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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy

2008

State University of New York,
College of Environmental Science and Forestry,
Syracuse, New York, USA

Dissertation Title: *Evaluating Environmental Awareness: A Case Study of the Nariva Swamp, Trinidad*

Advisors: Dr. Richard Smardon, Dr. Brenda Nordenstam

Committee: Dr. Peter Castro

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Latin America and Caribbean Studies

2008

Program on Latin America and the Caribbean
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, New York, USA

M.Sc. in Environmental Management

2004

University of the West Indies, St. Augustine,
Trinidad, W.I.

Masters Title: *Profits b4 People: A Case Study of the physical, social, and economic impacts of Atlantic LNG on Point Fortin and surrounding villages.*

B.Sc. in Chemistry and Management

2002

First Class Honors
University of the West Indies,
St. Augustine, Trinidad, W.I.

COLGATE EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

Full Professor, Environmental Studies and Africana and Latin American Studies

Jul 2021 - present

Associate Professor, Environmental Studies and Africana and Latin American Studies

Jul 2016 – Jun 2021

Associate Professor, Environmental Studies

Jul 2015 - 2016

Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies

Jul 2009-
2015

COLGATE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Associate Dean for Global and Local Initiatives

July 2022-present

Faculty co-director, Mabel Dart Colegrove Commons

Jul 2017-June 2022

Caribbean Studies Coordinator, Africana and Latin American Studies Program

Jul 2020 - present
Jul 2018 – 2019
Jul 2016 - 2017

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow
African American Studies Department,
Syracuse University

Jan – Dec
2008

Public Policy Intern
The Wilderness Society
Washington, D.C.

Jun – Aug
2007

Research Assistant
Environmental Studies Department
State University of New York,
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Aug 2006 –
Jan 2007

High School Teacher
Trinity College
Moka, Trinidad and Tobago

Sept 2002 –
Dec 2003

Research Assistant
Chemistry Department
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine, Trinidad

Jun – Aug
2001

POST-TENURE SCHOLARSHIP

Published Scholarship *Book*

1. Smardon, R., Moran, S., & **Baptiste, A.K. (2018)**. *Revitalizing Urban Waterways: Streams of Environmental Justice*. London and New York: Earthscan, Taylor & Francis Group

Articles (peer reviewed)

2. Thomas, A., **Baptiste, A.K.**, Martyr-Koller, R., Pringle, P., & Rhiney, K. (2020). Climate Change and Small Island Developing States. *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*, 45, 1 – 27. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-environ-012320-083355>
3. Rhiney, K. & **Baptiste, A.K. (2019)**. Adapting to Climate Change in the Caribbean: Existential Threat or Development Crossroads? *Caribbean Studies*, 47 (2), 59 – 80. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1353/crb.2019.0014>
4. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Devonish, H. (2019). The manifestation of climate injustices. The post-hurricane Irma conflicts surrounding Barbuda's communal land tenure. *Journal of Extreme Events*, 6(1), 1 -17. doi: 10.1142/S2345737619400025
5. Devonish, H. & **Baptiste, A.K. (2019)**. Life Masquerading as Art: An activist artist take on the environment-development debate. *Anthurium – A Caribbean Studies Journal*, 15(1), 1 – 14. Retrieved from <https://anthurium.miami.edu/articles/354/>
6. Smardon, R., Moran, S. & **Baptiste, A.K. (2019)**. Revitalizing Urban Waterway's Community Greenspace: Streams of Environmental Justice. *Proceedings of the Fábos Conference on Landscape and Greenway Planning*, 6 , Article 19. Retrieved from <https://scholarworks.umass.edu/fabos/vol6/iss1/19>

7. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Devonish, H. (2018). Freedom and/or development? Scale and intersectionality in an industrial public. *Environmental Sociology*, 4(1), 93–106. doi: 10.1080/23251042.2018.1429179
8. **Baptiste, A.K.** (2018). Climate change knowledge, concerns, and behaviors among Caribbean fishers. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 8 (1), 51 – 62. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-017-0434-9>
9. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Thomas, A. (2018). Knowledge, perceptions, concerns and behaviors – Moving forward in the Caribbean context. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 8(1), 99 – 103. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-017-0463-4>
10. Thomas, A. & **Baptiste, A.K.** (2018). Caribbean Knowledge, Awareness and Perceptions of Climate Change: An Introduction. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 8(1), 39 – 41. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-017-0462-5>
11. Jennings, V., **Baptiste, A.K.**, Jelks Osboure, N., & Skeete, R. (2017). Urban Green Space and the Pursuit of Health Equity in Parts of the United States. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 14, 1432 – 1449. doi: 10.3390/ijerph14111432
12. Kagel, M. & **Baptiste, A.K.** (2017). A Framework for Collaborative Climate Change Research, *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 7, 301 – 309. doi: 10.1007/s13412-016-0380-y
13. **Baptiste, A.K.** (2016). What Do We Know About Climate Change: The Jamaican Pedro Cays Fishers' Case, *The Black Scholar*, 46(3), 40-51. doi: 10.1080/00064246.2016.1188355
14. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Rhiney, K. (2016). Climate justice and the Caribbean: An introduction. *Geoforum*, 73, 17 – 21. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2016.04.008>

Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

15. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Devonish, H. (2018). Dependency and underdevelopment: Antigua, Barbuda and Hurricane Irma. In Beckford, C. (ed.), *The Contemporary Caribbean: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities* (pp. 159 – 186). Nova Science Publishers: Hauppauge, NY
16. **Baptiste, A.K.** (2016). Of Starving Horses and Growing Grass: Resilience versus Dependency in a Caribbean Fishing Community. In Godfrey, P. & Torres, D. (eds), *Emergent possibilities for global sustainability* (pp. 70 – 83). New York, NY: Routledge
17. **Baptiste, A.K.** (2016). Factors Influencing Perceptions of Climate Change among Caribbean Coastal Artisanal Fishers: Case Study of Old Harbour Bay, Jamaica. In Beckford, C. & Rhiney, K. (eds), *Globalization, Climate Change, Food and Agriculture in the Caribbean: Climate change, gender and geography* (pp. 243 – 264). London: Palgrave-Macmillan.

Book review

18. **Baptiste, A.K.** (2020). Julie Sze. Environmental justice in a moment of danger: An important addition to the body of environmental justice. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 10(4), 492 – 493. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-020-00630-9>
19. **Baptiste, A.K.** (2015). Richard M. Mizelle Jr.: A review of Backwater Blues: The Mississippi Flood of 1927 in the African American Imagination. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 5(3), 491 – 492. doi:10.1007/s13412-015-0287-z

Scholarly work completed and accepted for publication

Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

20. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Devonish, H. Weighed and Found Wanting: Global, Regional, and Local Scales in a Caribbean Environmental Discourse – *Caribbean Integration: Uncertainty in Time of Global Fragmentation*, UWI Press, Mona, Jamaica (submitted post revision)

Scholarly work in progress

Articles (peer-reviewed – under review)

21. **Baptiste, A.K.** Exploring the multi-dimensional perspectives of the environment- development-procedural justice debate: A case study of Goat Island, Jamaica – *Caribbean Studies (under review)*

22. **Baptiste, A.K.** Environmentalism worldviews in the Caribbean: The Jamaican Case/Context – *Environment and Planning E – Nature and Space* (under review)

Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

23. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Devonish, H. COVID-19 and the Co-morbidities of Spatial Inequality and Colonial Legacy: Two Caribbean Cases – Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago (submitted to editors)

Works in preparation phase

Articles (peer-reviewed)

24. **Baptiste, A.K.** & McNamara, K (student). (Re) Defining environmental justice in developing nations: A case study of the Goat Islands, Jamaica

Book review

25. **Baptiste, A.K.** Book review of 'There's something in the water: Environmental racism in indigenous and black communities by Ingrid Waldron – *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*: Timeline Spring 2021

