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## *Higher education:*

Ph.D., M.Phil., Columbia University - Anthropology (2005)  
M.A., University of São Paulo, Brazil - Language and Education Program (2000)  
Bachelor's Degree, Polytechnic School, University of São Paulo, Brazil (1995)

## *Post-doctoral training:*

Post-doctoral research fellow. Columbia University and Comitas Institute for Anthropological Study – Joint appointment (2005-2007.)  
Post-doctoral research fellow. Department of Anthropology, State University of Campinas, Brazil (2008-2009)

## *Institutional affiliation:*

2013-: Graduate Program in Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Program in Science and Technology of the Ocean, Federal University of São Paulo. Assistant professor.  
2009-2013: School of Communication, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Assistant professor.  
2008-2009: Department of Anthropology, State University of Campinas, Brazil. Postdoctoral fellow.  
2006-2007: Yale University. Lecturer in Anthropology (visiting appointment), Department of Anthropology and Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies.  
2007 (Spring): Teachers College, Columbia University. Adjunct Professor. Anthropology Programs, Intern. and Transcultural Studies Department.  
2001-2002: City University of New York - Borough of Manhattan Community College. Adjunct Professor, Social Sciences Department.  
2001-2002: Columbia University. Teaching Assistant, Anthropology Programs. New York, NY.  
1997-2000: Universidade Bandeirantes de São Paulo. Adjunct Professor, Department of Education. São Paulo, Brazil.

*Courses  
taught:*

- Contemporary debates on the ontological questions in the social sciences (graduate seminar). Fall 2014 – Graduate Program in Social Sciences, Federal University of São Paulo.
- Culture, Society, and the Environment (undergraduate course). 2013/2014 – Interdisciplinary Program in Science and Technology of the Ocean, Federal University of São Paulo.
- Environmental Public Policy (undergraduate course). 2013 – Interdisciplinary Program in Science and Technology of the Ocean, Federal University of São Paulo.
- Communication, Symmetry, and Post-identitarian approaches (graduate seminar). 2012/2013 - School of Communication, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
- Communication and Discourse (graduate seminar), Spring and Fall 2011 - School of Communication, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.
- Anthropology and Communication (undergraduate course), 2009/2010/2011/2012/2013 - School of Communication, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.
- Sign, Meaning and Power (graduate seminar), Spring 2009 - Department of Anthropology, State University of Campinas, Brazil.
- The Anthropology of Uncertainty (graduate seminar), Spring 2007 – Department of Anthropology, Yale University.
- Climate and Society (undergraduate course), Spring 2007 – Department of Anthropology, Yale University.
- Socio-cultural Perspectives on Climate and Disaster (graduate seminar), Spring 2007 - Anthropology Programs, International and Transcultural Studies Department, Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Imaginations of Development in Latin America (graduate seminar), Fall 2006 – Department of Anthropology, Yale University.
- Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (undergraduate course), Fall 2006 – Department of Anthropology, Yale University.
- Introduction to Anthropology (undergraduate course), Fall 2001, Spring 2002 - Social Sciences Department, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York;
- Introduction to Human Geography (undergraduate course), Fall 2001, Spring 2002 - Social Sciences Department, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York;
- Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate course), Fall 2002 - Social Sciences Department, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York;
- The Sociology of the Family (undergraduate course), Fall 2002 - Social Sciences Department, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York;
- Social and Cultural Basis of Education (teaching assistantship, graduate course, instructor: Professor Lambros Comitas), Fall 2001 – Applied

Anthropology, Teachers College, Columbia University;

Methods of Inquiry: Ethnography and Participant Observation. (teaching assistantship, graduate course, instructor: Professor Charles Harrington), Summer 2002 – Applied Anthropology, Teachers College, Columbia University;

*Other educational activities:*

2004-: Coordinator of the Summer Field School in Ethnographic Methods. (Funded by the Landes Grant for Supervised Fieldwork, through the Research Institute for the Study of Man, and the Comitas Institute for Anthropological Study). 2004, 2006: Brazil; 2012: Uruguay; 2013, 2014: United States (Miami and New York).

