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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Anthropology. University at Albany, SUNY, 2012
M.A. Applied Anthropology. California State University, Long Beach, 2008
B.A. Anthropology and Latin American Studies. California State University, Chico, 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology. California State University, Dominguez Hills
2013-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology. Wichita State University
2012-2013 Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Middle Tennessee State University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- n.d. Taylor, Sarah R. *On Being Maya and Getting By: Heritage Politics and Community Development in Yucatán*. (Book manuscript under contract at University Press of Colorado.)

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2016 Taylor, Sarah R. Issues in measuring success in Community Based Indigenous Tourism: elites, kin groups, social capital, gender dynamics and income flows. *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*. DOI: 10.1080/09669582.2016.1217871
2014 Taylor, Sarah R. Maya Cosmopolitans: Engaging Tactics and Strategies in the Performance of Tourism. *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*. 21(2):219-232.
2008 Loewe, Ron and Sarah Taylor. Neoliberal Modernization at the Mexican Periphery: Gender, Generation and the Construction of a New, Flexible Work Force. *Urban Anthropology Studies*. 37(3-4):357-392.

Under Review

- n.d. Taylor, Sarah R. In Search of Solidarity: Volunteers and Viajeros. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* (Submitted August 2015, revise and resubmit January 2016)

Visual Anthropology Projects

- 2016 *Dirty Paws*—20 minutes; Director, ethnographer, and co-writer. Produced in association with the Sedgewick County Continuum of Care Homelessness Coalition and funded by the Kansas Humanities Council.
2013 *Mayapán: Urban Life at the Last Maya Capital* — 33 minutes; Director and writer. Produced in association with the University at Albany, SUNY, the Institute for Mesoamerica Studies, and the Economic Foundations of Mayapán Project (PEMY)
2008 *Gracias a los Gringos* —20 minutes; Director, ethnographer, and writer

Book Reviews (solicited by editors)

n.d. International Voluntourism. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*.

Other

2012 Service Learning. *Anthropology News*. Washington D.C.: AAA. May, 2012.

2011 Arrivals, perceived and otherwise. *Anthropologies*, Issue 2: Anthropologies of Tourism. <http://www.anthropologiesproject.org/2011/04/arrivals-perceived-and-actual.html>.

GRANTS & AWARDS

External

2015 Kansas Humanities Council Short Film Grant, \$10,000

2010 Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research, American Philosophical Association, \$3,000

2009 Valene Smith Tourism Poster Contest, First Place. Society for Applied Anthropology. \$500

2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Recognition, New England Consortium for Latin American Studies.

Internal

2016 Award for Research/Creative Activity in Summer. Wichita State University. \$4,000

2015 Facilities Grant. Visual Anthropology Laboratory. David and Sally Jackman Endowment. \$16,000

2015 Research Grant. David and Sally Jackman Endowment. \$5,500

2014 University Research and Creativity Award. Wichita State University. \$4,500

2014 Research Grant. David and Sally Jackman Endowment. \$6,500

2011 Faculty Research Awards Program "Mayapán Archaeology Dissemination Project" with Marilyn Masson, PI. (www.mayanarchaeology.org) SUNY Albany. \$4,000

2010 DeCormier Research Award, Institute for Mesoamerican Studies, SUNY Albany. \$1,570

2010 Research Grant, SUNY Albany Graduate Student Organization. \$300

2010 Great Dane Award for Leadership, SUNY Albany.

2009 Christine E. Bose and Edna Acosta-Belen IFW Feminist Research Award, University at Albany Initiatives for Women Program. \$500

2009 Travel Grant, SUNY Albany Graduate Student Organization. \$300

2008 College of Liberal Arts Dean's List, California State University, Long Beach.

2008 Distinguished Graduate Student, CSULB Department of Anthropology.

2008 Best Graduate Student Film, CSULB Department of Anthropology.

2008 Distinguished Service to the Department Chair, CSULB Department of Anthropology.

INVITED TALKS

2015 Workshop Facilitator: Homelessness and Pet Ownership. 16th Annual Statewide Summit on Homelessness and Housing. May 14. Wichita, Kansas.

2014 Sustainability, Indigeneity, and Other Touristic Desires. Global Learning Center Speaker Series. August 24. Wichita, Kansas.

2013 Turismo de la comunidad o turismo comunitario: ¿hay una diferencia? (Community tourism or communitarian tourism: Is there a difference?) Department of Tourism Management, Universidad del Altiplano. June 20. Sololá, dep. Sololá, Guatemala.

