

Curriculum Vitae
Zoe Pearson

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EDUCATION

- 2016 **Ph.D., Geography**, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Minor: Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
Dissertation: *Coca Sí, Cocaína No? The Intimate Politics of International Drug Control Policy and Reform in Bolivia*
- 2010 **M.A., Geography**, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Thesis: *Environmental Security in the Ecuadorian Amazon: Waorani, Oil and Environment*
- 2005 **B.A., Geography**, University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Highest Honors in Geography & *cum laude* Honors
Minor: Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017- Assistant Professor, School of Politics, Public Affairs, & International Studies, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
- 2016-2017 Assistant Professor, Global & Area Studies, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
- 2016 Instructor, Geography, Gustavus Adolphus College, Fieldcourse in Ecuador
- 2008-2015 Graduate Associate Instructor, Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, & Fellow, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2017 College of Arts & Sciences Interdisciplinary Seed Grant, University of Wyoming
- 2017 International Programs Office, University of Wyoming
- 2017 Center for Global Studies, University of Wyoming
- 2016 Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center Pursuit Grant (core leadership team member) (amount determined as needed)
- 2015 Open Society Foundation Drug Policy Program (co-PI)
- 2014 Open Society Foundation Drug Policy Program (co-PI; for co-organizing workshop)
- 2014 Fenburr Travel Grant for Outstanding Graduate Students, Geography, OSU
- 2013 Social Science Research Council Drugs, Security and Democracy Fellowship, SSRC, Open Society Foundation & International Development Research Centre
- 2013 Rayner Scholarship for Graduate Fieldwork, Geography, OSU
- 2013 T.R. Lakshmanan & Lata R. Chatterjee Graduate Scholar in Geography, OSU
- 2009 & 2013 Mershon Center for International Security Studies Research Grant, OSU
- 2013 Political Geography Specialty Group Student Travel Award, Association of American Geographers (AAG)
- 2012 Tinker Grant for Research, Tinker Foundation

- 2012 Bernard Nietschmann Award, Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers
 2009 & 2012 Office of International Affairs Research Grant Competition, OSU
 2010 & 2011 Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service, OSU
 2009 Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group Field Study Award, AAG
 2009 Latin America Specialty Group Field Study Award, AAG

Fellowships

- 2014-2015 Presidential Fellowship, Graduate School, Ohio State University (OSU)
 2013 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship for Quechua, U.S. Department of Education (declined)
 2011-2012 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship for Quechua, U.S. Department of Education
 2010 Institute of the Environment Earth Fellowship, University of Arizona (declined)
 2008-2010 College of Social & Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, OSU
 2008-2009 Graduate School University Fellowship, OSU

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications

- 2017 McSweeney, K., Richani, N., **Pearson, Z.**, Devine, J., and Wrathall, D. Why do Narcos Invest in Rural Land? *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 16 (2): 3-29.
 2017 **Pearson, Z.** and Crane, N. The Challenge of Feminist Political Geography to State-Centrism in Latin American Geography. *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 16(1): 185-193.
 2016 **Pearson, Z.** “Coca got us here and now it’s our weakness:” *Fusarium oxysporum* and the political ecology of a drug war policy alternative in Bolivia. *The International Journal of Drug Policy*, 33: 88-95.
 2014 McSweeney, K., Nielsen, E.A., Taylor, M.J., Wrathall, D.J., **Pearson, Z.**, Wang, O., & S.T. Plumb. Drug policy as conservation policy: Narco-deforestation. *Science*, 343: 489-490. (Article was reported by over 300 news outlets internationally, & downloaded over 1,500 times).
 2013 McSweeney, K., & **Z. Pearson**. Vaccines, fertility, and power: The political ecology of indigenous health and well-being in lowland Latin America. In Brian King and Kelley Crews (Eds.), *Ecologies and Politics of Health*, pp.139-158. New York: Routledge.
 2011 Crane, N., & **Z. Pearson**. Can we get a pub from this? Reflections on competition and the pressure to publish while in graduate school. *Geographical Bulletin*, 52(2): 77-80.
 2009 McSweeney, K., & **Z. Pearson**. Waorani at the head of the table: Towards inclusive conservation in Yasuní. *Environmental Research Letters*, 4(3). DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/4/3/031001.