2006: Engineers Without Borders - New York Regional Workshop, Columbia University. Ethnographic and participatory methods: Understanding culture and fostering a relationship with a community, successful interviewing, and community workshop techniques. With Nicole Peterson (Center for Research on Environmental Decisions, Columbia University) and Scott Lacy (Emory University). Saturday, September 30th, 2006.

*Research positions:*

2013-: Coordinator of the Research Laboratory on Sociotechnical & Environmental Interactions (LISTA), Federal University of São Paulo.

2005-: Associate researcher at the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions (CRED), Columbia University.

2002-2005 Research Assistant. Columbia University Earth Institute / International Research Institute for Climate and Society. Project: Climate Communication and Decision Making in Ceará, Northeast Brazil.

2000-2001 Research Assistant. Research Institute for the Study of Man. Director: Lambros Comitas. Project: “Ganja in Jamaica” web site. New York, NY.

*Major fieldwork:*

2002-2007: Northeast Brazil.

2001-2002, 2011: Buenos Aires, Argentina.

*Publications:*

*Accepted for publication*

Sertão-terapia para velhas certezas (ambientais) em crise. In: Garcia, G.C. (org), *Ciência em Foco*, Vol. 3. Rio de Janeiro: Garamond.

Educação, antropologia, ontologias. *Revista Educação e Pesquisa*.

*Books*

Renzo Taddei and Ana Laura Gamboggi (orgs). *Depois que a chuva não veio - Respostas sociais às secas na Amazônia, no Nordeste, e no Sul do Brasil*. Rio de Janeiro: Fundação Cearense de Meteorologia e

Recursos Hídricos/Instituto Comitas para Estudos Antropológicos, 2010.

### *Book chapters*

- 2014 - Devir torcedor. In: Arthur A. L. Ferreira, André Martins e Robert Segal (orgs), *Uma bola no pé e uma ideia na cabeça: o que o futebol nos faz pensar*. Rio de Janeiro: Editora da UFRJ.
- 2013 - Anthropologies of the Future: on the social performativity of (climate) forecasts. In Helen Kopnina and Eleanor Shoreman-Ouimet, eds., *Environmental Anthropology: Future Directions*. London: Routledge, 2013.
- 2012 - Social participation and the politics of climate in Northeast Brazil. In: LATTA, Alex; WITTMAN, Hannah (Orgs.). *Environment and Citizenship in Latin America: Natures, Subjects and Struggles*. New York: Berghahn Books, 2012.
- 2009a - The politics of uncertainty and the fate of forecasters: climate, risk, and blame in Northeast Brazil. In JANKOVIC, Vladimir and BARBOZA, Christina (Eds). *Weather, Local Knowledge and Everyday Life: Issues in Integrated Climate Studies*. Rio de Janeiro: MAST, 2009.
- 2009b - Oráculos de chuva em tempos modernos. Medios, desarrollo económico y transformaciones de identidad social de los profetas del Sertão. *Historia y Desastres Vol. III*, La Red/CIESAS, Mexico, 2009, pp. 331-352.
- 2006 – Oráculos da Chuva em Tempos Modernos: Mídia, Desenvolvimento Econômico, e as Transformações na Identidade Social dos Profetas do Sertão. In Martins, Karla (org.), *Profetas da Chuva*. Fortaleza: Tempo d' Imagem.
- 2002 – O Orifício de Pandora – A Imagem e a Imaginação. In Miranda, Hercília Tavares de and Luís Carlos de Menezes (orgs.). *Almanaque de criação pedagógica: a aventura da explicação - ciência e linguagens*. Petrópolis, RJ: Vozes.

