

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D. 1995 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Anthropology). Dissertation title: "The Political Ecology of Conflict and Control in Ankarana, Madagascar." (Dissertation committee: C. Kottak, chair; B. Mannheim, R. Rappaport, H. Wright, I. Perfecto).

M.A. 1991 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Anthropology).

B.A. 1988 Albion College; Albion, MI (Major: Anthropology; Concentration: Public Policy Studies at the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy; Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa).

Academic Experience

Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama at Birmingham (2022-present)

Professor of Anthropology, University of West Georgia (2007-2022)

Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of West Georgia (Fall 2003-Spring 2009; 2012-2020)

Associate Professor, University of West Georgia (Fall 2001-2007)

Assistant Professor, State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA (Fall 1996 to 2001).

Visiting Assistant Professor, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI (Spring 1996). Taught: Anthropology of Women, Anthropological Perspectives in Ecology, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI (Fall 1995).

Research Fellow, NASA, Fellow in Global Change Research (1992-95).

Research Assistant, CIESIN, under the guidance of Prof. Conrad Kottak (9/91-5/92).

Research Fellow, PEDP, under the guidance of Prof. Conrad Kottak (9/90-5/91).

Teaching Assistant, University of Michigan (Department of Anthropology), "Biology, Society and Culture" Dr. Craig Stanford (1-5/90).

Research Assistant, University of Michigan, for Prof. Conrad Kottak (Dept. of Anthropology 9/89-12/89).

Appointments:

Senior Scientist, UAB Center for the Study of Sexual and Gender Health (effective 12/30/2024)

Awards

2022 Distinguished Alumni Award, Albion College (class of '89)
2022 Spring 2022 Innovations in Teaching Fellowship, UWG
2016 Outstanding Mentor Award, College of Social Sciences, UWG
2012 Outstanding Research Award, College of Social Sciences, UWG
2007 Distinguished Scholar, College of Arts and Sciences, UWG

Publications and Reports

Gezon, Lisa L. and Candicia Kotra (under Review) Khat and the economic ecosystem in northern Madagascar. (*PLOS ONE*)

Reuter, Tina Kempin, Fanicy Sears, and Lisa Gezon (accepted for publication) Standing in the Gap: Psychedelic Advocacy, communities of color, and the politics of knowledge production. Being reviewed by *Anthropology of Consciousness* for inclusion in a special issue: "Current Challenges in Psychedelic Knowledge and Practice -Assisted Psychotherapy: from global south to north."

Ellen Mwenesongole, Lisa Gezon, Olivia Marie Russo, Annie Kane (2025) Interdisciplinary problem-based learning: A case study learning about drugs with forensic science and anthropology college students. *College Teaching*, pp. 1-10
<https://doi.org/10.1080/87567555.2025.2564677>

Gezon, Lisa L. and Kenton Bartlett (2025) Psychedelics, harm reduction, and life's big questions: Making sense of spirituality and religion after the journey. *Anthropology of Consciousness* 36(2): 1-12. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/anoc.70010>

Gezon, Lisa L. "Community-based psychedelic integration and social efficacy: An ethnographic study in the Southeastern United States." *Journal of Psychedelic Studies* 9, no. 1 (2025): 8-19.
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/380914802_Community-based Psychedelic Integration and Social Efficacy An Ethnographic Study in the Southeastern United States

Carrier, Neil and Lisa L. Gezon (2023). *The Anthropology of Drugs*. London, UK: Taylor & Francis.

Neeley, Dawn and Lisa L. Gezon. (2021) Perspectives on Benefits of Classroom Yoga and the Need for Innovation and Adaptation. *International Journal of Yoga Therapy* No. 31.
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33175966/>

Gezon, Lisa L. (2020) Hope and Possibility for Transformation in Ordinary Acts of Well-Being on a Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail. IN T. Park and J. Greenberg, eds. *Terrestrial Transformation: A Political Ecology Approach to Society and Nature*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. Pp. 235-249.

Gezon, Lisa L. (2020). Tiny Social Movements in Health and Wellness in Georgia, USA. IN Morejon Ramos, Anisley, ed. *Cambio ambiental global: Desafíos y alternativas en las apuestas por la sostenibilidad de la vida*. Havana, Cuba: Ediciones Uache. Pp. 90-105.

