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Education

- Ph.D. degree in Anthropology, specialization in Latin American Archaeology. University of Pittsburgh (2002).
- Master degree in Anthropology. University of Pittsburgh (2000).
- Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies (1994-2001), University of Pittsburgh.
- Licenciatura degree in Archaeology, Department of Anthropology/Archaeology, Universidad Mayor de San Andres, La Paz. December 1993.

Appointments, Professional Positions

- 2010-present: Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2004-2010: Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2004-Spring: Adjunct Faculty, Latin American Studies Center, University of Maryland.
- 2003-2004: Adjunct Faculty, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Prince George's Community College, Maryland.
- 2000-2001: Instructor at the Departments of Anthropology and Psychology, University of Pittsburgh.
- 1992 to 1993: Interim Chairperson of the Department of Anthropology Archaeology, San Andres University.
- 1988 to 1993: Research Archaeologist at the National Institute of Archaeology, Bolivia and the National Museum of Archaeology in Bolivia.
- 1992 and 1993: Invited Professor of the Department of Anthropology/Archaeology, Universidad Mayor de San Andres, La Paz.

Grants Research & Fellowships**Research Grants**

- 2015 INTRA award, UTSA. The South-Central Montane Forest and Adjacent Areas: Regional Political Developments, Inter-regional Exchange and Cultural Interaction (\$5,000)
- 2013-2015 National Geographic Research and Exploration grant (9265-13). "The Kingdom of Metals and the Inka enclave of Saipuru-Samaipata: Circulation Networks, Colonization and the Inka Empire" (\$20,000).

- 2013 ANT 2043- Hybrid course design grant, sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Alternative Delivery Development Program (\$5,000.00).
- 2013 Carlos and Maria Alvarez International Study Fund award. Experiencing the Andes: Archaeology and Participation in Professional Workshops. Funds used to supplement doctoral student's research in Bolivia (\$2,785.00)
- 2012-2013 Wenner Gren, Workshop award (CONF 602) "The South-Central Montane Forest and Adjacent Areas: Regional Political Developments, Inter-regional Exchange and Cultural Interaction (\$ 20,000).
- 2012 Second year course redesign grant (ANT-2043 Introduction to Archaeology), awarded by the Quantitative Literacy Program (QLP), University of Texas at San Antonio (team members: Robert Hard, Kate Brown, Laura Levi and Sonia Alconini; \$15,000).
- 2011 First year course design grant ANT-2043 Introduction to Archaeology), awarded by the Quantitative Literacy Program (QLP), University of Texas at San Antonio (team members: Robert Hard, Kate Brown, Laura Levi and Sonia Alconini); \$15,000).
- 2010 UTSA Tenure-Track Research Award Competition (TRACK). Research grant awarded to study the evolution of terrace farming in Charazani: past and present. (\$. 22,000.00).
- 2007-2010 National Science Foundation Award (BCS-0635342). (Three-year grant to conduct research in Charazani-Bolivia) (\$. 154,269.00).
- 2006-2007 Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (Grant N. 7363). To conduct survey in Charazani, Bolivia (\$. 24,941.00).
- 2006 Faculty Research Award, University of Texas at San Antonio. Supplementary funds to conduct research in Charazani, Bolivia (\$. 5,000.00).
- 2005 Heinz Foundation for Archaeological Research in Latin America grant. Seed funds to start research in Charazani (\$. 5,633.00).
- 2003 American Association for the Advancement of Science-WISC Travel grant (\$. 4,000.00).
- 2002 Post-doctoral grant for archaeological research, John Heinz Foundation. To complete research in Yoroma, a Yampara center in Oroncota, Chuquisaca (\$. 8,000.00).
- 1998-1999 National Geographic (N.6150-98 & 6435-99). To aid in doctoral dissertation research (Prehistoric Inka Frontier, Structure and Dynamics in the Bolivian Chaco) (\$ 13,360.00).
- 1998 National Science Foundation (SBR 9712711). To aid in doctoral dissertation research (\$. 12,000.00).
- 1998 Wenner Gren Predoctoral (N.6361). To aid in doctoral dissertation research (\$. 5,000.00).

Other Awards and fellowships

- 2015 UTSA President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Advancing Globalization.
- 2015 Faculty Development Leave, University of Texas at San Antonio (Spring)
- 2008 Faculty Development Leave, University of Texas at San Antonio (Fall).
- 2006 Teaching appreciation Certificate, Students Honors Alliance, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2001-2002 Provost's Development Fund, University of Pittsburgh.
- 1999 Heinz Graduate Studies Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh. Awarded to write Ph.D. dissertation.
- 1994-1997 Heinz Graduate Studies Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh.
- 1996 Summer grant for fieldwork research, Center of Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, and the Tinker Foundation.

