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Curriculum Vitae

Baldwin Hall 119C. Department of Sociology.
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EMPLOYMENT

2017 to present Assistant Professor of Sociology and Latin American and Caribbean Studies
University of Georgia

EDUCATION

2017 Ph.D., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin.

Dissertation: The Anemic State. Collective violence, crime and insecurity in urban Bolivia
Committee: Javier Auyero (Chair), Mounira Charrad, Charles Hale, Bryan Roberts, and Michael Young

2012 M.A., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin

2005 B.A., Social Communication Sciences, Universidad Católica Boliviana

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Law, Criminology, Indigenous Studies, Political Sociology, Urban Sociology, Qualitative Methods, Latin America.

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS

2017 Instituto Francés de Estudios Andinos. Beca Andina. [French Institute of Andean Studies. Andean Fellowship] (€2,800) Declined

2016 Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies. Dissertation write-up grant. Oxford, UK. (\$8,500)

2014-15 Inter-American Foundation Fellow. Dissertation fieldwork research grant. (\$28,500)

2014 Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies. Dissertation fieldwork research grant. Oxford, UK. (\$20,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed articles

- 2017 Adkins, D., Moulaison-Sandy, H. & Derpic, J. "Information Sources of Latin American Immigrants in the Rural Midwest in the Trump Era". *Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy*, vol. 87, no. 3, pp. 243–256.
- 2016 Derpic, J. "Breaking the pact of silence. Collective violence, justice, and waiting in urban Bolivia". (Revise and resubmit in *Qualitative Sociology*)
- 2014 Derpic, J. and Weinreb, Alex. "Undercounting urban residents in Bolivia: A small-area study of census-driven migration". *Population Research and Policy Review*. Vol. 33. N°6.

Edited volumes

- 2016 Derpic, J. “Order, security and hygiene. La Paz’s and El Alto’s cable car system. Urban difference, informality, and the state in Bolivia” (In Spanish). In Suárez, H. J. *¿Todo cambia? Reflexiones sobre el proceso de cambio en Bolivia*. Instituto de Investigaciones Sociológicas. México: Instituto de Investigaciones Sociológicas - UNAM. (Forthcoming)

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2016 Derpic, J. “La Paz/El Alto, Bolivia”. The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies. United Kingdom (Forthcoming)

Review Essays

- 2015 Kohl, B. & Farthing, Linda. 2014. *Evo’s Bolivia: Continuity and Change*. University of Texas Press. NACLA Report of the Americas. New York, USA. May, 2015.
- 2014 Goldstein D. M. 2012. *Outlawed: Between security and rights in a Bolivian city*: Duke University Press Books. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research. Vol. 38, 1.

Manuscripts in Progress

- 2016 Derpic, J. “Twenty-one days of lynching and three jute bags. Policing and vigilantism in rural Bolivia”. (Draft completed)
- Derpic, J. “The Rise of the Drone. The Introduction of hi-tech, surveillance and prevention equipment in 21st Century Bolivia” (Draft completed)

Edited Volumes

- 2016 Derpic, J. “I have to be Mandrake. Legal tactics and strategies at the prosecutor offices of El Alto” (In Spanish). La Paz: Centro de Investigaciones Sociales de la Vicepresidencia del Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia. (Forthcoming)
- 2013 Derpic, J. & Gildner, Matthew. “Flirt with neoliberalism and the return of Revolutionary Nationalism. The Barrientos and Ovando regimes, 1964-1970” (In Spanish). In *Bolivia en Blanco y Negro. Fotografías del Archivo de La Paz*. P. Mendieta, E. Bridikhina and L. Mamani. La Paz: Plural.
- 2008 Barragán, R. and Derpic, Jorge. “Politics, policy or research? On Decentralization and Autonomy”. (In Spanish) In *Estados de la Investigación en el Departamento de La Paz: Centralismo, Descentralización, Instituciones Públicas y Sujetos Sociales*. La Paz: PIEB.
- 2005 Barragán, R.; Soliz, C.; Derpic, J.; Barragán, P. “Rape as a prism to understand social relations and the judicial state fabric. Ethnography and hermeneutics of justice”. (In Spanish) In *Rompiendo Silencios. Una aproximación a la violencia sexual y al maltrato infantil*. Coordinadora de la Mujer, Defensor del Pueblo, UNICEF. La Paz: Plural.

