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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

- 2022 - New Mexico Campaigner
Climate Law Institute
Center for Biological Diversity
- 2023 - Assistant Professor by Letter of Academic Title
Department of Geography and Environmental Studies
University of New Mexico
- 2023 - Adjunct Scholar
Faculty of Graduate Studies, School for Resource and Environmental Studies
Dalhousie University

EDUCATION

- 2021 **Ph.D. in Anthropology**
University of Chicago, Illinois
Committee: Joseph Masco (Chair); Lauren Berlant; Kaushik Sunder Rajan
Dissertation Title: "Patchwork: Land, Law, and Extraction in the Greater Chaco"
Awarded the Sol Tax Dissertation Prize by the Department of Anthropology for the Dissertation which "combines highest intellectual merit with relevance to anthropology and action".
- 2014 **M.A. in Human Geography**
Collaborative Specialization in Women & Gender Studies
University of Toronto, Ontario
Thesis: "The Kalamazoo River Spill: Pipelines, Politics, and Economies of Knowledge"

2012 **B.A. in International Development Studies**
Dalhousie University, Halifax
First Class Honors and University Medal

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

environmental justice; environmental governance; queer and trans studies; gender and sexuality; science and technology studies; political and legal geographies; colonialism and the state; research practicums and field classes; methods and design

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-2022 Killam Postdoctoral Fellow
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Books

In prep. *Patchwork: Land, Law, and Extraction in Greater Chaco*. Manuscript in preparation for Duke University Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

Atencio, M, Tsosie, D, James, H, Sage, S, Beasley, A, **Grant, S.**, and T. Seamster. 2022. "Federal Statutes and Environmental Justice on the Navajo Nation: The Case of Fracking in the Greater Chaco Region". With. *American Journal of Public Health*.

Grant, S. 2020. "Aggregate Airs: Atmospheres of Oil and Gas in the Greater Chaco". *Engaging Science, Technology, and Society*. 6, 534-554.

Grant, S. 2014. "Securing Tar Sands Circulation: Risk, Affect, and Anticipating the Line 9 Reversal". *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. 32(6).

Journal Articles in Press or Under Review

Grant, S. Accepted. "Reply to Adrianna Petryna". *Current Anthropology*.

Book Chapters

- Grant, S.** Forthcoming. “The Land and The Lease”. In *Unsettling Land: Relational Lives in the Anthropocene*. Edited by Andres Leon and Preeti Sampat. University of Colorado Press.
- Grant, S.** 2022. “Chess or Checkers? Fracking in the Greater Chaco”. In Brenden W. Rensink (Ed). *The North American West in the 21st Century*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.
- Grant, S.** 2014. “The Enbridge Pipeline Disaster and Accidental Activism Along the Kalamazoo River”. In Joshua Kahn et al. (Eds). *A Line in the Tar Sands: Struggles for Environmental Justice*. Oakland, California: PM Press. 195-206.

Film

Our Story: The Indigenous Led Fight to Protect Greater Chaco. 2021. **Producer and Writer**. 48 minutes.

Exhibitions and Awards include: Cannes International Independent Film Festival; Toronto Independent Film Festival of Cift; Montreal Independent Film Festival; Docs Without Borders Film Festival (Winner); Nature Without Borders International Film Festival (Winner); Wild & Scenic Film Festival; Ollywood International Diversity Film Festival (Winner); Portland EcoFilm Festival; Durango Independent Film Festival (Winner) American Documentary and Animation Film Festival; California Capital International Documentary Film Festival; Maoriland International Film Festival; The Field Museum, Chicago (part of *Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories*)

Policy Reports

MacKellar, A. Klenk, K. B.C.S., B.B. **Grant, S.** Aylesworth, A. Mines, S. Ellingwood, H.N. & Westwood, A.R. 2023. *Queers, Closets, and Man Camps: Setting a Foundation to Understand the Impacts of Major Infrastructure and Natural Resource Extraction Projects on Marginalized Communities*. Prepared for the Impact Assessment agency of Canada. Westwood Lab, Dalhousie University. 64 pp.

Public Scholarship (Selected)

- Grant, S.** 2021. “Oil, Gas, and Helium Operations in the Dineh Bi Keyah Field: Community Concerns and Findings”. Report prepared for Diné C.A.R.E.
- Grant, S.** 2021. “Aneth Oil Field Protests: An Overview”. Report prepared for Diné C.A.R.E.
- Grant, S.** “Court Cases Involving Former Operators in the Dineh Bi Keyah Field: A Small Field with Big Implications for Diné Sovereignty”. Report prepared for Diné C.A.R.E.
- Grant, S.** “An Overview of the Shifting Landscape of Federal Helium Regulations”. Research summary prepared for Diné C.A.R.E.
- David Tsosie, Teresa Seamster, Hazel James-Tohe, Sujit Joginpally, Celia Lewis, Brandon Velivis, **S. Grant**. 2021. “A Cultural, Spiritual and Health Impact Assessment of Oil Drilling Operations in the Navajo Nation area of Counselor, Torreon and Ojo Encino Chapters”. Counselor Health Impact Assessment - K’ée Bee Hózhoggo Iiná Silá Committee.

