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EDUCATION

2005-2008 **Ph.D. Rural Sociology**

Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, U.S.A.

2003-2005 **M.Sc. Rural Sociology**

Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, U.S.A.

1997-2002 **B.Sc. Agricultural Economics**

Department of Agricultural Economics.
Universidad de Costa Rica, San Pedro, San José, Costa Rica.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020-Present **Associate Professor**

Department of Rangeland Wildlife and Fisheries Management.
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University.

2014-2020 **Associate Professor**

Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences.
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University.

2008-2014 **Assistant Professor**

Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences.
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University.

2003-2008 **Research and Teaching Assistant**

Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.
College of Agricultural Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University.

Professional Appointments

2022-Present **Research Program Manager**

McFerrin Center for Entrepreneurship
Texas A&M University.

2016- 2017 **Fulbright Scholar**

Visiting Scholar, Social Sciences Program.
Universidad de la Frontera, Temuco, Chile.

2012-Present **Faculty Fellow**

Center for Housing and Urban Development.
College of Architecture, Texas A&M University.

2011-2016 **Program Coordinator, Community Development Major**

Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences.
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University.

2011-Present **Associate Faculty Member**

Applied Biodiversity Science NSF-IGERT Program. Texas A&M University.

RESEARCH

My research is guided by the fields of *community*, *natural resource*, and *environmental sociology*, and seeks to understand, from a sociological perspective, local processes that minimize the negative effects of rapid community change while enhancing sustainable livelihoods. My work, conducted through quantitative, qualitative, and mixed research methods domestically and internationally, occurs within the contexts of amenity migration, tourism, protected areas, natural events, and community health.

Publications¹

Refereed Journal Articles

- Manzano, H.,** Outley, C., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & González, J. (2023). Personal and Contextual Variables Predicting College Aspirations Among Latinx High School Students. In print *Voces y Silencios, Revista Latinoamericana de Educación Contemporánea: Contemporary Educational Issues*.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Lucero, J., Veintimilla, C.,* Treadwell, M., Fox, W., & Tolleson, D. (2023). Leveraging Social Science Research to Advance Contemporary Rangeland Management: Understanding the 'New Faces' of Range Managers. *Rangelands* 45(1): 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rala.2022.11.004>
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- Lee, J.H.,* Xu, Y.* & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2022). Profiling Attached Residents in an Urban Community in the US. *Social Sciences* 11(1): 5. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci11010005>
- Salinas, M. **, **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Burdine, J. (2021). Navigating Healthcare Systems Before and After Resettlement: Exploring Experiences and Recommendations for Improvement from the Perspectives of a Bhutanese Refugee Community. *Journal of Migration and Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmh.2021.100049>
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Lee, J.H.* & Nam, J.W.* (2020). What Elements Should be Present in Any Community Development Initiative: Distinguishing Community Development From Local Development. *Local Development and Society* 1(2): 95-115. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26883597.2020.1829986>
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Suess, C. (2020). Natural Amenities-Driven Migration and Tourism Entrepreneurship: Within Business Social Dynamics Conducive to Positive Social Change. *Tourism Management* 81: 104140. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tourman.2020.104140>
- Winkler, R. & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2020). Exporting Consumption: Lifestyle Migration and Energy Use. *Global Environmental Change* 61: 102026. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2019.102026>
- Hua Q., Bass, M.,*** Ulrich-Schad, J., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** Sanders, C.*** & Bekee, B.*** (2020). Community, Natural Resources, and Sustainability: Overview of an Interdisciplinary and International Literature. *Sustainability* 12(3): 1061. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su12031061>
- Xu, Y., * **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Lee, J.H., * & Luloff, A.E. (2019). Physical Environment-Related Factors in an Assessment of Community Attachment: Understanding Urban Parks Contributions *Sustainability* 11: 5603. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su11205603>
- Sene-Harper, A., * Camara, S. & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2019). Does Diversification Lead to Livelihood Security in Fishing-Farming Communities? Insight from the Senegal River Delta. *Human Ecology* 47(6): 797-809. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10745-019-00121-8>
- Lee, J.H., * **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2019). Gardeners' Past Gardening Experience and Its Moderating Effect on Community Garden Participation. *Sustainability* 11: 3308. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su11123308>

¹ * Chaired graduate student; ** committee member graduate student; *** other graduate student.

- Manzano, H., ** **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, & Outley, C. (2019). Barriers and Supports to College Aspiration Among Latinx High School Students. *Journal of Youth Development* 14(2): 25-45. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jyd.2019.685>
- Ju, Y., ** Outley, C., & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2019). Ethnic Identity of Asian American Youth after Cultural Immersion Camp. *Journal of Youth Development* 14(2): 166-182. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jyd.2019.708>
- Lee, J.H., * **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2019). The Influence of Emotional and Conditional Motivations on Gardeners' Participation in Community (Allotment) Gardens. *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening* 42: 21-30. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ufug.2019.05.006>
- Macadoo, A., *** Zunino, H., Sagner-Tapia, J. & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2019). Los Migrantes por Estilo de Vida del Valle de Malacahuello desde una Perspectiva Postcolonial, La Araucanía Chile. *Diálogo Andino. Revista de Historia, Geografía y Cultura Andina* 58: 115-128.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Sene-Harper, A.* & Ruyle, L. (2019). A Holistic Framework for Participatory Conservation Approaches. *International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology* 26(6): 484-494. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504509.2019.1619105>
- Sene-Harper, A., * **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Larson, L. (2019). Avoiding the “Empty Bag”: Leveraging Local Livelihood Strategies to Support Conservation and Development in West Africa. *Environmental Development* 29: 16-28. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envdev.2018.11.002>
- Lee, J.H., * **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Xu, Y.* & Schuett, M. (2018). Examining the Relationship Between U.S. National Parks and Host Communities: Understanding Community Stakeholders' Perspectives. *Sustainability* 10(10): 3667. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su10103667>
- Manzano, H., ** Outley, C., Gonzalez, J. & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2018). The Influence of Self-Efficacy Beliefs in the Academic Performance of Latino/a Students: A Systematic Review of the Literature. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*. 40(2): 176-209. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0739986318761323>
- Choi, M., ** Van Zandt, S. & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2018). Can Community Land Trusts Slow Gentrification? *Journal of Public Affairs* 40(3): 394-411. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2017.1362318>
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Zunino, H. & Sagner-Tapia, J. (2017). Amenity/Lifestyle Migration in the Chilean Andes: Understanding the Views of “The Other” and its Effects on Integrated Community Development. *Sustainability* 9(9): 1619. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su9091619>
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2017). Moving the Amenity Migration Literature Forward: Understanding Community Level Factors Associated with Positive Outcomes After Amenity-Driven Change. *Journal of Rural Studies* 53: 26-34. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2017.05.004>
- Pennel, C., ** McLeroy, K., Burdine, J., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Wang, J. (2017). A Mixed Method Approach to Understanding Community Participation in Community Health Needs Assessment. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* 23(2): 112-121.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Trejos, B., Qin, H., Joo, D.**, & Debner, S.*** (2017). Conceptualizing Community Resilience: Revisiting Conceptual Distinctions. *Community Development* 48(1): 105-123. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15575330.2016.1248458>
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- Pennel, C., ** McLeroy, K., Burdine, J., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Wang, J. (2016). Community Health Needs Assessment: Potential for Population Health Improvement. *Population Health Management* 19(3): 178-186. <https://doi.org/10.1089/pop.2015.0075>
- Ju, Y., ** Outley, C., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, & Murphy, T. (2016). A Systematic Review of Recent Research on Adolescent Social Connectedness and Mental Health with Internet Technology Use. *Adolescent Research Review* 1(2): 153-162.

