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CURRENT POSITIONS

Professor of Anthropology, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Bogotá, Colombia.

Collaborating Researcher. CES, Center for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013-2015: Marie Skłodowska-Curie IIF, Post doctoral Fellow. CES, Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal.

2015 (March-June): Visiting scholar. School of Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies, University of Saint Andrews, Scotland.

EDUCATION

2003: PhD in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.

1993: Master's in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

1991: Laurea in Lettere, *cum laude*. University of Rome "La Sapienza," Italy.

RESEARCH

El archivo indígena liberado: memoria viva para afianzar la autonomía. TRANS.ARCH - Archives in Transition: Collective Memories and Subaltern Uses. EU's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme under the MSCA-RISE Scheme. Grant agreement #872299.

Oct. 2022-Sept. 2025: P.I. *A Community Path to Higher Education: Pluriepistemic Research-Practice for Designing the Biocultural Indigenous University of the Inga People of Colombia*. Funded by the Spencer Foundation Research-Practice Partnership Grant. Grant agreement #202300115.

June 2019- to present. P.I.: *Ictiología y Cultura*. Interdisciplinary research project in biology and anthropology. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá. Grant ID # 8243.

Jan. 2018-Dec. 2018. P.I.: *Cultivando la ciencia del árbol la salud: educación para la salud y la prevención tradicional*. With Muinane indigenous researcher Célmo Nejedeka Jifichú. Programa Amazónico, PUJ. Grant ID # 8086.

May 2017- Jan. 2018. P.I.: *Food Sovereignty and Community's Valuations of Common Goods*. Funded by the Research Vice-rectory, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Grant ID # 7291.

Oct. 2013-Sept. 2015. P.I.: *Indigenous Epistemologies and Images of Public Wealth in Amazonia*. Marie Curie Post-doctoral IIF Fellowship, ERC. CES, Center for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal. Grant Agreement # PIIF-GA-2012-328421

Jun. 2012-Jun. 2013. P.I.: *Modernidades indígenas*. SIAP, PUJ.

Nov. 2004-May 2006. *Learning in Practice: Community-Based Indigenous Education in Colombian Amazonia*. Post-doctoral research grant. The Spencer Foundation for Research in Education.

1998-2000. *Confronting Development: Craftsmanship and Cultural Reaffirmation in Colombian Amazonia*. Doctoral research grant. The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.

Dec. 1994-Jan. 1995, Oct. 1995-July 1996. Ethnic art and identity. Ucayali region (Peruvian Amazon), and Amazonas department (Colombian Amazon). Multiple UIUC funding.

June-Aug.1992. Processes of autonomy of the bi-national indigenous group Awá-Kwaiker. Colombia (Nariño) and Ecuador (Carchi).

