

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATION:**

#### **University of Maryland, College Park**

Expected 2021

Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology

#### **American University, Washington, D.C.**

#### **United Nations Mandated University for Peace, San José, Costa Rica**

2013

Dual Master of Arts, International Affairs; Natural Resources and Sustainable Development

Thesis: *The Last of the Kings: Political-Cultural Implications of Hydroelectricity in Naso Territory, Bocas del Torro, Panama*

Advisor: Dr. Rob Fletcher

#### **University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont**

2009

Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology; Environmental Studies, Specialization in Community and International Development

Thesis: *Perceptions, Promises, and Politics: An Ethnographic Case Study of Community-based Ecotourism in Gales Point Manatee, Belize*

Advisor: Dr. Katherine (Kit) Anderson

### **REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS:**

- Wolosin, M., **Breitfeller, J.**, and Schaap, B. 2016. *The Geography of REDD+ Finance: Deforestation, Emissions, and the Targeting of Forest Conservation Finance*. Washington, DC: Forest Trends.
- Silva-Chavez, G., Schaap, B., and **Breitfeller, J.** 2015. *REDD+ Finance Flows 2009-2014: Trends and Lessons Learned from REDD+ Countries*. Washington, DC: Forest Trends.
- **Breitfeller, J.** 2014. "The Last of the Kings: The Political-Cultural Implications of Hydroelectricity in Naso Territory, Bocas de Torro, Panama." *Journal of International Service* 23(2) 1-19.
- Canby, K., Silva-Chavez, G., **Breitfeller, J.**, et al. 2014. *Tracking REDD+ Finance: 2009-2012 Financial Flows in Seven Countries*. Washington, DC: Forest Trends.
- Goers-Williams, L., **Breitfeller, J.**, Lim, C. 2013. *The Governance of Forests Initiative (GFI) Guidance Manual: A Guide to Using the GFI Indicator Framework*. Washington, DC: World Resources Institute.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- Climate, Culture, and Consent: Indigenous Consultation Processes in Costa Rica. Paper presented at the 787th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 28-April 1, 2017, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

### **PROFESIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Sustainable Development Technologies(SusDev Tech), LLC**

Washington, D.C.

Research Consultant

2016-2017

- Conducted a literature review regarding multilateral lenders' REDD+ programs and related social and environmental safeguard assessments for the countries of: Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Mexico, and Vietnam

**Forest Trends Association**

Washington, D.C.

*Senior Associate, REDD+ Expenditures Tracking Initiative (REDDX)*

2013-2016

- Facilitated on-going relations with governmental collaborators and international policy and financial institutions, and provided policy and investment recommendations
- Designed and implemented a domestic contributions pilot study in Mexico, Ecuador, and Colombia, in partnership with national ministries of environment
- Coordinated, attended, and presented at annual training and validation workshops, as well as global conferences, and advisory meetings

**World Resources Institute (WRI)**

Washington, D.C.

*Research Assistant, Governance of Forests Initiative*

2013

- Conducted research on best governance best practices for forest laws, policies, and processes
- Drafted technical background explanations and methodological guidance for the GFI Framework of Indicators Manual
- Synthesized and incorporated lessons learned from country pilot assessments in Brazil, Indonesia, and Cameroon

**International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**

San José, Costa Rica

*Social Policy and Environmental Management Graduate Fellow*

2012

- Wrote and developed three concept proposals on: rights-based approaches to conservation, customary governance in protected areas, and climate change adaptation strategies in indigenous territories
- Aided in the organization of the Indigenous Rights and Contributions to Natural Resource Management Workshop presented at the 2012 World Conservation Congress Forum by providing Spanish-English translations, and conducting donor prospecting and correspondence

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- UMD, BSOS Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council: Department Representative (present)
- UMD, Center for Research and Collaboration in the Indigenous Americas, Program Assistant (present)
- UMD, Department of Anthropology, Undergraduate Mentor (2016-present)
- American University Global Environmental Politics Alumni Council: Chair (2015-present)
- United Nations University for Peace, International Graduate Student Mentor (2013-present)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**University of Maryland, *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

2017

- ANTH260: Introduction to Socio-Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology
- Instructor: Dr. Christina Getrich

University of Vermont, *Teaching Assistant*

2009

- ENVS002: Introduction to International Environmental Studies
- Instructor: Dr. Ernesto Mendez

**HONORS & AWARDS:**

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP), Honorable Mention, 2017
- Dean's Graduate Fellowship, 2016-2018
- School of International Service Graduate Research Award Recipient, 2012
- Environmental Program Honors, University of Vermont, 2009
- Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honors, University of Vermont, 2009
- Outstanding Graduating Senior in Environmental Studies, University of Vermont, 2009
- Undergraduate Research Endeavors Competitive Awards (URECA!) Grant Recipient, 2008

**TECHNICAL SKILLS:****Foreign Language:** verbal and written proficiency in Spanish; elementary proficiency in French**Software Packages:** SPSS, R, and NVivo