journal of International and Global Studies
- Conservation & Society
- The Global South
- Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

Book/Prospectus Reviewer

- U Toronto Press – Anthropological Theory reader
- W.W. Norton & Company – Introduction to General Anthropology (4 Fields) textbook
- Rowman & Littlefield – Anthropological Theory reader

International Reports Reviewer

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), “Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate”

Service to the Discipline

- Anthropology and Tourism Interest Group (ATIG)
 - 2018 ATIG Senior Scholar Book Prize Selection Committee Member

Professional Affiliations

- American Anthropological Association

- American Ethnological Society
- Anthropology and Environment Society
- Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
- Society for Economic Anthropology
- Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
- Anthropology and Tourism Interest Group
- Interest Group on NGOs and Nonprofits

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Reading, Writing, and Speaking (Fluent)

French – Reading (Basic)

Latin – Reading (Basic)

MEDIA

Popular Media – Interviews

- Interview with Angela Barnes, *Euronews NBC*, for an investigative report about Patagonia and climate change; November 11, 2019.

Popular Media – Press Coverage of Published Research

- “Article on Alpine Masculinity in Mountain Culture,” *Gripped: The Climbing Magazine*, January 27, 2019 (<https://gripped.com/profiles/article-on-alpine-masculinity-in-mountain-culture/>).

Academic Media – Interviews

- Marcos Mendoza and Laura Ogden. GlacierHub, “An Interview on Patagonian Imaginaries,” August 30, 2017 (<http://glacierhub.org/2017/08/30/an-interview-on-patagonian-imaginaries/>).

Academic Media – Blogs

- Marcos Mendoza, “The Patagonian Sublime,” blog post to the Anthropology of Tourism Interest Group, November 15, 2018 (<http://atig.americananthro.org/the-patagonian-sublime/>).

REFERENCES

[Available upon request]