Publications

Books

- Under contract Oxford Handbook of the Inca. Co-edited with R. Alan Covey. University of Oxford Press. (manuscripts are currently collected, reviewed)
- In press The Southeastern Inka Imperial Frontier: Warfare, Boundaries and Frontier Interaction. University Press of Florida. (scheduled to appear in the Spring of 2016).
- In press "Hacia una Comprensión de los Yungas y Montaña Tropical Centro-Sur: Desarrollos Políticos Regionales, Intercambio e Interacción Interregional". Manuscript based on workshop organized by the Wenner Gren Foundation. Plural Editorial (December of 2015).
- 2015 "En el Corazón de América del Sur 3: Arqueología de las Tierras Bajas de Bolivia y zonas limítrofes". Edited by Sonia Alconini and Carla Jaimes. Museo de Historia de la Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno-El País, Santa Cruz.
- 2010 *Distant Provinces in the Inka Empire: Toward a Deeper Understanding of Inka Imperialism*. Edited by Michael Malpass and Sonia Alconini. University of Iowa Press, Iowa.
- 2008 *El Inkario en los Valles del Sur Andino Boliviano: Los Yamparas entre la arqueología y etnohistoria*. Edited by Sonia Alconini. BAR International Series No. 1868, South American Archaeology Series, Oxford.
- 1995 *Rito, Símbolo e Historia en la Pirámide de Akapana, Tiwanaku: un Análisis de Cerámica Ceremonial Prehispánica*. Editorial Acción, La Paz-Bolivia.

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- Under review Ritual banquets, sacred sounds and the Bolivian Southeast: Yoroma in the Yampara Territory during the Inkas. Manuscript co-authored with Walter Sánchez. Submitted to Ethnohistory.

- Under review Sacrificio, Decapitación, y Remoción Ocular: Estrategias Tiwanaku de Control Político y Religioso en los Valles Orientales. In 110 Años de Colaboraciones Arqueológicas Franco-Americanas. Manuscript co-authored with Sara K. Becker. IFEA, Lima.
- Under review El Arte Rupestre en Oroncota: Aspectos de Territorialidad y Ritualidad Antes y Después del Inkario. In "Escrituras indígenas: ayer y hoy". Edited by Fernando Garcés. INIAM, Cochabamba.
- Under review La Tradición Alfarera Yunga Género Tosco en el Territorio Kallawayaya en Perspectiva: Trayectorias de Desarrollo Sociopolítico. In "Hacia una Comprensión de los Yungas y Montaña Tropical Centro-Sur: Desarrollos Políticos Regionales, Intercambio e Interacción Interregional", Ed. by Sonia Alconini). In "Hacia una Comprensión de los Yungas y Montaña Tropical Centro-Sur: Desarrollos Políticos Regionales, Intercambio e Interacción Interregional", Ed. by Sonia Alconini).
- Under review La Tradición Cerámica Estampada e Incisa de Bordes Doblados en el Suroriente Boliviano: Trayectorias de Desarrollo en el Territorio Yampara en el Sur Andino. In "Hacia una Comprensión de los Yungas y Montaña Tropical Centro-Sur: Desarrollos Políticos Regionales, Intercambio e Interacción Interregional", Ed. by Sonia Alconini). In "Hacia una Comprensión de los Yungas y Montaña Tropical Centro-Sur: Desarrollos Políticos Regionales, Intercambio e Interacción Interregional", Ed. by Sonia Alconini).
- Under review A Manera de Conclusiones: Hacia una Relectura de los Desarrollos Políticos en los Yungas y Valles Contiguos en los Andes Centro-Sur en la Epoca pre-Colombina. In "Hacia una Comprensión de los Yungas y Montaña Tropical Centro-Sur: Desarrollos Políticos Regionales, Intercambio e Interacción Interregional", Ed. by Sonia Alconini).
- Under review Los Yunga-Kallawayaya yTiwanaku: Repensando los Procesos de Interacción Regional en los Andes Orientales Septentrionales. (co-authored with Juan Carlos Chavez). In "Hacia una Comprensión de los Yungas y Montaña Tropical Centro-Sur: Desarrollos Políticos Regionales, Intercambio e Interacción Interregional", Ed. by Sonia Alconini).
- In press Circuitos de interacción en el Chaco y valles del Sur-Andino Boliviano: Intrusión Guaraní e Inka. Tomo Antropología e Historia Indígena. Tierras Bajas, Jornadas de Antropología e Historia. Santa Cruz.
- In press La Expansión Guaraní en el Sur de Bolivia: Cuzcotuyo en Perspectiva. "En el Corazón de América del Sur 3: Arqueología de las Tierras Bajas de Bolivia y zonas limítrofes". Edited by Sonia Alconini and Carla Jaimes. Museo de Historia de la Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno-El País, Santa Cruz
- In press Conclusiones: Procesos de Complejidad Política, Interacción y Adaptación en las Zonas Bajas. "En el Corazón de América del Sur 3: Arqueología de las Tierras Bajas de Bolivia y zonas limítrofes". Edited by Sonia Alconini and Carla Jaimes. Museo de Historia de la Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno-El País, Santa Cruz.
- 2015 Head extraction, inter-regional exchange, and political strategies of control in the Kallawayaya territory of Bolivia during the late Formative to Tiwanaku period transition (AD 500-800). *Latin American Antiquity*, 26(1):30-48. Co-authored with Sara K. Becker.

