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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Geography, Minor in Natural Resource Use and Conservation, University of Florida, 2004
Dissertation Title: "Human Use of River Turtles (*Podocnemis* sp.) in Lowland Eastern Bolivia" Advisor: Michael Binford

M.A., Latin American Studies/Tropical Conservation & Development, University of Florida, 1997
Thesis Title: "Gender and Culture Influences on Attitudes about National Park Punta Izopo, Honduras: An Assessment for Participatory Conservation and Management"
Advisor: Hugh Popenoe

B.A., Environmental Studies & Religious Studies Majors, Biology Minor, Macalester College, 1992

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2021-present** Executive Director, Conference of Latin American Geography
- 2019** Fulbright Scholar – Chile – "Social and Resource Geography of Farming in the Chilean Araucanía" (on sabbatical AY 2019-2020)
- 2018-2022** Chair, Department of Geography & Anthropology, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA
- 2018- present** Professor, Department of Geography & Anthropology, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA
- 2012-2018** Associate Professor, Department of Geography & Anthropology, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA
- 2006-2012** Assistant Professor, Department of Geography & Anthropology, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA
- 2005-2006** Lecturer, Department of Social Science, Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL
- 2001-2003** Tutor Coordinator, The Teaching Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

PUBLICATIONS
Refereed
Journal
Articles

Torres-Lima, P., Conway-Gómez, K., & Almanza-Rodríguez, K. (2022). Why local is not enough! Constraints for adaptive governance in peri-urban areas. A case study in Mexico City. *Frontiers in Sustainable Cities*, 4. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frsc.2022.809390>

Quiroz-Ibarra, A., P. Torres-Lima, and K. Conway-Gómez. (2020). Community Adaptive Capacity in Peri-Urban Natural Protected Areas: A Case Study Near Mexico City. *Sustainability* 12 (4416). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/su12114416>

Torres-Lima, P., K. Conway-Gómez, and R. Buentello-Sánchez. (2017). "Socio-environmental perception of an urban wetland and sustainability scenarios: A case study in Mexico City." *Wetlands*:1-13. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13157-017-0967-4>

Conway-Gómez, K. (Accepted). Conservación y Aprovechamiento de las Tortugas (*Podocnemis* spp.) en las Tierras Bajas del Oriente Boliviano. (Accepted). *Revista Latinoamericano de Conservación*.

Torres Lima, P, K. Conway-Gómez, and O. Ahuiz Reyes Rivera. (2015) Capacidad adaptativa de actores locales al cambio climático en geografías periurbanas en Latinoamérica. *Notas conceptuales-metodológicas para su estudio. Sociedades Rurales, Producción y Medio Ambiente* 15: 161-194.

Conway-Gómez, K., M. Reibel, & C. Mihlar. (2014). A predictive model of yellow spotted river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*) encounter rates at basking sites in lowland eastern Bolivia. *Applied Geography*, 53, 332-340. doi: 10.1016/j.apgeog.2014.06.026

Conway-Gómez, K., N. Williams, C. Atkinson-Palombo, O. Ahlqvist, E. Kim & M. Morgan. (2011). Tapping Geography's Potential for Synergy with Creative Instructional Approaches. *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, 35, 409-423.

Conway-Gómez, K. & F. Araya Palacios. (2011). Discussing the Geography of Sustainable Development through an International Online Collaboration with Students in Chile and the USA. *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, 35, 265-279.

Conway-Gómez, K. (2008). Market integration, perceived wealth and household consumption of river turtles (*Podocnemis* sp.) in eastern lowland Bolivia. *Journal of Latin American Geography* 7(1): 85-108.

Conway-Gómez, K. (2007). Effects of Human Settlement on Abundance of *Podocnemis unifilis* and *P. expansa* Turtles in Northeastern Bolivia. *Chelonian Conservation and Biology* 6(2): 199-205.

Moffat, P., V. Fuentes, S. Langel, K. Conway. (1998). A model for incorporating community participation in the establishment and management of a protected area. *Journal of the Public Interest Environmental Conference*. 2(1): 119-125.