Book project

26. Hubert Devonish & **Baptiste, A.K.** Creole environmentalism: From Where The Three Worlds Meet

PRE-TENURE SCHOLARSHIP

1. **Baptiste, A.K. (2016).** Can a research film be considered a stand-alone academic publication? An assessment of the film *Climate Change, Voices of the Vulnerable: The Fishers' Plight*. *Area*, 48(4), 463–471. doi: 10.1111/area.12194
2. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Kinlocke, R. (2015). We are not all the same!: Comparative climate change vulnerabilities among fishers in Old Harbour Bay, Jamaica. *Geoforum*, 73, 47 – 59. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2015.05.006>
3. **Baptiste, A.K.**, Foley, C., & Smardon, R. (2015). Understanding urban neighbourhood differences in willingness to implement green infrastructure measures: A case study of Syracuse, NY. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 136, 1 – 12. doi: 10.1016/j.landurbplan.2014.11.012
4. **Baptiste, A.K. (2014).** “Experience is a Great Teacher”: Citizens’ reception of a proposal for the implementation of green infrastructure as stormwater management technology – *Journal of Community Development*, 45(4), 337–352. doi: 10.1080/15575330.2014.934255
5. **Baptiste, A.K. (2013).** Climate change adaptation among small-scale fishers in Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica. *Caribbean Geography*, 18, 39 - 63
6. Shah, K.U., Dulal, H.B., Johnson, C., & **Baptiste, A.K. (2013).** Understanding livelihood vulnerability to climate change: Applying the livelihood vulnerability index in Trinidad and Tobago. *Geoforum*, 47, 125–137. doi: 10.1016/j.geoforum.2013.04.004
7. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Smardon, R.S. (2012). A review of the wetland use and management of the Nariva Swamp, Trinidad, *Caribbean Geography*, 17, (1&2), 73–91.
8. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Nordenstam, B.J. (2010). Environmental Perceptions and Action: Villagers Response to Oil and Gas Drilling in the Wetlands of Rural Trinidad, *Research in Social Problems and Public Policy*, 18, 289-321.
9. **Baptiste, A.K.** & Nordenstam, B.J. (2009). The Impact of Oil and Gas Drilling on the Environmental Awareness of Three Rural Wetland Communities, *Environmental Conservation*, 36, 14–21. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0376892909005268>

Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

10. **Baptiste, A.K. (2016).** Comparative vulnerabilities and adaptation strategies of Caribbean fishers: The case of Old Harbour Bay, Jamaica. In McGregor et al (eds.). *Global Change and the Caribbean: Adaptation and resilience* (pp. 115 – 136). Kingston, Jamaica: UWI Press
11. **Baptiste, A.K. (2013).** Local versus expert perception of climate change: An analysis of fishers in Trinidad and Tobago. In H.E. Muga, & K.D. Thomas, *Cases on the Diffusion and Adoption of Sustainable Development Practices* (pp. 44–82). Hersey, PA: IGI Global. (Invited)

Documentary Film

- Climate Change: Voices of the Vulnerable – The Fisher’s Plight – A documentary of the impacts of climate change on the fishing industry in Trinidad and Tobago: **June 2012**
 - This 20-minute documentary takes a practical approach to research by allowing the researcher to not only report the views of a marginalized community with respect to climate change, but allows for these voices to be visible to a wider audience through the use of film. The video, which is sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, through their On the Frontlines of Climate Change Grant program, follows fishers in three villages of Trinidad and Tobago.
 - Available at <http://aprilbaptiste.com/creative-work.html>

Encyclopedia contributions

1. **Baptiste, A. K. (2013).** Nariva Swamp. In R.W. Howarth, & J. Mohan, (Eds.), *Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia* (pp. 871-873). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press.
2. **Baptiste, A. K. & Mannan, Y.¹ (2013).** Bahia Forests. In R.W. Howarth, & J. Mohan (Eds.), *Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia* (pp. 341 – 343). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press.
3. Mannan, Y² & **Baptiste, A. K. (2013).** Olango Group Coral Reef. In Howarth, R.W. & Mohan, J. (eds.), *Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia*, (pp. 949 – 950). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press

Abstracts

4. **Baptiste, A.K. (2007, March).** “The Impact of Oil and Gas Drilling and Environmental Concern of Wetland Communities.” *Great Lakes Research Consortium Program and Abstracts*, March 2007. (Invited)
5. **Baptiste, A.K. (2007, June).** “Using the Environmental Justice Frame to Understand Environmental Concern Toward Oil and Gas drilling in Trinidad.” *Faculty and Student Research Diversity Symposium. (Selected)*
6. **Baptiste, A.K. (2007, Winter).** “Evaluating Environmental Awareness: A Case Study of Nariva Swamp, Trinidad”, *ESF Alumni News. (Invited)*

POST-TENURE PRESENTATIONS

Presentations at professional meetings

Association of American Geographer: April 7th 2021

Virtual presentation, (chair of session)

“Environmentalism in the Caribbean: The Jamaican Case”

Association of American Geographer: April 6th 2020

Denver, CO (*paper session; panel session*)

“Environmentalism in the Caribbean: The Jamaican Case”

Co-organizer of panel session: Contours of Caribbean Vulnerabilities and Response Pathways – discussant

Note: This conference was canceled because of COVID-19

Association of American Geographers: April 12th 2018

New Orleans, LA (*panel session*)

“The Caribbean after Irma and Maria: Concepts and Themes for Consideration”

¹ Colgate Student, class of 2012.