- Bono, Heather, Lisa L. Gezon, William J. Smith, and Macy D. Walker. (2018) Impact of the Greenbelt on Residential Housing Prices: A Spatial Approach. *The Coastal Business Journal* 16(1): 1-16. : <https://digitalcommons.coastal.edu/cbj/vol16/iss1/1/>
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2017) Global Scouts: Youth Engagement with Spirituality and Wellness through Travel, Lake Atitlán, Guatemala. *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change*. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14766825.2017.1310217>
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2017) [Beyond \(anti\)utilitarianism: khat and alternatives to growth in northern Madagascar](#). *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 425-666.
- Gezon, Lisa L. and Susan Paulson, guest editors (2017) Special Section on [“Degrowth, Culture and Power”](#) in *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: nos. 23-37.
- Gezon, Lisa L., Emily McKendry-Smith, and Anne Kristen Hunter. 2016. [The Health Benefits of a Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail](#). *Parks and Recreation Volume* 51(12): 16-17.
- Gezon, Lisa L. 2016. The Loud Silence of “Green Gold”: Khat, Poverty, and an Alternative Economy in Northern Madagascar. *General Anthropology* 23(2): 1, 5-8.
- Gezon, Lisa L. 2016. Political Ecology of a Drug Crop: The Intricate Effects of Khat. Chapter in Singer, Merrill, ed. *Companion to Anthropology and Environmental Health*. Wiley. Pp. 325-347.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2014) Who wins and who loses? Unpacking the “Local people” Concept in Ecotourism: A Longitudinal Study of Community Equity in Ankarana, Madagascar. *Journal of Sustainable Tourism* Volume 22(5): 821-838.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2013) Leaf of Paradise?: The Intricate Effects of Khat in Madagascar. *Drugs and Alcohol Today* 13(3): 194-204.
- Gezon, Lisa and Conrad Kottak (2013) *Culture*, 2nd edition. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2012) Drug Crops and Food Security: The Effects of Khat on Lives and Livelihoods in Northern Madagascar. *Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment* 34(2): 124-135.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2012) Conclusion: Why Gender Matters, Why Women Matter. In *Gender and Sustainability: Lessons from Asia and Latin America*. Maria Luz Cruz-Torres and Pamela McElwee, eds. The University of Arizona Press.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2012) *Drug Effects: Khat in Biocultural and Socioeconomic Perspective*. Left Coast Press.
- Gezon, Lisa and Conrad Kottak (2011; 2nd edition [2013]) *Culture*. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2010) Multi-sited ethnography: combining analysis at different scales. In *Society and Environment: Methods and Research Design*. Ismael Vaccaro, Eric Alden Smith and Shankar Aswani, Editors. Cambridge University Press. Pp. 238-265.

- Gezon, Lisa L. (2010) "Leaf of Paradise or Aid to Terrorism?: Cultural Constructions of a Drug Called Khat" In E. P. Durrenberger and S. Erem, eds. *Paradigms for Anthropology: An Ethnographic Reader*. Denver, CO: Paradigm Publishers. Pp. 172-188.
- Carrier, Neil and Lisa Gezon (2009) Khat in the Western Indian Ocean: Regional Linkages and Disjunctures. *Etudes de l'Océan Indien* 42-43: pp. 271-297.
- Gezon, Lisa L. and Alex Totomarovario (2008) Encountering the Unexpected: Appropriating the Roles of Researcher, Teacher, and Advocate in a Drug Study in Madagascar. *Practicing Anthropology* 30(3): 42-45.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2007) Commodity Chains and Land Use in Northern Madagascar. Final Report to the National Science Foundation, Award 0318640.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2006) Global Visions, Local Landscapes: A Political Ecology of Conservation, Conflict, and Control in Northern Madagascar. Lanham, MD: AltaMira Press. (in the series *Globalization and the Environment*, edited by Rick Wilk and Josiah Heyman).
- Gezon, Lisa L., Sean Sweeney, Glen Green, and Benjamin Z. Freed (2005) Forest Loss and Commodity Chains in Northern Madagascar. Final Report to the National Geographic Society, Grant number 7413.03.
- Paulson, Susan and Lisa L. Gezon, eds. (2005) *Political Ecology, Across Spaces, Scales and Social Groups*. Rutgers University Press.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2005) Finding the Global in the Local: Local Struggles in Northern Madagascar. Chapter in *Political Ecology, Across Spaces, Scales and Social Groups*. Rutgers University Press.
- Paulson, Susan, Lisa L. Gezon, and Michael Watts (2003) "Locating the Political in Political Ecology: An Introduction." *Human Organization* 62(3): 205-217.
- Gezon, Lisa L. and Susan Paulson, eds. (2003) "Locating the Political in Political Ecology" *Human Organization* 62(3). Guest edited special issue.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2003) "The Regional Approach in Northern Madagascar: Conservation after the Integrated Conservation and Development Project." In *Contested Nature: Power, Protected Areas and the Dispossessed—Promoting International Conservation with Justice in the 21st Century*. Eds, S.R. Brechin, P. R. Wilshusen, C. Fortwangler, and P. C. West. SUNY Press. Pp. 183-194.
- Gezon, Lisa L. 2002. Marriage, Kin, and Compensation: A Socio-Political Ecology of Gender in Ankarana, Madagascar. *Anthropological Quarterly* 75(4): 675-706.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2000) The Changing Face of NGOs: Structure and Communitas in Malagasy Conservation and Development. *Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development* 29(2): 181-215.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (2000) "Women, Politics and Economics: Case studies from the Ankarana Region" *Taloha* 13: 239-260, a journal published in Madagascar, guest edited by Sarah Fee.