- 2014 Producción y Distribución del Estilo Cerámico Inka Taraco Polícromo: Milliraya y Charazani en Perspectiva. In *Ocupación Inka y Dinámicas Regionales en los Andes (Siglos XV-XVIII)*. Edited by Claudia Rivera. IFEA.
- 2013-2014 Los Yamparaes, Chuis y Moyo Moyo en la Región de Oroncota: Reconstruyendo Territorialidad, Etnicidad y Estilo Antes y Después del Inkario. In *Qaraqara-Charca: Reflexiones a Tres Años Después*. Edited by Ana María Presta. Plural editores-Instituto Frances de Estudios Andinos, La Paz.
- 2013-2014 6.000 a.C-1540d.C. Cerro Tonka, Talasas y dominio Inka. Pueblos originarios del Valle de Cinti. In *San Pedro: testigo de los tiempos. Por la ruta del singani en Bolivia, siglos XVI-XX*. Edited by Esther Aillón Soria and María Angélica Kirigin, pp. 49-72. Sucre: ABNB (article co-authored with Claudia Rivera and Marcos Michel).
- 2013 Los Inkas y Guaraní: Conflicto, Etnogénesis y Fluidez Social en la Fortaleza de Cuzcotuyo, Frontera Inka Suroriental. *Anthropos*, (3): 11-26.
- 2013 Alfarería Inka Estatal y Provincial: Producción y Distribución del Estilo Cerámico Inka Taraco Polícromo en el Centro Artesanal de Milliraya y la Región Kallawayá. *Chungara, Revista de Antropología Chilena*. Volume 45, No. 2: 277-292.
- 2010 Continuity and change in faunal consumption patterns at the Pre-Inka and Inka site of Yoroma, Bolivia. In *Anthropological Approaches to Zooarchaeology: Colonialism, Complexity and Animal Transformations*, edited by Doug Campana, Alice Choyke, Pam Crabtree, Susan deFrance, and Justin Lev-Tov. Oxbow Books, Oxford (co-authored with José Capriles and Alejandra Domic).
- 2010 Alliances and Local Prestige: Yampara Households and Communal Evolution in the Southeastern Inka Peripheries. In *Distant Provinces in the Inka Empire: Toward a Deeper Understanding of Inka Imperialism*. Edited by Michael Malpass and Sonia Alconini. University of Iowa Press, Iowa.
- 2010 Toward a Better Understanding of Inka Provincialism. In *Distant Provinces in the Inka Empire: Toward a Deeper Understanding of Inka Imperialism*. Edited by Michael Malpass and Sonia Alconini, pp 279-300. University of Iowa Press, Iowa.
- 2010 Provincial Inka Studies in the Twenty-first century. In *Distant Provinces in the Inka Empire: Toward a Deeper Understanding of Inka Imperialism*. Edited by Michael Malpass and Sonia Alconini, pp 1-13. University of Iowa Press, Iowa.
- 2009 La Frontera Inka y los Grupos Guaraní-Chiriguano al Este del Chaco Boliviano: Perspectivas Arqueológicas y Etnohistóricas. In *La Arqueología y la Etnohistoria: Un Encuentro Andino*, edited by John R. Topic, pp. 203-242. Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, Lima-Perú.
- 2008 Dis-embedded Centers and Architecture of Power in the Fringes of the Inka Empire: New Perspectives on Territorial and Hegemonic Strategies of Domination. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 27:63-81.
- 2005 Military and Cultural Imperial Frontiers: Dynamics and Settlement Patterns of the Southeastern Inka Frontier. In *Untaming the Frontier in Anthropology, Archaeology and History*, edited by Bradley Parker and Lars Rodseth, pp. 115-146. University of Arizona Press, Arizona.
- 2004 The Southeastern Inka Frontier Against the Chiriguano: Structure and Dynamics of the Inka Imperial Borderlands. *Latin American Antiquity* 15(4):389-418.

- 2003 La Tradición Cerámica "Estampada e Incisa de Bordes Doblados" en la vertiente Oriental de los Andes: un Caso de Influencia y Aculturación desde las Zonas Bajas. In *La Mitad Verde del Mundo Andino: Estado Actual de las Investigaciones Arqueológicas en la Vertiente oriental de los Andes y Tierras bajas de Bolivia*, edited by Gabriela Ortiz and Beatriz Ventura, pp.155-177. Universidad Nacional de Jujuy, Jujuy-Argentina. (Coauthored with Claudia Rivera).
- 2003 Mujeres de Elite en los Albores del Imperio Inka: Guerra y Legitimación Política. In *Textos Antropológicos* 14(2):149-158. Departamento de Antropología, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, La Paz.