² Colgate Student, class of 2012.

Association of American Geographers: April 4th – 8th 2017

Boston, MA (*paper session*)

"Access to local produced food in low income residents of Upstate NY,"

Association of American Geographers: March 29th – April 3rd 2016

San Francisco, CA (*paper session*)

"Climate change knowledge, concerns, and behaviors among Caribbean fishers"

Association of American Geographers: March 29th – April 3rd, 2016

San Francisco, CA (*paper session*)

Co-organizer of two sessions: Knowledge, Perceptions, Concerns, and Behaviors to Climate Change in the Caribbean Context

Invited Lectures and Presentations

Invited Panelist: August 20th 2021

University of Maryland Environmental Justice Symposium

"NEJAC renewed role in the Regan Era" (virtual)

Guest lecture: October 28, 2020

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

"COM 270: Environmental Communication: Risk and Crisis Contexts"

Guest lecture: November 4, 2020

Colgate University, Hamilton, NY

"ECON 228: Environmental Economics"

Guest presenter: October 26, 2018

University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica (paper)

"Where The Three Worlds Meet: Caribbean, Creole and the World"

Guest speaker and panelist: October 12, 2018

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY (paper)

"Climate perceptions and justice in the Caribbean"

Guest speaker: September 18, 2018

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY (paper)

"Streams of justice: Examining EJ principles in river revitalization"

Guest speaker: October 27, 2016

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY (paper)

"Climate Justice and the Caribbean,"

Workshops

Environmental justice roundtable: June 18th 2021

Invited participant

Participated in 2-hour long workshop connecting Caribbean scholars on environmental justice

Environmental justice workshop: August 19th 2021

Organizer and co-chair

Organized and chaired a 2-hour workshop for Caribbean scholars participating in a special issue on environmental justice in the Caribbean

Colgate University presentations

13 Days of Anti-racism Education - Konosioni Senior Honor Society and Colgate Student Coalition (CSC):

(September 2, 2020)

"Environmental implications of racism" (*panelist*)

CLTR Teaching Table: (August 25, 2020)

"Teaching In-Person and Remote: Reflections on the OUS Summer Institute" (*panelist*)

WMST/SUST Brown Bag: (April 16, 2019)

"Changing climates: Gender and environmental justice"

ENST Brown Bag: (February 16, 2017).

"Reflecting on Food in Urban America - a Panel Discussion across Disciplines."

ITS Brown Bag: (February 10, 2017)

"Teaching with Data"

ENST Brown Bag: (November 4, 2016).

"Crossing disciplinary boundaries in environmental studies"

Cooking in Crisis: April 11th 2016

"Tourism in the Caribbean"

13 Days of Green Brown Bag: April 11th 2016

"Environmental and Social Justice: The Flint Water Crisis (Panel Discussion)"

Sustainability Office and ENST Brown Bag: September 17th 2015

"Green Summit"

PRE-TENURE PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Association of American Geographers: April 20th – 24th 2015

Chicago, IL (*paper session*)

"Multidimensional perspectives of the Goat Island, Jamaica logistics hub controversy"

Association of American Geographers: April 20th – 24th, 2015

Chicago, IL (*paper session*)

Co-organizer of two sessions: Socio-economic stressors in the Caribbean; Political Ecology of Water

Political Ecology in Latin America and the Caribbean Conference: October 21st to 25th 2014

Universidad de Santiago, Chile (*accepted paper*)

"Exploring the multi-dimensional perspectives of the environment-development-livelihoods debate: A case study of Goat Island, Jamaica"

British-Caribbean Geography Seminar: June 23rd – 26th 2014

University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica (*selected paper session*)

"Comparative vulnerabilities and adaptation strategies of Caribbean fishers: The case of Old Harbor Bay, Jamaica"

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences: June 11th – 14th 2014

Pace University, New York, NY (*paper session*)

Chair of session: Climate change around the world

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences: June 11th – 14th 2014

Pace University, New York, NY (*selected paper session*)

"Comparative vulnerabilities to climate change: Case study of fishing community of Old Harbour Bay, Jamaica"

MaGrann Conference: May 1st – 3rd, 2014
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (*invited paper*)
“Vulnerability among Caribbean Fishers”

