

Javier Carrera Rubio
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2005 PhD, Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Thesis: "Fertile Words: Aspects of Language and Sociality among Yanomami People of Venezuela"
- 1995 BA (Honors), History and Geography (Americanist Anthropology), Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Professional Appointments

- 2007-2013 Lecturer, Department of Psychology and Anthropology,
Universidad de Extremadura, Spain

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research (IVIC), Venezuela
Instructor of Record
Graduate
Myth and the Everyday (2013)
Introduction to the Yanomami Language (2014)

Universidad de Extremadura, Spain
Instructor of Record
Undergraduate
Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology (2007-2009)
Symbolic Anthropology (2007-2013)
Ethnicity (2007-2013)
Economic Anthropology (2012)
Political Anthropology (2012)

University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Teaching Assistant
Undergraduate

Language, Culture and Society (2003)

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2012 “Problemas de la Poética Yanomami: Ver, Leer, y Escuchar las Voces de un Mito desde la Vida Cotidiana” (Problems with Yanomami Poetics: Seeing, reading and listening to mythical voices from daily life), *Antropológica* Tomo LVI n° 117-118:175-215

Book Chapters

- 2011 “Participación Política y Cambios Culturales en el Pueblo Yanomami” (Political Participation and Cultural Changes among Yanomami people), in *El Estado ante la Sociedad Multiétnica y Pluricultural: Políticas Públicas y Derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas en Venezuela (1999-2011)*, (Ed. Luis Bello), Wataniba/IWGIA series Derechos Indígenas, Venezuela, pp. 218-27
- 2007 (with J.A. Kelly) “Los Yanomami. Segunda Parte. Relaciones con la Biomedicina,” in *Salud Indígena en Venezuela*, Volume I (Eds. G. Freire and A. Tillet), Ediciones de la Dirección de Salud Indígena, Ministerio del Poder Popular para la Salud, Venezuela, pp. 325-80
- 1998 “Apuntes para el Análisis de la Gestión del Territorio Yanomami” (Analytical Notes on the Management of Yanomami Territory), in *Derechos Indígenas y Conservación de la Naturaleza. Asuntos Relativos a la Gestión*, Document IWGIA 23, Denmark, pp. 160-74
- 1998 “Analytical Notes on the Management of Yanomami Territory” in *Indigenous Peoples and Biodiversity Conservation in Latinamerica. From Principles to practice*. Document IWGIA 23, Denmark, pp.154-66

Conference Proceedings

- 2015 (with Caballero Arias, H. and Y. Bernal Rodríguez), “Multiculturalismo desde la comunidad: Perspectivas institucionales e indígenas en torno a los consejos comunales yanomami del Alto Orinoco” In: Proceedings de la Segunda Conferencia CLACSO, Venezuela. Caracas: CLACSO, 2015

Book Reviews

- 2013 “Ethnographic Contributions to the Study of Endangered Languages,” (Eds. Tania Granadillo and Heidi Orcutt-Gachiri), 2011, *Boletín de Lingüística*, XXV 39-40, Ene-Dic, 2013:238-243

Other publications

- 2015 (with H.Caballero and Yheicar Bernal) “*El paso a paso en la conformación de los Consejos Comunales (Guía didáctica bilingüe Español-Yänõmami) Consejo Comunal wama thë kopeprapë pëhi, enaha wamaki niyã thouhuprou kupropë.*” Ediciones IVIC, Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas

Manuscripts in Preparation

- 2016 “The Aesthetics of Language and Sociality of a Yanomami Myth: A Return to the Dialogic in Amazonian Ethnopoetics.” Journal article for peer review
- 2016 “On Yanomami Elders’ Speech: Power and the Production of Sociality in an Amazonian community.” Journal article for peer review

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

- 2016 Post-doctoral Research Fellowship, Recovering Voices Program, Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution.
- 2011 Post-doctoral Scholarship, Universidad de Extremadura, Spain
- 2003 Doctoral Dissertation Award, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, U.S.
- 2001 Doctoral Scholarship, Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
- 1999 Russell Trust Award, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
- 1999 Fieldwork Support Grant, Sutasoma Trust, UK
- 1999 Doctoral Scholarship, Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
- 1995 Scholarship “Intercampus,” Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI), Spain

Honorary Research Appointments

- 2015-Present Assistant Research Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland, U.S.
- 2012-2014 Researcher (Visiting Research Collaborator), Center of Anthropology, Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research, IVIC, Venezuela
- 2011-2013 Honorary Research Fellow, Centre for Amerindian, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CAS), University of St. Andrews, Scotland