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles, Book Chapters, Conference Proceedings and Encyclopedias

- 2014 Rise and Expansion of the Inca Empire: The Swift Expansion of the Inca Empire. In *World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras*. ABC-CLIO, 2014. Web. 1 Dec. 2014. Entry ID: 1840991 (<http://ancienthistory.abc-clio.com/>)
- 2009 Yoroma: Evolución de una Comunidad Yampara Antes y Después de los Inkas (Resumen). *Avances de Investigación Arqueológica* No. 5: Contribuciones a la Arqueología de los Valles Boliviano, pp.1-9. Edited by V. Edmundo Salinas. Museo Antropológico de la Universidad Mayor de San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca, Chuquisaca-Bolivia.
- 2008 Estilo y Variabilidad: Entendiendo Etnicidad e Identidad entre los Yamparas Antes y Después de los Inkas. In *El Inkario en los Valles del Sur Andino Boliviano: Los Yamparas entre la Arqueología y Etnohistoria*. Edited by Sonia Alconini, pp. 85-104. BAR International Series No. 1868, South American Archaeology Series, Oxford.
- 2008 El Asentamiento Yoroma en la Región de Oroncota: Nuevos Datos sobre la Evolución Económica Política en una Comunidad Yampara Antes y Después del Arribo Inka. In *Arqueología de las Tierras Altas, Valles Interandinos y Tierras Bajas de Bolivia: Memorias del I Congreso de Arqueología de Bolivia*, pp. 277-292. Edited by Claudia Rivera. PIEB. La Paz-Bolivia.
- 2008 La Ocupación Inka en Charazani. Arqueología de poder y reocupación de espacios sagrados. Proceedings of the *XXI Reunión Anual de Etnología. Tomo 1*. Museo de Etnografía y Folklore y Fundación Cultural del Banco Central de Bolivia, pp. 59-62. La Paz-Bolivia.
- 2006 Alianzas, Prestigio y Celebraciones Públicas en Yoroma: los Inkas y Yamparas en los Valles Intermedios. Proceedings of the *XIX Reunión Anual de Etnología: Autonomías Regionales y Pueblos Indígenas. Tomo I*, pp. 63-74. Museo de Etnografía y Folklore y Fundación Cultural del Banco Central de Bolivia, La Paz-Bolivia.
- 2005-2006 Resumen de las Excavaciones en el Asentamiento Yoroma, Región de Oroncota: Efectos de la Política Inka en un Centro Administrativo Yampara. In *Nuevos Aportes* 3:46-55.
(also available at <http://www.arqueobolivia.com/revistas.php>).
- 2001 The History of Bolivian Archaeology. In *Encyclopedia of Archaeology: History and Discoveries* (3th volume), edited by Tim Murray. ABC-CLIO, Santa Barbara-California.

- 1993 Arqueología de Salvataje en el Sitio de Pampa Kholani, Sorata. In *Boletín de Actividades del Instituto Nacional de Arqueología*, Junio-Octubre, Co-authored with Alvaro Fernholz, pp. 45-57. La Paz.
- 1992 Proyecto Arqueológico Taraco, Excavaciones en Chiripa. In *Boletín de Actividades del Instituto Nacional de Arqueología*, Junio-Octubre, co-authored with Claudia Rivera, pp. 10-23. La Paz.
- 1992 Mujer, Vida y Muerte: el Caso de la Comunidad de Patacamaya. En *Nuevos Aportes*, No. 1, Año1: 20-33. La Paz.
- 1990 Algunas Reflexiones sobre el Desarrollo de la Arqueología en Bolivia. En *Boletín de Etnografía y Folklore* No. 19, Año XV:57-68, La Paz. This manuscript was also published in the *Segundo Congreso de Estudiantes de Arqueología*, Universidad de San Antonio Abad, Cusco (1991).

Selected reports

- 2011 Imperial marginality and frontier: Kallawayas and Chunchos in the eastern Inka borders. Final project report (2006-2010). Submitted to the National Science Foundations (Award No. 0635342).

Book and Article reviews

- 2012 "Comments/Comentarios" to the article Landscapes of Inequality, Spectacle and Control: Inka Social Order in Provincial Contexts by Felix Acuto. Published in *Revista de Antropología* No. 25, 1st semester, 9-64.
- 2007 Review of *Andean Diaspora: The Tiwanaku Colonies and the Origins of South American Empire*. By Paul S. Goldstein. University Press of Florida, Gainesville. The review was published in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 87:2
- 2005 Review of *Machu Picchu: Unveiling the Mystery of the Incas* (edited by Richard L. Burger and Lucy C. Salazar, Yale University Press, New Haven, 2004). The review was published in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 85:3.