Association of American Geographers: April 8th – 12th, 2014
Tampa, FL (*paper session*)
Co-organizer of two sessions: Climate Justice and Hazards Adaptation in the Caribbean

Association of American Geographers: April 8th – 12th, 2014
Tampa, FL (*paper session*)
“Adaptation and vulnerability to climate change among Caribbean fishers”

Association of American Geographers: April 9th – 13th, 2013
LA, CA (*paper session*)
“Scales of justice: an analysis of the aluminium industry in Trinidad”

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences: June 19th – 23rd, 2012
Santa Clara, CA (*selected paper session*)
“Climate change perceptions of fishers: a mental models approach”

Association of American Geographers: February 23rd – 28th, 2012
New York, NY (*paper session*)
“Film as a research output”

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences: June 23rd – 26th, 2011
Burlington, VT (*selected paper session*)
“Green Infrastructure implementation as an alleviation of environmental injustices? A Case Study of Syracuse, NY”

Caribbean Studies Association: May 31st – June 3rd, 2011
Curacao, W.I. (*selected paper session*)
“Smelters and Environmental Justice in Trinidad”

Association of American Geographers: April 12th – 16th, 2011
Seattle, WA (*paper session*)
“Exploratory research examining the concerns, perceptions and adaptation of fishermen to climate change in Trinidad and Tobago through the use of video documentary.”

Association of American Geographers: April 14th – 18th, 2010
Washington, DC (*illustrated paper session*)
“A Tale of Two Smelters: Environmental Justice in Trinidad and Tobago”

Invited Lectures and Presentations

Guest lecture: September 20th 2013
EST 426: Community Sustainability Planning
State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY
“Introduction to Environmental justice as it relates to food issues”

Guest speaker: April 18th 2013
Hamilton Rotary Club,
Colgate Inn, Hamilton, NY
“Understanding the local environmental injustices of Central New York”

Guest lecture: November 29th 2012
Graduate Seminar in Linguistics
University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica
“Teaching in the US Academy”

Guest speaker: October 8th 2012
Sagicor Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
University of Trinidad and Tobago, Couva, Trinidad
“Developing the sustainability ethos”

Guest lecture: October 25th 2010
EST 220: Urban Ecology
State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY
“Survey Methodology in understanding Environmental Issues”

Guest speaker: November 1st – 5th 2010
Global Women’s Inventors and Innovators Network Symposium
Abuja, Nigeria
“Invited Panel Speaker”

Colgate University presentations

University Libraries Colloquium Series: April 1st 2015
“Towards a new and distinguished economics of scholarly publishing”

Upstate Institute Public Talk: November 18th 2014
“Can everyone be a locavore?: Food access for low-income residents of Madison County”

African and Latin American Studies Brown Bag: February 27th 2014
“Black Hair”

Environmental Studies Brown Bag: October 4th 2013
“We are not all the same: Adaptation and vulnerability to climate change among Caribbean fishers”

Woman’s Studies Brown Bag: January 24th 2012
Colgate University, NY
“Exploring Environmental Racism in the Wake of MLK Jr’s Legacy”

African and Latin American Studies Brown Bag: February 17th 2010
Colgate University, NY
“Globalization and its (dis)contents”

Environmental Studies Brown Bag: December 7th 2009
Colgate University, NY
“Aluminium Smelters in Trinidad: A Case of Environmental Injustice”

Workshop Participation

InTeGrate Environmental Justice Workshop: April 14th – 16th 2013
Carleton College, MN

Emerging Scholars Workshop: June 23rd 2011
Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

The University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont

Other talks

University church: co-facilitation of several talks

PRE-COLGATE PRESENTATIONS

Black Women's Health and Environmental Justice: April 25th – 26th, 2008

African American Studies Department,
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY (*selected paper session*)

"Environmental Perceptions and Concerns through the Eyes of Rural Women: A Human Rights Perspective"

Science and Technology in Society Conference: April 5th – 6th, 2008

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington DC (*selected paper session*)

"Wetland Social Characterization and Management"

Identity, Territory and Social Justice in Latin America: February 28th – 29th, 2008

Program on Latin America and the Caribbean,
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY (*selected paper session*)

"Environmental Action in Trinidad: Suggestions to Consider"

Faculty and Student Environmental Justice Research Symposium: June 6th – 9th, 2007

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (*selected paper session*)

"Using the Environmental Justice Frame to Understand Environmental Awareness of Rural Illiterate Communities"

