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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Geography with minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University; July 2013  
Dissertation: *Interrelations between Fear and Development in Guatemala: A Multi-Perspective Analysis*

M.A. Geography (Earth Science), Ball State University, July 1997

B.A. Telecommunications, Ball State University, May 1996

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018-present      Lecturer, Washington University in St. Louis, International and Area Studies

2013-2018      Postdoctoral Fellow, Washington University in St. Louis, International  
and Area Studies

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Latin America, critical geographies of development, post-conflict societies, geographies of emotion and affect, mobility, cultural landscapes

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journal articles

Clouser, R. (2020). Development and denial: Guatemalan post-genocide development narratives. *Geoforum*, 117: 93-102.

Clouser, R. (2019). Security, development and fear in Guatemala: Enduring ties and lasting consequences. *Geographical Review*, 109 (3): 382-398.

Rickly, J. & Clouser, R. (2019). Research Note: Spectacle and adventure philanthropy. *Annals of Tourism Research*, 77: 158-160.

Clouser, R. (2018). Reality and rumour: the grey areas of development work in Guatemala. *Third World Quarterly*, 39(4): 769-785.

Clouser, R. (2016). Nexus of emotional and development geographies. *Geography Compass*, 10(8): 321-332.

Clouser, R. (2014). Facing fear: The importance of engaging with fear in development literature. *Progress in Development Studies*, 14(2): 131-146.

Clouser, R. (2009). Remnants of terror: Landscapes of fear in post-conflict Guatemala. *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 8(2): 7-22.

## Book chapters

Clouser, R., Méndez, Y. & Finn, J. (2020). Cities of Middle America. In S.D. Brunn, D.J. Zeigler, M. Hays-Mitchell, & J. Graybill (Eds.), *Cities of the World*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition (pp. 97-137). Rowman & Littlefield.

## Book reviews

Clouser, R. (2020). Book review of *Mortal Doubt: Transnational Gangs and Social Order in Guatemala* by Anthony Fontes. *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 19(3): 356-358.

Clouser, R. (2012). (Im)possibilities of truth and reconciliation. Book review of *Reckoning: The ends of war in Guatemala* by Diane Nelson. *Cultural Studies*, 26(6): 987-990.

## Publications in preparation

Clouser, R. (in preparation). JLAG Retrospectives: Revisiting landscapes of fear in post-conflict Guatemala. *Journal of Latin American Geography*.

Clouser, R. & Rickly, J. (in preparation). Going the distance: endurance humanitarians in Guatemala.

## Other Publications

Seven reasons to Scrap the \$1 Billion Aid Package to Central America (commentary with multiple participants from AAG sessions on Crisis in Central America). (30, June 2015). Center for International Policy Americas Program website. <http://www.cipamericas.org/archives/15371>.

Clouser, R. (2010). Miedo, esperanza y desarrollo (Fear, hope, and development). *Dialógica: Boletín del Departamento de Antropología y Sociología, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala*, no. 7.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013-present      **Washington University in St. Louis**  
Central American Geographies of Violence (upper-level seminar, 5 terms)  
Gateway to Development (upper-level seminar, 1 term)  
Geographies of Development in Latin America (upper-level seminar, 9 terms)  
Geographies of Globalization and Development (first-year seminar, 3 terms)  
International Social Development Theory (graduate seminar, 1 term)  
Mapping the World: Introduction to Human Geography (first-year seminar, 15 terms)
- 2008-2013      **Indiana University**  
Geography of Latin America (4 terms)  
Geography of North America (1 term)  
Introduction to Human Geography (4 terms)
- 2010              **Universidad del Valle de Guatemala**  
*Geografía Cultural e Interpretación del Paisaje*: Oct-Nov 2010, weekly seminar

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

- 2011 College of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Year Research Fellowship, Indiana University
- 2011 Latin American Fellowship, Office of the Vice President, International Affairs, Indiana University
- 2010 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
- 2009 John H. Edwards Fellowship, University Graduate School, Indiana University
- 2008 Summer Foreign Language Areas Studies Fellowship for the Study of K'iche', Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Indiana University
- 2008 Tinker Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Indiana University
- 2008 International Enhancement Grant, Office of the Vice President, International Affairs, Indiana University

