

Dr. IVÁN DARIO VARGAS RONCANCIO

EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D Natural Resource Sciences (NRS) – Renewable Resources - Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, McGill University.
Dissertation: *The Legal Lives of Forests: Law and the other-than-human in the Andean-Amazonian region, Colombia (An anthropological and legal theory approach)*. Committee: Nicolas Kosoy (supervisor, NRS-Ecological Economics), Eduardo Kohn (co-supervisor, Anthropology), Kirsten Anker (committee member, Law)
- 2016 M.A Latin American Studies, Duke University.
- 2011 LL.M (Law and Bioscience), School of Law - Genetics Institute, National University of Colombia (UNAL).
Thesis: *Sistemas de Conocimiento Tradicional y sus Mecanismos de Transformación: El caso de una chagra Amazónica* (with high distinction)
- 2008 B.Laws, School of Law, National University of Colombia (UNAL).

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

- 2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Law & Society Program, York University.
Associate Member Graduate Program in Socio-Legal Studies, York University.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Earth Law; Indigenous Cosmologies and Legalities; Climate Change; Ethnography; Epistemological Pluralism; Policy and Legislation in Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge; Traditional Ecological Knowledge; Ecological Economics; Plant Studies; Andes-Amazon.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- 2022 - 2026 Co-PI: *A Community Path to Higher Education: The Biocultural Indigenous University of the Inga People of Colombia* (Spencer Foundation, Research-Practice Partnership Grant Program).
- 2023 - Researcher: Centre for Indigenous Conservation and Development Alternatives (CICADA), McGill University.

BOOKS

- Vargas Roncancio, ID & Brown, P. (*forthcoming*). *Pedagogies for the Ecozoic: An Earth-centered approach in Economics, Law, and Ethics*. Cambridge University Press.
- Vargas Roncancio, ID. (2024). *Law, Humans and Plants in the Andes-Amazon. The Lawness of Life* Routledge. <https://www.routledge.com/Law-Humans-and-Plants-in-the-Andes-Amazon-The-Lawness-of-Life/Vargas-Roncancio/p/book/9781032393674>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D., & Sterlin, J. Grear A., Boulot, E., (eds) (2021), *Posthuman Legalities: New Materialism and Law Beyond the Human.* Cheltenham UK/ Northampton-USA: Edward Elgar Press: <https://www.elgaronline.com/display/edcoll/9781802203332/9781802203332.xml>

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS - Journal articles, essays, and book chapters (selected)

- Vargas Roncancio, I.D and Mutumbajoy Sonia (2023). "Indigenous Community" and "Indigenous Rights" in Haddad B. and Solomon B (Eds), *Dictionary of Ecological Economics*, Cheltenham UK/ Northampton-USA: Edward Elgar Press. <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/dictionary-of-ecological-economics-9781788974905.html>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. (2023). "Law as Relation and the Co-emergence of Beings: Towards a Paradigm Shift in Legal Education for Socioecological Transitions." In Thomas Giddens and Dundee Luca Siliquini-Cinelli (Eds). *Life and the Structures of the Law School: The Biopolitics of Legal Education. Vol. 2 (Resisting the Law School)*.