- Gezon, Lisa L. and Benjamin Z. Freed. (1999) "Agroforestry and Conservation in Northern Madagascar: Hopes and Hindrances." *African Studies Quarterly* 3(2). Included in a volume guest edited by R. Marcus and C. Kull entitled "The Politics of Conservation in Madagascar."
<http://web.africa.ufl.edu/asq>
- Gezon, Lisa L. (1999) "Of Shrimps and Spirit Possession: Toward a Political Ecology of Resource Management in Northern Madagascar." *American Anthropologist* 101(1): 58-67.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (1999) "From Adversary to Son: Political and Ecological Process in Northern Madagascar." *Journal of Anthropological Research* 55: 71-97.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (1997) "Institutional Structure and the Effectiveness of Integrated Conservation and Development Projects: Case Study from Madagascar." *Human Organization* 56(4): 462-470.
- Gezon, Lisa (1997) Book Review *Feminist Political Ecology: Global Issues and Local Experiences* Rocheleau, D., Thomas-Slayter, B., and Wangari, E., eds. *American Anthropologist* 99(3): 644.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (1997) "Political Ecology and Conflict in Ankarana, Madagascar." *Ethnology* 36(2): 85-100.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (1995) "Analysis of the framework of natural management institutions in Madagascar." Report submitted to the UNDP/GEF.
- Gezon, Lisa L. (1995) "Rapport sur les lecons tires des projets de conservation de la biodiversite a Madagascar (Report on lessons learned from biodiversity conservation projects in Madagascar)." Report submitted to the UNDP/GEF.
- C. Kottak, L. Gezon and G. Green. (1994) "Deforestation and biodiversity preservation in Madagascar: The view from above and below." (CIESIN kiosk, code number 94-0005. Available on the internet at <http://www.ciesin.org/kiosk/>).

Papers, presentations, and organizational roles

Presenter (9/25)

Co-author (5/25) Interdisciplinary Exploration: Utilizing Forensic Science and Cultural Anthropology Perspectives to Redefine Drug Usage. Alabama State Association of Forensic Sciences (ASAFS) 2025 Annual Meeting. Gulf Shores, Alabama. Authors: Ellen Mwenesongole, Lisa Gezon, Olivia Russo*, Annie Kane. *Presenting Author.

Presenter (2/25) Sacred Substances, Sacred Wounds: The Intersection of Psychedelics, Adverse Religious Experiences, and Spiritual Healing. Psychedelic Intersections conference. Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School.

Discussant (11/24) The future of praxis anthropology: Learning from the legacy of Kathryn A. Kozaitis. American Anthropological Association, Tampa, FL

Presenter (11/24), Standing in the Gap: Psychedelic Advocacy, Communities of Color and the Politics of Knowledge Production. (co-authors: Tina Kempin Reuter and Faniciy Sears), American Anthropological Association, Tampa, FL

Presenter (4/24) Psychedelics and the Reframing of Religiosity and Spirituality. Spring meeting of the Association for the Anthropology of Consciousness. Memphis, TN

Presenter (3/24) Psychedelics and the Integration of Religion. Invited panel discussion (online): The Curious Case of Integration. In the Psychedelics and the Future of Religion series. Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School.

Presenter (11/23) Liminality and Integration in Psychedelic Discussion Groups. American Anthropological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Roundtable contributor (11/23) Late-Breaking Session: Anthropological Perspectives and Transitions to Degrowth. American Anthropological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Roundtable organizer and contributor (11/22) From pandemic liminality to feminist degrowth transformation. American Anthropological Association, Seattle, WA.