Other Publications

- 2015 Bacon, C., Bonta, M., Bryan, J., Clouser, R., Finley-Brook, M., Johnson, R., McSweeney, K., Mollett, S., Nolin, C., Offen, K., **Pearson, Z.**, and 10 others in alphabetical order. 7 Reasons to scrap the \$1 billion aid package to Central America: Why proposed aid will deepen the misery of Central America’s poor. *Americas Program*, 30 June 2015.
 2014 **Pearson, Z.** & T. Grisaffi. Washington Snubs Bolivia on Drug Policy Reform, Again. *Foreign Policy in Focus* and *The Nation.com*, 19 September 2014. Republished by: North American Congress on Latin America blog; Upside Down World; and others.
 2013 McSweeney, K. & **Z. Pearson**. Prying people from native lands: Narco business in Honduras. *North American Congress on Latin America Report on the Americas*, 46(4): 7-12.

- 2011 McSweeney, K., **Pearson, Z.**, Santiago, S., & A.G. Dominquez. A river tale: Protecting a Tawahka way of life. *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, 35(4): 16-20.

Book Reviews

- 2015 **Pearson, Z.** (Review). The political empowerment of the cocaleros of Bolivia and Peru, Ursula Durand Ochoa. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 47(4): 874-876.
- 2013 **Pearson, Z.** (Review). The global and the intimate: Feminism in our time, Geraldine Pratt and Victoria Rosner (Eds.). *Journal of Cultural Geography*, 30(2): 269-271.
- 2013 **Pearson, Z.** (Review). Globalization & third world women: Exploitation, coping and resistance, L. Lindio-McGovern & I. Wallimann (Eds.). *Gender Place and Culture*, 20(3): 411-412.

Other Media

- 2014 **Pearson, Z.** (Interviewed about drug politics in Bolivia). *Latino Media Collective*, Host/Co-Producer Oscar Fernandez, WPFW 89.3 fm, Pacifica Radio, 31 October 2014. Washington DC.
- 2012 **Pearson, Z.** (Letter to the Editor). U.S. has fuzzy role in outside drug war. *The Columbus Dispatch*, 28 May 2012. Columbus, OH.

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Invited

- 2017 Invited Panelist. Welcome to the AAG Annual meeting: A discussion on Navigating and Making the Most of the Conference. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Boston, MA (April).
- 2017 Invited Panelist. Critical Geographies in Latin America. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Boston, MA (April).
- 2014 Keynote graduate student speaker. The Graduate School Welcome Program. OSU, Columbus, OH (August).
- 2014 Invited paper. Narcotrafico, redes del crimen organizado y pueblos indigenas en America Latina, Conference for the Latin America Regional Participation of Indigenous Politics Program of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Guatemala City, Guatemala (declined).
- 2014 Invited participant. "Drug Policy and Sustainable Development: What can we learn from Narco-Deforestation?" With K.McSweeney & D. Wrathall (presenters). United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY (March).
- 2012 Invited Panelist. Improving AAG Regional Division Conference Attendance. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), New York, NY (February).

Papers

- 2017 "Un compromiso de todos": Social reproduction and coca control policy in Bolivia." Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers, New Orleans, LA (January).
- 2016 "Narco-Capital and Rural Development in Central America." With K. McSweeney (presenter) & E. Nielsen. Development in Question Conference, Ithaca, NY (October).
- 2015 "Coca sí, cocaína no:' Bolivia's experiment with coca policy reform." International Workshop Toward a Global Shift in Drug Policy?, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland (December).
- 2015 "Narco-scapes: cocaine Trafficking and deforestation in Central America:" With D. Wrathall (presenter), K. McSweeney, & E. Nielsen. American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, CA (December).

