

Stanford



Nestor Silva

COLLEGE Lecturer

Stanford Introductory Studies - Civic, Liberal, and Global Education

Bio

BIO

Before beginning my PhD studies, I spent nearly a decade working in K-12 education with a focus on consulting/tutoring for special needs students and their families, people ranging from the ultra-wealthy to the undocumented, work which shapes my approach to both teaching and research. For the last two years of my doctoral program, I was a Graduate Teaching Fellow at Stanford's Center for Comparative Studies of Race and Ethnicity. I earned my PhD from the Department of Anthropology at Stanford in June 2022.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Stanford Introductory Studies - Civic, Liberal, and Global Education

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My research on the environmental politics of hydrocarbon extraction in Ecuador focused on the relationship between Indigenous people and leftist national government committed to environmental protection, multiculturalism, and hydrocarbon extraction. In work on the Colombian llanos, I address the environmental politics of people who identify as farmers and hydrocarbon industry employees in a region marked not only by civil conflict but also by colonial and developmental imaginaries of the state.

That Latin American research was foundational my dissertation fieldwork based in the small town of Tioga in northwestern North Dakota's Bakken region, characterized by farmland fracking. Social and ecological uncertainties are inherent to this juxtaposition of extraction and agriculture, which is maintained by landowners, officials, scientists, and industry personnel. My book project analyzes the environmental politics of fracking and their implications in a number of socioecological issues far beyond rural, conservative, and pro-oil North Dakota.

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- The Ethical Challenges of the Global Climate Crisis: COLLEGE 111 (Spr)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

2022-23

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)

- Preventing Human Extinction: COLLEGE 107 (Spr)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

2021-22

- CSRE Senior Seminar: CSRE 200X (Aut)

2020-21

- Introduction to Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity: CSRE 196C, ENGLISH 172D, PSYCH 155, SOC 146, TAPS 165 (Spr)
- Race and Environment: CSRE 24 (Win)
- Undergraduate Research Proposal Writing Workshop: ANTHRO 92A (Aut)
- Undergraduate Research Proposal Writing Workshop: ANTHRO 92B (Win)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Beyond Petrotoxic Apparatuses** *ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY-ADVANCES IN RESEARCH*
Silva, N. L.
2021; 12 (1): 127-145
- **Huaorani Transformations in Twenty-First-Century Ecuador: Treks into the Future of Time (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN ANTHROPOLOGY*
Book Review Authored by: Silva, N. L.
2018; 23 (3): 593-95
- **Life in Oil: Cofan Survival in the Petroleum Fields of Amazonia (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF LATIN AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY*
Book Review Authored by: Silva, N. L.
2018; 17 (3): 270-73
- **"Jodidismos": The Local Politics of Hydrocarbon Acceptance in Colombia's Eastern Plains** *JOURNAL OF LATIN AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY*
Silva, N. L.
2018; 17 (3): 132-52
- **Neoextractivism and Its Contestation in Ecuador** *OIL, REVOLUTION, AND INDIGENOUS CITIZENSHIP IN ECUADORIAN AMAZONIA*
Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N. L., Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N.
2017: 179-227
- **The Road to the Revolucion Ciudadana** *OIL, REVOLUTION, AND INDIGENOUS CITIZENSHIP IN ECUADORIAN AMAZONIA*
Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N. L., Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N.
2017: 1-32
- **In and Out of the Shadows of Citizenship** *OIL, REVOLUTION, AND INDIGENOUS CITIZENSHIP IN ECUADORIAN AMAZONIA*
Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N. L., Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N.
2017: 35-68
- **The Problem of Poverty** *OIL, REVOLUTION, AND INDIGENOUS CITIZENSHIP IN ECUADORIAN AMAZONIA*
Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N. L., Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N.
2017: 101-129
- **The Habits of Oil Rule** *OIL, REVOLUTION, AND INDIGENOUS CITIZENSHIP IN ECUADORIAN AMAZONIA*
Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N. L., Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N.
2017: 69-99
- **Oil as Risk in Waorani Territory** *OIL, REVOLUTION, AND INDIGENOUS CITIZENSHIP IN ECUADORIAN AMAZONIA*
Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N. L., Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N.
2017: 133-178

- **Oil Flux and Unrest** *OIL, REVOLUTION, AND INDIGENOUS CITIZENSHIP IN ECUADORIAN AMAZONIA*
Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N. L., Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N.
2017: 265-286
- **Human Rights and People in Voluntary Isolation** *OIL, REVOLUTION, AND INDIGENOUS CITIZENSHIP IN ECUADORIAN AMAZONIA*
Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N. L., Lu, F., Valdivia, G., Silva, N.
2017: 229-263
- **Cross-Cultural Perceptions of Risks and Tenables among Native Amazonians in Northeastern Ecuador** *HUMAN ORGANIZATION*
Lu, F., Silva, N. L., Villeda, K., Sorensen, M.
2014; 73 (4): 375-388