Discussant (11/22) Theorizing the General in General Anthropology During Unsettling Times. American Anthropological Association, Seattle, WA.

Round table contributor (3/22) Ethnography in Practice: a Roundtable Discussion, Society for Applied Anthropology, Salt Lake City, UT.

Presenter (3/22) Happiness and its Challenges: The Power and Limits of COVID-19 as a Transformative Degrowth Experience, Society for Applied Anthropology, Salt Lake City, UT.

Presenter (8/21) With Talia Weiner and Deirdre Haywood-Rouse. Generating Empathy and Seeking Inclusion in Research on Hopes and Challenges of COVID-19 in the Rural South, U.S.A.: Struggles and Creative Approaches. American Psychological Association. Division 5 - Quantitative and Qualitative Methods.

Discussant (6/21) Roundtable: What did we learn from teaching in a pandemic? The opportunity for transformative pedagogies in anthropology. Southern Anthropological Society.

Presenter (4/21) With Talia Weiner and Deirdre Haywood-Rouse. Doing Inclusive, Participatory Pandemic Research in the U.S. Rural South: Struggles and Creative Approaches. Presented in the virtual session: Digital and distant ethnographies in a time of COVID: what's lost and what's gained? Society for Psychological Anthropology (A division of the American Anthropological Association).

Presenter (11/19) Self Care, Other Care, and Search for the “Good Life” in New Age Tourism. Presented in the session: “Care of the Self and Care of the Other: Toward an Anthropology of Self-Care” Part 2. American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, BC.

Presenter (3/19) Faces of Degrowth: Radical Well-Being, Transformational Alternatives, and Hope in Ordinary Acts. Paper in the session Degrowth: A way forward to engage in change in turbulent times. Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR.

Presenter (3/19) Political Ecology and Degrowth: Merging Analysis and Action in a Message of Transformation. Paper in the session Cutting Edge Political Ecology: Celebrating 25 Years of the Journal of Political Ecology, Part I (PESO) Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR.

Presenter (9/18). Health, wellness, and the decolonization of the mind-and-body through tiny social movements. First North-South Conference on Degrowth-Descrecimiento. Mexico City, Mexico.

Presenter (5/18). Tiny social movements in the political ecology of health and wellness. XII Environment and Society Workshop, El Grupo de Estudios de Medio Ambiente y Sociedad del Instituto de Filosofía perteneciente al Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente de la República de Cuba. Havana, Cuba.

Presenter (4/18). Tiny Social Movements in Health and Wellness in Georgia, USA. In the session Other pathways worldwide: Lightning presentations in dialogue. 67th Annual Conference Center for Latin American Studies: Buen Vivir and Other Post-Development Pathways. Gainesville, FL.

Presenter (with Anne Kristen Hunter, and Emily McKendry-Smith) 4/18. Gender Differences in the Health Benefits of a Bicycle Pedestrian Trail, Georgia Academy of Sciences. Carrollton, GA.

Workshop Co-Presenter with Jeannette Diaz (9/17) The Promise and Challenge of Validity in Community Engaged Scholarship. Engaged Scholarship Consortium, Birmingham, AL.

Organizer (3/17) Community Engagements in Health and the Built Environment through an Intersectional Lens. Session at the Southern Anthropological Society, Carrollton, GA.

Presenter in the above session (3/17) Public Anthropology: Discovering the Impacts of a Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail in Carrollton, GA. , Southern Anthropological Society, Carrollton, GA.

Presenter with Dawn Neely and Tobin Hart (5/16 and 5/17) Contemplative Practices in Education, at the Innovations in Pedagogy Conference, University of West Georgia.

Co-organizer with Susan Paulson. (11/16) A Gentler and More Pleasurable Anthropocene: Forging New/Old Sociocultural Systems Driven by Desires Other Than Growth. American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN.

Presenter in above panel (11/16) Degrowth Conference, Budapest 2016: Post-normal Science in a Convergence of Hope. American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN.

Presenter (8/16) Budapest Beyond (Anti)Utilitarianism: The Khat Economy as Alternative to Growth in Northern Madagascar. 5th International Degrowth Conference in Budapest, Hungary.

Co-organizer with Susan Paulson. 2016. Forging new/old sociocultural systems driven by motives other than grow. 5th International Degrowth Conference in Budapest, Hungary.

Co-Presenter with Winston Tripp (4/16) Early Research Results on Health and Physical Activity on the Carrollton GreenBelt. Plenary Session, Georgia Trail Summit, Carrollton, GA.

Presenter (11/15) Degrowth and the Alternative Economy of Khat in Madagascar. American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.

