

MARA DICENTA

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EDUCATION

- 2020 PhD, Science & Technology Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY
2017 MS, Science & Technology Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY
2015 MS, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Free University Amsterdam, NL
2015 MS, Sexology. Sexual Education and Counselling, University of Alcalá, Madrid
2013 MS, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Complutense University, Madrid
2013 BA, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Complutense University, Madrid
2010 BA, Social Work, National Distance Education University, Madrid

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-pres. Assistant Professor, Anthropology & Integrative Conservation, William & Mary.
2020 Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. (Canceled due to COVID19-related hiring freezes).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Science Studies, Conservation, Indigenous Knowledges, Decolonization, Feminist Epistemologies, Ethnography, Multi-species Justice, Memory & Reparation

PUBLICATIONS

Referred Publications

- 2021 **Dicenta, Mara**. "White Animals: Racializing Sheep and Beavers in the Argentinian Tierra del Fuego." *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*, DOI: [10.1080/17442222.2021.2015140](https://doi.org/10.1080/17442222.2021.2015140).
- 2021 **Dicenta, Mara** and Gonzalo Correa. "Worlding the End: Edging Extinction in the Castorcene." *Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology and Society*, 4:1.
- 2021 Anderson, Christopher B., J. Cristóbal Pizarro, Alejandro E. J. Valenzuela, Natalia Ader, Sebastián Ballari, José Luis Cabello Cabalín, Valeria Car, **Mara Dicenta**, et al. "Reconceiving the Biological Invasion of North American Beavers (*Castor Canadensis*) in Southern Patagonia as a Socio-Ecological Problem: Implications and Opportunities for Research and Management." In *Biological Invasions in the South American Anthropocene*, edited by Fabián M. Jaksic and Sergio A. Castro, 231–53. Cham: Springer.
- 2020 **Dicenta, Mara**. "Beavers, Settlers, and Scientists: Entanglements of Environmental Science and (In)justice in Austral Patagonia, 1940s-2020s." PhD Diss. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

- 2020 Archibald, Jessica L., Christopher B. Anderson, **Mara Dicenta**, et al. "The Relevance of Social Imaginaries to Understand and Manage Biological Invasions in Southern Patagonia." *Biological Invasions* 22(11): 3307-3323.
- 2020 **Dicenta, Mara**. "Can 'Southernized' Science have Authority?" *Science as Culture*.
- 2020 **Dicenta, Mara**. "The Beaverocene: Eradication and Settler-Colonialism in Tierra del Fuego," Environment & Society Portal, *Arcadia* (Spring 2020), no. 1. Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society. <http://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/8973>.
- 2019 **Dicenta, Mara**. "The Abortion Green Scarf as a Boundary Object: Beyond the Curse of the Left." *Somatosphere*. <http://somatosphere.net/2019/the-abortion-green-scarf-as-a-boundary-object-beyond-the-curse-of-the-left.html/>
- 2019 Campbell, Nancy D. "La criminalización de las mujeres embarazadas que consumen drogas." Original title: *The Construction of Pregnant Drug-Using Women as Criminal Perpetrators*. Translated by **Mara Dicenta**. *Zona Franca* 27: 320-341.
- 2015 **Dicenta, Mara**. "No Matter the Weight: Practices of experts, children and care givers in a cognitive therapy for childhood obesity in a Dutch day-clinic." Master's thesis. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Non-referred Publications

- 2019 **Dicenta, Mara**. "Engineering Modernity, Nationalism, and Colonialism," *History of Technology*, https://www.historyoftechnology.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/SHOT2019_open-session_Dicenta.pdf
- 2017 **Dicenta, Mara**. "Bioseguridad y la Constitución de Nuevos Sujetos Políticos más allá de lo Humano," *Anuario de Antropología Iberoamericana*, <https://aries.aibr.org/autor/661/todos-articulos>

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2019 EDITH Award, Group for Exploring Diversity in Technology's History at the Society for the History of Technology.
- 2019 ENVIROTECH Award for Graduate Research to present results at the Network Workshop during the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology.
- 2019 Prize for Extraordinary Research at the VI Summer School of Science & Technology Studies, Latin American Society for the Social Studies of Science (ESOCITE).
- 2013 UCM Extraordinary Degree Award, Complutense University of Madrid.
Granted annually to one student with the best academic result and trajectory in each degree (similar to the valedictorian prize in the US).

