## **David Meek**,Ph.D., M.Sc

Curriculum vitae

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Department of Anthropology

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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.** in Anthropology, 2014

University of Georgia

Dissertation: Movements in Education: The Political Ecology of Education in the Brazilian Landless Workers’ Movement

Doctoral committee co-chairs: Peter J. Brosius and Julie Velásquez Runk

Research interests: Education, social movements, Brazil; political ecology, political economy, spatial imaging; spatial analysis; geostatistics; critical GIS; remote sensing; sustainability

**M.Sc.** in Environmental Studies (focus on conservation biology), 2007

Antioch New England University

Thesis: Q-Methodology for Mapping Stakeholder Perceptions of Community-Based Ecotourism in the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, Garwhal Himalaya, India

**B.A.** in Environmental Studies, 2004

Bard College

Senior Thesis: In Defense of All Life: The Earth Liberation Front and the Moral Justification of Economic Sabotage

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2016-Present Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Alabama

2014-2016 Instructor of Anthropology, University of Alabama

**PUBLICATIONS**

*In Press* Meek, David **"The Geography of Education and the Education of Geography: Agricultural Extension and the Political Ecology of Education." *The Professional Geographer***

*In Press* Meek, David. "Food Sovereignty and Farmer Suicides: Synthesizing Political Ecologies of Health and Education in Karnataka, India". *Gastronomica*

2017 Meek, David. "Organic Agriculture, Scale, and the Production of a Region in Northeast, India." *Focus on Geography* https://focusongeography.org/publications/photoessays/india/index.html

2017 Meek, David; Bradley, Katie; Ferguson, Bruce; Hoey, Lesli; Morales, Helda; Rosset, Peter, Tarlau, Rebecca. Food Sovereignty Education across the Americas: Multiple Origins, Converging Movements. *Agriculture and Human Values*: 1-16.

2017 Meek, David and Teresa Lloro-Bidart. Introduction: Synthesizing a Political Ecology of Education. *Journal of Environmental Education*. 48(4) 213-225.

2017 Meek, David and Ligia L. Simonian. Transforming Space and Society? The Political Ecology of Education in the Brazilian Landless Workers’ Movement’s Jornada de Agroecologia. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. 35(3): 513-532.

2016 Meek, David and Rebecca Tarlau. Critical Food Systems Education (CFSE): Educating for Food Sovereignty. *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems*. 40(3): 237-260.

2015 Meek, David. Taking research with its roots: restructuring schools in the Brazilian landless workers' movement upon the principles of a political ecology of education. *Journal of Political Ecology* (22): 410-428.

2015 Burns, Ryan and David Meek. The Production of Knowledge in the Geoweb. *ACME.* 14 (3): 786-790.

### 2015 Meek, David and Rebecca Tarlau. Critical Food Systems Education and the Question of Race. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development.* 5 (4): 131–135.

2015 Meek, David. Cultural Politics of the Agroecological Transition. *Agriculture & Human Values.* 33(2): 275-290

2015 Meek, David. Counter summitry: La Via Campesina, the People´s Summit and the Rio+20. *Global Environmental Politics*. 15(2): 11-18.

2015 Meek, David. Learning as Territoriality: The Political Ecology of Education in the Brazilian Landless Workers’ Movement. *Journal of Peasant Studies.* 42(6): 1179-1200.

2015 Meek, David. Towards a Political Ecology of Education: The Educational Politics of Scale in southern Pará, Brazil. *Environmental Education Research.* 21(3): 447-459

2014 Meek, David. Sustainability Education: What’s Politics Got to Do With It? Journal of Sustainability Education.

2014 Weaver, Lesley Jo, David Meek, and Craig Hadley. "Exploring the Role of Culture in the Link between Mental Health and Food Insecurity: A case study from Brazil. *Annals of Anthropological Practice* 38(2): 250-268.

2014 Meek, David. Agroecology and Rural Grassroots Movements’ Evolving Moral Economies. *Environment and Society: Advances in Research.* 5: 47–65

2012 Meek, David. YouTube and Social Movements: A Phenomenological Analysis of Participation, Events and Cyberplace. *Antipode.* 44(4): 1429-1448.

2011 Meek, David. The Brazilian Landless Worker's Movement and the War of Position: A Content Analysis of Propaganda and Collective Participation within the *Jornal Sem Terra. Studies in the Education of Adults.* 43(2): 164-180.