Co-organizer with Susan Paulson (11/15) Culture, Power, Degrowth I. Invited session at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.

Co-organizer with Susan Paulson (11/15) Culture, Power, Degrowth II. Session at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.

Presenter (12/14) Global Scouts: Young Adults and the Search for Meaning through Travel. American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. (Presented in the panel below).

Co-organizer (12/14) Traveling Epistemologies and Mediated Empathies: Reflections on Anthropology, Tourism, and Humanitarianism. American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.

Discussant (3/14) Eric Wolf Paper Prize Discussant (Political Ecology Society), Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM.

Presenter (11/13) Khat Heals?: Unpacking the “Recreational” in Drug Use. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. (Presented in the panel below).

Co-organizer (11/13) Panel: Stimulating Anthropology: Current Engagements in the Anthropology of Drugs. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.

Presenter (11/12) Following the Yellow Brick Road: Holistic Health Tourism at Lake Atitlan, Guatemala. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Presenter (11/11) Leaf of Paradise?: Khat On the Margins In Madagascar. American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Canada.

Presenter (4/11) Surviving the Margins: Khat in Northern Madagascar. COLLOQUE INTERNATIONAL ANTHROPOLOGIE COMPARATIVE DES SOCIÉTÉS INSULAIRES DE L’OCEAN INDIEN OCCIDENTAL TERRAINS ET THÉORIES. Conference sponsored by the Département de la Recherche du Musée du Quai Branly. Paris, France.

Co-Organizer (11/09) Marginal or Mainstream? The Beginnings and the End(s) of Feminist Anthropology. Invited Roundtable by the Association for Feminist Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Organizer (11/09) Rappaport Prize Panel Discussion. Organized in the capacity of Board Member of the Anthropology and Environment section of the American Anthropological Association for the presentation of student papers competing for the Rappaport Prize, Philadelphia, PA.

Presenter (3/09) Drug vs. Food Crops: Khat and the Complexities of Agricultural Development in Northern Madagascar. Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM.

Discussant (3/09) Parks, Population and Livelihood Shifts: Is Integrated Conservation and Development Biting the Hand that Feeds? Political Ecology Society/Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM.

Paper Presentation (3/08) “At Home in the Margins: Women and the Khat Trade in Northern Madagascar.” Political Ecology Society meetings, in conjunction with the Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, TN.

Paper Presentation (11/08) "What Labels Do for Livelihoods: Khat, Coca, and the War on Drugs." American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Discussant: New Challenges in Feminist Political Ecology: Multisites, Multi-scale, and Studying Up (co-organizer and co-chair with Lisa Gezon). Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, Tennessee, March 25- 29, 2008.

Paper Presentation (11/07) "Double Trouble: Drugs (Khat), Conservation, and Livelihood Alternatives in Northern Madagascar," American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.

Paper Presentation (4/07) "Khat in Madagascar: Political Ecology and the Culture of Drugs in a Postcolonial State," in the session: "New political ecology research in Madagascar," organized by Catherine Colson and Christian Kull. American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA.

Paper Presentation (11/06) "Qat as an Alternative Cultural and Economic Order in Northern Madagascar," in the session: Do Governments Need Rebels? Do Bureaucracies Need Failure? The Cultural Politics of Order and Success in Nature, Development and the State, organized by Andrew Mathews and Lisa L. Gezon. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.

Paper Presentation (3/06) "Qat in Motion, Women in Motion: Gender Politics and Livelihoods in Northern Madagascar." Society for Applied Anthropology, 66th Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Paper Presentation with co-author, Benjamin Z. Freed. (11/05) "The Elephant and the Blindfold: Challenging Myths of Deforestation Through Collaborative Research in Madagascar." Paper presented at the 104th Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C.

Paper presentation, Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe NM (4/05) "Qat in Madagascar: Production, Conservation, and the Politics of Consumption."

Invited lecture (2/05) "Ethnicité et mondialisation: Destitution royale et productions d'aquaculture à Madagascar/ Ethnicity and Globalization: Royal Upheaval and Aquaculture in Madagascar." Université Paris X-Nanterre, Department of Anthropology.

Presentation (8/04). "Conservation and Forest Change in Madagascar." Team presentation (with Glen M. Green, Ben Freed, and Sean Sweeney) to the Alliance Française, Agence Nationale pour la Gestion des Aires Protégées (ANGAP), the Université d'Antsiranana, Madagascar, and the Musée d'Art et d'Archéologie de l'Université de Madagascar, Antananarivo.