2012 Quiero ayudarles, ¿pero les ayudaría? (I want to help them, but will this help?). Volunteer Camp, Conservation Corps of Yucatan. July 15. Sabaché, Yucatan, Mexico.

2012 Maya Cosmopolitans: Navigating Heritage, Archaeology, and Tourism Development. Department of Anthropology and Geography, University of Southern Maine. March 21. Portland, Maine.

- 2011 Why culture DOES matter to ecological sustainability. Engineers for a Sustainable World, Rensselaer Polytechnic Chapter. April 13. Troy, New York.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels chaired or organized

- 2016 Ecological Perspectives: Climate Change and Food Systems. Panel at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society. April 20-23. Kansas City, MO.
- 2014 Producing Authenticity: Turning the Anthropological Lens on Mesoamerican Tourist Destinations. Roundtable at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. December 2-7. Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Tradition, Tourism, and Community in Sololá, Guatemala: Reports from the Ethnographic Field School of North Carolina State University. 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. March 18-22. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2013 Niche or Necessity? Exploring the role of volunteerism in Latin America. Panel at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. November 19-24. Chicago, IL.
- 2012 Crossing and Creating Borders: Local Dimensions of Tourism in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean. Panel at the 111th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. November 21-25. San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 Tradition, Tourism, and Community in Sololá, Guatemala, and the Yucatán, Mexico: Reports from the 2010 Ethnographic Field School of NC State U. and the Heritage Ethnography Program of the Open School of Ethnography and Anthropology (OSEA). Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting. March 17-21. Seattle, WA.
- 2010 Community Politics and the Politics of “Community:” Cases from Mexico and Central America. New England Consortium for Latin American Studies Annual Meeting. October 9-11. Schenectady, NY.
- 2010 Tradition, Tourism, and Community in Yucatán, Mexico: Reports from the Ethnographic Field School of the Open School of Ethnography and Anthropology (OSEA). Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting. March 14-19. Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

Papers

- 2016 Meliponiculture: Beekeeping, Ancient Maya Tradition, and a New Gendered Economy. 95th Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society. Kansas City, MO. April 23.
- 2015 Mapping the Neoliberal Landscape: Integrating ethnography, ecology, and GIS to understand land-use in rural Yucatan. 5th Spring Conference of the Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology. March 26-28. Oaxaca, Mexico.
- 2014 Anthropology’s Arrival to Tourism in Yucatan: a retrospective. 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. March 18-22. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2012 Life Along the Continuum: Moving Between Folk and Urban in a Tourism Borderzone. 111th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA. November 15.
- 2011 Cancun to Kulkukan: A Retrospective on Archaeology, Culture, and the Arrival of Tourism. 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Montreal, Quebec. November 16.
- 2011 Travelers in Solidarity: Understanding the Role of Voluntourism in Community-based Tourism Initiatives. 71st Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Seattle, WA. March 30.
- 2010 Maya Cosmopolitans: Engaging Tactics and Strategies in the Performance of Tourism. 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. New Orleans, LA. November 18.
- 2010 “It wasn’t very Maya:” On Being Maya and Getting By. XXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. October 7.

- 2010 Women and Capital: Social, Material, Cultural, and Otherwise. 70th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. March 24.
- 2009 To Plant or Protect: Household Decisions on Agricultural Land Use. 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia, PA. November 2.
- 2009 Politicizing “Community” for Tourism Development. 17th New England Consortium for Latin American Studies Annual Meeting. Schenectady, NY. October 3.
- 2009 Taking “Community” to Task: Integrating Local Participation in Data Collection. 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fe, NM. March 19.
- 2008 Negotiating Tourism and Community Development. 68th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Memphis TN. March 26.
- 2007 Evaluating Evaluation: Problems and Prospects for Integrating Ethnographic Evaluation into an Anthropological Curriculum. 106th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington D.C. (Co-authored with Ron Loewe). November 27.
- 2005 Asi es la Vida: Mayas, Marketing, and the Arrival of Tourism. 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fe, New Mexico. March 17.

