

DIANA DENHAM

Academic appointments

2021-present	Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, USA
2020-2021	Visiting Scholar, Instituto de Investigaciones Sociológicas, Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca, Oaxaca de Juárez, Oaxaca, Mexico Adjunct Assistant Professor, Toulan School of Urban Studies & Planning Portland State University, Portland, OR, USA
2017-2019	Adjunct Instructor, University Studies, Portland State University, Portland, OR, USA
2017	Instructor of Spanish, Spanish Department, Reed College, Portland, OR, USA
2016	Adjunct Spanish Instructor, World Languages and Literature, Portland State University, Portland, OR, USA

Education

PhD	2020	Urban Studies, Portland State University
MA	2012	Latin American Studies, University of California Los Angeles
MA	2011	Urban Planning, University of California Los Angeles
BA	2004	Development Studies & Latin American Studies, Brown University

Publications

Books

1. Diana Denham and CASA Chapulín. *Enseñando Rebeldía: Historias del movimiento popular oaxaqueño*. (2010). PM Press, Oakland, CA.
2. Diana Denham and CASA Chapulín. *Teaching Rebellion: Stories from the Grassroots Mobilization in Oaxaca*. (2008) PM Press, Oakland, CA.

Journal articles

1. Diana Denham, Mary Ann Rozance, Melanie Malone, and Erin Goodling. (2021). "Sustaining Future Environmental Educators: Building Critical Interdisciplinary Teaching Capacity Among Graduate Students." *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 11(1), 101-114. DOI: [10.1007/s13412-020-00611-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-020-00611-y)
2. Diana Denham and Fiona Gladstone. (2020). "Making sense of food system transformation in Mexico." *Geoforum*, 115, 67-80. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2020.05.024> (shared authorship).
3. Mary Ann Rozance, Diana Denham and Sarah Kidd. (2020). "Contesting neoliberal knowledge politics in restoration governance: the restorationist's dilemma." *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning*, 22 (30), 413-427. DOI: [10.1080/1523908X.2020.1743651](https://doi.org/10.1080/1523908X.2020.1743651).

4. Diana Denham. (2017). "Community forest owners evaluate a decade of payments for ecosystem services in the Mexican cloud forest: the importance of attention to indigenous sovereignty in conservation." *Society and Natural Resources* 9 (30): 1064-1079.
5. Diana Denham and Chris Tilly. (2015). "Converging Divergences in Formal and Informal Work: Longitudinal Evidence from Mexico." *Global Labour Journal* 6 (1): 41-61.
6. Diana Denham and Chris Tilly. (2013). "Sueños de éxito, realidades estancadas: aspiraciones y movilidad en el comercio informal y formal en México." *Revista Latino Americana de Estudos do Trabalho*. Mercados de trabalho no mundo globalizado: trajetórias e experiências 30: 9-42.

Peer-reviewed book chapter

1. Diana Denham (2021). "El Tianguis en la era del Supermercado." In *Tianguis y Mercados en el Siglo XXI: Repensando su problemática*. Eds. S. Moctezuma and D. Genovez. Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México. Toluca, Edo. de México.

Manuscripts under development

- *The Struggle for Food Sovereignty in Urban Mexico*. (Book proposal in preparation for University of Minnesota Press)
- "The urban modernization project and the peripheralization of Indigenous markets in Mexico." (In preparation for the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*).
- "Thirty years of territorial struggles for community-controlled forests in Mexico: Indigenous activists reflect." (In preparation for the *Journal of Latin American Geography*).

Documentary Films

Diana Denham (2008). *Trilogía de Historias de Migrantes Indígenas Oaxaqueños*, Red Pitaya Productions.

- *La Voz de Tepejillo: Conserving Mixtec Language through Community Radio*, 2008
- *Baptism of a truck: Celebrating remittance-led, self-determined development*, 2007
- *Sisters of the Living Earth: The making of Yu-Van Women's Organic Coffee Cooperative*, 2006

Diana Denham (2005). *The Right to Share in Our Common Wealth*, Red Pitaya Productions

Dissertation

2020 PhD Dissertation. *The Persistence of Indigenous Markets in Mexico's "Supermarket Revolution"*. Toulan School of Urban Studies & Planning, Portland State University. Committee: Nathan McClintock (chair), Veronica Dujon, Dan Jaffee, Megan Horst, Jack Corbett.

