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Education

PhD Candidate, Geography (2018 - present)

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Subfields: *Critical economic geography; development; geographies of the state*

Dissertation Project: *Nicaragua's "Popular Economy" and its Protagonists*

Advisor: Kevin St. Martin. Other Committee Members: D. Asher Ghertner, Kevon Rhiney

M.A, Geography (2018)

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

B.A, Political Economy and Postcolonial Literature (2015)

New York University (Gallatin School of Individualized Study)

Decorations: *Dean's Society, Founders' Day Award, Gallatin Undergraduate Academic Excellence Award*

Publications

2020. "Students of Revolution: Youth, Protest, and Coalition-Building in Somoza-Era Nicaragua, by Claudia Rueda (review)" in *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Research* 26(1), pp. 137-140.

2019. "The Sandinista Labor Paradox," in *NACLA Report on the Americas* 51(3), pp. 276-283.

2019 (with Balakrishnan, R., Elson, D. and Heintz, J.). *Auditing Economic Policy for Human Rights: A Guide for Activists and Advocates*, New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers Center for Women's Global Leadership.

2017. "Capitalism a la Sandinista: Deciphering Nicaragua's 'Market Economy with a Preferential Option for the Poor,'" in *NACLA Report on the Americas* 49(1), pp. 7-10.

Conference Presentations

2020. "Class War at the End of History: Civil Society and Socialist Development in Neoliberal Nicaragua," **cancelled due to covid**. 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (Denver, CO)

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2019. “Deciphering Nicaragua’s Popular Economy and its Protagonists,” presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Middle States Division (Kutztown University of Pennsylvania)

2019. “State Agencies and Cooperatives in Nicaragua’s ‘New Welfare State,’” presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (Washington, D.C)

2019. “Confronting the Contradictions between ‘Critical Geography’ and GIS Pedagogy” (panel presentation), presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (Washington, D.C)

2018. “Demilitarizing Higher Education” (*panel organizer*), at Historical Materialism: Socialism in Our Time (New York City)

2018. “Against Military Collaboration: Questions for GIS Pedagogy,” presented at the 2018 Nature-Society Geography Workshop (Pennsylvania State University)

Awards & Fellowships

Rutgers University Department of Geography Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship,
2020-2021

American Association of Geographers, Middle States Division: Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award (3rd Place), **2019**

Rutgers University Department of Geography Pre-Dissertation Travel Award, **2016**

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, **Spring 2018**: Space, Place, Location (*Geography - Rutgers*)
Grading Instructor: Carrie Mott

Teaching Assistant, **Fall 2017, Fall 2016**: Transforming the Global Environment (*Geography - Rutgers*)

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Grading Instructor: Paul O'Keefe

Teaching Assistant, **Spring 2017**: Cities (*Geography Signature Course - Rutgers*)

Grading Instructor: D. Asher Ghertner

Non-Academic Work and Public Scholarship

Researcher, *Jacobin Magazine* (2015 - 2020)

I contributed more than fifty pieces to the print and online editions of the magazine over a five-year period, including:

“El Salvador’s Neoliberal Populism Runs Into Coronavirus,” **5.20.2020** ([online](#))

“Incarcerated People Must Be Heard,” **3.23.2020** ([online](#))

“Battling Neoliberalism Through Anti-Autocracy in Nicaragua,” **9.27.2019** ([online](#))

“War Is a Racket: The Life and Times of Smedley Butler,” **Summer 2019** (print)

“A Hero and a Priest,” **6.23.2017** ([online](#))

Republished, *NACLA* ([online](#)), **6.23.2017**

Republished, *Third World Network* (print), **Summer 2017**

“‘Just Cause’ and Its Aftermath,” **5.31.2017** ([online](#))

“Remembering Sandino,” **3.07.2017** ([online](#))

“Revolt of the Elites” (with René Rojas), **9.11.2016** ([online](#))

“Ortega’s Next Term,” **8.22.2016** ([online](#))

“Ortega’s Betrayal,” **4.12.2016** ([online](#))

As part of my regular duties, I assisted in editing and research activities for twenty-two themed print issues of the magazine, covering topics like the rise of the Third World BRIC economies (**Issue 19: “Uneven and Combined”**), “twenty-first century socialism” in Latin America (**Issue 25: “By Taking Power”**), the global legacy of the 2008 financial crisis (**Issue 31: “Breaking Bank”**), and militarism in advanced capitalist economies (**Issue 34: “War Is a Racket”**).

Freelance Writer and Reporter, *various outlets* (**ongoing**). Recent publications include:

“*The Last Great Road Bum* (review),” *Full Stop*, **forthcoming 2020**

“People with convictions cast ballots in New Jersey,” *Guardian*, **7.07.2020**

“Cause of Death: Passive Hanging,” *The Outline*, **2.05.2020**

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“Bolivia’s Path to Camacho” (with Raul Rodriguez Arancibia), [NACLA](#), **11.13.2019**

Library Page, *Tamiment Collection and Robert F. Wagner Labor Archive* (2014-2015)