

CURRICULUM VITAE – Ana Mahecha

EDUCATION

GRADUATE STUDIES

2013 – Present: PhD Student in Geography at Rutgers University, New Brunswick

2013 - 2015: Latin American Studies Certificate, Rutgers University, Graduate School, New Brunswick

2005 – 2009: MA in Environment and Development at Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá
Honors Degree: “The Environmental Education, local knowledge and the public sense. Two cases studies of the Atlantico State”. 2009.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

1998 – 2003: B.A. in Anthropology at Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

February 2018 – September 2018: Consultant for the National Adaptation Plan in the Agricultural Sector of Colombia. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Colombia.

September 2013 – Present: Researcher - “Adaptive challenges to climate change and alternative economic agri-food futures in the Capital-Region of Bogotá”

April, 2014 to May 2015: Research Assistant for the Project of Caribbean Definitions. Center of Critical Caribbean Studies (Rutgers University)

January, 2010 to May 2013: National Consultant in Sustainable Development and Environmental Health Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) / World Health Organization (WHO), Colombia office.
Responsible for the following areas: Fields of work: environment, sustainable development, public health, environmental education and health promotion

August, 2009 – December, 2009: External consultant for the Joint Program for the Integration of Ecosystems and Adaptation to Climate Change, PAHO / WHO representation in Colombia
Responsible for the following areas: environmental health, climate change, eco-health and environmental education.

March 2009 - June 2009: Researcher - Making Public the Public Education. Program for strengthening primary and secondary education (RED Program) of the National University of Colombia
Fields of work: education, public education, and ethnography.

February 2009 - June 2009: Lecturer, Applied and Environmental Sciences University (UDCA), Bogotá-Colombia. Course taught: Environmental Knowledge

April 2008 - December 2008: Researcher - Linguistic and Ethnographic Atlas of Colombia (Part II). Caro y Cuervo Institute - Dependence of the Ministry of Culture
Fields of work: culture, linguistics and ethnography.

January 2008 - June 2008: Researcher - The Public at the National University. Program for strengthening primary and secondary education (RED Program) of the National University of Colombia
Field of work: education, public education.

September 2006 - December 2007: Researcher - Local Knowledge and the Definition of the Public School . Program for strengthening primary and secondary education (RED Program) of the National University of Colombia
Fields of work: Education, ethnography

January 2007 - May 2007: Researcher - Recognition and Conservation of the Cordoba Wetland System in Bogota, Colombia.

Fields of work: environment, conservation and environmental education

January 2006 - September 2006: Consultant - Development of Management Plans for Three Wetlands in Bogotá, Colombia. Institute for Environmental Studies (National University of Colombia) and the EAAB (Water and Sewerage Public Company of Bogotá). Fields of Work: environmental management and environmental education

December 2004 - September 2005: Assistant editing and proofreading of the book "Metallurgy in Ancient America". Gold Museum and the National Archaeological Research Foundation of Colombia.

Field of work: book editing

August-December 2004: Research Assistant - Dynamics of School Governance in Educational Institutions of the Capital District. Galan School-Corporation and the Education Department of Bogotá

Fields of work: education and ethnography

April 2003 - March 2004: Author and Co-Investigator - The Swanka Turtle, Mangroves, Forests and Swamps, an Environmental Education Campaign in San Andres Island, Colombia.

Fields of work: environment, education and ethnography.

AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2018-2019 Geography Excellence Fellowship – Rutgers University
- 2017 - Special Study Award from the Graduate School of New Brunswick
 - CLAS Small Grant Fund
- 2016 Rutgers Climate Institute Travel Award
- 2015 - Pre-Dissertation Travel Award from the Graduate School of New Brunswick (GSN)
 - CLAS Small Grant Fund
- 2014 - MaGrann Field Research Award from the Geography Department at Rutgers University.
 - CLAS Small Grant Fund
- 2013-2018 Fulbright – Colciencias Scholarship.
- 2005-2006 Highest accumulative GPA Scholarship. Environmental Studies Institute of the National University of Colombia (Instituto de Estudios Ambientales de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia)
- 2003 Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation

PUBLICATIONS

Cepeda-Valencia, J., Hoinle, B., Mahecha-Groot, AM., y Pinilla-Guerrero, K.V. (2018). “El contra-mapeo de la diversidad agroecológica de Bogotá: la plataforma AgroEcoBogotá”, en Alimentar a los habitantes de las ciudades de Colombia. Bogotá: Universidad Externado.

Rice, M., Franceschini, C; Wallerstein N., ..., Mahecha-Groot, AM. (2017). Healthy Municipalities, Cities, and Communities in Latin America: Strong Histories, Committed Futures. In 'Healthy Cities. The Theory, Policy and Practice of Value-Based Urban Planning'. De Leeuw, E and J. Simos (Editors). New York: Springer.