### *Articles*

- 2014a - As secas como modos de enredamento. *ClimaCom Cultura Científica – pesquisa, jornalismo e arte*. Ano 01, No. 01 – “Redes”.
- 2014b - Ser-estar no sertão: capítulos da vida como filosofia visceral. *Interface* (Botucatu) [online]. 2014, vol.18, n.50, pp. 597-607. Epub June 24, 2014. ISSN 1807-5762.
- 2014c - Sobre a invisibilidade dos desastres na antropologia brasileira. In: Valencio, N. (Ed.), “Emergências e desastres relacionados à água: o processo desumanizador implicado na disseminação da cultura institucional neoliberal de gestão técnica”. *Cadernos de Trabalho*

*WATERLAT, Água e Desastres.*

- 2013a - Difference, education, and the perversities of common sense: notes on the relation between Indians and non-Indians in Brazil. *Critical Literacy: Theories and Practices*, Vol 7, No 1 (2013), pp. 63-72.
- 2013b - Alex Pfaff, Maria Alejandra Velez, Renzo Taddei, Kenneth Broad. Unequal Information, Unequal Allocation: Bargaining field experiments in NE Brazil. *Environmental Science & Policy* (2013), v.26, 90-101.
- 2012 - The Politics of Uncertainty and the Fate of Forecasters. *Ethics, Policy & Environment*, Vol. 15, Issue 2 (2012), pp. 252-267.
- 2011a - Ben Orlove, Renzo Taddei, Guillermo Podesta and Kenneth Broad. Environmental Citizenship in Latin America: Climate, Intermediate Organizations and Political Subjects. *Latin American Research Review*, 46.S (2011): 115-140.
- 2011b - Renzo Taddei and Ana Laura Gamboggi. Marcas de uma democratização diluída: modernidade, desigualdade e participação na gestão de águas no Ceará. *Revista de Ciências Sociais* (UFC), Fortaleza, Vol. 42, No. 2 (2011), 8-33.
- 2011c - Renzo Taddei and Ana Laura Gamboggi. Etnografia, Meio Ambiente e Comunicação Ambiental. *Caderno Pedagógico*, Lageado, v. 8, n. 2, p. 09-28, 2011.
- 2011d - Watered-Down Democratization: modernization versus social participation in water management in Northeast Brazil. *Agriculture and Human Values*, Volume 28, Issue 1 (2011), 109-121. DOI 10.1007/s10460-010-9259-9.
- 2010a - Pieter R. Van Oel, Maarten S. Krol, Arjen Y. Hoekstra and Renzo Taddei. Feedback mechanisms between water availability and water use in a semi-arid river basin: a geographically explicit multi-agent simulation approach. *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 25 (2010) 433-443, doi 10.1016/j.envsoft.2009.10.018
- 2010b - Nicole Peterson, Kenneth Broad, Ben Orlove, Carla Roncoli, Renzo Taddei and Maria-Alejandra Velez. Participatory processes and climate forecast use: sociocultural context, discussion, and consensus. *Climate and Development* 2 (2010) 14-29, doi 10.3763/cdev.2010.0033.
- 2009a - Notes on the Semiotic Phenomenology of Social Discrimination. *Galáxia*, No. 17, 2009, pp. 147-159.
- 2009b - Renzo Taddei and Ana Laura Gamboggi. Gender and the Semiotics of Political Visibility in the Brazilian Northeast. *Social Semiotics*. Vol. 19, No. 2, June 2009, pp. 149-164.

- 2008a - Blame: the hidden (and difficult) side of the climate change debate. *Anthropology News*, Vol. 49, No. 8, November 2008, pp. 45-46.
- 2008b - A comunicação social de informações sobre tempo e clima: o ponto de vista do usuário. *Boletim da Sociedade Brasileira de Meteorologia (BSBMET)*, Ago-Dez., 2008, pp. 76-86.
- 2007 - Kenneth Broad, Alex Pfaff, Renzo Taddei, Sankarasubramanian Arumugam, Upmanu Lall and Franciso de Assis de Souza Filho. Climate, stream flow prediction and water management in northeast Brazil: societal trends and forecast value. *Climatic Change*, Volume 84, Number 2, September 2007.
- 2004a - Notas sobre a vida social da previsão climática – Um estudo do caso do Ceará. In Lall, Upmanu and F. A. Souza Filho (eds.), *Gerenciamento Integrado dos Recursos Hídricos com Incorporação da Previsão Climática: da Informação e Previsão Climática à Redução das Vulnerabilidades às Secas no Semi-Árido Cearense, Vol. 3*. Palisades, NY and Fortaleza, Brazil: IRI/FUNCEME.
- 2004b - Os usos da lei e a vida social da legislação hídrica - Notas e reflexões sobre o caso do Ceará. *Revista Teoria e Pesquisa*, No. 44/45, jan./jul. 2004.
- 2002 - Notas sobre la economía política de categorías y denominaciones en el fútbol argentino. *Educación Física y Deportes*, Year 8, No. 55, December 2002.