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 New Faculty Grants. William & Mary.
- 2018-20 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Graduate Fellowship to conduct fieldwork in Argentina.
- 2015-17 La Caixa Foundation Fellowship Program for Postgraduate Studies in North America for PhD studies in the US: tuition fees, living expenses, and travel costs.

- 2014-15 VU University Amsterdam Fellowship Program for Excellent Students, MS tuition fees and support for living expenses.
- 2011-13 Complutense University Academic Achievement Scholarship.
- 2011-12 ERASMUS European Exchange Program Scholarship.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 "Decolonizing Science, Justice, and the Environment" Anthropology Brown Bag. William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.
- 2020 "Raza, especies, naturaleza. Articulaciones desde la Ciencia y la Historia en Tierra del Fuego" Seminario Socio-Eco. Centro Austral de Investigaciones Científicas, Ushuaia.
- 2020 "Un Antropoceno Fueguino: Sobre los Castores, la Extinción, y la Violencia del Futuro." Hacer Antropología en la era del Antropoceno. Seminario de Antropología de la Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires.
- 2020 "Tracing the Ghost of Race with Scientific Cartographies." Seminar of the STS Institute. University of Maimonides, Argentina.
- 2020 "The Racial Politics of Science." Knowledge in Action Webinar Series. STSGlobal Consortium, EEUU, <https://youtu.be/xByovHCrWVQ>.
- 2019 "Un-settling Natures in Tierra del Fuego." Engineering the Anthropocene Colloquium, Department of Science & Technology Studies, Rensselaer, Troy, NY.
- 2019 "More-than-human Cartographies." Conference Series. Institute of Geography, University of Buenos Aires.
- 2019 "Knowledge Production in the Anthropocene, Science or Politics?" Public Seminar at the Austral Center for Scientific Research, Tierra del Fuego.
- 2018 "Science, Nature, and Coloniality in the End of the World." Austral Center for Scientific Research, Department of Socio-Ecology, Ushuaia, Argentina.
- 2017 "Disavowed Necropolitics." Spanish National Research Council. Research Talk in the department of Science, Technology, and Society, Madrid, Spain.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

- 2021 "STS from the Wounds," Chair and organizer, annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, virtual, Oct. 6 – 9.
- 2019 "Engineering Modernity-Coloniality," Chair and organizer, annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology, Milan, Oct. 24 – 27.
- 2019 "Inhabiting Borderlands," Organizer, annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington DC, April 3 – 7.
- 2019 "Situated Natures and the Politics of Knowing," Organizer, annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington DC, April 3 – 7.
- 2018 "Conversations around Interdisciplinary Research. Re-conceptualizing Environmental Problems from a Socio-ecological Perspective," Organizer, Tierra del Fuego National University, Ushuaia, Nov. 23.

- 2017 "Necropolitics," Chair and discussant, annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, Aug. 30 – Sept. 2.
- 2017 "Necropolitics," Chair and organizer, annual meeting of the Environmental Humanities Network and the New Materialism Network, Paris, June 7 – 9.