- Lekies, K., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Schewe, R. & Winkler, R. (2015). Amenity Migration in the New Global Economy: Current Issues and Research Priorities. *Society and Natural Resources* 28(10): 1144-1151. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2015.1054571>
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- Pennel, C., ** McLeroy, K., Burdine, J., & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2015). Nonprofit Hospitals' Approach to Community Health Needs Assessment. *American Journal of Public Health* e1-e11.
- Cortés, G., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, & Rodríguez, M.F.*** (2014). International Amenity Migration: Implications for Integrated Community Development Opportunities. *Community Development* 45(5): 507-524. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15575330.2014.953966>
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- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Stocks, G.*** (2013). Amenity Migration to the Global South: Implications for Community Development. *Geoforum* 49(October): 91-102.
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- Winkler, R., Schewe, R., & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2013). Lakes and Community: The Importance of Natural Landscapes in Social Science Research. *Society and Natural Resources* 26(2): 158-175. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2013.739526>
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Brennan, M.A. (2012). Conceptualizing Community Development in the 21st Century. *Community Development* 43(3): 293-305. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15575330.2011.593267>
- Luloff, A.E., Finley, J., Myers, W., Metcalf, A., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Raboanarielina, C., Gordon, J., & Gruver, J. (2011). What Do Stakeholders Add to Identification of Conservation Lands? *Society and Natural Resources* 24(12): 1345-1353. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2011.589098>
- Edwards, M. & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2011). Rurality in United States Leisure Research: A Review of Four Major Journals. *Journal of Leisure Research* 43(4): 447-474. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00222216.2011.11950245>
- Gretzel, U., Isacsson, A., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, & Wainio, E. (2011). Teaching Based on TEFI Values A Case Study. *Journal of Teaching in Travel & Tourism* 11: 94-106. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15313220.2011.548743>
- Trejos, B. & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2010). Theoretical Approximations to Community-based Tourism: Case Studies from Costa Rica. *e-Review of Tourism Research* 8(6): 157-178.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2010). Tourism Development in Costa Rica: History and Trends. *e-Review of Tourism Research* 8(6): 136-156.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2010). Beyond Growth: Reaching Tourism-led Development. *Annals of Tourism Research* 37(4): 1141-1163. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annals.2010.-5.004>
- Gordon, J., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Stedman, R., & Luloff, A. E. (2010). Wildfire Perception and Community Change. *Rural Sociology* 75(3): 455-477. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1549-0831.2010.00021.x>
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- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2010). Changing Communities, Community Satisfaction, and Quality of Life: A View of Multiple Perceived Indicators. *Social Indicators Research* 98(1): 105-127. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-009-9520-z>

- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Stedman, R., & Luloff, A.E. (2010). Permanent and Seasonal Residents' Community Attachment in Natural Amenity-Rich Areas: Exploring the Contribution of Community and Landscape-based Factors. *Environment and Behavior* 42(2): 197-220. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0013916509332382>
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Luloff, A. E. (2008). Profiling Participative Residents in Western Communities. *Rural Sociology* 73(1): 44-61. <https://doi.org/10.1526/003601108783575899>
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Luloff, A.E., Krannich, R., & Field, D.R. (2006). Community Participation in Rapidly Growing Communities. *Community Development* 37(4): 71-87. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15575330609490196>

Book Chapters (all invited):

- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Trejos, B., Qin, H., Joo, D.** & Debner, S.*** (2023). Conceptualizing Community Resilience: Revisiting Conceptual Distinctions. Pp. 33-47 in *Community Development for Times of Crisis: Creating Caring Communities*. Edited by Brennan, M.A., Phillips, R., Walzer, N. & Hales, B. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Cortés, G., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Rodríguez, M.F.*** (2018). International Amenity Migration: Implications for Integrated Community Development Opportunities. Pp. 85-102 in *Rural Wealth Creation as a Sustainable Economic Development Strategy*. Edited Ratner, H. & Markley D. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & Edwards, M. (2016). What is Community Capacity and Why it Matters for Leisure Studies? Pp. 15-26 in *Community Development: Applications for Leisure, Sport, and Tourism*. Edited by Sharpe, E., Mair, H. & Yuen, F. Venture Publishing.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2014). Sentiments and Activism: Community Attachment and Participation in Changing Amenity-Rich Communities. Pp. 65-81 in *Global Amenity Migration: Transforming Rural Culture, Economy, and Landscape*. Edited by Moss, L. & Glorioso, R. British Columbia, Canada: The New Ecology Press.
- Gretzel, U., Isacson, A., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, & Wainio, E. (2013). Teaching Based on TEFI Values A Case Study. Pp. 94-106 in *The Tourism Education Futures Initiative: Activating Change in Tourism Education*. Edited by Prebezac, D., Sheldon, P. & Schott, C. Oxford: Taylor Francis.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2011). Accelerated Social Change: Impacts on Community Development. Pp. 49-60 in *Deliberations on Community Development: Balancing on the Edge*. Edited by Rothe, P. & Carroll, L. New York: Nova Science.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Luloff, A.E. (2011). Population Change and Contrasting Integration, Attachment, and Participation in the New West-Old West. Pp. 109-121 in *People, Places and Landscapes: Social Change in High Amenity Rural Areas*. Edited by Krannich, R., Luloff, A.E. & Field, D. New York: Springer.

Other Publications:

- Shafer, C.S, **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Lee, J.H., & Wyrem, M. (2015). Technical Report. *Enhancing Public Space in Downtown Waco*. Final Report to the City of Waco, Texas.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Edwards, M., Outley, C., Clark, H.***, & J. Wu.** (2014). The Role of Community Nurture in Adolescent Interest in College Attendance. [Abstract for Poster Symposia](#). *Journal of Adolescent Health* 54(2): S20 (refereed).
- Outley, C., M. Edwards, **D. Matarrita-Cascante**, K. Woosnam, J. Rayfield, & H. Clarke.*** (2013). [Technical Report](#). *Texas Healthy Adolescent Initiative Program Evaluation*. Report prepared for the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Sequor Youth Development Initiative, RPTS. Texas A&M University (non-referred).
- Bentley, A.**, Six, G.*, Schuett, M.A., & **D. Matarrita-Cascante**. (2010). [Technical Report](#). *An Exploratory Study of Illegal Migrant Landings and Park Resources in South Florida's National Parks*. Report prepared for the NPS, Regional Directors Meeting Spring 2010 (non-referred).

- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** (2009). Technical Report. *Análisis Comunitario sobre Impactos del Turismo y Calidad de Vida: Estudio Comparativo de Liberia y La Fortuna de San Carlos*. Technical Report prepared for the Costa Rican Board of Tourism and the communities of Liberia and La Fortuna, Costa Rica (non-refereed).
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- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & A.E. Luloff. (2007). Technical Report. *Concern about Air Quality and Awareness of Ground-level Ozone in the Delaware Valley: Summary of the 2007 Telephone Survey Results*. Report prepared for the Delaware Regional Planning Commission (non-referred).
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Conference Presentations (presenter in italics)

- Nam, J. W. & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* The Moderating Effect of Neighborhood Support on Participation in Organized Activities and Physical Activity Among Low-income Children. Presented at the American Public Health Association, Boston, November 7th, 2022.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.* Taller de Productividad Académica” (Academic Productivity Workshop). Presented at the 2022 *International Association for Society and Resource Management* yearly conference. San José, Costa Rica. June 27th, 2022.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.,* Veintimilla, C. Why Does Rangeland Management Needs Social Science? Presented at the 2022 *International Association for Society and Resource Management* yearly conference. San José, Costa Rica. June 27th, 2022.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.* La Migración a Zonas Rurales: Conexiones con el Desarrollo Rural y el Sector Empresarial. Presented at the *IV Conference on Agricultural Economics*. University of Costa Rica (online). November 2nd, 2020.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.* & Suess, C. Amenity Migration and Inclusive Tourism Development: Understanding Entrepreneurial Conditions Conducive to Social Change. Presented at the *2019 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*. Oshkosh, WI. June 3rd, 2019.
- Kang, S., Matarrita-Cascante, D., & Lee, J.* Tourism Impacts as the Form of Change and Community Resilience: Conceptualization and Future Research Directions. Presented at the 2018 Pan Asia International Tourism Conference. Seoul, Korea. July 4th, 2018.
- Lee, J.H.* & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* The Influence of Emotional and Conditional Factors on Gardeners’ Participation in Community Gardens. Presented at the *30th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*. Salt Lake City, Utah. June 20th, 2018.
- Winkler, R. & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* Lifestyle Migration and Environmental Consumption in Costa Rica. Presented at the *30th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*. Salt Lake City, Utah. June 20th, 2018.
- Nam, J.**, Matarrita-Cascante, D., & Lee, S., Social and Environmental Determinants of Children’s Outdoor Physical Activity: A Systematic Review. Presented at the *2018 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) Meeting*. Blacksburg, VA. March 23rd, 2018.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.,* Zunino, H. & Sagner-Tapia, J. Amenity/Lifestyle Migration in the Chilean Andes: Understanding the Views of “The Other” and its Effects on Integrated Community Development. Presented at the *29th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*. Umea, Sweden. June 20th, 2017.