- London – NY: Routledge. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003179283-17/law-relation-co-emergence-beings-iv%C3%A1n-dar%C3%ADo-vargas-roncancio>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. „Eine Welt, in die viele Welten passen“, in: ARCH+ 250 The Great Repair – Politiken der Reparaturgesellschaft (Dezember 2022), Page 154–159, hier S. 154. Link: <https://archplus.net/en/current-issue/>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. et al. “An Indigenous University.” In *The Architectural Review*, Fall 2022. <https://www.architectural-review.com/essays/an-indigenous-university>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D., (2022) “Unas palabritas de ayer. Despertando a la Conversa. On Connections, Free Associations and Political Possibilities in Latin America.” In Molano P., Rocha-Vivas, M., & Rojas-Sotelo, M., (eds). *Mingas de la Imagen. Estudios Ecocríticos, Indígenas e Interculturales*, Bogotá: Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. <https://repository.javeriana.edu.co/handle/10554/60234>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D., Grear A., Sterlin, J., & Boulot, E. (2021). Introduction to the Special Issue: “Posthuman Legalities: New Materialism and Law Beyond the Human.” In *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*. 11(2): 2021. <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/usd/posthuman-legalities-9781802203332.html>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. (2021). “Yoco (*Paullinia yoco*)” In Ryan, J., Gagliano, M., and Vieira, P., (eds.) *The Mind of Plants*. Synergetic Press: Santa Fe. <https://synergeticpress.com/catalog/the-mind-of-plants/>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. (2021). “Conjuring Sentient Beings and Relations in the Law: Rights of Nature and a Comparative Praxis of Legal Cosmologies.” In Anker, K., Burdon, P., Garver, G., Maloney M., & Sbert, C. (eds.). *From Environmental to Ecological Law*, London – NY: Routledge. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003001256-12/conjuring-sentient-beings-relations-law-iv%C3%A1n-dar%C3%ADo-vargas-roncancio>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D., and Chindoy, Chindoy H. (2021). “Indigenous Legalities.” In Zelle, A., Wilson, G., Adam, R., Greene, H., (eds.). *Earth Law: Emerging Ecocentric Law. A practitioner’s Guide*. Aspen Coursebook Series. Wolters Kluwer. <https://www.aspenpublishing.com/zelle-earthlaw>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. and Gagliano, Monica. (2020). “Why would the fish pain debate be so contentious?” Forum Letter in response to Vettese T. *et al* (2020) “The Great Fish Pain Debate: What happens when scientists get hooked on a question that could be argued forever?” In *Issues in Science and Technology*, Summer, 49-53. <https://issues.org/debating-fish-pain-forum/>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. (2020). “Forest on Trial: Towards a relational theory of legal agency for transitions into the Ecozoic.” Orr, C., Kish, K., & Jennings, B. *Liberty and the Ecological Crisis: Freedom on a Finite Planet*. London – NY: Routledge. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9780429327100-16/forest-trial-iv%C3%A1n-dar%C3%ADo-vargas-roncancio>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D., Temper, L., Sterlin, J., Smolyar, N.L., Sellers, S., Moore, M., Melgar-Melgar, R., Larson, J., Horner, C., Erickson, J.D., Egler, M., Brown, P.G., Boulot, E., Beigi, T., Babcock, M. (2019). “From the Anthropocene to Mutual Thriving: An Agenda for Higher Education in the Ecozoic.” *Sustainability* 11, 3312.
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. (2017). “Plants and the Law: Vegetal Ontologies and the Rights of Nature. A Perspective from Latin America.” In *Australian Feminist Law Journal*, 43(1): 67-87. (Reprinted for special edition in Gustafsson, R., Hill, R., Ngo, H. (eds) (2018). *Philosophies of Difference: Nature, Racism, and Sexuate Difference* (first edition). London - NY: Routledge. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13200968.2017.1317698>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. (2017). “Nomadic Ecologies: Plants, Embodied Knowledge and Temporality in the Colombian Amazon.” In *Boletín de Antropología*, 32(53): 255-276. <https://www.redalyc.org/journal/557/55750078014/html/>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. (2013). “Elements for an Evaluation of Transgenic Crops in Latin America: Ideas from a Marxist Ecology” (Elementos para una evaluación de los cultivos transgénicos en América Latina: Apuntes desde el marxismo ecológico). In *Revista de la Maestría en Derecho Económico (Journal of Law, Economics and Regulation)*, 6(6): 143-178. <https://revistas.javeriana.edu.co/index.php/revmaescom/article/view/7170>
- Hobbs, S.D., Johnson, J.L., Bederian-Gardner, D., Lawler M., **Vargas Roncancio, I.D.**, Mendoza, M.L., & Goodman, G.S. (2013). “Evaluating eyewitness testimony of children”. In *Handbook of Forensic Psychology* (fourth edition). I.B. Weiner & R.K., Hoboken. (Eds.). New Jersey: Wiley.
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. & Nemogá Soto, G. (2010). “Contracts for Accessing Genetic Resources: A Comparative Analysis” (Contratos de Acceso a Recursos Genéticos: Un análisis comparado), *Pensamiento Jurídico Journal* 27: 157-202. (In Spanish) <https://revistas.unal.edu.co/index.php/peju/article/view/36590>

- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. (2008). "Civilization and Postcolonial Theory." In Benavides, F. (ed.) *The Construction of Subaltern Identities Within Legal and Literary Discourse in 19th Century Colombia (La Constitución de Identidades Subalternizadas en el Discurso Jurídico y Literario Colombiano en el Siglo XIX)*. Bogotá: National University of Colombia. (In Spanish) <https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/8323380>
- Vargas Roncancio, I.D. (2008). "The Construction of the Indigenous Identity through Colonial Legal Discourse: 16th and 17th Century Indigenous testaments in Santa Fe de Bogotá" (*En torno a la Construcción de la Identidad Indígena a través del discurso jurídico Colonial. Testamentos Indígenas de los siglos XVI-XVII en Santafé de Bogotá*). In *Pensamiento Jurídico Journal* 22: 293-332. (In Spanish) <https://repositorio.unal.edu.co/handle/unal/72475?locale-attribute=en>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Policy reports

- Cordon, I., Narr R., **Vargas Roncancio, I.D.**, Kalomiris, A., Ruiz, S., Mendoza, M., & Goodman, G., 2012. *TANF Caseload Projection*. Report prepared for the California Department of Social Services. Center for Public Policy Research, University of California, Davis.
- Vargas Roncancio I.D. and Gomez Galviz, A. 2010. Análisis comparativo entre resultados de investigación de la Universidad Nacional (UN)-Grupo PLEBIO y los resultados de la consultoría contratada por COLCIENCIAS sobre el Régimen de Acceso a los Recursos genéticos y la decisión Andina de 1996) PLEBIO Research Documents, No. 5 (1). Nemogá Soto G. (Ed.) Bogotá: National University of Colombia.
- Nemogá Soto, G., **Vargas Roncancio, I.D.**, & Rojas, D., 2010. Servicios de Asesoría Técnica en materia de política y legislación sobre Biodiversidad, Recursos Genéticos y Conocimiento Tradicional), *PLEBIO* Research Documents, Bogotá: National University of Colombia.

Translations (English-Spanish-English)

- De la Cadena, M. (*Unpublished manuscript*). *Seres de la Tierra: Ecologías de la Práctica en los Mundos Andinos* (Trans. Vargas Roncancio I.D.) (Original in Engl.: De la Cadena, M. 2015. *Earth Beings: Ecologies of Practice across Andean Worlds*. Durham: Duke University Press). (*Engl. – Spa.*)
- Lasch, P., 2015. *What are we before we are Naturalized? Portraiture, Citizenship & Abstraction* (Trans. Vargas Roncancio I.D.). (Bilingual edition) Provisions Libray, Washigton. (*Engl. – Spa.*)
- Lyons, K., 2017. "Guerra química en Colombia, ecologías de la evidencia y senti-actuar prácticas de justicia" (Trans. Vargas Roncancio I.D.). En *Universitas Humanistica*, 2017 84: 203-234. (*Spa. – Engl.*)
- Kothari A. *et al*, 2019. *Pluriverse. A Post-Development Dictionary*. (Trans. Vargas Roncancio I.D.). New Delhi Tulika Books-authors upfront. 2019 (Several translators). (*Spa. – Engl.*)
- Ulloa, A., 2019. "Climate change, culture, territories, non-humans and relational knowledge practices." (Trans. Vargas Roncancio I.D.) *Humanities Futures*, Duke University. (*Spa. – Engl.*)
- Ulloa, A., 2018. "Reconfiguring Climate Change Adaptation Policy: Indigenous People's Strategies and Policies for Managing Environmental Transformations in Colombia." (Trans. Vargas Roncancio I.D). In Silja Klepp, Libertad Chavez-Rodriguez (Eds.), *A Critical Approach to Climate Change Adaptation: Discourse, Policies and Practices*, Ed. Routledge. (*Spa. – Engl.*)

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (selected)

- 2022 -23 Associate Director, Center for Indigenous Conservation and Development Alternatives – CICADA, Department of Anthropology, McGill University.
- 2021 -2023 Postdoctoral Researcher, Leadership for the Ecozoic Program, McGill University.
- 2022 (Researcher and Interviewer) *Forest Mind* (Exhibition by Ursula Biemann with the Inga People of Colombia). <https://deveniruniversidad.org/en/events/>
- 2022 (Researcher and Interviewer) *Vocal Cognitive Territory* (Exhibition by Ursula Biemann with the Inga People of Colombia) <https://deveniruniversidad.org/en/events/>
- 2021 Professional services to support the Directorate of Cultural Heritage of the National University of Colombia in the development of socio-legal editorial content for the digital archive "Devenir Universidad" by Ursula Biemann. <https://deveniruniversidad.org/en/home/>

