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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D.	<b>Cornell University</b> , Ithaca, NY	Government	2017
	Subfields: Comparative Politics and International Relations		
M.A.	<b>Cornell University</b> , Ithaca, NY	Government	2014
	Stanford University, Stanford, CA		
	Exchange Scholar	Anthropology	Winter/Spring 2012
B.A.	<b>Yale University</b> , New Haven, CT	Political Science	2007
	<i>summa cum laude</i> , with distinction in Political Science; Phi Beta Kappa		

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2017- Assistant Professor of International Affairs, University of Georgia

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Schmink, Marianne, Jeffrey Hoelle, Carlos Valério Gomes, and Gregory M. Thaler (forthcoming) "Greening the Amazon Frontier: Agrarian Change and Environmental Subjectivities in São Félix do Xingu." *The Journal of Peasant Studies*.
- Thaler, Gregory M. (2017) "The Land Sparing Complex: Environmental Governance, Agricultural Intensification, and State Building in the Brazilian Amazon." *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/24694452.2017.1309966>
- Thaler, Gregory M. and Cut Augusta Mindry Anandi (2017) "Shifting Cultivation, Contentious Land Change and Forest Governance: The Politics of Swidden in East Kalimantan." *The Journal of Peasant Studies*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2016.1243531>.
- Thaler, Gregory M. (2014) "The 21st-Century Agricultural Land Rush." in *The Oxford Handbook of Food, Politics and Society* edited by Ronald J. Herring. New York: Oxford University Press.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Thaler, Gregory M., Cecilia Viana, and Fabiano Toni. "Model Municipalities and Environmental Governance in the Brazilian Amazon."

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2017 Agrarian Studies Program Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Yale University (declined)
- 2015 NSF GROW Travel Award, National Science Foundation and Swedish Research Council
- 2014 USINDO Travel Grant, The United States-Indonesia Society
- 2014 CAORC Research Grant, American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS)
- 2012 SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council
- 2012 Graduate School Research Travel Grant, Cornell University
- 2012 Tinker Grant, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University
- 2011 Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Fellowship, Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian
- 2011 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- 2010 Sage Fellowship, Graduate School, Cornell University
- 2008 UNESCO-Fulbright Fellowship, United Nations Better World Fund
- 2007 Fulbright U.S. Student Grant – Ecuador, U.S. Department of State
- 2007 Gordon Grand Fellowship, Yale University
- 2006 Bates Fellowship, Yale University
- 2006 Perloth Prize, Yale University
- 2006 Southeast Asia Studies Grant, Yale University

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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- 2017 “Protecting and Becoming Wehea: The Wehea Dayak and Their Forest, 1970-2015,” American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 05-09 April.
- 2017 “Organizational Ethnography of Global Environmental Governance,” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland, 22-25 February. Recipient ISA Travel Grant.
- 2016 “The Land Sparing Complex: Environmental Governance, Agricultural Intensification, and State-Building in the Brazilian Amazon,” American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, 29 March-02 April.  
Earlier version presented at American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 28-31 August 2014. Recipient APSA Travel Grant.
- 2015 “Learning the TENGO: Transnational Non-Governmental Organizations in Environmental Politics,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 03-06 September.
- 2015 “Shifting Cultivation, Contentious Land Change, and Forest Governance in Eastern Borneo,” Land Grabbing, Conflict and Agrarian-Environmental Transformations: Perspectives from East and Southeast Asia, Land Deal Politics Initiative (LDPI), Chiang Mai University, Thailand, 05-06 June.

- 2013 “Green Neoliberalism in the Agro-Forest Landscape: Reflections from Brazil and Indonesia,” *Grabbing 'Green': Questioning the Green Economy*, University of Toronto, Canada, 17-19 May.
- 2013 “Towards a Forest Transition in Brazil?: Agricultural Development and Governance in 21st-Century Amazonia,” Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, 09-13 April.
- 2012 “Roundtables, Moratoria, and Deforestation: Agri-Food Governance and Forest Conversion in Indonesia and Brazil,” UCLA Indonesian Studies Conference: Indonesia in Global and Transnational Perspective, Los Angeles, California, 27-28 April.
- 2011 “Food and Domination in the West Papua Conflict,” 32nd Conference of the International Commission on the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition: Food in Zones of Conflict, Leiden University, The Netherlands, 19-21 August.

### CONFERENCE PANELS

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- 2016 Co-organizer and discussant of panel “Interrogating Environmental Pragmatism: Philosophy, Ecology, and Politics,” ENTITLE Political Ecology Network Conference: Undisciplined Environments, Stockholm, Sweden, 20-23 March.
- 2015 Co-organizer of panel “Non-State Actors in Environmental Politics,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 03-06 September.

### SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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- 2016 “Learning the TENGO: Transnational Non-Governmental Organizations in Environmental Politics,” LUCID Seminar, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, 12 May.
- 2015 “The Land Sparing Fallacy: Forest Governance in the World System,” LUCID Seminar, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, 03 December.
- 2015 “Subnational REDD+ Initiatives – East Kalimantan,” Mulawarman University, Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia, 09 March.

### WORKSHOPS AND SHORT COURSES

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- 2016 “Theories of Nature – Anthropocenic Views,” PhD course, Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS), Lund, Sweden, 11-13 April.
- 2016 “Ecological History DPDF Reunion Seminar,” University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 03-04 April.
- 2016 Organizer of workshop “Political Ecologies of Degradation and Sustainability,” Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS), Lund, Sweden, 17 March.
- 2016 “GCS M2/Benefit Sharing Writeshop,” writing workshop, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia, 11-15 January.
- 2012 Co-convener, Political Ecology Reading Group, funded in 2013-2014 as an Institute for Comparative Modernities Graduate Reading Group, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

### INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- 2017- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Integrative Conservation Research, University of Georgia
- 2015-2016 NSF GROW Fellow, Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS), Lund, Sweden
- 2014-2015 Affiliated Researcher, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), and Forest Policy and Climate Change Centre (FPCCC/PUSPIJAK), Bogor, Indonesia
- 2013-2014 Collaborating Researcher, Center for Sustainable Development (CDS), University of Brasília (UnB), Brazil
- 2007-2008 Affiliated Researcher, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Quito, Ecuador

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **Reviewer**

Forest Policy & Economics, *The International Forestry Review*

## **TEACHING**

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### **Instructor**

Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia

- 2017 INTL 1100 *Introduction to Global Issues* (undergraduate)  
 INTL 8500 *Qualitative Research Methods* (graduate)

### **Guest Lectures and Seminars**

Human Ecology Division, Department of Human Geography, Lund University

- 2016 *Global Environmental Justice*, convened by Vasna Ramasar

### **Teaching Assistantships**

Department of Government, Cornell University

- 2013 *China under Revolution and Reform*, Professor Andrew Mertha  
 2012 *Capitalism, Competition and Conflict in the Global Economy*, Professor Peter Katzenstein

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2009-2010 Consultant, UNESCO Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences and Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, Paris, France
- 2008-2009 UNESCO-Fulbright Fellow, UNESCO Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences and Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, Paris, France
- 2008 Research Associate, Foundation for the Advancement of Reforms and Opportunities (FARO), Quito, Ecuador
- 2007 Apprentice, Willow Pond Farm, Sabattus, Maine
- 2004 Research Assistant, Maine International Trade Center, Portland, Maine

## **LANGUAGES**

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fluent            French, Portuguese, Spanish

advanced        Indonesian

2011    Advanced Indonesian Abroad, Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian, Salatiga, Central Java, Indonesia

2005    Intensive Portuguese Course and Junior Term Abroad, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), Brazil