- Sene-Harper, A.* & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* The Unintended Effects of Community-Based Natural Resource Management on the Resource Access of Social Groups. Presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of Rural Sociological Society. Toronto, Canada, August 25th, 2016.
- Sene-Harper, A.* & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* The Livelihood Security of Farming-Fishers in the Senegal River Delta: A Multidimensional Approach. Presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of Rural Sociological Society, Toronto, Canada, August 25th, 2016.
- Sene-Harper, A.* & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* To Fish or not to Fish? Household Level Processes Shaping Fishing Decisions in Fishing-Farming Communities of the Senegal River Delta. Presented at the 28th International Symposium on Society and Resource Managem. Houghton, MI. June 25th, 2016.
- Choe, Y.***, Schuett, M. & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* Exploring the Relationships between Stakeholders and Everglades National Park. Presented at 28th Annual Northeastern Research Symposium. Annapolis, MD. April 4th, 2016.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.* Post-Tourism Rural Change: Factors Leading to Contrasting Impacts in Two Natural Amenity-Rich Communities. Presented at the *Tourism Sciences Society of Korea Annual Meeting*. Gwangju, Korea. February 26th, 2016.
- Sene-Harper, A.* & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* Livelihood Diversification and Fishing Practices of Traditional Fisherman in the Senegal River Delta. Presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Madison, WI. August 8th, 2015.
- Xu, Y.* & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* Understanding Park-People Relationship: Community Stakeholders' Relationship with Park Management. Presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Madison, WI. August 7th, 2015.
- Schuett, M., Choe***, Y. & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* Examining the Relationship Between Stakeholders and U.S. National Parks: The Case of Everglades National Park. Presented at the 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology. Montpellier France. August 3rd, 2015.
- Xu, Y.* & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* Incorporating the Physical/Natural Landscape within an Assessment of Community Attachment: Understanding the Impacts of Tourism on Landscape-based Interactions in Urban Parks. Presented at 2015 Travel and Tourism Research Association International Conference, Portland, OR. June 15th, 2015.
- Pennel, C.***, McLeroy, K., Burdine, J., & Matarrita-Cascante, D.* A Mixed-Methods Approach to Understanding Community Stakeholder Engagement in Community Health Needs Assessment. Presented at the 2015 Annual Public Health Services and Systems Research Keeneland Conference. Lexington, KY. April 21st, 2015.
- Lee, J.H.* & Matarrita-Cascante, D., Shafer, S., & Wyrem, M.* A Service-Learning Partnership and a Participatory Process to Enhance Small Urban Spaces in Waco, Texas. Presented at the 2015 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference (CELA). Manhattan, KS. March 26th, 2015.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D., Sene-Harper, A.* & Stocks, G.* Impactos de la Migración de Amenidad: Comportamientos Ambientales e Influencias de los Migrantes de Amenidad Extranjeros y los Residentes Locales de Nuevo Arenal, Costa Rica. Presented at the 6th Conference on Latin American Tourism Research. Neuquén, Argentina. September 27th, 2014.
- Choe, Y.***, Matarrita-Cascante, D., Xu, Y.*, Sene-Harper, A., Schuett, M., & Barthel, G.*** Examining the Relationship Between National Parks and Adjacent Communities: Understanding Stakeholder's Perspectives. Presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA. August 1st, 2014.
- Xu, Y.*, Yoder, D., Matarrita-Cascante, D.* University Students' Travel Motivations for Spring Break. Presented at the 2014 Greater Western Travel and Tourism Research Association Meeting. Denver, CO. April 17th, 2014.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D., Edwards, M., Outley, C., Clarke, H., & Wu, J.*** The Role of Community Nurture in Adolescent Interest in College Attendance. Presented at the 2014 Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. March 23rd 2014.

- Outley, C., Theriault, D., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, Clark, H.***, & Edwards, M. Using Qualitative Interviews and Focus Groups to Develop a Case Study of a Multi-Site Adolescent Health Initiative. Presented at the 27th *Annual Meeting of the American Evaluation Association*. Washington, DC. October 19th, 2013.
- Sung, K.,** Moreno-Centeno, E., **Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, & Yates, J. Identification and Ranking of Factors that Promote Community Population Change. Presented at 2013 *Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting*. Minneapolis, MN. October 9th, 2013.
- Lee, J.H.* & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** Rethinking 'Place' in Tourism Development: A Conceptual Framework for Tourism Planners and Sociologists. Presented at the 2013 *Tourism Society of Korea (TOSOK) International Tourism Conference*. Seoul, Korea, July 4th, 2013.
- Awarded the TOSOK President 'Best Paper Award'.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, D. McGranahan, R. Krannich, E. Berry, & J. Abrams. Panel Discussion: Amenity Migration in the New Global Economy. Conducted at the 19th *International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*. Estes Park, CO. June 6th, 2013. Organized by Schewe, R., R. Winkler, K. Leikes, & **D. Matarrita-Cascante**.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & G. Stocks. *** Natural Amenity Migration to the Global South: Implications for Community Development. Presented at the 73rd *Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology*. Denver, CO, March 21st, 2013.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & G. Stocks. *** Ticos and Gringos = Tingos? Interaction, Integration and Involvement in Natural Amenity-Rich Communities and its Implications for Community Development. Presented at the 75th *Ann. Meet. of the Rural Soc. Soc.* Chicago, IL. July 29th, 2012.
- Winkler, R., R. Schewe, & **D. Matarrita-Cascante**. Lakes and Community: The Importance of Natural Landscapes in Social Research. Presented at the 75th *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Chicago, IL. July 29th, 2012.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & A. Sene-Harper.* Natural Amenity-driven Migration in Costa Rica: Exploring Expats' and Locals' Attitudes and Behaviors Associated with Local Natural Resources. Presented at 75th *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Chicago, IL. July 29th, 2012.
- Sene-Harper, A.* & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** Amenity-Rich Migration and Community-based Conservation: Case Study of Nuevo Arenal, Costa Rica. Presented at the 75th *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Chicago, IL. July 29th, 2012.
- Schewe, R., R. Winkler, & **D. Matarrita-Cascante**. Seasonal Homes and Community in Natural Resource Sociology. Presented at the 17th *International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*. Madison, WI. June 6th, 2011.
- Bentley, A.**, M. Schuett, & **D. Matarrita-Cascante**. On the Border in Everglades and Dry Tortugas: Identifying Perspectives on Tactics for Response to Immigrant Landings in South Florida's National Parks. Presented at the *George Wright Society Conference*. New Orleans, LA. March 14th, 2011.
- Bentley, A.**, M. Schuett, & **D. Matarrita-Cascante**. Wet Foot, Dry Foot: Exploring the Impact of Illegal Migration in South Florida National Parks. Presented at the 16th *International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*. Corpus Christi. June 8th, 2010.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.**, R. Stedman & K. Woosnam. Second Home Development: Understanding Residents, Context, and Implications. Presented at the 16th *International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*. Corpus Christi. June 7th, 2010.
- Gordon, J., **D. Matarrita-Cascante**, R. Stedman, & A.E. Luloff. Wildfire Perception and Community Change. Presented at the *Annual Conference of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association*. Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. February 19th, 2010.
- Matarrita-Cascante, D.** Beyond Growth: Reaching Tourism-led Development through Purposive Community Interaction. Presented at the 72nd *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Madison, WI. August 1st, 2009.

Luloff, A.E., R. S. Krannich, D. R. Field, **D. Matarrita-Cascante**, & B. Jennings. The Effects of Integration, Attachment, and Participation on Community Context and Capacity in the New West -Old West. The *International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*, Vienna, Austria. July 2009.