- 2020 – 2021 Graduate Researcher for the *Ecological Economics Research Lab* led by Prof. Nicolás Kosoy, Natural Resource Sciences Department, McGill University.
- 2019 (*Summer*) Research assistant for the project “Integrating ecomorphology and ethnoecology to test Cofán ethnovarietal classification of *Banisteriopsis caapi* in southwestern Colombia.” Project leader ethnoecologist David Rodríguez Mora, co-supervised by Prof. Lauren Raz, *Instituto de Ciencias Naturales*, National University of Colombia. COLOMBIA
- 2017 – 2018 Institutional ethnographer for the *Everyday Peace Indicators* project, George Mason University and University of Manchester (developed in Colombia) (PI: Prof. Pamina Firchow and Prof. Roger MacGinty). COLOMBIA
- 2015 Graduate Assistant for the Global Brazil Lab, Duke University, Durham. USA
- 2011-2013 Junior Specialist for the *Center for Public Policy Research*, Department of Psychology, University of California-Davis (PI: Prof. Gail Goodman). USA
- 2009-2010 Research Assistant for the project *Ethical and Legal Problems in Human Genome Data Management in Colombia* and other projects, Policy and Legislation in Biodiversity, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Research Group (PLEBIO), National University of Colombia, School of Law and Genetics Institute, Bogota (PI: Prof. Gabriel Nemogá Soto). COLOMBIA
- 2007 Research Assistant for the *Legal Systems in Areas of Armed Conflict in Colombia* project Center for the Study of Law, Justice and Society (DeJusticia), Bogotá (PI: Prof. Mauricio Garcia Villegas). COLOMBIA.
- 2006-2008 Research Assistant with the *Postcolonial/Decolonial Studies* Research Group (COPAL) National University of Colombia, Law School, UNIJUS Research Institute. Bogotá (Prof. Farid Benavides Vanegas). COLOMBIA.
- 2004 Research Assistant in *Trade Unions and Freedom of Association* with Prof. Rodolfo Arango Rivadeneira, Auxiliary Magistrate Constitutional Court of Colombia. COLOMBIA.
- 2003 Research Assistant in *Constitutional Reform Mechanisms (presidential reelection)* with Prof. Rodrigo Uprimny, Auxiliary Magistrate Constitutional Court of Colombia. COLOMBIA.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 - 2026 (Co-PI) Spencer Grant. “A Community Path to Higher Education: The Biocultural Indigenous University of the Inga People of Colombia” (\$ 400,000 USD).
- 2020 Leadership for the Ecozoic, McGill University (\$ 26,700 CND).
- 2020 Graduate Excellence Award, Dept. of Natural Resource Sci., McGill University (\$ 5,000 CND).
- 2019 Leadership for the Ecozoic, McGill University (\$ 26,000 CND).
- 2018 Graduate Excellence Award, Dept. of Natural Resource Sci., McGill University (\$ 5,000 CND).
- 2018 Leadership for the Ecozoic, McGill University (\$ 25,000 CND).
- 2018 Research Impact Scholarship, University of Manchester (£ 21,000 – Declined).
- 2018 Provost’s Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of California Davis (\$ 60,993 USD - Declined).
- 2016 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS - Portuguese), U.S. Department of Education, Duke University | Pontificia Universidade Católica, São Paulo (\$ 8,500 USD).
- 2016 Graduate Student Field Research, Duke University (\$ 2,500 USD).
- 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS - Portuguese) Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, Duke University (\$ 33,000 USD).
- 2014 Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University (\$ 5,500 USD).
- 2013 *Francisco José de Caldas* Scholarship, Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation Colombia, COLCIENCIAS, *Convocatoria* 529/2011 (\$ 120,000 USD)

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2015 Nomination to the Horst Frenz Prize for best student paper, *American Comparative Literature Association - ACLA*, Seattle, Washington.
- 2011 LLM thesis, With High Distinction, National University of Colombia.
- 2008 Top Law Students, School of Law, National University of Colombia.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