#### *Graduate work*

Ph.D. dissertation (2005): “Of Clouds and Streams, Prophets and Profits: the Political Semiotics of Climate and Water in the Brazilian Northeast”. Nominated for the Bancroft Award 2005. Advisor: Lambros Comitas. Published electronically at <http://bdttd.ibict.br>.

#### *Honors:*

- Dissertation nominated for the Bancroft Award, Columbia University – 2005
- Guest lecturer at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Meteorological Society, session on Communication of Climate Information. Florianópolis, Brazil, November 30, 2006.
- Guest lecturer at the Conference on Vulnerability and Hydrometeorological Risk Management in Mexico (organized by CIESAS, UNAM and Colegio de México). Mexico City, May 26 and 27, 2005.
- Guest lecturer at the Seminar in Commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Brazilian Water Law, organized by the Brazilian Association for Water Resources (ABRH). Fortaleza, Brazil, July 9, 2004
- Guest lecturer at CIESAS – Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios

Superiores en Antropología Social, as part of 'Seminário Teórico- Metodológico del Proyecto Gestión de riesgo de desastre ENSO (El Niño Southern Oscillation) en America Latina, Sección México'. Mexico City, March 6, 2003.

*Scholarships  
and  
Fellowships:*

Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant – 2003/2004

Research Institute for the Study of Man/Landes Grant – Summer, 2003

CNPq (Brazilian National Research Council) International Doctoral Studies Scholarship – Fall, 2001 to Spring, 2005

Tinker Grant – Summer, 2001

Columbia University, Teachers College Anthropology Programs Scholarship – Spring, 2001

Columbia University, Teachers College International Scholarship – Fall, 2000

*Research  
grants:*

2013-2016 - Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research - IAI (\$ 162,000, based at the University of the Republic, Uruguay): co-principal investigator. Title of the project: Transferring climate knowledge in the science-policy interface for adaptation to drought in Uruguay.

2012-2017 - Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research - IAI (\$ 765,499.16, based at the University of Buenos Aires): co- principal investigator. Title of the project: Towards usable climate science - Informing sustainable decisions and provision of climate services to the agriculture and water sectors of southeastern South America.

2005-2014 - NSF Decision Making Under Uncertainty (\$12,500,000, based at Columbia University): co-investigator, Center for Research on Environmental Decisions. Title of the project: Study of individual and group decision-making under imperfect information and climate uncertainty in Ceará, Brazil.

2006-2007 – Tinker Foundation (\$150,000, based at Columbia University): social science co-investigator, Center on Globalization and Sustainable Development, The Earth Institute at Columbia University. Title of the project: Water Allocation, Efficiency and Vulnerability in Northeast Brazil: Mechanisms based on Groups' Behaviors, Perceptions and Recommendations.

2005-2007 - NOAA Office of Global Programs, Climate and Societal Interactions Division (\$448,346, based at the University of Miami): social science co-investigator. Title of the project: Analysis of impacts of the use of climate information on water decisions on different stakeholders in Ceará, Brazil.

2004-2005 – World Bank/Government of the State of Ceará (\$100,000, based at Columbia University): co-principal investigator. For project on designing strategies for improving the effectiveness of

the communication of climate information to diverse societal groups in the semi-arid Brazilian Northeast.