## **AWARDS**

- 2014 Best Article Award, *Progress in Development Studies* and SAGE Publications
- 2012 College of Arts & Sciences Travel Award, Indiana University
- 2012 Conference of Latin American Geography Travel Award
- 2011 Associate Instructor Teaching Award, Department of Geography, Indiana University
- 2011 Women in Science Travel Award, Office for Women's Affairs, Indiana University
- 2009 Women in Science Travel Award, Office for Women's Affairs, Indiana University
- 2009 Indiana University Credit Union, Returning Student Scholarship
- 2008 Graduate Fellowship Award, Department of Geography, Indiana University

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020 "Power geometries of mobility: humanitarian and development narratives in Guatemala." Paper. Conference of Latin American Geography, Antigua, Guatemala.
- 2019 "Miedo creíble: (in)movilidades de caravanas migrantes y aventuras humanitarias." Paper. Guatemalan Scholars Network, Antigua, Guatemala
- 2019 "Endurance philanthropists and migrant caravans: portrayals of fear and (im)mobilities." Paper. American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC
- 2018 "Development and denial: Guatemalan post-genocide development narratives." Paper. Conference of Latin American Geography, San José, Costa Rica
- 2018 "Going the distance for Guatemala: A critical development analysis of humanitarian endurance events." Paper. American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA
- 2017 "Forgetting by decree: the discursive and material impacts of genocide denial in Guatemala." Paper. American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA
- 2017 "Security, development and fear in Guatemala." Paper. Conference of Latin American Geography, New Orleans, LA
- 2016 "Elite erasures and lethal legacies: examining genocide denial in Guatemala." Paper. International conference on the Guatemalan genocide. Center for Advanced Genocide Research, University of Southern California's Shoah Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 "Exploring the nexus of D/development and emotion." Paper. American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA

- 2015 “Geographies of memory, nationalism and development in Guatemala.” Paper. Conference of Latin American Geography, Fortaleza, Brazil
- 2015 “Contrasting narratives of crisis, development and security.” Paper. American Association of Geographers, Chicago, IL
- 2014 “*Censado*: Surveys, surveillance and Guatemala’s geographies of fear and development.” Paper. American Association of Geographers, Tampa, FL
- 2014 “Reality and rumor: the gray areas of development work in Guatemala.” Paper. Conference of Latin American Geography, Panama City, Panama
- 2013 “Surveys and surveillance: Geographies of fear and development in Guatemala.” Paper. Midwest Association for Latin American Studies, St. Louis, MO
- 2013 “Historical and contemporary linkages between security, fear and aid in Guatemala.” Paper. American Association of Geographers, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 “Intersections of fear and development in the Guatemalan landscape: contradictions and implications.” Paper. West Lakes-East Lakes Joint Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, DeKalb, IL
- 2012 “Exploring the dynamics of fear and development in the Guatemalan landscape.” Paper. Landscape, Space and Place Conference, Bloomington, IN
- 2012 “Development contradictions: Reconciling fear in post-conflict Guatemala.” Paper. American Association of Geographers, New York, NY
- 2012 “Facing fear: Explicit connections between fear and development in Guatemala.” Paper. Conference of Latin American Geography, Mérida, Mexico
- 2011 “*El papel que juega el miedo en los proyectos de desarrollo en Guatemala.*” Panelist: New Research Workshop. Guatemala Scholar’s Network Conference, Antigua, Guatemala
- 2011 “The overlooked dynamic of fear in development relationships: A Guatemalan case study.” Paper. American Association of Geographers, Seattle, WA
- 2009 “Landscapes of fear and memory in post-conflict societies: A comparative approach – Guatemala, Cambodia, and Rwanda.” Paper. American Association of Geographers, Las Vegas, NV
- 2009 “Remnants of terror: Landscapes of fear in post-conflict Guatemala.” Paper. Conference of Latin American Geography, Granada, Nicaragua
- 2008 “Guatemalan landscapes of fear.” Paper. West Lakes Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Bloomington, IN
- 2008 “Violence and fear in Guatemala.” Panelist. Guatemala Scholar’s Network Conference, Nashville, TN