Posters

- 2015 People and Pets: Homelessness, Companionship, and Identity in Wichita, Kansas. 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Denver, CO. November 20.
- 2013 In Search of Solidarity: Volunteers, Vacationers, and Viajeros. 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, IL. November 21.
- 2008 Taking ‘Community’ to Task: Integrating Local Participation in Community-based Tourism Research. 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fe, NM. March 19.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2016 Incorporating Ethnography. Human Factors Tea Time. Department of Psychology, Wichita State University. January 22. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2015 “Quick and Dirty” Introduction to Ethnography. Human Factors Working Group. Department of Psychology, Wichita State University. November 13. Wichita, KS.
- 2015 Writing your Best Proposal. Faculty Panel on Internal Funding Opportunities. Faculty Support Committee. Wichita State University Faculty Senate. August 29. Wichita, KS.
- 2015 Mapping Neoliberalism: GIS and participatory landscape mapping in Yucatan. Anthropology Colloquium. Department of Anthropology, Wichita State University. March 3. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2014 Households and Land Use: Potentials for Ethnography in Landscape Ecology. Anthropology Colloquium. Department of Anthropology, Wichita State University. February 13. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2013 Sustainable technologies need sustainable projects: The importance of asking the right questions. Engineers Without Borders, Wichita State University Chapter. October 3. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2013 Life in a Tourism Borderzone. Department of Anthropology, Wichita State University. January 25. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2011 Understanding the role of volunteerism in the voluntourism phenomenon. Dean’s Graduate Student Speaker Series. Office of Graduate Studies, University at Albany, SUNY. May 9. Albany, New York.
- 2009 Ethnographic Film Showcase: Students Making Movies. Department of Anthropology, University at Albany, SUNY. March 3. Albany, New York.

- 2005 One Size Fits All?: Human Subjects Protection and Social Research in the Campus Community. Report on findings to the CSU Chico IRB.
- 2004 First Fieldwork. Anthropology Forum. Department of Anthropology, CSU Chico.

FILM SCREENINGS

- 2016 Dirty Paws: Homelessness, Identity, and Pet Ownership. Capital Area Animal Welfare Event. Topeka, KS. July 23.
- 2016 Home is Where the Dog Is. Public screening of *Dirty Paws* followed by a panel discussion. The Orpheum Theater. Wichita, KS. May 10.
- 2009 Gracias a los Gringos. Society for Visual Anthropology Interactive Film and Media Festival. 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco CA. November 29.
- 2008 Gracias a los Gringos. Society for Cultural Anthropology Meeting. Long Beach CA. May 8.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California State University, Dominguez Hills

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2016)
- Applied Anthropology (Fall 2016)

Wichita State University - Instructor of Record

- Heritage and Ethno-ecology in Yucatan (Summer 2016)
- Visual Anthropology (Spring 2016)
- Ethnographic Field Methods (Spring 2015, Spring 2016)
- Ecological Anthropology (Spring 2014)
- World Cultures (Spring 2014, Spring 2015)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2013)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology Online (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016)
- Intercultural Relations (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)
- Theories of Culture (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

Middle Tennessee State University - Instructor of Record

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology Online (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
- Visual Anthropology (Spring 2013)

Siena College - Instructor of Record

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Spring 2012)

University at Albany, SUNY - Instructor of Record

- Heritage and Ethno-ecology (Summer 2012)
- Anthropology and Public Policy (Spring 2012)
- Culture and Economy in a Globalizing World (Fall 2011)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Summer 2010)

University at Albany, SUNY – Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009)
- The City and Human Health (Spring 2010)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

- 2016 Reviewer. Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology.
- 2016 Invited Evaluation of *Asking Questions about Cultural Anthropology: A Concise Introduction*, by Robert L. Welsch and Luis A. Vivanco. Oxford University Press.

- 2012 Reviewer. The Power of Place: Heritage, Archaeological and Sacred. Special Issue of Recreation and Society in Africa, Asia & Latin America.
- 2010 Reviewer (with Jennifer Burrell). Ethos: Journal for the Society of Psychological Anthropology.

To Profession

- 2014-2017 Councilor, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, AAA Section. (elected)
- 2012-2015 Judge. Valene Smith Tourism Student Paper Award. SfAA Tourism and Heritage Interest Group.
- 2013 Jury Chair, Roseberry-Nash Graduate Student Paper Award. Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
- 2011-2013 Graduate Student Representative, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, AAA Section. (elected)
- 2011 Organizer, 11th Annual National Association of Student Anthropologists (NASA) Mentorship Workshop. AAA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2011 Participant, AAA Section Summit on the Changing Job Market and Student Training: Linking Anthropology Departments and Practice. AAA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2009-2011 Editor, Student Anthropologist, National Association of Student Anthropologists (NASA) e-Journal. AAA section. (elected)
- 2010 Co-Organizer, 10th Annual National Association of Student Anthropologists (NASA) Mentorship Workshop. AAA Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA.
- 2009 Co-Organizer, NASA Publication and Professionalization Workshop. AAA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA.