- Grant, S.** “‘Pervasive, yet Fractured’: A Roundtable on Centering Indigenous Critiques and Teaching Settler Colonialism.” 2019. Teaching Tools, Fieldsights, *Cultural Anthropology* website.
- Grant, S.** and Hannah Burnett. 2019. “Matter Beyond Bounds: Time, Jurisdiction, and Environment”. *Anthropology and Environment Society Engagement Blog*, Ecological Times Series.
- Grant, S.** 2019. “Teaching Horizioning and Responding to Climate Change with Adriana Petryna.” Teaching Tools, *Cultural Anthropology* website, February 13, 2019.
- Grant, S.** and Pablo Delaporte. 2019. “Searches for Livability: An Interview with Adriana Petryna”. Dialogues, *Cultural Anthropology* website, February 6, 2019.
- Grant, S.** 2017. “Atmospheres of Oil & Gas: The Four Corners Methane Cloud and Contests Over Land in the San Juan Basin”. *The Funambulist* (14).
- Grant, S.** 2015. “On a World Without Events: An Interview with Joseph Masco by S. Grant”. *Society & Space Open Site*.

AWARDS

- 2021 Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship, Dalhousie University
- 2021 Sol Tax Dissertation Prize, University of Chicago Department of Anthropology
- 2020 University of Chicago Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2019 Center for Engaged Scholarship Dissertation Fellowship
- 2018 University of Chicago Graduate Council Travel Fund
- 2018 University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences Graduate Travel Grant
- 2018 Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Summer Award
- 2017 Center for the Study of Race, Culture, and Politics Graduate Student Travel Grant
- 2017 Leiffer Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2017 Pocoapoco Artist Residency
- 2016 Leiffer Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2016 Society for Applied Anthropology Student Endowed Award
- 2016 Silver Streak Artist Residency
- 2015 University of Chicago Graduate Global Impact Award
- 2014-2019 University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Five Year Fellowship
- 2014-2018 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship
- 2014 Fulbright Canada Student Award (declined)
- 2014 University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant
- 2014 Canadian Studies Graduate Student Network Grant, University of Toronto
- 2013 University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant
- 2013 John Horner Graduate Scholarship in Geography, University of Toronto
- 2013 Jeanne F. Goulding Fellowship, University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies
- 2013 Michael Ralph Walsh Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Geography
- 2013 The Associates of the University of Toronto Award for Study of the United States
- 2013 Canada Graduate Scholarship - Michael-Smith Foreign Study Supplement
- 2012 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Master’s Scholarship

- 2012 University Medal for Highest Achievement in International Development Studies, Dalhousie University
- 2008-2012 Dean's List at Dalhousie University (2008-2012)
- 2008-2012 Renewable Entrance Scholarship to Dalhousie University (2008-2012)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 **(Invited)**. Panelist on "Climate Justice as Social Justice". Organized by the Diversity and Equity Committee at the School of Social Work, Dalhousie University.
- 2022 "On Gridlock: Thinking with LB". Paper presented for a panel on 'What does Lauren Berlant Teach Us About Space?' at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New York/Virtual. 2022.
- 2022 **(Invited)**. Panelist and host for a *Screening of Our Story: The Indigenous Led Fight to Protect Greater Chaco*. Dalhousie University, College of Sustainability, Environment, Sustainability & Society Lecture Series. 2022.
- 2022 **(Invited)**. Panelist on "Publishing Panel for Graduate Students". University of Chicago Department of Anthropology.
- 2021 **(Invited)**. "Gridlock". SOSA Speaker Series. Dalhousie University. 2021. Panelist on a Roundtable on "The Anthropology of Land" at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Baltimore (Virtual). 2021.
- 2021 "Petrochemical Infrastructures in Transition". Paper presented for a panel on Scaling the Ethical Plateaus of Energy Justice at the Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting. Toronto/ Virtual. 2021.
- 2020 **(Invited)**. Panelist on engaged scholarship for Center for Engaged Scholarship annual retreat. 2020. (Postponed). "Abandoning Oil and Gas: 'Orphan Wells'". Commentary prepared for a Critical Anthropology of Energy Roundtable at the American Anthropological Association. (Cancelled due to Covid-19). 2020.
- 2020 (Postponed). With Mario Atencio. "Environmental Justice Perspectives from the Greater Chaco". Commentary prepared for a panel on Extraction and Environmental Justice in New Mexico at the Society for Applied Anthropology.
- 2019 "Air, Land, Atmosphere". American Anthropological Association. Panel on "Environmental Outlaws". Vancouver. 2019.
- 2019 The Public in Public Lands: Mineral Leasing, Settler Publics, and Climate Politics in the Greater Chaco Region". Panel on "Settler Colonialism and Scalable Scholarship". Society for the Social Studies of Science. New Orleans, LA. 2019.
- 2019 **(Invited)** "Chess or Checkers? Making a Checkerboard in Eastern Dinétah" University of New Mexico Geography and Environmental Studies, Spring 2019 Colloquium Series. April 26, 2019.
- 2018 **(Co-organizer)** "Deadly Jurisdictions: Settler Authority, Land, and Life on the Checkerboard". Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, as part of a double session entitled "Matter Beyond Bounds, Caring for Objects That Resist Jurisdiction". San Jose, CA. 2018.