PARTICIPATORY ACTION-RESEARCH PROCESSES

2007. With Muinane elder Aniceto Nejedeka. Muinane ornithology: *The Science of Life written on birds*. Winner of a grant by the Ministry of Culture, Colombia.
- 2006-2007. With Muinane elder Aniceto Nejedeka. Production and edition of the illustrated book for children, in Muinane and Spanish, "*Taagai Búuamisi jübegeejü*", Colombia.
- 1999-2000. With Muinane health promoter Celimo Nejedeka. Research project to integrate indigenous health knowledge and practice in institutional programs for the formation of health promoters. Project funded by the Municipality Health Secretary of Leticia, Amazonas, Colombia.
- 1999-2000. With Uitoto intellectuals Walter Morales, Juan Florez Valle, Juan Florez Reátegui, Nicanor Morales, research project on ethnohistory and intercultural relations. Winner of a grant by the Fondo Mixto-Ministerio de Cultura, Colombia.
1996. With performer Hernán Gómez. Collective ethnography and workshop of theater anthropology to strengthen processes of bilingual education in Tikuna indigenous communities, Colombian Amazon. Sponsored by UAESPNN and European Union.
2000. With photographer Vincenzo Micarelli and artist Hernán Gómez. Workshop of Social Photography, Indigenous community *Nimaira Naimeki Ibiri*, *Muina Murui* Resguardo Indígena Tikuna-Uitoto, Km, 6 y 11, Colombian Amazon. Community members used the photographic medium to investigate and represent their community.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022. Research-Practice Partnership Grant. The Spencer Foundation for Research in Education.
2019. Laudato Si': Sobre el cuidado de la casa común. VRI, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. PPTA 20112. Research Grant.
2018. Programa Amazónico, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Grant for collaborative research with Celimo Nejedeka of the muinane ethnic grupo toward the publication of the book: *Cultivando la ciencia del árbol de la salud: educación tradicional para el buen vivir*. Editoria Javeriana, 2019.
2016. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. One of four recipients of university-wide grant "Laudato Si': sobre el cuidado de la casa común. VRI, PPTA-7291
2013. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral International Incoming Fellowship, FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IIF.
2010. USAID/ICAA (Iniciativa para la Conservación de la Amazonía Andina) - Small Grants Program.
2009. USAID/ICAA (Iniciativa para la Conservación de la Amazonía Andina) - Small Grants Program.
2007. With indigenous elder Aniceto Nejedeka Kajutne. Oral Literature Grant. Ministerio de Cultura, Colombia.
2004. The Spencer Foundation for Research in Education (U.S.A.). Post-doctoral Research grant (Colombian Amazon)
2002. Fellowship. Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, (IPRH), Urbana-Champaign, U.S.A.
2001. Fellowship. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, U.S.A.
1999. Research grant, in collaboration with indigenous researchers Juan Florez Reátegui, Juan Florez Valle, Nicanor Morales Perez, Walter Morales Valles. Fondo Mixto para la Promoción de la Cultura y las Artes, Ministerio de Cultura, Colombia.
1998. Doctoral research grant. Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, U.S.A.
1995. Doctoral research grant. Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, U.S.A.
1995. Research grant. Nelle M. Signor Foundation, U.S.A.
1994. Research grant. Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, U.S.A.
1993. Fellowship. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, U.S.A.
1992. Research grant. The Tinker Foundation. Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois, U.S.A.
1991. Scholarship. The Fulbright Foundation, U.S.A.-Italy.
1989. Fellowship. International Center for Semiotic and Cognitive Studies, directed by Umberto Eco. Republic of San Marino.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Micarelli, G. & L. Buainain Jacob (eds.). 2020. *Soberanía Alimentaria. Prácticas y saberes locales para un movimiento global contrahegemónico*. Bogotá: Editorial Javeriana. Second edition selected and sponsored by the Ministry of National Education, Colombia.

Micarelli, G. 2015. *Indigenous Networks at the Margins of Development*. Bogotá: Editorial Javeriana. ISBN 978-958-716-820-4

Book curator, with N. Ortiz y H. Gómez. 2019. *Cultivando la ciencia del árbol de la salud : conocimiento tradicional para el buen vivir*, by Célimo R. Nejedeka Jifichú. Bogotá: Editorial Javeriana.

Book curator. 2012. Bilingual Spanish-Muinane indigenous narrative: “*Taagai Búuamisi jübegeejü*”, by Aniceto Nejedeka Kajutne. Bogotá: ICANH. ISBN: 978-958-8181-77-6

Peer reviewed articles and chapters

Micarelli, G. In press. Entry: Food Sovereignty. Routledge-SCORAI Vocabulary of Sustainable Consumption and Lifestyle.

Micarelli, G. In press. Memoria viva: el archivo indígena liberado. In *Archivos en Transición*, edited by M. Arriaga et al. Madrid: Dykinson.

Micarelli, G. In press. Construir el futuro, civilizar el mundo del Blanco: alteridad y cura en las historicidades indígenas. In *Futurismos Indígenas*, edited by Cabrera M. & O. Guarín Martínez. Editorial Javeriana.

Micarelli, G. 2022. La enfermedad del desarrollo y la búsqueda indígena del Buen Vivir: Una perspectiva de la Amazonía Colombiana. In Santos, B. de Sousa & T. Cunha (eds.). *Economías del Buen Vivir. Contra el desperdicio de las experiencias*. Akal. ISBN 978-607-8683-97-0

Micarelli, G. 2022. A “doença do desenvolvimento” e a busca indígena pelo bem-viver: uma perspectiva a partir da Amazônia colombiana. In Santos, B. de Sousa & T. Cunha (eds.), *Economias de bem viver: contra o desperdício da experiência*, Almedina - Edições 70, Coimbra, Portugal.

Micarelli, G. 2022. Doing Research in an Enchanted World: Lessons from Indigenous Methodologies. *Altre Modernità*, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy.

Micarelli, G. 2021. Apertura ontológica y lucha anticolonial en la soberanía alimentaria: un diálogo con las perspectivas indígenas de Abya Yala. *E-Cadernos CES*, 2020, 34: 109-126

Micarelli, G. 2021. Feeding “the Commons”: Rethinking Food Rights Through Indigenous Relational Ontologies. *Food, Culture & Society*.