Matarrita-Cascante, D., R. Stedman & A.E. Luloff. Permanent and Seasonal Residents' Community Attachment in Natural Amenity-Rich Areas: Exploring the Contribution of Community and Place -based Factors. Presented at the 70th *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Santa Clara, California. August 2007.

Matarrita-Cascante, D. & A.E. Luloff. Profiling Participative Residents in Western Communities. Presented at the 69th *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Louisville, Kentucky. August 2006.

- Awarded the RSS Community Interest Group 'Best Student Paper Award'.

Matarrita-Cascante, D., J. Gordon & C. M. Raboanarielina. Exploring the Relationship between Land Conservation and Quality of Life. Presented at the 69th *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Louisville, Kentucky. August 2006.

Matarrita-Cascante, D., A.E. Luloff, R.S. Krannich, & D. R. Field. Community Participation in Rapidly Growing Communities. Presented at the 12th *International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*. Vancouver, Canada. June 2006.

Matarrita-Cascante, D. & A.E. Luloff. Community Participation in Rapidly Growing Communities. Presented at the Graduate Student Conference *No Boundaries: Space and Place across Disciplines*. Geography Department at Penn State University. University Park, Pennsylvania. February 25th, 2006.

Funding Awarded (dollar amounts shown are total grant amount followed by amount allocated to me)

Conference Development Donation. International Association for Society and Natural Resources. August 2022. \$4017/\$4017. Research.

Well-Being in Rural Communities Initiatives Evaluation Continuation. Hogg Foundation. January 2022. Co-PI with H. Clark (Public Health). Total Amount Awarded: \$500,000/\$71,258. Research.

Academic Productivity Workshop. Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia. December 2021. Total Amount Awarded: \$2,000/\$2,000. Teaching (travel funds to deliver workshop).

Academic Productivity Lectures. Universidad Zamorano, Honduras. March 2021. Total Amount Awarded: \$500/\$500. Teaching (funds for workshop delivery).

Araucanía, Chile: Continuation Study. Texas A&M University RPTS Departmental Funds. With Dr. Courtney Suess (Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences), Texas A&M University. April 2018. Total Amount Awarded: \$3,500/\$1,750. Research.

Academic Productivity Workshop. Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia. December 2017. Total Amount Awarded: \$2,000/\$2,000. Teaching (travel funds to deliver workshop).

Academic Productivity Workshop. Fulbright Regional Travel Program, US Department of State's Institute of International Education Council for International Exchange of Scholars. December 2016. Total Amount Awarded: \$1,100/\$1,100. Teaching (travel funds to deliver workshop).

International Amenity Migration to Costa Rica: Are Ticos and Amenity Migrants Getting Along and in Tune in Regards to the Natural Environment? Ohio State University. April 2016. Total Amount Awarded: \$1,500/\$1,500. Teaching (guest speaker travel funds).

Community Resilience in the Context of Drastic Socioeconomic Change: Advancements for Tourism Research. Chonnam University, Republic of Korea. February 2016. Total Amount Awarded: \$2,500/\$2,500. Teaching (guest speaker travel funds).

Araucanía, Chile: Enhancing Quality of Life Through Improved University Capabilities. Fulbright US Scholar Program, US Department of State's Institute of International Education Council for International Exchange of Scholars. September 2016. Total Amount Awarded: \$16,000/\$16,000.

Resilience and Amenity Migration. Universidad de la Frontera, Chile. January 2016. Total Amount Awarded: \$3,500/\$3,500. Research and teaching (guest speaker travel funds).

The Applied Biodiversity Science Program: Recruiting Diversity to Achieve Excellence. Texas A&M University Office of Graduate and Professional Studies. October 2015. With D. J. Brightsmith, L. Fitzgerald, A. Stronza (RPTS); C. Brannstrom (GEOG); F. Fleischman (ESSM); F. Gelwick (WFSC); U. Kreuter (ESSM); T. Lacher (WFSC); M. Lawing (ESSM); G. Moore (ESSM); J. Packard (WFSC); B. Rogers (ESSM); G. Rosenthal (BIOL); M. Schuett (RPTS); K. Winemiller (WFSC); R. Woodward (AGEC). Total Amount Awarded: \$16,000/\$1000. Teaching (recruitment funds).

Neuhaus-Shepardson International Faculty Development Grant. Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. January 2015. Total Amount Awarded: \$2,000/\$2,000. Research.

The Applied Biodiversity Science Program: Integrating Multidisciplinary Research and High Impact Learning into Undergraduate and Graduate Education. Texas A&M University Office of the Dean of Faculties. July 2014. With D. J. Brightsmith (Veterinary Pathobiology); L. Fitzgerald (Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences); A. Stronza (Recreation Park and Tourism Sciences); Co-PIs: C. Brannstrom (Geography); J. Derr (Veterinary Pathobiology); F. Fleischman (Ecosystem Science Management); F. Gelwick (Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences); G. Hamer (Entomology); S. Hamer (Veterinary Integrative Biosciences); C. Houser (Geography); L. Hurtado (Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences); U. Kreuter (Ecosystem Science Management); T. Lacher (Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences); M. Lawing (Ecosystem Science Management); L. Logan (Veterinary Pathobiology); M. Mateos (Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences); G. Moore (Ecosystem Science Management); M. Mora (Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences); J. Packard (Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences); B. Rogers (Ecosystem Science Management); G. Rosenthal (Biology); M. Schuett (Recreation Park and Tourism Sciences); K. Winemiller (Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences); R. Woodward (Agricultural Economics) and L. Ruyle (Agricultural Economics), Texas A&M University. Amount Awarded: \$300,000/\$14,286. Teaching (scholarship/tuition funds for students).

Identification of Community Planning and Development Needs. City of Waco, TX. June 2013. With S. Shaffer (Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences), Texas A&M University. Total Amount Awarded: \$23,002/\$11,501. Research.

Examining the Relationship Between National Parks and Adjacent Communities: Understanding Stakeholder's Perspectives. Texas A&M University Division of Research, Office of the Vice President of Research. December 2012. With Dr. M. Schuett (Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences), Texas A&M University. Total Amount Awarded: \$17,822/\$8,911. Research.

Identifying Social Network and Mobile Technology Use and Its Correlation with Individual Evacuation Behavior in Hurricane Sandy. National Science Foundation. November 2012. With J. Yates, E. Moreno-Centeno and T. Ferris (Industrial and Systems Engineering), Texas A&M University. Total Amount Awarded: \$32,539/\$8,135. Research.

Issues Facing Parks in the Southeast Region (South Florida/Caribbean): Final Assessment. United States National Park Service. August 2012. With M. Schuett (Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences), Texas A&M University. Total Amount Awarded: \$8,440/\$4,220. Research.

Texas Healthy Adolescent Initiative Evaluation. United States Department of Health and Human Services. June 2012. With M. Edwards, C. Outley, and K. Woosnam (Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences) and J. Rayfield (Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications), Texas A&M University. Total Amount awarded: \$455,318/\$82,262. Research.

Neuhaus-Shepardson International Faculty Development Grant. Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. April 2012. Total Amount Awarded: \$2,000/\$2,000. Teaching (funds for development of study abroad).

Issues Facing Parks in the Southeast Region (South Florida/Caribbean): Deepening our Understanding. United States National Park Service. With Dr. M. Schuett (Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences), Texas A&M University. May 2010. Total Amount Awarded: \$32,179/\$16,090. Research.

Study Abroad Travel Grant. Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. With Dr. U. Gretzel Recreation (Park, and Tourism Sciences), Texas A&M University. March 2010. Total Amount Awarded: \$1,650/\$825. Teaching (funds for development of study abroad).

Issues Facing Parks in the Southeast Region (South Florida/Caribbean): A Scoping Process. United States National Park Service. With Dr. M. Schuett (Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences), Texas A&M University. December 2009. Total Amount Awarded: \$6,815/\$3,407. Research.

International Research Travel Award Grant. Texas A&M University Office of International Programs. Home Ownership and its Effects on Rural Communities. November 2009. Total Amount Awarded: \$4,000/\$4,000. Research.

Costa Rica Study Abroad and Exchange Programs Development. Texas A&M University RPTS Departmental Funds. With Drs. U. Gretzel and T. Jamal (Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences), Texas A&M University. September 2009. Total Amount Awarded: \$5,000/\$1,667. Teaching (funds for development of study abroad).