Leichenko, Robin and Mahecha, Ana. (2015). Celebrating Geography's Place in an Inclusive and Collaborative Anthro(s)cene (Commentary to the article Changing the Anthro(s)cene). *Journal Dialogues of Human Geography*.

Prasad, A; Mahecha-Groot, A; Monteiro, Teofilo; Murphy, K; O'Campo, P.; Broide, E.; Kano, M. (2013). "Linking evidence to action on social determinants of health using Urban HEART in the Americas", In the *Panamerican Public Health Journal* Vol. 34, 6 December 2013
http://www.scielo.org/scielo.php?script=sci_issuetoc&pid=1020-498920130012&lng=en&nrm=iso

Mahecha, Ana-Maria y Carlos Miñana. 2013. "La educación ambiental, los saberes locales y el sentido de lo público", in *Desarrollo y Ambiente: Contribuciones teóricas y metodológicas*. Thesis with Meritorious Distinctions. Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Colombia.
ISBN: 978-958-761-512-8

Miñana, Carlos; Toro, Catalina y Ana María Mahecha. 2012. "Construcción de lo público en la escuela: una mirada desde dos experiencias de educación ambiental en el Caribe colombiano", in *Revista Mexicana para la investigación educativa*, Volumen XVII, Número 55.

Rodríguez, J.G.; Mahecha Groot, Ana María; y Piracón Fajardo, J.A. 2010. *Producción sobre lo público en la Universidad Nacional de Colombia: Un inventario del periodo 2000-2008*. Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Industrias Gráficas Darbel. ISBN: 978-958-719-332-9

Mahecha, Ana María y Germán Forero. 2006. "Una estrategia de conservación en San Andrés Isla: proyectos escolares y valores en la educación ambiental", in *Gestión y Ambiente*, Vol. 9 No. 3.

Mahecha, Ana María. 2004. "Protección al niño maltratado", in *Etnografías Contemporáneas: Otros sujetos, otras aproximaciones en la labor antropológica*. Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

CONFERENCES

April, 2018. "Tracing Seeds for Transformation within Food Assemblages in the Capital-Region of Colombia" in the Paper Session 'Challenges and Opportunities for Transformation in Rural Areas: Networks, Agency, and Governance in a Changing Climate'. 2018 Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, April 9 - April 14, 2016, New Orleans, LA

August, 2017. "Minga in La Huerta: collective work in the family agriculture of the Capital-Region of Bogotá" at the Transformations Conference 2017 at Dundee, Scotland (29th August – 1st September).

April, 2017. "Adaptive challenges Adaptive challenges to climate change and alternative economic agri-food futures in the Capital-Region of Bogotá" in the Paper Session 'Food Security and Resilience in Mountain Environments'. 2017 Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, April 5 - April 9, 2016, Boston, MA

May, 2016. "Environmental education, local knowledge and transformative processes in public schools in the north of Colombia" in the Paper Session 'From classroom: projects and strategies for the big problems of the world' at the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress, New York City, NY, May 27 – 30, 2016.

March, 2016. “Entanglements, Non-Western Ontologies and Agroecology” in the Panel Session ‘Making the Leap: Quantum Theory and New Geographies of Global Change’. 2016 Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, March 29 - April 2, 2016, San Francisco, CA

April, 2015. “Ambivalences in Adaptation Climate Change Politics in Colombia”. 2015 Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, April 21-25, 2015 Chicago, Illinois

October, 2012. “Participatory methods for assessing vulnerability to climate change”, Annual National Health Conference, Brasilia, Brazil (Talk).

August 2012. “Guidelines for the Analysis of Vulnerability to Climate Change in Small Populations”. First National Congress on Environmental Health, Bogotá (Colombia) (Talk).

April 2012. “Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety” - First International Congress on Occupational Health and Defensive Driving and Emergency Care, Bogotá (Colombia) (Talk).

March 2012. “Health Inequities in Urban Settings” - Latin American City and Urbanism Meeting "Livable Cities", Pereira (Colombia).

October 2011. “Challenges of multi-sector approaches to establishing health strategies”. IV National Meeting of Healthy Settings, Cali (Colombia),

October 2011. “Multi-sector Action Plan for Healthy Environments “– VII International Conference of City and Health, Bogotá (Colombia).

April 2011. “Challenges with Healthy Settings in Afro-Colombian and Indigenous Communities” - International Seminar "Challenges of environmental management in black and indigenous territories". Bogotá (Colombia).

July 2010. The Impact of Climate Change on Human Health - International Workshop on Climate, Environment and Health. Bogotá (Colombia).

5 - 10 September 2004. The swanka turtle, lagoons and mangroves: an environmental education campaign in San Andres Island, Colombia. - VI International Congress on wildlife management in the Amazon and Latin America. Iquitos (Perú).