

# SARAH RACHELLE RENKERT

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## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

- 2022 **University of Arizona**  
**Ph.D. Candidate (Current), Applied Sociocultural Anthropology**  
**Minor:** Latin American Studies  
**Dissertation Title:** Food Aid and Kitchen Controversies in the City of Hope  
**Committee:** Maribel Alvarez, Diane Austin, Linda Green, Megan Carney, Marcela Vásquez  
**GPA:** 4.00/4.00
- 2017 **University of Arizona**  
**M.A., Applied Sociocultural Anthropology**  
**Thesis Title:** Community-Owned Tourism: Pushing the Paradigms of Alternative Tourisms?  
**Committee:** Maribel Alvarez, Marcela Vásquez, Mamadou Baro, Ronald Trosper  
**GPA:** 4.00/4.00
- 2010 **Indiana University – Bloomington, IN**  
**B.A., Spanish, International Studies**  
**Certificate:** Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
**Minors:** American Studies, Latino Studies, Psychology  
**GPA:** 3.922/4.000 (Highest Distinction)

### Teaching Experience

- 2021 **Instructor of Record:** Culture and the Individual  
School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2020 **Instructor of Record:** Culture and the Individual  
School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2020 **Instructor of Record:** Many Ways of Being Human  
School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2017-  
2019 **Student Mentor:** BARA Applied Anthropology Internship Program  
Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2017 **Syllabus Design:** Latin America: Food and Culture  
Latin American Studies, University of Arizona
- 2017 **Co-Instructor:** Short Course on Critical Food Studies  
Food Security and Social Justice Network, University of Arizona
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant:** Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2016 **Student Mentor:** Semiotics/Material Cultural Lab Internship Program Supervisor  
Southwest Center, University of Arizona
- 2015-  
2016 **Instructor:** Introductory Conversational English, Advanced Conversational English  
Kichwa Añangu Community – Yasuní National Park, Ecuador

- 2015 **Syllabus Design:** Many Ways of Being Human: The Anthropology of Food  
School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2015 **Teaching Assistant:** Race, Ethnicity, and the American Dream  
School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2014 **Teaching Assistant:** Race, Ethnicity, and the American Dream  
School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2014 **Instructor:** Conversational English  
WorldTeach – Dayao, Hunan, China
- 2012- **Instructor:** Jr. Master Gardener Course  
2013 University of Arizona Cooperative Extension – San Carlos Apache Reservation
- 2010- **Instructor:** Introduction to Computers; Introductory English; Conversational English; Gardening  
2011 The Light and Leadership Initiative – Huaycán, Lima, Perú

## Research Experience

- 2021 **Research Assistant: Building Resilience in Southern Arizona's Local Food System**  
Food Systems Research Lab, University of Arizona
- 2017- **Ph.D. Dissertation Research:** Food Aid and Kitchen Controversies in the City of Hope  
2021 University of Arizona – Huaycán, Lima Perú (12 months of field research), Tucson, AZ (17 months of virtual research)
- 2018- **Research Assistant: Apache Oral History Project**  
2020 School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2018- **Research Assistant: Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona – Cloth Diaper Study**  
2019 Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2018- **Research Assistant: Community Food Bank in Amado – Client Food Security Strategies**  
2019 Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2017- **Research Assistant: Traditional Cultural Properties Application (Grand Canyon)**  
2018 School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2017 **Research Assistant: Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona – Client Survey**  
Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2017- **Research Assistant: Semiotics/Material Cultural Lab**  
2018 Southwest Center, University of Arizona
- 2017 **Curator: Tucson Meet Yourself Exhibit – Masters of Traditional Art**  
Southwest Folklife Alliance / Southwest Center, University of Arizona
- 2016 **Curator: Tucson Meet Yourself Exhibit – UNESCO City of Gastronomy**  
Southwest Folklife Alliance / Southwest Center, University of Arizona
- 2015- **M.A. Research: Community-Owned Tourism in the Kichwa Añangu Community**  
2016 University of Arizona, Yasuní National Park, Ecuador
- 2015 **Curator: Tucson Meet Yourself Exhibit – 100 Years of Anthropology at the University of Arizona**  
Southwest Folklife Alliance / Southwest Center, University of Arizona
- 2015 **Research Assistant: Archival Research**  
Southwest Center, University of Arizona