*Presentations and participation in academic meetings:*

*Conference presentations*

- 2014a - 29a. Reunião Brasileira de Antropologia. Dimensões ontológicas do ausente: corporalidades e materialidades, depois que a chuva não veio. 2014.
- 2014b - 29a. Reunião Brasileira de Antropologia. Geoengenharia à brasileira. 2014.
- 2014c - Annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science. Alter Geoengineering. 2014.
- 2013a - II Encontro de Antropólogos Mexicanos e Brasileiros. Sobre a transversalidade invisível (ou invisibilidade transversal) dos desastres na agenda antropológica brasileira. 2013.
- 2013b - IV Reunião de Antropologia da Ciência e da Tecnologia. Ser-estar no sertão: capítulos da vida como filosofia visceral. 2013.
- 2012a - II Congreso Nacional de Antropologia Social y Etnologia, México. O Estado (ou sua ausência) serve para pensar (o clima). 2012.
- 2012b - 12a reunião bienal da European Association of Social Anthropologists. Forecasting not to see the future: comments on the performatic dimensions of climate forecasting. 2012.
- 2012c - 28a Reunião Brasileira de Antropologia. A prognosticação do clima como performance sócio-comunicativa. 2012.
- 2011a - 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. *Anthropologies of Forecasting as Anthropologies of the Future: comments*. Montreal, Canada, 18 November 2011.
- 2011b - Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding Through the Social Sciences (ICARUS). Assessing Adaptation Outcomes under Asymmetric Climate Information. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 7 May 2011.
- 2011c - Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding Through the Social Sciences (ICARUS). Social Participation and the Politics of Climate in Northeast Brazil. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 5 May 2011.
- 2011d - III Reunião de Antropologia da Ciência e da Tecnologia. Práticas de conhecimento do futuro e os conhecimentos do futuro na prática: clima e antropologia. University of Brasília, 29 October 2011.
- 2010 - *Uncertainty, culture, and climate change*. Second International Conference on Climate, Sustainability and Development in Semi-arid Regions - ICID 2010, Fortaleza, August 17, 2010.
- 2009a - *Oracles of Rain in Modern Times: Economic Development and the Changes in the Social Identities of the Rain Prophets of*



- Northeast Brazil*. Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, June 11, 2009.
- 2009b - *The Pragmatics of Prognostication in Times of Climate Change*. 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 3, 2009.
- 2008a - *The Politics of Uncertainty and the Fate of Forecasters: Climate, Risk, and Blame in the Brazilian Northeast*. Weather, Knowledge and Everyday Life - 2008 conference of the International Commission for the History of Meteorology. Rio de Janeiro, May 27, 2008.
- 2008b - *Water Bargaining & Climate Adaptation: asymmetric access to information affects equity*. Authors: PFAFF, Alexander; VELEZ, Maria Alejandra; BROAD, Kenneth; CORDEIRO, Julio Hercio Magalhães; TADDEI, Renzo. ECRG Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar Series - World Bank. Washington, D.C., May 7, 2008.
- 2007a - *Watered Down Democratization: the effects of the modernization discourse on social participation in water management in Northeast Brazil*. 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C., November 30, 2007.
- 2007b - *Lambros Comitas Through His Visual Anthropology*. 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C., November 28, 2007.
- 2007c - *Decision making, cultural context, and the “human dimensions” of climate studies*. XV annual meeting of the Society for Human Ecology, Rio de Janeiro, October 6, 2007.
- 2006a - *Measuring the Impact of Improving Water Availability on Rural Household Welfare in Ceara, Brazil: A Multi-Output Primal Approach*, com Valerie Mueller, Alexander Pfaff, e Kenneth Broad. North American Productivity Workshop, New York University, New York, June 29, 2006.
- 2006b - *Understanding how meanings get transformed in the dissemination of climate information - the case of Northeast Brazil*. 2006 National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Applications Science Workshop: Research and Applications on Use and Impacts. Tucson, Arizona, March 21, 2006.
- 2005a - *Of donkeys, rain prophets and meteorologists: notes on the political semiotics of climate in the Brazilian Northeast*. Working group “Society and Nature in South America: Anthropological Theories, Cultural Practices and Environmental Conflicts.” IV RAM - Anthropological Meeting of the MERCOSUR. Montevideo, Uruguay, November 16 to 18, 2005.
- 2005b - *The social communication of climate information: outline for a sociology of the field of climate communication in Northeast Brazil*. I International Symposium on Climatology, Fortaleza,

Brazil, October 23 to 27, 2005.

