

# KATIE FOSTER

## EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | Integrative Conservation & Anthropology<br>University of Georgia - Athens, Georgia            | 2023 |
| B.A.  | Animal Behavior (minor: Environmental Studies)<br>Southwestern University - Georgetown, Texas | 2012 |

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| 2023- | Research Professional, Institute for Resilient Infrastructure Systems &<br>Department of Anthropology - University of Georgia - Athens, Georgia |
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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Academic Journal Articles

2021 W. DePuy, J. Weger, **K. Foster**, A. Bonanno, S. Kumar, K. Lear, R. Basilio, and L. German. (2021) Environmental Governance: Broadening Ontological Spaces for a More Livable World. *Environment and Planning: Nature and Space*, 1-29.

2020 L. German, A. Bonanno, **L.C. Foster**, and L. Cotula. (2020) "Inclusive Business" in Agriculture: Evidence from the evolution of agricultural value chains. *World Development* 134: 105018, 1-21.

### Forthcoming

**K. Foster** and L. German. Evaluating Laws and Practice of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America. In revision at *World Development*.

**K. Foster** and L. German. Prior Consultation for Mining in Peru: Between Consent, Refusal, and Social License to Operate. Submitted to *Journal of Peasant Studies*.

T. Byers, **K. Foster**, L. Montes de Oca Vazquez, and J. Deluca. Piloting Comprehensive Assessment Methods for Competency-based Sustainability Curriculum in Higher Education. Submitted to *International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education*.

### Technical Reports

2024 **K. Foster**, M. Giri, and Y. Huang (2024) Implementing Nature-Based Solutions: Levee Setbacks and Voluntary Property Buyouts. IRIS In Focus, Institute for Resilient Infrastructure Systems. [https://iris.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/IRIS-VBO-primer-2024\\_09\\_05-1.pdf](https://iris.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/IRIS-VBO-primer-2024_09_05-1.pdf)

2021 **K. Foster**, Organización Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas Andinas y Amazónicas del Perú (2021) Free, Prior, and Informed Consent of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America: A Comparative Review of Implementation and the Participation of Indigenous Women. [available in English and Spanish]

- 2020 L. German, L. Parker, **K. Foster**, and A. Branche. (2020) Towards a Profiling System for Independent Smallholders and Medium-Scale Growers. Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil: Medium Grower Task Force.
- 2018 J. Beauvais, C. Crespo, **K. Foster**, R. Hohbein, S. Horsley, D. Rasquinha, and K. Rosas (2018) Planning, Priorities, and Implementation of the Oconee Rivers Greenway.
- 2018 L. German, L. Cotula, **K. Gibson**, A. Locke, A. Bonanno and J. Quan (2018) Land governance and inclusive business in agriculture: Advancing the debate. LEGEND State of the Debate Report. <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/resource-documents/12452.pdf>

### Multi-Media Publications

- 2021 **K. Foster** (2021). Indigenous Self-Determination, FPIC and International Law. ArcGIS StoryMap, ESRI [website].  
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/112ca98b051544dba26576fd6b322133>

### Academic Blog Contributions

- 2024 **K. Foster** (May 2024). On Observing: Reflections on UN Climate Policy Negotiations from Paris to the Present. Platypus: The CASTAC Blog. Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology & Computing.  
<https://blog.castac.org/2024/05/on-observing-reflections-on-un-climate-policy-negotiations-from-paris-to-the-present/>.
- 2024 **K. Foster** (May 2024). “Nature-Based Solutions” to the Climate Conundrum: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Engagement Blog: Ethnographic Insights into Climate Worlds. Anthropology & Environment Society.  
<https://aesengagement.wordpress.com/2024/05/07/nature-based-solutions-to-the-climate-conundrum-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly/>.

### Manuscripts in Preparation

**K. Foster**, M. Giri, J. Morse, D. Nelson, V. Forbes-Pateman, K. Broad, and R. Zarger. Scaling Nature-based Solutions for Coastal Flood Resiliency in Southern Florida, USA. In preparation for *Journal of Landscape and Urban Planning*.

