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EDUCATION

MA Geography – Development Studies Option McGill University , Montreal, Quebec	Sep 2013- Apr 2016
<i>Thesis: Agriculture and the risk of crop loss in the Amazon river floodplain of Peru</i> <i>Major awards: SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship, Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture</i>	
BA Geography with Distinction, Minor International Development, Co-operative Education Program University of Victoria , British Columbia	Sep 2007- Apr 2013
Selected Course: Impact Evaluation in Practice – School of International and Public Affairs Columbia University , New York	Jan 2021- Apr 2021

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- List, G., Laszlo, S., & Coomes, O. T. (2019). Mitigating risk for floodplain agriculture in Amazonia: a role for index-based flood insurance. *Climate and Development*, 1-15.
- List, G., & Coomes, O. (2019). Repiquetes y riesgo en el cultivo de arroz en la llanura inundable del río Amazonas cerca de Iquitos, Perú. *Folia Amazónica*, 28 (1): 19-32.
- List, G., & Coomes, O. (2017). Natural hazards and risk in rice cultivation along the upper Amazon River. *Natural Hazards*, 87: 165-184.
- Coomes, O., Lapointe, M., Templeton, M., & List, G. (2016). Amazon river flow regime and flood recessional agriculture: Flood stage reversals and risk of annual crop loss. *Journal of Hydrology*, 539: 214-222.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- STAFF ASSOCIATE II, Monitoring and Evaluation Lead, ACToday and Financial Instruments Sector Team
International Research Institute for Climate and Society, New York, NY Oct 2019-
Present
- **Leadership:** Lead M&E for a five-year, six country, \$20 million climate services food security project, including coordination, team development, management of the timely delivery of high-quality outputs, development of the annual workplan for staff and consultant resource allocation as well as direct supervision of research assistants, graduate students, and consultants.
 - **Programming:** Independently design and execute the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework with collaboration from management and senior leadership, including the development of a comprehensive performance measurement framework, monitoring protocol and data management system as well as the Evaluation Plan including development of programmatic and country-level Theories of Change, Evaluation Questions, and data collection tools to structure evidence-gathering strategies.
 - **Communication:** Collaborate with the Donor agency and the Steering Committee to present progress and build consensus on monitoring and evaluation implementation.
 - **Research:** Identify research opportunities, design research instruments, IRB protocols, manage data collection implementation with external partners, and develop manuscripts for peer reviewed publication.
 - **Strategy:** Exercise judgement when problem solving through thoughtful consideration of colleagues' perspectives, ongoing communication with internal and external stakeholders, realistic assessment of needs, opportunities, and barriers, and through forging a strong, well-rounded team with a clear vision to achieve results.

SENIOR RESEARCH STAFF ASSISTANT, Financial Instruments Sector Team
International Research Institute for Climate and Society, New York, NY Oct 2018-
Sept 2019

- Managed a NASA funded program linking earth observations to decision makers in the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh, involving the coordination of senior researchers across institutions, ensuring that outputs and benchmarks were reached, developing communications materials, and delivering a workshop in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh for humanitarian actors.
- Co-facilitated and developed materials for a capacity-building index insurance workshops with senior officials in Senegal and Zambia.
- Advised and supported the design of index-insurance products, including conducting participatory exercises in The Gambia.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, Tola Well Project: Hurricane Nate Disaster Relief
FunLimón, Tola, Nicaragua Mar 2018-
Oct 2018

- Conducted a vulnerability assessment and developed the proposal for a disaster relief project, resulting in a Four Phase \$97,000 initiative taking place in 21 communities in Southwestern Nicaragua.
- Managed data collection and analysis to determine community selection, budget, and timelines.
- Drafted progress reports, communicated with donors, and produced monitoring and evaluation results.

CONSULTANT, Resource Mobilisation Unit, Office of Outreach and Partnerships
Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC Aug 2016-
July 2017

- Coordinated technical input for IDB trust funds and programming related to climate change and agriculture, including for the Global Environment Facility, Green Climate Fund, and the UK Fund for Low-Carbon Agriculture and Avoided Deforestation in Brazil.
- Designed and developed the results framework and the theory of change for an innovative £177 million financing program for sustainable infrastructure.
- Helped facilitate, through negotiation and consensus building, a \$10 million grant to Haiti during the 2017 Global Agriculture Food Security Program proposal selection.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, to Professor Oliver T. Coomes
Department of Geography, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec Apr 2016-
Apr 2017

- Produced four co-authored publications based on my Master's thesis for journals: 1) *Climate and Development* (2019), 2) *Folia Amazónica* (2019), 3) *Natural Hazards* (2017), and 4) *Journal of Hydrology* (2016).

RESEARCHER, Institute for the Study of International Development
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec & Washington, DC May 2016-
July 2016

- Conducted archival and primary research to develop a published case study entitled "Mine the Development Gap?" reporting on the Inter-American Development Bank's programming with the private sector in the extractive industry in South America.

COORDINATOR & EVENT MANAGER, Le Réseau d'Études Latino-américaines de Montréal
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec Aug 2015-
June 2016

- Successfully executed an international political science conference, including developing event timelines and inputs, scoping locations, managing logistics, supervising support staff, adhering to budgetary confines, and coordinating travel and all arrangements with an international set of panelists.
- Communicated, liaised, and disseminated information in English, Spanish, and French.

CONTRACTUAL, Agriculture and Food Security & Ecological Economics
International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Ontario Apr 2013-
Aug 2013

- Evaluated agriculture for development research concept notes in the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF) 2013 competitive call for proposals between \$1-5 million.
- Monitored qualitative and quantitative project results using an online database.
- Drafted the CIFSRF Gender Integration Workshop Report on strengthening gender equity outcomes in agricultural research.

JUNIOR POLICY ANALYST, Climate Change and Environment Sustainability, Policy Branch
Canadian International Development Agency (former), Gatineau, Quebec May 2012-
Apr 2013

- Wrote the Climate Change Portfolio Review for all climate change related funding over 2010–2013.
- Supported mainstreaming of climate change and sustainability programming across the Agency.

FELLOW & COMMUNITY LIAISON, Q'ente Textile Revitalization Program
Mosqoy, Andean Communities, Cusco, Peru Jan 2012-
May 2012

- Served as liaison with nine highland Peruvian communities on behalf of a fair-trade and socio-economic development organization.
- Designed, implemented, monitored and evaluated community development projects.
- Directed the creation of a library and building renovation in a remote region, including volunteer logistics, accounting, purchases, and documentation.
- Coordinated a weaving, networking and capacity building event for weaving associations.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Environment Sustainability, Multilateral Branch
Canadian International Development Agency (former), Gatineau, Quebec May 2011-
Sep 2011

- Produced the Institutional Environmental Assessment of the World Bank examining the environmental safeguards as part of the Agency's due diligence requirements.

INTERN, Vancouver Island Community Research Alliance, Local Food Project
Office of Community-Based Research, Victoria, BC Feb 2011-
June 2011

- Published a co-authored report using community-based methodologies on institutional purchasing practices to support the economic development and sustainability of Vancouver Island agriculture.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: Mother tongue

Spanish: Advanced speaking, writing, reading, and oral comprehension

French: High intermediate reading and oral comprehension, low intermediate writing and speaking