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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D.</b>	Anthropology, University of Washington Specialization in Environmental Anthropology	2009
<b>M.A.</b>	International Development, Community Planning & the Environment Clark University	2002
<b>B.A.</b>	Anthropology and Global Studies, Pacific Lutheran University	1997

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Associate Professor</b>	School of Public Service Global & Environmental Studies Boise State University	2022-
<b>Interim Director</b>	Marilyn Shuler Human Rights Initiative Boise State University	2020-
<b>Assistant Professor</b>	School of Public Service Global & Environmental Studies Boise State University	2017-2022
<b>Lecturer/Lead Faculty</b>	Foundational Studies Program Boise State University	2013-2017
<b>Instructor</b>	Anthropology & Sociology College of Idaho	2011-2013
<b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b>	School of Human Evolution & Social Change Arizona State University	2010-2011

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Immigration | Environmental Justice | Environmental Anthropology | Farmworkers | Border Studies | Intersectionality of Gender, Race, Class, Geography & Immigration Status

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Single Author Book

- 2020 [\*Immigration, Environment, and Security on the U.S.-Mexico Border\*](#). Palgrave Macmillan.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2022 Som Castellano, Rebecca, Lisa **Meierotto** and Cynthia Curl. “Under the Shadow of Structural Violence: Work and Family Dynamics for Latina Farmworkers in Southwestern Idaho.” [\*Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development\*](#). Advance online publication.
- 2021 Curl, Cynthia, Lisa **Meierotto**, and Rebecca Som Castellano. “[Understanding Challenges to Well-Being among Latina Farmworkers in Rural Idaho using in an Interdisciplinary, Mixed-Methods Approach.](#)” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 18(1), 169.
- 2021 Curl, Cynthia, Lisa **Meierotto**, Meredith Spivak and Rebecca Som Castellano. “[Measurement of Urinary Pesticide Biomarkers among Latina Farmworkers in Southwestern Idaho.](#)” *Journal of Exposure Science And Environmental Epidemiology*. Online.
- 2020 **Meierotto**, Lisa, Rebecca Som Castellano, and Cynthia Curl. “[Isolation and Fear of Deportation: Intersectional Barriers to Well-Being among Latina Farmworkers in Southwestern Idaho.](#)” *Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment*. Vol. 42, Issue 2 pp. 93–102.
- 2019 **Meierotto**, Lisa, Teresa Mares and Seth Homes “[Introduction to the symposium: Bienestar-- the well-being of Latinx Farmworkers in a time of change.](#)” *Agriculture and Human Values*. Symposium/Special Issue. First Online 01: July 2019.
- 2019 **Meierotto**, Lisa and Rebecca Som Castellano. “[Food Provisioning Strategies among Latinx Farm Workers in Rural Idaho.](#)” *Agriculture and Human Values*. Symposium/Special Issue. First Online 24 June 2019.
- 2019 **Meierotto**, Lisa and Rebecca Som Castellano. “[A Case Study of Transitions in Farming and Farm Labor in Southwestern Idaho.](#)” *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development*. ISSN: 2152-0801 Online.
- 2015 **Meierotto**, Lisa. “[Human Rights in the Context of Environmental Conservation on the](#)

[U.S.-Mexico Border.](#)” *Journal of Human Rights*, 0:1–18.

- 2014 **Meierotto**, Lisa. [“A Disciplined Space: Ecological Security and Nature Protection on the U.S.-Mexico Border.”](#) *Special Collection: Hybrid Landscapes: Science, Conservation and the Production of Nature. Anthropological Quarterly*, Summer 2014.
- 2013 “B. Bolin, M. Hegmon, L. **Meierotto**, J. Wetmore, A. York. [“Double Exposure in the Sunbelt: The Sociospatial Distribution of Vulnerability in Phoenix, Arizona.”](#) In *Linking urban ecology, environmental justice, and global environmental change: a framework for urban sustainability*. Christopher Boone and Michail Fragkias, eds. Springer.
- 2012 **Meierotto**, Lisa. [“The Blame Game on the Border: An Analysis of Perceptions of Environmental Degradation on the U.S.-Mexico Border.”](#) *Human Organization* Vol. 71, No. 1, 2012.
- 2009 **Meierotto**, Lisa. [“Uneven Geographies of Northern-based Advocacy NGOs: The Case of the Talo Dam.”](#) *Journal of Environmental Management* 90 S279–S285.

### ***Book Chapters***

- 2015 **Meierotto**, Lisa. “Environmental Disruption as a Consequence of Human Migration: The Case of the U.S.-Mexico Border.” [\*Migration and Disruptions: Unifying Themes in Studies of Ancient and Contemporary Migrations\*](#), edited by Brenda J. Baker and Takeyuki Tsuda. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.
- 2003 Peet, Richard. *The Unholy Trinity*. Zed Books. Multi-author collaborative book with students. I was the primary author of section on NGOs.

