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EDUCATION

University of Iowa	Iowa City, IA	2004	Ph.D. anthropology
Iowa State University	Ames, IA	2014	MCRP
University of Iowa	Iowa City, IA	1999	M.A. anthropology
Fort Lewis College	Durango, CO	1996	B.A. anthropology

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Central America and the Caribbean, Community Development, Latino Immigration in the Rural U.S., Ethnographic Methods

CAREER EXPERIENCES

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

January 2014 to Present

Community and Economic Development Field Specialist

Support Latino, immigrant and refugee communities in Iowa with technical assistance to entrepreneurs, assistance in accessing resources, and increasing civic participation capacity.

Iowa Learning Farms, Ames, Iowa

September 2010 to December 2013

Consultant Researcher

Qualitative data analysis for non-point source pollution stakeholder project funded by the Iowa DNR and the US EPA (Section 319).

Project Assistant, Black Hawk Lake Watershed Assessment

Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

August 2007 to August 2012

Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Peace Corps, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

September 2004 – November 2006

Youth Development Specialist

Niños del Camino, Responsibilities included Outreach Educator, Grant Writing, Project Design and Development, Strategic Planning, Evaluations and Investigations

Project Supervisor

UNESCO funded research project, “Comportamiento, Aptitudes, Actitudes, y Practicas de Niños, Niñas y Adolescentes que Viven en la Calle en Relación al VIH/SIDA y Drogas” (Knowledge, Abilities, Attitudes, and Practices of Children and Adolescents that Live in the Streets in Relation of HIV/AIDS and Drugs)

Principal Investigator

InteRed/Comunidad de Madrid/ Jóvenes del Tercer Mundo funded research project, “Perfiles Sociales de los Niños, Adolescentes y

Jóvenes que Viven Fuera del Hogar en Santo Domingo, Santiago, y Barahona” (Social Profiles of Children, Adolescents, and Youth that Live Outside of the Home in Santo Domingo, Santiago, and Barahona)

Community Based Solutions, Ames, Iowa

1998 – 2004

Research and Outreach Assistant

Assisted in evaluation projects of volunteer fire and EMS services and Iowa township governance. Recommended restructuring rural emergency services and tax structures for several counties.

Responsibilities included community outreach, quantitative data analysis, survey writing and administration, and assisting in final reports.

RECENT PROJECTS

Affordable Housing – Led qualitative research component through stakeholder interviews, and focus groups with immigrant, refugee, and elderly demographic groups for the City of Waukee (2017), City of Ogden (2018) and Perry (2016).

Latino Grocery Stores – Investigated role of rural Iowa Latino grocery stores in addressing food security (2016–17) and partnered with Iowa Department of Public Health on implementation of healthy foods campaign (Shop Healthy Iowa/Compre Saludable) in Perry, Marshalltown, Muscatine, West Liberty, Storm Lake, Denison, Davenport, and Des Moines (2015–2018).

Leadership Development – Delivering a community-based leadership program in directed toward increasing community development skills and increasing social capital. Authored a module of the curriculum on immigrant social capital.

Cultural Sensitivity Training – Delivered cultural awareness and sensitivity intensive course both internally for ISUEO (in Marshall, Polk, Woodbury and Wright counties) and for the City of West Des Moines and City of Ames.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books and Monographs

2013 *Life On the Malecón: Street Youth in Santo Domingo*. Rutgers University Press.

2011 *Jesus and the Gang: Youth Violence and Christianity in Urban Honduras*. University of Arizona Press.

2011 *Water Quality Matters to Us All*. With Jacqueline Comito and Lois Wright Morton. Funded by Iowa Department of Natural Resources and USEPA (Section 319) and Iowa Learning Farms. Iowa State University Extension.

