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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Education

- 2013 Columbia University, Department of Anthropology, Ph.D.
- 2009 Columbia University, Department of Anthropology, M.Phil.
- 2006 Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences, B.A. (College Scholar, Anthropology, Sociology; summa cum laude)

Employment History

- 2023-Present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology—University of California, Berkeley
- 2016-2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology—University of California, Berkeley
- Affiliate: Center for Science, Technology, Medicine, and Society; Program in Critical Theory; Development Engineering
- 2016-17 James & Mary Pinchot Sustainability Fellow—Yale School of the Environment, Yale University
- 2013-15 Provost's Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Anthropology—University of Chicago
- 2009-10 Visiting Scholar—Institute for Development Studies, University of Guyana

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Research Interests

Sociocultural Anthropology; Science and Technology Studies; Environment; Expertise; Climate Change; New Materialism; Historicism; Theories of Liberalism; Caribbean/Latin America

Publications

Books

In preparation. *After 1.5°C: Essays on Technological Worldmaking and Climate Change*.
2022. *Engineering Vulnerability: In Pursuit of Climate Adaptation*. Durham, NC: Duke

University Press.

Referred Journal Articles

In preparation [with Andrew Moon]. Special Issue, "Environmental Articulations: Description, Financial Markets, History." To be submitted to *Theory, Culture & Society*.

Forthcoming [Invited]. "Climate Change." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*, edited by John L. Jackson. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2024. "The Making of Caribbean Approaches to Climate Adaptation." *Current History* 123(850): 63-8.

2024. "Unavoidable Slips: Settler Colonialism and Terra Nullius in the Wake of Climate Adaptation." *Critical Inquiry* 50(3): 494-516.

2023. "The Morality of Investment: Stigma, Databases, and Insurance in Climate Governance." *Public Culture* 35(3): 393-403.

2023. "The Limits to Computational Growth: Digital Databases and Climate Change in the Caribbean." *NatureCulture*. Special Issue: "Digital Anthropocene," edited by Astrid Anderson, Rachel Douglas-Jones, and James Maguire.

2022. "Erosion by Design: Rethinking Innovation, Sea Defense, and Credibility in Guyana." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 64(4): 1-29.

2022. "Ecotourism's Ethics: Self-Organization and Care in Urban Guyana." *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 5(2): 976-994.

2021. Vaughn, Sarah E. and Daniel Fischer [first author]. "Introduction: Witnessing Environments." *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*. Special Section 11(2): 387-394.

2021. "Gridlock: Vigilance and Early Warning in the Shadow of Climate Change." *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 11(2): 506-520.

2021. Vaughn, Sarah E., Bridget Guarasci, and Amelia Moore [first author]. "Intersectional Ecologies: Reimagining Anthropology and Environment." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 50: 17.1-17.16.

2020. "Caribbean Technological Thought and Climate Adaptation." *Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism* 62: 110-121.

2019 [Reprint]. "Disappearing Mangroves: The Epistemic Politics of Climate Adaptation in Guyana." *déjà lu* 32(2): 441-467.

2018. "The Political Economy of Regions: Climate Change and Dams in Guyana." *Radical History Review* 18(2): 105-125.

2017. "Imagining the Ordinary in Participatory Climate Adaptation." *Weather, Climate, and Society* 9(3): 533-543.

2017. "Disappearing Mangroves: The Epistemic Politics of Climate Adaptation in Guyana."

Cultural Anthropology 32(2): 441-467.

2012. "Reconstructing the Citizen: Disaster, Citizenship, and Expertise in Racial Guyana." *Critique of Anthropology* 32(4): 359-386.

Book Chapters

In preparation [Invited]. "Beyond Imperial Locations: Caves and Sustainability in the Anthropocene." In *Southern Anthropocenes*, edited by Casper Bruun Jensen. London: Routledge.

Forthcoming [Invited]. "Thought Experiments with Technology: Climate Adaptation and Critical Humanism of/for the Global South." In *Oxford Handbook of the Global South*, edited by Christopher Lee, Ann Mahler, and Monica Popescu. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Forthcoming [Invited]. "On Disinheritance, Intersectionality, and Environment: Zora Neale Hurston's Florida Writers' Project Fieldnotes." In *Handbook to Feminist Anthropology*. Pamela Geller, ed. Oxford University Press.

2023 [Invited]. "Climate Adaptation, Convention, and Methodology." In *Climate, Science, and Society: A Primer*, edited by Zeke Baker, Tamar Law, Mark Vardy, and Stephen C. Zehr, pp. 233-29. London: Routledge Press.

2023 [Invited]. Baker, Janelle and Rosa Ficek [first authors], Paulla Ebron, Karen Ho, Renya Ramirez, Zoe Todd, Anna Tsing, and Sarah E. Vaughn [et al., equal authorship]. "From Devastation to Wonder." In *The Long 2020*, edited by Richard Grusin and Maureen Ryan, pp. 274-88. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

2023 [Reprint, Invited]. "Imagining the Ordinary in Participatory Climate Adaptation." In *Sustaining Nature: A Reader in Environmental Anthropology*, edited by Sarah Osterhoudt and Kalyanakrishnan Sivaramakrishnan, pp. 311-54. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

2019 [Invited]. "Vulnerability." In *Anthropocene Unseen: A Lexicon*, edited by Cymene Howe and Anand Pandian, pp. 517-522. New York: Punctum Books.

2019 [Invited]. "Inundated with Facts: Flooding and the Knowledge/Economies of Climate Adaptation in Guyana." In *Unmasking the State: Politics, Society, and Economy in Guyana 1992-2015*, edited by Arif Bulkan and D. Alissa Trotz, pp. 479-500. Kingston, Jamaica: Ian Randle Publishers.