- 2012 **Research: Needs Assessment – San Carlos Apache Reservation**  
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, San Carlos Apache Reservation

## Publications

- 2022 Renkert, Sarah Rachelle. “A Freirean Reflection on Food Aid and Lima’s Comedores Populares.” *Latin American Perspectives*. (Accepted for publication)
- 2021 Renkert, Sarah Rachelle. “Reflections from the ‘Virtual’ Field: Economic Precarity and the COVID-19 Crisis Confronting the ‘City of Hope.’” *Arizona Anthropologists* 29.  
<https://azanthropologist.wordpress.com/current-issue/>
- 2019 Renkert, Sarah Rachelle. “Community-owned tourism and degrowth: a case study in the Kichwa Añangu Community.” *Journal of Sustainable Tourism* 27 (12): 1893-1908.  
<https://www.tandfonline-com.ezproxy3.library.arizona.edu/doi/full/10.1080/09669582.2019.1660669>
- 2018 Renkert, Sarah Rachelle. Review of *Food justice now! Deepening the roots of social struggle* by Joshua Sbicca. *Journal of Political Ecology* 25 (2)  
<https://journals.librarypublishing.arizona.edu/jpe/article/id/2060/>

## Book Chapters

- 2020 Renkert, Sarah Rachelle Renkert. “Community-owned tourism and degrowth: a case study in the Kichwa Añangu Community.” In *Tourism and Degrowth: Towards a Truly Sustainable Tourism*, edited by Robert Fletcher, Ivan Murray Mas, Asunción Blanco Romero, and Macià Blázquez-Salom. New York: Routledge.  
(Reprinted from *Journal of Sustainable Tourism* 27 (12): 1893-1908)

## Reports, Thesis, and Commentary

- 2020 Renkert, Sarah, T.J Ferguson, and Maren P. Hopkins. “Collection of Apache Oral Histories for Chiricahua National Monument and Fort Bowie National Historic Site.” Report prepared for the National Park Service. Tucson: School of Anthropology.
- 2020 Renkert, Sarah. “COVID-19 Chronicles: Saying Goodbye to the ‘City of Hope.’” University of Arizona College of Social & Behavioral Sciences.  
<https://sbs.arizona.edu/news/covid-19-chronicles-saying-goodbye-city-hope>
- 2019 Renkert, Sarah and Rachel Phillipone. “Cloth Diaper Kit Pilot Program Phase II: Data Collection and Findings.” Reported prepared for the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona. Tucson: Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology.
- 2019 Fluckiger, Abbey and Jenny Doss. “Navigating Food Insecurity: Exploring Food Acquisition Strategies Among Food Bank Clients in Southern Arizona.” Prepared for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Edited by Sarah Renkert. Tucson: Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology.
- 2017 Bedwell, Rebecca, and Sarah Renkert. “BARA Report on the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona’s 2017 Client Survey.” Report Prepared for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Tucson: Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology.
- 2017 Renkert, Sarah. *Community-Owned Tourism: Pushing the Paradigms of Alternative Tourisms*. Thesis, Tucson: University of Arizona.

- 2015 Renkert, Sarah, Karla Rascón-García, and Lee Allen. “Agency-Based Gardening: Organization and School Gardens as a Space for Growing Community and Creating Social Capital” Report Prepared for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona: Tucson: University of Arizona.