- 2023 “Towards a Decolonial Jurisprudence of the Earth. Posthuman Legalities, inter-epistemic alliance and Climate justice.” International Symposium: Architectures of the Global. Oct. 6, 2023, Tilburg (Holland), Tilburg Law School.
- 2022 “Yoco (*Paullinia yoco*) as mind.” *The Mind of Plants Symposium*, April 8th.
- 2021 *Seminario Minga* “Poéticas del Bosque”, Red de Creación Intercultural y el Centro de Estudios Ecocríticos e Interculturales de la Facultad de Ciencias Sociales de la Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Sept. 8th.
- 2021 *Workshop*: “Conflicted Responsibilities: Justice and Law in Amazonia.” Paper: “*La Palabra de los Mayores*: A praxis of legal cosmologies among the Inga, Southwestern Colombian Amazon. SALSA XIII Biennial Conference, June 25rd.
- 2021 *Workshop*: From Ritual to Justice: towards a decolonial and feminist approach to ayahuasca (Session 2.) Paper: “Yajé as plant, teacher, and life practice: Weaving knowledge and worlds in Nariño, Andes-Amazon region of Colombia.” SALSA XIII Biennial Conference, June 23rd. Workshop 2: From Ritual to Justice (Session 2) - YouTube.
- 2021 “Derecho y Ciencia con Humanos, Plantas y “Personas Invisibles” en el Suroccidente Colombiano.” VI Encuentro Intercultural de Literaturas Amerindias, 16-19 de Junio.
- 2021 “The Rights of Nature, Indigenous Legal Traditions, and Comparison: Some methodological notes.” *Human Rights and Climate Change Symposium: New Perspective Rights of Nature*. University of Essex. June 11th
- 2020 “The Rights of Nature in Colombia: Recent Jurisprudence.” *International Seminar on Climate Litigation as Governance Tool*, Duke Kunshan University, China, October 24th 2020.
- 2020 “Rule of Law and the Limits of the Rights of Nature in Post Conflict Colombia.” *Environmental Peacebuilding in Colombia* series organized by DUCIGS/Rethinking Diplomacy Program, in collaboration with the Environmental Law Institute (ELI). Supported by Duke Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies (CLACS), and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Oct. 1st.
- 2020 “Learning Law otherwise: Indigenous Thought, Earth Law and the more-than-human.” *Anthropocene to the Ecozoic Webinar series # 6*, Leadership for the Ecozoic program, Department of Natural Resource Sciences, McGill University, Sept. 30.
- 2020 “Harnessing the Potential of the Rights of Nature.” CANSEE (Canadian Society of Ecological Economics), June 26th (Virtual).
- 2020 “Thinking Forests: The Crafting of an Indigenous University in Amazonia,” *Critical Conditions: The Mind of Nature, ProHelvetia*, November 28th – 29th.
- 2019 “The Invisible Ones: The Making of a Research Protocol with Human, Plants, and Spirits in Southern Colombia.” LLHAA Conference, Australia, Dec. 4 – 7 (Virtual).
- 2019 “Everyday Peace Indicators in Colombia: Institutional Ethnographies in Bogota, Cauca and Montes de Maria.” School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, Washington, Nov. 11th (Workshop presentation).
- 2019 “Creating Legal Concepts with Plants? Legal Cosmologies for Post-extractivist Transformations.” Special session on “Ecological Law: Key Themes and Developments” at *CANSEE-Canadian Society of Ecological Economics* Waterloo, May 22-25.
- 2019 Chair: “Life after mining: how do we move beyond extractivism”, *Ecological Law and Governance Association – E4A/L4E webinar series*. This panel joins the year-round *Yes to Life, Not to Mining* webinar series co-sponsored by leading ecological law and earth jurisprudence associations. March 19th 2019 (virtual).
- 2018 “Leadership for the Ecozoic Program: Law and Governance for a flourishing Earth,” presented at Objectif Science International - Geneva Forum, United Nations, Dec. 2018 (virtual).
- 2018 “Multiculturalism and Multinaturalism: Two Anthropological Readings of the Rights of Nature clause.” *Economics for the Anthropocene (E4A) graduate student conference*, University of Vermont, Burlington, October 10
- 2017 “Vegetal Ontologies in Amazonian Worlds: Plants, Perspectivism and Power.” *American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA)*, University of Utrecht, Netherlands, July 6- 9 (virtual).
- 2017 “Vegetal Epistemologies in Andean-Amazonian Worlds: Doing concepts with plants.” *Southeastern Council of Latina American Studies (SECOLAS)*, University North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 24 - 26 (virtual).