Papers Presented

Invited Talks

- 2015 “Voices of a Yanomami Myth: A Dialogical Approach to the study of Verbal Art,” Recovering Voices Program, Department of Anthropology, NMNH, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, 12 November
- 2015 “The Aesthetics of Language and Sociality of a Yanomami Myth: A Return to the Dialogic in Amazonian Ethnopoetics,” National Capital Area Linguistic Anthropologists, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland, 8 May
- 2011 “Participación Política y Cambios Culturales en el Pueblo Yanomami” (Political Participation and Cultural Changes among Yanomami people), meeting on the politics and rights of the indigenous peoples in Venezuela, Wataniba (Amazonian Indigenous socio-environmental Working Group). Puerto Ayacucho, Amazonas State, Venezuela, 28 June

- 2011 “De la poética de un Mito Yanomami del Origen de la Noche: Qué significa y cómo se contó” (The Poetics of a Yanomami Myth about the Origin of the Night: What It Means and How It Was Told), Center of Anthropology, Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research (IVIC), Venezuela, 4 February
- 2010 “A Yanomami Myth of the Origin of the Night: What it Means and How It Was Told,” workshop “The Other Side of the Mythologies: The Future of the Work of Claude Lévi-Strauss,” University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 9 July
- 2009 “Look How We Speak! Exploring the Voice System of Yanomami Mythological Narration,” Centre for Amerindian, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 27 January
- 2005 “On Yanomami Warfare: An Expression of Their Moral and Political Values,” Centre for Amerindian, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 6 May
- 2005 “On Yanomami Warfare: An Example of a Culturally Specific Aesthetics of Egalitarianism,” Department of Social Anthropology, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 20 May
- 2005 “The Poetics of Yanomami Myths,” Museum of World Culture, Gothenburg, Sweden, 19 May

Conference Activity

Panels Organized

- 2016 Co-organizer (with Janet Chernela) “De-Centering Approaches to Discourse in Native Amazonia,” Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, SALSA, Sesquiannual Conference, New Orleans, LA, 7-10 January
- 2013 Co-organizer, “Perspectivas en Torno a la Antropolingüística en Venezuela” (Perspectives on Linguistic Anthropology in Venezuela), III Congreso Nacional de Antropología, Universidad del Zulia, Maracaibo, Venezuela, 5 November

Papers Presented

- 2016 “De-Centering Yanomami Elders' Speech (*patamou*): Verbal Art and the Art of Social Living in an Amazonian Community.” Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, SALSA, Sesquiannual Conference, New Orleans, LA, 7-10 January
- 2013 “Sobre la Importancia de los Diálogos en las Narraciones Mitológicas Yanomami” (On the Importance of Dialogues in Yanomami Myth Narrations), session: “Perspectivas en torno a la Antropolingüística en Venezuela,” III Congreso Nacional de Antropología, Universidad del Zulia, Maracaibo, Venezuela, 5 November
- 2012 “Del Mito a la Vida Cotidiana: Apuntes para una Etnografía Dialógica del Mundo Social Yanomami” (From Myth to Everyday Life: Outline for a Dialogic Ethnography of the Yanomami Social World), XIX Congreso de Antropología Iberoamericana, Universidad de Salamanca, Salamanca, Spain, 8 May
- 2010 “¿La Sociedad *con* el Estado?: Los Yanomami del Alto Orinoco y las Transformaciones del Poder en Tiempos de Democracia Participativa y Protagonica en el Estado Amazonas de Venezuela” (Society *with* the State?: The Yanomami of the Upper Orinoco and Shifting Power in Times of Participatory Democracy in the

- Amazonas State, Venezuela), conference “Atoctonía, Poder Local y Espacio Global ante la Noción de Ciudadanía: Género, Territorio, Poder Religioso y Ciudadanías Indígenas,” University of Barcelona, Spain, 13 May
- 2002 “Yanomami, Ghosts and Outsiders: The Aesthetic Values of Good Speech in the Creation of Yanomami Sociality,” conference “The Absurdities of the Human Condition,” Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 10 May
- 1997 “Apuntes para el análisis de la gestión del territorio Yanomami (Venezuela)” (Analytical notes on the Management of Yanomami Territory), IWGIA/AIDSESEP conference “Derechos Indígenas y Conservación de la Naturaleza” in Pucallpa, Ucayali, Peru, 19 March