Buainain Jacob, L. & G. Micarelli. 2020. Soberanía alimentaria: saberes, estrategias, resistencias. In Micarelli G. y L. Buainain Jacob (eds.), *Soberanía Alimentaria. Prácticas y saberes locales para un movimiento global contrahegemónico*. Bogotá: Editorial Javeriana, pp. 10-18.

Micarelli, G. 2020. Soberanía alimentaria y otras soberanías. Los comunes y el derecho a la alimentación. In Micarelli G. & L. Buainain Jacob (eds.), *Soberanía Alimentaria. Prácticas y saberes locales para un movimiento global contrahegemónico*. Bogotá: Editorial Javeriana, pp. 183-206

Micarelli, G. 2019. Território. In B. de Sousa Santos, B. Sena Martins, M. P. Meneses, S. Araújo, eds., *Dicionário ALICE*. Almedina - Edições 70, Coimbra, Portugal, and Autêntica Editora, BH, Brasil. Ediciones Akal, Madrid. Editor: CES / ALICE. ISBN: 978-989-8847-08-9.

Micarelli, G. 2018. Investigar en un mundo encantado: los aportes de las metodologías indígenas al quehacer etnográfico. *Universitas Humanística*, 86, 219-245.

Micarelli, G. 2018. Soberanía alimentaria y otras soberanías: el valor de los comunes. *Revista Colombiana de Antropología*, Vol. 54-2, pp. 119-142.

Micarelli, G. 2015. Finding the Taste of Knowledge: The Orphan in Indigenous Epistemologies. *Tipiti: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*: Vol. 13: Iss. 2, Article 6, 74-90.

Micarelli, G. 2015. La enfermedad del desarrollo y una epistemología del cuidado. Visiones indígenas desde la Amazonia colombiana. In Cunha, T. & B. De Sousa Santos (eds.) *Proceedings of the International Colloquium “Epistemologies of the South: South-South, South-North and North-South Global Learnings”*. Coimbra: Centro de Estudos Sociais. Pp. 449-464.

Micarelli, G. 2015. Divine Banknote: The Translation of Project Money into Public Wealth. In Santos-Granero, F. (ed.) *Images of Public Wealth or the Anatomy of Well-being in Native Amazonia*. University of Arizona Press.

Micarelli, G. 2010. Pensar como un enjambre: redes indígenas en las márgenes de la modernidad. In Chaves, M. & C. Del Cairo (eds.), *Perspectivas antropológicas sobre la Amazonía contemporánea*, pp. 489-510. Bogotá: ICANH/Universidad Javeriana.

Micarelli, G. 2009. 'Ordenar el Pensamiento': Place-Making and the Moral Management of Resources in a Multi-Ethnic Territory, Amazonas, Colombia. In Alexiades, M. (ed.), *Mobility and Migration in Indigenous Amazonia*, pp. 195-219. New York/Oxford: Berghahn Books.

Micarelli, G. & H. Gómez Decastro. 2002. The Body of Memory: Theater Anthropology as a Tool for Cultural and Linguistic Reaffirmation in Indigenous Amazonia. In R. McKenna Brown (ed.). *Endangered Languages and their Literature*. Bath: The Foundation for Endangered Languages. 2002.

Micarelli, G. 1996. Identity between Ideology and Cognition: Style elaborations and Cultural Interaction in Amazonia. *L'Uomo* (1996), Vol. IX, n.s., N. 1-2:30-36.

Review Essays

Micarelli, G. 2020. Jean E Jackson, Managing Multiculturalism: Indigeneity and the Struggle for Rights in Colombia. *Wasafiri* Vol. 35, Number 4, Issue 104, December 2020, pp. 104-106

Micarelli, G. & H. Verran. 2018. Two analyses of Marisol de la Cadena's Earth beings: ecologies of practice across Andean worlds, *Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology and Society*, 1:1, 123-130.

Micarelli, G. 2017. Earth Beings: Ecologies of Practice Across Andean Worlds. Marisol de la Cadena. Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2015. *Universitas Humanistica*, Vol. 83, 2017.