- 2017 “El extractivismo en tiempos de diálogo inter-cultural. Imaginarios post-extractivistas y el pensamiento de la tierra.” EILA- *V Encuentro Continental Intercultural de Literaturas Amerindias*, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, April 25 -29.
- 2016 “A Cavalry of Shrubs? Plant-Human Encounters and Amerindian Cosmologies in the Andean Amazonian Region.” 2016 *Annual Consortium Conference*, Duke University-UNC-Chapel Hill, Feb. 11 -13.
- 2015 Discussant. “The Challenges of the Current Peace Negotiation Process in Colombia,” Duke University-UNC-Chapel Hill. April 2 & 3.
- 2015 “Weaving Politics: On Connections and Free Associations in the Indigenous and *Campesino* Movement in Colombia (2010-2014)”. Panel: Thread-ing: Imaginaries for Indigenous and *Campesino* Mobilization in Colombia. Presentation. *Latin American Studies Association-LASA*. San Juan-Puerto Rico, May 27 – 30.
- 2015 “Entangled Temporalities in the Colombian Amazon.” Panel: Wilderness and Temporality. *American Comparative Literature Association-ACLA*. Seattle, March 26– 29. (Paper nominated to the Horst Frenz Prize).
- 2014 Discussant. “Colombia: A critical inquiry on the "transition towards peace.” Panel: “Border-Crossings and the Politics of the Possible in Latin America.” *Annual Consortium Conference*. Duke University-UNC-Chapel Hill, February 6-8.
- 2014 “ ‘Vibrations telling stories: Meditations of decoloniality, plants and embodied knowledge’”. Panel: Regenerating Routes of the Decolonial Option: Rooting Decoloniality in Afro-descendant and Indigenous Forest/River Territories in Latin America. *American Association of Geographers—AAG. Annual Meeting*, Tampa, Florida, April 8-12.
- 2014 “The politics of the Living and the Re-sources of the Law: How *Ayabuasca* Speaks through the belly in the Amazon.” Panel: “Border-Crossings and the Politics of the Possible in Latin America.” *Social Justice and Cultural Self-determination. 10th Annual Consortium Conference*, Duke University-UNC-Chapel Hill, Feb. 6-9.

GUEST LECTURES (selected)

- 2022 *Territory is Law: Metamorphosis of territoriality and decision-making among the Inga and the Cofán, Andean-Amazonian region, Colombia*, Ecological Law Seminar (Dr. Geoffrey Garver), Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, April 28th. Online.
- 2022 *Images and metamorphosis of territoriality: Conceptual guidance in the co-creation of the Indigenous Biocultural University led by the Inga People of Colombia*. Roundtable: Co-Creating an Indigenous Biocultural University in Colombia”, UC San Diego, March 30th Online.
- 2022 *On the Pluriversity: Indigenous Biocultural University led by the Inga People of Colombia*. ETH, March 24th. Zurich.
- 2021 *Indigenous Law and Ecological Law: A dialogue*. Bieler School of the Environment, McGill University Environmental Law ENVR 400. Prof. Nicolas Kosoy and Prof. Geoffrey Garver. Nov. 29.
- 2021 *Learning Indigenous Law*. McGill Law (Class 1L course. Prof. Kirsten Anker. Nov. 29.
- 2021 *Encounters at the Edge* (with Ursula Biemann). Institute for Postnatural Studies. Nov. 18. <https://encountersattheedge.com/>
- 2021 “Making bridges to Non-Western ways of Knowing, Thinking and Doing: Earth Law.” Long Talks in the Woods (Shaun Sellers).
- 2021 “Earth Law and Indigenous Legalities.” Earth Law Center, July 26 (virtual).
- 2021 “Conjuring Sentient Beings and Relations in the Law: Rights of Nature and a Comparative Praxis of Legal Cosmologies, Colombia.” Antwerp University, Belgium, April 30th (Virtual).
- 2021 “The tapir, the pirarucu and the beetle: Notes on how animals *are made* in academic discourse.” McGill University, Department of Anthropology, Course: Anthropology and the Animal, March 16th (Virtual).
- 2021 “*La Vida Legal de los Bosques: Gobernanza Ecológica y el Diálogo de Naturalezas y Culturas en la región Andino Amazónica, Colombia*. Coloquio del Doctorado en Derecho de la Universidad del Rosario, Feb. 24.
- 2021 “Conjuring sentient beings and relations in the law.” McGill University, Faculty of Law podcast led by Prof Kirsten Anker, March 9th (Virtual).
- 2020 “Law as Territory.” Antwerp University, Belgium, March 8th (Virtual).
- 2020 “Ethnography as Method in Environmental Sciences.” ENVR 301 - *Environmental Research Design*, School of the Environment- MSE, McGill University, March 11.
- 2020 “Setting the Stage: Learning to learn a legal methodology. Notes on the ontology of law in Amazonia.” *Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil*, March 10th (Virtual).