- 2004 - *Local culture, economic development, and disputes over the legitimate representation of the environment: the social life of climate information in the Brazilian Northeast*. II International Conference on Sociocultural Research and Development, Paredes de Coura, Portugal, October 28 to 30, 2004.
- 2002 - *Notes on the political economy of categories and labels in Argentinean soccer*. IV Encuentro Deportes y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 16, 2002. Published at *Educación Física y Deportes*, Year 8, No. 55, December 2002.

*Invited lectures*

- 2014a - Colóquio Os Mil Nomes de Gaia - Do Antropoceno à idade da Terra. Alter geoengenharia. 2014.
- 2014b - Riscos de desastres relacionados à água - Aplicabilidade das bases conceituais das ciências Humanas e Sociais para a análise de casos concretos. A antropologia como instrumento para o estudo e o trabalho com desastres. 2014.
- 2014c - Reunião anual do Center for Research on Environmental Decisions. Th. Geoengineering goes spiritual. 2014.
- 2014d - Workshop do Grupo de Estudos de Antropologia da Ciência e da Tecnologia (GEACT). Geoengenharia espiritual, ou algo do gênero. 2014.
- 2014e - Afetos nascentes. Dimensões ontológicas do ausente: corporalidades e materialidades, depois que a chuva não veio. 2014.
- 2014f - Responsible Innovation and the Governance of Socially Controversial Technologies. Care, the future and the modernist project. 2014.
- 2014g - Ciclo de debates Ações e desafios para gestão costeira. Mudanças climáticas: novos dilemas e desafios. 2014.
- 2013 - Reunião anual do Center for Research on Environmental Decisions. The effects of forecasts on how individuals and groups perceive and relate to the future. 2013.
- 2012a - Aula inaugural para o curso de graduação em Geografia, PUC-MG. Antropologia Ambiental: as práticas do saber local no universo ambiental. 2012.
- 2012b - Semana Nacional de Ciência e Tecnologia - Agenda Ecológica em Disputa: ciência, mercado e sociedade. Sobre o conceito de agenda ecológica. 2012.
- 2012c - Terioscopia: rastros e metamorfoses entre bichos e gentes. Ser-estar no sertão: capítulos da vida como filosofia visceral. 2012. (Seminário).
- 2012d - Cineclube Ciência em Foco - Casa da Ciência UFRJ. Cineclube Ciência em Foco. 2012. (Seminário).

- 2012e - XIV Workshop Internacional de Avaliação Climática para o Semiárido Nordeste. Informação de Tempo e Clima: o desafio da comunicação e a interface com o usuário. 2012.
- 2011a - Seminário da Coordenação Interdisciplinar de Estudos Contemporâneos (CIEC). A prognosticação do futuro como performance comunicativa. 2011.
- 2011b - Annual meeting of the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions (CRED). Water allocation in Brazil and Colombia. 2011.
- 2011c - Ciencias Sociales y Medio Ambiente. El pronóstico del futuro (climático) como performance comunicativa. 2011.
- 2011d - Vulnerabilidad climática y ambiental en la región de la Cuenca del Plata - Instituto Interamericano para la Investigación del Cambio Global (IAI). La investigación multidisciplinaria en cambio global sobre toma de decisiones Cómo conectar la ciencia y la política? 2011.
- 2011e - Cineclube UNIFOR – “O Sol de Cada Manhã”. Debatedor. 3 de fevereiro de 2011.
- 2010a – *Forecasting and the social communication of science*. State University of Campinas, Science and Technology Policy Department, April 4, 2010.
- 2010b - *Social participation and the politics of climate in Northeast Brazil*. Environment and Citizenship in Latin America Workshop, Vancouver, CA, April 24-25, 2010.
- 2008 - *A Comunicação da Informação Meteorológica: Algumas Contribuições das Ciências Sociais*. XV Congresso Brasileiro de Meteorologia. São Paulo, August 28, 2008.
- 2007a – *Gender and the Semiotics of Political Visibility in the Brazilian Northeast*. Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies at Yale University, April 19, 2007.
- 2007b - *Why we need to understand how societies deal with uncertainty (if we want to understand how they deal with the climate)*. Picker Center in the School of International and Public Affairs/M.A. Program in Climate and Society, Columbia University, April 11, 2007.
- 2007c – *The Politics of Uncertainty and the Fate of Forecasters: Climate, Risk, and Blame in Northeast Brazil*. Department of Anthropology Monday Seminar Series at the University of Chicago, March 26, 2007.
- 2006a – *The Politics of Uncertainty and the Fate of Forecasters – Ethnographic Notes from Northeast Brazil*. Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium, Yale University, Department of Anthropology, December 4, 2006.
- 2006b – *The dissemination of meteorological information and the complex relationship between meteorology and society*. Annual