## Works in Progress

- 2022 Renkert, Sarah. *Food Aid and Kitchen Controversies in the City of Hope*. Dissertation, Tucson: University of Arizona.  
(Dissertation: In progress)
- 2022 Renkert, Sarah. “Between the Edible and the Inedible: Cultural Tourism and Culinary Meaning in the Ecuadorian Amazon.” In *Insights on Latin America and the Caribbean*, edited by Melanie A. Madeiros and Jennifer R. Gúzman. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.  
(Book Chapter: Accepted pending edits)
- 2022 Renkert, Sarah and Rachel Filipone. “The Carework of Cloth Diapering: Opportunities and Challenges for Mitigating Diaper Need.”  
(Journal Article: Under review by *Human Organization*)
- 2022 Renkert, Sarah, T.J Ferguson, and Maren P. Hopkins. “Chiricahua Bands and Apache Scouts: Histories of Resistance and Survival.”  
(Journal Article: Under review by co-authors and Apache collaborators for submission to *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*)

## Field School Experience

- 2021 **NSF Cultural Anthropology Methods Program (CAMP)** (Virtual)
- 2017 **Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security** (Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana)
- 2016 **Southwest Folklife Alliance Ethnographic Fieldschool:** (Ajo, Arizona, Tohono O’odham Nation)
- 2015 **Southwest Folklife Alliance Ethnographic Fieldschool:** (Banamichi, Rio Sonora, México)

## Fellowships and Grants

- 2021 **PEO Scholars Award – Yao Ming Charitable Fund Named Scholar**  
(2021 – Total Funding: \$20,000)
- 2021 **Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Institute – Dissertation Research Grant**  
(2021 – Total Funding: \$1,300)
- 2021 **College of Social & Behavioral Sciences – Graduate College Fellowship**  
(2021a, 2021b – Total Funding: \$2,865)
- 2020-  
2021 **College of Social & Behavioral Sciences – Graduate Tuition Scholarship**  
(2020, 2021a, 2021b– Total Funding: \$2,788)
- 2016-  
2020 **School of Anthropology Awards**  
(2016, 2017a, 2017b, 2018a, 2018b, 2019, 2020a, 2020b – Total Funding: \$8,012)
- 2015-  
2020 **GBU Foundation Scholarship**  
(2015, 2016, 2017a, 2017b, 2018a, 2018b, 2019, 2020 – Total Funding: \$4,000)
- 2017-  
2019 **Diebold BARA Graduate Travel Award**  
(2017, 2018, 2019 – Total Funding: \$1,680)

- 2018 National Science Foundation – Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant – #1850722** (2018 – Total Funding: \$14,915)
- 2018 Fulbright-Hays – Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad – #P022A180015-002**  
(2018 – Total Funding: \$23,696)
- 2016, **Tinker Foundation: Field Research Grant**  
2018 (2016, 2018 – Total Funding: \$4,200)
- 2018 **Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Pre-Dissertation Award**  
(2018 – Total Funding: \$500)
- 2017- **Graduate and Professional Student Council Research Award**  
2018 (2017, 2018 – Total Funding: \$2,000)
- 2015, **Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award**  
2018 (2015, 2018 – Total Funding: \$607)
- 2015 **Yasuní Amazona Scholar**  
(2015 – Estimated Funding: \$9,000)
- 2014 **College of Social & Behavioral Sciences – Graduate College Fellowship**  
(2014 – Total Funding: \$6,000)
- 2013 **Segal AmeriCorps Education Award**  
(2013 – Total Funding: \$5,500)

