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### CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, Departments of American Studies and  
2004-present Cultural Anthropology.

### EDUCATION

Fellowship UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY  
2004 -2005 Ciriacy Wantrup Fellowship in Natural Resource Studies, Department of Rhetoric.

Lecturer/Postdoc STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology.  
2003-2004

Lang Fellow STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Department of Anthropological Sciences.  
2002-2003 Lang Postdoctoral Fellowship

Ph.D. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, Department of Geography  
2002 Dissertation: *Understories: The Political Life of Forests in Northern New Mexico*  
*Fields of Study:* Cultural Politics, Political Economy, and Environmental Politics

M.E.S. YALE UNIVERSITY, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies  
1994 *Fields of Study:* Political Ecology, Agrarian Studies, and Political Economy

B.A. GRINNELL COLLEGE, Departments of Anthropology & Ecology  
1990 *Fields of Study:* Anthropology, Ecology

### AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

#### JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN BOOK AWARD

Awarded to *Understories: the Political Life of Forest in Northern New Mexico* for the best book in American Studies for 2006 selected unanimously by the committee out of 125 book submissions. November 2007.

#### EPA STAR DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Awarded to “outstanding leaders and scholars in the field of environmental research and policy.” Focus: Race, Labor, and Environmental Justice. November 1997–November 2001.

#### FORD FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

Community forestry dissertation research grant for ethnographic field research on race, poverty, and conflict over land and forests. June 1998–June 1999.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY VICE-CHANCELLOR’S FELLOWSHIP

Pre-dissertation fieldwork on race and nature in New Mexico. March 1998–August 1998.

#### SWITZER FELLOWSHIP

Awarded “for integrity, intelligence, the capacity for leadership and potential for creative achievement and excellence within a chosen field.” May 1993–June 1994.

#### THOMAS J. WATSON FELLOWSHIP

“Given to scholars who demonstrate outstanding leadership, dedication and academic work on environmental issues.” The grant funded 18 months of field research on human rights and natural resource conservation in five countries. *June 1990– March 1992.*

#### **THE PRESIDENT’S MEDAL**

Awarded to one person in each graduating class at Grinnell College “for academic achievement, effective leadership, and personal commitment to public service.” *May 1990.*

**OTHER AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS** include: MacLean Fellowship, 1995; Tropical Resource Institute Fellowship, 1996; Ford Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, 1998; and Oberholtzer Award, 2000.

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

#### **BOOKS**

**Understories: The Political Life of Forests in New Mexico.** November 2006. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press. Selected as a John Hope Franklin Book and Winner of the John Hope Franklin Best Book in American Studies November 2007.

**Race, Nature, and the Politics of Difference.** Donald S. Moore, Jake Kosek, and Anand Pandian, eds. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press. 2003.

#### **REFEREED ARTICLES**

**“Deep Roots and Long Shadows: The Cultural Politics of Memory and Longing in Northern New Mexico.”** *Society and Space*, Fall 2004.

**“Intimate Geographies: From Bedroom Barrios to Atomic Suburbs.”** *Antipode*, forthcoming.

**“Hauntings: The Nature and Politics of Mutilated Cows and Radioactive Waste.”** Under review, submitted June 2006.

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

**“Purity and Pollution: Racial Degradation and Environmental Anxieties.”** Accepted for publication in *Liberation Ecologies: Environment, Development, Social Movements*, edited by Richard Peet and Michael Watts. London: Routledge. 2004.

**“The Cultural Politics of Race and Nature.”** Donald S. Moore, Anand S. Pandian, and Jake Kosek. In Donald S. Moore, Jake Kosek, and Anand S. Pandian, eds. *Race, Nature, and the Politics of Difference*. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press 2003.

#### **NON-REFEREED ARTICLES/REPORTS/BOOK REVIEWS**

**Book review of Sarah Jain Injury (Princeton: Princeton University Press 2006) in American Quarterly Forthcoming, Spring 2007.**

**Keywords: Race, Racism, Environmental Justice, Environmentalism, and The Environmental Movement,** in *The Dictionary of Human Geography* Edited by Ron Johnston, Derek Gregory, Geraldine Pratt and Michael Watts, forthcoming 2007.

**“Collaborative Stewardship: Conflicts and Consensus in Forest Disputes.”** *The Quivira Coalition Report* vol. 4, no. 3 (July). 2001.

**“The Cultural Politics of Community Mapping.”** *Common Property Research Digest*, no. 45 (May). 1998.

**“Plan de Uso Turístico Y Recreativo del Parque nacional Huascarán”** Embajada Real de Los Países Bajos y Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales. 2000.