Conway, K. (1993). State Expenditure on Federally Listed Threatened & Endangered Species. *University of Michigan Endangered Species Bulletin*. 10(8): 5-6.

Book
Chapters in Spanish

Escalona, T., K. Conway-Gómez, & M. A. Morales-Betancourt. (2012). "Podocnemis unifilis" In V. P. Paez, M. A. Morales-Betancourt, C. A. Lasso, O. V. Castaño-Mora & B. C. Bock (Eds.), *Biología y conservación de las tortugas continentales de Colombia* (pp. 391-402). Bogotá, Colombia: Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Biológicos Alexander von Humboldt.

Conway, K. (1999). Valorización de las Influencias del género en el conocimiento de la

historia natural en las comunidades locales hacia el Parque Nacional Punta Izopo (Propuesto), Honduras. In Fang, T.G., Montenegro, O.L., Bodmer, R.E. (Eds.). *Manejo y Conservación de Fauna Silvestre en América Latina*. 159-164.

**Book
Chapters in English**

Torres-Lima, P., Conway-Gómez, K., & Torres-Vega, P. (2022). Agriculture-Food Nexus. The Paradox of Sustainable Development in Mexico. In W. Leal Filho, M. Kovaleva, & E. Popkova (Eds.), *Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security* (pp. 17-34). Cham: Springer International Publishing. DOI: https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-98617-9_2

Torres-Lima, P., S. L. Pinel, & K. Conway-Gómez. (2018). Adaptive governance for resilience of peri-urban socioecological systems. In G. Brunetta, O. Caldarice, D. H. Lopez, J. Morato, M. Rosas-Casals & N. Tollin (Eds.), *Urban Resilience for Risk and Adaptation Governance: Lessons from the practices*. Dordrecht: Springer.

Conway-Gómez, K. (2012). Cross Cultural Research: Implications for Data Collection. In L.-H. Smith & A. Narayan (Eds.), *Reflections: Research Beyond Borders* (pp. 95-109). Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Press.

**Book Reviews
and Other Scholarly
Publications**

Conway-Gómez, K. (2010). Atlas: Amenazas, vulnerabilidades y riesgos de Bolivia (review) *Journal of Latin American Geography* 9 (1):185-186.

Conway-Gómez, K. (2009). Population Case Study: Land Use in Southern California. In *Population and Natural Resources* module on AAG Center for Global Geography Education <http://courses.aag.org/>

**Commissioned
Reports**

Conway, K. (1999). Resumen de las influencias del género y la cultura en las actitudes hacia el Parque Nacional Punta Izopo, Honduras: Una valoración para el manejo y la conservación participativa. Report to Collaborators. J. Barborak (Ed.) Gainesville, FL: The Wildlife Conservation Society.

**CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**

Association of American Geographers

- Denver, CO, March 2023. "Agricultural Smallholders in the Chilean Araucania: The role of indigeneity in social capital and it's implications"
- Tampa, FL, April 2014. "Perceptions of Wildlife Abundance in a Remote, Market-Integrated Amazon Community"
- Seattle, WA, April 2011. "Accounting for turtle abundance with ecological & social science methods."
- Las Vegas, NV, March 2009. "Online collaborative learning: population."
- Boston, MA, April 2008, "Discussing Sustainable Development Across Borders – An International Online Discussion In Undergraduate Geography Classes."
- San Francisco, CA, April 2007. "Cross Cultural Research: Implications for Data Collection."
- New Orleans, LA, March 2003. "River Turtle Use in Lowland Eastern Bolivia – Scenarios for Conservation or Extirpation?"
- Los Angeles, CA, March 2002. "Human Use of River Turtles in Lowland Bolivia."