Paper Presentation, Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR (3/03) "Grassroots Empowerment or Bold Intrusion?: The Politics of Research and Representation in Senegal's Peanut Expansion."

Paper Co-Author: Benjamin Blount and Lisa L. Gezon, Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR (3/03) "Social Ecology and Cultural Models of Citizen Knowledge of Water Issues on the Georgia Coast (USA)."

Session Co-Organizer and Chair, American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA (11/02). "Cultures of Nature in an Era of Globalization."

Paper Presentation in above Session, "Commodity Chains of Ecotourism: Hierarchy, Marginalization, and the Emergence of New Localities in Northern Madagascar."

Participant and Paper Contributor, Conference on Environment, Resources, and Sustainability: Policy Issues for the 21st Century, Athens, GA. (9/02). "A Regional Approach to Conservation and Natural Resources Management in Madagascar."

Paper Presenter, West Africa Research Association International Symposium on Fieldwork, Dakar, Senegal (6/02). "Scale and the Challenges of Ethnography in the study of Land Use in Madagascar and Senegal."

Invited Session Organizer and Chair, Society for Applied Anthropology, Atlanta, GA (3/02). "Immigration Across North America: Perspectives on Labor, Health, and Asylum."

Invited Session Organizer and Chair, Society for Applied Anthropology, Atlanta, GA (3/02). "Environment and Health: Vulnerability and Justice in the Age of Risk, Part I."

Panel Presentation, American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. (11/01) "The People Vs. the King: Negotiating Usufruct in a Chiefly Village."

Invited Panel Organizer, American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA (11/00). "Political Ecology at a Crossroads: Methods, Analyses, and Applications."

Paper Presentation in the above session. "Political Ecology at a Crossroads: Response to Vayda."

Paper Presentation, Society for Applied Anthropology, San Francisco, CA (3/00). "The Changing Face of NGOs in Conservation and Development in Madagascar."

Paper Presentation, American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL (11/99). "'Water, Water, Everywhere, But not a Drop to Drink': Perceptions of Scarcity in Coastal Georgia, USA."

Paper Presentation, Women's Studies Conference – University of South Carolina (2/98). "Gender Identity and Difference Among Women in Ankarana, Madagascar: Some thoughts on Implications for Political Ecology."

Paper Presentation, Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle, WA (3/97). "Systems, Feedback, and Change: Rappaport's Contributions to a Holistic Ecological Anthropology."

Paper Presentation, African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA (11/96). "Gender Identity and Difference Among Women in Ankarana, Madagascar."

Paper Presentation, American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA (11/96). "Permission and Patrol: Legality and Forest Use in Northern Madagascar."

Paper Presentation, Georgia Sociological Association, Carrollton, GA (11/96). "Deviance: Cross-Cultural? Case from Madagascar."

Paper Presentation, Society for Applied Anthropology/Political Ecology Society, Baltimore, MD (I was not actually present at this meeting) (3/96). "Institutional Structure and the Effectiveness of Integrated Conservation and Developments: Case study from Madagascar."

Panel Organizer and Chair, American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. (11/95). "Political Ecology: Struggles to Redefine Human Environmental Relations."

Paper Presentation, American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. (11/95). "From Adversary to Son: (Fictive) Kinship as Political and Ecological Process."

Paper Presentation, Society for Applied Anthropology, Tuscon, AZ (3/95). "Women in the Politics of Resource Management in Ankarana, Madagascar."

Paper Presentation, American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL (11/94). "Royal Rights, (Inter)national Land: Inserting the Political into Ecology."

Paper Presentation, Graduate Student Women's Conference, Miami of Ohio (3/92). "Spirit Possession in Madagascar."

Grants and Fellowships

Community Foundation of West Georgia Impact Grant. 2020. Hopes and Challenges through COVID-19 in West Georgia. PI Keri Adams (Center for Public History), Co-PIs: Ann McCleary (History), Lisa Gezon (Anthropology), Deirdre Haywood-Rouse (Center for Diversity and Inclusion) (\$500).

Faculty Research Grant – UWG Office of the Provost and VP for Academic Affairs. Survival on the Margins: Health and Medical Pluralism in Madagascar. March 2020. Travel Grant: \$5000.

Workshop Grant Application (with Susan Paulson), Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Inc. 2017. Degrowth, buen vivir and other paths toward human-environment well-being. Funded, \$20,000.

Faculty Research Grant -- UWG Office of the Provost and VP for Academic Affairs. April 2016. Health and Environmental Effects of the Greenbelt in Carrollton, Georgia. (Co-PI Emily McKendry-Smith). \$1000.

