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EDUCATION

- PhD.** Department of Geography and the Environment, **University of Denver** *2019*
- MPhil.** Centre for Development and The Environment, **University of Oslo** *2014*
- BSc.** Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, **University of Iceland** *2012*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Research Associate *2019 - 2021*
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Main responsibilities: research design; planning and implementation of fieldwork; overseeing IRB process; gaining access to and building relationships with research participants; data collection, data management and data analysis; writing and dissemination of research findings; assisting PI with grant proposal writing; mentoring graduate students and undergraduate research assistants in the (in)Secure landscapes lab.

Guest Researcher *Summer 2018*
Research group on Rural Transformations in the 21st century
Centre for Development and the Environment
University of Oslo

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Icelandic Mountain Guides, Reykjavík – Tour Operations & Logistics *2008-2012*

Main responsibilities: organizing and implementing multi-day hiking, trekking, and backpacking tours in Iceland and Greenland.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Norwegian Research Council, KLIMAFORSK programmge Project: The rural dimensions of energy transitions in the Global North	2021
UiO:Energy Seed Funding	2021
Dr Robert D. Rudd Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student University of Denver	2019
Laurence C. Herold Memorial Fund for field research in Geography University of Denver	2015-2018
University of Denver Graduate Studies Spring Dissertation Fellowship University of Denver	2014-2015
University of Denver Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship University of Denver	2014-2015
The Norwegian Association for Development Research (NFU) Master thesis award University of Oslo	2013-2014

PUBLICATIONS

- Johnson, M., **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.**, and Guske, E.L. (2021). The Dakota Access Pipeline in Illinois: Participation, Power, and Institutional Design in United States Critical Energy Infrastructure Governance, *Energy Research and Social Science*, 73. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2021.101908>
- LaVanchy, T., Taylor, M., Alvarado, N. A., **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.**, & Aguilar-Støen, M. (2020). *Tourism in Post-revolutionary Nicaragua: Struggles over Land, Water, and Fish*. (SpringerBriefs in Latin American Studies). Springer International Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-55632-7>.
- Sveinsdóttir, A.G.** and Aguilar-Støen, M. and Bull, B. (2021). Resistance, repression and elite dynamics: Unpacking violence in the Guatemalan mining sector. *Geoforum*, 118, pp. 117-129. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2020.12.011>
- Sveinsdóttir, A. G.** (2020). [Review of the book *Energopolitics: Wind and Power in the Anthropocene* by Dominic Boyer, and: *Ecologics: Wind and Power in the Anthropocene* by Cymene Howe, and: *Renewing Destruction: Wind Energy, Conflict and Resistance in a Latin American Context* by Alexander Dunlap]. *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 19(3), 347-350. doi:10.1353/lag.2020.0059.

Sveinsdóttir, A.G. (2015). The Elitization of Space through Tourism Development in Nicaragua, *Tvergastein*, 6, pp. 148-151. https://issuu.com/tvergasteinjournal/docs/content_final/148 (non-refereed).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Sveinsdóttir, A.G. and Johnson, M. *Doubling Down on DAPL: Contesting carbon lock-in and contentious pipeline politics in Illinois* [Journal article under revise and resubmit process]

Aguilar-Støen, M. and **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.** *Punching above their weight: Opposition to mining and Xinka politics in Guatemala* [Journal article under revise and resubmit process].

Sveinsdóttir, A.G. and Aguilar-Støen, M. *Grassroots demands for public accountability in natural resource extraction in Guatemala*. [Journal article in advanced preparation]

Sveinsdóttir, A.G. and Aguilar-Støen, M. *Corporate-Community Conflicts in Guatemala: Exploring private sector perspectives on opposition to mining*. [Journal article in advanced preparation]

DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

Sveinsdóttir, A. G. (2019). *Corporate-community mining conflicts in Guatemala: Unsettling hegemonic power relations in environmental struggles* (PhD dissertation)

Sveinsdóttir, A. G. (2014). *Land Tenure and Tourism Development in Nicaragua. A case study from Playa Gigante* (Master's thesis)

Sveinsdóttir, A. G. (2012). *Ímynd, umhverfi og náttúra í íslenskri ferðamennsku (Image, environment and nature in Icelandic tourism)* (Bachelor's Thesis).

INVITED TALKS

Sveinsdóttir, A.G. *Extractivism and post-extractivism: Perspectives from development studies 2018 and political ecology*. Invited lecture in Entrepreneurial opportunities in Post-oil Economies Summer School, hosted by Dr. Roberto Rivas, Nord University, Fluminense Federal University, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and Federal Institute of Rio Grande do Sul.

