

# SARAH T. ROMANO

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Environmental and Sustainability Studies  
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### POSITIONS HELD

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#### University of Northern Colorado

2017 Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental & Sustainability Studies  
2013-2017 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & International Affairs

#### University of California, Santa Cruz

2010-2013 Instructor, Department of Politics / Department of Latin American & Latino Studies  
2007-2012 Teaching Asst., Departments of Politics and Latin American & Latino Studies

### TEACHING & RESEARCH AREAS

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Latin American politics, globalization, politics of developing states, environmental politics and policy, community-based resource governance, water, climate change, social movements and collective action, democratization, Central America, Nicaragua.

### EDUCATION

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**2012 PhD, Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz**  
Graduate Minor: Latin American & Latino Studies

**2003 B.A., University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA**  
Honors in Foreign Language and International Affairs  
Emphasis in Spanish & Economics  
Minor: Latin American Studies

**2002 Center for Global Education, Guatemala, El Salvador & Nicaragua**  
Sustainable Economic Development and Social Change program

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Books

Forthcoming *Rural Water Governance in Nicaragua: From Resource Management to Political Activism*. Under contract with The University of Arizona Press (2019).

- 2016 *De la gestión de recursos al activismo social: Los CAPS y la gobernanza del agua rural en Nicaragua*. Edisa, Managua, Nicaragua.

### Refereed articles

- 2017 “Transforming Participation in Water Governance: The Multisectoral Alliances of Rural Water Committees and NGOs in Nicaragua.” *International Journal of Water Resources Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07900627.2017.1363722>.
- 2017 “Building Sustainable Water Governance from the Grassroots: ‘Organic Empowerment’ and Its Policy Implications in Nicaragua.” *Society and Natural Resources* 30(4): 471-487.
- 2017 LaVanchy, G.T., **Romano, S.T.**, & Taylor, M.J. “Challenges to water security along the ‘Emerald Coast’: a political ecology of local water governance in Nicaragua.” *Water* 9(9): 655.
- 2016 “Democratizing Discourses: Conceptions of Ownership, Autonomy and ‘the State’ in Nicaragua’s Rural Water Governance.” *Water International* 41(1): 74-90.
- 2014 Lu, F., Ocampo-Raeder, C., **Romano, S.T.**, & Crow, B. “Equitable water governance: Future directions in the understanding and analysis of water inequities in the global South.” *Water International* 39(2): 129-142.
- 2012 “From Protest to Proposal: The Contentious Politics of the Nicaraguan Anti-Water Privatization Social Movement.” *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 31(4): 499-514.

### Book chapters

- Forthcoming **Romano, S.T.** and W. Highby. “Campus Organizing towards the Democratization of Shale Oil and Gas Governance in Higher Education.” In J. Whitton, M. Cotton, and K. Brasier, eds., *Governing Shale Gas: Development, Citizen Participation and Decision Making in the U.S., Canada, Australia and Europe* (Routledge).
- Forthcoming “Building Sustainable Water Governance from the Grassroots: ‘Organic Empowerment’ and Its Policy Implications in Nicaragua.” In Taylor, P.L. and D.A. Sonnenfeld, eds., *Water Crises and Governance: Reinventing Collaborative Institutions in an Era of Uncertainty*. Philadelphia and London: Taylor & Francis Publishers. (Originally published in *Society and Natural Resources*, 30(4)).
- 2017 “Democratizing Discourses: Conceptions of Ownership, Autonomy and ‘the State’ in Nicaragua’s Rural Water Governance.” In Boelens, R., et al., eds., *Hydrosocial Territories and Water Equity: Theory, Governance, and Sites of Struggle*. Routledge. (Originally published in *Water International*, 40(1)).

## Commissioned papers

- 2012 Lipschutz, R. & **Romano, S.T.** “The Cupboard is Full: Public Finance for Public Services in the Global South.” Municipal Services Project, Occasional Paper No. 16 (March).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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### Articles

“‘*Más Allá de las Leyes*’ [‘Beyond the Laws’]: Policy Lessons from the Recognition of Community-based Water Management Regimes.” Target journal: *Governance*.