Selected Papers

- 2014 Workshop "The Archaeology of Frontiers and Fortresses", organized by the University of Leiden and the Dutch National Research School for Archaeology (ARCHON). Invited as main speaker and seminar discussant (along with Peter Wells).
- 2014 "Ritual banquets, sacred sounds in the Southern Andes" Paper presented session "Provincial Uses of Inka Material Culture", organized by Collen Zori and Sofia Chacaltana. 79th annual meetings of the Society of American Archaeology (SAAs), Austin-TX.
- 2014 "Ritual banquets, sacred sounds and exchange circuits in Southeastern Bolivia during the Inka era" Invited speaker at an event organized by the "Pan American Round Table of San Antonio" (Event coordinated by the ITC and UTSA).
- 2014 "El Centro de Wata Wata en los Valles Orientales Kallawayas: Género, Ritualidad e Intercambio en los Periodos Formativo y Tiwanaku". Paper presented at the

- meeting “Otras Miradas: La Presencia de la Mujer en las Sociedades Prehispánicas”. Organized by the Institute of Anthropological Research at the Universidad Mayor de San Simón, Cochabamba.
- 2014 “GIS and Ancient Agrarian Technologies in the Andes” paper presented at “GIS Day in COLFA” Organized by the Department of Political Sciences and Geography (November).
- 2014 “Ofrendas Rituales y Sonidos Sagrados de los Andes del Sur: Los Yamparas y los Inkas. 3er Congreso de Arqueología de Bolivia, organized by the Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológica y Arqueológicas, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés.
- 2013 “Cultural Trajectories in the South-Central Tropical Yungas” Paper presented at the workshop The South-Central Montane Forest and Adjacent Areas: Regional Political Developments, Inter-regional Exchange and Cultural Interaction” sponsored by the Wenner Gren and the Universidad Mayor de San Francisco Xavier (I also organized this workshop).
- 2013 “Tiwanaku en el territorio Kallawayá: Decapitación craneana, intercambio inter-regional y estrategias políticas de control”. Invited speaker at the International symposium entitled “Tiahuanaco 1903-2013: 110 Años de Colaboración Arqueológica Franco-Americana” sponsored by the French Institute of Andean Studies (IFEA).
- 2013 “El Inkario en Bolivia: Resumen sobre el Estado de las Investigaciones en los Últimos 60 Años”, invited speaker at the “Coloquio de Arqueología Boliviana: Un Estado del Arte sponsored by the Museum of Ethnography and Folklore, La Paz-Bolivia.
- 2013 “La Tradición Alfarera Yampara en los Valles del Sur Boliviano: Variabilidad Regional”, paper presented at the workshop “Sigamos Interactuando: Encuentro Internacional de Cerámica Arqueológica Centro-Sur Andina. The workshop was sponsored by the Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research and the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza-Argentina.
- 2013 El Arte Rupestre en Oroncota Antes y después del Inkario: Territorialidad, Historia Oral y Procesos de Transferencia de información. Paper presented at the 7th Congreso, Asociación de Estudios Bolivianos. (Session: Ancient Writing and Communication Systems)
- 2013 Dinámicas Poblacionales en la Provincia Inka-Kallawayá: Desarrollos Políticos Locales, Intensificación Agrícola y Procesos de Intercambio Regional. Paper presented at the 7th Congreso, Asociación de Estudios Bolivianos. (Session: The Inka in Bolivia).
- 2013 “Circuitos de interacción en el Chaco y valles del Sur-Andino Boliviano: Intrusión Guaraní e Inka”. Paper presented at the symposium “Tierras Bajas, Jornadas de Antropología, Historia y Arqueología”, sponsored by the Museo de Historia de la Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno, Santa Cruz-Bolivia.