**Dissertation Summary**

2015 Meek, David. Movements in Education: The Political Ecology of Education in the Brazilian Landless Workers’ Movement. *Environmental Education Research.* 21 (2): 297-298.

**Book Chapters**

*Submitted* Meek, David “Critical Oral Histories and the Pedagogies of Dispossession and Resistance in Brazil’s Landless Workers’ Movement*”* inIn D. Kapoor & S. Jordan (Eds.), **Research and Political Engagement in Contexts of Dispossession: Indigenous, Small Peasant and Urban Poor Activisms in the Americas and South & East Asia. London: Zed Press.**

2017 Meek, David. Institutionalizing Relational Sovereignties–Educational and Food Sovereignty within Brazil’s Landless Workers’ Movement. *Public Policies for Food Sovereignty: Social Movements and the State*, eds. Annette Desmarais, Priscilla Claeys, and Amery Trauger. London: Routledge.

2014 Weaver, Lesley Jo and David Meek. There Will Always Be More Struggles to Win. In *Community Health Narratives: A Reader for Youth*, eds. Emily Mendenhall and Kathy Wollner. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press.

2010 Meek, David. Audubon Adventures. In *Green Education,* eds*.* PaulRobbins, Julie Newmann. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 35-37.

2010 Meek, David. Collaborative For High Performance Schools. In *Green Education,* eds*.* PaulRobbins, Julie Newmann. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publication, 72- 74.

2010 Meek, David. ERTHNXT. In *Green Education,* eds*.* PaulRobbins, Julie Newmann. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 158-160.

2010 Meek, David. Place Based Education. In *Green Education,* eds*.* PaulRobbins, Julie Newmann. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 291-293.

2010 Meek, David. Portland University. In *Green Education,* eds*.* PaulRobbins, Julie Newmann. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications*,* 293-297.

**Book Reviews**

*Submitted*  (9/2017)Meek, David. *Review of* **We Want Land to Live: Making Political Space for Food Sovereignty *AAG Review of Books*.**

2009 Meek, David. *Review of* Place-Based Education in the Global Age: Local Diversity.  *Journal of Ecological and Environmental Anthropology* 5(1): 84-85.

**Web-based publications**

2018 Meek, David. **Cracks in the Wall of Capitalism: The Zapatistas and the Struggle to Decolonize Science.** Towards Freedom**. February 26th, 2018. https://towardfreedom.com/archives/americas/cracks-in-the-wall-of-capitalism-the-zapatistas-and-the-struggle-to-decolonize-science/**

2014 Meek, David. Climate change and the political ecology of education. Anthropology News. August 11th. http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2014/08/11/climate-change-and-the-political-ecology-of-education/

2012 Meek, David. Critical Cartography as Transformational Learning. *Antipode Foundation.* 15 November. Available from: <http://antipodefoundation.org/2012/10/11/critical-cartography-as-transformational-learning/>

 2012 Meek, David. “More war than night”: Violence, resistance, and territory in Pará, Brazil. *Antipode Foundation.* 15 November. Available from: [http://antipodefoundation.org/2012/11/15/more-war-than-night-violence- resistance-and-territory-in-para-brazil](http://antipodefoundation.org/2012/11/15/more-war-than-night-violence-%20resistance-and-territory-in-para-bra)

2012 Meek, David. Rio+20 and the People's Summit: Dialogic or Disconnected Spaces. *Antipode Foundation.* 12 July. Available from: [antipodefoundation.org/2012/07/12/rio20-and-the-peoples-summit-dialogic-or-disconnected-spaces/](http://www.antipodefoundation.org/2012/07/12/rio20-and-the-peoples-summit-dialogic-or-disconnected-spaces/)

2012 Meek, David. Transforming space, creating place. *Antipode Foundation.* 10 May. Available from: [antipodefoundation.org/2012/05/10/transforming-space-creating-place/](../../../../D%3AtrabalhoaCVhttwww.antipodefoundation.org20120510transforming-space-creating-place%22)

2012 Meek, David. Kony 2012: “The Rules have changed”. *Antipode Foundation.* 16 March. Available from: [antipodefoundation.org/2012/03/06/kony-2012-the-rules-have-changed](http://www.antipodefoundation.org/2012/03/06/kony-2012-the-rules-have-changed)/

2012 Meek, David. 'Anonymous' and the question of Authenticity. *Antipode Foundation.* 12 March. Available from: [antipodefoundation.org/2012/03/12/anonymous-and-the-question-of-authenticity/](http://www.antipodefoundation.org/2012/03/12/anonymous-and-the-question-of-authenticity/)

2012 Meek, David. The Winter of Occupy Wall Street?. *Antipode Foundation.* 3 February. Available from [antipodefoundation.org/2012/02/03/the-winter-of-occupy-wall-street/](http://www.antipodefoundation.org/2012/02/03/the-winter-of-occupy-wall-street/)

 2012 Meek, David. Attending to imbricated spaces. *Antipode Foundation.* 16 January. Available from: [antipodefoundation.org/2012/01/16/attending-to-imbricated-spaces](http://www.antipodefoundation.org/2012/01/16/attending-to-imbricated-spaces.).

