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Candida Dewes is finishing her PhD in Geography at the University of California Santa Barbara. Her dissertation research focuses on climate variability and trends in Mexico and their impacts on rainfed maize crops. She has also participated in research on land-use/land-cover changes in the Amazon (Rondonia, Brazil), and on climate variability and change in the arid North American Southwest. Candida has a MSc degree in Atmospheric Sciences from the University of São Paulo and a BS degree in Geography from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, both in Brazil. Following the completion of her doctoral degree in 2013, she plans to continue to research issues related to climate science and adaptation strategies in human-environment systems, particularly in relation to the management of natural resources such as water and energy.