Non-Refereed Journal Articles

- 2014 Derpic, J. “Citizen security, State, and civil society in the Bolivian context (2001-2013)”. (In Spanish) *Boletín Científico Sapiens Research*. Vol. 4(2)-2014. Pp. 10-16
- 2009 Derpic, J. “Bibliographic production on the State in specialized journals on Latin America”. (In Spanish) en *Revista Íconos N°34*. Quito: FLACSO

Public Sociology

- 2016 Derpic, J. “How did a Bolivian viceminister end up ‘brutally murdered’ by striking miners”. (In Spanish) August 26. Univision Online, United States.
- 2014 Derpic, J. “Hello La Paz, Welcome to El Alto. An ethnographic experience in the Cable-Car system”. (In Spanish) *Nueva Crónica*. N°238. La Paz, Bolivia.
- Derpic, J. “Streets, avenues, and highways, among vans, taxis and cable-car systems”. (In Spanish) *El Desacuerdo*, N° 23. Noviembre. La Paz, Bolivia.
- 2013 Derpic, J. & Shahriari, Sara. “El Alto. Once Forgotten, Now Loyal”. *Americas Quarterly Review*. Fall Edition.
- 2013 Ayala, A. & Derpic, Jorge. “The lynchings of El Alto”. (In Spanish) *Revista Digital Anfibia*. November.

Media Coverage

- 2016 Clarembaux, P. “Linchamientos, la violencia que toma calles y redes sociales en Venezuela”. April, 14. Univision Online, United States.
- 2014 Lafuente, J. “El feudo de Evo levanta el vuelo”. *El País*, Spain. October, 7.

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014 Ethnography Lab Fellowship. Dissertation fieldwork research grant. Department of Sociology. The University of Texas at Austin.
- Tinker Summer Grant Fellowship. Dissertation fieldwork research grant. Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies The University of Texas at Austin.
- Latin American Studies Association. Travel grant to attend the XXXII Latin American Studies Association Conference. (Chicago, USA. May 21-24, 2014)
- 2013 Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies. The University of Texas at Austin. “Beca Anfibia”. Long-form, non-fiction/academic article on violence in the city of El Alto, Bolivia.
- Tinker Summer Grant Fellowship. Pre-dissertation fieldwork. Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies. The University of Texas at Austin.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo”. Unidad Académica La Paz, Bolivia

Instructor

History of Communications (Spring 2009)

The University of Texas at Austin. Department of Sociology

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Society (Spring & Fall 2013; Spring 2011; Fall 2010; Fall 2009)

Politics and Society in Latin America (Fall 2012)

Life and Death Decisions (Spring 2012)

Criminology (Fall 2011)

Urban Sociology (Spring 2010)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2012 First-Year Interdisciplinary Instruction Teaching Certificate. UT Austin.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Mini-conferences organized

2015 Ethnographies of the State. Co-organizer. Latin American Studies Association Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico. May 27-30.

Panels organized

2016 “Padding the Iron Fist? Ethnographic Approaches to Ongoing Criminal Justice and Citizen Security Reforms in Latin America”. Co-organizer. Latin American Studies Congress. New York, May 27-30.

Invited papers

2015 Derpic, J. “Orden, modales e higiene. El Teleférico, diferencias y encuentros modernos entre los residentes de La Paz y El Alto”. Colloquium: *¿Qué cambió en el ‘proceso de cambio’ en Bolivia? Una discusión desde la cultura, las mentalidades y la vida cotidiana* IIS-UNAM. Mexico, D.F., October 28-30.

Discussant

2013 Baird, Adam. “Duros and Gangland Girlfriends: Male Identity and Gang Socialisation in Medellín”. Workshop Violence at the Urban Margins. The University of Texas at Austin, April 4 & 5.

Papers presented

2017 Derpic, J. “‘*Me Van a Procesar*’: Reducing Corruption, Increasing Uncertainty in Prosecutors’ Decision Making in Bolivia” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada. August 12-15.

Derpic, J. “Phantom cases and ephemeral players in the eternal bureaucracy. State officials’ and citizens’ repertoires at public prosecutor offices in El Alto, Bolivia.” Law & Society Association International Meeting. Mexico, D.F., June 20-23.

2016 Derpic, J. “The entrance to the Marvelous City: Cable car system, ethnicity and labor in a Bolivian city”. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, August 20-23.

Derpic, J. “‘This is the entrance to the Marvelous City’: Cable car system, ethnic differentiation and precarious labor in a Bolivian city”. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Seattle, August 19-21.

Derpic, J. “The Rise of the Drone. The Introduction of hi-tech, surveillance and prevention equipment in 21st Century Bolivia”. Latin American Studies Association Congress. New York, May 27-30.

2015 Derpic, J. “Twenty-one Days of Lynching and Three Jute Bags. Collective Violence and Crime in Rural Bolivia”. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, August 22-25.

Derpic, J. “A vigilante police? Official Citizens’ Involvement in Crime Prevention Tasks in Bolivia”. Latin American Studies Association Congress. San Juan – Puerto Rico, May 27-30.

