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### ***EDUCATION***

- PH.D.            Cultural Anthropology, August 2001  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- M.A.            Cultural Anthropology, October 1996  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- B.A.            History of Medicine/Art History, May 1988  
Sarah Lawrence College.

### ***PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE***

Associate Dean of the College, Grinnell College 2012-Present

Interim Chair, Department of Spanish, Grinnell College 2013-

Chair, Department of Anthropology, Grinnell College 2010-2012

Chair, Latin American Studies, Grinnell College 2008-2009

Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Grinnell College 2007-

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Grinnell College 2001-2007

Visiting Scholar, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, UCSD 2004

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 1999-2000

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

- 2014            Embodied Protests: Emotions, Social Suffering and the Search for Tranquility in Bolivia. University of Illinois Press. (Under contract)

### **Articles**

- 2013            Takeyuki Tsuda, Xavier Escandell and Maria Tapias “Locating the Global in Ethnography”. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* (Forthcoming).
- 2011            Maria Tapias and Xavier Escandell “Not in the Eyes of the Beholder: Envy Among Bolivian Migrants in Spain” *International Migration* 49(6):74-94.
- 2010            Xavier Escandell and Maria Tapias “Transnational Lives, Travelling Emotions and Idioms of Distress Among Bolivian Migrants in Spain” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 36(3):407-423.
- 2009            Maria Tapias and Xavier Escandell “Moving Sentiments: Exploring Affect and Migration among Bolivians in Spain” *Anthropology News* 50(3).
- 2006            Maria Tapias “‘Always Ready and Always Clean?’: Competing Discourses of Breast-feeding, Infant Illness and the Politics of Mother-Blame in Bolivia” *Body and Society* 12(2):83-108.
- 2006            Maria Tapias “Emotions and the Intergenerational Embodiment of Social Suffering in Rural Bolivia” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 20(3): 399-415.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2003            Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Myths from the Arapaho to the Zuni. Jim Elledge, ed. New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 2002 in *Journal of Anthropological Research* Spring 2003.

## **Books and Articles in Progress**

Granddaughters in the Field: Family History and the Ethnographic Calling (co-authored book in progress with Ida Fadzillah and Judith Pintar).

Anxieties of Ascent: Remittances, Middle-Class Aspirations and Conflict Among Returnee Bolivian Migrants from Spain (Maria Tapias and Xavier Escandell).

Ambivalent Ambitions, Masculinities and Dis(ease) in the Context of Migration. (Maria Tapias)

## ***GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS***

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| 2011    | NEH Summer Fellowship “Rethinking International Immigration”, UCLA.  |
| 2010    | Summer Research Grant for the Support of Faculty Scholarship, Grinnell College. Funds provided to conduct fieldwork in Bolivia.                      |
| 2009-10 | Grinnell College Study Leave. Grant for full year sabbatical to finish ethnography.  |
| 2007    | Summer Research Grant for the Support of Faculty Scholarship, Grinnell College. Funds provided to conduct fieldwork on Bolivian immigrants in Spain. |
| 2006    | Summer Research Grant for the Support of Faculty Scholarship, Grinnell College. Funds provided to conduct fieldwork in Bolivia.                      |
| 2005    | Summer Research Grant to undertake a faculty-faculty tutorial on disability studies, Grinnell College.   |
| 2003    | Summer Research Grant for the Support of Faculty Scholarship, Grinnell College. Funds provided to conduct fieldwork in Bolivia and in Spain.         |
| 2002    | Curriculum Development Grant, Gender and Women’s Studies, Grinnell College.  |
| 2000-01 | Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.  |

- 1999 University Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 1996-98 Social Science Research Council-SSRC Fellowship for Training and Dissertation Research.
- 1996-98 Fulbright-IIE. Fellowship for Training and Dissertation Research.
- 1995 Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Summer Research Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 1994 National Science Foundation. Funding awarded via the Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for preliminary doctoral research.
- 1993-95 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship.
- 1993 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship.
- 1992-93 University Fellowship, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Funding awarded to initiate graduate studies.