- 2013 “Celebrando con el Enemigo: Procesos de Invasión y Alianza en la Frontera Sureste Inka –Chiriguano Guaraní”. Paper presented at the symposium “Tierras Bajas, Jornadas de Antropología, Historia y Arqueología”, sponsored by the Museo de Historia de la Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno, Santa Cruz-Bolivia (Archaeology session, co-organized with Carla Jaimes).
- 2013 “Quantitative Learning in Introduction to Archaeology”. 78th Annual Meeting. Society for American Archaeology, Honolulu, Hawaii. Paper co-authored with Robert Hard, Kathryn Brown and Laura Levi.
- 2013 Remoción craneana, intercambio inter-regional y estrategias políticas de control en el territorio Kallawayá durante la transición del Período Formativo Tardío – Tiwanaku. Invited speaker, paper presented at the Institute of Anthropological Investigations, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés-Bolivia (co-authored with Sara Becker).
- 2012 “Los Inkas y la Confederación Charcas en el Sur Andino: Dinámicas Poblacionales e Interacción entre Grupos Qaraqara y Yampara “ poster presented at the 1st Conferencia Intercontinental organized by the Society for American Archaeology (SAAs), Panamá.
- 2012 “Testing Power in the Inka Frontiers: Elite frontier competition and the empire”. Paper presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAAs) in Memphis, Tennessee. Session “Power at the Limits of Authority in pre-Modern Polities, organized by Charles Golden and Andrew Scherer.
- 2012 “Beyond the Southeastern Inka Frontier: Population Dynamics, ethnogenesis and circulation among trans-border Guaraní and Arawak populations” Paper presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAAs) in Memphis, Tennessee. Session: Beyond the Imperial Fringe: experiencing the Inca Empire from the outside, organized by Kevin Lane (co-authored with Matt Warren).
- 2012 “Los Inkas y la Confederación Charcas en el Sur Andino: Dinámicas Poblacionales e Interacción entre Grupos Qaraqara y Yampara”. Poster presented at the XIX Congreso Nacional de Arqueología Chilena (co-authored with Claudia Rivera).
- 2012 Symposium co-organizer “Archaeology and Rock Art Research in Bolivia”. 9th International congress of Archaeology and Rock Art, Bolivia (June 25-29).
- 2012 “El Arte Rupestre en Orocontá: Aspectos de Territorialidad y Ritualidad Andes y Después del Inkario”. Paper presented at the 9th International congress of Archaeology and Rock Art, Bolivia .
- 2011 Trophy Head Taking in the Eastern Tiwanaku Peripheries: The Site of Wata Wata in the Charazani Valley, Bolivia. Paper presented at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAAs). Sacramento, CA. Session: Archaeology of the Dead in South American Part 2 (co-authored with Sara K. Becker).
- 2011 Assessing the Nature and Function of the Inka Imperial Road in the Eastern Bolivian Andes. Poster Session: Interaction, Trade and Exchange. (co-authored with Thomas Hanson and Michaela Grillo).

- 2011 The Inka Imperial Frontier: Circulation Networks and the Materialization of Power. Paper presented in the 1er Congreso Internacional de Arqueología de la Cuenca del Plata. II Jornadas de actualización en Arqueología Tupiguaraní y 4to. Encuentro de Discusión Arqueológica del Nordeste Argentino. Sponsored by the Instituto Nacional de Antropología y Pensamiento Latinoamericano (Symposium Guarani Archaeology). Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2010 Caminos Inkas en las Fronteras Orientales: Caminos que Unen o Dividen? Presented in the Ciclo de Charcas El Camino Real Inca en Bolivia, organized by the Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas y Arqueológicas – IIIAA, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés.
- 2010 Celebrating with the Chiriguano-Guaranies: Invasion and Alliances in the Southeastern Inka Frontier. Paper presented at the Sixth Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America (SALSA), San Antonio, TX.
- 2010 The Province of Kallawayá: Forms of Interaction with Tiwanaku and The Inkas (co-authored with Lynn Kim). Paper Presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAAs), Saint Louis, MO. Symposium: Archaeological Approaches to the Inca Empire, chaired by S. Alconini.
- 2010 The Inka Imperial Frontier: Circulation Networks and the Materialization of Power. Paper presented in the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Symposium: Pathways to Power, organized by L. Levi and S. Alconini.
- 2009 The Inkas: Political Control, Power and Colonization Strategies in the Southern Provinces. Paper presented at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAAs), Atlanta, Georgia. Symposium: Territoriality in Archaeology: The Politics of Land and Space.
- 2009 Celebrando con el Enemigo: Procesos de Invasión y Alianza en la Frontera Sureste Inka –Chiriguano Guaraní. Paper presented at the Quinto Congreso de la Asociación de Estudios Bolivianos, Sucre, Bolivia. Symposium: Tierras Bajas. The same paper was presented to the Second Congress of Bolivian Archaeology, UMSA as a featured speaker (2009).
- 2009 El Rol de las Provincias Inkanizadas del Circum-Titicaca en la Expansión Hacia los Valles Orientales: El Centro Inka de Kaata Pata en el Valle de Charazani. Paper presented at the “Taller Ocupacion Inka y Dinámicas Regionales en los Andes (Siglos XV-XVII). Organized by the IFEA, La Paz, Bolivia.
- 2009 Los Yamparaes, Chuis y Moyo Moyo en la region de Oroncota: Reconstruyendo Territorialidad, Etnicidad y Estilo antes y después del Inkario. Paper presented at the “Seminario Taller Qaraqara-Charca: Reflexiones a tres años después”. Quinto Congreso de la Asociación de Estudios Bolivianos, Sucre, Bolivia.
- 2008 The Inkas in Charazani: Understanding the Nature of Inka Control in the Eastern Valleys. Paper presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAAs), Vancouver, Canada. Symposium: Regional Interaction in the Inka World.
- 2007 Sacred spaces and public architecture of power in Charazani: the Inkas in the Eastern peripheries of the empire. Paper presented at the *72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAAs)*, Austin-Texas. (Paper co-authored with Lynn Kim).