**K. Foster**, M. Giri, D. Nelson and J. Postigo. Advancing Weather Services through Transdisciplinary Science: A Global Scoping Review. In preparation for the World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Research Program and Societal and Economic Research Applications working groups.

**K. Foster** and L. German. A Double-edged Sword: Institutionalizing Indigenous Rights and the Porosity of the Neoliberal State in Peru. In preparation for *Third World Quarterly*.

**K. Foster**, D. Nelson, M. Giri, J. Morse, and V. Forbes-Pateman. Enhancing Implementation in Engineering with Nature: Case Studies of Risk, Equity, and Scalability. IRIS In Focus, Institute for Resilient Infrastructure Systems.

**K. Foster** and A. K. Pitts. Photographed to Death: Tourism as a Driver of Illegal Wildlife Trafficking in the Peruvian Amazon. In preparation for *Conservation Science and Practice*.

C.B. van Rees, L. Han, C. VanBuren, A. Altieri, M. Bilskie, J.E. Byers, J. Calabria, D. Coleman, **K. Foster**, A. Liet, A. Nelson, C. Streb, B. Suedel, S. Wenger, and C.B. Woodson. Leveraging Ecological Theory to Maximize Biodiversity of Nature-Based Solutions at Landscape Scales. In preparation for *Journal of Environmental Management*.

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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### Honors

|      |                                                                |        |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 2024 | University of Georgia (UGA) - Excellence in Research Award     | \$1000 |
| 2021 | UGA - Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award                     |        |
| 2020 | UGA - J. Peter Brosius Integrative Conservation Research Award | \$100  |

### Dissertation Research

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| 2023    | UGA - Grady Col. of Journalism - Giving Voice to the Voiceless Grant  | \$3000  |
| 2023    | UGA - Communicating Research & Scholarship Grant                      | \$1000  |
| 2020-21 | National Science Foundation (Law & Science) - DDRIG                   | \$25000 |
| 2020-21 | Fulbright-Hays - DDRA                                                 | \$23550 |
| 2020-21 | Social Science Research Council - IDRF                                | \$14500 |
| 2021    | UGA - Summer Research Grant (GIS Training)                            | \$1490  |
| 2021    | US Dept. of Education - Foreign Language Area Studies Grant (Quechua) | \$7500  |
| 2020    | US Dept. of Education - Foreign Language Area Studies Grant (Quechua) | \$7500  |
| 2018    | UGA - Innovative & Interdisciplinary Research Grant                   | \$1250  |
| 2018    | UGA - Willson Center for Humanities Grant                             | \$1000  |
| 2018    | UGA - Anthropology Dept. - Rhoades Pre-Dissertation Research Grant    | \$750   |
| 2018    | UGA - Latin Am. & Caribbean Studies Inst. - Summer Research Grant     | \$1250  |
| 2017    | UGA - Latin Am. & Caribbean Studies Inst. - Summer Research Grant     | \$1000  |
| 2017    | UGA - Graduate School Summer Research Grant                           | \$950   |

### Academic Scholarships

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|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 2012    | Southwestern University - Paideia Scholar                     | \$3000  |
| 2010-12 | Southwestern University - William and Abbie Allen Scholarship | \$4000  |
| 2008-12 | Southwestern University - Mood Scholarship                    | \$56000 |
| 2008-12 | Houston Endowment - Mary Gibbs Jones Scholarship              | \$11000 |

### Travel Grants for Conferences

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| 2023 | UGA - Georgia Institute for Climate & Society - COP 28 Travel        | \$3500 |
| 2023 | UGA - Institute for Resilient Infrastructure Systems - COP 28 Travel | \$500  |
| 2023 | Anthro. & Environment Society - Barbara Rose Johnston Travel Award   | \$1000 |
| 2023 | UGA - Integrative Conservation Student Travel Grant                  | \$400  |
| 2023 | UGA - Graduate School Student Travel Grant                           | \$1000 |
| 2022 | UGA - Graduate School Student Travel Grant                           | \$1000 |
| 2022 | UGA - Anthropology Dept. Conference Travel Grant                     | \$300  |
| 2021 | UGA - Anthropology Dept. Conference Travel Grant                     | \$90   |

