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CAREER

Communicating with the public as a writer, editor, researcher and speaker.

EXPERIENCE

Associate Research Professor, University of Maryland Anthropology Department (2015-present). Research, writing and lecturing about migration issues.

Faculty Fellow, American University School of International Service (2013-15). Research, writing and speaking about migration and human rights issues.

Coordinator, Chico Vive Conference (2013-2014). Organizing an international conference; recruiting planning committee, cosponsors, speakers, staff and volunteers; raising funds from foundations, nonprofit organizations and other donors; promoting and marketing conference via social and other media, producing an Ebook based on conference proceedings.

Free-lance writer/editor/researcher (1993-present). Writing, editing and producing books, reports, policy documents and funding proposals; research; developing curricula; lecturing on Brazil, human rights, environmental issues and international development; evaluating projects; lobbying; Portuguese translation and interpretation.

Project coordinator, RefugeeWorks, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service, Baltimore, MD (2008-10). Research and writing on refugee issues; organizing forums and conferences; providing technical assistance to organizations and individuals; planning and conducting training workshops and making presentations; building coalitions.

Copy Editor, International Center for Transitional Justice, New York (2007-2008). Copyediting and proofreading reports.

Developmental Editor, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, DC (2006-07). Evaluating, developing and editing articles, reports and books.

Visiting Scholar, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University (2004-06). Researching and writing a book, lecturing, organizing a conference.

Copy Editor, *CongressDailyAM*, Washington, D.C. (2000-04). Editing and proofing a daily publication; maintaining style manual.

Coordinator/Consultant/Radio Producer, Quixote Center, Hyattsville, MD (1996-2003). Writing, editing, research, grassroots organizing, production of "Interfaith Voices," a syndicated NPR program.

Consultant, Inter-American Foundation, Arlington, VA (1994-95). Monitoring development projects, making site visits, doing research, writing reports and documents, advising staff.

Brazil Specialist, Campaign Coordinator, Amnesty International USA, Washington, D.C. (1993-2002). Coordinating local, regional and national activities by volunteers and staff. Public speaking, writing, international networking among organizations. Program and campaign

planning and coordination. Official delegate to investigate human-rights violations in Brazil, 7-8/93.

Program Officer, Newsletter Editor, Rainforest Foundation, Washington, D.C. (1991-92; 1996). Researched, wrote, edited and produced policy papers and other reports on the rights of indigenous peoples and their organizations. Represented foundation at international meetings and liaised with international affiliates. Wrote and edited funding proposals, newsletter, Congressional testimony; assisted director with planning, publicity.

Researcher, Brazil Team, Amnesty International, London, UK (1990-91). Researched, wrote and edited reports and other documents based on investigations of human-rights violations in Brazil and other countries. Represented organization in Britain and Brazil. Field research, public speaking, liaison with organization members and international non-governmental organizations.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Seasons with Friends [poems and photographs]. Wordworker, 2025.

Book of Changes [poems and photographs]. Wordworker, 2024.

Through a Glass Darkly: The Social History of Stained Glass in Baltimore, Wordworker, 2023.

“‘The customer is always wrong,’” *Baltimore Sun*, August 15, 2021.

My Brazil: Reports from the Interior, Amazon, 2021.

Journeywoman: A Writer's Stories, Kindle, 2020.

“The Quaker Sanctuary Tradition,” *Religions* 2018, 9, 155.

Asylum and Sanctuary: A Social and Political History. University of Washington Press, 2016.

Chico Vive: The Legacy of Chico Mendes and the Global Grassroots Environmental Movement. Rainforest Foundation/Forest Peoples' Programme/Cambridge Institute for Brazilian Studies, 2015.

"Credential Recognition in the United States for Foreign Professionals." Washington, D.C.: Migration Policy Institute, May 2013.

Give Refuge to the Stranger: The Past, Present and Future of Sanctuary. Left Coast Press, 2011.

Walking the Forest with Chico Mendes: Struggle for Justice in the Amazon (translator/editor). University of Texas Press, 2007.

Brazil's Indians and the Onslaught of Civilization: The Yanomami and the Kayapó. University of Washington Press, 2004 (revised 2nd ed. of *Unnatural Selection*).

Fierce Legion of Friends: A History of Human Rights Campaigns and Campaigners, Quixote Center, 2002. Distributed by University of Wisconsin Press.

Unnatural Selection: The Yanomami, the Kayapó and the Onslaught of Civilization. Pluto Press/University of Washington Press, 1998.

Rome Has Spoken (co-editor). Crossroad, 1998.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research in Brazil: 18 field trips, 1978-2005. United Nations Election Observer in Mozambique, October 1994. Work and residence in England: February-March 2008, April-July 2007, October 1990-September 1991; July 1974-July 1976.

HONORS/GRANTS

Robert W. Deutsch Foundation grant, Maryland State Arts Council grant, Lyman Fund travel grant; Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Human Rights; London School of Economics; Fulbright Senior Specialist, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; Visiting Fellow, Human Rights Center, Essex University (UK); Spann Memorial Essay Prize; American Philosophical Society grant; Cornell University International Studies grants and tuition fellowship; Doherty Foundation Fellowship; NDFL Fellowship in Portuguese.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Baltimore community associations, religious groups and libraries, Society for Applied Anthropology, Amnesty International, BBC World Service, Washington Office on Latin America, U.S. Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Information Agency, Fordham Law School, Harvard Law School, Cornell University, University of Maryland, American University, Glasgow University, Sussex University, York University, Reading University (UK), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Universidade de São Paulo, Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice, Washington, D.C., Ethical Society, World Resources Institute, Institute for Policy Studies, American Anthropological Association.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in anthropology and Latin American studies, Cornell University.

M.A. in social anthropology, University of Sussex (UK).

B.A. in literature and history, University of Pennsylvania; graduated with highest honors, Phi Beta Kappa.