- 2018 (Co-organizer) “Setting, Feeling, and Association: The fight over landscape protection in the Greater Chaco landscape under the National Historical Preservation Act”. Paper presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Annual Meeting, in a panel on “Environmental Justice and Settler Colonial Critique in the Indigenous Southwest”.
- 2017 (Co-organizer) “Acquisition as Management: Federal Mineral Leasing and the Politics of Land in the San Juan Basin”. Paper presented at the Toxic Sovereignty Workshop at Columbia University. New York, NY. April 2017.
- 2016 (Co-organizer) “Uncertain Atmospheres: Methane in the Four Corners”. Paper presented at the American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting, in a panel on “States of Entanglement: Embodying Toxic Futures Under Colonial and Settler Colonial Regimes”. Minneapolis, MN. 2016.
- 2016 “On the Regulation of Methane”. Paper co-presented with Cameron Hu at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, in the stream ExtrACT. Vancouver, BC. 2016.
- 2015 “Exposure and Event: The Kalamazoo River Spill”. Paper presented at the American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting, in the panel “The Future Strikes Back!”. Denver, CO. 2015.
- 2014 “Dilbit, Pipelines, and a Risky Environment”. Paper presented at the Canadian Anthropology Society, in the panel “Infrastructure and Environment”. Toronto, ON. 2014.
- 2014 “Dilbit Pipelines and Material Politics”. Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, in the panel “Operationalizing the Geo-energy Space”. Tampa, FL. 2014.
- 2014 (Invited) “The Kalamazoo River Spill.” Presentation at “Honoring Our Waters” Conference. Toronto, Ontario. 2014.
- 2014 “Risky Dilbit: Pipelines and Material Politics”. Paper presented for the Canadian Studies Graduate Student Network at the University of Toronto. 2014.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

- 2024 GEOG 499 - “Environmental Justice in Greater Chaco: Field Course”, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of New Mexico.
- 2022 SOSA 3200 - “Entangled Ecologies”, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University.
- 2017 SOSA 11400 - “Power, Identity, Resistance”, Social Sciences Core, University of Chicago.

Directed Reading Courses Supervised

- 2023 ENVI 5048 - “Trans/Ecologies”, School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University.

Teaching Assistant

- 2017 “Power, Identify, Resistance”, Social Sciences Core, University of Chicago.
- 2016 “The Calumet Quarter”, Program on Global Environment, University of Chicago.
- 2013 “Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment”, School of the Environment, University of Toronto.
- 2013 “National Environmental Policy”, School of the Environment, University of Toronto.
- 2013 “Changing Geographies of Latin America”, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.
- 2013 “Culture, History, Landscape”, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

Invited In-Class Guest Lectures

- 2022 Sociology of Law (Dalhousie University)
- 2021 Inequality, Injustice, and Social Change (Dalhousie University)
- 2021 Alternative Economies, Livable Eco-Social Futures (Dalhousie University)
- 2021 Sociology and Social Anthropology MA and PhD Seminar (Dalhousie University)

Master’s Committees Served On

Ali MacKellar, Dalhousie University, Master’s of Environmental Studies (2022-2024)

Pedagogy Training

- 2016-2017 Completed courses at the Chicago Center for Teaching at the University of Chicago, including: Inclusive Teaching, Working with Student Writing, Course Design, Teaching Race, and Handling Difficult Conversations in the Classroom.
- 2014 Certificate in the Fundamentals of University Teaching at the University of Toronto Center for Teaching Support and Innovation

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021-2022 Faculty of Graduate Studies Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, Dalhousie University - Postdoctoral Representative
- 2018-2020 Society for Cultural Anthropology
Contributing Editor in the Teaching Tools section of *Fieldsights*
- 2016-2017 The Workshop on U.S. Locations, University of Chicago
Co-coordinator
- 2015-2016 Ecologies Working Group, University of Chicago
Co-coordinator
- 2014-2016 University of Toronto Graduate Student Union
Chairperson

PEER REVIEW SERVICE

Ephemera Journal
Environment and Planning D: Society and Space
Science, Technology and Human Values.

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

2022-2023 Impact Assessment Agency of Canada - \$56,406 CAD
Investigators: Westwood, A. (PI), Falconer, M. (collab), Fletcher, A. (collab),
Grant, S. (collab)
Project: Queers, closets, and man camps: Setting a foundation to understand the
impacts of major infrastructure and natural resource extraction projects on
2SLGBTQQIA+ persons in Canada

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
French (fluent)
Spanish (intermediate)