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| 2019 | UGA - Anthropology Dept. Conference Travel Grant               | \$300  |
| 2019 | UGA - Anthropology Graduate Student Org. Travel Grant          | \$185  |
| 2018 | UGA - Graduate Travel Award for NSF GRFP Submission            | \$250  |
| 2010 | Southwestern U. – McMichael Student Experience Enrichment Fund | \$800  |
| 2009 | Southwestern U. – McMichael Student Experience Enrichment Fund | \$2400 |

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Academic & Professional Conferences

- 2025 “Indigenous-led Approaches to Post-wildfire Flash Flood Mitigation in the US Southwest” **K. Foster**. American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 2025. [*Accepted*]
- 2025 “Putting Sustainability Research to Work through Experiential Learning, Student Competency Development, and Collaborative Partnerships” T. Byers, **K. Foster**, J. Deluca, and L. Montes de Oca Vasquez. National Sustainability Society Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. October 2025. [*Accepted*]
- 2025 “Equity Considerations in the Deployment of Coastal Nature-based Solutions” **K. Foster**, D. Nelson, and M. Giri. Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, Oregon. March 2025.
- 2025 “Roundtable: Ethnographic Insights for Just and Equitable Climate Action” E. Hite and J. Haverkamp (co-organizers), **K. Foster**, S. Hautzinger, C. Scanlan Lyons, and B. Flores. Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, Oregon. March 2025.
- 2024 “Scaling Nature-based Solutions to Address Water Management Challenges in the US” **K. Foster**. American Anthropological Association: Praxis, Tampa, Florida. November 2024.
- 2024 “Cultivating Equitable Collaboration with Tribal Nations for Water Infrastructure Management” **K. Foster**, J. Hallemeier, D. Nelson, M. Gilfillan, A. Harris, A. Kitchens, G. Langhorn, K. McKay, J. Mohanachandran, A. Strange, B. Zettle. Restoring America’s Estuaries Conference, Washington DC. October 2024.
- 2024 “Legal and Social Components of Nature-Based Solutions: The Example of Levee Setbacks” Y. Huang and **K. Foster**. Network for Engineering with Nature Partner Symposium, St. Augustine, Florida. May 2024.
- 2024 “Cultural Dimensions of Biodiversity in Engineering with Nature” **\*K. Foster**, D. Nelson, and C. van Rees. Network for Engineering with Nature Partner Symposium, St. Augustine, Florida. May 2024. \*Presenter
- 2024 “Nature-Based Solutions at COP 28: Challenges and Trade-offs for Water Infrastructure” **K. Foster**. Integrative Conservation Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. February 2024.
- 2023 “Complexifying Consent in Neoliberal Development and Indigenous Rights to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent in Peru” **K. Foster**. American Anthropological Association: Transitions, Toronto, Canada. November 2023.

