The anthropology of human-environment interaction

This presentation will provide an overview of on-going research among rural, urban, and indigenous populations in the Amazon. Using research questions and material from different research projects I hope to illustrate to IU anthropology majors how anthropology can contribute to the understanding of questions and problems related to social change more broadly and to human-environment interaction in particular. Examples include the study of globalization and food production, household economy and migration, farmers response to climate change, urbanization, and the impact of development projects and policies and conservation programs on local populations. I also hope to illustrate how anthropologists can contribute to and benefit from integrating ethnographic approaches to other methods and techniques, including network analysis, surveys, satellite imagery and geographic information systems, among others.

Research interests

Environmental and economic anthropology, land use and landscape history, ethnobotany, household economy and demographics, livelihoods and poverty, socio-ecological complex systems analysis, and integrative methodologies and remote sensing applications in the social sciences.

Courses taught

Culture and Society
Peoples of Brazil
Environmental Anthropology
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Ethnobotany
Human Ecology of the Amazon
Geospatial analysis in anthropology

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