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2017 Research Grants Competition ($6,000)

2015 Faculty Fellows in Service Learning Fellowship ($1000)

2015 Learning in Action Experiential Education “Create” Grant ($1000)

2014 South Eastern Conference Faculty Travel Grant ($750)

2013 University of Georgia Willson Center Graduate Fellowship ($800)

2011 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant ($19, 800)

2011 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship ($9,500)

2011 Fulbright IIE Fellowship ($14,780)

2010 Digital Globe World View 2 8-band Challenge Imagery Award ($4,200)

2009 American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing GeoEye Award of imagery ($2000) of field site

2009 Graduate School Dean´s Award for pilot research ($1,000)

2009 Latin American Caribbean Studies Institute Tinker Award for pilot research ($2,000)

2009 Janice Steingruber Award for pilot research ($500)

2009 Association of American Geographers winning paper in Communication Geography ($150)

**INVITED LECTURES**

2013 “Learning and Landscape Change in the Brazilian Landless Workers Movement.” Emory University. March 24.

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

**Panels Organized**

2018 Decolonizing Food Systems Education: Feminist, Posthuman, and Postcolonial Intersections. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 28th-30th

2018 Networking and Mentoring in the Anthropology of Agriculture and the Environment. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 28th-30th.

2017 Diversidad de saberes y experiencias de formacion para la Soberania Alimentaria Initiatives in Critical Agrarian Studies. Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, April 22-27th 2017 Political Education for Food Systems Transformation. Association of American Geographers annual conference. Boston, MA, April 5-9th

2016 Exploring Evidence, Accidents, and Discoveries in Critical Food Systems Education (two sessions; invited by the Culture & Agriculture section). American Anthropological Association annual conference. Minneapolis, MN, November 17th-19th

2015 Educating for Food Sovereignty (two sessions; invited by the Culture & Agriculture section). American Anthropological Association annual conference. Denver, CO, November 17-22nd

2015 Developing a Political Ecology of Education. Dimensions of Political Ecology conference. Lexington, Feb 28-March 1st

2014 Producing Places: Politics of Mapping Technologies and Cartographic Production. American Anthropological Association annual conference. Washington, D.C., December 3rd-7th.

2014 Sustainability Education: Creating Critical Spaces for a Transformative Future. Association of American Geographers annual conference. Tampa, April 8-12.

2013 Environmental Knowledge in an Institutionalized Age: Current and Future Knowledge Communities. American Anthropological Association annual conference, Chicago, November 20-24.

2009 From Theory to Praxis: Engaging Critical Pedagogies of Place. American Anthropological Association annual conference, Philadelphia. December 2-6.

2009 Emerging Political Ecologies. 16th Annual Critical Geography Mini-Conference. Athens, GA. October 23-24.

**Papers Presented**

2017   Meek, D. and Rosset, P. Food sovereignty education across the Americas: Multiple origins, converging movements. Initiatives in Critical Agrarian Studies. Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain; April 22-27th

* 1. 2016Evidencing Education for Food Sovereignty: Critical Food System As Praxis
		+ - 1. American Anthropological Association annual conference. Minneapolis, MN, November 17th-19th

2016 Resisting Urban White Modernity: School Closings and the Struggle for Land and Agrarian Knowledge in Brazil. Association of American Geographers annual conference, San Francisco, CA, March 29th - April 2nd

2015 Building Critical Food Systems Education: Experiences from the Grassroots. American Anthropological Association annual conference. Denver, CO, November 17th-22nd

2015 Developing a Political Ecology of Education. Dimensions of Political Ecology conference. Lexington, Feb 28th-March 1st

2014 Critically Learning the Landscape: Exploring the Affect of Geospatial Technologies and on Students’ Conceptions of Place. Washington, D.C., December 3rd-7th.

2013 Institutionalizing a Critical Pedagogy of Place? Steps Towards and Away From Agroecological Education in the Brazilian Landless Workers Movement. American Anthropological Association annual conference, Chicago, November 20th-24th.