Great Lakes Consortium Student/Faculty Conference: March 16th – 17th, 2007

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY (*selected paper session*)

"The Impact of Oil and Gas Drilling and Environmental Concern of Wetland Communities"

Graduate Student Conference on Latin American Social Policy: March 2nd – 3rd, 2007

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (*selected paper session*)

"Environmental Awareness and Concern of Rural Wetland Communities, Trinidad"

Latin American Social and Public Policy Student Conference: February 21st – 23rd, 2007

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (*selected paper session*)

"Evaluating Environmental Awareness: A Case Study of the Nariva Swamp, Trinidad"

Guest presentation: February 2nd – 7th 2009

Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) Conference
Long Beach, CA (*invited fellow presentation*)

"Climate Change as an Environmental Justice Issue in the Caribbean"

Guest lecture: October 27th 2008

EST 220: Urban Ecology
Environmental Studies Department
State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

"An Introduction to Environmental Justice: A Comparative Approach"

Guest lecture: September 25th 2007

EST 388: Psychological Principles of Risk Communication
Environmental Studies Department
State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Syracuse, NY

“Perceptions of Dangers to Oil and Gas Drilling in Rural Trinidad: Implications for Risk Communication”

Graduate Brown Bag Presentation: November 9th 2006

Program on Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY

“Evaluating Environmental Awareness: A Case Study of the Nariva Swamp, Trinidad”

Workshop Participation

Symposium on Teaching, Research and Outreach: October 2006; October 2007

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Syracuse, NY

POST-TENURE PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Grants and fellowships received in support of scholarly activity

External grants

ACLS Burkhardt Fellowship

2017

Title: Environmentalism of Decolonization

Role: PI

Duration: 1 year

Named as an alternate

Colgate grants and fellowships

Kallgren Teaching and Travel Grant

Title: Kallgren Grant Proposal, 2020-21, Caribbean Studies Faculty

Role: Co-PI (with Ynesse Abdul-Malak, April K Baptiste, Danny Barreto, Paul Humphrey, Kezia Page, Mahadevi Ramakrishnan)

Amount: \$33921.06

Duration: 2 months

Note: We received informal word that this was funded but it is on hold due to COVID-19

Lampert Faculty Fellowship

2017

Title: Environmentalism of Decolonization

Role: PI

Amount: \$5100

Duration: 1 year

Dean's Office Research Support

2017-
present

Amount: \$7000/year

Research Council Major Grant

2016

Title: Local Consumers, Local Producers: A Comparative Study of Upstate New York Food Systems.

Role: Co-PI (with Chris Henke, Sociology)

Amount: \$ 4569

Duration: 1 year

Note: *Designated as Hearst Fellows based on merit of proposal*

Kallgren Teaching and Travel Grant

2016

Title: Exploring Local Food Communities: Place, Practice, and Power in the U.S. Corn/Rust Belt

Role: Co-PI (with Chris Henke, Sociology, Ben Anderson, Economics, Mark Stern, Education Studies, Peter Rogers, Library)

Amount: \$ 26,210
Duration: 2 months

University Studies Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships

Title: Local Consumers, Local Producers: A Comparative Study of Upstate New York Food Systems 2016
Role: Role: Co-faculty mentor – work with 2 Colgate students on summer research project in collaboration with colleague (Chris Henke – Sociology and Anthropology Department)

Kallgren Teaching and Travel Grant 2015

Title: Faculty Experiential Enrichment Proposal, Caribbean Studies Faculty
Role: Co-PI (with Kezia Page, English)
Amount: \$18,078
Duration: 2 months

Research Council Major grant 2015

Title: Exploring the multi-dimensional perspectives of the environment-development-livelihoods debate: A case study of Goat Island, Jamaica
Role: PI
Amount: \$4252
Duration: 1 year

Editorial or related activity

Member of editorial board (2020 – present)

Journal: *Environmental Justice*

Role: Invited as a member of the editorial board of the emerging journal Environmental Justice. Duties involve soliciting articles, inviting reviewers for articles, reviewing articles and providing recommendations on publication, participating in meetings of the board

Co-guest editor for symposium (2018): *Knowledge, Perceptions, Concerns, and Behaviors to Climate Change – The Caribbean Context*

Journal: *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*

Role: Co-editor in organizing symposium, organized the call for papers, selected preliminary papers, reviewed first drafts of authors' papers, will assist with final decisions on accepting or rejecting papers to be included in the symposium