Manuals, training guides

- Diana Denham and Suzanna Elkin. (2012). *Educación ambiental y nutricional con conocimientos y recursos locales*. Popular education guide for teachers, parents and children in environmental education. Prepared for the Centro de Permacultura Tierra del Sol.
- Diana Denham (2011). *Oaxaca se mueve en bici: plan para la movilidad sostenible y equitativa*. Bicycle master plan prepared for Mundo Ceiba, A.C. to support equitable urban mobility in Oaxaca City.

Presentations

Conference papers

- 2021 "Indigenous Markets and the Struggle for Food Sovereignty in Urban Mexico", Just Food/Agriculture and Human Values Annual Conference, Corvallis, Oregon, 19 Jun 2021.
- 2021 "The Persistence of Indigenous Markets in Mexico's 'supermarket revolution'", Latin American Studies Association Virtual Congress, Vancouver, BC, 28 May 2021.
- 2021 "Race-based spatial exclusion in urban Mexico read through the history of Indigenous markets", American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 21 April 2021.
- 2019 "Challenging the hegemony of corporate food: Embodied, 'good sense' critiques of capitalist agro-food systems in Oaxaca, Mexico" (with Fiona Gladstone), North Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, 19 Oct 2019.
- 2019 "The persistence of Indigenous markets in Mexico's 'supermarket revolution'", Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Oaxaca de Juárez, Oaxaca, Mexico, 26 Mar 2019.
- 2018 "Innovation, Adaptation, and Resistance in a Modernizing Food System" (w/ Jack Corbett) III Congreso Español de Sociología de la Alimentación, Universidad de Oviedo, Gijón, Spain, 27 Sep 2018.
- 2018 "*Tianguis* claim space in Mexico's modern city", Inter-American Foundation for Grassroots Development Annual Conference, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, 14 Feb 2018.
- 2017 "Los principios de autonomía y auto-determinación en conservación comunitaria en comunidades indígenas", (w/ Raul Juan Lorenzo and Celestino Osorio Osorio), V Congreso Internacional de Servicios Ecosistémicos en los Neotrópicos in Oaxaca de Juárez, Oaxaca Mexico, 15 Nov 2017.
- 2016 "Subsidizing Contradiction: Situating Urban Agriculture within Neighborhood Change, Gentrification and Displacement", American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 28 March 2016.
- 2016 "From Conservation to Income-generation: Equity and Community Forestry in Nepal", (with Mary Ann Rozance, Harisharan Luintel, Robert Scheller and Bibek Luintel, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 29 Mar 2016.
- 2015 "Restoration as Infrastructure: Insights for Wetland Restoration Planning Practice", (w/ Mary Ann Rozance and Sarah Kidd), International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Charleston, S.C, 15 Jun 2015.
- 2015 "Ten years of community conservation areas evaluated by communal forest owners in Oaxaca, Mexico", International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Charleston, S.C, 16 Jun 2015.

- 2015 “Ten years of payments for ecosystem services and Indigenous community conserved areas evaluated by community forest owners in Mexico”, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 25 Apr 2015.
- 2015 “Conservation Alternatives for Forest Stewardship: Indigenous Community Conservation”, (w/ Fernando Mondragón) Research to Action Symposium, Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Portland, OR, 21 Oct 2015.
- 2012 “Tradición y Transformación en la cultura alimentaria de la comunidad zapoteca de San Bartolomé Quialana, Oaxaca” (w/ Betzabé Hernández and José Luis Chavez Servia), Coloquio de Antropología y Etnografía de la Alimentación, Benemérita Universidad de Puebla, Puebla, Mexico, 4 Sep 2012.
- 2012 “Entrepreneurial dreams, harsh realities: Aspirations and mobility in informal and formal retail jobs in Mexico”, (w/ Chris Tilly) American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, San Francisco, CA, 25 May 2012.