## ***AWARDS***

- 2000 Demitri Shimkin Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Annual award granted to the best graduate student paper "Family Planning Policies in Bolivia: A Multi-Faceted Analysis".
- 1994 Joseph B. Casagrande Award in Ethnography, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Annual award granted to the best student proposal submitted to the Department of Anthropology.

## ***PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES***

- 2013 "Re-Assessing the Silent Treatment: Emotional Expression, Preventive Health and the Care of Others and of the Self." Invited participant for the workshop: "Re-Assessing Trauma and Violence: Re-framing the Bodily, the Spoken and the Self" University of Bergen, Norway. June 28-30, 2013

- 2013 "Turning Back" and the Negotiation of Social Remittances Among Bolivian Migrants. Department of Sociology, North Dakota State University. May 17, 2013
- 2013 Men on the Move: Masculinities and the Ambivalence of Ambition in the Context of Migration. Latin American Studies Center, University of Nebraska, Omaha April 11. 2013.
- 2012 "Remittances and the negotiation of new moral economies: The case of Bolivian migrants in Spain." Department of Anthropology Research Colloquium, University of Iowa. November 2, 2012.
- 2012 "Ambivalent Ambitions, Masculinities and Dis(ease) in the Context of Migration." Invited Speaker. Men in (E)Motion: Gendering Affect in Times of Distress. May 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany.
- 2011 "Anxious Paths to Ascent: Moral, Material and Ideological conflicts among Returnee Bolivian migrants from Spain." 110<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association Meetings, Montreal, Canada.
- 2011 "Anxieties of Ascent: Middle Class Aspirations among Bolivian Return Migrants from Spain." Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. October 13, 2011.
- 2011 "Anxieties of Ascent: Middle-Class Aspirations and Conflict Among Returnee Bolivian Migrants from Spain" Central States Anthropological Society, Iowa City, IA.
- 2010 "Invidious Comparisons: Envy and Rift Among Bolivian Migrants in Spain" 109<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 Invited speaker "Weaving Health as a Human Right into the Curriculum: Experiences from Anthropology" Paper presented at the Global Health and the Liberal Arts Curriculum. Beloit College March 12-13, 2010.
- 2009 Co-Organizer and Presenter "Traveling Emotions: Affect and Migration in/from Latin America . Paper presented "Transnational Family Ties, Traveling Emotions and Idioms of Distress Among Bolivian Migrants in Spain" Latin American Studies Association Meetings, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 2007 "Relative Secrets: Transnational Family Ties, Concealment and Intimacy Among Bolivian Migrants in Spain". American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington DC.

- 2007 Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa. "Transnational Lives, Traveling Emotions and Idioms of Distress Among Bolivian Migrants in Spain".
- 2006 Co-organizer and presenter "Granddaughters in the Field: Family History and the Ethnographic Calling". Paper presented: "Healing, the crosscurrents of ethnographic inquiry and the project that never was". 105<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association meetings, San Jose, California.
- 2006 Co-organizer and presenter "The Cultural Politics of Health and Healing in the Neoliberal Andes". Session organized with Jason Pribilsky (Whitman College). Paper presented: "Breastfeeding Programs, Individual Responsibility and the Predicaments of Motherhood in Neoliberal Bolivia". Latin American Studies Association Meetings. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2005 Invited Session (Society for Medical Anthropology and Society for the Anthropology of Food & Nutrition). Co-organizer and presenter of panel: Intergenerational Implications of Child Health and Illness: The Embodiment of Family Ties.
- 2005 Co-organizer and Presenter. American Ethnological Society Meetings. "Intimate Anxieties: Embodied Emotion, Emergent Religiosity, and Narrated Lives in Neoliberal Bolivia". San Diego, California.
- 2005 Guest Speaker. University of Iowa, Global Health Program. Paper Presented: "Mother-Blame and Infant Health in Bolivia".
- 2005 Invited Speaker. Illinois State University International and Global Studies Seminar Series. Paper Presented: "Breastfeeding Practices, Infant Health and the Politics of Blame in Bolivia".
- 2004 Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, University of California at San Diego. A Panel Discussion on the Crisis in Bolivia. Paper Presented: "Quotidian Impacts of *Octubre Negro*".
- 2004 Invited Speaker. Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, University of California at San Diego. Paper Presented: "Infant Illness and the Politics of Blame in Bolivia".
- 2003 American Anthropological Association Meeting. "Disciplining Emotions and Motherhood". 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