Articles, Book Chapters, Edited Volumes

- 2018 Writing After Betrayal: *Desahogarse*, Street Outreach, and Ethnography. *Ethnography*.
- 2013 (with Jacqueline Comito and Lois Wright Morton)
Stewards and Businessmen? Role Conflict and Contradiction Among Row-Crop Farmers in an Age of Environmental Uncertainty. *Human Organization* 72(4):283–292.
- 2013 (with Jacqueline Comito and Lois Wright Morton)
The State’s Role in Water Quality: Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners and the Agricultural Status Quo. *Human Organization* 72(1):44–54.
- 2012 (with Jacqueline Comito and Lois Wright Morton)
Tillage Practices, the Language of Blame and Responsibility for Water Quality Impacts in Row Crop Agriculture. *Human Ecology Review* 19(2):146–158.
- 2011
Circulating Through the System: Juvenile Justice and The Mobile Lives of Street Children in the Dominican Republic. *Children, Youth, Environments* 21(2):34–56.
- 2009
Learning on the Streets: Child Peer Socialization in Adverse Environments. *IN Anthropological Perspectives on Learning in Childhood*, pgs. 421–442. David F. Lancy, John Bock and Suzanne Gaskins, eds. Rowan and Littlefield Press.
- 2009
Good Times and Bad Blood: Violence, Solidarity and Social Organization on Dominican Streets. *IN Youth Violence in Latin America: Gangs and Juvenile Justice in Perspective*, pgs. 63–82. Dennis Rodgers and Gareth Jones, eds. Palgrave Press.
- 2008
Everyday Violence and the Persistence of Grief: Wandering and Loss Among Honduran Youths. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 13(2):311–335.
- 2008
Safety and Sanctuary: Pentecostalism and Youth Gang Violence in Honduras. *Latin American Perspectives* 35(4):96–111.
- 2008
Introduction: The Cultural Politics of Youth in Latin America. With Florence Babb. *Latin American Perspectives* 35(4):3–14.

Project Reports

- 2017 *Latino Groceries in the Rural Midwest: An Examination of Food Security, Cultural Identity and Economics*. Co-author, with Lisa Bates. Published

report for the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.
http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/leopold_grantreports/529/

- 2017 *Central Avenue Corridor Business Engagement Report: East 14th to Kaufmann Avenue.* Unpublished report for the City of Dubuque Economic Development Department.
- 2016 *Central Avenue Corridor Building Inventory: East 14th Street to Kaufmann Avenue.* Published report for the City of Dubuque Economic Development Department.
- 2013 *Black Hawk Lake Watershed Citizen Outreach Campaign and Assessment.* Co-author, with Jacqueline Comito. Published report for Iowa Learning Farms.
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ilf/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/ilf/BHL_Citizen_campaign_FINAL_2.pdf
- 2012 *Watershed Based Community Assessments.* Co-author, with Jacqueline Comito. Published guide for Iowa Learning Farms.
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ilf/content/watershed-based-community-assessments>
- 2006 *Perfiles Sociales de los Niños, Adolescentes y Jóvenes que Viven Fuera del Hogar en Santo Domingo, Santiago, y Barahona,* (Social Profiles of Children, Adolescents, and Youth that Live Outside of the Home in Santo Domingo, Santiago, and Barahona). Published report for *Niños del Camino*

Papers Presented

Beyond the Melting Pot: Community Leadership and Ethnic Diversity in Rural Iowa. *Presentation at the NACDEP Conference (with Deborah Tootle, Brian Perry, and Jill Sokness), Cleveland, OH. June 2018*

Engaging Diverse Populations in Community Development Programs. *Presentation at the CDS/NACDEP Joint Conference (with Sandra Oberbroeckling), Big Sky, MT. June 2017*

Community Revitalization in a Forgotten Place. *Presentation at the CDS/NACDEP Joint Conference (with Brian Perry and Deb Tootle), Big Sky, MT. June 2017.*

Positioning the "Urban" in "Urban Extension": A Conversation about Place and People. *Presentation at the National Urban Extension Conference, Bloomington, MN. May 2017.*

What Can an Urban Extension Team Look Like?: A Conversation with New Professionals. *Presentation at the National Urban Extension Conference, Bloomington, MN. May 2017.*

Increasing Food Options for a Diversifying Population: Tortilla Chips Are Not

Enough. *Presentation (with Lisa Bates) at the National Rural Grocery Summit, Wichita, KS June 2016.*

Engaging Stakeholders: Who's Around Your Table? *Presentation (with Lisa Bates and Susan Erickson) at the Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit, Iowa City, IA May 2016.*

Small Town Retail + Cultural Diversity + Extension + University Design Students = New Solutions to New Problems. *Panel discussion (with Lisa Bates and Susan Erickson) at the Community Development Society Meeting, Lexington, KY, July 2015*