Sveinsdóttir, A.G. *Resource extraction in Guatemala*. 2018
Invited lecture in Geography of Latin America, hosted by Dr Thomas LaVanchy in the Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Denver.

Sveinsdóttir, A.G. *Resource extraction and environmental conflicts in Guatemala* 2017

Invited lecture in Manejo de Recursos Naturales, hosted by Dr. Diego Pons, University del Valle de Guatemala.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Environmental Conflicts & Natural Resource Extraction in the Global South *Autumn 2018*
Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Denver
Upper-level undergraduate seminar. Full responsibility for curriculum development and teaching.

People, Places and Landscapes (Graduate Teaching Assistant) *2014-2017*
Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Denver
Entry-level undergraduate course. Main responsibilities included: creating assignments, quizzes and grading rubrics; grading of assignments, classroom management; office hours and assisting students as needed.

Illicit Markets (Graduate Teaching Assistant) *Winter 2019*
Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
Upper-level undergraduate course. Main responsibilities included: creating assignments, quizzes and grading rubrics; grading of assignments, classroom management; office hours and assisting students as needed.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Censor/Examiner for Alexander Myhre's master thesis and oral defense: *2018*
'A struggle for land: Reclaiming or invading land in Mato Grosso do Sul.'
Centre for Development and the Environment at the **University of Oslo**.

Censor/Examiner for Kristoffer Kinge's master thesis and oral defense: *2019*
'The role of land and territory in the indigenous rights movement of Cauca, Colombia',
Centre for Development and the Environment at the **University of Oslo**.

FIELDWORK

2019-2021: Fieldwork and data collection in Illinois for project 'Contesting Carbon Democracy: The politics of the Bakken Pipeline System' (Postdoctoral Research Associate).

2014-2017: Fieldwork and data collection in Guatemala for doctoral research.

2013: 4-months fieldwork and data collection in Nicaragua for master's research.

RESEARCH GROUPS, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & SERVICE

American Association of Geographers (AAG) *2014-present*

Latin American Specialty Group (LASG) of the AAG Graduate Student Director (2015-2017)	<i>2014-present</i>
Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG) Board Member for CLAG (2020-2023)	<i>2015-present</i>
Latin American Studies Association	<i>2015-present</i>
Guatemalan Scholars Network	<i>2015-present</i>
Rural Transformations in the 21st Century (Research group at the Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo)	<i>2018-present</i>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) Biennial Conference, Brighton, UK <i>Grassroots demands for public accountability in natural resource extraction in Guatemala</i> as part of paper session: Accountability in an unsustainable world.	<i>2020</i>
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO [Cancelled] <i>The politics of energy infrastructure development in the United States: The Dakota Access Pipeline in Illinois</i> as part of paper session: Strengthening infrastructures of resistance to fossil fuel infrastructures in North America.	<i>2020</i>
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC <i>From the streets to the courts: The judicialization of environmental struggles in Guatemala</i> as part of paper session: Engagements and entanglements of legal and more-than-human worlds 2: Environmental and climate justice.	<i>2019</i>
Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) Biennial Conference, Oslo, Norway <i>"This is not a game": Shaping political actions 'from above' in environmental conflicts in Guatemala</i> as part of paper session: Political reactions 'from above' V: (Counter)insurgency and social mobilization.	<i>2018</i>
Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, Barcelona, Spain <i>Land Tenure and tourism development in Nicaragua: The touristification of the 'Emerald Coast'</i> as part of paper session: Agrarian change, Rural Aspirations: Exploring Capitalist Transformations in the Countryside.	<i>2018</i>
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA <i>Environmental governance, elite dynamics and conflict: The unequal distribution of socio-environmental impacts emerging from mining and hydropower development in Guatemala</i> as part of paper session: Climate Finance Justice 2: Cases.	<i>2018</i>



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- American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA** 2016
Environmental governance, extractive industries and state violence in Guatemala as part of
paper session: Geographies of State Terror: Political Ecologies of Terror.
- Guatemala Scholars Network Conference (GSN), Antigua, Guatemala** 2015
Foro de nuevos académicos – presentaciones de investigación.
- American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL** 2015
Land Tenure and Tourism Development in Nicaragua: A case study from Playa Gigante
as part of paper session: Investing in the global land rush I: Capitalization and contestations.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Icelandic (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), Norwegian, (Fluent), German (Proficient).