Neuhaus-Shepardson Faculty Development Grants. Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. March 2009. Total Amount Awarded: \$3,000/\$3,000. Teaching (funds used for improvement of teaching knowledge)

College of Agricultural Sciences Travel Award. The Pennsylvania State University. June 2006. Total Amount Awarded: \$500. Research (funds used for attending conference).

Summary Table Funding Awarded

	Allocated to all PIs	Allocated to Matarrita
External Funding		
PI	\$ 31,117	\$ 31,117
Co-PI	\$1,076,115	\$205,784
Total	\$1,107,232	\$236,901
Internal Funding		
PI	\$ 11,500	\$11,500
Co-PI	\$326,150	\$19,528
Total	\$337,650	\$31,028
Grand Totals	\$1,444,882	\$267,929

TEACHING

My teaching philosophy is based on providing students with knowledge and skills that will be useful in their future as professionals. With undergraduate students, I develop that knowledge and skills based on recommendations provided to me by external advisory boards that define what students should be able to do when graduated. Additionally, all of my courses contain high impact learning components, allowing students to put into perspective the knowledge and skills learned in class. With my graduate students, I teach them to develop skills needed in their academic careers by encouraging and guiding them to find funding to support their studies and research, encouraging and helping them to engage in teaching, and collaborating with them in the process of publishing.

Official Teaching Coursework (* denotes new course/highly redesigned; [‡] denotes online course)

- **RWFM 322*** Community Development and Sustainability. Understand communities' actors, structure, and functioning; examples faced by communities; learn methods for assessing community conditions; applications sustainability.
- **RWFM 605*** Understand ways communities manage natural resources; understand the roles of collaboration, participation, agency, power, and resilience in solving local resource management problems.
- **RPTS 308*** Principles of Community and Community Change: Offers foundations of community and community development, change, and introductory assessment tools.
 - Includes one day field trip with lecture and volunteer experience to the local Food Bank or Habitat for Humanity
 - One of three elective courses required for the Certificate in Non-for-Profit Business from the Mays Business School
 - Elective course required for Major in International Studies from the Department of International Studies
- **RPTS 336[‡]** Recreation and Tourism Research. Research and Analysis in Recreation and Tourism: Examination of current tourism and recreation research emphasizing specialized research methodology, adaptive techniques and methods of research useful to the recreation and tourism professional; analysis of the methods of problems identification, formulation and solution.
- **RPTS 408*** Community Development and Supporting Institutions: Examines different domestic and international institutions and their roles in community development. Includes field trip to local Food Bank/Habitat for Humanity.
 - Elective course required for Major in International Studies from the Department of International Studies
- **RPTS 605*** Community Organization and the Environment: Exposes students to a number of concepts and theories (e.g., leadership, power, participation, collaboration, organizing, resilience) associated with community and community building in the context of environmentalism.
- **RENH 400** Study Abroad in Natural Resources (South Pacific): Exposes students to issues of natural resource management and culture in an international setting.
- **RPTS 426*** Tourism Impacts. Examines the different impacts that the tourism activity has on the social, cultural, economic, and environmental fabric of receiving communities and ways to mitigate some of them.
- **RPTS 489*** International Sustainable Tourism: Exposes students to ways of engaging in sustainable practices in theory and practice as the course includes an international field trip.
- **RPTS 666*** Tourism and the Environment: Views the ways in which society constructs nature and how that relates to different forms of tourism development.
- **RSOC 522*** Data Analysis in Rural Sociology (Penn State University): Companion course to AG 400, Statistics in the Life Sciences. Focuses on the application of quantitative statistical tools in SPSS.

Summary of Official Teaching Coursework

	Credits	Semester Taught	Number of Students	Student Evaluations		
Undergraduate						
RWFM 322	3	Fall 2022	9	4.86		
RPTS 308	3	Spring 2009	35	4.38		
		Spring 2010	29	4.12		
		Spring 2011	26	4.73		
		Spring 2012	22	4.53		
		Spring 2013	18	4.34		
		Spring 2014	22	4.49		
		Spring 2015	20	4.48		
		Spring 2016	15	4.60		
		Spring 2017	18	4.79		
		Spring 2018	18	4.16		
		Spring 2019	20	3.96		
		Spring 2020	14	n/a		
		RPTS 336	3	Summer 2018	31	3.98
				Summer 2019	15	4.62
Summer 2020	17			4.69		
Spring 2021	41			4.37		
Summer 2021	16			4.50		
RPTS 408	3	Fall 2009	18	4.60		
		Fall 2010	18	4.60		
		Fall 2011	22	4.20		
		Fall 2012	21	4.35		
		Fall 2013	15	4.51		
		Fall 2014	5	4.86		
		Fall 2015	7	4.72		
RPTS 426	3	Fall 2017	42	4.33		
		Fall 2018	38	4.52		
		Fall 2019	31	3.77		
		Fall 2020	42	4.41		
		Fall 2021	40	4.45		
		Spring 2022	18	4.38		
RPTS 489	3	Spring 2010	11	4.93		
RENR 400	6	Summer 2009	24	4.50		
		Summer 2011	24	4.35		
		Summer 2016	21	5.00		
				Avg. = 4.47		

Graduate

RPTS 605	3	Spring 2010	6	4.28
		Spring 2011	9	4.35
		Spring 2012	14	4.16
		Spring 2013	18	4.00
		Spring 2014	5	4.92
		Spring 2016	14	4.10
		Spring 2017	5	4.14
		Spring 2018	12	4.36
		Spring 2019	7	4.50
		Spring 2020	10	4.68
		Spring 2022	12	3.82
RWFM 605		Spring 2023	9	
RPTS 666	3	Fall 2008	9	3.99
				Avg. = 4.27

Other Teaching Opportunities within Texas A&M***Guest Lectures:***

- What is Community Development? Presented to students of RPTS 370 Youth Development Organizations and Services. March 20th, 2018.
- The Changing Rural Landscape of Rural Amenity-Rich Communities. Virtual Presentation to students of VTPB 303 Medical Communication in the International Community. October 5th, 2017.
- The Changing Rural Landscape of Amenity-Rich Communities. Virtual Presentation to students of VTPB 303 Medical Communication in the International Community. October 23rd, 2015.
- What is Community Development and How It is Useful for Planners. Presented to students of PLAN 656 Housing and Community. April 21st, 2015.
- Community Development: History, Major, and Professional Opportunities. Presented to students of RPTS 201 Foundations of Recreation and Parks. April 16th, 2015.
- International Development Experiences: Lessons Learned. Presented to students of ALEC 644 Agricultural Development Advisor. November 12th, 2013.
- Community Development: History, Major, and Professional Opportunities. Presented to students of RPTS 201 Foundations of Recreation and Parks. November 7th, 2013.
- Community Development and Tourism. Presented to students of RPTS 202 Foundations of Tourism. August 2nd, 2012.
- Principles and Professional Opportunities in Community Development. Presented to students of RPTS 201 Foundations of Recreation and Parks. March 29th, 2012.
- Costa Rica. Brown Bag Discussion. Presented to members of Freshmen in Service and Hosting. March 4th, 2012.
- Ecotourism: An Interpreter Perspective. Presented to students of RPTS 307 Methods of Environmental Interpretation. February 15th, 2012.
- Ecotourism: An Interpreter Perspective. Presented to students of RPTS 307 Methods of Environmental Interpretation. September 26th, 2011.
- Sustainable Practices in Costa Rica's Tourism Sector. Presented to students of RPTS 426 Tourism Impacts. October 27th, 2010.
- Costa Rica Overview and Cultural Practices. Presented to students of ALED 289 Culture Orientation and Adaptation. September 21st, 2010.

- Environmental Impacts of Tourism. Presented to students of RPTS 202 Foundations of Tourism. June 22nd, 2010.
- To Conserve or to Subsist: Reconciling Nature and Human Life in Costa Rica. Presented to students of RPTS 489 and RPTS 316 Recreational Management of Wildlands. April 2009.
- Ecotourism, Myth or Reality? Presented to students of RPTS 202 Foundations of Tourism. Nov. 2008.