Papers Presented

- 2021 "Reparation after not-only-human settler colonialism," annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, Nov. 17 – 21.
- 2021 "Binational Conservation in Tierra del Fuego: Diplomacy and Repair at the Expense of Whom?" Anthropology and Conservation virtual conference, Royal Anthropological Institute, Oct. 25-29.
- 2021 "Reparation in worlds after not-only-human settler colonialism," annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, virtual, Oct. 6 – 9.
- 2021 "Pluricentric Science in Conservation," History of Science, Technology, and Medicine in Latin America working group, May 27.
- 2020 "Science, Nature, and More-than-human Settler Colonialism in Tierra del Fuego," Environmental History Workshop, Sept. 7 – 8.
- 2020 "H(a)unting Knowledges," biannual meeting of the Association for Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies, Waterloo, Aug. 20 – 23. (Canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 "Social Justice in More-than-human Postindustrial Landscapes," Envirotech Workshop, Milan, Oct. 27.
- 2019 "Living and Dying in the Beaverscene: Science and Coloniality in Tierra del Fuego," annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology, Milan, Oct. 24 – 27.
- 2019 "Sur o no Sur: Making Science and Colonialism in 'The End of the World,'" annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, New Orleans, Sept. 4 – 7.
- 2019 "Naturalezas Alter-Nativas," Escuela de Verano ESOCITE, Quito, Aug. 14 – 17.
- 2018 "Understanding the politics of environmental problems like the beavers," Tierra del Fuego National University, Ushuaia, Nov. 23.
- 2018 "Landscapes of Invasion, Extinction, and Abandonment in Austral Patagonia." annual meeting of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences, Buenos Aires, Nov. 19 – 23.
- 2018 "Failures, Successes, and Disavowals in the Modernization of *The End of the World: The Case of the Beavers*," annual meeting of the Latin American Conference of Social Studies of Science and Technology, Santiago de Chile, July 18 – 20.
- 2017 "Bleaching Cells: Locations of (White) Disavowal in Biotech Research," annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, Aug. 30 – Sept. 2.
- 2017 "Necropolitical Interventions," annual meeting of the New Materialism Network and the Environmental Humanities, Paris, June 7 – 9.
- 2017 "From Witch Hunting to Beaver Eradication. Thinking Conservation, Colonialism, and Biodiversity with Beavers and Dams." XII International Workshop of Science, Technology, and Gender. Spanish National Research Council. Madrid, June 21-23
- 2017 "Non-human Biopolitics and Biosecurity Interventions," Graduate annual meeting of the North East Science and Technology Studies Network, Toronto, April 21 – 23.

- 2017 "Dying More/less than Human," annual meeting of the Humanities Graduate Student Association, Toronto, Feb. 17 – 18.
- 2016 "Biosecurity and the Constitution of New Political Subjects Beyond the Human," annual meeting of the Iberoamerican Anthropology Network, Barcelona, Sept. 6 – 9.
- 2016 "Biorisk Interventions, Epidemics, and Creative Onto-ecologies," annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science and the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology, Barcelona, Aug. 31 – Sept. 3.

Workshops

- 2020 "Animal Borderlands." British Animal Studies Network, virtual. Discussant of Keynote Speaker Marcus Coates talk "Where Are the Animals." Sept. 18 – Oct. 2.
- 2020 "Mending Ecologies: Reparation in Social and Environmental Conflict," June 29 – July 1. (Postponed to June 2021 due to COVID-19).
- 2019 "Envirotech SIG Workshop," Envirotech Network, Milan, Oct. 27.
- 2019 "VI Graduate School for the Social and Political Studies of Science and Technology." FLACSO – ESOCITE, Quito Aug. 14 – 17.
- 2019 "Preparatory Workshop for the first Chile-Argentina bilateral scientific campaign in the Beagle Canal," CADIC. Ushuaia. Jul. 1 – 2.
- 2019 "I National Meeting for Managing Invasive Exotic Species." Buenos Aires, Apr. 9 – 11.
- 2019 "Biodiversity Conservation. Experiences and Challenges in Magallanes," Punta Arenas, Chile, Mar. 21.
- 2018 "III Binational Scientific and Academic Seminar for Exchanging Experiences around environmental conservation in Tierra del Fuego and the Beagle Canal." CADIC – UNTDF. Ushuaia, Oct. 4 – 5.
- 2017 "The Anthropocene Campus." Drexel University Philadelphia. Oct. 22 – 26
- 2014 "Science, Technology, and Society: Knowledge and Participation." Spanish National Research Council. Feb. – June.

TEACHING

Undergraduate, Institute for Integrative Conservation, William & Mary

- 2022 Indigenous Voices in Conservation
- 2022 Environmental Anthropology
- 2022 The Plantationocene Campus
- 2021 Conservation Ethics

Undergraduate, Department of STS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

- 2018 Environment and Society
Co-Instructor with Prof. Eric D. Schaffer. Overall students' evaluation 4,29 / 5.
- 2017 Introduction to Science and Technology Studies
Instructor of record. Overall students' evaluation 4.78 /5.
- 2017 Race in Culture
Teaching Assistant for Prof. Brandon Costelloe-Kuehn.