Faculty Research Grant -- UWG Office of the Provost and VP for Academic Affairs. April 2015. Health and Environmental Effects of the Greenbelt in Carrollton, Georgia. (Co-PI Winston Tripp). \$3000.

Tanner Health System – Matching grant. Health and Environmental Effects of the Greenbelt in Carrollton, Georgia. 2016. (Co-PI Winston Tripp). \$3000.

Hambidge Creative Residency Program. The Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences. (attended a 2-week residency April 2012).

Learning Resources Committee (LRC) Grant, University of West Georgia. 2011. Emerging Contexts of Healing: Health Tourism and Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) at Lake Atitlan, Guatemala. \$1390.

Travel Grant to attend the conference COLLOQUE INTERNATIONAL ANTHROPOLOGIE COMPARATIVE DES SOCIETES INSULAIRES DE L'OCEAN INDIEN OCCIDENTAL *TERRAINS ET THEORIES*. Sponsored by The Department of Research of the Musée du Quai Branly. Paris, France. (4/11)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) International Opportunities Fund Grant (Canada). An Anthropological study of a community managed conservation and ecotourism project in northern Madagascar. Andrew Walsh, PI. (I was funded to participate in the research, not as a PI, June 2010)

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Grant Program. 2009. Health Impacts of Khat in Madagascar. \$500.

National Science Foundation. 2003 “Commodity Chains and Land Use in Northern Madagascar.” (funded 6/03-6/07, \$50,580, Award Number BCS-0318640)

U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship. “Commodity Chains, Land Use, and Conservation in Northern Madagascar” (received 4/03, \$64,000).

Learning Resources Faculty Research Grant from the State University of West Georgia. 2003 “A Sense of Place: Agriculture and Community in West Georgia” (\$1500).

National Geographic Society. “Forest Loss and Commodity Chains in Northern Madagascar.” (Research grant proposal with Dr. Glen M. Green, with field collaboration from Dr. Benjamin Z. Freed, Grant Number 7413.03; date of award January 13, 2003; \$27,650)

Sponsored Operations Faculty Enhancement Grant, State University of West Georgia. “Cornbread and Biscuits: Food and Community in the Georgia Piedmont.” (\$2250, co-PI Ann McCleary, Public History, funded April 2002)

Student Research Assistant Program (SRAP), State University of West Georgia. “West Georgia Flea Market Project.” (Funded April 2002)

Professional Development: “Introduction to Geospatial Data Analysis for Research and Classroom Applications”, State University of West Georgia, Geospatial Applications Research Center. NSF-funded workshop held May 2002.

Fellow, Center for the Study of Institutions, Population, and Environmental Change (CIPEC), Summer Institute, Indiana University (2001).

Sponsored Operations Faculty Research Enhancement Award, State University of West Georgia (April 2001). “A Regional Approach to Conservation in Northern Madagascar.” (\$3000)

Learning Resources Faculty Research Grant from the State University of West Georgia. “Protected Area Management and the Ripple Effects of Globalization in Sierra Tarahumara, Mexico.” Funding for preliminary research in Mexico (summer 2000) (\$1,600)

Sponsored Operations Faculty Enhancement Grant, State University of West Georgia. “Forest-Water-People Relations in Northern Madagascar.” (summer 1999) (\$2,250)

Department of Natural Resources (Georgia Coastal Resources Division, Coastal Management Program), “Coastal Water Resource Issues: Community Perspectives” PI–Ben Blount (U of GA); Co-PI–Lisa Gezon (State University of West Georgia) (1998-1999) (\$77,619)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Fellowship in Global Change Research (1992-95).

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Predoctoral grant to study "Ecological Conflict and Control in Ankarana, Madagascar" (1993-94) Gr. 5700.

National Science Foundation, Doctoral dissertation research grant to study "Ecological Conflict and Control in Ankarana, Madagascar" (1992-93).

Consortium for an International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Researcher, dissertation project – "Using Satellite Images to Understand Conservation and Development in Madagascar" (1992-93).

CIESIN, Associate Researcher and Project Manager – Pilot Project: "An Integrated Approach to Deforestation, Conservation and Development in Madagascar Using Satellite Images" (2/91-12/91).

University of Michigan, Population/Environment Dynamics Project (PEDP): "Developing a Remote Sensing Approach to the Human Context and Impact of Deforestation in Madagascar" (5/90 - 4/91).