- 2007 Feasting with the enemy: Invasion and Alliances in the Southeastern Inka frontier. Paper presented at the *72nd Annual Meeting Society for American Archaeology (SAAs)*, Austin Texas.
- 2007 La ocupación inka en Charazani. Arqueología de poder y reocupación de espacios sagrados. Un avance de investigación. Paper presented to the *XXI Reunión Anual de Etnología (Bolivia, sponsored by the Museo Nacional de Etnografía, August)*.
- 2006 Inka and Tiwanaku Dynamics in Charazani: A Penetration Corridor to the Amazon. Poster presentation at the *71st Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeologists (SAAs)*, San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Presented with José Luis Paz).
- 2006 Differential faunal consumption and discard in the pre-Inka and Inka site of Yoroma, Bolivia. Paper presented at *the International Council for Archaeozoology. 10th Conference*. Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Escuela Nacional de Conservación, Restauración y Museografía, Mexico. (Paper co-authored with Jose Capriles and Alejandra Domic.)
- 2006 Los Guaraní-Chiriguano en la Frontera Sudeste Inka: Confrontando Fuentes Arqueológicas y Etnohistóricas. Paper presented at the *IV Congreso de la Asociación de Estudios Bolivianos (Sucre, Bolivia)*.
- 2006 Testing Ethnicity and Identity Among the Yampara: Style, Kinship and Feasting Patterns in the Southeastern Inka Empire. Paper presented at the *UTSA Archaeology Symposium* organized by the Anthropology Graduate Students Association (AGSA).
- 2005 Testing Ethnicity and Identity Among the Yampara: Style, Kinship and Feasting Patterns in the Southeastern Inka Empire. Presented in the symposium "Ethnic Identities in the Inka Empire" organized by Gary Urton and Tamara Bray. *70th Annual Meeting of the SAAs*, Salt Lake City.
- 2005 Empires, Architecture of Power and Dis-embedded centers: The structure and Dynamics of the Inka Imperial frontier in the New World. Paper presented in a seminar organized by *the Institute of Texan Culture*, November 2005.
- 2005 Alianzas y Prestigio Local: Evolución a Nivel Doméstico y Comunal. Yampara en los márgenes Sudeste del Imperio Inka. Paper presented to the *XIX Reunión Anual de Etnología (Bolivia, sponsored by the Museo Nacional de Etnografía, August)*.
- 2004 Alliances and Local Prestige: Yampara Household and Communal Evolution in the Southeastern Inka Margins. Presented in the symposium "Marginal Provinces in the Inka Empire: Towards a Better Understanding of Inka Imperialism" organized by Michael Malpass and Sonia Alconini. *69th Annual Meeting of the SAAs*, Montreal.
- 2004 Yampara Households and Communal Evolution in the Southeastern Inka Margins. Presentation sponsored by Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society, Gamma Chapter & The Anthropological Society at UTSA, *The Anthropology Lecture Series*, October.
- 2002 Empires, architecture of power, and disembedded centers: The Inka empire in marginal territories. Presented to the *21st Annual Northeast Conference on Andean Archaeology and Ethnohistory*, University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA.

- 2001 The Inka Frontier against the Chiriguanos: an Analysis of the Structuration of Ancient Imperial Frontiers. Presented in the "Archaeological Manifestations of Empires" symposium *66th Annual Meeting of the SAAs*, New Orleans. Symposium organized by Bradley Parker and Sonia Alconini.
- 2001 The Inka Imperial Frontier. Paper presented at the The Wenner-Gren Foundation Conference Grant "Frontiers through Space and Time." Organized by Bradley Parker and Lars Rodseth), University of Utah.
- 2000 La Frontera Inka y los Grupos Guarani-Chiriguanos al Este del Chaco Boliviano: Perspectivas Arqueológicas y Etnohistóricas. Presented in the *2000 Congress of Ethnohistory and Andean Archaeology* sponsored by the Wenner Gren Foundation, Cajamarca-Peru, August 2000.
- 2000 Settlement Patterns, Structure and Composition of the Imperial Inka Frontier Against the Chiriguanos in the Southeastern Bolivia. Paper presented to the *65th Annual Meeting of the SAAs*, April 2000, Philadelphia.

Professional Development

- 2013 Hybrid Academy Workshop sponsored by the Provost Office at UTSA.
- 2011-2012 Qualitative Enhancement Program (QEP) faculty workshops. Both workshop were sponsored by UTSA through an internal grant.

Teaching Experience

- Introduction to Archaeology (ANT 2043) – Undergraduate level.
- Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 1013) – Undergraduate level.
- Archaeology of South America (ANT 3253) – Undergraduate level.
- Analytical Methods in Anthropology (ANT 4403) – Undergraduate level.
- Field Course in Archaeology (ANT 3406, ANT 5556) - Undergraduate and graduate levels.
- Museum Studies (ANT 4953) – Undergraduate level.
- Death and Dying (ANT 3883) -- Undergraduate level.
- Spatial Technologies (ANT 6973) – Graduate level.
- Seminar on Analytic Methods in Archaeology (ANT 5513) – Graduate level.
- Seminar on Andean Archaeology and Ethnography (ANT 5563) - Graduate level.
- Seminar on Frontier and Boundary Interaction: Culture Contact, Exchange and Power (ANT-6973 – Graduate level
- Origins of Cities – Undergraduate level.

