

Micha Rahder, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Appointments

Adjunct Professor <i>University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Liberal Arts</i>	Winston-Salem, NC 2019–present
Adjunct Professor <i>Louisiana State University, Department of Geography and Anthropology</i>	Baton Rouge, LA 2019–present
Assistant Professor of Anthropology <i>Louisiana State University, Department of Geography and Anthropology</i>	Baton Rouge, LA 2014–2019
Visiting Scholar <i>Colgate University</i>	Hamilton, NY Spring 2018

Education

Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology <i>University of California, Santa Cruz</i> Dissertation: <i>Satellites and Senses of Place: Remote Monitoring of Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve</i>	Santa Cruz, CA 2014
Graduate Certificate in Science & Justice <i>University of California, Santa Cruz</i>	Santa Cruz, CA 2014
M.A., Cultural Anthropology <i>University of California, Santa Cruz</i>	Santa Cruz, CA 2010
Master of Environmental Science <i>Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies</i> Thesis: <i>Forest Knowledge and Power in the Maya Biosphere Reserve, Petén, Guatemala.</i>	New Haven, CT 2008
B.A., Biology <i>Reed College</i> Thesis: <i>Investigating Polyploidy and Genetic Variation in Garlic Mustard (<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>, <i>Brassicaceae</i>), an invasive species.</i>	Portland, OR 2004

Research Interests

Environmental anthropology; Science & Technology Studies (STS); Latin America; decolonial theory; social justice; tropical forest conservation and ecology; political ecology; futures and temporality; more-than-human worlds; space exploration and colonization; disability, accessibility, and collaborative ethnographic methods.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Louisiana Board of Regents Research Competitiveness Subprogram Grant (\$133,387)	2016-2019
Wenner-Gren Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$26,667)	2016
USGS & US DOI — South Central Climate Center Grant, Co-PI with Kristine DeLong (\$86,180)	2015–2017

LSU Manship Summer Research Grant (\$5,000)	2015
Wenner-Gren Engaged Anthropology Grant (\$5,000)	2015
UC Santa Cruz Chancellor's Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$21,000)	2013
Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Travel Grant (\$200)	2013
Alumni Association Award, UCSC Graduate Research Symposium	2012
Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Fellowship (\$5000)	2012
Graduate Student Association Travel Grant (\$500)	2012
UC Santa Cruz Anthropology Department Travel Grant (\$1027)	2012
Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$6690)	2011
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$15,000) <i>Science, Technology, and Society (STS) Program</i>	2010
UC Santa Cruz Science & Justice Training Program Fellowship (\$14,100)	2010
UC Santa Cruz Anthropology Department Summer Research Grant (\$1000)	2009
Yale Agrarian Studies Research Fellowship (\$1500)	2007
Yale Tropical Resources Institute Fellowship (\$2500)	2007
Phi Beta Kappa	2004

Books

Rahder, M. (Forthcoming). *An Ecology of Knowledges: Fear, Love, and Technoscience in Guatemalan Forest Conservation*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Rahder, M. 2019. Home and Away: the Politics of Life After Earth. *Environment and Society: Advances in Research* 10: 158–177.

Rahder, M. 2016. Violencia, Incertidumbre y Urgencia en la Conservación del Bosque en Guatemala. (Violence, Uncertainty, and Urgency in Guatemalan Forest Conservation.) Special Issue 51 of *Ecología Política*, "Political Ecology in Latin America."

Rahder, M. 2015. But is it a Basin? Science, Controversy, and Conspiracy in the Fight for Mirador, Guatemala. *Science As Culture* 24(3):299–324.

Rahder, M. 2014. Caring for Xate, Caring for Xateros: NGO Monitoring, Livelihoods, and Plant-Human Relations in Uaxactún, Guatemala. *Journal of Political Ecology* 21: 372–388.

Forte, M., B. Gold, G. Marracci, P. Chaudhary, E. Basso, D. Johnsen, X. Yu, J. Fowlkes, **M. Rahder**, K. Stem, P. Bernardi, and D. Bourdette. 2007. Cyclophilin D Inactivation Protects Axons in Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis, an Animal Model of Multiple Sclerosis. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)* 104:18 7558–7563.

Book Reviews

Rahder, M. 2017. Review of *The Chicken and the Quetzal: Incommensurate Ontologies and Portable Values in Guatemala's Cloud Forest*. *AAG Review of Books* 5(4): 262–264.

Rahder, M. 2015. Can we bridge the 'Anthropocene Gap'? Review of *Global Environmental Governance, Technology, and Politics: The Anthropocene Gap*, Victor Galaz 2014. *Science and Public Policy* 42(3): 431–432.