Micarelli, G. 2013. Ecología política de la Amazonia. Las profundas y difusas redes de la gobernanza. Germán Palacio Castañeda (Ed.). *Mundo Amazónico*, Vol 3, 2013. Instituto Amazónico de Investigaciones IMANI, Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

Translations

Micarelli, G. 2013. Hambre divina: La máquina de guerra caníbal, Neil L. Whitehead. *Mundo Amazónico*, Vol. 4, 2013, pp. 7-30. ISSN: 2145-5082

Micarelli, G. 2012. The writings of Friar Roman on the antiquities of the Indians, that he collected on request of the Admiral, with diligence, as man who knows their language. In Neil L. Whitehead (ed.), *Of Cannibals and Kings: Primal Anthropology in the Americas*. Penn State University Press, 2012. ISBN: 978-0-271-03799-8

Divuligation essays & exhibitions

Biemann, U. S. Del Hierro, A. Hernández Bello, G. Micarelli, J. Ramírez & I. D. Vargas Roncancio. 2022. "An Indigenous University." *The Architectural Review*, Sept. 7th, 2022. <https://www.architectural-review.com/essays/an-indigenous-university>

"Comprometernos con la diversidad de la Amazonía es el primer paso para superar las desigualdades." Territorial Dialogues on Inequality. *El Espectador*, Aug. 12th, 2024.

Multimedia exhibition "Curar o Mundo: Cosmopisões em diálogo". Curatorship. With artists Hernán Gómez (Colombia) and Hamilton Francisco (Angola). Ocupação Tropicana, Coimbra, Aug. 27-29, 2015.

Presentation of the shadow play "Anansi the spider" based on the mythological tales of the Ashanti people of Ghana (with Hernan Gómez). Almedina Elementary School, Coimbra, Portugal, June 2014.

INVITED LECTURES

Module entitled "Feeding: the dilemmas between food sovereignty and monoculture", within the framework of the Diploma in Environmental Peace. National University of Colombia, UNAL, Leticia, Oct. 2024.

International course on food sovereignty. COMPAS-Bolivia, OBSSAN UNAL- Colombia, UNJU- Argentina. Nov. 2021.

Master's in Food and Nutritional Security. New Debates SAN-SoA (Food Security-Food Sovereignty). National University of Colombia, Bogotá, August 2021.

Keynote speaker. "Voci, profezie e cure in alcune esperienze di revitalizzazione linguistica e culturale nell'Amazzonia colombiana." Doctoral Congress, *Vulnerabilità e resilienza: Voci e pratiche dai margini*. Università degli Studi di Milano, March 17-19, 2021.

Alimentar lo común: ontologías indígenas y el derecho a la alimentación. IV Encontros internacionais ecossociais. Lisbon, November 2018.

Invited Speaker. "Investigar en un mundo encantado: los aportes de las metodologías indígenas al quehacer etnográfico." Universidad de Caldas, July 2018.

Invited Speaker. "Investigar en un mundo encantado: los aportes de las metodologías indígenas al quehacer etnográfico." Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Sede Leticia. Sept. 2017.

International Course and Specialization "Epistemologies of the South", South-South University, CLACSO, CES., 2017.

Indigenous Methodologies. National University of Colombia/IMANI Amazonian Research Institute. September 2017.

Advanced seminar: "Indigenous Epistemologies and Notions of Public Wealth in Amazonia." CES Summer School: "*Learning from the global south: towards intercultural translations*." Curia, Portugal, June 30-July 8, 2014.

SELECTED CONFERENCE TALKS & ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

"El museo-territorio: curar los lugares donde vive la memoria." International Congress of museology MINOM. Catania, Italia, February 22-23, 2024

"Humanizar el futuro: desafíos y alcances de la investigación colaborativa en el campo de los conocimientos tradicionales sobre salud." Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, XIV Conference. Leticia, Amazonas, Colombia, July 26-30, 2023.

Regional Anthropology Chair: Transnational Amazonia. Organization of the conference: *De vampiros y mochacabezas: extractivismo y premoniciones en Amazonia*. Presentation: "El hombre blanco caníbal, imagen terrorífica del desarrollo rapaz." Department of Anthropology, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Sept. 30th, 2020

Workshop (organizer and speaker): *Food Sovereignty and the commons: shared research on Indigenous, Afrodescendant, and Peasant Sovereignities*. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, March 5-6, 2018.

"Humo de ají, agua de hierbas frías: los aportes de las metodologías indígenas al quehacer etnográfico." *Congreso Latinoamericano de Antropología*. Bogotá, June 7th, 2017.

"Huérfanos de Mnemosyne: el olvido para re-memorar la identidad y crear territorio en un escenario multiétnico (Amazonia Colombiana)." II EDiSo *Simposio Internacional de la Asociación de Estudios sobre Discurso y Sociedad*. Universidad de Coimbra, Portugal, June 18-20, 2015.