Departmental Talks

- 2012 Presentation and discussion of Documentary “Secrets of the Tribe,” Center of Anthropology, Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research (IVIC), Venezuela, 25 January
- 2003 “On Yanomami Elders’ Speech,” Centre for Amerindian Studies, Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 10 May
- 2002 “A Myth of the Origins of the Yanomami Elders’ Speech (*patamou*): Sharing Moral Sentiments and Creating Sociality,” St. Andrews/Aberdeen Workshop, Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 11 November
- 2001 “Listening to the Yanomami: Shifting Poetics and Politics in the Upper Orinoco (Venezuela),” St. Andrews/Aberdeen Workshop, Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 11 November

Research, Professional Positions as Anthropologist, and Fieldwork Experience

After PhD:

- 2014 Co-Principle Investigator, “Diagnostico participativo sobre el impacto de los Consejos Comunales entre las comunidades indígenas Yanomami del Alto Orinoco, Estado Amazonas” (Participatory assessment on the impact of Community Councils among Yanomami indigenous communities of the Upper Orinoco, Amazonas State), (with Hortensia Caballero, Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research, IVIC) FONACIT, P12-034, Venezuela (Four months fieldwork research)
- 2008-2013 Anthropologist Advisor, Wataniba (Amazonian Indigenous socio-environmental Working Group). Multiple periods of applied anthropological work in Puerto Ayacucho and fieldwork in the Yanomami area related to intercultural education, territorial management and indigenous organization, Amazonas State, Venezuela
- 2005-2007 Anthropologist Advisor, Education Program Coordinator, “Plan de Salud Yanomami” (Yanomami Health Plan). Dirección de Salud Indígena, Ministerio de Salud. Based in Puerto Ayacucho, with multiple short periods of fieldwork in the Yanomami area, Amazonas State, Venezuela

Before PhD:

- 2000-2001 Nine months dissertation fieldwork research in Mavaca, Platanal and Hapokashita, Amazonas State, Venezuela
- 1998 Anthropologist Advisor, Health Emergency Expedition to the isolated Yanomami area Upper Siapa River, NGOs: MSF-Holland (Medecins Sans Frontieres) and CCPY (Comission Pro Yanomami), Venezuela/Brazil (Four months fieldwork)
- 1996-1997 Anthropologist Advisor, “The Upper Orinoco-Casiquiare Biosphere Reserve” (funded by the European Union and the Venezuelan Ministry of Environment) Included realization of a demographic census of Yanomami communities (Research assistant to Jacques Lizot, CNRS, France) and project evaluation and coordination of work within the Yanomami area for a self-management project, carried out in conjunction with a number of Yanomami communities from the Upper Orinoco region. Amazonas State, Venezuela (Six months fieldwork)
- 1995-1996 Anthropologist Advisor to the Yanomami indigenous organization SUYAO (Shaponos Unidos Yanomami del Alto Orinoco). A one-year residency in the Yanomami area (Upper Orinoco: Platanal) coordinating and evaluating the self-management programs developed in the area with the help of the Salesian missionaries. Amazonas State, Venezuela

Before obtaining undergraduate degree in History and geography (Americanist Antropology):

- 1990-1993 Advisor to the Yanomami organization SUYAO (Shaponos Unidos Yanomami del Alto Orinoco). A three-year residency in the Yanomami area (Upper Orinoco: Mavaca and Platanal) coordinating and evaluating the self-management programs developed in the area with the help of the Salesian missionaries. Amazonas State, Venezuela
- 1992 Research Collaborator, “Indigenous Census 92,” Venezuelan government’s Oficina Central de Estadística e Informática (OCEI). Responsible for undertaking a census of 12 Yanomami communities—most of which were isolated—in the Upper Orinoco region, Amazonas State, Venezuela (Two months fieldwork)

NOTE: I have spent a total of six years in the Yanomami area (Upper Orinoco), Amazonas State, Venezuela:

Fieldwork research: 17 months

Applied and/or collaborative anthropological fieldwork: 55 months

Specializations and Research Interests

Amazonian Anthropology
Applied Anthropology
Ethnography of Communication
Anthropology of Language
Language Use, Mythology, Ethnopoetics and Dialogism
Political Anthropology
Anthropological Theory
Yanomami People
Lowland South America

Membership of Scientific Societies and Professional Associations

-) Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, SALSA
-) (Founding member) CRACIA: Centre for Research & Collaboration in the Indigenous Americas, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland
-) The Good Project (an NGO working with Yanomami people)

Language Skills

Spanish: Native proficiency

English: Fluent, writing and speaking

Portuguese: Good reading and comprehension, basic speaking

Yanomami: Fluent, writing and speaking

References

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