Seminars/talks:

- Hispanics, Indigenous Groups, and Environmental Justice: Yaku Warmikuna Documentary. Presented to RWFM Faculty and Students as part of Hispanic Heritage Month with Cinthy Veintimilla. September 15th, 2022.
- Amenity Migration and Tourism Businesses: Understanding Entrepreneurial Conditions Conducive to Social Change in Malalcahuello, Chile. Presented to Members of TAMU International Business Association. February 4th, 2020.
- Entrepreneurship and Culture in Latin America (Panel Format). Presented to Members of TAMU International Business Association. November 13th, 2019.
- The Yes' & No's of Publishing. Presented at the RPTS Graduate Seminar Series. April 27th, 2018.
- Not Everything that Shines is Gold: Urban to Rural Migration as a Form of Anti-Urbanism. Presented at the Department of Performance Studies Roundtable Discussion 'Performing in the City' with Drs. Cecilia Giusti (Urban Planning), Reuben May (Sociology), Leonardo Cardoso (Performance Studies), and Jeff Morris (Performance Studies). April 13th, 2015.
- Succeeding in Academia and Balancing Life. Presented at the RPTS Graduate Seminar Series with Dr. K. Woosnam (RPTS). April 25th, 2014.
- Mutual Interests Between Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences and Agricultural Economics. Presented at the Agricultural Economics Department Seminar Series with Drs. G. Kyle, M. Schuett, K. Woosnam (RPTS), Mjelde, R. Dudensing, Griffin, R. Woodward, and D. Shaw (Ag. Economics). November 30th, 2012.
- Community Development: An Overview of Concepts, Research, and Relevance for RPTS. Presented at the Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences Department Seminar Series. December 2nd, 2011.
- Natural Amenity-Driven Migration in Costa Rica: Exploring Expats' and Locals' Attitudes and Behaviors Associated with Local Natural Resources. Presented at the Applied Biodiversity Sciences Seminar Series. November 29th, 2011.
- Ticos and Gringos = Tingos? Interaction, Integration, and Involvement in an Amenity-Rich Community: Implications for International Community Development. Presented at the Brown Bag Seminar Series at the Bush School of Government and Public Service. April 4th, 2011.
- Ticos and Gringos = Tingos? Interaction, Integration, and Involvement in an Amenity-Rich Community: Implications for Community Development. Presented in the Graduate Students' Seminar Series at the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications. April 1st, 2011.
- Panel Discussion on Research, Teaching, and Service. Presented to RPTS Graduate Students in collaboration with Drs. U. Gretzel, C. Outley, A. Stronza, and K. Woosnam (RPTS). Feb. 19th, 2010.
- Saving the World, One Community at a Time: The Role of Community Development in A Globalizing World. Presented at the Community Conversations Series of the Department of Multicultural Services. September 30th, 2009.

Teaching Opportunities Outside Texas A&M

Invited Talks

- "Publicación de Resultados de Investigación." Presented in workshop on Climate Change and Management of Disaster Risks, Universidad El Zamorano, Honduras (via Zoom). March 16th, 2021.
- "Revisión de la Literatura y Marco Teórico." Presented in workshop on Climate Change and Management of Disaster Risks, Universidad El Zamorano, Honduras (via Zoom). March 11th, 2021.

- “Experiencias y Lecciones Aprendidas Post-Graduación: Estudios y Vida en el Exterior.” Presented to students of Agricultural Economics, University of Costa Rica. September 2nd, 2019.
- “El Fenómeno Mundial de la Migración a Zonas Rurales y su Papel en la Neo-Ruralidad: Estado Actual del Conocimiento.” Keynote Speaker 45th Anniversary of the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Costa Rica. August 30th, 2019.
- “Sugerencias para Estudiar en el Exterior.” Presented to Students of Recreation at Universidad del Valle. Cali, Colombia. December 7th, 2017.
- “Amenity Migration and Environmentalism in Costa Rica.” Virtual Presentation to Students of PPPM 588 Sustainable Development in Latin America - Ecuador Study Abroad Program. University of Oregon. August 3rd, 2017.
- “International Amenity Migration to Costa Rica: Are Ticos and Amenity Migrants Getting Along and in Tune in Regard to the Natural Environment?” School of Environment and Natural Resources Seminar Series co-hosted with the Center for Latin American Studies at Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. April 7th, 2016.
- “Community Resilience in the Context of Drastic Socioeconomic Change: Advancements for Tourism Research.” Presented to Faculty and Graduate Students of the Tourism Graduate Program at Chonnam University. Gwangju, Korea. February 25th, 2016.
- “La Resiliencia Comunitaria en el Contexto de Cambios Socioculturales Drásticos.” Presented to Faculty and Graduate Students of the Social Sciences Graduate Program at Universidad de la Frontera. Temuco, Chile. January 6th, 2016.
- “El Papel del Desarrollo Comunitario en un Mundo Globalizado.” Presented to Students of Tourism at Universidad del Valle. Cali, Colombia. December 14th, 2016.
- “De la Idea a la Publicación: Estrategias para Publicar en Revistas Científicas de Alto Impacto.” Presented to Faculty and Graduate Students of the Social Sciences Graduate Program at Universidad de la Frontera. Temuco, Chile. June 8th, 2015.
- “Migración de Aménidad en Costa Rica: Resumen de Tres Estudios Enmarcados en Perspectivas Sociológicas.” Presented to Faculty and Graduate Students of the Social Sciences Graduate Program at Universidad de la Frontera. Temuco, Chile. June 3rd, 2015.
- “El Rol del Desarrollo Comunitario en un Mundo Globalizado.” Presented to Faculty and Students of the Tourism Graduate Program at Universidad Nacional del Comahue. Neuquén, Argentina. September 24th, 2014.
- “Community Development: History and Concepts.” Virtual Presentation to Faculty and Students of Recreation, Universidad del Valle, Colombia. August 26th, 2011.
- “From Research Idea to Publication.” Presented to Graduate-level Research Methods Course at UTSA. San Antonio, Texas. November 10th, 2009.
- “Careers and Opportunities in Community Development.” Presented to Senior High School Students from Houston, TX. RPTS Summer Camp. June 25th, 2009.
- “Factors Associated with Successful Tourism Development.” Presentation to the community of Liberia. Liberia, Costa Rica. March 2009.
- “Factors Associated with Successful Tourism Development.” Presentation to the community of La Fortuna. La Fortuna, Costa Rica. March 2009.
- “Factors Associated with Successful Tourism Development.” Presentation to the Costa Rican Board of Tourism. San José, Costa Rica. March 2009.

Workshops

- “Taller de Productividad Académica” (Academic Productivity Workshop). To be offered to graduate students and professors from multiple departments at the University of Costa Rica. July 7-11, 2023.
- “Taller de Productividad Académica” (Academic Productivity Workshop). To be offered to graduate students and professors from multiple departments at Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral. Guayaquil, Ecuador, June 3-7, 2023.

- “Taller de Productividad Académica” (Academic Productivity Workshop). Offered to graduate students and professors attending the 2022 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM). San José, Costa Rica. June 27, 2022.
- “Taller de Productividad Académica” (Academic Productivity Workshop). Offered to graduate students and professors of the Education, Development and Community Area of Study in the Universidad del Valle. Cali, Colombia. December 9-16, 2021.
- “Taller de Productividad Académica” (Academic Productivity Workshop). Offered to graduate students and professors at Universidad El Zamorano. Honduras. Summer 2021.
- “Taller de Productividad Académica” (Academic Productivity Workshop). Offered to graduate students and professors of the Education, Development and Community Area of Study in the Universidad del Valle. Cali, Colombia. December 1st-8th, 2017.
- “Taller de Productividad Académica” (Academic Productivity Workshop). Offered to graduate students and professors of the Education, Development and Community Area of Study in the Universidad del Valle. Cali, Colombia. December 6th, 14th, and 15th, 2016.
- “Taller de Productividad Académica” (Academic Productivity Workshop). Offered to graduate students of the Social Sciences Graduate Program at Universidad de la Frontera. Temuco, Chile. September to December, 2016.

