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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

PhD Candidate, Department of Anthropology, joint affiliation with School of Social Service Administration, degree expected June 2015.

Dissertation title: *Leaving Labor: Reverse Migration, Welfare Cash, and the Specter of the Commodity in Northeastern Brazil.*

An ethnography of economic growth. This project examines the social process of leaving labor – in the midst of an economic boom. Why do laborers leave? Research begins by traveling alongside workers who quit their urban jobs and return to homes in rural Brazil. In this reverse-flow migration, a key resource turns out to be the money that the federal government disburses through Bolsa Família, the largest conditional cash transfer (CCT) in the world. Bolsa Família is only one of the many streams of value that rural Brazilians redirect in order to build a world precariously balanced between the managed time of the city and the open space of the countryside, between labor and its opposite.

Committee: Jean Comaroff (Co-Chair), Julie Chu (Co-Chair), E. Summerson Carr (Co-Chair), Dain Borges, William Sites

MA, June 2011, Department of Anthropology.

Thesis: *What Makes a Meeting? What Does a Meeting Make? Reaching Decisions in Brazil's Landless Movement*

Readers: Susan Gal, E. Summerson Carr

AM (MSW equivalent), June 2009, School of Social Service Administration

Clinical concentration. Focus on behaviorist and psychodynamic practice methods.

First-year internship: individual and group therapy and case management, Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center, Skokie, IL.

Second-year internship: international mental health assessment and research, Centro de Atenção Psicossocial (CAPS-II), Vitória da Conquista, Bahia, Brazil.

Yale Univeristy

BA, June 2000, Latin American Studies, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Senior thesis: *Toda mi vida me la vivía en la calle* (ethnographic research with homeless children in Mexico City)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Conditional cash transfers, migrant labor, and social movement organizing in rural Brazil 2007- present, sertão of Bahia, Brazil

Ethnographic research on the household transformations that are accompanying Brazil's shift towards social democracy. Research focuses on Bolsa Família, the world's largest conditional cash transfer welfare program. Reaching nearly one quarter of Brazil's population, Bolsa Família has achieved profound reductions in poverty and changed everyday economic interactions inside households. The program has also created novel challenges for Brazilian social movements. Research involves extended ethnography with people living in several villages in Northeastern Brazil. Quantitative methods are integrated into the research model, including a comprehensive economic census of regional households and the SRQ-20 and MINI instruments for mental health research.

Labor force participation by mothers in the US: The effects of child disability. (With Harold Pollack, University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration.) 2010-11

Research examining the effect of child disability on mothers' participation in paid employment. To carry out the project, a model of labor force decision-making inside the household was constructed. The issue was framed as an analysis of household economy. Research used Census 2000 long-form data and American Community Survey data. Key questions focused on the differences between mothers with different wage rates. Methods included logit/ probit analysis and the Heckman models. Results indicated greater reduction in hours by women with higher wage rates, but greater drop-out by women with middle-tier wage rates.

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Economic anthropology and economics: household economies, social class as structured inequality, relations of work and labor, gendered capital.

Social work and social welfare: international social policy and the new social democracies, conditional cash transfers, international rural mental health, homelessness.

Cultural and linguistic anthropology: discursive analysis of the meeting as a social form, methods in linguistic anthropology, language ideologies inside modernity.

Latin America: Latin American social movements, Brazil's landless movement (the MST).

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Instructor for *Social Rights and the New Social Democracies in Latin America (Anthropology 23080/ Human Rights 26504/ Latin American Studies 26514/ Public Policy Studies 26504)*, University of Chicago, Spring 2014. Seminar format. 19 students. Designed syllabus and taught a seminar for advanced undergraduates. Students used ethnographies, case studies, and comparative policy analysis to investigate the turn towards “social rights” in Latin America over the past decade. Areas of focus included the history of welfare states in Latin America, participatory planning and democracy, indigenous political movements, and socio-economic development as a right.

Internship Coordinator for University of Chicago Human Rights Program, September 2013-September 2014. Organized international internship program for 30 students, both graduate and undergraduate, who designed and executed independent human rights projects at varied sites around the world. Managed selection of interns. Mentored interns as they built relationships with their host NGOs. Created trainings for interns. Advised interns during and after internship, with an emphasis on long-term outcomes.

Instructor for *Economics of Social Welfare (School of Social Service Administration 45400)*, University of Chicago, Spring 2013. Lecture format. 21 students. Spring 2013. Taught introductory microeconomics class required of all social work Masters students in administration track. Wrote curriculum and lectures. Designed weekly problem sets that taught students to use spreadsheets to analyze data. Held review sessions each week, providing special support to students challenged by math work. Fostered debate on broader political economy issues underlying the class. Students learned supply and demand analysis, gains from trade, the consumers’ and producers’ problems, introductory welfare analysis, techniques for measuring inequality, and analysis of externalities and public goods.

