

## Robert B. Davenport

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### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz, December 2021  
M.Sc. with honors, Conservation and Management of Tropical Forests and Biodiversity, Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center, Turrialba, Costa Rica, 2013  
M.A. with honors, Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2008  
B.A. Anthropology, Reed College, Portland, Oregon / University of Mississippi, 1997

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2018 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant  
2017 USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship for Agriculture, UC Davis  
2016 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship  
2006 U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Manuscripts in Preparation

Davenport, R.B., Carrero, G.C., Hecht, S.B., Calvi, M.F., Braga, D.P.P., Martenexen, L.F.M. "Separating the Cows from the Cacao in the Brazilian Amazon: Identifying smallholder landscape intensification"

Davenport, R.B. "Soil politics, smallholder experience and *chácara* invisibility across the afterlife of an Amazon frontier"

*Amazon of Ruin, Amazon of Resurgence: Labor, Ecology and Land System Transformations in Brazil's Global Hinterland* (monograph)

Davenport, R.B., Braga, D.P.P., Calvi, M.F. "Agrobiodiversity in smallholder forest transitions in the Brazilian Amazon"

#### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2018 Crandall, S.G., Ohayon, J.L., de Wit, L. A., Hammond, J.E., Melanson, K.L., **Davenport, R.B.** "Best Practices: Social Research Methods to Inform Biological Conservation." *Australasian Journal of Environmental Management* 25 (1): 6–23.  
2017 **Davenport, R.B.**, Vivan, J.L., May, P.H., Nunes, P.C., de Vargas, L.N., Costa, W.L.S., Oliveira, A.R., Rajão, R.L. "Adaptive Forest Governance in Northwestern Mato Grosso, Brazil: Pilot Project Outcomes Across Agrarian Reform Landscapes." *Environmental Policy and Governance* 27 (5): 453–71.

- 2017 **Davenport, R.B.**, May, P.H., Nogueira, P., Nunes, P.C. “A Policy Mix to Prevent a Non-Commons Tragedy for Collective Forest Reserves in Agrarian Settlements in Northwest Mato Grosso.” *Revista de Economia Contemporânea* 20(2): 405-429.

### Digital Scholarship

- 2021 **Davenport, R.B.** "[Between Emptied Frontiers and Fungal Agroforests in the Brazilian Amazon](#)." In *Fire Storm: Critical Approaches to Forest Death and Life*, Hot Spot essay series for Society of Cultural Anthropology, David Gilbert and Maron Greenleaf (Eds.)

### Book Chapters

- 2018 **Davenport, R.B.**, May, P.H., Nunes, P.C. “Extrativismo e Manejo da Castanheira: Experiência no Noroeste de Mato Grosso.” In Peter May (Ed.), *Economia do Meio Ambiente: Teoria e Prática*, 3d Ed. Rio, Elsevier.
- 2017 May, P.H., **Davenport, R.B.**, Nogueira, P. and Nunes, P.C. “Collective Forest Reserves in Agrarian Reform Settlements.” In *Brazil in the Anthropocene: Conflicts between predatory development and environmental policies*. Philippe Léna & Liz Rejane-Issberner (Eds.). Routledge, Abingdon, Oxon; New York, NY.

### Book Reviews

- 2015 Bouley, P., Calle, A., Crandall, S.G., **Davenport, R.B.**, Holl, K.D., Jenkins, J.S., Lesage, J.C., et al. Large-Scale Forest Restoration. *Restoration Ecology*, January.

### Reports

- 2007 “Obstacles to the Realization of the Rights of Afro-Colombians: A Report on the Development of Ley 70 of 1993.” Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, University of Texas at Austin School of Law. <https://repositories.lib.utexas.edu/handle/2152/6868>

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

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- 2024 **Affiliate Research Scholar**, Department of Anthropology, William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia
- 2023-2024 **Visiting Research Scholar**, Department of Forestry, Federal University of Pará, Brazil
- 2022 **Consultant** Proposal Writer, Conexsus, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2013 **Youth Environmental Education Coordinator**, Friends of Brook Park, South Bronx, New York
- 2011 **Researcher**, Global Change and Watersheds Program, Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), Turrialba, Costa Rica
- 2008-2010 **Postproduction Supervisor**, Search for Common Ground, Washington, DC

- 2007            **Researcher**, Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, Washington, DC
- 2003-2006    **Communications Producer**, Creative Associates International, Inc. Washington, DC
- 2001-2002    **Associate Producer**, New York Times Television, NY
- 1999-2000    **Associate Project Manager**, iXL, New York, NY
- 1997-1998    **Associate Producer**, Byron Preiss Multimedia, New York, NY

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Teaching Fellow Lecturer**, University of California, Santa Cruz