Conference of Latin American Geography

- Tucson, AZ, January 2023. "Publishing & Academic Freedom Panel: "Mining the Truth: Why Springer Nature buried a book exposing human rights abuses by Canadian mining companies in Guatemala" Book Panel Discussion of "Testimonio: Canadian Mining in the Aftermath of Genocides in Guatemala" Discussant
- Antigua, Guatemala, January 2020. "Social and Resource Geography of Farming in the Chilean Araucanía"
- San José, Costa Rica, May 2018. "Pondering on the Pace of the Academy: Are we setting students and new colleagues on right path?" panel discussant.
- New Orleans, LA, January 2017. "Adaptive Governance for Resilience of Peri-urban

Socioecological Systems”

- Fortaleza, Brasil, May 2015. “Las percepciones de la Abundancia de Vida Silvestre en una Comunidad Amazónica Remoto, Integrado en el Mercado” presentation.
- Mérida, Mexico, January 2012. “Expert Hunters and Wildlife Abundance in the Bolivian Amazon” presentation.
- Granada, Nicaragua, January 2009. “Reflexiones Sobre el Trabajo de Campo de una Extranjera.”

Envisioning a Sustainable Tropics Conference

- Gainesville, FL, March 2015. “A predictive model of yellow spotted river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*) encounter rates at basking sites in lowland eastern Bolivia” poster.

International Food Studies Conference

- Rome, Italy, October 2018. “Death and Taxa: How Megathrust Earthquakes on Costa Rica’s Nicoya Peninsula Affects Fishing Livelihoods and Food Availability” poster.

Turtle Survival Alliance

- Tucson, AZ, August 2012. “A Predictive Regression Model of Yellow-Spotted River Turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*) Basking Sites in Eastern Lowland Bolivia” presentation.

California Geographical Society

- Borrego Springs, CA, March 2007. “Human Use of Two Species (*Podocnemis* spp.) of River Turtles in Lowland Eastern Bolivia” presentation.

Congreso Internacional sobre Manejo de Fauna Silvestre en la Amazonía y Latinoamérica

- V Congreso, Cartagena, Colombia, September 2001. “Uso por comunidades y la conservación potencial de petas del agua (*Podocnemis* sp.) en las tierras bajas del Oriente Boliviano.”
- III Congreso Santa Cruz, Bolivia, December 1997. “Una Evaluación de Participación Local en un Área Protegida en Honduras” presentation.

Annual North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference

- Orlando, Florida, March 1998. “Mexico’s Wildlife Conservation Program: A Strategy of Management for Biodiversity Compatible with Development”. Paper translated & presented for Carlos Llorens-Cruset.

**INVITED
TALKS/INTERVIEWS**

Virtual Panel Discussion

· Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana Unidad Xochimilco, March 12, 2021. Panelist – “El Labor de las Mujeres en Los Estudios Urbanos.”

Master’s Program in Social Sciences, Universidad de la Frontera

· Temuco, Chile, November 2019. Guest lecture to Magíster en Ciencias Sociales, “Vivir con vida silvestre: la intersección de los medios de vida y la conservación en la Amazonía.”

NOVA Interview by Katherine J. Wu for WBGH in Boston

· turtle conservation and importance of community-based conservation efforts in the Amazon:
<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/article/amazonian-turtle-comeback-local-conservation>
November 13, 2018

Workshop on IUCN Red Listing, Current Status, Conservation Prioritization, and Strategic Action Planning for South American Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles

· Manaus, Brasil, October 2010. Invited talk “Status of Turtles and Tortoises in Bolivia.”

California Agricultural Leadership Foundation

· Pomona, CA, October 2009. Invited talk to Class 39 Fellows. “The Cultural Geography of the Northern Andes.”

Geography in the Americas: Collaboration on Research and Education

· La Serena, Chile, May 2007. “Natural resource conservation geography in Bolivia – learning by doing.”

Field Museum of Natural History

· Chicago, IL, July 2003. Invited talk “Human Use and Abundance Counts of River Turtles (*Podocnemis* sp.) in Eastern Lowland Bolivia.”