**“Ethics, Economics, and Ecosystems.”** *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, vol. 17 (Spring). 1993.

**“Deforestation, Unemployment and Land Claims on Vancouver Island.”** *Cultural Survival Action Alert* (Spring). 1993.

**“Ecotourism and Sustainable Development Reconsidered.”** Co-written with Professor Katrina Brandon for Bellagio Conference on Ecotourism and Sustainable Development. Published as working paper by the Rockefeller Foundation. 1993.

**“Rethinking Conservation: Human Rights and Natural Resources.”** Working paper for the Thomas J. Watson Foundation (Fall). 1992.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*Nature and the Cultural Politics of Race in Northern New Mexico.* 2007 Invited Presentation at Harvard University in the Department of Anthropology.

*The Making of the Modern Bee: Towards a Critical Natural History.* 2007 Invited paper at the Oxidate working group in Montreal Canada.

*Agency, Mobility and Materiality: Towards an Environmental Politics of Doubt.* 2007 Invited presentation in the Department of Anthropology University of California Santa Cruz.

*Critical Natural Histories: Space, Time and Nature.* 2007 Invited presentation at the BFP Marxist working group San Francisco California.

*Towards and Ethnography of Law and Landgrants in Northern New Mexico.* 2006 Invited Presentation at the University of New Mexico Law School.

*Intimate Geographies: The Politics of Plutonium in Northern New Mexico.* 2006 Invited Presentation at the Spaces of Struggle Conference, Montana State University.

*Towards a Hauntology of Nature: Mutilations, Plutonium and Environmental Anxieties.* 2006 Paper presented at the American Anthropology Association.

*Hauntings: The Nature and Politics of Plutonium* 2006. Paper presented at the American Anthropology Association.

*On Whiteness and Wilderness: Race and Environmental Politics.* 2005 Invited presentation at the BFP Marxist working group Chicago.

*On Nature, Nation and Race: Eugenics Discourses in Contemporary Environmental Debates.* 2003. Paper presented at Association of American Geographers Conference.

***Purity and Pollution: Racial Degradation and Environmental Anxieties.*** 2002. Paper presented to Environmental Politics Colloquium at the University of California, Berkeley.

***Smokey Bear and the Dark Woods: Race, Nature and Nationalism.*** 2002. Paper presented at Association of American Geographers Conference.

***Cooperation and Conflict: Rethinking Political Divides.*** 2001. Keynote Address at the Conference on Collaborative Stewardship in Taos, New Mexico.

***Race, Nature, and the Cultural Politics of Difference.*** 2000. Co-organizer for international workshop funded by the Ford Foundation through the Berkeley Workshop on Environmental Politics, Institute of International Studies, February 10–12, at the University of California, Berkeley.

***Making Places, Staking Claims: Conflicts over Identity, Space, and Meaning in the Forests of Northern New Mexico.*** 1998. Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Conference.

***Labor Practices and Racial Matters: The Political Economy of Resource Extraction in Northern New Mexico.*** 1997. Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Conference.

## CONFERENCE/WORKING GROUP ORGANIZING

Co-founder of two ongoing working groups who hold annual conferences, periodic speakers and on line discussion with scholars and activists. The conferences are professional working groups that discuss ongoing work at the intersections of political theory and political activism. The working groups also facilitate periodic meetings, speakers.

- **THE CRITICAL MARXIST WORKING GROUP (BFP)**- A group scholars from American Studies, Anthropologist and Critical Geography interested in new formulations of Marxist political economy. It is an ongoing group of 12 scholars that has meet for three years in a row (Chicago, Boulder, San Francisco) for intensive three day workshops.
- **THE OXIDATE WORKING GROUP**— A group of Anthropologists, Historians of Science, Sociologists of Science exploring issues of Science and Technology Studies (STS). The group of 12 met in Montreal this year for the first time and Oxidate will hold another meeting this Spring in San Francisco with another group of 12 scholars.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO.** Undergraduate courses in *History and Politics of the Southwest*, *Introduction to Science and Technology Studies*, *Environmental Justice* and Graduate courses in *Biopolitics: The Nature and Politics of Life, Marx and Political Economy*, *Rethorizing History and Nature: Towards a Critical Natural History of the Present and Environmental Politics, Theory and Practice*, 2005-Present. Designed and taught courses for undergraduates and graduate in American Studies and Anthropology.

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY.** *Environmental Justice (Undergraduate) and The Cultural Politics of Race & Nature (Graduate) 2004.* Designed and taught a course for undergraduates and Graduates in Cultural and Social Anthropology.

**SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON.** *Politics and Critique* and Critical Thinking Spring & Fall 2003. Designed and taught a course on literature, politics and critical thinking for San Quentin inmates as part of Patten University Prison Accreditation Program.