Panels

- 2020 “Subaltern city-making against the grain of state-led urban modernization: the persistence of Indigenous markets in Mexico's ‘supermarketization’”, The Urban Speculations of Peripheral Knowledge. European Association of Social Anthropologists, Lisbon, Portugal, 24 Jul 2020.
- 2018 Panel moderator: “Navigating relationships in the field”, (w/ Andrea Baudoin, Flavia Oliveira, Amarylis Estrella, Amelia Frank-Vitale, Fernando Galeana Rodríguez. Inter-American Foundation for Grassroots Development Annual Conference, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, 15 Feb 2018.
- 2015 “Urban agriculture MTL-PDX: Reflections on an international field course, research project, and exchange” (w/ Nathan McClintock, Amanda Hudson, Dirk Kinsey & Gwyneth Manser), Urban Studies and Planning First Friday Speaker Series, Portland State University, 6 Nov 2015.
- 2015 “Beyond Economics: Discourse and Interests in Ecosystem Services”, (w/ Paul Manson, Mary Ann Rozance, Diane Besser), International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM). Charleston, S.C., 14 Jun 2015.

Invited Presentations and Book Talks

- 2021 “Mejora urbanística en el archivo histórico: Oaxaca 1976-1978” [Urban renewal in the archives: Oaxaca 1976-1978], Instituto de Investigaciones Sociológicas, Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca. 28 May 2021.
- 2021 Mabel M. Otis Endowed Scholar Award Speaker: “Fieldwork with women in Latin America’s peripheries”, PEO International State Massachusetts State Convention (virtual), April 2021.
- 2019 Featured speaker: “The *tianguis* as livelihood: women’s strategies for survival in Oaxaca’s public International State Convention Banquet. Portland, OR, 25 Jun 2019.
- 2016 “International Solidarity and the testimonies of *Teaching Rebellion*”, Lewis and Clark College. Portland, OR, 15 Oct 2016.

- 2009 *Teaching Rebellion*. Presentation in *Los libros del movimiento*. Asamblea Popular de los Pueblos Oaxaca. El zócalo, Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico, 18 Feb 2009.
- 2008 *Teaching Rebellion*, Dry River collective, Tuscon, AZ, 11 Nov 2008.

Poster

- 2015 “From conservation to income generation: equity and community forestry in Nepal”, 8th Annual Sustainability Celebration. Institute for Sustainable Solutions. Portland, OR, 28 May 2015.

Honors, awards, and fellowships

- 2020 ACSP/ Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Curriculum Innovation Award - \$7,000
- 2020 Wenner-Gren Foundation - EASA conference funding award
- 2020 Laurels Graduate Award - tuition
- 2019 Mabel M. Otis Endowed Scholar Award
- 2020 P.E.O. International Scholars Award – \$15,000
- 2019 Toulan Memorial Scholarship – \$3,000
- 2019 PSUFA Professional Development Award – \$1,400
- 2018 Maurie Clark Endowed Fellowship – \$4,000
- 2018 PSUFA Professional Development Award– \$2,000
- 2018 Institute for Sustainable Solutions Fellow
- 2018 Ford Fellowship Dissertation Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 2018 Laurels Graduate Award – tuition
- 2017 Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development fellowship – \$31,300
- 2016 Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers PhD field study award – \$1,500
- 2016 AAG Graduate Research Grant competition (honorable mention)- \$100
- 2016 SYLFF Research Abroad – \$5,000
- 2016 John Gray Scholarship for Sustainable Development – \$2,500
- 2015 Institute for Sustainable Solutions Dissertation Fellowship – \$8,000
- 2015 NSF IGERT Support for Interdisciplinary Curriculum Design and Teaching – \$10,000
- 2015 Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship – \$12,000
- 2014 Institute for Sustainable Solutions Research-to-Action grant – \$4,000
- 2014 NSF IGERT Comparative Research Support – \$5,000
- 2014 PSU/NSF-IGERT Travel Award – \$800
- 2013 NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship – \$140,000
- 2011 UCLA Latin American Studies departmental scholarship – \$5,000
- 2011 UCLA Urban and Regional Planning Departmental Award for Community Service
- 2010 Faucett field research grant – \$2,500
- 2009 University Fellowship, UCLA – \$15,000 plus tuition
- 2008 A.J. Muste Memorial Institute grant – \$2,000
- 2005 Samuel T. Arnold Fellowship – \$18,000
- 2004 Howard Swearer International Service Fellowship – \$3,000
- 2004 Phi Beta Kappa
- 2004 BA with honors, magna cum laude

Teaching

(instructor unless otherwise indicated)

