

Dayna Cueva Alegría

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Kentucky

Ph.D. in Geography (expected 2025)

Dissertation: *Water Pollution Governance in Lake Titicaca: Creating Political Spaces of Democratization*

Advisor: Dr. Michael Samers

Advanced to candidacy: August 22, 2019

Indiana University

M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2014

Thesis: *Engaging the State in Ayacucho, Peru: The role of the state-society boundary configuration in social development and policy change*

Advisor: Dr. Rinku Roy Chowdhury

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

M.A. in Linguistics, 2011

Wellesley College

B.A. in Philosophy, Chemistry (Double Major), 2003

Honors: Senior Thesis in Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Cueva Alegría, D. (2024). "If there is no support, we won't advance": Emerging environmental democratization in water pollution governance in Lake Titicaca, Peru. *Geoforum*, 149, 103964.

Cueva Alegría, D. (2019). Branding of an Ethical Development Narrative: Fair Trade, Gender, and Peru's Café Femenino. In S. Brunn & R. Kehrein (Eds.), *Handbook of the Changing World Language Map*. Cham, Switzerland: Springer Nature.

Cueva Alegría, D. (2016). The case of Café Femenino: The limitations of gender-conscious Fair Trade. *World Development Perspectives*, 1, 1–3.

IN PROGRESS

Cueva Alegría, D. (2025). Struggle and transformation in collaboration: Spaces of democracy and co-production to address Lake Titicaca's water pollution.

Cueva Alegría, D. (2025). What can collaboration on water pollution mitigation in Lake Titicaca tell us about the State?

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

GEO 316 "Environment and Development", University of Kentucky, Spring 2019

TEACHING ASSISTANT

LINKS SNA Workshop, "Introduction to Social Network Analysis", Prof. Daniel Brass and Daniel Halgin, University of Kentucky, Summer 2018

GEO 162 "Global Environmental Issues", Prof. Carolyn Finney, University of Kentucky, Spring 2018

GEO 255 "Geography of the Global Economy", Prof. Andrew Wood, University of Kentucky, Spring 2017

LING 302 "Elements of Phonology", Prof. Jennifer Cole, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2011

LING 270 "Language, Technology, and Society", Prof. Jennifer Cole, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2011

LING 210 "History of Language", Prof. Hans Hock, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2010

GUEST LECTURER

SIS 620 "Democracy and the Environment", Prof. Jesse Ribot, American University, Fall 2022

HISP 105A "Oral Communication Through Cultural Topics, Sustainability", Prof. Zoila Castro, Brandeis University, Spring 2023 and Fall 2022

MENTORSHIP

University of Kentucky Start-to-Finish Mentoring program, Fall 2021–present

Wellesley College Mentoring Affinity Pods (MAP) program, Fall 2021–Spring 2022

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women, (\$20,000), AY 2022-2023

Evelyn L. Pruitt National Fellowship for Dissertation Research, The Society of Women Geographers, (\$8,000), AY 2021-2022

Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG) Field Study Award, (\$1,500), Spring 2021

Barnhart-Withington Research Fund, University of Kentucky Department of Geography, Spring 2021 (\$1,312), Fall 2020 (\$500), and Spring 2017 (\$1,175)

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA), US Department of Education, (\$30,313), FY 2020 (DDRA program canceled during fieldwork due to Covid-19).

Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship (Dean's Competitive Fellowship), University of Kentucky, (\$10,000), Spring 2019

Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship, University of Kentucky Graduate School, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

Tinker Field Research Grant, Indiana University and Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, (\$1,200), Summer 2013

FLAS Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, AY 2011–2012

LAS Fellowship in Humanities, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Linguistics Department, AY 2010-2011

FLAS Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign CLACS, AY 2009-2010

Graduate College Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, AY 2008-2009

HONORS AND AWARDS

Qualitative Data Management Plan (DMP) Competition winner, sponsored jointly by The Qualitative Data Repository, Princeton Research Data Service, and the DMPTool, (\$100), May 2021

Graduate Student Incentive Program (GSIP) Award, University of Kentucky Graduate School, (\$1,317), October 2019

Teaching Assistantship, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, and Spring 2017

Teaching Assistantship, LINKS SNA Workshop, University of Kentucky, Summer 2018

35th Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG) Travel Award, (\$500), April 2018

Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Program's Travel Grant for Research, University of Kentucky, (\$700), April 2017

Latin American Specialty Group Best Master's Paper Award of the Association of American Geographers for paper titled "Is Gender-Conscious Fair Trade Enough for Women's Development? An Analysis of Peru's Café Femenino", (\$250), April 2014

Graduate Assistantship, Indiana University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, AY 2012–2013

Research Assistantship, Department of Geography & GIS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2012

CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Lake Titicaca's water pollution governance: Collaboration and coproduction struggles for water justice?", lighting talk presentation for the *American Association of Geographers Conference*, Detroit, Michigan, March 27, 2025. Virtual.

"Collaboration and Transformation in Lake Titicaca's Water Pollution Governance" 38th *Conference of Latin American Geographers*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 22–26, 2024.

Invited participant and presenter. "How can democratization in a context of collaboration protect the environment? The case of water pollution mitigation efforts in Lake Titicaca", presentation for University of Cincinnati Department of Geography and GIS Colloquium Series, February 8, 2024.

"The Role of Collaboration in More Just Urban and Rural Development" co-authored with Nikolett Puskas, 2023 *RSA Winter Conference: Cities and Regions of Tomorrow, Towards Better Regional Futures*, London, UK, November 9–10, 2023.

Invited participant and presenter. "El rol de la colaboración y las relaciones estado-sociedad civil: El caso de la PTARS de Puno" / "The role of collaboration and state-civil society relations: The case of Puno's SWTPs", webinar presentation for the Ministerio del Ambiente del Perú (MINAM), August 29, 2023.

"Democratic Spaces and Urban/Rural Water Pollution Governance Through a Collaborative Shift", paper presentation for the *American Association of Geographers Conference*, Denver, Colorado, March 26, 2023.

"Can Democratization Protect the Environment? State-Civil Society Engagement and Water Pollution Governance in Lake Titicaca", webinar presentation for the *Society of Woman Geographers*, September 7, 2022.

“Lake Titicaca’s water governance and environmental democratization:”, paper presentation at the RGS-IBG *Annual International Conference*, “Emerging Research in Political Geography”, Newcastle University, England, August 31, 2022. Virtual event.

“Synergistic Approaches and Barriers to Addressing Lake Titicaca’s Water Pollution in Puno, Peru”, paper presentation at the *Colorado WASH Symposium*, University of Colorado at Boulder, March 10, 2022. Virtual event.

“Possibilities for democratic governance beyond the Fair Trade cooperative for women coffee producers”, paper presentation at the *American Association of Geographers Conference*, New York, February 27, 2022. Virtual event.

Bursary participant and presenter. “The Governance Efforts of State and Rural Civil Society in the Implementation of Water Pollution Mitigation Infrastructure in Lake Titicaca”, *RSA Europe Student and ECR Winter College: Regional Development and Public Policy*, November 30–December 1, 2021. Virtual event.

“Water Pollution Governance in Lake Titicaca: Creating Political Spaces of Democratization”, paper presentation, *International Association for the Study of the Commons*, Lima, Peru, July 2, 2019.

“Is Fair Trade Coffee Enough for Development?” / “El Precio Justo Alcanza Para el Desarrollo?”, *35th Conference of Latin American Geographers*, San José, Costa Rica, May 21, 2018. (Presentation given in Spanish).

“Café Femenino: Democratic Governance, the State, and Development”, *Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Conference: Democracy, Citizenship, and Violence in Latin America*, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, September 15, 2017.

“The Role of State and Civil Society Engagement in Transforming the State-Society Boundary Configuration in Ayacucho, Peru”, paper presentation at the *American Association of Geographers Conference*, Tampa, Florida, April 8–12, 2014.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

“Los Esfuerzos Político-Ambientalistas de Mujeres Puneñas para la Gobernanza y Descontaminación del Lago Titicaca”/ “The Political Environmental Efforts of Puno Women for the Governance and Decontamination of Lake Titicaca”, *IV Conferencia Latinoamericana de Ecología Política*, Quito, Ecuador, October 21, 2022. Virtual session. Panel Organizer and Moderator. Panelists: Maritza Mendoza Canaza, Deisi Condori Arica, and Rita Suaña Coila.