Co-guest editor for themed issue (2016): *Climate Justice and the Caribbean*

Journal: *Geoforum*

Role: Co-editor in organizing the themed issue, organized the call for papers, selected preliminary papers, reviewed first drafts of authors' papers, will assist with final decisions on accepting or rejecting papers to be included in the themed issue

PRE-TENURE PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Grants and fellowships received in support of scholarly activity

External grants and fellowships

UNESCO Climate Frontlines Grant 2010

Title: Climate change impacts: Voices of the vulnerable- The fisherman's plight
Role: PI
Value: \$ 3050 USD
Duration: 1 year

Program on Latin America and the Caribbean Summer Grant 2006

Title: Evaluating environmental awareness: A case study of the Nariva Swamp Trinidad
Role: PI

Value: \$1500 USD
Duration: 6 months

Colgate grants and fellowships

Picker Interdisciplinary Institute Research Fellowship 2012
Title: Understanding Environmental Worldviews in the Caribbean
Role: PI
Amount: \$ 13,225 USD
Duration: 1 year

Picker Discretionary Grant 2012
Title: Predicting Climate Change
Role: Co-PI
Amount: \$ 5,282
Duration: 2 months

University Studies Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships
Title: Predicting Climate change: Understanding the role of Traditional Ecological Knowledge 2013
Role: Faculty mentor – work with Colgate student on summer research project

Title: The Accessibility of Locally Produced Food for Low-Income Residents of Central New York 2014
Role: Co-faculty mentor – work with 2 Colgate students on summer research project in collaboration with colleague (Chris Henke – Sociology and Anthropology Department)

Student wage grants

Several grants received over the years from 2010 until present both during the academic year and during the summers

Activities in professional organizations

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences
Awards Committee: July 2010 – June 2013

Reviewer: *Geoforum, Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences, Environmental Sciences and Policy, Caribbean Geography*

Consultant services

Title: Socioeconomic Census and Carrying Capacity Study of the Pedro Cays: Northeast and Middle Cays

Role: Co-PI, part of an interdisciplinary research team working on issues related to fishers' livelihoods on Pedro Cays, Jamaica

Amount: \$ 555,275 JMD (\$4,989 USD)

Funding agency: Government of Jamaica, Fisheries Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Duration: 1 year

Other

Honors, awards, prizes

US Fulbright Scholar 2004
From Trinidad and Tobago

TED Fellow, Senior Fellow
Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) 2009, 2010

Faculty Recognition Award 2012
Africana, Latin American, Asian American, and Native American Cultural Center

Colgate University

Teaching Fellowship

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

2007

Alumni Memorial Scholarship

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

April 2007

Certificate of Accomplishment

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

April 2006, 2007

GE&RI Research Fellowship

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

2006

POST TENURE TEACHING

Teaching interests

Environmental justice, global environmental justice, Caribbean studies, Caribbean ecology, Sustainability, environmental and natural resource management

ENST 232: Introduction to environmental justice

ENST 321: Global environmental justice

FSEM 120: Caribbean ecology and environmental concerns

CORE 154S: Caribbean ecology and environmental concerns

ENST 390: Community based perspectives on environmental issues

ASIA/ENST/SOCI 313AX and L: Environmental problems and activism in China (both course and intergroup dialogue lab)

ASIA/ENST/SOCI 313ES: Extended study to China for 313AX

FSEM 120: Dangerous Environments

ENST 491: ENST honors thesis seminar (Supervised 4 students)

ENST 491: ENST independent study (Supervised 1)

PRE TENURE TEACHING

Courses taught at Colgate University

ENST 232: Introduction to environmental justice

ENST 321: Global environmental justice

ENST 390: Community based perspectives on environmental issues

CORE 154S: Caribbean ecology and environmental concerns

ENST 101: Social Science perspectives on environmental issues

ENST 491: ENST independent study (Supervised 1)

Courses taught at Syracuse University

AAS XXX³: Environmental justice: Theories, concepts and case studies

POST-TENURE SERVICE

Service to the profession

Appointed member of National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (Environmental Protection Agency)

³ Due to a loss of data from my hard drive I am unable to locate the actual course number for this course but this course was taught from January 2008 – December 2008 for two semesters.