University of Oklahoma

- GEOG 4/5313: Interpreting Society and the Environment with Qualitative Methods (Fall 2021)

Portland State University

- USP 430: Participatory Research Methods for Community Development (Spring 2021)
- USP 220: Understanding Communities (Fall, Spring & Winter 2016-2020)
- WLL 201: Intermediate Spanish (Fall 2020, 2 classes)
- ESM 399: Urban Rivers: Policy, Planning, and Activism (Spring 2016, co-designed and facilitated interdisciplinary class with colleagues Mary Ann Rozance and Melanie Malone through NSF IGERT funded teaching fellowship)

Reed College

- SPAN 110: First-year Spanish (Spring 2017, 2 classes)

Study abroad, Lewis and Clark College

- Cruzando Fronteras (Spring 2009, designed and facilitated two-week Oaxaca-based component of course)

Relevant Professional Experience

Community-engaged teaching and research

- Participatory Action Research (PAR) Coordinator, Geoconservación, Oaxaca, Mex. - trained Chinantec youth as community researchers (2012-2013)
- Teacher Trainer, Experiential Education Program Facilitator, Tierra del Sol Permaculture Center, Oaxaca, Mex. (2012)
- Mundo Ceiba, chair of bicycle infrastructure planning committee – coordinated cyclist-activist research group, citywide bike count, and plan for urban mobility legislation (2011)
- Field Coordinator, Colectivos de Apoyo, Solidaridad y Acción (C.A.S.A), Oaxaca, Mex - coordinated independent journalism, human rights accompaniment, international solidarity, educational delegations, 40-day U.S. book tour with Oaxacan organizers (2006-2009)
- Facilitator, Exposure Dialogue Programme on Oaxacan informal economy hosted by Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing, Harvard (2008)
- Filmmaker & independent researcher on Brazilian urban & agrarian movements, Bahia, Brazil (2004-2005)
- Program coordinator, MET Family Literacy for Social Change, Providence, RI - coordinated Family Literacy program; taught English classes to adult immigrants (2000-2004)

Research assistant positions

- Institute for sustainable solutions, Portland State University, PI Rebecca McClain (2017-2018)

- Centro Interdisciplinario de Investigación para el Desarrollo Integral Regional, Oaxaca, Mexico, PI José Luis Chavez Servia (2012)
- Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UCLA, PI Chris Tilly (2009-2013)

Professional development, trainings & certificates

- Decolonial Methods in Social and Solidarity Economies, El Cambalache, Chiapas, Mexico (2020)
- Course Development Workshop Series, University Studies, PSU (2020)
- National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education Research Traineeship (2013-2017)
- International exchange, El Colegio de México, Mexico City (2003)
- International exchange, Universidad de la Habana, Havana, Cuba (2002)

Developmental & copy editing, translating

- Proofreader/developmental editor, Danish Institute for International Studies – edited dissertations, journal articles and books for publication in English (2019-2021)
- Copy editor, proofreader, and developmental editor, Textual Matters (2011-2017)
- Translator, Oklahoma Department of Human Services - translated public documents to Spanish; interpreted for children's literacy program (2005-2008)

Governance and Service

University of Oklahoma

- Colloquium Committee (2021-2022)
- Library Liaison, DGES (2021-2022)

Portland State University

- Health coverage research & advocacy committee, PSU Faculty Association (2018)
- International Association for Society & Natural Resources, founding member of PSU Chapter (2015-2017)
- Research-to-Action Symposium & Project Development, collaborator, PSU (2015-2016)
- Student governance representative, Toulon School of Urban Studies & Planning (2013-2016)
- Urban Studies curriculum revision committee, graduate student representative (2014-2015)
- Students Addressing Urban and City Issues, member, PSU TSUSP (2014-2016)
- Cities & Environment Works in Progress Group, collaborator, PSU TSUSP (2013-2014)
- First Fridays Craft of Research Speaker Series, collaborator, PSU TSUSP (2012-2013)

Service to Professional Organizations

- LASA Media Award Committee (2021-2022)

Journal manuscript referee

- *Environment and Development* (2021)

Professional Organization Memberships: American Association of Geographers (AAG); Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG), Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR), Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECLAS), European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)

Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (advanced), Zapoteco (beginning)