- 2003 Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting “Embodying Conflict: Emotions and Health”. 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.
- 2002 Invited Speaker. Outreach seminar: “Successful Latina Health Practice in Champaign County: The Latin American Context and the Obstacles” sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.
- 2002 Anthropology and the Health of Populations. “Fluid Maternal Emotions and Infant Health”. Brunel University, England.
- 2002 Invited Speaker. “The State of Four Field Anthropology”. University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.
- 2001 American Anthropological Association Meeting. “The Sociality of Physicality and the Physicality of Sociality in Punata, Bolivia”. 100th Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2000 American Anthropological Association Meeting. “‘Fluid’ Emotions, Illness and the Porous Boundaries of the Body in Bolivia”. 99th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.
- 2000 Guest Lecturer “Family Planning Policies in Bolivia and Birth Control Advertising: A look at the Individual, Social and Political Bodies” Medical Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2000 Guest Lecturer “Metodología Antropológica y el Trabajo Cualitativo” Seminar: Anthropological and Cognitive Perspectives on Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in conjunction with the Universidad de la Frontera, Fundación de Desarrollo Educacional de la Araukania, Temuco, Chile.
- 2000 Latin American Studies Association Meeting. “Emotion, Illness and the Embodiment of Community Conflicts in Punata, Bolivia”. XXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Miami, Florida.
- 1999 American Anthropological Association Meeting. “Disease and Disease: Emotions and Illness in Punata, Bolivia”. 98th Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 1999 Guest Lecturer. “Fieldwork Serendipity: Field Methods and Research”. Sociology 280 - Social Research Methods. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- 1998 Guest Lecturer. El Proceso Investigativo Master's Program in Gender and Development, CESU, Centro de Estudios Superiores Universitarios, Universidad Mayor de San Simón, Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- 1997 Guest Lecturer. "La Antropología Farmaceutica". Department of Sociology, Universidad Mayor de San Simón, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

### ***FIELD PROJECTS***

- 2010 Summer fieldwork in Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- 2007-2009 Summer fieldwork in Barcelona, Spain. I examined the health experiences of Bolivian Migrants in Spain.
- 2006 Follow up research in Bolivia. I examined attitudes towards the election of Evo Morales in Bolivia. I also interviewed family members of Bolivian migrants in Spain. This research was followed up by research in Barcelona, Madrid and Bilbao where I interviewed the migrants whose family members I interviewed in Bolivia
- 2003 Follow up research in Bolivia. I examined the social and cultural factors that influence breastfeeding practices among Quechua and Spanish speaking women in Bolivia.
- 1996-1998 Dissertation Research, Principal Investigator. This 25-month research project explored the relationship between social conflict, emotions and illness among bi-lingual Quechua and Spanish speaking women in Punata, Bolivia. Through a microanalysis of several illness narratives the dissertation stemming from this study examines the discursive construction of healing knowledge and its impact on the formation and reconfiguration of subjectivities.
- 1993-95 Pre-dissertation Research, Principal Investigator. These shorter research trips resulted in the definition of the above-mentioned project as well as the election of a field site. During these trips I interviewed government workers, doctors, pharmacists, health post workers, as well as social scientists in Cochabamba, La Paz, Potosí and Sucre, Bolivia.
- 1995-96 Research Assistant. Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



## ***LANGUAGE SKILLS***

Spanish. Native Fluency.  
Portuguese. Complete Fluency.  
Quechua. Conversational skills.

## ***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS***

American Anthropological Association  
Society for Medical Anthropology  
American Ethnological Society  
Latin American Studies Association