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EDUCATION

- 2021 – 2025** PhD Geography | The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) – State College, USA
- 2017 – 2020** MA Urban Studies | Latin American Faculty for Social Sciences (FLACSO) – Quito, Ecuador
- *Thesis: The operating cycle of the real estate developer in the production of suburban areas in the Quito Metropolitan District.*
- 2011 – 2016** Geographer – Minor on Territorial Planning | Pontifical Catholica University of Ecuador – Quito, Ecuador
- *Thesis: Socioeconomic spatial segregation and its relationship with the ecological footprint. Case of study: urban parishes in the Quito Metropolitan District*

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

- 2021 – 2022** Distinguished Graduate Fellowship – Penn State
- 2017 – 2019** Fellowship – FLACSO
- 2012 – 2013** Fellowship – PUCE

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 04/20 – 08/21** **Researcher | Project Contested Territories Ecuador | FLACSO and Contested Territories**
- Responsible for the scientific publications of the project; organization and writing of the booklets of the eight cities under study that are delivered to the population, decision makers and public.
- 02/20 – 03/20** **Consultant – Contested Cities Ecuador | UNPD**
- Generate communication elements (cartographic, web and image) about urban violence in 8 cities in Ecuador.
- 01/19 – 12/2** **Researcher Project Contested Cities Ecuador | FLACSO and Senescyt**
- Analysis of housing policies and citizen participation; focus groups and semi-structured interviews; collective mapping and spatial analysis.
 - Responsible for the scientific publications of the project; organization and writing of the booklets of the eight cities under study that are delivered to the population, decision makers and public.
- 10/17 – 12/18** **Research Assistant | FLACSO**
- Theoretical and methodological analysis of the suburban area of the Metropolitan District of Quito.
 - Participation in the construction of the “Contested Ecuador”.
- 06/16 – 03/17** **Research Assistant | PUCE**
- Analysis of urban policies; compilation of cartographic and statistical information of collective services; database management; qualitative and quantitative systematization of information.
- 06/14 – 12/15** **Research Assistant | PUCE**

- Documentary analysis of ordinances; compilation and processing of cartographic, spatial, and statistical information; data systematization; analysis of natural hazards that exist in Quito Metropolitan District.

04/14 – 05/14 Research Assistant | PUCE

- Support in the development of an Ecological Footprint indicator; and construction of a database in SPSS of Ecological Footprint.

09/12 – 08/13 Research Assistant | PUCE

- Calculation of the advance of agricultural frontier in Nangaritza and Cangahua; construction of indicators and databases.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Article	Year	Journal	Level
<i>Ecuadorian housing resettlements five years after the 2016 earthquake: a critical analysis.</i> (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.habitatint.2021.102433)	2021	Habitat International	Q1
Índice de vulnerabilidad y trayectorias espaciales del COVID-19 en el Distrito Metropolitano de Quito (https://doi.org/10.5209/geop.70908)	2021	Geopolítica(s)	Q4
Generating and Mapping Amazonian Urban Regions Using a Geospatial Approach (https://doi.org/10.3390/ijgi9070453)	2020	International Journey of Geo-Information	Q3
<i>Habitar ante la cotidianidad de la contaminación del agua: contestaciones a las actividades extractivas en las periferias urbanas de Ecuador</i> (https://doi.org/10.7440/antipoda39.2020.02)	2020	Antípoda	Q1
<i>Vivienda social en Ecuador: violencias y contestaciones en la producción progresista de periferias urbanas</i> (https://doi.org/10.4067/S0718-83582020000200034)	2020	Revista INVI	Q1

Chapter	Year	Editorial	Book name
<i>Morfologías fragmentadas de la periurbanización en América Latina: Distrito Metropolitano de Quito, Ecuador (2001-2010)</i>	2018	Institución Fernando el Católico	Ciudad y formas urbanas: perspectivas transversales: Libro de resúmenes

CONFERENCES

COLLOQUE INTERNATIONAL HABITER LES VILLES LATINO-AMÉRICAINES, ENSAPVS

- "Territorial violence, responses and forms of peripheral urban space production in Ecuador. An approach from social housing ". October 2019, Paris – France.

XVII ENCOUNTER OF LATIN AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS (EGAL), PUCE

- "The power of the real estate developer in the construction of the suburban area in Quito Metropolitan District". April 2019, Quito – Ecuador.

I URBAN STUDIES CONGRESS, FLACSO

- "Perception and use patterns of green areas - case study: Itchimbia and Rumipamba Parks". November 2017, Quito – Ecuador.

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Association of Geographers
- Ecuadorian Association of Geographers
- Latin American Studies Association

LANGUAGES

- **SPANISH:** Native
- **ENGLISH:** Advanced (TOEFL 110)
- **GERMAN:** A2.1.

SOFTWARE

- **MICROSOFT OFFICE:** Word, Excel, Power Point, Access
- **DATA ANALYSIS:** ArcGIS, GeoDa, QGIS (spatial and quantitative data analysis) | ATLAS.ti (qualitative data analysis) | SPSS y REDATAM (quantitative data analysis)