### ***Publications: Planning to Submit***

**Meierotto**, Lisa, Rebecca Som Castellano and Cynthia Curl “Latina Farmworkers Engaging Nature: Situated Perspectives on Environment, Justice and Health.” To be submitted to an environmental anthropology journal in Spring 2021.

**Meierotto**, Lisa. “Engaging Latinx Undergraduate Research Assistants: Language, Geography and Funding.” To be submitted to a journal of higher education.

### ***Scientific Reports***

- 2008 “The Phoenix Innovation Study.” van der Leeuw, S. (editor) D. Hoffman, J. Hutchins, N. Jurik, J. Lobo, L. Meierotto, M. Russo, D. Strumsky.

- 2007 “Northwest Forest Plan: the First Ten Years: Socioeconomic Monitoring of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and Five Local Communities.” With Dillingham C, Poe M, Grinspoon E, Stuart C, Moseley C, Mazza R, Charnley S, Donoghue E, and Toth, N. *Pacific Northwest Research Gen. Technical Report*.
- 2002 "The Talo Dam Project." with William Fisher and Ryan Russell. Comprehensive report on a proposed dam in Mali. Submitted to the African Development Bank, the US Department of Treasury, the Government of Mali and Cultural Survival.

## INTERNAL & EXTERNAL FUNDING

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### *Major External Grants*

- 2018 \$65,970. “Assessment of Risk Factors for Health Disparities among Latina Farm Workers.” **Mountain West CTR-IN**. PI Cynthia Curl, Co-PIs Lisa Meierotto and Rebecca Som Castellano.
- 2021 \$40,000 (est) “Perceived and realized risks to vegetation communities on lands managed along the US-Mexico border: identifying restoration needs in human-altered drylands.” **USGS**. PI Daniel Winkler. Southwest Biological Science Center. (Partially Funded by USGS in March 2021, amount of funding under deliberation). My role as Team Member will focus on data collection, survey development, synthesis, stakeholder engagement.
- 2021 \$49,457.0 “Community and Environmental Health, Boise State University.” Exposures and Risk Perceptions among Male and Female Latinx Farmers in Idaho. **Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety And Health Center**. PI Hyland, C. My role as Key Personnel will be research design, data collection and data analysis.

### *Minor Internal Grants*

- 2020 \$5000. “Research Committee Small Grant.” For data analysis from the School of Public Service, Boise State University. Submitted January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- 2017 \$2000. Engaging Pedagogies Student Success, Boise State University. Summer support for course design following Evidence-Based Instructional Practices (EBIP) to develop engaging pedagogies that promote student learning and persistence.
- 2017 \$3,669. “Research Committee Small Grant.” The School of Public Service, Boise State University. Funding for pilot research on food security among Latina farm workers. Submitted on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

- 2017 \$5000. Boise State Study Abroad Program, mini-grant for site exploration for new course on refugees in Crete, Greece.
- 2016 \$500. *Casita Nepanta Latino Research Grant* . Casita Nepantla, Boise State University. Research Grant, for support of pilot research on food security among rural farm workers.

### *Unfunded Grants*

- 2020 \$5000. “Impacts of COVID-19 on Latina Farmworkers in Southwestern Idaho.” Submitted to the **Social Science Research Council**, Rapid-Response Research Grants. Co-PI Som Castellano.

### *In Progress Grants*

- 2022 \$300,000. “The Intersection of Gender and Migration in Agriculture: Environmental Knowledge of Latina Farmworkers and Approaches to Sustainable Agriculture.” To be submitted in January 2022 to the Cultural Anthropology Program of the **National Science Foundation**. PI Meierotto.
- 2021 Collaborator. “SCC-CIVIC-PG Track B -Modeling resilience through a community lens: Modeling resilience through a community lens: Discovering data, creating tools, and connecting people who make resilience possible.” PI Dr. Brittany Brand. Submitted to Idaho State Board of Education.

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

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- 2021 “Environmental Knowledge of Latina Farmworkers and New Approaches to Sustainable Agriculture.” [Lightning Talks Diverse Perspectives Can Solve Environmental Challenges](#). Office of Research Development, Boise State University
- 2020 “Transboundary Conservation: Migration and Fragmentation Across Conservation Landscapes.” [Webinar](#) 9/14/2020 with the Salazar Center for North American Conservation, and report [Conservation Conversations: Addressing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Challenges to Benefit our People, Economy and Environment](#). Webinar moderated by Emily Wakild, report facilitated by Michelle Berry. Co-contributors include Rocky Barker, Jodi Brandt, Matt Williamson.
- 2020 Idaho Environmental Forum. “[Latina Farmworker Well-Being](#).” Forum Short 004. [Idaho Environmental Forum - Home](#)