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY.** *Nature, Justice and Difference* (undergraduate) and *The Cultural Politics of Race and Nature* (graduate). Winter 2003. Designed and taught courses for undergraduates and graduates in Anthropology.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY.** *Development Studies*. Fall 1997. Teaching Assistant to Professor Michael Watts. Participated in lecturing and creating and evaluating assignments; led three weekly discussion sections.

**YALE UNIVERSITY.** *Human Rights and Natural Resources*. Fall 1994. With Professor Nancy Peluso, helped design and organize course material and course syllabus; participated in presentations and in leading discussions.

**THE MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE AND UNIVERSITY AND NON-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSORTIUM, LIMA, PERU.** *“Participation del Base en Areas Protejidos Andinos.”* 1995–1996. Workshop leader/instructor. Led eight workshops on topics including: participatory action research; strategic planning for non-profits; and conservation and development strategies and field research methods for development and environmental professionals in Peru and Bolivia.

**MARSHALLTOWN HIGH SCHOOL.** *Biology, Ecology and Environmental Science*. Spring and Fall 1989. Certified public high-school teacher Marshalltown, Iowa. Taught four classes of 25–45 students.

## GENERAL TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

### *Environmental Politics*

Environmental Justice  
Political Ecology  
Science and Technology Studies  
Cultural Politics of Nature

### *Political Theory*

Political Economy/ Neo-Liberalism  
Biopolitics  
Colonialism/Post colonialism  
History and Historiography

### *The Cultural Politics of Difference*

Critical Race Theory  
Space, Place, and Identity

### *Research Methodologies*

Ethnographic Field Methods  
Archival Research Methods

## OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

### FIELDWORK/RESEARCH

**WEB SITE PRODUCER, ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION & UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES.** 2001.

Designed, developed, and co-authored proposal-writing resource web site for graduate students: <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/DissPropWorkshop/>.

**ANDEAN PROGRAM FIELD DIRECTOR, THE MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE.** 1994–1996.

Directed the in-country design, planning, and implementation of community-based resource conservation programs in highland regions of Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia. Raised over \$3 million for project activities; was directly responsible for managing a staff of 18.

**RESEARCH FELLOW, THOMAS J. WATSON FOUNDATION. 1990–1992.**

Completed an 20-month, self-designed field research project on violent conflicts between people and protected areas, with particular attention to poverty and human rights. The research was carried out in five countries, including: La Amistad in Costa Rica; Uluru and Kakadu in Australia; Campfire in Zimbabwe; Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania; Maasai Mara in Kenya; and ACAP in Nepal.

**RESEARCHER/WRITER, CULTURAL SURVIVAL. 1992–1993.**

Researched and published articles on indigenous rights and natural resources.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AMIGOS DE LAS AMERICAS. 1989–1990.**

First elected Field Staff Representative on international Board of Directors; acted as advisor/liaison between Board of Directors and 80 field staff throughout Central and South America.

**DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS, ECUADOR, AMIGOS DE LAS AMERICAS. 1989–1990.**

Initiated and developed the program's first reforestation project and organized and supervised community health projects, overseeing 8 staff members and 53 volunteers; worked with nationals to design new community development projects; coordinated staff, volunteer, and community efforts on 22 community projects throughout the Azuay province.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, MEXICO, AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE. May/Sept. 1989.**

Worked with international staff to implement community projects, including agricultural diversification, solar panel installation, and reforestation.

**RELEVANT CONSULTANCIES****THE COMPTON FOUNDATION. 2002-present.**

Member of selection committee; review proposals and interview candidates for funding politically engaged social research.

**THE SWITZER FOUNDATION. 2001-2005.**

Member of selection committee for Environmental Leadership grants; reviewed proposals and interviewed individuals who show promise in the field.

**THE MONTAÑA DE TRUCHAS COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM. 1999-2002**

Technical advisor for model community forestry program, including successful grant writing, and development and implementation of projects as well as monitoring and evaluation systems.

**THE MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE. 1998.**

Traveled to communities and fragile mountain landscapes in five Rocky Mountain states, identifying potential projects, strategies, and funding possibilities for the Mountain Institute's Western States program.

**THE EMBASSY OF THE NETHERLANDS. 1996.**

Worked with other international specialists in community protected-area management, visiting parks throughout the region and helping to develop funding practices for the Embassy's environmental programs in the region.

**THE LEVINE FOUNDATION. 1993.**

Evaluated co-management regimes and protected-area conflicts in Alaska.

**RESOURCE RENEWAL INSTITUTE. 1992–1993.**

Researched national resource management plans known as "Green Plans."

**ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION.** *1992–1993.*

Co-designed and participated in conference on ecotourism, conservation and development for international conference at Bellagio Conference Center in Italy.

**Other experience includes:** work and research in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mongolia, Paraguay, Vietnam, and Alaska.

**LANGUAGES**

Fluent in Spanish.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### **Michael Watts**

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