**Romano, S.T.** & LaVanchy, G.T. “Water Insecurity as Water Injustice: Nicaragua’s ‘Emerald Coast’ in the Context of Climate Variability.” Target journal: *Global Environmental Politics*.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### External Support

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| 2019-2020 | Fulbright Fellowship ( <i>under review</i> )   |
| 2012-2013 | National Science Foundation, Postdoc & workshop co-organizer: “Multi-Scalar & Cross-Disciplinary Approaches towards Equitable Water Governance” (\$50,000) |
| 2009-2010 | Fulbright Fellowship, Institute of International Education (\$14,500)  |
| 2009-2010 | Pacific Rim Research Program Grant, University of California (\$10,800)  |
| 2009      | Pacific Rim Research Program Mini-Grant, University of California (\$5,000)  |

### Internal Support

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| 2017      | Provost Award for Travel, UNCO (\$896)                              |
| 2016      | Summer Support Initiative grant, UNCO (\$6,000)                     |
| 2016      | Provost Award for Travel, UNCO (\$5,257)                            |
| 2015      | Summer Support Initiative grant, UNCO (\$5,000)                     |
| 2014      | Provost Award for Travel, UNCO (\$3,775)                            |
| 2014      | Summer Support Initiative grant, UNCO (\$3,000)                     |
| 2013-2015 | Research, Dissemination & Faculty Development award, UNCO (\$9,878) |
| 2009-2012 | Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, UC Santa Cruz            |
| 2008      | Chicano/Latino Research Center Research Grant, UC Santa Cruz        |
| 2007      | Department of Politics Travel Grant, UC Santa Cruz                  |

## INVITED TALKS

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| 2017 | Discussant, “Water Equity and Environmental Justice” Symposium, Colorado State University                                   |
| 2016 | Speaker, “Environmental and Energy Justice in the University Context,” Energy Justice Roundtable, Colorado State University |

- 2015            Speaker, “From Resource Management to Political Activism: Extralocal Allies and the Construction of Multi-Scalar Water Networks in Nicaragua,” Department of Geography and Environmental Studies Colloquium, University of Denver

### **CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED**

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- 2016            “The Politics of Community-Based Water Governance: State-Society Relations,” Latin American Studies Association, New York, May 27-30.
- 2016            “Multi-Scalar Conflicts over Hydraulic Fracturing,” American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco, March 27-30 (with Jen Schneider, Boise State University).
- 2014            “Fracking Landscapes: Examinations of Governance, Identity and Resistance,” American Association of Geographers Conference, Tampa, April 8-12 (with Shaunna Barnhart, Allegheny University).
- 2013            “Mobilizing the Masses: Civil Society and the Right to Water,” American Association of Geographers Conference, Los Angeles, April 9-11 (with Adam French, UC Santa Cruz).
- 2011            “From Co-production to Co-optation: The Multi-Scalar Politics of Community Organizing for Resource Governance,” American Association of Geographers Conference, Seattle, April 12-16 (with Kathleen O’Reilly, Texas A&M).

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2017            “Examining the Legalization of Nonstate Water Management Regimes in Latin America,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 31-September 3.
- 2016            “Transforming Participation in Water Governance: The Multisectoral Alliances of Rural Water Committees and NGOs in Nicaragua,” World Congress of Rural Sociology, Toronto, August 9-14.
- 2016            “‘*Más allá de las leyes*’ [‘Beyond the Laws’]: Examining State Recognition of Community-Based Water Management Regimes in Nicaragua,” Latin American Studies Association, New York, May 27-30.
- 2016            “The Politics of Fracking in Northeastern Colorado: Inquiry, Engagement, and Resistance in the Context of University Governance,” American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco, March 27-30.

- 2014 “Geographical Research on the Fracking Frontier: Understanding the social and environmental dimensions of developing shale fossil fuels,” panelist, American Association of Geographers Conference, Tampa, April 9-14.
- 2013 “Democratizing Discourses: Conceptions of Ownership, Autonomy, and ‘the State’ in Nicaragua’s Rural Water Governance,” International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, April 3-6.
- 2012 “Organic Empowerment: Rural Water Provision & the Construction of Legitimacy from the Bottom Up,” paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, May 23-26.
- 2012 “Bridging Divides: ‘External Allies’ & the Construction of Multi-Actor Networks for Water Governance in Central America,” paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference, San Diego, April 1-4.
- 2011 “Navigating Political Waters: The Role of State-Society Networks in Nicaragua’s Rural Water Governance,” paper presented at the American Association of Geographers Conference, Seattle, WA, April 12-16.
- 2010 “Co-producing Flows: Grassroots Water Committees, NGOs and the State in Rural Nicaragua,” paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Toronto, October 6-9.
- 2009 “Understanding the Contested Terrain of Rural Water Governance: The Political Mobilization of Water Users’ Associations,” paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Rio de Janeiro, June 11-14.
- 2009 “Democratization through Resistance: The Contentious Politics of the Nicaraguan Anti-Water Privatization Social Movement,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2-5.