APPLIED WORK

Organization for Tropical Studies NAPIRE program, Jardín Botánico Wilson, Costa Rica

· Faculty Research Mentor: Native American & Pacific Islander Research Experience, June-August 2010. Supervised three students’ field research projects in southern Costa Rica.

Wildlife Conservation Society, Gainesville, FL

· Research Assistant: Mesoamerican & Caribbean Program, September 2004-June 2005
Conducted research related to Amazon-Andes protected areas & program writing.

United States Geological Survey, Gainesville, FL

· Contractor: Biological Services, July-September 2004
Georeferenced maps of south Florida in Imagine.

St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL

· GIS Analyst Intern: Information Resources, January-April 2004
Assisted in web page design for GIS database. Received training in ArcGIS Spatial Analyst.
Assisted with editorial tasks showcasing IR Department.

Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

· Planning Committee Member: Patterns & Processes of Land Use & Forest Change in the Amazon, 1998-99
Assisted in Conference organization and coordination, maintained participant database.

Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

· Research Assistant: Wetlands Legislation, Fall 1997
Researched federal and state wetland regulations. Designed attitude and knowledge assessment instruments.

Universidad Nacional & Organization of American States, Carara Biological Reserve, Costa Rica

·Field Researcher: Scarlet macaw Project, July 1993-July 1994
Collected population data on Scarlet macaws (*Ara macao*). Designed & implemented species- and reserve-specific phenology studies. In partnership with staff, designed & implemented community education program.

International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Washington, D.C.

·*Wildlife Diversity Specialist*, Watchable Wildlife Project, 1994-1995
Assisted Director in raising \$350 million for conservation of nongame species. Collated information to build support for passage of Federal enabling legislation.
·*Policy Research Assistant*, 1992-1993
Implemented ongoing congressionally-mandated program to monitor state endangered species spending. Developed survey instrument to assess national spending.

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Washington, D.C.

·*Neotropical Migrant Research Intern*, 1992-1993
Solicited financial information and data on "Partners in Flight" neotropical migratory bird program grants.

Public Technology, Inc., Washington, D.C.

·*UNCED Research Assistant*, 1992
Examined local, state and federal positions on comprehensive array of national issues relating to Agenda 21. Final paper presented by PTI's president at the Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro.

**HONORS
and
GRANTS**

·USDA Proposal Building Tools for Community-Driven Urban Agriculture Suitability Analysis. Co-PI with Dr. Fox, Dr. Lloro, Dr. Fox, Ms. Blakistone \$999,699 [2022, not funded]
·Fulbright Scholar Award, Chile \$12,900 [2019]
·Faculty Center for Professional Development mini-grant CPP \$1,000 [2017, 2016]
·CPP Strategic Interdisciplinary Research Grant Program release time [2017, 2016]
·CPP Teacher Scholar Award course release time [2016, 2015, 2014]
·Faculty Center for Professional Development mini-grant CPP \$1,000 [2014]
·Faculty Center for Professional Development mini-grant CPP \$1,700 [2011]
·Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Program CPP summer stipend + student assistant \$7,217 [2011]
·Digital Storytelling Faculty Learning Community CPP \$550 + software [2010]
·Connecting Learning with Technology Faculty Learning Community CPP \$3,000 [2009&2010]
·Connecting Learning and Technology Fellow CPP \$1,500 [2009]
·Investigating Teaching and Learning course release CPP [2009]
·Provost Teacher Scholar Program CPP \$11,000 [2007&2008]
·e-Learning Academy CPP \$300 equipment [2007]
·Faculty GIS Workshop CPP \$1,000 [2007]
·Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Program summer stipend CPP [2007]
·University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dissertation Writing Fellowship \$3,750 [2002]
·University of Florida, O. Ruth McQuown Scholarship—Women's Studies \$3,000 [2001]
·National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award \$10,000 [2000]
·Chelonian Research Foundation Grant for field research in Bolivia \$2,000 [2000]
·Inter-American Foundation Grant for field research in Bolivia \$3,800 [Summer 2000]
·Title VI (FLAS) Fellowship to study Portuguese in Brazil \$5,000 [Summer 1999]
·Tropical Conservation and Development Program Field Research Grant \$1,000 [Summer 1999]