2021-22        Brazilian Amazon Cultures and Environments

**Teaching Assistant**, University of California, Santa Cruz

- 2021            Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture
- 2021            Introduction to Legal Process
- 2021            Art 2D Foundation
- 2018            Cultures of Sustainability and Social Justice
- 2018            Introduction to Archaeology
- 2015            Human Variation
- 2015            Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- 2015            Latin American Ethnographies
- 2015            Mesoamerican Archaeology
- 2014            Central America
- 2014            Cultural Theory in the Americas
- 2014            Barrio Popular Culture
- 2013            Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- 2013            Introduction to Latin American and Latino Studies

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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- 2024            “Alternatives to a tropical Platanocene or perennial commodity intensification frontier? Farm systems, landscape differentiation and agrarian change in an intensified cacao tree-cropping geography in the eastern Brazilian Amazon.” American Geographical Association Annual Meeting. Honolulu, Hawaii, 16 April.
- 2023            “Cacao vs the Cow: Institutional and Production Dynamics of Viable Perennial Crops along the Transamazon Highway.” XV Meeting of the International Society for Ecological Economics, Santa Marta, Colombia, 28 October.

- 2023 “Terras Mistas: Soil Lifeworlds and Peasant Resurgence from Ruin off the Transamazon Highway.” XIV Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America. Amazon Triple Frontier Brazil-Colombia-Peru, 29 July.
- 2023 "Indigenous Knowledges or an Indigenous ‘logo’ in Forest Ecological Restoration in the Brazilian Amazon.” American Geographical Association Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado, 24 March.
- 2022 "Splitting up to Stay Together – Xikrin Kayapó Indigenous Villages in the Shadow of Mega-Industrial and Reservation Governance in the Brazilian Amazon.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington, 13 November.
- 2021 "Between Emptied Frontiers and Fungal Agroforests in the Brazilian Amazon." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland, 17 November.
- 2021 “Recent Peasant Invisibility in Contested Socio-Ecologies in the Brazilian Amazon.” XIII Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America. Charlottesville, Virginia, 22 June.
- 2019 “Between the Wild and the Plantation: Amazonian Cacao Landscapes in the Anthropocene.” XII Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America. Vienna, Austria, 29 June.
- 2017 “Forest Transitions of a Different Color.” XI Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America. Lima, Peru, 23 July.
- 2014 “Pilot Projects and Agri-Environmental Measures in Northwest Mato Grosso, Brazil: Impacts and Lessons for Forest Frontier ‘Policyscapes’.” Biannual International Society for Ecological Economics. University of Iceland, 13-15 August.
- 2014 “Institutional Arrangements for Agri-Environmental Policy Implementation in Agrarian Reform Settlements in Northwest Mato Grosso, Brazil.” International Conference on Policy Mixes in Environmental and Conservation Policies. Leipziger KUBUS, Leipzig, Germany, 26 February.
- 2013 “The Influence of Pilot Projects on Institutional Feasibility in Agrarian Reform Settlements in Mato Grosso, Brazil.” IUFRO Latin American Congress (IUFRO-LAT III). San Jose, Costa Rica, 14 June.
- 2009 “Testimonios Después de la Pandilla (Testimonials After the Gang).” Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 13 June.

### **Invited Talks**

- 2008 “Reality Show: A Critique of U.S. Media Intervention in Guatemala.” Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, 24 September.

2008 “Testimonios Después de la Pandilla (Testimonials After the Gang).”  
International Labour Organization conference on Unrepresented Youth in Latin  
America: Media Interventions for Human Rights. Madrid, Spain, 20 June.

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### **INDEPENDENT VIDEO & FILM DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTIONS**

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2017 *Raiz das Coisas (The Root of Things)*, CounterCamera films  
2014 *Jorge e Juruena (Jorge and Juruena)*, CounterCamera films  
2010 *Beating Chevron to the Punch*, Rainforest Action Network  
2010 *Colombia: Free and Fair Elections?* Global Exchange / Link TV  
2008 *Testimonios Después de la Pandilla (Testimonials After the Gang)*, Cultural  
Center of Spain in Guatemala (CCE|G AECID)  
2007 *En Busca de una Vida Digna: Challenges Facing Afrodescendants in Today’s  
Colombia*. Rapoport Center for Human Rights, University of Texas School of  
Law, Austin  
2004 *Afghanistan Primary Education Program*, Creative Associates International

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### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

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Peer Reviewer: AMBIO: A Journal of the Human Environment

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### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

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Data Management: ENVI geospatial image analysis, ArcGIS, SPSS, Excel  
Digital Media: Final Cut Pro X, Adobe Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere

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### **LANGUAGES**

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Fluent: Portuguese, Spanish, English

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### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Anthropological Association; Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South  
America; International Society for Ecological Economics; American Geographical Association

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### **REFERENCES**

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Luskin School of Public Affairs, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability  
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