Teaching Assistant for *Economics of Social Welfare (School of Social Service Administration 45400)*, Professor Harold Pollack, University of Chicago, Spring 2011. 68 students. Wrote curriculum for and led weekly lecture-and-problem sessions. Assisted with grading. Held office hours and provided intensive one-on-one support, placing particular emphasis on assistance to students who had difficulties with mathematical concepts.

Teaching Assistant for *Colonizations I (Social Sciences 24001)*, Professor Stefan Palmie, University of Chicago, Autumn 2010. 23 students. Gave two course lectures, one on theories of historical change and the other on the meaning of the commodity in colonial situations. Held regular office hours, provided intensive one-on-one support, graded student essays, and created course grades. Focused, in particular, on coaching students to become better writers.

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Economic anthropology and economics: the anthropology of value and exchange, history of economic ideas, introductory microeconomics, household economies in interdisciplinary perspective.

Social work and social welfare: social work macro practice, the economics of social welfare, history of US and global social policy.

Cultural and linguistic anthropology: introductory anthropology, socio-cultural theory, methods in linguistic anthropology, anthropology and mental health.

Latin America: anthropological approaches to Latin America, Latin American histories and cultures, Latin American welfare states, social movements in Latin America.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTIONS

Ignácio Nacho Martín Baró Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2013-14. (For “Social Rights and the New Social Democracies in Latin America;” see *Teaching* section, above.)

Markovitz Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2014-15.

University of Chicago Human Rights Research Grant, 2013.

University of Chicago, Century Fellowship, 2006-2012.

Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2011-12.

Inter-American Foundation, Grassroots Development Fellowship, 2011-12.

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Research Improvement Grant. 2011-12 (declined).

Fulbright Foundation, Institute for International Education grant, 2011-12 (declined).

Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. 2011-2 (declined).

Tinker Travel Grant, 2007 and 2010.

University of Chicago, Human Rights Internship, 2008.

Foreign Language Area Studies Language Study Grant, 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

*indicates peer-reviewed publication.

*Morton, Gregory Duff. “Managing transience: Bolsa Família and its subjects in an MST landless settlement.” *Journal of Peasant Studies*, in press (2015).

* Morton, Gregory Duff. “Modern meetings: Participation, democracy, and language ideology in Brazil’s MST landless movement.” *American Ethnologist*, 41(4), in press (Nov. 2014).

Morton, Gregory Duff. “Protest before the protests: The unheard politics of a welfare panic in Brazil.” *Anthropological Quarterly*, 87(3): 925-933 (2014).

* Morton, Gregory Duff. "Acesso à permanência: diferenças econômicas e práticas de gênero em domicílios que recebem Bolsa Família no sertão baiano." ("Accessing permanence: economic difference and gender practice among households that receive Bolsa Família in the backlands of Bahia, Brazil.") *Política e Trabalho*, 38: 43-67 (2013).

Morton, Gregory Duff. Book review of *Microcredit and Its Discontents* (Lamia Karim). *Social Service Review*, 86(2): 350-353 (2012).

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

Morton, Gregory Duff. "Eleições nos grotões, Estados Unidos - Brasil." ("Elections in out-of-the-way places, US - Brazil." *Brasil de Fato*. October 23, 2014.

Mendonça, Ricardo. "Bolsa Família só dá autonomia a uma parte das mulheres inscritas, diz pesquisador." ("Bolsa Família only grants autonomy to a portion of enrolled women, says researcher.") *Folha de São Paulo*. October 20, 2013.

Morton, Gregory Duff. "O verdadeiro culpado do boato sobre o Bolsa Família." ("The real guilty party behind the rumor about Bolsa Família.") *Brasil de Fato*. July 7, 2013. Similar text to "Protest before the protests," above.

TRANSLATIONS

Translator, with João Gonçalves, for Ortiz, Fernando. "The Human Factors of *Cubanidad*." HAU, forthcoming (2015 [1939]).

Translator for Lavergne, Rémi Fernand. "The Bolsa Família Program: On How the Public Management of Alterity Replaces Politics with Biopolitics." *Latin American Perspectives*, forthcoming (2015).

Translator for Boito, Armando and Tatiana Berringer. "Social classes, neo-developmentalism, and Brazilian foreign policy under Presidents Lula and Dilma." *Latin American Perspectives* 198, 41(5): 94-109 (2014).

Translator for Carneiro da Cunha, Manuela. "Indigenous Rights and Brazilian Democracy: An Interview, Manuela Carneiro da Cunha." Fieldsights - Hot Spots, *Cultural Anthropology Online*, December 20 (2013). <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/460-indigenous-rights-and-brazilian-democracy-an-interview-manuela-carneiro-da-cunha>.

Translator for Viveiros de Castro, Eduardo. *Cosmological Perspectivism in Amazonia and Elsewhere*. HAU Masterclass Series, Vol. 1. Manchester: HAU Journal of Ethnographic Theory (2012). Translated portions of original lecture from Portuguese to English.