- 2015 “‘Coca yes, cocaine no:’ Social Reproduction, Shifting Socioecological Relations, and Consequences of Bolivia’s New Coca Control Approach.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), Chicago, IL (April).
- 2015 “Introductory Remarks on The ‘Routinization’ of Academic Bodies and Lives.” International Geographical Union Gender Commission Conference. Milwaukee, WI (April).
- 2014 “A Feminist Geopolitics Approach to Coca Control Practices and Drug Control Politics in Bolivia.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, IL (May).
- 2014 “Doing feminist geography research and doing right by ourselves in the process.” Feminist Geography Conference, Omaha, NE (May).
- 2014 “‘Illegal’ Substance Consumption and the Geographies of Social Reproduction.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Tampa, FL (April).
- 2013 “Waging War on Coca: Health and Drug Control Policy in Bolivia.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Los Angeles, CA (April).
- 2012 “Narco-trafficking Landscapes: Drug Flows as Accelerants of Land Dispossession.” With K. McSweeney, D. Wrathall (presenter), & E. Neilsen. Global Land Grab Conference, Ithaca, NY (October).
- 2012 “The Impacts of Drug Trafficking on Central America’s Biodiversity and Rural Livelihoods.” With K. McSweeney. Dimensions of Political Ecology: Conference on Nature/Society at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (April).
- 2012 “Drug Trafficking & its Impacts on Central America’s Forests.” With K. McSweeney. Ohio Latin Americanist Annual Conference, Bowling Green, OH (February).
- 2011 “Coca and the United States’ War on Drugs.” The Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) Annual Conference, London, England (August).
- 2011 “Governance, Violence, and the Complexities of Indigenous Agency, Resistance and Extraction in the Ecuadorian Amazon.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Seattle, WA (April).
- 2010 “Rethinking Environmental Security: Implications for Critical Geographers.” 17th Annual Conference on Critical Geography, Milwaukee, WI (November).
- 2010 “Oil Extraction and Human Security in the Ecuadorian Amazon.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Washington D.C. (April).
- 2010 “Extraction, Conservation, and Environmental Security in the Ecuadorian Amazon.” Ohio Latin Americanist Annual Conference, Athens, OH (February).

Panels

- 2016 Profiling, b/ordering, and the political work of pedagogy. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), San Francisco, CA (March).

Sessions Organized

- 2015 “Central American ‘Crisis’ Revisited,” session series (3 paper sessions, 1 panel). (Co-chair). With K. McSweeney and B. Williams. Annual Meeting of the AAG, Chicago, IL. (April).
- 2015 “The ‘Routinization’ of Academic Bodies and Lives.” (Co-chair and Panelist). With A. Johnson. International Geographical Union Gender Commission Conference. Milwaukee, WI. (April).
- 2013 “Welcome to the AAG Annual Meeting! A Discussion on Navigating and Making the Most of the Conference.” (Chair). Annual Meeting of the AAG, Los Angeles, CA (April).
- 2012 “Welcome to the AAG Annual Meeting! Navigating and Making the Most of the Conference.” (Chair). Annual Meeting of the AAG, New York, NY (February).
- 2012 “Lessons from the Field: Reflections on Human Geography Graduate Research.” (Co-chair). With E. Billo. Annual Meeting of the AAG, New York, NY (February).

- 2012 “Graduate Student Affinity Group Plenary Session,” with Dr. Kate Swanson, invited keynote speaker. (Chair). Annual Meeting of the AAG, New York, NY (February).
- 2010 “Emerging Research on the Political Ecology of Resource Extraction in Latin America.” (Co-chair). With E. Billo. Annual Meeting of the AAG, Washington D.C. (April).

Professional Workshops

- 2017 (Core leadership team member). Landscapes in Transformation, Central America, Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, Annapolis, MD (September 20-22)
- 2016 (Core leadership team member). Landscapes in Transformation, Central America, Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, Annapolis, MD (November 28-December 1)
- 2015 (Co-organizer). Landscapes in Transformation, working group research workshop. Mershon Center for Security Studies, Ohio State University (March 18-20)
- 2014 Drugs, Security and Democracy Fellows Workshop, Social Science Research Council with The Open Society Foundation, Medellín, Colombia (July 7-9)
- 2013 Drugs, Security and Democracy Fellows Workshop, Social Science Research Council with The Open Society Foundation, International Development Research Centre, & Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Aguascalientes, Mexico (July 9-12)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of Wyoming

