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I am currently a sessional instructor at the Werklund School of Education in the University of Calgary. I also collaborate in the Geography Department of the same University as part of the Policy and Governance research team. I completed my doctoral degree at Simon Fraser University. My doctoral research focused on exploring the sociological dimensions of resource and environmental governance within natural protected areas that partner with local community members as informants/co-participants. I am particularly interested in the analysis of the social, political, and discursive aspects that are at play in environmental and conservation governance on global and local scales. I am interested in ground level qualitative work and in finding ways to include theoretical approaches such as Science and Technology Studies, and Actor Network Theory to conservation and political ecology research frameworks.

Prior to my doctoral studies, I worked in Mexico as a research fellow and adjunct professor at the University of Morelos for eight years. During that time, I worked in a variety of environmental and science education programs in formal and non formal settings. Given my background in Psychology, my research interests also include the evaluation of environmental education programs such as the assessment of pro-environmental competencies and attitudes towards biodiversity protection by both children and adults. Outside of Mexico, I have been involved with a number of different organizations that work on sustainable development and conservation in Latin America, such as the Institute for Tropical Ecology and Conservation in Bocas del Toro, Panama and the Ministry of Environment in Cuba.