## Invited Presentations

- 2021 **Presentation – Course: “Social and Political Change in the Global South”** (Virtual)  
Invited Speaker at Boise State University: “Kitchen Controversies in Perú”
- 2022 **Presentation – Course: “Social and Political Change in the Global South”** (Virtual)  
Invited Speaker at Boise State University: “Communal Kitchens and the Ambiguities of Cooking Together”
- 2020 **Huaycán Cultural** (Virtual)  
Invited Speaker: “Una Celebración Controversial” Charla #329
- 2020 **Huaycán Mito Del Cambio Social: Historia de la Creación de un Pueblo** (Huaycán, Perú)  
Invited Speaker: “Huaycán, Ciudad de la Esperanza”
- 2019 **Presentation – Course: “Psicología Laboral”**  
Invited Speaker at the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos: “Trabajo Indocumentado en los Estados Unidos”
- 2018 **I Ciclo Internacional Metodología Cualitativa** (Lima, Perú):  
Invited Speaker at the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos: “Observación, Cuaderno de campo y ética en la investigación cualitativa”
- 2016 **Southwest Folklife Alliance Ethnographic Fieldschool: (Ajo, AZ)**  
Invited Speaker for Southwest Folklife Alliance Fieldschool: “Ethnographic Research in the Kichwa Añangu Community”

## Academic Conferences

- 2021 **NSF CAMP Student Showcase** (Virtual)  
Field School Presentation: “¡Huaycán Presente! The Making of an Organized Community”



- 2021 **Just Food Conference** (Virtual)  
Conference Presentation: “The Right to Cook Together: Food Aid and Kitchen Controversies”
- 2021 **Society for Applied Anthropology** (Virtual)  
Conference Presentation: “The Right to Cook Together: Food Aid and Kitchen Controversies”
- 2019 **Fulbright – Perú, Research Symposium** (Lima, Perú)  
Conference Presentation: “Comedores Populares and the Reshaping of Food Aid in Huaycán, Lima, Perú”
- 2019 **Society for Applied Anthropology** (Portland, OR)  
Poster Presentations: “The Cloth Diaper Pilot Project: Understanding Cultural Components of Cloth Diaper Usage in Tucson, Arizona” and “Navigating Food Insecurity: Exploring Food Acquisition Strategies Among Low-Income Families in Southern Arizona”
- 2018 **Society for Applied Anthropology** (Philadelphia, PA)  
Poster Presentation: “Beyond ‘Costa, Sierra, y Selva’: *Comedores Populares*” and Food Security in Lima, Peru”
- 2018 **Dimensions of Political Ecology** (Lexington, KY)  
Organized and Chaired a Session titled: “Confronting Extraction: Resistance to the Extractive Industries in the Neoliberal Era”/ Conference Presentation: “Tourism, Petroleum, and Resistance in the Yasuní National Park”
- 2017 **Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security** (West Lafayette, IN)  
Field School Presentation: “Building Social, Economic, Agricultural and Ecological Resilience in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras”
- 2017 **Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security** (West Lafayette, IN)  
Poster Presentation: “Eating Culture – Eating the Other: Foodways in the Kichwa Añangu Community.”
- 2017 **Society for Applied Anthropology** (Santa Fe, NM)  
Conference Presentation: “Alli Shamushka Kaichy: Community-Owned Tourism in Yasuní”
- 2016 **Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies** (Santa Fe, NM)  
Conference Presentation: “Meals, Materiality, and Entanglements: Foodways in the Kichwa Añangu Community”
- 2015 **American Anthropological Association** (Denver, CO)  
Conference Presentation: “Foodways in the Amazon: Adaptive Livelihood Strategies, Tourism, and Cuisine in the Kichwa Anangu Community.”

## Campus Presentations

- 2020 **AGUA Student Lecture Series** (Virtual)  
Presentation: “The Right to Cook Together: Food Aid and Kitchen Controversies”
- 2020 **Presentation – Course: “Latin America: Food and Culture”** (Virtual)  
Invited Speaker: “Comedores Populares and the Reshaping of Food Aid in Lima, Perú”
- 2019 **Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology – Annual Research Symposium** (Tucson, AZ)  
Symposium presentations: “The Cloth Diaper Project: Understanding the Social, Economic, and Cultural Components of Cloth Diaper Use in Tucson, Arizona” and “Navigating Food Insecurity: Exploring Food Acquisition Strategies in Southern Arizona”
- 2019 **Presentation – Course: “Anthropology of Food”** (Tucson, AZ)  
Invited Speaker: “Chicha”