Students Mentored

- Matthew Warren, Daniel Nicholson, Jose Barragán, Adam Birge (doctoral and master students at UTSA)
- Pilar Lima (Licenciatura thesis, UMSA – finished)
- Lynn Kim (MS. Thesis, UTSA - finished)
- Jenny Martinez (Licenciatura thesis, UMSA - finished)
- Juan Carlos Chavez (Licenciatura thesis, UMSA -- finished)
- Eugenia Medina (Licenciatura thesis, UMSA)
- Vianey Villegas (Licenciatura thesis, UMSA)

Service**University Service**

- Chair, GIT and Scholarship Funding Committee, Anthropology, UTSA (2007-2013).
- Chair of the Teaching Assistant Committee (2011-2014)
- Member of the Teaching Assistant Committee (2008-2010)
- Member of the Anthropology Department, faculty search committee, UTSA (two searches in 2008-2009; and one in 2014).
- Member of the Anthropology Department, faculty search committee, UTSA (2007).
- Anthropology Curriculum Committee ((2011-2012 and 2014).
- Faculty advisor of the Anthropology Club, UTSA (2005-2008).
- Department of Anthropology library liaison, UTSA (2004-2007).
- Member of the D-FRAC (2010-present)
- Anthropology NTT committee (2015)
- *Anthropology Doctoral Student Research Development Committee-VPR funds (2015)*
- Member of the COLFA Dean's Diversity Advisory Group (2011-2012).
- Alternate Member of the Institutional Review Board (I.R.B.), UTSA (2010-2011).
- Member of the COLFA Faculty Advisory Committee (2009-2012).
- COLFA Committee on Research & Creative Activities. (2009-2012)
- COLFA Academic Policy and Curriculum committee, UTSA (2005-2007).
- COLFA Faculty Advisory working group, UTSA (2005-2007).
- COLFA's Faculty Development Leave (FDL) evaluation committee (2015)
- COLFA'S C-FRAC (2012)
- Member of the Institutional Review Board (I.R.B.), UTSA (2006-2009).
- Member of the Provost's Inclusiveness Task Force committee, UTSA (2007-2009).
- Alternate Member of the Graduate Council, UTSA (2009)
- Member of the University Faculty Grievance Committee, UTSA (2007).

Significant Archaeology Work

20012-2013	Research project in Saipurú, Santa Cruz (Bolivia).
2005-2009	Pedestrian survey, surface collections, mapping and excavations in the Charazani region (La Paz-Bolivia). Director.
2003	Archaeological reconnaissance in the Charazani-Apolobamba region, La Paz-Bolivia. Director.
2003	Household archaeology: Excavations in the local center of Yoroma, Chuquisaca, Bolivia. Director.
1998-1999	Survey, excavations and surface collection in the Inka frontier regions of Oroncota and Manchachi, Bolivia. Director.
1996	Regional survey in the Chaco/Antis region of Bolivia. Director.
1993	Archaeological survey in Camargo Valley, sponsored by the Bolivian Institute of Archaeology. Main investigator.
1992	Archaeological excavations at the north of Chiripa Temple (a formative site at the shores of Titicaca Lake), under the direction of Christine Hastorf. Archaeologist.

- 1991 Ceramics analysis from the Akapana Pyramid in Tiwanaku Urban Period, under the supervision of Alan Kolata. Archaeologist.
- 1991 Excavations in Chiji Jawira-Tiwanaku, a ceramic production workshop. This research was part of the Wila Jawira project under the direction of Alan Kolata. Archaeologist.

Other Service

Member of Editorial Boards and Professional Organizations

- 2012-2014 Committee of the Americas, Society of American Archaeology
 2009 -2013 *Chungara*, Journal of Chilean Anthropology.

Service to the Profession Service to the Profession

- PUCP, External Evaluators Directory (2015)
- COA member – SAAs (2012-2014)
- Award committee for Excellence in Latin American and Caribbean Archaeology (2015-2017)
- United Nations-UNESCO, World Heritage Program (consultant, 2007 & 2009)
- US State Department's Cultural Property Advisory Committee –MOU with Bolivia (2011)
- Ministry of Culture in Ecuador (Sistema Nacional de Fondos Concursables, international jury member 2009-2010).
- DIPGIS, Universidad Mayor de San Andres (grant reviewer, 2013)
- 1st Intercontinental Conference, SAAs, Panama (reviewer, 2012).
- Agencia Nacional de Promoción Científica y Técnica, Argentina (reviewer, 2007)
- Graduate Women in Science Fellowship (reviewer, 2003)
- Latin American Antiquity (reviewer, multiple times)
- National Science Foundation (reviewer, multiple times)
- National Geographic Society Explorations Grants (reviewer, multiple times)