To University

- 2016-present Member, Student Academic Petitions and Appeals Committee. California State University, Dominguez Hills
- 2016-present Faculty Co-Advisor, Anthropology Club. California State University, Dominguez Hills
- 2015-2016 Director, Jackman Visual Anthropology Lab. Wichita State University
- 2015-2016 Member, University Admissions and Exceptions Committee. Wichita State University
- 2013-2016 Member, Faculty Support Committee. WSU Faculty Senate
- 2013-2015 Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, Wichita State University
- 2013-2015 Faculty Advisor, Engineers Without Borders-WSU Chapter
- 2013-2014 Member, Anthropology Strategic Plan Committee. Wichita State University
- 2013-2014 Member, University Grievance Pool. WSU Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs
- 2011-2012 Member, Excellence in Research Award Review Council. SUNY Albany Faculty Senate
- 2011-2012 Multi-Cultural and Affirmative Action Officer, Graduate Student Organization, SUNY Albany. (elected)
- 2010-2011 Vice President, Graduate Student Organization, SUNY Albany (elected)
- 2010-2011 Member, Course Assessment Advisory Council. SUNY Albany Faculty Senate
- 2009-2010 President, Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSO), SUNY Albany Department of Anthropology. (elected)
- 2008-2009 Secretary, Anthropology Graduate Student Organization (AGSO), SUNY Albany Department of Anthropology. (elected)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012-2013 Co-director. North Carolina State University Ethnographic Field School. Lake Atitlan, Guatemala
- 2011-Present Project Coordinator, Engineers for a Sustainable World Project “Eco-Casa Ek’Balam”
- 2011-2012 Graduate Assistant, Institute for Mesoamerican Studies. Albany, NY
- 2010-Present Cultural Consultant, Foundation for Developing Sustainable Societies.
- 2009-2012 Project Advisor, Community Museum, Conservation Corps of Yucatan.
- 2008-2012 Administrator and Research Associate, OSEA Heritage Ethnography Field School, Bloomington, IN and Pisté, Yucatán, Mexico
- 2007-2008 Special Assistant to the Chair, CSU Long Beach Department of Anthropology, Long Beach, CA
- 2007-2008 Research Assistant to Dr. Ron Loewe, CSU Long Beach Department of Anthropology, Long Beach, CA
- 2007 Program evaluation, Green Collar Environmental Training Program. Los Angeles, California.
- 2007 Instructor, Green Collar Environmental Training Program. Los Angeles Conservation Corps. Los Angeles, California.
- 2006-2008 Project Assistant, Resource Development. River Trail Community Outreach Project, Amigos de los Rios, El Monte, California.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2016 Volunteer, Point in Time Homeless Count. Wichita-Sedgewick County Continuum of Care.
- 2015 Workshop Facilitator “Homelessness and Pet Ownership.” 16th Annual Statewide Summit on Homelessness and Housing. Wichita, KS.
- 2014-2016 Member, Wichita-Sedgewick County Continuum of Care Homelessness Coalition
- 2015 Volunteer, Point in Time Homeless Count. Wichita-Sedgewick County Continuum of Care
- 2014 “This is Anthropology.” Presentation to the Wichita Multicultural Mentoring Program
- 2012 Volunteer, Expanding Your Horizons Science and Mathematics Youth Conference. Middle Tennessee State University.
- 2007 Community Liaison, Emerald Necklace Urban Open Space Policy Workshop. Emerald Necklace Coalition. Los Angeles, California.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2015 “Kansas Humanities Council Awards Seven Grants” Kansas City Star. News Release. <http://pressreleases.kcstar.com/release/messages/73936/>
- 2012 “Local Experts Explain Mayan Calendar.” Nashville’s News Channel 5. <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/20397956/local-experts-explain-mayan-calendar>

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- ArcGIS Mapping Software
- NVivo Qualitative Data Management
- Adobe Premiere Pro Film Editing
- Adobe Dreamweaver Web Development

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English (native)
- Spanish (fluent)
- Yucatec Maya (proficient)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Applied Anthropology