- 2022 “Competing Translations of FPIC: Comparing Laws and Practice of Indigenous Rights Across Latin America.” **K. Foster**. American Anthropological Association: Unsettling Landscapes, Seattle, Washington. November 2022.
- 2021 “‘Inclusive Business’ or Smallholder Exclusion in Global Agricultural Value Chains?” **\*K. Foster**, L. German, and A. Bonanno. Just Food Conference, New York University, New York City, New York. June 2021. [virtual] \*Presenter
- 2021 “Free, Prior, and Informed Consent of Indigenous Peoples: Comparing Laws and Practice Across Latin America” **K. Foster**. 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Symposium on Integrative Conservation, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. March 2021. [virtual]
- 2019 “Fluid Ecologies and Plural Ontologies: Breaking Apart Biodiversity to Reimagine Conservation” W. DePuy, K. Lear, and **\*K. Foster**. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. June 2019. \*Presenter
- 2019 “Land as an Object of ‘Good Governance’: Beyond Rights and Property” **\*A. Bonanno**, **K. Foster**, and L. German. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. June 2019. \*Presenter
- 2019 “Environmental Governance: Broadening Ontological Spaces for a More Livable World” **\*L. German**, J. Weger, W. DePuy, **K. Foster**, A. Bonanno, S. Kumar, K. Lear, and R. Basilio. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. June 2019. \*Presenter
- 2018 “It’s Not Easy Being Green: Planning, Priorities, and Implementation of the Oconee Rivers Greenway” J. Beauvais, C. Crespo, **K. Foster**, R. Hohbein, S. Horsley, D. Rasquinha, and K. Rosas. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Integrative Conservation, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. January 2018.
- 2017 “Inclusive Business in Agriculture: Questions, Leverage Points and State of the Debate” **\*L. German**, A. Bonanno, and **K. Gibson**. World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, Washington, D.C. March 2017. \*Presenter
- 2015 “The Snowball Effect 2.0: Mobilizing Youth for Climate Justice” **K. Gibson** and J. Yap. China Pavilion: Global Youth Low-Carbon Campus Actions, 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Paris, France. December 2015.
- 2014 “The Snowball Effect: Mobilizing Youth for Climate Justice” **K. Gibson** and C. Engle. China Pavilion: Global Youth Low-Carbon Campus Actions, 20<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Lima, Peru. December 2014.
- 2013 “Unleashing the Genius, Strategies for Empowering Urban Youth” **K. Gibson**, J. Joseph, B. Williams, and V. Allen. Taking Action towards Eradicating Poverty, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. March 2013.

## Public Talks

- 2015 “International Climate Negotiations, Climate Justice, and Youth” **K. Gibson** and R. Downs. Youth Climate Convergence, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. August 2015.

- 2015 “Introduction to Edible Gardening” **K. Gibson**. Whole Foods Market: Merchant Walk Speaker Series, Marietta, Georgia. February 2015.

## Posters

- 2025 “Voluntary Property Buyouts for Levee Setbacks” \*M. Giri, **K. Foster**, and D. Nelson. Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, Oregon. March 2025. \*Presenter
- 2024 “Cultivating Equitable Collaboration with Tribal Nations for Water Infrastructure Planning” J. Hallemeier, D. Nelson, G. Langhorn, \***K. Foster**, M. Gilfillan, A. Harris, A. Kitchens, K. McKay, J. Mohanachandran, A. Strange, and B. Zettle. Institute for Resilient Infrastructure Systems Poster Symposium, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. September 2024. \*Presenter
- 2023 “Photographed to Death: Tourism as a Driver of Illegal Wildlife Trafficking” **K. Foster** and A. K. Pitts. XIV Biennial Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Universidad Nacional de Colombia-Amazonia, Leticia, Colombia. July 2023.
- 2012 “Putting on Mussel: Interactions between the Exotic Asian Golden Mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*) and Native Ampullariid Snails” **K. Gibson** and R. Burks. 115<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Academy of Science, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas. March 2012.

## RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

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- 2024-25 **Research Consultancy**, World Meteorological Organization, World Weather Research Programme (PI: Donald Nelson)
- 2023 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Integrative Conservation, University of Georgia
- 2019-20 **Research Consultancy**, Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, Medium Grower Task Force (PI: Laura German)
- 2018 **Policy Intern**, Organización Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas Andinas y Amazónicas del Perú, Lima, Perú
- 2017-18 **Research Consultancy**, Overseas Development Institute, LEGEND report on smallholder inclusion in global agricultural value chains (PI: Laura German)
- 2014-15 **International Climate Policy Analyst** at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change COP 20 in Lima, Peru and COP 21 in Paris, France, Sierra Club
- 2012 **AMPLIFIED International Research Experience for Undergraduates** on behavioral ecology of aquatic invasive mollusks in Uruguay (PI: Romi Burks)
- 2008-12 **Aquatic Ecology Laboratory Assistant**, Southwestern University

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Georgia

- 2020-23 Sustainability Certificate Program, Graduate Assistant (admin, some teaching)
- Sustainability Seminar (~60 students/sem.)
  - Sustainability Capstone (~30 students/sem.)