## **CAMPUS TALKS**

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- 2015 “Clean Water in Nicaragua,” International Education Week, UNCO
- 2013 “Water Rights in Latin America and Weld County,” International Education Week, UNCO
- 2008 Discussant, “Formalities of Poverty: Thinking about Social Assistance in Neoliberal South Africa,” Dr. James Ferguson (Stanford University), UC Santa Cruz

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Affairs, UNCO**  
 Comparative Environmental Politics (Senior Seminar) (Fall 2015)  
 Drug Wars (Spring 2016)  
 Globalization (Spring 2014, 2015, 2016)

Global Issues (Fall/Spring 2013-2017)  
Latin American Politics (Fall 2013, Spring 2015/2017)  
International Law & Organizations (Spring 2016)  
International Political Economy (Spring 2014, Fall 2016)

**Instructor of Record, Politics, UC Santa Cruz**

Problems in Latin American Politics (Senior Seminar) (Spring 2012)  
Democracy, Citizenship & Human Rights in Latin America (Fall 2011)

**Instructor of Record, Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz**

Organizing Across the Americas (Fall 2010, Summer 2011)

**Teaching Assistant, Politics, UC Santa Cruz**

Latin American Politics	Democracy & Society
Democratic Politics	Congress, the Court & the Presidency
Global Politics	State & Capitalism in American Political
The Nation-State & Global Politics	Development
Global Organization	

**Teaching Assistant, Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz**

Social Science Analytics  
Politics & Society: Concepts & Methods

**Other Teaching Experience**

2001-2003 Graduate & Undergraduate Writing Advisor, University of Puget Sound

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING**

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2017	Teaching and Learning Conference, American Political Science Association
2016	Flipped Classroom workshop, Center for Teaching and Learning, UNCO
2016	Teaching Writing workshop, Center for Teaching and Learning, UNCO
2015	Quality Matters Teaching Academy for Online Learning graduate, UNCO

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Political Science Association (APSA)  
American Association of Geographers (AAG)  
American Association of University Professors (AAUP)  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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2015-present Peer-reviewer: *Energy Research and Social Science*, *Geoforum*, *Human Organization*, *Law and Society Review*, *Land Use Policy*, *Local Environment*, Palgrave Macmillan, *Water Alternatives*

2016-present Editorial Board, *Agua y Conocimiento* [Water and Knowledge], National Autonomous University, Nicaragua  
 2015-present Advisory Board, Energy and Environment Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers  
 2016 Consultant, Enabling the Business of Agriculture project, World Bank Indicators Group

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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2017-present Faculty advisor, Earth Guardians student club, UNCO  
 2016-present Faculty-Led Student Support Task Force, UNCO  
 2013-present Community and Civic Engagement Committee, UNCO  
 2016-2017 McNair Scholars Program student mentor, UNCO  
 2015-2017 Facilitator applicants review committee, “Catalyst: A Social Justice Retreat,” UNCO  
 2013-2015 Hydrofracturing Task Force (Frack\*ED), UNCO  
 2015 Invited panelist, “Presenting at Research Day” Faculty Panel, McNairs Scholars Program, UNCO  
 2014 Invited panelist, “Life of a Professor” Faculty Panel, McNairs Scholars Program, UNCO  
 2011-2012 International Development Research Cluster, UC Santa Cruz  
 2008-2010 Political Ecology Working Group, UC Santa Cruz

## **RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

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OMNI Research and Training, Denver, CO  
 2005-2006 Research Assistant

Institute of Cultural Affairs, Washington, D.C.  
 2003-2004 Program Associate, Training and Facilitation

Center for International Policy, Washington, D.C.  
 2003 Cuba Project Assistant

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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2017 Board member, 350 Colorado  
 2014-present Member, 350 Northern Colorado  
 2013-present Member, Weld Air and Water

## **LANGUAGES AND OTHER SKILLS**

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- Spanish fluency
- Working knowledge of group facilitation methods in focused conversation, action planning, strategic planning, and consensus building