- 2016 Gender in Culture
Teaching Assistant for Prof. Brandon Costelloe-Kuehn.
Graduate, Department of Social Psychology, University of La República, Uruguay.
- 2018 Biopolitics, Necropolitics, and Multi-species Epistemologies
Instructor. Graduate Department of Social Psychology.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2021 Emma Henry, "Institute for Integrative Conservation holds discussion on women in conservation," *The Flat Hat*, <https://flathatnews.com/2021/12/06/institute-for-integrative-conservation-holds-discussion-on-women-in-conservation/>
- 2021 Jazmin Dicks, "The IIC Welcomes Dr. Mara Dicenta to William and Mary," *IIC LinkedIn*, https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/iic-welcomes-dr-mara-dicenta-william-?trk=organization-update-content_share-article
- 2019 Manuel Torino, "Bienvenidos al Antropoceno. ¿La última era geológica?," *La Nación*, <https://www.lanacion.com.ar/lifestyle/bienvenidos-al-antropoceno-la-ultima-era-geologica-nid2302862/>
- 2019 "Antropoceno: ¿Ciencia o Política?," *Comunicadic*, <https://cadic.conicet.gov.ar/antropoceno-es-o-se-hace/>

CURRICULA AND STUDENT ADVISING

Student Mentoring

- 2022 Malvika Shrimali, "*Integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Habitat Use Modeling to Restore River Herring in Virginia*," Conservation Research Program, IIC, William & Mary.
- 2022 Angie Tellez-Sandoval, "*Designing Protocols and Participatory Methods for Inclusive and Just Conservation in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina*." Conservation Research Program, IIC, William & Mary.
- 2017 Allison Mrugal, "*The Silent Prisons Project*," Senior thesis in Design, Innovation, and Society Graduate Studies. Co-advisor. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
- 2017 Asia Gauler, "*Gender inequality in STEM*," Senior thesis in Sustainability Studies. Co-advisor. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Syllabi Developed

- 2022 Indigenous Voices in Conservation
- 2022 Environmental Anthropology
- 2022 The Plantationocene Campus
- 2021 Conservation Ethics
- 2018 Biopolitics, Necropolitics, and Multi-species epistemologies
- 2018 Environment and Society
- 2017 Introduction to STS

- 2017 Feminist STS Backdrops in Politics and Affirmation
- 2017 Race in Culture
- 2016 Gender in Culture
- 2016 Object-Orientations: New Materialism, Speculative Realism, and Feminist STS
- 2015 Feminist Theory of the Body

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Editorial Boards

2020-prest. AVÁ. Revista de Antropología. Universidad Nacional de Misiones, Argentina.

Grant Review

2021 NSF Proposal Review, Science and Technology Studies Program.

Peer Review of Articles for Journals

- 2021 Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies
- 2021 Science as Culture
- 2021 Science, Technology, and Human Values
- 2021 Green Letters, Studies in Ecocriticism
- 2020 Environment & Society Portal, Arcadia
- 2019 AVÁ. Revista de Antropología

Conference Organizing

- 2019 Assistant, Society for the Social Studies of Science annual meeting.
- 2016 Assistant, Society for the Social Studies of Science annual meeting.
- 2014 Organizer, Third annual meeting of the Institute of Anthropology of Madrid.
- 2012 Organizer, First annual meeting of the Institute of Anthropology of Madrid.

Memberships

- 2021-pres. Latin American Studies Association
- 2021-pres. American Anthropology Association
- 2021-pres. Royal Anthropological Institute
- 2018-pres. Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios Sociales de la Ciencia y la Tecnología
- 2016-pres. Society for Social Studies of Science

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

William & Mary

Committee Service

- 2021-press. Graduate Committee Faculty Representative. Department of Anthropology.
- 2021-press. Speaker Series Committee, IIC.

2021-present. Conservation Research Program Committee, IIC.

Affiliated Faculty

2021-present. Native Studies

2021-present. Latin American Studies

2021-present. Decolonizing the Humanities

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

2017-18 Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Student Committee, STS dept.

2016-18 Chair, Graduate Student Treasury Committee, STS dept.

2016-17 Chair, Graduate Student Library Committee, STS dept.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2022 The Plantationocene Campus

2010-14 Advocacy, Yo Sí Sanidad Universal, Madrid.

Advocacy, accompaniment, and lobbying for universalizing public health to migrant and undocumented citizens.

2010-12 Research and Advocacy, Grupo de Antropología Feminista

Research and activism with policymakers and feminist groups to regulate women's reproductive rights and access to public health.

2008-10 Social Worker, Krecer Association, Madrid.

Communitarian social work and activism with migrant and ethnically underrepresented women in an underprivileged district.

LANGUAGES

Spanish, Native

English, Fluent

Portuguese, Reader