Teaching Enhancements

- Attended the online workshop “Learning Outcomes” on January 10th, 2023, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the online workshop “Improving the Critical Thinking Skills of Today’s Students” on February 8th, 2022, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the online workshop “Facilitating Proactive Dialogue in Teaching and Learning” on February 9th, 2021, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the online workshop “Panel on Student Online Cheating” on January 13th, 2021, offered by the Office of the Provost TAMU.
- Attended the online workshop “Managing Challenging Situations and Teaching Controversial Topics in the Classroom” on September 25th, 2020, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the online workshop “Effective Online Teaching and Learning: Insights from a Faculty Panel” on October 8th, 2019, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the workshop “Tracking Student Participation in Curricular and Co-Curricular High Impact Experiences” on October 1st, 2015, offered by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Undergraduate Studies TAMU.
- Attended the workshop “Teaching Methods and Approaches to Engage Students” on September 23rd, 2015, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the workshop “Diversity and Global Learning” on April 23rd, 2015, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the workshop “Reflective Learning” on January 13th, 2015, offered by the Office of the Provost, the Center for Teaching Excellence, and the Office of Institutional Assessment TAMU.
- Attended the workshop “Stress-Free Writing” on December 12th, 2014, offered by the College of Education and Human Development and the ADVANCE Center TAMU.
- Took the online course “Peer Reviewer Course” on July 16th, 2014, offered by the Quality Matters Program in order to learn how to review online courses.
- Took the online course “Applying the Quality Matters Rubrics” on June 24th, 2014, offered by the Quality Matters Program in order to learn online course development knowledge.
- Attended the workshop “Work-Life Balance” on February 12th, 2014, offered by the Dean of Faculties TAMU.

- Attended the workshop “Technology-enhanced Approaches for Engaging Students in Large Classes” on June 26th, 2013, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Met with specialist from the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU on June 11th, 2013, to discuss methods of improving graduate level teaching.
- Attended the workshop “Course Design Workshop” on September 3rd, 2012, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Became part of a Community Development External Advisory committee in 2011 created to receive advice from Community Development practitioners in regards directing our teaching to better prepare students for their future jobs in the field.
- Attended the workshop “Course Design Series Session I” on February 1st, 2011, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the workshop “Writing Syllabi that Engage and Motivate Students” on May 18th, 2010, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the workshop “Engaging Students in Classroom Discussion” on February 5th, 2010, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Attended the workshop “Creating Exams that Assess the Learning that we Value” on October 8th, 2009, offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence TAMU.
- Through funding provided by The Faculty Development Grant from The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University (\$3,000), I visited 3 Community Development Departments in the United States (Mississippi St., Cornell, and University of Wisconsin – Madison) between May and July 2009 to learn more about their programs, core courses, syllabi, reading materials, teaching methods, and related information that help me enhance my teaching.

Graduate Student Supervision

Committee Chair:

- Cinthy Veintimilla. Ph.D student RWFM. Expected graduation August 2024.
- Chalermkiat (Tom) Suriyawong. Ph.D. student RPTS. Expected graduation May 2023.
 - Currently a lecturer in Mahasarakham University, Thailand.
- Ji Won Nam. Ph.D. student RPTS. Started Spring 2015. *Graduated* May 2023.
- Katie Vogle. Master student (MNRD) RWFM. *Graduated* December 2022
- Jae Ho Lee. Ph.D. student RPTS. Started Fall 2012. *Graduated* August 2018.
 - Currently Department Head at University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea.
- Ricardo Polio. MSc. Student RPTS. Started Fall 2016. *Graduated* August 2018.
- Aby Sene-Harper. Ph.D. student RPTS. Started Fall 2011. *Graduated* December 2016.
 - Currently an Assistant Professor at Clemson University.
- Ying Xu. Ph.D. student RPTS. Started Fall 2011. *Graduated* December 2015.
 - Currently an Assistant Professor at Shaanxi Normal University, Chang’an, Xi’an, China.

Committee Member:

- Meredith Moore. Master student RWFM. Expected graduation: December 2023.
- Julie Kircher, Ph.D. student RPTS. Expected graduation: December 2023.
- Yijoung Choi. Ph.D. student RPTS. Expected graduation: December 2023.
- Seunghoon Lee, Ph.D. student RPTS. Expected graduation: December 2023.
- Carly Venditti. Master student Urban Planning. *Graduated* May 2022.
- Ki Jin Seong. Ph.D. student Urban Planning. *Graduated* August 2021.
- Oscar Garza Reza, MSc. student Architecture. *Graduated* May 2021.
- Songyi Kim. Ph.D. student RPTS. *Graduated* August 2020.
- Lars Coleman. MSc. student Ecosystem Science and Management. *Graduated* August 2019.
- Edwin Aguilar. Master student Educational Administration. *Graduated* May 2019.
- Kyle Clifton. Ph.D. student Ecosystem Science and Management. *Graduated* August 2018.

- Moses Masake. Master student RPTS. *Graduated* August 2018.
- Steven Migacz. Ph.D. student RPTS. *Graduated* May 2018.
- Breanna Watkins. MSc. student Ag. Leadership and Communication. *Graduated* May 2018.
- Amanda Hoque. MS. student Urban Planning. *Graduated* May 2018.
- Tek Dangi. Ph.D. student RPTS. *Graduated* December 2016.
- Kisuk Sung. Ph.D. student Industrial Engineering. *Graduated* August 2016.
- Harold Manzano. Ph.D. student RPTS. *Graduated* May 2016.
- Carley Christiansen. Master student. Ag. Leadership, Comm. and Education. *Grad.* August 2015.
- Roberto Cantu. Ph.D. student Urban Planning. *Graduated* August 2015.
- Soyeun Kim. Ph.D. student RPTS. *Graduated* May 2015.
- Yi-Ju Wu. Ph.D. student RPTS. *Graduated* May 2015.
- Myungshik Choi. Ph.D. student. Urban Planning. *Graduated* May 2015.
- Guillermo Barthel Canales. Master student RPTS. *Graduated* December 2014.
- Cara Pennel. Ph.D. student Health Promotion & Community Health. *Graduated* August 2014.
- Emrullah Erul, Master student RPTS. *Graduated* August 2014.
- Crystal Arkenberg. Master student Wildlife Sciences. *Graduated* December 2013.
- Michelle Queen. Master student Urban Planning. *Graduated* May 2012.
- Samantha Gleisner. Master student Urban Planning. *Graduated* May 2012.
- Amanda Bentley. Master student RPTS. *Graduated* August 2011.
- Lindsay Key. Master student Urban Planning. *Graduated* May 2011.

External Committee Member:

- Birame Sarr. Ph.D. Student. Universidad de las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Islas Canarias, Spain.
Expected graduation: December 2021

Undergraduate Student Supervision (research)

- Gavin Miculka. RPTS. “Examining Community-Park Relationships” Research conducted at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Park. *Graduated* May 2010. Student co-supervised with Dr. K. Woosnam.

Visiting Academics Supervision (research)

- Shin Kyum Kang. Chonnam University, Republic of Korea. “Tourism Impacts as the Form of Change and Community Resilience” Spring and Fall 2017.
- Ni Yan. University of Tokyo. “Social Dimensions of Amenity Migration” Spring 2023.

SERVICE

Service is a critical component of Community Development. This is a value that I strongly believe in and that I consider as part of my duties in my career. Because of that, I am committed to service reflected in departmental and university activities including coordinating the community development major offered in our department. As part of my service, I also volunteer in professional associations and my community.

Departmental Service:

- Chair, Awards Committee RWF, 2020-present (leadership position).
- Member, Faculty Position Search Fisheries RWF, 2021-2022.
- Member, Climate Committee RWF, 2021-present.
- Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee RWF, 2021-present.
- Member, Graduate Committee RWF, 2020-2021.
- Member, Undergraduate Committee RWF, 2020.
- Chair Departmental Assessment Program RPTS, 2019-2020 (leadership position).
- Chair Community Development Program/Certificate RPTS, 2011-2020 (leadership position).
- Chair Community Development External Advisory Board RPTS, 2011-2016 (leadership position).
- Member, Undergraduate Committee RPTS, 2012-2020.
- Member, Tourism Area Committee RPTS, 2008-2020.
- Served in multiple temporary RPTS committees (e.g., rural recreation program, international programs, curriculum restructuring, staff and faculty search positions), 2008-2020.