- 2020 [“Hostile Terrain 94: A Global Pop-Up Exhibition about America’s Humanitarian Crisis at the Southern Border.”](#) Hosted at Boise State University in Fall 2020.
- 2018 [“5 Things You Should Know about the ‘Migrant Caravan.’”](#) Blog. American Anthropological Association. November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (link currently not available)
- 2018 [“Food Provisioning Strategies among Agricultural Workers in Southwester Idaho: A Landscape and a Labor Force in Transition.”](#) In *The Blue Review*. 1.15.2018.
- 2017 [“The Refugee Crisis in Greece: Lessons for the United States.”](#) With Michail Fragkias. In *Essays on America’s Future: Refugees, Migration and National Security*. Frank Church Institute, Boise State University.
- 2017 [“Farmland Preservation: Public Concern and Local Action.”](#) With R. Som Castellano, J. Schneider and J. Moroney. In *The Blue Review*. 02.27.2017.
- 2015 [“Immigration Positions Reflect Food Choices, Access: Immigration, food systems and food security.”](#) In *The Blue Review*, 10.05.2015
- 2010 “Sustainable Development and Latina/os in the U.S.” Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas and Politics.
- 2005 “Sustainable Development and Latina/os in the U.S.” Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinas and Latinos in the United States.
- 2002 [“Moratorium on Talo Dam Construction Still Holding.”](#) with Robyn Fink. In *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, Winter 2002.
- 2002 "Moratorium on Talo Dam Project Still in Place" with William Fisher. *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, Spring 2002.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE & ENGAGEMENT**

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### *Professional Appointments*

<b>Board Trustee</b>	The Nature Conservancy of Idaho	2020-
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Hispanic/Latinx Exhibit Idaho Museum of International Diaspora	2021-

## **Media Coverage**

- 2022 [“New Research on Pesticide Exposure aims to help protect Idaho farmworkers,”](#) KTVB 7 local news.
- 2021 [“Pesticide Action Week: Pesticides and breast cancer risk.”](#) Breast Cancer UK.
- 2020 Spacek, Rachel.” [BSU researchers find Latina farmworkers face workplace hazards, lack of health, child care.](#)” Idaho Press.
- 2020 Garibay, Stephanie. [“Research finds Latina farm workers in Southwest Idaho face long work hours, exposure to pesticides.”](#) Idaho News 6.
- 2020 [“Art piece laments lives lost in the American desert.”](#) Boise State News.
- 2020 Laborce, Ryan. [“Hostile Terrain 94.”](#) The Arbiter.
- 2016 Young, Patrick. [“Mass Deportations: Food Would be More Expensive and Less Healthy.”](#) Long Island Wins.
- 2016 Gustafson, Katherine. [“The Obvious Consequence of Trump’s Immigration Policy That No One’s Talking About.”](#) Forbes.com.
- 2016 Erwin, Nicole. [“Growing Concerns: Trump’s Immigration Rhetoric Sows Anxiety in Agriculture.”](#) WKMS Murry State NPR.

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

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- 2020 School of Public Service Research Fellowship. 9 Month fellowship, one course release Spring 2021 to prepare for external funding application.
- 2014 Excellence in Engaged Scholarship Award for *“Launching Campus-Wide Civically Engaged Learning: Innovative Approaches to Foundational Studies at Boise State University.”* Scholarship of Teaching and Engagement, Utah Valley University.
- 2005 Graduate School Fritz Fellowship for International Study and Exchange, University of Washington.
- 2003 Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Program (GO-MAP) Fellowship. Three years of GA/TA support. University of Washington.
- 2003 Fulbright Student Award for research and study in Greece (declined to begin PhD program).
- 2002 Melder Fund travel grant to fund ethnographic research in Mali, Clark University.

