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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2022
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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025- **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Center for Global Change and Earth Observations, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA
2024-25 **Affiliate Research Scholar**, Department of Anthropology, William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, USA
2023-24 **Visiting Researcher (Voluntary)**, Department of Forestry, Federal University of Pará, Altamira, Brazil
2020 **Consultant** Proposal Writer, Conexsus, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2016 **Visiting Scholar**, Center for Remote Sensing, Federal University of Minas Gerais, 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
2008-10 **Postproduction Supervisor**, Search for Common Ground, Washington, DC
2007 **Researcher**, Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, Washington, DC
2003-06 **Communications Producer**, Creative Associates International, Inc. Washington, DC
2001-02 **Associate Producer**, New York Times Television, NY
1999-2000 **Associate Project Manager**, iXL, New York, NY
1997-98 **Associate Producer**, Byron Preiss Multimedia, New York, NY

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
2017 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

Manuscripts under review / in Preparation

- Davenport, R.B., Santos, J.B. “After the Plantation: Revisiting Soil Politics and Chácara Experience off the Transamazon Highway.” *Under Review*
- 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.” *Under Review*
- Amazon of Ruin, Amazon of Resurgence: Labor, Ecology and Land System Transformations in Brazil’s Global Hinterland* (monograph)

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.**, Vivian, 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 Castanha: 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>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer, Federal University of Pará, Altamira, Brazil, Department of Forestry

2025 Rural Development and Economics of Sociobiodiversity

Guest Lecturer, National University of Colombia, Palmira, Graduate Program in Agroecology

2025 Amazonian Soils and Indigenous Agrobiodiversity

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

2013 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

2013 Introduction to Latin American and Latino Studies

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2025 “A Sociobioeconomia Dentro do Prosaf Xingu (IDEFLOR-Bio) e as Possibilidades de Inovação ou Adaptação.” Invited Oral Presentation, Green Zone. UNFCCC COP30 Climate Change Conference, Belém, Brazil, 12 November.

2024 “Alternatives to a Tropical Platanationocene or Perennial Commodity Intensification Frontier? Farm Systems, Landscape Differentiation and Agrarian Change 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 Mistras: 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.

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.

INDEPENDENT VIDEO & FILM DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTIONS

- 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

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Peer Reviewer: AMBIO: A Journal of the Human Environment

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Data Management: ENVI, ArcGIS, SPSS, R, Excel, MAXQDA

Digital Media: Final Cut Pro X, Adobe Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere

LANGUAGES

Fluent: Portuguese, Spanish, English

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Sociedad Científica Latinoamericana de Agroecología, American Anthropological Association; Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America; International Society for Ecological Economics; American Geographical Association

REFERENCES

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