2020 “Plants and the law.” Humboldt Institute, Bogotá, Colombia, Jan. 17th.
 2020 “El Rostro Fluido de la Vida/*The Fluid Faces of Life*.” Radio Kawsay *Conversando la Vida*, Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, July 17th (Podcast format. Spanish).
 2019 “Linking experience and environmental research: Insights from fieldwork in Amazonia.” McGill Environmental Student’s Society “Prof Talks,” Macdonald Campus, McGill University, Oct. 29th.
 2019 “Yoco: Cooling down the mind. Learning a vegetal protocol in Southern Colombia.” Natural Resource Science Department (ENVB 400 - Environmental Thought), McGill University, Nov. 25th.
 2019 “Degrowth: the ontology of the economic process. An Amerindian Perspective.” Natural Resource Science Department | ENVB 400 (Environmental Thought) | McGill University, Oct. 28th.
 2019 “Indigenous and Forest Legalities.” Natural Resource Science Department (Ecozoic Research Seminar), McGill University, Oct. 4rd.
 2019 “Eco-Business: The Corporate Politics of Nature’s Governance.” Natural Resource Science Department (ENVB 400 - Environmental Thought), McGill University, Sept. 23rd.
 2019 “Burning Politics in Amazonia. The Fires in the Brazilian Amazon” Natural Resource Science Department (Leadership for Ecozoic Lab: Opening Lecture), McGill University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

York University, Law & Society program

Fall/Winter 2023-24 AP/SOSC2350 6.0 A Law and Society	LECT
Fall/Winter 2023-24 AP/SOSC4350 6.0 D Law and Society Honours Seminar	SEMR
Fall/Winter 2023-24 AP/SOSC4354 6.0 A Paradoxes of Rights	SEMR

Teaching Assistant (McGill University, Bieler School of the Environment)

ENVR 203 - Knowledge, Ethics and Environment, Fall 2020.
 ENVR 400 - Environmental Thought, Fall 2019, Winter 2020 and Winter 2021.
 ENVR 301 - Environmental Research Design, Winter 2020.
 ENVR 201 - Society, Environment, and Sustainability, Fall 2019.
 NRSC 752 – Graduate Seminar 5 “Teaching Seminar,” Winter 2019 (Students’ led sessions).

Instructor (Duke University, Department of Romance Studies)

Spanish 101.01, Spring 2016.

Teaching Assistant (National University of Colombia, School of Law)

Decoloniality and Law, 2007-I.
 International Relations, 2007-II.
 Criminology, 2007-II.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (selected)

2021 Planning and Moderation: “The Rights of the Living Pristine Rainforest,” 7th *International Conference and Gathering of Elders*, International Center for Cultural Studies (ICCS), Feb. 20 – 21, 2021.
 2021 Peer review: “*Conflicto armado, medio ambiente y territorio: Reflexiones sobre el enfoque territorial y ambiental en la Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz*.” JEP – Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz (Special Tribunal for Peace, Colombian).
 2020 Supporting the creation of an Indigenous intercultural university in the Colombian Amazon. The Inga Indigenous People of Colombia lead this initiative.
 2019 Peer review: special Issue on *Conflict and Peace in Colombia Beyond the Human*, *Journal Maguaré*, Department of Anthropology, National University of Colombia.

2018 – 20 Co-organizer of several webinar series on (post) extractivism and other academic activities with the Ecological Law and Governance Association (ELGA) in partnership with Economics for the Anthropocene (E4A) and the Leadership for the Ecozoic (L4E) at McGill University.

2016 Co-organizer and Interpreter (Spanish-English). Environment | Art | Humanities: Narrating Nature, Duke University, March 31st – April 1st.

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2004-2005 Community Service Volunteer - CSV. Lancaster University, England (service for university students with physical disabilities and different learning experiences).

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