Coordination of the working group: "Materialidades, cosmopóieses e o lugar do sagrado nas outras economias: apostando em outras lógicas de organização da vida." *Congreso Internacional de Ciencias Sociales y Humanas*. Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal, February 1-5, 2015.

"Development Illness and the Indigenous Pursuit of the Good-Life: A View from Colombian Amazonia." International Congress *Epistemologies of The South: South-South, South-North and North-South Global Learnings*. Coimbra, Portugal, July 11th, 2014.

"Finding the Taste of Knowledge: The Orphan in Indigenous Epistemologies." *IX Sesquiannual Conference, Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden, June 2014.

Advanced seminar (organization (with Luciana Jacob): "As perspectivas indígenas e a agroecologia: uma proposta de tradução intercultural em torno da soberania alimentar." Center for Social Studies, Coimbra, Portugal, March 2014.

Organizing Committee, International Workshop: "(Re)commoning Democracy: A workshop with scholars and activist." *ENTITLE Network*. CES, Coimbra, Portugal, Oct. 2014.

"Divine Banknote: The Translation of Project Money into Public Wealth." *54th International Congress of Americanists*, Wien, June 15-20, 2012.

CONSULTANCY

October 2023. Amazon Conservation Team, Colombian Institute of Anthropology and History-ICANH, Ministry of the Interior. Protocol of official study and registration for indigenous peoples in isolation.

Oct. 2018-to present. Advisor of the pedagogical and political process for the construction of the Biocultural Indigenous University of the Inga People of Colombia. www.deveniruniversidad.org.

2010. “*Consolidación de la propuesta de gestión socio-ambiental de la Asociación de Autoridades Tradicionales Indígenas del Resguardo Tikuna-Uitoto Km. 6 y 11 – Cuenca alta del río Tacana (Colombia)*”. PPD-ICAA-USAID. Design, co-direction and anthropological consultancy.

2009. “*Fortalecimiento del Consejo de Autoridades Tradicionales Indígenas del Resguardo Tikuna Uitoto Km. 6 y 11 para la construcción participativa de estrategias de gestión territorial y para su difusión (Colombia)*”. PPD-ICAA-USAID. Design, co-direction and anthropological consultancy.

April – June 2008. Evaluation of the ADAM and MIDAS programs of alternative development. USAID Colombia.

2008–2011. Fairtrade certification auditor. Small-Producers and Hired Labor standards (Colombia). FLO-CERT GmbH, Bonn, Germany.

2005. Participatory determination of the eco-tourism carrying capacity in Amacayacu National Park. UAESPNN (system of national parks and protected areas), Colombia.

1999-2000. Consultant of the Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia (ONIC) to design the Plan of Territorial Ordering (POT) and Plan of Life (indigenous alternative to Institutional Development Plan).

1999. Coordination of the Workshops of Social Cartography in five communities of the indigenous reservation Ticuna-Uitoto, Km.6 y 11, Leticia, Colombia. GAIA Amazonas

1998-2000. Consultant of the Indigenous organization ACITU (Asociación Cabildos Indígenas Ticuna Uitoto), Amazonas, Colombia to devise the Plan of Territorial Ordering (POT) of the indigenous reservation Tikuna-Uitoto Km. 6-11.

1996. National Park Amacayacu. Amazonas, Colombia. Devised joint strategies with indigenous communities living in the Park to improve their accountability with regard to conservation policies.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

2007. Coordination of the Creative Support Group for the design and elaboration of ludic-pedagogy tools for the Selvalegre Educational Project. Leticia, Amazonas. Funded by the Fondo para la Acción Ambiental y la Niñez.

2006. Invited expert to the workshop “Construction of an Amazonian Research Agenda”. Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Leticia, Amazonas.

2006. Design and coordination of the extension study program “Methodological tools for work with indigenous communities”. Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Leticia, Amazonas.

Project evaluation:

2024 Evaluation of the Master's Degree in Anthropology Teaching Project. FLACSO Ecuador.

2023 “Co-creating solutions with the community.” Universidad de los Andes.

2023 “Call for Thematic Research Projects: Science and innovation in response to the challenges associated with climate change.” Universidad de Antioquia.

Peer reviewer: Ethos, Iuminura, Universitas Humanistica, Revista Colombiana de Antropología, Mundo Amazónico, Virajes, Antropologica.

LANGUAGES

Italian: mother tongue.
English: fluent.
Spanish: fluent.
Portuguese: intermediate.
French: basic