Translator for Viveiros de Castro, Eduardo. *The Inconstancy of the Indian Soul: The Encounter of Christians and Cannibals in 16th-Century Brazil*. Chicago: Prickly Paradigm Press (2011). Translated from Portuguese, French, and Spanish to English. (primary language of text is contemporary Portuguese, but extended quotations required translation from 16th-century French, Portuguese, and Spanish).

ETHNOGRAPHIC VIDEOS

Cangussu, 16 anos and *Vamos seguir sonhando* (*Cangussu, 16 years* and *Let's keep dreaming*, both 2013). Two ethnographic short films (approximately 10 minutes each.) Working with Brazil's landless movement, I organized groups of adolescents in two land-settlement villages. The adolescents carried out trainings, selected issues of focus, and worked with me to film and edit videos that documented their social surround. *Cangussu, 16 anos* was prepared for the 16th anniversary of the land occupation that created Cangussu village, and it recounts the occupiers' triumphs, disappointments, and dreams. *Vamos seguir sonhando* presents young people who push the adults in their village to answer difficult questions about youth, gender conflict, and hopefulness.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyRukYquE_k

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqJtRiOa4aQ>

Entre o cemitério e a cavalcada (*Between the cemetery and the cavalcade*, 2012. 63 minutes.) In 2010, landless families organized themselves and occupied a giant plantation in the cattle-raising region of Maiquinique. After three evictions they ended up in shanties, halfway between the cemetery and the horse arena on the edge of town. Dispirited and defiant, they gave a series of video interviews that were filmed by young activists from the shanties. The film intersperses scenes from daily life with landless farmers' reflections on the reasons to stay in a struggle.

(in six parts on YouTube:)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wK7Aw9_kRD8

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2VDTUtYvAE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CC9YIRwXIhM>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Pp0QVR1ZaI>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBg2Qgga-hs>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuNtGrn--qo>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“The Ethnography of Situations: An Introduction to Ethnographic Analysis.” Designed and presented workshop for Metcalf Interns at University Community Service Center, University of Chicago. (June 30, 2014).

“The Right Not To Be Poor? Conditional Cash, Managerial Woman, and the Strange Status of the Social Program.” Presented lecture for associates of the Center for International Studies, University of Chicago. (June 24, 2013).

CONFERENCES AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“Not to Know the Hours: Leaving Labor in Rural Brazil.” Presented on panel “Work Chronotopes: Work, Space, and Temporal Rhythms.” At “The Ends of Work,” bi-annual meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology. Detroit. (May 9-10, 2014).

“The Continual Non-Right: Conditional Cash, Managerial Woman, and the Strange Status of the Social Program.” Presented at “States, Publics, and Politics,” Harvard Political Anthropology Working Group, Boston. (April 4-5, 2014).

“Scaling Value: Money and the Outside in Rural Brazil.” Presented on panel “Topics in Economic Anthropology 3: Money, Credit, Debt, and Morality.” American Anthropological Association, Chicago. (Nov. 20-24, 2013).

“The Dilemmas of Conditional Cash: Bolsa Família and Political Mobilization on an MST Settlement.” Presented on panel “Changes and Continuities in the Contentious Countryside: The Contemporary Relevance of the MST for Agrarian Studies.” Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC. (May 29- June 1, 2013).

“What Makes a Meeting? What Does a Meeting Make? Reaching Decisions in Brazil's Landless Movement.” Presented at Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago. (Jan. 13, 2011).

“Reaching Decisions in Brazil's Landless Movement.” Presented on panel “Latin American Languages in Action.” American Anthropological Association, New Orleans. (Nov. 16-21, 2010).

“Intimate Interviewing (on the history and practice of the interview).” Presented at Ethnography as Activism Conference, University of Michigan. (April 3, 2009).

Conference rapporteur. Environmental Policy, Social Movements, and Science for the Brazilian Amazon Conference, University of Chicago. Served as Rapporteur; produced literature review and synthesized conference findings (Nov. 5-6, 2009).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Translation of mental health research survey instruments for international research in Brazil
Morbidity Awareness Scale for Affective Disorders, for UFRJ (2013).
Ages and Stages Questionnaire, for Instituto para Estudos em Trabalho e Sociedade (2010).

Psychiatric case manager, The Providence Center, Providence, RI (2004-2006).

Counselor, program coordinator, and curriculum consultant for AmeriCorps youth development/literacy program, LEAP, New Haven, CT (1996-2006).

Volunteer for immigrant social movement, SOS Racisme, Paris, France (1997).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Co-chair (with Adam Sargent) for panel “Remunerations: Measuring Work’s Worth” at American Anthropological Association conference, Washington, DC (2014).

Co-chair (with Eli Thorkelson) for panel “Work Chronotopes: Work, Space, and Temporal Rhythms,” at Society for Cultural Anthropology conference, “The Ends of Work,” Detroit (May 9-10, 2014).

Manuscript peer review, *Social Service Review* (2012).

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Portuguese (R/W/S fluent), Spanish (R/W/S fluent), French (R/W/S fluent), Latin (limited reading knowledge). Working knowledge of Stata (a computer program for statistical data analysis.)

REFERENCES

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