College and University Service:

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Awards Committee. 2020-2022. Texas A&M University.
- Host, MSC CAMAC Latinx Program Committee's Mi Casa es su Casa. September 17, 2020. Texas A&M University.
- Roundtable Discussion Facilitator, 30th Annual Student Conference on Latino Affairs, March 5-7, 2018. Texas A&M University.
- Roundtable Discussion Facilitator, 29th Annual Student Conference on Latino Affairs, March 3-5, 2017. Texas A&M University.
- Faculty Representative for RPTS in College Climate Council. 2015-2016.
- Faculty Representative for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, "Faculty Commit to Reflective Teaching and Learning" Program. 2015.
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences International Programs Meetings (meets yearly).
- Faculty Advisor, Global Water Brigades, TAMU Chapter, Texas A&M University. 2011-2013.
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences task force: Growing our Economy. Spring 2013.

Service in Professional Associations/Organizations:

- Leading co-organizer of the 2022 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) held in Costa Rica between June 26-29. 2019-2022.
- Editorial Board Member. *Community Development Society*. 2017-present.
<https://www.comm-dev.org/professional-development/cds-journal>
- Associate Editor. *Society and Natural Resources*. 2017-2020.
- Guest Editor (with Hua Qin and Jessica Ulrich-Schad), Special Issue "Community, Natural Resources and Sustainability: An Interdisciplinary and International Dialogue." *Sustainability*.
http://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special_issues/international_dialogue. 2017-2020.
- Associate Researcher. International Centre for Patagonian Studies. Pucón, Chile. 2017-present.
<http://ciepatagonia.ufro.cl/index.php/2016-05-24-22-25-00/investigadores-internacionales>
- Member of Scientific Committee, *Praxis, Educación, y Pedagogía* (Scientific Journal). Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia. 2016-Present.

- Board of Directors. International Amenity Migration Centre. 2015-present.
- Associate Editor, *e-Review for Tourism Research* (eRTR), 2010-2018.
- Elected Member (Nominations Committee) of the Rural Sociological Society 2013-2014.
- Program Committee Member. Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference 2013.
- Abstract reviewer for the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Annual Congress 2013: Community Development Sessions.
- Chair, Natural Resources Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society, 2012-2013.
- Co-Chair, Natural Resources Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society, 2011-2012.
- Journal Reviewer for:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annals of Tourism Research ▪ Journal of Sustainable Tourism ▪ Rural Sociology ▪ Community Development ▪ Society and Natural Resources ▪ Growth and Change ▪ Sociological Quarterly ▪ Journal of Rural Studies ▪ Sustainability ▪ Human Dimensions of Wildlife ▪ Environmental Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Journal of Environmental Planning and Management ▪ Journal of Environmental Informatics ▪ Scholae ▪ Geoforum ▪ Journal of Latin Am. Geography ▪ Journal of Sust. Development ▪ Journal of Rural and Com. Dev. ▪ Third World Quarterly
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Service in the Community:

- Co-Chair Advisory board, REACH Project, College Station TX, 2018-present.
- Volunteer, Food Bank, Bryan TX, 2010-present.
- Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Bryan TX, 2010-present.
- Vice-President, Autumn Lake Homeowners Association, Bryan TX, 2014-2016.
- Family Self Sufficiency Focus Group for College Station 2010-2014. April 1st, 2010.
- Vice-President, Bee Creek Neighborhood Association, College Station TX, 2008-2009.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Awards and Honors

- Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management One-Time Merit Award for Hosting the International Association for Society and Natural Resources. Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. September 2022.
- Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management Award in Undergraduate Education. Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. April 2022.
- Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management Award in Graduate Education. Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. April 2021.
- Tourism Society of Korea President ‘Best Paper Award’ for the paper entitled “Rethinking ‘Place’ in Tourism Development: A Conceptual Framework for Tourism Planners and Sociologists.” Authored by Lee, J.H. & **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** Presented by Lee, J.H. at the 2013 Tourism Society of Korea (TOSOK) International Tourism Conference. Seoul, Korea, July 2013.
- Kenneth P. Wilkinson Memorial Award in Rural Sociology. Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. The Pennsylvania State University. May 2007.
- Rural Sociological Society’s Community Interest Group ‘Best Student Paper Award’ for the paper entitled “Profiling Participative Residents in Western Communities.” Authored by **Matarrita-Cascante, D.** & A.E. Luloff. Presented by Matarrita-Cascante, D. at the 69th Annual Conference of the Rural Sociological Society. Louisville, KY, August 2006.

- President of the Student Chapter of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources. The Pennsylvania State University. 2005-2006.

Professional Association Memberships

- International Association for Society and Natural Resources
- Community Development Society
- Rural Sociological Society
 - Elected Leadership Role, Nominations Committee (2013-2014)
 - Chair, Natural Resources Research Interest Group (2012-2013)
 - Co-Chair, Natural Resources Research Interest Group (2011-2012)
 - Member since 2004

International Educational, Research, and Development Efforts

- Teaching Abroad (2023). Scheduled to teach an academic productivity workshop at Universidad de Costa Rica, **Costa Rica** (August).
- Teaching Abroad (2023). Scheduled to teach an academic productivity workshop at Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral, Guayaquil, **Ecuador** (July).
- Teaching Abroad (2022). Taught an academic productivity workshop at Universidad de Costa Rica, **Costa Rica**.
- Research Partnership (2020-present). Conducting community-conservation and rangelands research in the semi-arid region of Brasil with faculty (Dr. Cristina Baldauf) and students of Universidade Federal Rural do Semiárido, Mossoró, Rio Grande do Norte, **Brasil**.
- Teaching Abroad (2019). Taught a seminar on studying abroad at the Universidad de Costa Rica, **Costa Rica**.
- Teaching Abroad (2017-present). Teaching an academic productivity workshop at Universidad del Valle Cali, **Colombia**.
- Study Abroad (2016). Co-led (Dr. Michael Schuett, Dr. Gerard Kyle) a group of twenty-one Texas A&M students in a study abroad program to **Australia** - Study Abroad in Natural Resources (RENR 400).
- Research Partnership (2015-present). Conducting amenity migration research with faculty (Dr. Hugo Zunino, Dr. Johanna Sagner-Tapia, Dr. Ieva Zebryte) and students of Universidad de la Frontera, Temuco, **Chile**.
- Research and Educational Partnership (2014-2015). Aided in the development of an amenity migration research study and helped in the development of tourism program curriculum with faculty (Dr. Adriana Otero, Dr. Rodrigo Burgos) at Universidad Nacional del Comahue. Neuquén, **Argentina**.
- Study Abroad (2014): Led 7 graduate and undergraduate students to **Costa Rica** as part of a field trip- International Sustainable Rural Community Development.
- Study Abroad (2011): Co-led (Dr. Michael Schuett, Dr. Gerard Kyle) a group of twenty-four Texas A&M students in a study abroad program to Australia - Study Abroad in Natural Resources (RENR 400).
- Research Partnership (2010-2012): Conducted amenity migration research with faculty (Gerardo Cortés) and students of University of Costa Rica, San José, **Costa Rica**.
- Study Abroad (2010): Co-led with Dr. Ulrike Gretzel a group of 13 students to **Costa Rica** as part of the course International Sustainable Tourism (RPTS 489).
- Study Abroad (2009): Co-led (Dr. Michael Schuett, Dr. Gerard Kyle) a group of twenty-four Texas A&M students in a study abroad program to **Australia** - Study Abroad in Natural Resources (RENR 400).
- Development Trip (2006): Aided in the construction of a local community center (officially dedicated during this visit) together with volunteers from State College's Good Shepherd Catholic Church and residents of Maggoty, **Jamaica**.

- Development Trip (2005): Led nine PSU student members of Engineers for a Sustainable World to rural marginalized areas within the Department of Morazán, **El Salvador**. The visit's objective was to conduct water quality tests, assess water related infrastructure, and engage in conversations with different stakeholders in several communities.
- Study Abroad (2004): Led twelve students and two faculty members to rural areas of **Costa Rica** to conduct a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) of several marginalized farms as part the course Problem Solving in Tropical Agriculture (INTAG 481) at The Pennsylvania State University.

Language Proficiency

- English (fluent)
- Spanish (fluent)
- Portuguese (advanced)

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