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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2015 – Present Harvard University. Lecturer of Social Studies & Member of Board of Advisors,

The Committee on Degrees in Social Studies

Sept – Dec 2014 London School of Economics and Political Science. Visiting Research Fellow,

Department of Geography: Cities & Development Research Cluster

### **EDUCATION**

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

Ph.D. 2014, Anthropology

Dissertation: Extreme Lives: The Unruly Domestication of Peruvian Poverty

M.A. 2008, Anthropology and Population

<u>Thesis</u>: Legibility and Land Trafficking: How to 'Do Living' in Lima's Central Margins \*Additional training in demography from the Population Studies & Training Center.

Specializations in migration, urbanization and census politics.

New York University, New York, NY

B.A. 2005, Sociocultural Anthropology, Latin American Studies concentration.

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

political and legal anthropology; statecraft and transnationalism; Latin American studies; urban anthropology; poverty and development; gender; science and technology studies; anthropology of population e.g. kinship, life-course, migration and the politics of numbers; medical anthropology; anthropological theory; ethnographic methods and writing

#### ARTICLES

Forthcoming "Residency Counts and Housing Rights: Conflicting Enactments of Property in

Lima's Central Margins." Current Anthropology.

Forthcoming "Housing the Contingent Life Course: Aspiration and Extreme Poverty in Peru's

Urban Periphery." City and Society.

Forthcoming "Documents, Law & the State in the Andes." The Andean World. Linda Seligmann

& Kathleen Fine-Dare, editors. Routledge.

2014	"Recognizing (Dis)Order: Topographies of Power and Property in Lima's
	Periphery." Chapter in The Housing Question: Tensions, Continuities and
	Contingencies in the Modern City. Edward Murphy and Najib Hourani, editors.
	Ashgate. Pg 183-198.

"Recount! The Social Life of the Peruvian Census." Anthropology News. Vol 51. 2010 Issue 5. 13-15

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Extreme Lives: The Politics Poverty and Intimacy in Urban Peru (book manuscript)

"Moral Precarity in Peru's War on Poverty, Or How to Keep Your Milk Money." In preparation for Cultural Anthropology.

"The Right to the City and Everyday Speculations in Lima's Shantytown." In preparation for City & Society, Special Issue on The Right to the City: Transnational Conversations and Ethnographic Perspectives. Jeremy Rayner & Claudia Zamorano, editors.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Forthcoming	Review of No One Will Let Her Live: Women's Struggle for Well-Being in a Dehli Slum. 2015. by Claire Snell-Rood. Association for Feminist Anthropology.
2018	Review of <i>Violence and Resilience in Latin American Cities</i> . 2015. edited by Kees Koonings and Dirk Kruijt. <i>Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology</i> . Vol. 23, Issue 1, Pages: 223–225
2016	Review of <i>Mobile Selves: Race, Migration, and Belonging in Peru and the U.S.</i> 2015. by Ulla Berg. <i>International Migration Review.</i> Vol. 50, Issue 2, Summer 2016. e25–26
2015	Review of <i>Cities From Scratch: Poverty and Informality in Urban Latin America</i> . 2014. Eds. Brodwyn Fischer, Bryan McCann and Javier Auyero. <i>Social Anthropology</i> . Vol. 23, Issue 1, February 2015, Pages: 97–98

# FUNDED RESEARCH AND AWARDS

2010	Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
2009-10	National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant
2008	SUNTA Student Panel Prize and Travel Award, to present at annual American Anthropological Association meeting, San Francisco
2007-09	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Fellowship for Graduate Studies
2008, 07	Population Studies & Training Center Research Travel Grant
2006-07	Brown University Fellowship for Graduate Studies

2002-05 NYU Presidential Scholarship Award; National Merit Scholarship Award

### **INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- "Anticipating E-Governance: On Timeliness and Timelessness in Shifting Anthropological 2017 Fields". Presented as part of panel on Anthropologists On The Move: Celebrating Kay Warren's Research, Teaching, & Advocacy. American Anthropological Assoc. Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- "No Hace Vivencia: Conflicts Over Residency & Rights to the City in Lima's Shantytowns." 2017 Presented as part of *The Right to the City in Latin America* panel for the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Lima, Peru.
- "Papering the Margins: The Formalities of Poverty and Citizenship in Urban Peru." Paper 2017 presented at the Contemporary Latin American Anthropology Working Group Series, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA
- "Poverty Monitoring and Moral Precarity in 'Post-Neoliberal' Peru." Presented as part of 2016 panel on, Precarity and the State in Latin America, organized by Susan Bibler Coutin for Latin American Studies Association Meeting, New York, NY
- "Making Marginal Families in Peru's 'Right to Identity' Campaign." Presented at American 2014 Anthropological Assoc. Meeting, Washington, DC
- "Multi-House Homes: Aspiration, Abandonment, and Contingent Time in Peru's Urban 2014 Periphery." Presented at Cities, Space and Development Seminar Series, LSE
- "Producing Poverty: Measurement, Mediation & Mistrust in Urban Peru." Paper presented at 2013 Working Group in the Anthropology of Population (WGAP) Colloquium, Brown University
- "Producing Poverty: Measurement, Mediation and Mistrust in Urban Peru." Presented at 2012 American Anthropological Association Meeting, San Francisco
- "Flexible Families: Pushing the Limits of Progressive Housing in Peru." Paper presented at 2011 Global Relations: Kinship and Transnationalism Workshop, Brown University
- 2010 "Alternative Social, Political and Economic Practice." Discussant at Politics, Culture & Society Workshop, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Brown University
- "Recognizing Rights and (Dis)Order in Lima's Central Margins." Paper presented at 2010 Infrastructures of Home and City Conference, Michigan State University
- 2008 "Legibility and Landtrafficking: How to 'Do Living' in Lima's Central Margins." Presented for invited session, Ethnographies of the Record, at American Anthropology Meeting, San Francisco

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Global Slums. Instructor, Harvard University. 2016, 2018.