“Reflections and Experiences of Rural Women Environmental Activists”, *Conference of Latin American Geography*, Tucson, Arizona, January 3-8, 2022. Virtual session. Panel Organizer and Moderator. (Conference canceled due to Covid-19 surge).

“Exploring Local Responses to the Challenges of Water Sustainability”, *Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, February 21-23, 2019. Paper Session Organizer with Karen Kinslow.

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic Programs Coordinator, August 2012–May 2013

Indiana University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), Bloomington, IN.

Promoted CLACS academic programs and activities in classroom presentations that led to an increase in undergraduate enrollment in CLACS courses.

Increased CLACS visibility by facilitating external faculty with academic materials, organized guest lectures, made travel arrangements, and wrote reviews of guest lectures for the *Enfoque* newsletter.

Review: “Charles Walker: Violence, Geography, and Excommunications: Rethinking the Tupac Amaru Rebellion (1780-1783)”, *Enfoque* newsletter, Spring 2013

Review: “Efraín Kristal: From Utopia to Reconciliation in Mario Vargas Llosa’s Novels”, *Enfoque* newsletter, Fall 2012.

Research Assistant to Prof. Jesse Ribot, January 2012–July 2012

Department of Geography & GIS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

Analyzed qualitative data for the Senegalese Film Project for Promoting Local Democracy “Double Bladed Axe”. The data reveals how local democracy and benefits from forestry are compromised by the Senegalese forest guards and government officials.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participated in SEC Emerging Scholars Career Development Conference, University of Arkansas, October 1-3, 2023

SEC Emerging Scholars Career Development Workshop, (includes \$3000 for professional development activities, discipline-related conferences, research needs), University of Kentucky, Fall 2023.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

PEER REVIEWER

Geoforum

Reflexiones, open-access journal of the Department of Social Sciences, University of Costa Rica

Anthropologica, Departamento de Ciencias Sociales, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Evaluator for the UK Core Program, University of Kentucky, Fall 2021 and Spring 2021

Assessed undergraduate student learning outcomes from various courses categorized under the Citizenship area to improve the UK Core program.

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, AY 2017–2018, AY 2016 – 2017

Member, Diversity Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, AY 2016–2017

Graduate Student Senator, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student (UIUC) Senate, AY 2011–2012

Member, General University Policy Committee, UIUC, AY 2011–2012

Officer-at-Large, Coordinating Committee of the Graduate Employee’s Organization (UIUC GEO/AFT/IFT 6300), AY 2011–2012

Member, Bargaining Research Group, Graduate Employee’s Organization (UIUC GEO/AFT/IFT/6300), Spring 2012

Member, Legislation and Lobbying Committee, Graduate Employee's Organization (UIUC GEO/AFT/IFT/6300), AY 2010–2011

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND PUBLISHED ARTWORK

Appeared on La Decana Radio Juliaca 90.9 FM, January 2022. Interviewed by Fernando Bustamante and Eloy Calderón. Spoke on purpose and preliminary findings from doctoral fieldwork.

Appeared on Lexington Community Radio WLXL 95.7 FM – *Ciencia Con Nosotros* program, January 2020. Interviewed by Francisco Guzmán Fulgencio. Spoke on Lake Titicaca's water pollution and purpose of doctoral fieldwork.

Bein, R., Wilkie, R., Lovell, G. W., Doolittle, B., Biles, J., Offen, K., Taylor, M., Perreault, T., Mamini, R., Watkins, C., Magalhães, F., Bono, F., Garcia Sarduy, Y., Brannstrom, C., **Cueva Alegría, D.**, Madsen, K. D., Smith, J. S., Duchicela, S., Ruiz, J., ... Wood Dickerson, P. (2020). Fifty Years of Fieldwork in Latin America. *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 19(1), 115–131. Photo contribution for special issue.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG)

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC)

The Regional Studies Association (RSA)

University of Kentucky Committee on Social Theory

LANGUAGES

English – Native proficiency

Spanish – Native proficiency

French – Advanced reading, writing, and comprehension, and speaking

Quechua (Southern variety) – Intermediate reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension

Italian – Intermediate reading and comprehension; basic writing and speaking level

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software: UCINET, STATA, SPSS, Atlas.ti, NVIVO, MS Office Suite, and Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Lightroom, Muse, and Portfolio).

Databases: The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).