- Derpic, J. “The Anemic Penal State. Lynchings and Modalities of State Presence in Bolivia”. Inter-American Foundation Mid-Year Conference. San José, Costa Rica. February 22-27.
- 2014 Derpic, J. 2014. “Paper on the streets. Citizen security policies in marginal areas of El Alto, Bolivia”. Global Political Ethnography Workshop. Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) Copenhagen, Denmark. November 25-26.
- Derpic, J. 2014. “Linchamientos, presencia estatal e identidad indígena en Bolivia”. Estudios Andinos no Brasil: Seminario Interdisciplinar. Sao Paulo – Brazil, November 5-7.
- Derpic, J. 2014. “Beyond the Pact of Silence. Lynchings and Justice in El Alto, Bolivia”. Latin American Studies Association Congress. Chicago, May 21-24.
- 2013 Derpic, J. & Weinreb, Alex. “Sub-conteo de residentes urbanos en Bolivia. Estudio de área sobre migración producida por el censo”. Congreso de Estudios Bolivianos. Sucre – Bolivia, July 28-31.
- 2012 “Racism or Authoritarianism. The Bolivian Law Against Racism and Discrimination”. Latin American Studies Association Conference. San Francisco, May 23-26.
- 2011 Derpic, J. “Perspectivas del Estado sobre la Pobreza. Bolivia 1952-2005”. Bolivian Studies Association Conference. Sucre-Bolivia, June 27-30.
- 2009 Derpic, J. “The (im)possible revolution. The Popular Assembly of 1971 in Bolivia”. Bolivian Studies Association Conference. Sucre-Bolivia, June 30 – July 1, 2009.

Posters presented

- 2013 Derpic, J. & Weinreb, Alex. “How much migration does the census generate? Estimates from a small case study in Bolivia”. Population American Association Meeting. New Orleans, April 11-13.

INVITED TALKS

Overseas talks

- 2014 “Lynchings in Bolivia. The 2010 and 2013 period”. International Honors Program. World Learning/School for International Learning. La Paz, April 16.

Campus talks

- 2013 Derpic, J. “Experiencia Beca Anfibia”. Urban Ethnography Lab. Department of Sociology. The University of Texas at Austin. December 4.
- 2011 Derpic, J. “Race and discrimination in Bolivia”. Remapping Bolivia. Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, VRP Conference. The University of Texas at Austin. March 28.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014-16 Dissertation fieldwork (21 months in El Alto, Bolivia)
- 2013 Pre-dissertation fieldwork (3 months in El Alto, Bolivia)
- 2012 Census driven-migration surveys (1 month in El Alto, Bolivia)
- 2012 Pre-dissertation fieldwork (3 months in El Alto, Bolivia)

- 2006 Research Coordinator on sexual violence against children in Bolivia. Plan International Co. (8 months, 4 cities)
- 2005-06 Research Assistant on ethnography of the Bolivian state. UNDP – Human Development Index (6 months, 6 cities)
- 2004-05 Research Assistant on sexual violence against children in Bolivia (5 months, 5 cities)
- 2004 Research Assistant on urban indigenous populations in Bolivia (2 months in La Paz)

Archival research

- 2005 Bolivian National Library, Sucre
Library of the Congress, La Paz
Historic Archive of the City of La Paz, La Paz
- 2007 Bobst Library, NYU, New York, NY

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Student Fellow at the Cambio Center. University of Missouri, Columbia.
Graduate Fellow at the Ethnography Lab. UT Austin.
Graduate Member of the Crime Law & Deviance group. UT Austin.
Graduate Coordinator Power History and Society (PHS) Group. UT Austin.
Student Representative of the Andean Research Group. UT Austin.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Training in Geographic Information Systems
Training in STATA
Training in Atlas.ti

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2007 Communications consultant. FAO/UN – National Council of Food and Nutrition (CONAN). May-August.
Consultant. Research and Communications Strategist for the World Bank project “Social Communication Assessment and Strategy for the ALT (Binational Autonomous Authority of Lake Titicaca)” Fama Comunicación / World Bank Bolivia. March.
- 2006 National Coordinator of Identity and Rights. a.i. Plan International Inc. Bolivia. December
Research Assistant Dr. Rossana Barragán. Mapping out State presence 1900-1954 – Human Development Report / UNDP Bolivia. April- August.
Research Coordinator. Violence Against Children. Protection Protocol. Plan International Inc. Bolivia. April-October.
- 2005-06 Research Assistant. Human Development Report 2007/ UNDP Bolivia. (October ‘05 – March ‘06)
- 2005 Research Assistant. Bolivian Constitutions. Human Development Report / UNDP Bolivia. July.

- 2004-05 Research Assistant. Sexual Violence Against Children in Rural Areas. Defensor del Pueblo (Ombudsman). November 04' – July '05
- 2004 Research Assistant. Urban Indigenous population– Strategic Research Program in Bolivia. (PIEB) October – November.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native language
English: Fluent

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Community and Urban Sociology; Crime, Law & Deviance; Political Sociology; Sociology of Law.

American Society of Criminology

Section: International Criminology

Law and Society Association

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Section: Bolivian Studies.

Bolivian Studies Association (AEB/BSE)