2002 Cultural Survival individual grant to fund research in Mali.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2021 “Latina Perspectives: Challenging the Whiteness of Nature.” Nature and Health Virtual Conference. With Rebecca Som Castellano and Cynthia Curl. University of Washington. Forthcoming, October 12-14, 2021.
- 2021 “Pesticide Exposure and its Aftermath: A Case Study of Idaho Farmworkers.” With Rebecca Som Castellano and Cynthia Curl. Forthcoming. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 2021.
- 2019 “Environmental Knowledge and Wellbeing among Latina Farmers” Environmental Knowledge and Wellbeing Session2—Caring. With Rebecca Som Castellano and Cynthia Curl. American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting. Presented November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in Vancouver, B.C.
- 2019 “Health and Well-being Disparities among Latina Farm Workers in Southwestern Idaho.” Society For Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in Portland, OR.
- 2019 Cynthia Curl, Lisa Meierotto, Rebecca Som Castellano. “Occupational Risk Factors for Health Disparities among Latina Farm Workers in Southern Idaho.” International Society for Environmental Epidemiology. August 2019, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- 2019 Rebecca Som Castellano, Lisa Meierotto, Cynthia Curl. “Considering Well-Being: Definitions and Challenges for Latina Farm Workers in Southern Idaho.” 2019 Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society.
- 2017 “*Bienestar*: Transition and Wellbeing amongst Mexican-origin Farmworkers” (Session Organizer). Paper: “Food Provisioning Strategies among Agricultural Workers in Rural Idaho” with Rebecca Som Castellano. American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., November 2017.
- 2016 “Food Security and Immigration Policy.” Society for Applied Anthropology in Vancouver, B.C., April, 2016.
- 2015 “Generative Violence in Conservation on the US-Mexican Border.” American Association for Borderlands Study in Portland, OR in April, 2015.
- 2014 “Fostering Civically Engaged Students with Active Research and Tasty Tomatoes.” Scholarship of Teaching and Engagement VI, Utah Valley University, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- 2012 “La Frontera/ta Synora: Parallels and Contrasts In Response to International Undocumented Border Crossing.” American Anthropological Association, October 2012, San Francisco.



- 2012 “A History of Migration in the American Borderlands.” Migrations as Disruptions Workshop, Saguaro Lake retreat, May 3-6 2012. Late Lessons from Early History project, Arizona State University.
- 2011 “The Environmental History of Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge: The Co-evolution of Militarization and Conservation.” American Society for Environmental History, Phoenix, AZ April 2011.
- 2010 “Establishing Conservation Priorities on the U.S.-Mexico Border: The Morality of Supplementary Water.” Panel on the Morality of Conservation, at American Association of Anthropology, New Orleans, LA November 2010.
- 2009 “Environmental Politics and Perceptions on the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Presented at the American Association of Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA, December 2009.
- 2009 “Conserving Cabeza Prieta: Migration and Homeland Security in a National Wildlife Refuge.” Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM, March 2009.
- 2004 “Its Power, Dam It! Effects of Transnational Advocacy on International Water Governance” With Darrin Mcgee and Lisa Giddons. Presented at American Political Science Association, Chicago.
- 2003 “The Disempowering Nature of Northern Advocacy: Silenced Voices Along the Bani River?” MA Thesis. Presented at Society for Applied Anthropology annual meeting, Portland OR.

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2022 “A Disciplined Space: Conservation, Homeland Security, and Human Rights on the U.S.-Mexico Border.” [Invited talk at STS Borderlands Research Group](#). STS Border Tech Laboratory at Arizona State University and Línea de Estudios Culturales UAM-X
- 2021 “Environmental Knowledge of Latina Farmworkers and New Approaches to Sustainable Agriculture.” *Diverse Perspectives can Solve Environmental Challenges*. Faculty Research Lighting Talks, Boise State University April 9, 2021.
- 2021 “Latina Health Disparities.” Guest Lecture in Spanish 300 class. Invited by Dr. Carolina Vierra, World Languages, Boise State University. March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- 2019 “Immigration Positions Reflect Food Choices, Access.” Guest Lecture Honors Colloquium, Dr. Sara Fry, Boise State University. April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 2019 “Health and Well-being Disparities among Latina Farm Workers in Southwestern Idaho.” College of Idaho. November 2019.
- 2019 “UF 100 Climate Change-Food and Ag Roundtable. Dr. Jen Pierce, Boise State University. November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## JOURNAL REVIEWER

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Agriculture and Human Values | Anthropological Quarterly | Area | Conservation and  
Society | Human Organization | Journal of Arizona Archeology | Journal of Rural  
Studies | Palgrave Communications | Rural Sociology | Geoforum

## **PH.D. ADVISING**

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2021-            Advisor of a Doctoral student in Public Policy & Administration

2021-2022      Graduate Student Mentorship/GA-ship

2018-2019      Graduate Student Mentorship/GA-ship

## **TEACHING**

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### **Boise State University 2017-2022**

Introduction to Global Studies  
Sustainable Futures  
Environmental Justice Seminar  
Graduate Seminar Introduction to Qualitative Methods  
Environmental Studies and Global Studies Senior Capstone Seminar  
Global Migration and the Environment Seminar  
Advocacy in Action

### **Boise State University 2013-2016:**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
Civic and Ethical Foundations, UF 200 (Focus on Diversity, Ethics and Human Rights)  
Transitional Foundations UF 300 (Focus on Diversity, Ethics and Human Rights)

### **College of Idaho 2011-2013**

Social Science Research Methods  
Ethnic Groups in the United States  
Environmental Anthropology  
Theory of Anthropology  
Introduction to Sociology

### **Glendale Community College 2011**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

### **Arizona State University 2010**

ASU 101

### **University of Washington 2006**

Environmental Studies  
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
Agroecology (TA)  
Environmental Anthropology (TA)