- Wildlife Conservation Society Grant for field research in Honduras \$3,000 [Summer 1997]
- Tinker Foundation Research Grant for field research in Honduras \$1,500 [Summer 1997]
- Dickinson Grant for Organization for Tropical Studies Agroecología Course \$1,800 [June 1997]
- DeWitt Wallace Scholarship - overall academic merit [1991-1992]

GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Lydia Olivier*. 2021. "Urban Agroforestry: A regenerative approach for climate adaptation & resilience in urban forests on schoolyards"
- Cassidy Furnari*. 2019. "A Survey of Environmental Effects of Land Use on the Santa Ana River in Southern California"
- Emily Nelson*. 2019. "Analyzing Potential Biases of Calenviroscreen 3.0."
- Scott Cher*. 2019. "Drought, Discourse, and Dominance: How newspapers constructed California's drought emergency, 2014-2017"
- Norma Saldana†. 2019. "Reclaiming Wilderness: Hiking Culture Re-Envisioned by City-Owned Wilderness Parks in the San Gabriel Mountains"
- David Banuelas†. 2018. "Allelopathic impacts of *Schinus molle* on invasive and native plant species of Southern California"
- Stephanie Gebhardt†. 2018. "Sustainable Beer: An overview of sustainable practices in Southern California craft breweries"
- Jingwen Guo†. 2012. "Identification of Landscape Preference of Contemporary Chinese Americans in Los Angeles: Implications for residential choice," MA Landscape Architecture (*Chair †Committee Member, MA in Regenerative Studies unless noted)

LANGUAGES

Spanish – fluent speaking, reading & writing
Portuguese – conversational speaking, advanced reading & writing

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona – Chair, Geography Faculty Search Committee 2022, 2014; Discipline Coordinator 2022-23; Member, Biological Sciences Global Change Faculty Search Committee 2021; Advisor, Geography Student Club 2020-present, 2009-2014; Department Chair, Department of Geography & Anthropology 2018-2022; Co-Chair, Geography Faculty Search Committee 2018; Academic Master Plan Working Group 2016-2017; Department Representative, College Curriculum Committee 2010-2016; Member, Anthropology faculty search committee 2017, 2015; Member, Learning Communities Pilot Implementation Committee 2014-2015; Member, Learning Communities Exploratory Committee 2010-2011; Advisor, Pi Gamma Mu Student Club 2020-2022, 2018-2019; Planning member, Latin American Film Series Committee 2007-2009; college representative, University Senate Committee on Graduation Writing Test 2010-present and University Committee on Elections and Procedures 2018-2019, 2009-2011.

Reviewer – Annals of Association of American Geographers (2), Biological Conservation (1), Chelonian Conservation and Biology (4), Environment, Development and Sustainability (1), Human Ecology (12), Journal of Applied Geography (1), Journal of Geography in Higher Education (4), Journal of Herpetology (1), Journal of Latin American Geography (1), Sustainability (1)

College Board - AP Human Geography Reader – 2023, 2018, 2016, 2012-2014

Conference of Latin American Geography – Executive Director 2021-2023; Board Member 2021-2023, 2017-2020, 2012-2015; Board Member & Secretary 2009-2012

IUCN Species Survival Commission - Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group Invited member 2006-2012 of TFTSG, which aims to mobilize global efforts to help preserve turtles and their habitats

Macalester College - Alumni Admissions Representative 2007-present

Sycamore Elementary School –International Day Presenter, "Bolivia" 2012, 2014

CERTIFICATES

ESRI Certificate in ArcGIS Spatial Analyst (January 2004)

Summer Institute in Social Theory, GIS and Remote Sensing – participant. Center for the Study of Institutions, Population and Environmental Change, Indiana University (May-June 2003)

Trimble Certificate in Applied GPS Mapping for GIS (February 2003)