Offices and Committee Membership in Professional Organizations

2024-Program chair for the Spring meeting of Anthropology of Consciousness, a section of the American Anthropological Association

2023-Program Chair for the American Anthropological Association meeting for Anthropology of Consciousness, a section of the American Anthropological Association

2022-present Board Member, Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, a section of the American Anthropological Association

2021-present Board Member, General Anthropology Division (GAD), American Anthropological Association

2021-present Co-editor, General Anthropology Bulletin, Publication of GAD

2008-2011 Senior Board Member, Anthropology and Environment section of the American Anthropological Association.

2008-2011 present Nominations and Elections Committee of the Society for Applied Anthropology.

2007-8: Program Committee for the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology

2005 Secretary and membership coordinator for the Political Ecology Society.

2004 Chair, Program Committee for the annual meeting of the Political Ecology Society, Dallas, TX.

2003-2008 Member, Board of Directors, Political Ecology Society.

2002 Member, Program Committee for the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology

Experience Abroad and Fieldwork

Madagascar (May-June 2023): Developed a renewed focus on the environment, analyzing conservation and the use of off-grid residential solar power.

Cuba (May 2019) Working on research design with colleagues: Uso de Los Espacios Urbanos por Personas Mayores: Salud, Medio Ambiente, y Cambio Climatico/Use of Urban Spaces by the Elderly: Health, Environment, and Climate Change

Cuba (December 2018) Preliminary Visit to establish institutional relations and explore possibilities for research.

Guatemala (June 2013, 2016) Interviews.

Madagascar (June 2015). Preliminary research on healing.

Guatemala (January 2012). Preliminary Research funded by LRC/UWG (see above).

Madagascar (June 2010). SSHRC Grant (see above).

Madagascar (May-June 2007): Follow-up research on khat funded by National Science Foundation.

France (Paris, Aix-en-Provence) and Madagascar (February-March 2005) : The goal of this research was to visit archives in France and to do follow-up research in Madagascar.

Madagascar (June-December 2004): Research on commodity chains and ethnicity funded by National Science Foundation, National Geographic Society, and Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad.

France and Madagascar (June-July 2003): Planning for extended field research in Madagascar in 2004; follow-up data-gathering on tourism and a land dispute.

Senegal (May-June 2002): Preliminary fieldwork to re-establish contacts and identify research interests, possibilities, and collaborators. Interests: Peanut expansion and the participation of the Mouride Brotherhood; effects of one village's artisanal cottage industry on rural exodus and land use practices.

Chihuahua, Mexico (June 2000): Planning conference for the Sierra Tarahumara Diversity Project of the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History, and preliminary fieldwork.

Madagascar (July 1999): Research on new developments in conservation policy and practice.

Coastal Georgia (1998): Research in conjunction with DNR grant.

Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania (August - September 1995): Exploratory Research.

Madagascar (April - June 1995): Follow-up Research and consultancy for UNDP.

Madagascar (1992-93): Dissertation Research.

Madagascar (1991): Leader of an interdisciplinary research team studying the interface between remote sensing (satellite images and aerial photos) and socioeconomic variables.

Madagascar (1990): Exploratory fieldwork; Visited three conservation and development project sites.

Dakar, Senegal (1987-88): Université Chiekh Anta Diop; Foreign exchange student, Kalamazoo College; Kalamazoo, MI.

Valence, France (1983-84): Foreign exchange student, Educational Foundation for Foreign Study.

Memberships in Associations:

American Anthropological Association

General Anthropology Division

Anthropology of Consciousness

Anthropology and Environment Section

Association for Feminist Anthropology

Society for Medical Anthropology

Anthropology of Tourism Interest Group

Society for Applied Anthropology

Political Ecology Society

2003-4: Program Chair

2005-6: Program Chair

2005-7: Secretary

Development Experience and Employment

Consultant for United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/Global Environment Facility (GEF) (4-5/95).

Population/Environment Fellows Program (PEFP), University of Michigan--Ann Arbor. Presented a workshop: "Ethnographic Techniques" (11/94).

Interdisciplinary research in conjunction with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) to identify land use practices for a project in integrated conservation and development (Projet Integre de Conservation et de Developpement du Complexe des Aires Protegees de la Montagne d'Ambre). Project funded by Consortium for an International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN, Saginaw/Ann Arbor, MI (6-8/91).

Volunteer, Association des Villageois de N'Dem. Grassroots development organization near Thiès, Senegal (5-6/88).

Languages

English – native speaker

French – fluent

Malagasy – can conduct research in Malagasy

Spanish – Intermediate

German – two years in High School

Wolof (Senegal) – some training