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EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (expected)
 Dissertation: The Prospects of Oil Palm: Smallholders' Livelihoods in Global Value Chains
 Committee: Jane Collins, Michael Bell, Elizabeth Hennessy, Diana Ojeda, Nan Enstad
 Exams: Sociology of Agrofood Systems (distinction), Sociology of Economic Change and Development
 Ph.D. Minor: Critical Environmental Studies
 Directed Study: Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios sobre Desarrollo, Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia. *Advisor:* Diana Ojeda
- 2015 M.A. Geography (distinction), King's College London, UK
- 2012 B.A. Political Science, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia
- 2012 B.S. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Development, Political Ecology, Agriculture, Food Systems, Community-Based Research, Latin America.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 Serrano, Angela. "Making a Market: Creating Space for Investors through Farmland REITS." *Journal of Political Ecology*. 26(1): 559-613.
- 2019 Serrano, Angela & Andrew Brooks. "Who Is Left Behind in Global Food Systems? Local Farmers Failed by Colombia's Avocado Boom." *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 2(2): 348-367.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020— Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2020— Visiting Researcher, International Center for Tropical Agriculture, Nicaragua
- 2020 Project Assistant, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2017-19 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2018 Trainer for incoming Communications-B Teaching Assistants, Writing Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016-17 Research Assistant, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010-12 Research Assistant, 'Debates on Poverties', Universidad de los Andes, Colombia

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2020 Graduate Student Research and Travel Grant, Center for Culture, History, and the Environment, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 Mellon-Wisconsin Fall Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 Doctoral Dissertation Award, Rural Sociological Society
- 2019 Student Research Grant, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 Crowe Scholarship for Graduate Student Dissertation Research, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 Scott Kloeck-Jenson Pre-Dissertation Travel Fellowship, The Institute for Regional and International Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 Graduate Student Summer Mini-Grant Program, Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 Nave Short-Term Field Research Grant, Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 Crowe Scholarship for Pre-Dissertation Research Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 Graduate Student Research Travel Grant, Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2017 Crowe Scholarship for Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Kolb Memorial Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding graduate student in Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 Havens Memorial Award for Graduate Students from Developing Nations, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 Eric Wolf Prize for the best article-length paper, Political Ecology Society
- 2018 Nomination for Early Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2017 Master's Thesis Award, Colombian Studies Association
- 2015 Best Thesis Award for the MA/MSc Geography program, King's College London

PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

Invited

- 2019 “El Papel del Sindicalismo en el Desarrollo Rural a Partir del Cultivo de Palma.” Lanzamiento del informe del Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica “Y a la vida por fin daremos todo”, Universidad de los Andes. Bogota, Colombia, May 28.
- 2019 “Persistencia del Campesinado en el Capitalismo: Debates Teóricos y Retos Actuales.” Curso Libre y de Extensión PAVIVIR (Pasiones, Vicios y Virtudes), Universidad Externado de Colombia. Bogota, Colombia, May 22.
- 2018 “Behind Smooth and Tasty Avocados: Consumer Choices, Government Opportunities, and Farmers’ Livelihoods.” Food and Social Justice course. Edgewood College. Madison, WI. October 25.

Conferences

- 2019 “Perspectivas del Campesinado frente a la Palma de Aceite: Movilizando Conocimiento Local para Enfrentar Retos Globales.” Regional Studies Association. Bogota, Colombia. September 30-October 1.
- 2019 “The Prospects of Oil Palm: Peasant Resilience in Global Value Chains.” Rural Sociological Society. Richmond, VA, August 7-10.
- 2019 “Making a Market: Creating Space for Investors through Farmland REITs. ” Society for Applied Anthropology. Portland, OR, March 19-23.
- 2017 “Claiming the Right to the City Beyond the City: The Role of Agrarian Social Movements.” American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada. August 12-15.
- 2017 “Beyond Price: Farmers’ Livelihood Opportunities and the Political Economy of Avocado.” Society for the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, Canada. August 11-13.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Rural Sociological Society (RSS)

Professional Service

- 2020 Co-organizer, “Cosmopolitan Localism: Situated Practices Circulating in World Systems” session, Section on Political Economy of the World-System, ASA Annual Meeting.
- 2019-2020 Student Representative, Development Committee, Rural Sociological Association
- 2018 Chair, taskforce to select plagiarism detection software, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Selected)

2018—	Advisor, Sintraproaceites, San Alberto, Cesar, Colombia
2017	Translator, Corporación Regional Yariguíes Grupo de Estudios Extractivos y Ambientales del Magdalena Medio, Barrancabermeja, Colombia
2017	Advocate, Workers' Rights Center of Madison, WI
2016	Advocate, Eastern Service Workers' Association, Trenton, NJ
2014	Yoga instructor, Casa de Igualdad de Oportunidades Puente Aranda, Bogota, Colombia

MEDIA

Author

2020	Serrano, Angela. "Can Small-Scale Farming Save Oil Palm?" <i>Edge Effects Magazine and Podcast</i> . February 20.
2019	Serrano, Angela. "Paro Nacional: Razones y Detonantes de Sobra para Protestar." <i>espectador.com</i> . December 4.

Mention

2019	Velasco, Diana, Vanessa Sarmiento & Samara Díaz. "Líderes Sindicales de la Palma: 40 años de Lucha por Derechos." <i>Lapazenelterreno.com</i> . September 11 (mention).
2019	Colombia2020. "Pudimos Contar Nuestra Lucha': así fue el Lanzamiento del Informe que el Centro de Memoria no Priorizó." <i>espectador.com</i> . May 28 (mention).

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native); English (fluent); French (reading)

Software: NVivo, SPSS

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2013	Analyst for the Sustainable Cities Unit, Findeter S.A, Bogota, Colombia
2012	Advisor for the Office of International Affairs, Mayor's Office, Bucaramanga, Colombia