- 2018 Introduction to Latin American Studies (International Studies 2250), Spring
- 2018 Drug War Geopolitics in the Americas (Intl. Stds. 4990/5990 & Poli. Sci. 4710/5710), Spring
- 2017 International Social Science Research Methods (International Studies 5400), Fall
- 2017 Politics of Natural Resources in Latin America (International Studies 4990/5990), Fall
- 2017 Introduction to Latin American Studies (International Studies 2250), Spring
- 2017 Drug Trade & Control in the Americas (International Studies 4990/5990), Spring
- 2016 Nature, Society, & Power in Latin America (International Studies 4990/5990), Fall
- 2016 International Social Science Research Methods (International Studies 5400), Fall

Co-Instructor, Gustavus Adolphus College

- 2016 From the Amazon to the Andes: Ecuadorian Landscapes in a Time of Global Change (Geography 155), January
Field Course in Ecuador

Co-Instructor, Ohio State University

- 2015 Geography of Ohio (Geography 3751), May
Field Course in Southeast Ohio

Instructor, Ohio State University

- 2014 Human Geography (Geography 2100), Spring

Teaching Assistant, Ohio State University

- 2013 Honors Global Climate and Environmental Change (Geography 3901H), Spring
- 2012 Human Geography (Geography 2100), Fall
- 2011 Globalization and Environment (Geography 635), Winter
- 2010 Political Geography (Geography 460), Spring & Fall
- 2010 World Regional Geography (Geography 200), Winter
- 2009 Environment and Society (Geography 430), Fall

Teaching Development Courses & Workshops Attended

- 2017 Jazz Up That Syllabus, Ellbogen Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Wyoming (November)
- 2016 Seven Ways of Learning. Ellbogen Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Wyoming (November)
- 2016 Quick & Easy Techniques for Incorporating Active & Engaged Learning into your Course. Ellbogen Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Wyoming (October)
- 2016 Implicit Bias & Diversity Training & Certificate Program, Council of Graduate Students, Ohio State University, OSU (February)
- 2015 Open Doors Training: preventing bias and working with persons in distress, Office of Student Life Multicultural Center, OSU (April)
- 2014 One-on-one consulting for assistance with addressing mid-term feedback, designing tests and assignments, and designing grading rubrics. University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, OSU (Spring)
- 2014 Designing Assignments, Quizzes and Tests. University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, OSU (February)
- 2014 Creating an Inclusive Classroom Community for International Students. University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, OSU (January)
- 2012 Course Design Institute. University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, OSU (Spring)
- 2011 Teacher Identity and Student Expectations: How does who we are affect what happens in our classes? University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, OSU (November)
- 2011 College Teaching (Education Policy and Leadership 851), OSU (Fall)

Guest Lectures

- 2017 University of Wyoming, Research Perspectives (Geography 5000) (November)
- 2017 University of Wyoming, Geography of Conflicts (Geography 4590/5590) (November)
- 2017 (3x) University of Wyoming, International Studies Proseminar (Intl. Stds 1010) (Oct. & Nov.)
- 2016 Ohio State University, Globalization & Latin America (Intl. Studies 5640) (February)
- 2015 Ohio State University, Introduction to Latin America (Intl. Studies 2100) (February & April)
- 2014 Ohio Wesleyan University, Latin American Geographies (Geography 333) (November)
- 2014 Dennison University, Political Ecology (Environmental Studies 290) (October)
- 2014 Ohio State University, Environment and Society (Geography 3800) (September & November)
- 2012 Ohio State University, Global and Environmental Change Honors (Geography 3901H) (March);
Ohio State University, World Regional Geography (Geography 2750) (October)
- 2010 Ohio State University, Political Geography (Geography 460) (November);
Ohio State University, World Regional Geography (Geography 200) (January)
- 2009 Ohio State University, Environment and Society (Geography 430) (November)
- 2008 Ohio State University, Environment and Society (Geography 430) (November)

SERVICE

Manuscript refereeing

- 2017 *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*
- 2017 *Plos One*
- 2016 *Antipode*
- 2016 *Bulletin of Latin American Research*
- 2013 *Journal of Cultural Geography*
- 2012 *GeoJournal*

Disciplinary Service

- 2012-2014 Career mentor, Annual meeting of the AAG Jobs in Geography Center
- 2012-2013 Board member, Graduate Student Affinity Group, AAG
- 2011-2012 Chair, Graduate Student Affinity Group, Association of American

Geographers (AAG)
2010-2012 Student representative, Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, AAG
2010-2011 Vice-Chair, Graduate Student Affinity Group, AAG

2009 & 2010 Reviewer, Student Paper Competition, Graduate Student Affinity Group,
AAG

University of Wyoming Service

University Service

2016- Member, Faculty Senate

Department Service

2017- Member, By-Laws Committee
2017 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee (Global and Area Studies)
2016- Member, Curriculum Committee

Campus Affiliations

Adjunct, Geography
Adjunct, Latina/o Studies
Associate Member, Social justice Research Center
Associate Member, Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research

Ohio State University Service

University Service

2015 Judge, Fall Undergraduate Research Forum, Ohio State University (OSU)
2014-2015 Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Council of Graduate Students,
OSU
2014-2015 Delegate for geography, Council of Graduate Students, OSU
2014 Judge, Fall Undergraduate Research Forum, OSU

Department Service

2009-2011; '13 Co-organizer, Annual Geography Graduate Organization Community
Panel Discussions
2009-2010 Chair, Geography Graduate Organization, Ohio State University
2009 & 2010 Organizing committee, Geography Awareness Week
2010 Organizer, Roundtable discussion with faculty & graduate students on balance in work & life
2008-2009 Treasurer, Geography Graduate Organization, Ohio State University

STUDENT ADVISING

Thesis Advisor

Logan Brown
Lindsay Hein

Committee Member

Morgan Armstrong
Danielle Peck
Sierra Robbins

Undergraduate Honors Research Advisor

Sara Ellingrod

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Research Projects

- 2017-present Principal Investigator, environmental conflict in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Yasuní National Park & Block 16 oil concession, Puyo, Puerto Francisco de Orellana (Coca) and Quito, Ecuador.
- 2017-present Principal Investigator, longitudinal research on the politics of coca control in Bolivia. La Paz, Cochabamba, and the Chapare and Yungas coca growing regions of Bolivia.
- 2015-present Member, Interdisciplinary research team studying economic, social, and ecological impacts of drug trafficking and counter-narcotics efforts in Central America. Multiple sites.
- 2012-2016 Principal investigator, Dissertation research on the politics of coca control in Bolivia. La Paz, Cochabamba, and the Chapare and Yungas coca growing regions of Bolivia.
- 2011 Research assistant, Impacts of narco trafficking on conservation and Tawahka livelihoods. (Dr. Kendra McSweeney, PI). Tawahka Asangni Biosphere Reserve, Honduras, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Columbus, OH.
- 2009 Principal investigator, MA thesis research on conservation and oil extraction governance in Waorani ancestral territory. Yasuní National Park & Block 16 oil concession, Puyo, Puerto Francisco de Orellana (Coca) and Quito, Ecuador.
- 2007-2008 Research assistant, Proyecto Villano: Evaluating Agip Oil's impact on Amazon biodiversity. (School of Natural Sciences, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador; Dr. Hugo Navarrete, PI). Block 10 oil concession and Quito, Ecuador.
- 2007-2008 Research assistant, Andean Flora Projects: Study of the diversity of *Lachemilla* (Rosaceae) and study of the biodiversity of *Polylepis* forests. (Botany Department, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador; Dr. Katya Romoleroux, PI). Oyacachi (Andean Highlands), and Quito, Ecuador.
- 2006 & 2007 Research assistant, Jaguar conservation dissertation research. (Dr. Santiago Espinosa, PI). Yasuní National Park, Ecuador.
- 2005 Participant, University of California Santa Barbara Extension Program Field Study Term. (Dr. Marcella Kelly, Professor, Virginia Tech). Belize.

Research & Professional Development Courses & Workshops Attended

- 2014 How to Speak to – and Engage – Nonacademic Audiences, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, online (June 11)
- 2012 Facilitated Learning Community: How to Develop, Write and Submit your Article in Nine Weeks, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, online (September 26- November 28)

Professional Organization Memberships

American Association of Geographers
Bolivian Studies Association
Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers
Latin American Studies Association
National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

Language Skills

English (Native)
Spanish (Advanced)
Quechua (Beginner)