Other Publications

- Rahder, M. 2019. Queering the Wild. Published on Autostraddle.
<https://www.autostraddle.com/queering-the-wild/>
- Rahder, M. 2019. Birthdays I remember. Published on Autostraddle.
<https://www.autostraddle.com/birthdays-i-remember/>
- Rahder, M. 2018. Ethnographic Ableism: Structural Silencing of Physical Disability in Anthropological Research. Posted on the New Ethnographer blog. <https://thenewethnographer.org/2018/08/20/ethnographic-ableism-structural-silencing-of-physical-disability-in-anthropological-research/>
- Rahder, M. 2016. Confessions of a Reluctant Climate Project Collaborator. Posted on the Engagement Blog of the Anthropology and Environment Society. <https://aesengagement.wordpress.com/2016/03/08/confessions-of-a-reluctant-climate-project-collaborator/>
- Rahder, M. 2015. Conservation, Knowledge, and Collaboration in the Maya Biosphere Reserve. Posted on the Wenner-Gren Blog. http://blog.wennergren.org/2015/07/eag_rahder/ s
- Rahder, M. 2013. "Invisibilities: Integration." Fieldsights — Field Notes, Cultural Anthropology Online. <http://production.culanth.org/fieldsights/348-invisibilities-integration>
- Rahder, M. 2008. Ignorance or Exclusion? Forest Knowledge and Social Hierarchies in Community-Level Conservation in the Petén, Guatemala. *Tropical Resources: the Bulletin of the Yale Tropical Resources Institute* 28: 15–20.
- Rahder, M. January 2008. Food for Thought: Buying Foods in Season. *SAGE Magazine* 2:1.

Teaching

Louisiana State University

2014–2019

Anthropology and the Media (*Certified Communication-Intensive Course*, Fall 2016)
Cyborg Anthropology (Fall 2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2019)
Environmental Anthropology (Spring 2015)
Graduate Writing Seminar in Geography & Anthropology (Fall 2015, Fall 2017)
Introduction to Social & Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2014, S/F 2015, S/F 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
Latin American Cultures: Land, Politics, and Identity (Fall 2016, Fall 2018)

UC Santa Cruz

2012–2013

Cyborg Anthropology (Winter 2013)
Anthropology of Public Life & Contemporary Issues (Summer 2012)
Ethnographies of Science & Technology (Spring 2012)

Other Instructional Activities

2016–2017

Climate Workshop for Native American Tribes, sponsored by the USGS/DOI South Central Climate Science Center, 9 participants. May 1–2, 2017. Hosted at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Climate Science Workshop for Native American Tribes and Pueblos, sponsored by the USGS/DOI South Central Climate Science Center, 30 participants. October 5–7, 2016. Hosted at Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico.

Climate Science Workshop for Native American Tribes, sponsored by the USGS/DOI South Central Climate Science Center, 16 participants. May 3–4 2016. Hosted at Coushatta Indian Reservation, Louisiana.

Teaching Development

2015

LSU Communication Across the Curriculum CxC Faculty Summer Institute.

Invited Talks

- October 2018. "Foreshortened Futures: Temporalities and Militarization in Guatemalan Forest Conservation." Co-sponsored by the Sociology & Anthropology Department, Africana & Latin American Studies, Environmental Studies, and Geography, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY.
- March 2018. "An Ecology of Knowledges: Fear, Love, and Technoscience in Guatemalan Forest Conservation." Presented to the Science Studies Reading Group, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- May 2016. "Wild Life: Landscape encounters and paranoid politics in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve." Presented to AURA: Aarhus University Research on the Anthropocene, Aarhus, Denmark.

Campus Talks

- July 2015. Panel member, "Feminist activism and academics," in WGS 2500: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies.
- February 2015. "Terran Terrors: Science, Violence, and Responsibility in the Anthropocene." Paper presented to the LSU Philosophy Salon.

Conference Panels Organized

- November 2017. Ethnography Otherwise: Imagining More-than-human Worldings through Science Fiction. Served as Chair. Co-organized paper session with Patricia Alvarez Astacio and Elaine Gan for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC.
- February 2016. Political Ecology of Outer Space. Co-organized paper session with Joseph Powell for the Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. Lexington, KY.
- April 2015. Political Ecology of International Borders. Served as discussant. Panel organized for Association of Borderlands Studies conference. Portland, OR.
- December 2014. Working Across Difference in 21st Century Environmental Management. Paper session organized for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC.
- April 2014. Mundane Mapping and Grounded Truths: Ethnographies of Geographic Labor in Environmental Contexts. Paper session co-organized with Patrick Gallagher for the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Tampa, FL.

Selected Conference Presentations

- March 2019. Paranoia and Contradictory Conservation in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings for the Society for Applied Anthropology (SFAA) and the Political Ecology Society (PESO). Portland, OR.
- February 2019. Decolonization. Pecha Kucha talk, presented at the Crafting the Long Tomorrow Symposium. Biosphere II/University of Arizona, Oracle, AZ.
- August 2018. Micha Rahder and Melinda Gonzalez. Ethnography that Hurts: a Dialogue on Embodiment, Disability, and Feminist Collaborative Methods in Environmental Anthropology. Paper presented at the biannual conference of the association for Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies (FEMMSS). Corvallis, OR.