- Meeting of the Brazilian Meteorological Society. Florianópolis, November 30, 2006.
- 2006c - *Forecasting meanings: overcoming communicational barriers in the dissemination of climate information.* IRI Seminar - International Research Institute for Climate and Society, Columbia University. Palisades (NY), May 10, 2006.
- 2006d - *Understanding how meanings get transformed in the dissemination of climate information - the case of Northeast Brazil.* Center for Research on Environmental Decisions, Columbia University. New York, March 17, 2006.
- 2005a - *Structure and process in evaluations on participation and decentralization in water management.* Seminar on the “Evaluation of the Implementation of the National Water Resources Policies, in Brazil and in the State of Ceará”, promoted by the Ceará State Metropolitan Basin Water Committee. Fortaleza, Brazil, August 11th, 2005.
- 2005b - *Climate sciences and society in the Brazilian Northeast: socio-anthropological contributions to understanding the communicative processes related to climate issues.* Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) – Centro de Ciencias de la Atmósfera, Mexico City, June 1st, 2005.
- 2005c - *Drought, Climate Sciences, and Public Policy in Northeast Brazil.* Conference on Vulnerability and Hydrometeorological Risk Management in Mexico (organizado pelo Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México e Colégio de México). Mexico City, May 26 and 27, 2005.
- 2005d - *Lost in translation: drought, climate sciences and public policy in the Brazilian Northeast.* Center for Brazilian Studies, Institute of Latin American and Iberian Studies of the School of International and Political Affairs, Columbia University. New York, March 31, 2005.
- 2004a - *The social life of water laws: notes and reflections on the Ceará case.* Seminar in commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Brazilian Water Law, organized by the Brazilian Association for Water Resources (ABRH). Fortaleza, July 9, 2004.
- 2004b - *Politics and gender in the Brazilian Northeast – Notes on the semiotics of political visibility.* Anthropology Department, Social Sciences Division, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana – Iztapalapa. Mexico City, June 10, 2004.
- 2003a - *Watered Down Democratization: Participatory Development in Water Management in Ceará, Brazil.* Seminário Teórico-Metodológico del Proyecto Gestión de riesgo de desastre ENSO (El Niño Southern Oscillation) en America Latina, Sección México. CIESAS – Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social. México City, March 6, 2003.

2003b – *Watered down democratization: water management in the semi-arid Brazilian Northeast*. Anthropology Programs Colloquium, Teachers College, Columbia University. New York, February 6, 2003.

2001 - *Notes on an ethnographic study on hooliganism in Buenos Aires, Argentina*. Institute of Latin American and Iberian Studies of the School of International and Political Affairs, Columbia University. New York, September 27, 2001.

*Extra curricular experience and public service:*

2007: Member of the Engineers Without Borders Faculty Advisory Committee, Columbia University.

1993-1994: Councilman at the University Council for Culture and Extension Activities, University of São Paulo.

1993-1994: President of the Student Senate of the Polytechnic School, University of São Paulo, Brazil (*Grêmio Politécnico*).

1993-1994: Polytechnic Magazine, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil; member of the editorial council.

1993-1994: President of the Polytechnic Preparatory Course (*Cursinho da Poli*). Brazilian NGO created to help underprivileged Brazilian high school students prepare for public university admission exams.

1995-1996: Folha de São Paulo Newspaper, São Paulo, Brazil. Manager of the Folha de São Paulo news and image agency (*Agência Folha and Folha Imagem*).

*Languages:*

Fluent in English, Portuguese and Spanish. Reading proficiency in French and Italian.