- 2016-17, 19-20 Department of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant (admin)
- Introduction to Anthropology (~75 students/sem.)
- 2018 Odum School of Ecology, Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record)
- Environmental Issues Lab (co-taught ~75 students/sem.)

### Non-Profit Organizations

- 2016 Blue Heron Nature Preserve – Sandy Springs, Georgia
- Environmental Educator, Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade programming
- 2013-16 Chattahoochee Nature Center – Roswell, Georgia
- Environmental Educator, K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade and community programming
- 2012-13 Georgia State University – Atlanta, Georgia
- AmeriCorps Teaching Assistant, 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade remedial math & reading
- 2012 Elachee Nature Science Center – Gainesville, Georgia
- Environmental Educator, Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade summer programming
- 2010 Camp El Ranchito – Austin, Texas
- Environmental Educator, 5 - 10<sup>th</sup> grade summer programming

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Peer Reviews for Scholarly Journals

- 2025 *PLOS Climate*
- 2024 *Climactic Change*
- 2020 *Journal of Rural Studies*

### Conference & Event Support

- 2025 Weather and Society Conference
- Session co-organizer: Leveraging Transdisciplinary Research and Practice to Enhance Weather Services (with Don Nelson and Monika Giri)
- 2024 Network for Engineering with Nature Partner Symposium
- Biodiversity Workshop co-moderator (with Seth Wenger and Kyle McKay)
- 2023-25 American Anthropological Association
- UNFCCC Committee Member, Climate Change Interest Group
  - UNFCCC COP 28 & SB 60, AAA Delegation Co-Lead
  - “Collaborative Event Ethnography at Climate Conferences” workshop co-organizer (with Emily Hite, 2023)
- 2018-23 Symposium for Integrative Conservation, University of Georgia
- Collaborative Writing Workshop Presenter (2023)
  - Program Committee (2021, 2023)
  - Food Committee (2018, chair 2019)

- 2022 Round-table Discussion: Decolonization in Research & Science Practice, University of Georgia
  - Discussion Moderator
- 2018-20 Integrative Conservation Conference, University of Georgia
  - Flatwoods Salamander Recovery Charrette Discussion Facilitator (2020)
  - Local Arrangements Committee (2018, 2019, 2020)
  - Panel Moderator (2018, 2019, 2020)
  - Field Excursions Organizer (2018)

### **Dissertation Committees**

- 2025 Vanessa Forbes-Pateman, University of Miami, Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, & Earth Science

### **Academic Mentorship**

- 2024 Anthropology & Environment Society - Graduate Student Workshop Series
  - Manuscript editing, presentation feedback, career planning advice
- 2020-23 UGA - Sustainability Certificate Ambassadors Program Coordinator
  - Program recruitment, peer mentorship activity coordination
- 2022 UGA - Integrative Conservation Partners Program
  - Peer mentorship on interdisciplinary methods, grants, fieldwork, writing
- 2018 UGA - Language Partners Program
  - English language practice for international students

### **Departmental Service - University of Georgia**

- 2024 Center for Integrative Conservation Research
  - ICON Student Lab: Career Pathways presenter
- 2016-23 Anthropology Graduate Student Organization
  - Vice-President (2020-21); Treasurer (2019-20); Secretary (2018-19)
- 2016-23 Integrative Conservation Graduate Student Organization
  - Student-Faculty Liaison (2018-19)

### **LANGUAGES**

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| English | Native proficiency (C2)                                                       |
| Spanish | Professional working proficiency (B2 speaking, reading, writing)              |
| Quechua | Limited working proficiency, Cusco dialect (A2 speaking, reading; A1 writing) |

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

- 2024-pres. Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2023-pres. Network for Engineering with Nature
- 2022-pres. Latin American Studies Association

2022-pres. Georgia Native Plant Society  
2021-pres. American Anthropological Association (AES, APLA, Climate sections)  
2018-pres. Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America  
2013-16 Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia  
2013-16 Georgia Organics