There's an Application for That: Assisting Latino Businesses in Navigating the Permit Process. *Paper presented at the Cambio de Colores conference, Columbia, MO, June 2014*

Beyond Confessional: *Desahogarse*, Street Outreach, and the Ethical Demands of the Ethnographic Method. *Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2014.*

The Crisis of Community in Urban Honduras: The Role of Gangs and Churches. *Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2013*

Invited Panel Discussant, "Religion and Violence in Central America." *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Latin American Program. Washington, D.C. July 11, 2012.*

How Not to Be A Street Kid: Embodying Normativity on Dominican Streets. *Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, 2011.*

Invited Panel Discussant, "Figuring the Honduran Coup." *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, 2011.*

The Deviant and the Desired: Social Stratification and Drug Use Among Dominican Street Kids. *Paper presented at the Multiple Childhoods/Multidisciplinary Perspectives Conference, Camden, NJ 2011*

The Deviant and the Desired: Drug Use and Embodied Exclusion Among Dominican Street Kids. *Paper presented at the Central States Anthropological Association Meetings, Iowa City, IA 2011.*

Life on Edge: Honduran Youth, Marginalization and the Transmission of Violence. *Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Seattle, WA, 2011.*

Epistemic Insult and the Anthropology of Violence: A View from the Street. *Paper presented at the Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) Meetings, Madison, 2010.*

Whose Rights? Which Rights?: *Protagonismo Infantil* and Street Advocacy. *Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) meetings, Merida, Mexico, 2010.*

The Cue for Violence. *Invited Speaker, Grinnell College Anthropology Department Colloquium, November 9, 2009*

Learning from the Streets. *Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) meetings, San Francisco, CA 2008*

Invited Panel Discussant, "Child Circulation: Broadening the Discussion." *Problematizing Agency in Child Circulation and Social Reproduction Panel, AAA, San Francisco, CA 2008*

Circulating Through the System: Street Youth Subjectivities and De-Criminalization in Dominican Law. *Paper presented at SfAA, Memphis, TN 2008*

Doing and Dealing: Dominican Street Youth Perspectives on the Drug-Violence Intersection. *Paper Presented at AAA, Washington, D.C. 2007*

La Población Juvenil Callejera en la República Dominicana, Algunos Apuntes. *Paper presented at "Seminario Taller Realidad de la Población Juvenil Callejera en la República Dominicana y en Europa," Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, June 2006*

The Making of Community and the Work of Faith: Catholic Youth Confront Urban Violence. *Paper Presented at AAA, Chicago, IL 2003*

Safety and Sanctuary: Pentecostal Youth Strategies against Urban Violence in Honduras. *Paper Presented at AAA, New Orleans, LA 2002*

Social Work is Family Work: Constructing Kin and the Workplace. *Paper presented at SfAA, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, 2001*

Kids Helping Kids: Altruism and Commodity Distribution in Disaster Relief. *Paper presented at SfAA, San Francisco, CA, 2000*

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

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| 2017 | Leopold Center MFSI 2 year grant for "Latino Groceries in the Rural Midwest: Connecting Tiendas to Iowa Local Food Producers to Amplify Retail Markets" (with Lisa Bates) |
| 2016 | Leopold Center MFSI grant for "Latino Groceries in the Rural Midwest: An Examination of Food Security, Cultural Identity, and Economies" (with Lisa Bates) |
| 2016 | Iowa State University Award for Early Achievement in Extension or Professional Practice |
| 2003 | Recipient, Seashore-Ballard Dissertation Fellowship, Univ. of Iowa |
| 2001 | Wenner-Gren Anthropological Foundation Dissertation Research Grant |

2001 Recipient, June Helm Award for Excellence and Service in Anthropology, UI Graduate Students in Anthropology Association
2000 Recipient, UI Student Government Research Grant
2000 Recipient, UI Hancher/Finkbine Distinguished Leadership Certificate
2000 Stanley Research Grant, University of Iowa
2000 Participant, NSF Summer Research Methods in Anthropology Camp

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
Society for Applied Anthropology
Community Development Society

LANGUAGE, SKILLS & INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spanish – conversational, reading, writing and professional fluency
Data analysis skills, both qualitative and quantitative, including use of Fulcrum
Research design and methodology
Grant writing
Facilitation