- 2019 **Presentation – Course: “Latin American: Food and Culture”** (Tucson, AZ)  
Invited Speaker: “Comedores Populares and Food Security in Lima, Perú”
- 2018 **Tinker Symposium** (Tucson, AZ)  
Symposium Presentation: “Communal Kitchens and the Reshaping of Food Aid in Lima, Perú”
- 2018 **Presentation – Course: “Latin America: Food and Culture”** (Tucson, AZ)  
Invited Speaker: “Comedores Populares in Lima, Perú”
- 2019 **Presentation – Course: “Latin America: Food and Culture”** (Tucson, AZ)  
Invited Speaker: “Perú: The Center of Gastronomic Abundance?”
- 2018 **Presentation – Course: “Cultural Anthropology”** (Tucson, AZ)  
Invited Speaker: “Tourism in the Kichwa Añangu Community”
- 2018 **Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology – Annual Research Symposium** (Tucson, AZ)  
Symposium presentation: “Cloth Diaper Kits: A Case Study with the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona”
- 2018 **International History and Culture through Food K-12 Educators Workshop** (Tucson, AZ)  
Invited Speaker: “Perú: A Land of Gastronomic Abundance and Edible Contradictions.”
- 2018 **Student Showcase – University of Arizona** (February 2018, Tucson, AZ):  
Poster Presentation: “Beyond ‘*Costa, Sierra, y Selva*’: *Comedores Populares* and Food Security in Lima, Peru”
- 2017 **Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology – Annual Research Symposium** (Tucson, AZ)  
Symposium Presentation: “Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona: Annual Client Survey”
- 2017 **AGUA Student Lecture Series** (Tucson, AZ)  
Presentation: “Community-Owned Tourism: Pushing the Paradigms of Alternative Tourisms”
- 2017 **Student Showcase – University of Arizona** (Tucson, AZ)  
Poster Presentation: “Community-Owned Tourism in the Yasuní National Park”
- 2016 **Tinker Symposium** (Tucson, AZ)  
Symposium Presentation: “Community-Owned Tourism: Pushing the Paradigms of Alternative Tourisms”
- 2015 **AGUA Student Lecture Series** (Tucson, AZ)  
Presentation: “Foodways in the Amazon: Adaptive Livelihood Strategies, Tourism, and Cuisine in the Kichwa Anangu Community.”
- 2014 **Presentation – Course “Anthropology of Food”** (Tucson, AZ)  
Invited Speaker: “Sushi”

## Service, Civic Engagement, and Professional Affiliations

- 2017- **Society for Applied Anthropology**  
2021 Member
- 2021 **Respira Huaycán**  
Raised funds to help purchase Oxygen Plant in Huaycán, Lima, Perú
- 2021 **University of Arizona – State COVID-19 Vaccine POD**  
Volunteer
- 2021 **Parroquia de San Andres Food Pantry Initiative**  
Raised funds to start Food Pantry in Huaycán, Lima, Perú

- 2010- **The Light and Leadership Initiative (Huaycán, Lima, Perú)**  
2021 Volunteer, Fundraiser, Donor
- 2015- **Food Security and Social Justice Network (FSSJN)**  
2019 Founder, Representative
- 2016- **Pima County Food Alliance**  
2019 Representative
- 2015- **Caridad Community Kitchen**  
2018 Volunteer
- 2015- **Anthropology Graduate Students at the University of Arizona (AGUA)**  
2018 President, Treasurer, Outreach Chair; Lecture Chair
- 2016- **People's Political Ecology Lab (PPEL)**  
2017 Representative
- 2015- **Latin American Studies Student Association (LASSO)**  
2017 Member
- 2015- **American Anthropological Association**  
2016 Member

## Languages

**English** – Fluent

**Spanish** – Fluent

**Portuguese** – Beginner