2013 Learning and Landscape Change in the Brazilian Landless Workers Movement. Dimensions of Political Ecology. Lexington, February 27th-29th.

2012 Seeing the Trees for the Forest: Balloon Aerial Photography and the Question of Scale In Land Use and Landscape Change. American Anthropological Association annual conference, San Francisco, November 14th-18th.

2010 Pedagogies of Brazil’s Landless: Towards a Political Ecology of Education. Association of American Geographers annual conference. Washington, D.C. April 14th-18th.

2009 Mapping the role of education in the Brazilian Landless Workers’ Movement. American Anthropological Association annual conference, Philadelphia. December 2nd-6th .

2009 YouTube, Invisibility and Displacement: Towards a Situational Geography of Cyberplace. Association of American Geographers annual conference, Las Vegas.March 22nd-27th.

**Workshops Taught**

2014 Constructing Spatial Ethnographic Research Design. Sponsoring section: Culture and Agriculture. American Anthropological Association annual conference, Washington D.C., December 3rd-7th.

2013 Making a Publishable Field-site Map. Sponsoring section: National Association of Practicing Anthropologists. American Anthropological Association annual conference, Chicago, November 14-17.

2013 Remote Sensing and Anthropology: An Introduction to Integrating Aerial Photographs and Satellite Imagery into Anthropological Research. Sponsoring section: Society for Visual Anthropology. American Anthropological Association annual conference, Chicago, November 14-17.

2013 Constructing Spatial Ethnographic Research Design. Sponsoring section: National Association of Practicing Anthropologists. American Anthropological Association annual conference, Chicago, November 14-17.

2013 Methods for Telling Spatial Stories. Sponsoring section: Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition. American Anthropological Association annual conference Chicago, November 14-17.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2018 Professor for Culture (University of Alabama)

2018 Professor for Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (University of Alabama)

2017 Professor for Anthropology of Food (University of Alabama)

2017 Professor for Ethnography (University of Alabama)

2017 Professor for Politics of Food Sovereignty and Society (University of Alabama)

2017 Professor for Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (University of Alabama)

2016 Professor for Peoples of Latin America (University of Alabama)

2015 Instructor for The Politics of Food Sovereignty and Society (University of Alabama)

2014 Instructor for Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (University of Alabama)

2014 Instructor for Introduction to Anthropology (University of Alabama)

2014 Instructor for Peoples of Latin America (University of Alabama)

2014 Instructor for Anthropology of Food (University of Alabama)

2014 Instructor for Anthropology of Landscape (University of Georgia)

2013 Teaching Associate for Introduction to Anthropology (University of Georgia)

2010 Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Anthropology (University of Georgia)

2009 Teaching Associate for Introduction to Anthropology (University of Georgia)

2007 Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Anthropology (University of Georgia)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2016-2018 Research for project on spatiality of rural school closures in Brazil

2016-2017 Research for project on food sovereignty and mental health in India

2016 Pilot research for project on food sovereignty and mental health in India

2015 Analysis of spatial data concerning food deserts in Tuscaloosa Alabama

2012-13 Grant-supported dissertation research in rural Pará, Amazônia, Brazil on agroecological education within the Brazilian Landless Workers Movement.

2011 Textual analysis of informal learning within Brazilian Landless Workers Movement’s *Jornal Sem Terra* (Meek 2011), and longitudinal Landsat imagery analysis of land cover change in dissertation field site.

2010 Analysis of agroforestry in very-high resolution Digital Globe (8-band).

2010 Archival aerial photography research for dissertation in Belem, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2010 Research assistant, University of Georgia. Archival research on political economy of drought policies in Fortaleza, Brazil.

2009 Grant-supported pilot research in rural Pará, Amazônia, Brazil on agroecological education within the Brazilian Landless Workers Movement and landscape change.

2006 Master’s thesis research on community-based ecotourism development in Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, Garwhal Himalaya, India.

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

President-Elect for Culture and Agriculture Section of American Anthropological Association

2016-2017 Secretary-Treasurer of Culture and Agriculture Section of American Anthropological Association

2015 Awards committee for University of Alabama Learning in Action program

2015 Co-editor of special issue of ACME on the politics of the geoweb

**LANGUAGES**

Portuguese: Excellent reading and speaking, good writing ability

Spanish: Excellent reading, writing, and speaking ability

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Anthropological Association

Association of American Geographers

Cultural Ecology Specialty Group