April 2019 – present (3 year term)

Elected member to the Caribbean Studies Specialty Group of Association of American Geographers
Fall 2019 - present

Graduate student committee

2015 – present

Kaira Fuentes: PhD Candidate

Committee member

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

Colgate University committee membership and positions

Current

Co-director of Dart Colegrove Residential Commons

Fall 2017 – present (5 year term)

Upstate Institute Executive Committee

Fall 2020 - present (3 year term)

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee

Fall 2020 – present (3 year term)

Faculty Diversity Council

Spring 2015 – present

Faculty Affairs Committee

Fall 2018 – present (3 year term)

Past

Upstate Institute Executive Committee

Fall 2017-2020 (3 year term)

Africana, Latin American, Asian American, and Native American Affairs Committee

Fall 2016 – Fall 2018 (2.5 year term)

Faculty Affirmative Action Committee

Fall 2015 - 2018 (3 year term)

Fulbright Faculty Committee

Fall 2013 – 2018

Advisory committee on campus security

Fall 2015 – 2018

Library Advisory Committee

Fall 2014 – 2017 (3 year term)

Caribbean Studies Coordinator

July 2016 – 2017 (1 year term)

Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Team

Fall 2015 (1 year term)

Other service to Colgate University

Saturdays at Colgate

September 29, 2018

Participated in a panel to share knowledge about Colgate to prospective students and parents.

Admissions Open house

November 12, 2018

Participated in panel “Life outside the classroom” to prospective students and parents

Participated in White Eagle Panel

May 2015

Alternative Break Trips: An alternative break trip is taken either during the winter or Spring breaks during the academic year. Students are selected via a competitive process to participate in a service trip that is led by faculty or staff members. Leaders are either invited or selected through an application process to participate.

Puerto Rico – May 16th – 25th 2016

Max A. Shacknai Center for Outreach, Volunteerism, and Education
Connected to Core 154S course

Service to Environmental Studies Program

Environmental Studies Steering Committee

July 2015 – present

Participated in external review

Academic year 2018-2019

Informal mentoring of pre-tenure colleagues

Service to other programs and departments

African American Studies Committee

Africana and Latin American Studies Program

Fall 2016 – present

Membership in professional organizations

Association of American Geographers (AAG)

Member of following specialty groups: Environmental Perception and Behavioral Geography; Ethics, Justice and Human Rights; Geographical Perspectives on Women; Caribbean Geography

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS)

Association of American University Professors (AAUP)

Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)

PRE-TENURE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the profession

Graduate student committees

Wanjun Peng: Masters Candidate Committee member 2010
State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

Catherine Foley: Masters Candidate Committee member 2012
State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

Colgate University committee membership and positions

Fulbright Faculty Committee

Fall 2013 – 2018

Advisory committee on campus security

Fall 2015 – 2018

Library Advisory Committee

Fall 2014 – 2017 (3 year term)

Curriculum Committee

Fall 2014 – 2015 (1 year term)

Africana, Latin American, Asian American, and Native American Affairs Committee
Fall 2013 to Spring 2014
Udall National Fellowship Faculty Committee
Fall 2011 – Spring 2012
Multicultural Recruitment Committee
July 2010 – April 2012

Other service to Colgate University

Participation on White Eagle Panels
May 2012
Global Engagements Assessment Rubric Workshop
April, 2014; May 2014
Worked with an interdisciplinary group of faculty members to develop an assessment rubric to be used to evaluate the global engagements component of the Core curriculum

CORE Faculty Enhancement Trip: India
January 2012
Selected participant as part of an interdisciplinary group of faculty who visited India with the view of enhancing the Core curriculum and other courses of our respective departments/programs

April Visit Days Faculty Panel
April 20th 2011 – Memorial Chapel
Spoke with parents and accepted students about the courses in the Environmental Studies program and research and other opportunities with faculty

Alternative Break Trips: An alternative break trip is taken either during the winter or Spring breaks during the academic year. Students are selected via a competitive process to participate in a service trip that is led by faculty or staff members. Leaders are either invited or selected through an application process to participate.

Nairobi, Kenya – May 16th – 30th 2011 (invited)
Max A. Shacknai Center for Outreach, Volunteerism, and Education
Jamaica, W.I. – March 2010 (selected)
University Church
New Orleans, LA – January 10th – 16th 2010 (selected)
Max A. Shacknai Center for Outreach, Volunteerism, and Education

Service to Environmental Studies Program

Environmental Studies Steering Committee
July 2009 – 2015
Multiple Colgate advisees
Co-Chair ENST/PHYS search committee for Sustainable Energy Design Position
Fall – Spring 2015 - 2016

Service to other programs and departments

African American Studies Committee
Africana and Latin American Studies Program
July 2010 – May 2013