- December 2017. Two Rooms: SF experiments in researching Life After Earth. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC.
- December 2017. Melinda Gonzalez (presenter) and Micha Rahder, Environmental Sustainability and Maya Forest Futures. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC.
- April 2017. Foreshortened Futures: Untangling Violence, Temporalities, and Justice in Guatemalan Forest Conservation. Paper presented at Environmental Justice in the Anthropocene Symposium. Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
- April 2017. Jacob Warner (presenter), Kristine DeLong, Micha Rahder, April Taylor, Kimberley Merryman, & Roger Fragua. Climate Training with Pueblos and Tribes in New Mexico and Louisiana. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA.
- February 2016. Home and Away: The Politics of Life After Earth. Paper presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology conference. Lexington, KY.
- November 2015. Terran Terrors: the Militarization of Forest Conservation in Northern Guatemala. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). Denver, CO.
- December 2014. Paranoid Politics and the Contradictions of Conservation in the Petén, Guatemala. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC.
- November 2013. Rejected Projections: REDD+ and the Unimaginable Future of Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, IL.
- October 2013. How Does the State See Itself? Mapping *Gobernabilidad* in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). San Diego, CA.
- April 2013. But is it a Basin? Controversy, Conspiracy, and Science in the Fight for Mirador, Guatemala. Paper presented at the Annual Graduate Conference in Science and Technology Studies, York University. Toronto, ON, Canada.
- November 2012. Mapping Governance In the Maya Biosphere Reserve. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- October 2012. Negotiating REDD+ in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). Copenhagen, Denmark.
- October 2012. A Reserve Full of Rooftops: Technology, Scale, and Meaning in Remote Monitoring of Human Populations in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve. Paper presented at the Berlin Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change. Berlin, Germany.
- May 2012. But is it a Basin? Science, Controversy, and Conspiracy in the Fight for Mirador, Guatemala. Paper presented at the UC Santa Cruz Graduate Research Symposium. Santa Cruz, CA.
- April 2012. Transforming Care in Plant-Human Relations: Xate Harvesting in Uaxactún, Guatemala. Paper presented at the UC Santa Cruz Anthropology Graduate Student Conference — Engaging Care in Emerging Worlds. Santa Cruz, CA.
- October 2010. Seeing from the Sky: Remote Sensing and GIS in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve. Poster presented at Emerging Terraformations conference, UC Santa Cruz.
- April 2008. The Limits of Conservation: Science, Forest Knowledge and Local Power in Petén, Guatemala. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA.

Service to Profession

Reviewer — Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowships (IDRF)
Social Science Research Council

2018-2019

Manuscript Reviewer
American Anthropologist

2018

Peer Reviewer — NSF Grant Proposal <i>Research Foundation of the City University of New York (CUNY)</i>	2017
Manuscript Reviewer <i>Society & Natural Resources</i>	2016
Manuscript Reviewer <i>Cultural Anthropology</i>	2015
Manuscript Reviewer <i>Science as Culture</i>	2014
Editor <i>Engagement Blog — Anthropology & Environment Society</i>	2013–2015
Volunteer Judge <i>NSF Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge</i>	2013
“Emerging Terraformations” conference volunteer <i>UC Santa Cruz</i>	2010
Contributing Editor <i>SAGE Magazine</i>	2007–2008

University Service

LGBTQ+ Faculty Caucus Member <i>Louisiana State University</i>	2018–present
Graduate Committee Member <i>LSU Dept of Geography & Anthropology</i>	2018–present
Speakers Committee Member <i>LSU Dept of Geography & Anthropology</i>	2016–present
Faculty Advisor, Capoeira Baton Rouge <i>LSU Student Organization</i>	2016–present
Faculty Liaison, Graduate Cultural Historical Collaborative <i>LSU Dept of Geography & Anthropology</i>	2015–present
Research & Scholarship Committee Member <i>LSU Dept of Geography & Anthropology</i>	2014–2015
Graduate Student Representative <i>Graduate Council of the UCSC Academic Senate</i>	2013–2014
Union Steward <i>UC Santa Cruz/UAW 2865</i>	2012–2014
Ethnographic Engagements Committee Member <i>UC Santa Cruz</i>	2012–2013
Anthropology TA Mentor <i>UC Santa Cruz</i>	2012–2013; 2009–2010
Master’s Research Colloquium Steering Committee Member <i>Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies</i>	2007–2008

Activities and Memberships

American Anthropological Association
Anthropology & Environment Section
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Association for Feminist Anthropology
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology

South-Central Climate Adaptation and Science Center (Affiliate)
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

Political Ecology Society (PESO)

Science & Justice Working Group

(UC Santa Cruz)

STIF — Special Trees in the Forest (LGBTQ Group)

(Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies)

MESA — Multi-Ethnic Student Association

(Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies)

SCOPE — Social and Community-Oriented Practice on the Environment

(Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies)