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EMPLOYMENT

Professor, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, **University of Massachusetts**, **Amherst**, MA. Professor, 2015 to present

Senior Scientist, **Center for International Forestry Research** (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia, 2013-2015.

Associate Professor, International Development and Social Change Program (IDSC), **Clark University**, 2007-2015; Assistant Professor, IDSC, Clark University, 2002-2007.

Assistant Professor, Political Science, **Bates College**, 1998-2001.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Women's Studies, and Politics, Mount Holyoke College, 1997-1998.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., August 1998.

Political Science, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

Certificate in Women's Studies, Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research.

Master of Environmental Management, May 1990.

School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC.

Bachelor of Science, July 1987. St. Xavier's College, Bombay, India.

Major: Life Sciences. Minors: Chemistry, Geology.

PUBLICATIONS

(1) Books

2009. *Black and Green: Afro-Colombians, Development, and Nature in the Pacific Lowlands*. Duke University Press, Durham, NC.

Reviewed in American Anthropologist, AmeriQuests, The Americas, Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography, Bulletin of Latin American Research, Bulletin of Hispanic Studies, Canadian Journal of Development Studies, Choice, Development in Practice, Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, Journal of Latin American Studies, Journal of Social History, Progress in Development Studies, Progress in Human Geography, and Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women's and Gender Studies.

2016. Negro y Verde: Etnicidad, economiá y ecología en los movimientos negros del pacífico colombiano. ICESI y ICANH. Series: Terrenos etnográficos.

Reviewed in Revista Colombiana de Antropología

(2) Works-in-Progress

Asher, K. Fieldwork: Nature, Culture, and Gender in the Age of Climate Change. Book manuscript.

Asher, K. and S. Charusheela. The Travels and Travails of Indigenous/Native Knowledges as a form of World Studies. In Preparation for submission to edited volume *Decolonial Reconstellations in the Longue Dureé*, edited by Laura Doyle and Mwangi wa Githinji.

Asher, K. and M. Chion. Deep Roots, Global Branches: Improvising "local" spaces within global capital flows. In Preparation for submission to *Society and Space*

(3) Articles and commentaries (Peer Reviewed)

Asher, K. and P. Ramamurthy. 2020. Rethinking decolonial and postcolonial knowledges beyond regions to imagine transnational solidarity. *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 35 (2): 1-6. https://doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2020.16

Asher, K. 2020. Fragmented Forests, Fractured Lives: Ethno-territorial Struggles and Development in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. *Antipode* 52 (4): 949-970 https://doi.org/10.1111/anti.12470

Asher, K. 2020. Education for sustainable development cannot afford the clichés and pieties of ivy-league policy makers. *Comparative Education Review*, 2020 64 (2): 342-344. https://doi.org/10.1086/708331

Asher, K. and J. Wainwright. 2019. After Post-Development: On Capitalism, Difference, and Representation. *Antipode* 51(1): 25-44 doi: 10.1111/anti.12430

Asher, K. and G. Varley. 2018. Gender in the Jungle: a critical assessment of women and gender in current (2014–2016) forestry research. *Int'l Forestry Review* 20 (2): 149-159.

Asher, K. 2017. Spivak and Rivera Cusicanqui on the Dilemmas of Representation in Postcolonial and Decolonial Feminisms. *Feminist Studies* 43 (3): 512-524.

Asher, K. 2017. Thinking Fragments: <u>Adisciplinary reflections on Feminism and Environmental Justice</u>. *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 3(2): 1-28.

Asher, K. and A. Shattuck. 2017. Forests and food security: What's gender got to do with it? *Social Sciences* 6 (34): doi:10.3390/socsci6010034

Houria Djoudi, B. Locatelli, C. Vaast, K. Asher, M. Brockhaus, B. Sijapati Basnett. 2016. Beyond dichotomies: Gender and intersecting inequalities in the climate change literature. *AMBIO: A Journal of the Human Environment* 45 (3): 248-262.

Asher, K. 2016. A Retrospective look at the Winding Paths to legalizing Afro-Colombian Rights in Law 70 of 1993. *Revista de Estudios Colombianos* 47 (January-June): 67-77.

Asher, K. and B. Sijapati Basnett. 2016. Linking Gender Equality and Sustainable Development beyond Instrumental Reason: Gender Equity as an entitlement not just a means to the ends of sustainable development. *Development and Change Forum* 47 (4): 952-964.

Asher, K. 2014. The Doers and the Done For: Interrogating the Subjects and Objects of Engaged Political Ecology. *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographers* 13 (4): 489-496

Asher, K. 2013. Latin American Decolonial Thought, or making the Subaltern Speak. *Geography Compass* 7(12): 832-842.

Hawkins, R. D. Ojeda, K. Asher, B. Baptiste, L. Harris, S. Mollett, A. Nightingale, D. Rocheleau, J. Seager, and F. Sultana. 2011. Gender and Environment: Critical Tradition and New Challenges. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 29 (2): 237-253.

Asher, K. and D. Ojeda. 2009. Producing Nature and Making the State: *Ordenamiento Territorial* in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. *GeoForum* 40 (3): 292-302.

Asher, K. 2007. Ser y Tener: Black Women's Activism, Development and Ethnicity in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. *Feminist Studies* 33 (1): 11-37.

Asher, K. 2004. Texts in Context: Afro-Colombian Women's Activism in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. *Feminist Review* 78: 1-18

Asher, K. 2000. Mobilizing the Discourses Of Sustainable Economic Development And Biodiversity Conservation In The Pacific Lowlands Of Colombia. *Strategies: A Journal of Theory, Culture and Politics* 13 (1): 111-125.

Bharucha, E. and K. Asher. 1993. Behaviour Patterns of the Blackbuck *Antilope cervicapra* under Suboptimal Habitat Conditions. *Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society* 90 (3): 371-393.

(4) Articles: Editor-reviewed

Asher K. Translation in preparation. Spivak e Rivera Cusicanqui: sobre os dilemas da representação nos feminismos decoloniais e poscoloniais. *Tempo & Argumento* [Invited]

Asher K. 2019. The risky streets of ontologically redesigned cities: Some comments on Arturo Escobar's rurbanization research program. *GeoForum* 101: 212-214 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2019.01.008

Asher, K. 2019. Fieldwork. In *Keywords in Radical Geographical Thought*. Sharad Chari, Paul Chatterton, Vinay Gidwani, Nik Heynen, Wendy Larner, Jamie Peck, Jenny Pickerill, Marion Werner and Melissa Wright, eds. Wiley Publishers. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781119558071.ch22

Asher, K. 2019. When we cannot not compare: A commentary on Tariq Jazeel's Singularity: A manifesto for incomparable geographies. *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 40 (1): 26-29. https://doi.org/10.1111/sjtg.12268

Asher, K. 2019. Reivindicar la cercanía entre los feminismos poscoloniales y decoloniales con base en Spivak y Rivera Cusicanqui. *Tabula Rasa* 30:13-25. https://doi.org/10.25058/20112742.n30.01

Asher, K. 2016. The connections between worlds, logics, non-humans and their human kin. *Espacialidades Feministas*. Univ. Nacional de Colombia, Escuela de Estudios de Género, Boletina Annual 5: 169-172.

Asher, K. 2015. Beyond the Romance of Resistance in Post-Development Alternatives: Nature and Culture in Afro-Colombian Movements. New Delhi: Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Occasional Paper 54.

Asher, K. 2012. The footwork of Critique (Commentary on Joel Wainwright's interview with Kojin Karatani). *Dialogues in Human Geography* 2 (1): 53-59.

Asher, K. 2005. "Seeing Through the Eyes of Black Women": Afro-Colombiana Activism in the Pacific Lowlands. *Women and the Environment* 68/69: 44-46.

Asher, K. 2004 and V. Sampathkumar. Possibilities and Limits of Microfinance as a Development Strategy: A Conversation. *Critical Half* 2 (1): 8-13.

Asher, K. 2004. Engenderando desenvolvimento e ethnicidade nas terras baixas do Pacífico colombiano (Engendering Development and Ethnicity in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia). *Revista Estudos Feministas* 12(1): 15-45. (In Portuguese)

Asher, K. 2002. Textos en Contexto: Activismo entre mujeres afro-colombianas en el litoral Pacífico Colombiano. *Nómadas* (Revista del Universidad Central Departmento de Investigaciones, Bogotá, Colombia) 17: 106-118 (In Spanish)

Asher, K. 1997. Working from the Head Out: Revalidating Ourselves as Women, Rescuing our Black Identity: Ethnicity and Gender in the Pacific Lowlands. *Current World Leaders* 40 (6): 106-127.

Asher, K. 1996. ¿Etnicidad de Género o Género Etnico? (Ethnic gender or gendered ethnicity?). Boletín de Antropología 10 (26): 9-26. Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín. (In Spanish)

Bharucha, E., R. Jugtawa, and K. Asher. 1989. Some interesting aspects of Wolf (*Canis lupus* linn.) behaviour observed at Guda near Jodhpur (Rajasthan). Miscellaneous notes. *Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society* 86: 237-238.

(5) **Book Chapters**

Asher, K. 2017. From Afro-Colombians to Afro-descendants: The Trajectory of Black Social Movements in Colombia, 1990-2010. Pp. 261-290 in *Beyond Civil Society Agenda: Activism, Participation, and Protest in Latin America*. Sonia Alvarez et al, editors. Duke University Press.

Asher, K. 2016. Tenure vs. Territory: Black Women's Struggles in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. Pp. 206-218 in *Gender and Forestry: Climate Change, Tenure, Value Chains, and Emerging Issues*. Carol Colfer et al., editors. Routledge.

Asher, K. 2014. Texts in Contexts: Reading Afro-Colombian women's Activism. Pp. 189-208 in *Translocalities/Translocalidades: Feminist Politics of Translation in Latin/a Américas*. Sonia Alvarez et al, editors. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Asher, K. and D. Ojeda. 2014. Producción de la naturaleza y formación del estado: las políticas de ordenamiento territorial en el Pacífico colombiano. En Espinosa M, Alex Betancourt. (eds.), *El poder en plural. Entre la antropología y la teoría política*. Bogotá, Colombia: Editorales Uniandes.

Asher, K., M. Amador, and M. Chion. 2012. Los Retos en la Construcción de Conocimientos Descentrados: Una Conversación Reflexiva (The Challenges of Constructing Decentered Knowledge: A Reflexive Conversation). Pp. 415- 425 in *Cuerpos, territorios, imaginarios: Entre las crisis y otros mundos possibles (Bodies, Territories, Imaginaries: Between Crises and other possible worlds)*. Mar Daza, Raphael Hoetmer, and Virginia Vargas, editors. Lima, Peru: Programa Democracia y Transformación Global.

Redford, K. H., R. Godshalk and K. Asher. 1995. What About the Wild Animals? Wild Animals Species in Community Forestry Projects in the Tropics. FAO Monograph, *Community Forestry Note 13*, Rome.

(6) Book reviews

Asher K. forthcoming. Freeing them to die or forcing them to live: The many paradoxes of decolonizing extinction. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* [Invited]

Asher K. 2020. The Brilliant, Monochromatic Red of *Climate Leviathan*. *Rethinking Marxism* [Invited]

Asher K. 2020. O brothers lets go down, Oh sisters, where art thou? A Commentary on Geoff Mann and Joel Wainwright. *Climate Leviathan: A Political Theory of Our Planetary Future* (Verso, 2018). *Progress in Human Geography* [Invited]

2014. Agarwal, Bina. 2010. Gender and Green Governance: The Political Economy of Women's Presence Within and Beyond Community Forestry. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. *Conservation and Society* 12 (1): 107-108.

2009. Gidwani, Vinay. 2008. Capital, Interrupted: Agrarian Development and the Politics of Work in India. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press. *Economic Geography* 85(3): 345.

2007. Forment, Carlos. 2003. Democracy in Latin America 1760-1900. University of Chicago Press. *American Anthropologist* 109 (1): 212-213.

2002. Little, Paul E. 2002. Amazonia: Territorial Struggles on Perennial Frontiers. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press. *Anthropological Quarterly* 75 (4): 829-832

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP AND MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

June 12, 2019. Lost in Application: Feminist Fears in the Gendered Ghetto of International Development and the Environment. Invited keynote at XVII Congreso de Antropología en Colombia. June 11-14, 2019, ICESI, Cali, Colombia.

May 27, 2019. Formas de ser, estar, hacer y de re-des-ocupar: ampliando y excediendo categorías de análisis. Discussant. International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). May 24-27, 2019. Boston MA.

Annual meetings of American Association of Geographers (AAG), Washington DC, April 3-8, 2019

Author Meets Critic (AMC), Freeing them to die or forcing them to live: The many paradoxes in Juno Parrenas's Decolonizing Extinction: The Work of Care in Orangutan Rehabilitation (Duke University Press, 2018)

AMC, O brothers lets go down, Oh Mothers, where art thou? Some critiques of Climate Leviathan for the authors Geoff Mann and Joel Wainwright. (Verso, 2018).

Co-organizer: South-South Solidarities: Convergences and Ruptures in Theory and Politics

Presenter, Theorizing in solidarity: Some scattered notes on Feminisms and Marxisms in anti-colonial frames

Discussant, Beyond Metaphors of Decolonization: Engaging the Intersections of Feminist Geography and Decolonial Feminist Theory

March 5, 2019. Panelist and discussant of Manuela Picq's *Vernacular Sovereignties Indigenous Women Challenging World Politics* (University of Arizona Press, 2018). Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies, UMass.

February 1, 2019. Antelopes, Iguanas and Other Fauna: Retrospective Fieldtrips through the Busy Traffic of Nature-Cultures. Invited keynote at the Symposium for Integrative Conservation, University of Georgia, Athens GA.

January 24, 2019. *Diversifying Conservation Sciences*. Invited Panelist at the Environmental Conservation Graduate Student Symposium, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

December 22-23, 2018. Everybody and the Female Body: Gendered Bodies, Research and the Field. Do Din conference. Hyderabad Urban Labs, India.

Nov 29, 2018. Social Science and Social Location: How does where we stand affect what we see, and what we can know as scholars? Invited Panelist Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

May 21-26, 2018. LASA International Congress. Barcelona, Spain.

Convener and Organizer: The Multiple Genealogies and Forms of Conceptualizing Anti-Colonial Thoughts and Practices

- Presenter, Doing Yoga with Mahatma Gandhi in Colombia, or navigating the complex kinship between postcolonial and decolonial scholarship
- Discussant, South-South Theory and Politics: Convergences and tensions across Latin America and South Asia
- April 10-15, 2018. Annual Meeting of the AAG. New Orleans, LA.

Invited discussant on Arturo Escobar's GeoForum lecture, *Habitability and design*Presenter, *Feminist and anti-colonial "supplements" to science for environmental justice*Presenter, *Nature-Cultures in the Age of Climate Change, or "Feminist notes on Marxist perspectives on capitalism, climate change, and history"*

Nov 16-19, 2017. National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) annual conference, Baltimore, MD.

Co-organizer, Chair, and Presenter on roundtables: Rethinking decolonial, postcolonial, and diasporic feminisms to imagine a transnational solidarity

Presenter, When Decolonial Ontologies meet Development Policies

Nov 11, 2017. *Power, politics and push-back in feminist classrooms* (Co-presenter with L. Frye). American Studies Association annual conference, Chicago, IL. Nov 9-12, 2017.

Aug 29-Sept 1 2017. RGS-IGS Annual International Conference. London, UK. Invited discussant on Chair's theme and plenary lecture *Decolonizing the Republic of Knowledge: Futures for Social Science* by Raewyn Connell

Co-organizer, Chair, and Presenter on panel *Rethinking decolonial and postcolonial knowledges beyond regions* (sponsored by Gender and Feminist Geography Research Group)

Presenter, When Decolonial Ontologies meet Development Policies Co-presenter (with L. Frye) Power, politics and push-back in feminist classrooms

April 29, 2017. Beyond Civil Society: Activism, Participation, and Protest (Presented book chapter); Implications of a Post-conflict scenario in the Land Markets and Property Regimes in Colombia (Discussant) at the XXXV LASA International Congress, April 29-May 1, 2017. Lima, Peru.

April 5, 2017. *Notes for a Postcolonial Feminist Marxist Engagement with Alternatives to Development*. Presented paper at the AAG, April 5-9 2017. Boston, MA.

Nov 10, 2016. *Decolonial and Postcolonial approaches: A dialogue*. Organizer and participant of Roundtable at the NWSA conference, Nov 10-13, 2016. Montreal, Canada.

October 8, 2016. Sustainable Development: Romance, rhetoric and realities. Paper to be presented at the *Development in Question: Challenges for the 21st century*, an International, Interdisciplinary Conference of Development Sociology, October 6 – 8, 2016, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.

2016-2017: Five College Women's Studies Research Center (FCWSRC) and WGSS events Co-Moderator of faculty workshop, *Neoliberalism and Feminism*. Mar 7th

- Discussant, Manuela Picq, *Queering Narratives of Modernity* (Peter Lang, 2016). *Queering Feminisms* Book Salon. October 27th, 2016 and April 18, 2017
- Participant Madam President! Feminist Work in the Public Sphere: A Roundtable on the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election, October 18th 2016
- Participant, Afterlives of Colonialism: Theorizing the Postcolonial and Decolonial: A Roundtable Discussion. Nov 4th
- Participant, *Working Feminism Series*, Re/Configuring Work in the Neoliberal University, Sept 16; New Work/Slow Work: Whither the 40 Hour Work-Week?, Sept 30; Installing Speed Bumps How to Cultivate Slow Work, Feb 3.
- August 26, 2016. Privatización o colectivización. Indivisos, bienes comunes y acciones sociales en Colombia (Privatization or collectivization: Undividable land, common goods, and social action in Colombia). Panel chair and discussant. International conference on Territory and Territoriality: Land Grabs, Resistance, and Alternatives (*Tierras y Territorios de las Américas: Acaparamiento, Resistencias y Alternativas*). Aug 23-26, 2016. Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá.
- May 28, 2016. Mapping the political landscape of dispossession: Some ethnographic views of policy fields. Presented at *Old Maps, New Terrain: Rethinking population in an era of climate change* symposium, May 27-29, 2016. Hampshire College, Amherst, MA.
- Mar 29, 2016. Fragmented Storeys, Fractured Lives: Forests and Territorial struggles in the Pacific lowlands of Colombia. Paper presented at the AAG, Mar 29-Apr 3 2016. San Francisco, CA.
- Nov 13, 2015. Lost in Application: Women and Gender in Forestry and Environment Research. Paper presented at the NWSA conference, Nov 12-15, 2015. Milwaukee, WI.
- January 22, 2015. *Some lessons from CIFOR's Research on REDD/REDD+*. Invited keynote address (and other presentations) at the symposium on Transforming Mountain Forestry in the Hindukush Himalayas, January 18-22, 2015. ICIMOD and the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, India.
- Nov 8, 2014. *Capitalismo verde y violento en el Pasado y el Present* (Green and violent Capitalism in the past and present). Invited talk at the Cátedra Manuel Ancizar: Pasado, presente y futuro del Pacífico colombiano. Universidad Nacional, Bogotá Colombia.
- April 15, 2014. Conservation and forest development in hilly/mountainous landscapes of India: A comparative perspective. Presentation at meetings to discuss monitoring, evaluation & future directions of the project on Sloping lands in transition (SLANT): China's Conversion of Cropland to Forest Program. Kunming, China, April 11 17, 2014.
- February 12, 2014. *Understanding diversity of smallholder agro-forestry and forestry systems in hilly and mountainous landscapes: Regional comparisons in Asia*. Presentation at the World Conference on Agroforestry, Feb 10-14, 2014. New Delhi, India.
- May 31, 2013. *Latin American Decolonial Thought*. Paper presentation at the XXXI International Congress of LASA. Washington, DC.

April 6, 2013. W(h)ither Nature and Culture? Environmental Imaginaries of Ethnic Movements in Latin America. Keynote address at "Social Movements and Activism Across Diasporas of Color," First World Diaspora Undergraduate Conference at SUNY New Paltz, New York.

April 5, 2013. All Roads Lead to Feminist Science and Technology Studies! Co-Panelist with the Five College Feminist Science and Technology Study Initiative, at the conference "Mediating Public Spheres: Genealogies of Feminist Knowledge in the Digital Age." FCWSRC, South Hadley, MA.

March 16, 2013. *The "Women" in Women's Studies curricula*. Co-presenter (with Clark undergraduate Florcy Romero) and co-organizer (with Professor Ellen Foley) WGS conference "Gender Dialogues." Clark University, Worcester, MA.

October 26, 2012. Why Women Don't Work: Theorizing the Gendered Labors of Development. Invited presentation at Workshop on "Gender, Technology & Development." Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

October 5, 2012. Dashing to be first past the post again? Colloquium presentation at the Department of Geography and Development, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

September 19, 2012. Putting Words in their mouth, or making the subaltern speak: The Persistent Problem of Representation (or Agency) in Development and STS. Presentation at the Five Colleges Feminist Science and Technology Studies, works in progress series. Amherst, MA.

March 31, 2012. W(h)ither Nature and Culture? Environmental Imaginaries of Ethnic Movements in Latin America. Invited paper at the conference entitled "Transforming Landscapes, Rethinking Identities: Andean Environments in the 21st Century" organized by the Michigan Andeanists of the Círculo Micaela Bastidas Phuyuqhawa. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

March 26, 2012. Dashing to be first past the post again? Invited Presentation at the Colloquium on Ethnography and Social Theory, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, New Haven, CT

February 24-28, 2012. *Dashing to be first past the post again?* (Paper presentation), and Translating, crossing and thinking with borders: Knowledge-making as journey (panelist). AAG, New York, NY.

November 17, 2011. *Beyond Victims and Guardian Angels: Postcolonial Feminisms and Development*. Invited presentation at the Women's and Gender Studies Program, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina.

April 12-16, 2011. Principled Engagements: Political ecologists and their interactions outside the academy (panelist); Author Meets Critic (panelist at session to discuss my monograph "Black and Green). AAG, Seattle, WA

April 8-9, 2011. Beyond Victims and Guardian Angels: Postcolonial Feminisms and Development. Invited keynote speaker (one of three) at *Postcolonial Feminisms and the Ethic of Care: South-to-South Dialogues*. Asian and Latin American Studies Symposium and Workshop. University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, PA

January 4, 2011. Globalization, Development and Resistance. Interviewed on KPFA Pacifica radio program "Against the Grain." http://www.againstthegrain.org/program/386/id/011448/tues-1-04-11-globalization-development-resistance.

Nov 25-26, 2010. W(h)ither Nature and Culture? Environmental Imaginaries of Ethnic Movements in Latin America. Invited keynote presentation at the conference *Nature*, *Poverty and Power: Assessing Challenges to Sustainable Development*. Uppsala, Sweden.

Nov 17, 2010. Engendering Science and Technology Studies: What is to be Done? Invited talk at the Center for the Study of Science Policy (CSSP) Colloquium. JNU, New Delhi, India.

Nov 16, 2010. *W*(*h*)*ither Nature and Culture? Environmental Imaginaries of Ethnic Movements in Latin America*. Lecture presented at the Monsoon Seminar Series lecture of the School of Development Studies and School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University, New Delhi, India.

May 27, 2010. *Imaginarios y Retos ambientales y espaciales en América Latina y la India* (Environmental Imaginaries, Challenges, and Spaces in Latin America and India). Organized, chaired, and presented at the panel, at the conference *Encuentro de Saberes y Movimientos: Entre Las Crisis y otros mundos posibles* (A meeting of Knowledges and Movements: Between Crises and other possible worlds). Lima, Peru.

April 14-18, 2010. Gender and Environment: Critical Tradition and New Challenges (Panelist), and 'What do we mean by 'critical'?' "Critical Geographies of Latin America and the Caribbean, Part 3 (Discussant). Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). Washington DC.

April 10, 2010. Ethics and Ontologies of Gender Research, Locating the Researcher. Panelist and workshop leader at conference Rethinking Gender, Power, and Resistance in Latin America and Asia. University of Pittsburg, Pittsburgh, PA.

April 2-3, 2010. Reading Black/Afro-descendant feminisms: Notes for a Latin American Postcolonial Politics of Difference. Paper presented at the Symposium on Black/Afro-descendant feminisms in the Americas. University of Massachusetts (UMASS), Amherst, MA

Mar 13, 2010. Thinking across Borders: A Disciplinary Nomad's Reflections on Ecology and Society. Invited Keynote address at the Uppsala-New Delhi Ecology and Society Network's workshop, *Understanding Global Environmental Change: The South Asian Challenge*. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India.

Mar 3-5, 2010. Are Disciplines masculine? Some reflections on methods, geography and gender. Plenary address at conference Contextualising Geographical Approaches to Studying Gender In Asia. University of Delhi, New Delhi.

Feb 25, 2010. (with Mónica Amador). *Rethinking Latin America Beyond the Romance of Resistance*. Invited talk for the Open Thinkers Forum, JNU, New Delhi.

February 17, 2010. *W(h)ither Progress and Development?*: Some postcolonial reflections on Science and Social Change. Invited talk at the Center for the Study of Science Policy (CSSP) Colloquium. JNU, New Delhi.

Nov 13, 2009. *Rethinking Social Movements and Development: Some Postcolonial Reflections*. Invited speaker at the Department of Sociology Colloquium. UMASS, Amherst.

Nov 4-8, 2009. *Contesting Nature, Conserving the Environment in Colombia and India*. Paper presented at the *Rethinking Marxism* conference, UMASS, Amherst.

August 4-6, 2009. *Ethnic and Racial Movements in Latin America*. Invited panelist at the International Conference *Civil Society and Post-Colonialism: A debate about paradigms to understand Latin America*. Minas Gerais Federal University, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

June 11-14 2009. *The Trajectory of post-1990s Black Social Movements in Colombia*. Paper Presented at the XXVIII LASA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Spring 2009: As a Fulbright Indo-American Environmental Leadership Program fellow in India, I gave five presentations on my research on the raced and gendered dimensions of environmental conservation and economic development. The most significant were at: the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore; the Shri Sharada Ashram's Education Program for Women, Ulundurpet, Tamil Nadu; the Fulbright Conference Kolkata, West Bengal, the Center for Studies in Science Policy, JNU, New Delhi; and the Institute for Rural Management, Anand, Gujarat.

November 13-14 2008. "Producción de la naturaleza y formación del estado: las políticas de ordenamiento territorial en el Pacífico colombiano". One of five invited speakers at the conference Rutas de poder: lugares de la cultura, construcciones del espacio y visiones de lo político en América Latina y el Caribe (Routes of Power: Spaces of Cultures, construction of space, and visions of politics in Latin America and the Caribbean). Los Andes University, Bogotá, Colombia.

April 25, 2008. *W(h)ither Nature and Culture? The Trajectory of post-1990s Black Social Movements in Colombia*. Paper presented at the *Interrogating the Civil Society Agenda* conference, UMASS, Amherst, MA.

April 16-19, 2008. *General Notes on Marxist Approaches to Nature, Ecology, and the Environment*. (Paper presenter) and *Engaging Political Ecology with Network Analyses and Network Ontologies* (Discussant) at the Annual Meeting of the AAG, Boston, MA.

April 15, 2008. Development, Displacement and Black Movements in the Colombian Pacific Lowlands. Paper presented at the AAG Developing Area Specialty Group preconference, Clark University.

April 10-11, 2008. *Inspirations, Reflections, Connections, Futures*, Invited discussant at the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers University, NJ.

April 7, 2008. Black Social Movements, Development and the Environment in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. Invited talk at the third annual Global Studies Symposium Democracy: South and North, Worcester State University, MA.

January 16, 2008. *Economic Development, Black Ethnicity and Environmental Conservation in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia*. Invited talk at the Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Group Brown Bag Lunch series, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA.

Nov 10, 2007. *Afro-Colombian Organizing after Displacement and Involuntary Migration*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS), Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA.

Sept 5-8, 2007. Translocalities/Translocalidades: Feminist Politics of Translation in the Latin/a Américas. (Organizer, Chair, and Workshop Presentator), and The Complex Intersections between Feminist and Postcolonial Theories: Challenges from Latin America (Discussant). XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Montreal, Canada

April 5-8, 2007. *Spatializing power by (re) ordering space: Ordenamiento Territorial (OT), territorial zoning in Colombia.* Paper co-authored with Diana Ojeda to be co presented at the Annual Meeting of the AAG, San Francisco, CA.

February 12, 2007. Contesting Modernities, Constructing Traditions: Black Social Movements and Development in the Making in the Colombian Pacific Lowlands. Invited paper at the Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (CLACLS), UMASS University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

May 5, 2006. Invited closing remarks at the *Translocalities/Translocalidades: Feminist Politics of Translation in the Latin/a Américas*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

April 7-9, 2006. *Environmental Activism at the "From Abortion Rights to Social Justice"* (Panel facilitator) at annual conference of the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program and the Population and Development Program, Hampshire College, MA.

March 27, 2006. Raced Natures, Gendered Environments: The Political Economy of Biodiversity Conservation. Colloquia presentation. Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mt Holyoke College, MA.

March 15-18, 2006. Multiple roles at the XXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"To know, to conserve and to use": Wedding biodiversity conservation and economic development Paper presenter in the session "Environments, Developments and Communities: Ambiguous Alliances, Uneven Outcomes" (Co-organizer); Colombian Transnationalism (Discussant), and "Pedagogy & New Categories: Teaching Colombia in a Global & Transnational World" (Discussant)

Nov 30-Dec 4, 2005. *Doing Yoga with Mahatma Gandhi: Researching ethnicity, gender and Afro-Colombian social movements*. Invited paper for a panel entitled "Before we Enter: Historicity and Positionality in Ethnography" sponsored by the Society for Cultural Anthropology American Anthropological Association meeting. Washington, DC, 2005.

September 2, 2005. Invited talk on addressing issues of ethnicity and gender in development projects directed at displaced populations or populations located in conflict zones in Colombia. Project Counseling Services, Bogotá.

September 16-17, 2005. Discussant for Panel on *Transnational Feminism*. Women and Gender Studies Conference, Clark University.

August 24 – 26, 2005. Las luchas de la mujeres negras Pacificó: Una reflexión sobre género y etnicidad. Invited paper presented at a panel entitled "Ciudad, género y conflicto desde la perspectiva de los estudios afrocolombianos" at the XI Congreso de Antropologia en Colombia. Santa Fe de Antioquia, Colombia.

April 20, 2005. *Integrative Analysis: Theories and Methodologies*. Invited participant on to the "Integrative Analysis for Feminist Foundations" series. Women's Studies Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

April 14-17, 2005. *Mobilizing and Contesting the Global Commons through Biodiversity Conservation Measures*. Paper presented at the 29TH Conference of the Political Economy of the World System (PEWS): World-Systemic Crisis and Contending Political Scenarios. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

April 6-9, 2005. *The El Dorado of Modern Times:*" *Economy, Ecology and Space in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, CO.

November 6, 2004. Organizer and Chair of panel, Forced Marriages or Love Matches: State, Anti-State and Parastate Entities Engaging Globalization, at the Annual Meeting of the New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS), Boston University, Boston, MA.

October 7-9, 2004. Organized and chaired a roundtable on *Producing and Theorizing Knowledge About and Amid Violence in Colombia* and lead a discussion on *Teaching Colombia beyond guerillas, guns and drugs* at the XXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Las Vegas, NV.

August 9-13, 2004. *Mobilizing and Contesting the Global Commons through Biodiversity Conservation Measures*. Paper presented at the 10th Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP), Oaxaca, Mexico.

March 10, 2004. *Ser y Tener*: Etnicidad, Genero, y el activismo de las mujeres afrocolombianas en la costa Pacífica. Invited talk at the Instituto Colombiano de Antropologia y Historia. Bogotá, Colombia.

December 15, 2003. Interview on Marxism, Social Theory and Activism. On <u>Against the Grain</u>: A Program about Politics, Society and Ideas (KPFA radio, San Francisco).

November 19-23, 2003. *Biodiversity in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia: Gene Bank or Cultural Property?* Paper to be presented at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.

April 26, 2003. *Deforestation and African Oil Palm*. Invited workshop conducted at the second annual conference of Chicagoans for a Peaceful Colombia. Conference Theme "Natural Resource Exploitation and the Survival of Afro-Colombians: The Effects of Transnational Development on the Earth And Her People Living in Colombia's Pacific Coast Region." Chicago, IL, April 25-26, 2003.

April 24, 2003. Ser y Tener: Engendering Development and Ethnicity in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. Invited talk at the Women's Studies Colloquium at Colby College, Waterville, ME.

March 26-28, 2003. (Re)Ordering Space and Producing the State: The technology and politics of Ordenamiento Territorial en el Anden Pacífico. Paper presented at the XXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Dallas, TX.

November 15, 2002. "Texts in Context": Afro-Colombian Women's Activism in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. Invited talk at the University of Florida, Gainesville. Sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies, Center for African Studies, and the Center for Women and Gender Studies.

October 19, 2002. From the Inertia of Underdevelopment to Development without Subjects: Modernity and Tradition in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS). College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.

January 2002. From the Inertia of Underdevelopment to Development without Subjects: Modernity and Tradition in the Pacific Lowlands of Colombia. Invited talk at the Geography Colloquium at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

November 2001. From the Inertia of Underdevelopment to Development without Subjects. Invited paper presented at the Center for Latin American Studies. University of Texas, Austin.

September 6-8, 2001. *The 'Global Environment' Discourse and Biodiversity Research in Colombia*. Paper presented at the XXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Washington DC

November 10-12, 2000. Engendering Nature: Afro-Colombian Women and the Biodiversity Discourse. Paper presented at "The Gender of Nature, the Nature of Gender" conference. Kiel, Germany.

May 29-June 5, 2000. Engendering Nature: Afro-Colombian Women and the Biodiversity Discourse. Paper presented at the 16th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, St Lucia.

March 16-18, 2000. *The Pacific Lowlands of Colombia: Economic Frontier, Biodiversity Hotspot, or Ethnic Territory*? Paper presented at the XXII International LASA Congress, Miami, FL.

February 17-18, 1999. Workshop leader *Género y Desarrollo*, una critica a la construcción social de la mujer tercermundista (Gender and Development: A critical perspective on the social construction of Third World Women). Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan, Mérida, Mexico.

November 20-21, 1998. *Territorio y la Ecología Política de Movimientos Sociales* (Territory and the Political Ecology of Social Movements) (Discussant) at the conference *Space*, *Place*, *and Nation in Latin America: Reconstructing Neo-liberalism in the Americas*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

September 24-26, 1998. *Culture/Politics and Black Ethnicities in the Pacific Coast of Colombia*. Paper presented at the XXI International LASA Conference, Chicago, IL.

March 30, 1998. Victims or Guardian Angels? Third World Women in the Development Discourse. Paper presented at the Works in Progress series of the Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College, MA.

March 7-9, 1996. "Los recursos se alejan pero no se acaban" (Resources move further away but do not go extinct): The construction of Nature and of Ethnic Identity among the Afro-Colombians of the Pacific Lowlands. Paper presented at the 5th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

November, 1995. *Género y el manejo de recursos naturales*. (Gender and Natural Resource Management). Workshop conducted in Participative Field Research Methods for Natural Resource Management Projects, Fundación Herencia Verde, Cali.

April 1995. Etnicidad y género en los organizaciones de las comunidades negras. (Ethnicity and Gender in the Organizations of the Black Communities). Radio interview by Lavinia Fiori, Javeriana Estereo, Bogotá.

February, 1995. *Etnicidad y las politicas de construción de identidades*. (Ethnicity and Identity Politics). Paper presented at the Department of Sociology Colloquium, Univ. del Valle, Cali.

December 3-5, 1993. *After the Ark: Exploring Solutions to the Tropical Biodiversity Crisis*. Invited participant at the working conference sponsored by Duke University, the Howard Gilman Foundation, and USAID.

September 19-November 1, 1990. Participant in the Smithsonian Institution's International Wildlife Conservation and Management Field Course in the People's Republic of China.

TEACHING

Introductory courses:

- Gender and Difference,
- Women, Gender, and Culture (General Education)
- Gender, the Global Environment, and Sustainability (General Education)
- Are We Modern Yet? Introduction to Social Theory
- Tales from the Far Side: Development and Underdevelopment

Upper-level courses and Seminars:

- Feminist Theory
- Feminist Theories of Women, Gender and Development
- Feminisms and Environmental Justice
- Development Theory
- Conversations with the Ghost of Marx
- Capitalism, Nature, Development
- Colonialism and Development
- Social Movements, Globalization, and Nation-State-Capital
- Latin American Politics

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- Fulbright-Nehru Research Fellowship to India (6 month flex award) 2019-2021
- DECLINED: UMass Social Science and Environment Network Seed Grant
- Embodying Coalitions across the worlds of postcolonial and decolonial scholarship and practice. CLACLS UMass Research Group (2016-2017) with Kimberlee Pérez (Communications) and Kristie Soares (Spanish and Portuguese)
- Interdisciplinary Studies Institute Faculty fellow (UMass, 2016-2017)
- Mutual Mentorship Fellowship with Rebecca Dingo (English), Jessica Barr (Comparative Literature), Stephen Miller (East Asian LL). (UMass, 2016-2017)
- Sustainability Curriculum Initiative Faculty fellowship (UMass, 2015-2016)
- Alumnae fellowship, Five College Women's Studies Research Center, based at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA. 2013-2014 [declined]
- Fulbright Indo-American Environmental Leadership Award, 2009.
- Faculty Development Fund Grant, Clark University, 2007.
- Research Fellowship, Five College Women's Studies Research Center, based at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, Spring 2006.
- Rockefeller Postdoctoral Fellowship, Institute for Research on Women, The State University of New Jersey at Rutgers, 2001-2002.
- Bates College Women's Studies and Scientific Literacy Project Grant to design and coordinate research group "Scientific Knowledge, Culture, and Political Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean," 2000-2001.
- Bates College Special Faculty Development Grant, 1998.
- O. Ruth McQuown Graduate Fellowship, 1996-1997 (awarded annually to one outstanding
- female graduate student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida).

- Fundación FES, Environment Policy Research Grant, 1995.
- Inter-American Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1994.
- Social Science Research Council Dissertation Fellowship Finalist, 1994.
- APSA Foreign Student Travel Grant, September 1993.
- Tropical Conservation and Development Program Fellowship, 1991-1994.
- World Wildlife Fund Biodiversity Support Program Grant, January -June 1991.
- Wildlife Conservation International Field Grant, December 1990-June 1991.
- Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant, and Edna Bailey Sussman Fellowship, 1988.
- J. N. Tata Endowment for Higher Education, and Tata International Agency, 1987-1988.
- World Wildlife Fund India, 1986-1987.

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Reviewer (20 journals)

American Anthropologist, Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography, A Contracorriente, Conservation and Society, Development and Change, GeoForum, Geography Compass, Gender and Society, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Feminist Studies, Forest Policy and Economics, International Feminist Journal of Politics, Journal of Environment and Development, Journal for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies, Latin American Research Review, Political Geography, Revista Antropologica (Peru), Society and Space, Transactions of Institute of British Geographers

Manuscript Reviewer (3 presses)

Westview Press, University of Arizona Press, Routledge Press

Grant Proposal Reviewer (4 agencies)

National Science Foundation (USA), Economic & Social Research Council (UK), Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Marsden fund of the Royal Society of New Zealand

Associate Editor *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography; Conservation and Society*

Member of Editorial Board *Revista Tabula Rasa* (Colombia)

Member

- Fulbright National Selection Committee, South America Region (2014-2016)
- Fulbright-Nehru Award Selection Committee, 2009
- Colombia Section Advisory Committee, LASA. 2000-2008.
- Best Article Prize Committee, North Eastern Council for Latin American Studies, 2002.

University Service:

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

- Co-chair of Five College faculty seminars: Anti-Colonial Feminisms (with Michelle Joffroy, Smith College), and Postcolonial Marxism (with Malcolm Sen, UMass)
- College of Humanities and Fine Arts Personnel Committee (2019-)
- WGSS Graduate Program Director (2017-2019)
- Coordinator of WGSS Undergraduate Program Committee (2015-2016),

- WGSS Department Personnel Committee (2015-2017),
- WGSS By-Laws Committee (2015-2017),
- Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies, Executive Committee
- Institute for Social Science Research, Reviewer for Sustainability and Social Science Seed grants

Clark University (2002-2013)

- IDCE Department Executive Committee (2012-2013),
- IDCE Department Personnel committee (2002-2013)
- Race and Ethnic Studies Concentration Committee (2011-2013)
- Coordinator of International Development and Social Change (IDSC) MA Program (2006-2008),
- Coordinator of the Undergraduate Major in IDSC (2002-2005),
- Clark's Faculty Steering Committee (elected "at large" member), 2007-2009,
- Fulbright campus committee representative (2002-03, 2003-04, 2006-07, 2007-2008).
- Co-chair of the Women's Studies Steering Committee, 2003-04
- Member of International Studies Stream committee, 2004-05

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE and WRITING

CIFOR blogs and videos

Asher, K. and B. Sijapati Basnett. March 2, 2015. Gender Equality and Sustainable Development: A Conversation. http://www.cifor.org/gender/gender-equality-sustainable-development-human-rights-conversation/

Asher, K. Feb 25, 2015. Women are to Gender what Trees are to Forests. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKiygnApqLY

Asher, K. Feb 17, 2015. Destiny in density: Afro-Colombian women struggle to sustain landscapes, livelihoods

http://blog.cifor.org/26846/destiny-in-density-afro-colombian-women-struggle-to-sustain-landscapes-livelihoods#.VP_GYmYirjI

Asher, K. Jan 15, 2015. Sustainable Development: Romance, rhetoric and realities. http://blog.cifor.org/26464/sustainable-development-romance-rhetoric-and-realities?fnl=en

Asher, K. Oct 10, 2014. Measuring impact a challenge as China reclaims farmlands for forests. http://blog.cifor.org/24697/measuring-impact-a-challenge-as-china-reclaims-farmlands-for-forests?fnl=en

Asher, K. and J. Phelps. Sept 23, 2014. On 'economy vs. environment.' https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UUTy7VCNF12CBicFGCkxDajA&v=jVz4pttewrc#action=share

Gender Consultancies

The Julian Cho Society, Punta Gorda, Belize. June 2008. Researched and provided diagnostic comments and reflections on Maya women's roles in southern Belize and gender politics in the Julian Cho Society. (invited and unremunerated).

CARE USA. Advised and assisted CARE USA's Strategic Impact Inquiry (SII) on Women's Empowerment which is part of CARE's broader plan to measure and evaluate the impact of it and other development organization's interventions in their project areas. Nov 2004-Aug 2005. Provided written comments and reflections on the SII workshop conducted in London, 14-17 June 2005.

The Inter-American Development Bank. Summer 2001. Wrote background paper on women of African descent in Latin America: *Las Afro-Colombianas*. Paper subcontracted by Dr. Helen Safa for a report on Afro-Latina women by "Challenging Racial and Gender Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean."

Fundación Natura, Bogotá, and WWF, Cali, Colombia. Prepared a diagnostic and strategic document to incorporate gender as a component in the Proyecto Utría Regional, a conservation and sustainable development project in the Golfo de Tribuga region of the Colombian Chocó. May-August 1995.

Fundación Natura, Bogotá, and WWF, Cali, Colombia. Conducted workshop *Mujeres, Genero, Poder y/en el discurso de conservación y desarrollo sustentable: Una critica de los conceptos tradicionales del analisis de género, una nueva definición de "género", y sus implicaciones para proyectos de desarrollo y conservación ambiental.* (Women, Gender and/in the Conservation and Sustainable Development Discourse: A Critique of the Traditional Concepts of Gender Analysis, a New Definition of "Gender" and Implications for Environmental Conservation and Development). July 12, 1999.

Biodiversity Consultant, Latin America Environment Division, The World Bank. Researched and wrote a background paper "A Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for the Latin America and Caribbean Region." Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and the Latin America Technical and Environment Division, The World Bank, Washington, DC. May-August 1992.

Project Coordinator, Implementation of the Estação Ecológico do Lago Mamirauá, Amazonas, Brazil. Studied fishing by women and men in the local community and its implications for management of the reserve. Initiated training component to include women as research assistants. Conducted preliminary survey of the regional avifauna. December 1990-June 1991.

Research Ecologist, Jet Propulsion Laboratories/NASA.

Sampled and mapped vegetation for a remote sensing study in the Rio Bravo Conservation Area, Belize, May-August 1990, and in the Duke Forest, Durham, NC, May-August 1989.

LANGUAGES

Excellent English and Spanish; intermediate Portuguese; reading knowledge of French; basic Bahasa Indonesia; solid working knowledge of Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, & Kutchi.