### **CAMPUS TALKS**

- 2019 Panelist. “‘The aftermath of genocide’: An interdisciplinary panel.” World Without Genocide, Washington University’s student chapter, St. Louis, MO
- 2018 Panel Chair, “Violence in the ‘Hinterlands’: Intersecting Interpretations of the Holocaust and Settler Colonial Genocides.” Lessons and Legacies XV: The Holocaust: Global Perspectives and National Narratives, Holocaust Educational Foundation’s Biennial Conference, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2018 Panelist. “Humanizing migration and deportation.” Sigma Iota Rho Honorary Society’s Town Hall Event, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2017 “Memory and genocide denial: Guatemala case study.” Memory and Violence Faculty Seminar, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2015 “Geographies of rumor and international development in Guatemala.” International and Area Studies Speaker Series, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

- 2015 Panelist. "Perspectives on Guatemalan Healthcare and Society." Global Health Center, Institute for Public Health, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2014 Panelist. "After aid: Questioning the lasting effects of humanitarian development." Sigma Iota Rho Honorary Society's International Relief and Outreach Event, International and Area Studies, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2013 Panelist. "Education in post-conflict Guatemala." International Leadership Program's Awareness Campaign on Education: Focus on Latin America, International and Area Studies, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2013 "Geographies of fear and development in Guatemala: Contradictions and implications." International and Area Studies Speaker Series, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

### **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2018-present American Geographical Society
- 2008-present Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2008-present American Association of Geographers
- 2008-present Guatemala Scholars Network

### **SERVICE**

**Referee Service:** *Journal of Historical Geography, Geographical Review, Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Journal of Latin American Geography, Social and Cultural Geography, Radical History Review, Journal of Geography*

#### **Service to the Discipline**

- 2020-present Chair, Honors Committee, Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2019 Awards Committee, Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2018 Finance Committee, Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2016 Program Committee, Conference of Latin American Geography 2017 Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2015-2017 Chair, Membership Committee, Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2014 Evaluation Panel, Graduate Student Field Study Awards, Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2014 Membership Committee, Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2012-2020 Secretary, Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2012-2014 Publications Committee, Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2011-present Board of Directors, Conference of Latin American Geography

#### **Service to Washington University in St. Louis**

- 2020-present Faculty Sponsor, Internship for Liberal Arts Students
- 2019-present Fulbright Faculty Committee
- 2018-present Study Abroad Advisor, International and Area Studies

- 2017-2018 Member, Refugee Lives: Local, National & Global, Bring Your Own Idea faculty collaboration program, Office of the Provost
- 2017 Judging Panel, Environmental Justice Case Competition, Global Inequality Conference
- 2017 Assessment Committee, International and Area Studies
- 2016-2017 Faculty Associate, Beaumont Residential College
- 2016 Faculty Moderator, First Year Reading Program
- 2015-2017 Undergraduate Thesis Advisor: Ben Zeno (Latin American Studies)
- 2015 Faculty Sponsor, Internship for Liberal Arts Students
- 2013-present Undergraduate Major Advisor, International and Area Studies

**Service to Indiana University**

- 2011-2013 Equipment & Computer Committee, Department of Geography, Indiana University
- 2009 Colloquium Committee, Department of Geography, Indiana University
- 2008-2009 Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty (elected position), Department of Geography, Indiana University
- 2007-2013 Organizing Committee, Landscape, Space and Place: Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, Indiana University

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2000-2007 Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University (IFSA-Butler), Programs in Latin America & Spain (Assistant Director: 2004-2007; Senior Program Coordinator: 2002-2004; Program Coordinator: 2000-2002)
- 1997-1999 Peace Corps Volunteer, Guatemala