**Medicine and Society.** Instructor, Harvard University. 2017.

Poverty and Development in Latin America. Instructor, Harvard University. 2015.

Cultures of Latin America. Instructor, Boston University. 2013.

The War on Poverty: Anthropological Perspectives. Instructor, Tufts University. 2013.

Medicine and Society. Instructor, Brown University. Summer Pre-college Short Course. 2009, 2011, 2012.

**Introduction to Cultural Anthropology**. Teaching Assistant. Professor Jessaca Leinaweaver, Brown University. 2012.

Global Development. Teaching Assistant. Instructor Kendra Fehrer, Brown University, Summer Studies, 2009.

International Health: Anthropological Perspectives. Teaching Assistant, Professor Dan Smith, Brown University. 2009.

Violence and the Media. Teaching Assistant. Professor Kay Warren, Brown University. 2008.

#### ADVISING

- 2017-18 Senior Thesis: "Resident Perspectives on Voluntourism in Cape Town, South Africa." By Phoebe Mesard
- 2017-18 Senior Thesis: "Community Identity in Market-Value and Public Housing Complexes in Boston." By Maxine Patwardhan
- 2016-17 Senior Thesis: "Removing the Olympic Make-Up: Race, Urban Space, and Fear of Violence in Rio de Janeiro." Winner of Kenneth Maxwell Thesis Prize in Brazilian Studies. By Ashley Collins.

## SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2017 Contributor to Methods Handbook for Social Studies Junior Tutorials, Harvard College, 2017 edition
- 2016-Undergraduate Thesis Supervisor, Reader & Examiner, Committee for Degrees in Social Present Studies, Harvard University
- 2015-Board of Academic Advisors, Committee for Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University Present
- 2011 Co-Organizer, NSF-ADVANCE workshop: "Linguagenesis: A Forum on Creativity in Language" Brown University, May 19-20.

2011 Co-Organizer, NSF-ADVANCE workshop: "Global Relations: Kinship and Transnationalism" Brown University, March 18-19. 2009 Copy editor, Japanese Foreign Aid and the Construction of Global Development: Inescapable Solutions. Eds. David Leheny & Kay Warren. London: Routledge, 2010. Employee Relations and Spanish Translation Consultant, Downtown DC Business 2008-Improvement District. Washington, D.C. 2011 2007-Co-Organizer, Interdisciplinary Engagement & Professionalization in Population Studies, Graduate Student Workshop Series, Population Studies & Training Center, Brown University 2009 Graduate Student Coordinator, Working Group in Anthropology & Population (WGAP), 2007-

#### FIELD RESEARCH

2008

**Brown University** 

"Biometrics, Digital Modernity and the Margins of the State in Peru." Supported by the Harvard Social Studies Teaching and Research Fund. Summers 2016, 2017. Ethnographic field research and interviews to investigate digital ID and video surveillance infrastructure in Callao and Puno, Peru.

"Only the 'Truly Needy' Need Apply: Exploring Formal/Focal Intersections in Peru's Fight **Against Poverty.**" 2008-2011. Funded by the National Science Foundation and the Wenner-Gren Foundation. Ethnographic field research in Lima, Callao and Pisco, Peru to investigate the design, implementation and effects of poverty reduction strategies in officially designated "extreme poverty zones."

"Boxes and Bridges: Reformulating Identities in Peruvian Migrant Communities." Summer 2007. Funded by the Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University. Ethnographic field research in Callao, Peru exploring the connections between census politics and housing rights.

# ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, "Transnational Adoptees and Migrants: From Peru to Spain." 2011-2013. Funded by the National Science Foundation. Qualitative analysis of adoption related websites, migrant newspapers, and international law to investigate the discursive environment surrounding the adoption and integration of Peruvian children in Spain.

Immigrant Rights and Language Access Intern, Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY. 2006. Investigated the relationship between language barriers and violations of immigrant rights and composed advisory documents on how to promote language access within the U.S. justice system. Research Assistant, Columbia University Center for Bioethics/HIV Center, New York, NY. 2005-2006. Conducted qualitative analysis of interviews on experiences of genetic testing, the ethics of international drug trials, and the privacy of medical information. Additional activities: demographic and statistical analysis of research participants, assisting in grant application submission, and copyediting.

Law & Policy Intern, New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York, NY. 2006. Investigated concerns of New York immigrant communities and composed analytical and advisory office memoranda. Additional activities: reporting on press conferences, evaluating census data, advising callers on immigrant rights issues.

Archaeological Field School, University of Missouri at Buena Vista, Peru. Summer 2003. Excavated and analyzed ceramic and skeletal material from pre-ceramic & formative sites.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Society for Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology (SUNTA), Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA), American Anthropological Association (AAA), American Ethnological Society (AES), Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)

#### REFERENCES

Kay B. Warren, Charles C. Tillinghast Jr. '32 Professor Emerita of International Studies and Professor Emerita of Anthropology, Brown University • Kay Warren@brown.edu

Daniel Jordan Smith, Professor of Anthropology, Chair of Anthropology Department, Brown University • Daniel J Smith@brown.edu

Jessaca B. Leinaweaver, Professor of Anthropology, Director of Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University • Jessaca Leinaweaver@brown.edu

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