

Curriculum Vita

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I. EDUCATION

- 2000 Ph.D., Geography, McGill University, Montreal
1993 M.Sc., Geography, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
1991 B.A., Geography and Environmental Studies, McGill University, Montreal

II. POSITIONS

- 2015- Professor, Geography, Ohio State
2007-2015 Associate Professor, Geography, Ohio State
2001-2007 Assistant Professor, Geography, Ohio State
2015- Courtesy appointment, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Ohio State
2010-11 Special Research Assignment and Faculty Professional Leave from Ohio State
2016- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Folklore Studies, Ohio State
2010- Faculty Affiliate, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State
2002- Faculty Affiliate, Initiative for Population Research, Ohio State
2002- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Latin American Studies, Ohio State
2000 Instructor, Geography, McGill University, Montreal
2000 Instructor, Geography, Concordia University, Montreal
1994-96 Research Associate, Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), Honduras
1993 Geography Intern, Geography Education Division, National Geographic Society, Washington, DC

III. HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

1. International

- 2020 Carl O. Sauer Award (for significant contributions to Latin American geography), Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG)
2011 Recognition from the Tawahka people; presented at the Secretariat of Indigenous Peoples and Afrohondurans of Honduras (SEDINAFROH), Tegucigalpa, Honduras

2. National/Provincial

- 2020 Alexander and Ilse Melamid Medal, American Geographical Society (AGS) for ‘outstanding work on the dynamic relationship between human culture and natural resources’
- 2020 Cultural and Political Ecology (CAPE) Distinguished Career Award, Association of American Geographers (AAG)
- 2001 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2001 Finalist, J. Warren Nystrom Dissertation Competition, AAG
- 1996-99 Doctoral Fellowship, *Fonds pour la formation des chercheurs et à l’aide a la recherche* (FCAR), Quebec

3. University-level

Ohio State University

- 2019 Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellow Award for Excellence in the Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 2012 Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
- 2005 Lawrence A. Brown Faculty Fellowship, Geography
- 2005 Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching
- 2004 2nd Place, Faculty/Staff-People Category, International Photography Contest

McGill University

- 2000 Dean’s Honour List
- 1999-00 Principal’s Dissertation Fellowship
- 1991 First Class Honours
- 1991 Canadian Association of Geographers Undergraduate Award
- 1988 James McGill Entrance Award

University of Tennessee-Knoxville

- 1993 T.G. Long Outstanding Graduate Student Award (Geography)

IV. RESEARCH GRANTS (since 2010)

1. External Research Grants

- 2021-23 NASA-ROSES
Land-Cover/Land-Use Change, “Making the Hidden Visible: Accelerated Land-Use Change and Degradation Caused by Narco-Trafficking in and around Central America’s Protected Areas. N. Magliocca (PI), M. Fagan (Co-I), E. Tellman (co-I), J. Devine (co-I), K. McSweeney (co-I), E. Nielsen (co-I), S. Sesnie, E. Cherrington, J. Courrau (Collaborators). (\$696,112 total budget).
- 2018-20 National Science Foundation
NSF-EAGER (Disrupting Operations of Illicit Supply Networks), “NarcoLogic,” Award #1837698. Nicholas Magliocca (PI), Kevin Curtain, Diana Dolliver, Kendra McSweeney (co-PIs) (\$292,974 total; KM portion: \$30,236).

- 2017-18 National Science Foundation
NSF-BCS-Geography & Spatial Science-DDRI #1657688: “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Making Spaces of Difference: Territorial Conflicts in Nicaragua’s Bosawas Biosphere Reserve” (K. McSweeney (PI) N. Sylvander (co-PI). ~\$15,000.)
- 2016-18 National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC)
Globalization & Social-Environment Systems Pursuit: “Landscapes in Transformation in Central America (LIT-CA).” E. Nielsen and K. McSweeney, PIs. Funding for two years of meetings with research group of 14 scholars at SESYNC facility, Annapolis, MD.
- 2015-16 National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC)
Workshop: “Modeling the narco-scape: linking illicit cocaine commodity chains with landscape change and development in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor.” K. McSweeney and Erik Nielsen, PIs.
- 2015-16 Open Society Foundations
Global Drug Policy Program. “Evidence for Drug Policy Reform: Drugs, Deforestation, and Skewed Development in Central America.” K. McSweeney, PI (Z. Pearson, E. Nielsen, D. Wrathall and 12 other co-PIs; \$250,000)
- 2014-15 Open Society Foundations
Global Drug Policy Program: “Research Meeting of the ‘Nodes in the inter-American Rural Cocaine Commodity Chain’ Working Group.” K. McSweeney (PI), E. Nielsen, Z. Pearson, D. Wrathall (co-PIs). Funding to hold workshop at Mershon Center for International Security Studies, OSU (\$24,639).
- 2010-14 National Science Foundation
Coupled Natural-Human Systems Program (NSF-CNH Proposal #1010314), “Collaborative Research: Explaining Socioecological Resilience following Collapse: Forest Recovery in Appalachian Ohio,” D. Munroe (PI), D. Liu (co-PI), B. Mansfield (co-PI), and K. McSweeney (co-PI). (\$1,333,105)
- 2011-13 National Geographic Society
Committee for Research and Exploration. “The Coming Storms: The Dynamics of Vulnerability, Adaptation and Resilience among Honduran Indigenous Communities in an Era of Climate Change.” K. McSweeney (PI). (\$20,329)
- 2010-11 American Association of Geographers
Research Grant: “Vulnerability, Adaptation, and Resilience: Dynamic Responses in Rural Honduras.” (\$850)

2. Internal Research Grants

Ohio State University

- 2018 Mershon Center for International Security Studies, “Drug trafficking and socio-ecological transformation in Central America” (\$6,690).
- 2011-12 Mershon Center for International Security Studies, “The Coming Storms: The Dynamics of Resilience to Climate Change, Political Stress, and Economic Shock in Eastern Honduras.” (\$10,884)
- 2010-11 College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Small Research Grant (\$1,000)

- 2010-11 International Poverty Solutions Center Seed/Travel Grant: “Ties that Bind: Land Security, Food Security and Health among the Guaraní of Southern Brazil.” B. Piperata (PI), K. McSweeney (co-PI), H. Melgar-Quíñonez (co-PI). (\$67,492)
- 2010-11 International Poverty Solutions Center Seed/Travel Grant: “Reducing Inequality in Appalachian Ohio: The Potential of a ‘Socio-Contextual’ Approach.” B. Mansfield (PI), L. Lobao (co-PI), K. McSweeney (co-PI), M. Partridge (co-PI). (\$60,000)
- 2010 Office of International Affairs Faculty Grant: “Vulnerability and Resilience to Climate Change among the Tawahka of Honduras.” (\$4,500)

V. PUBLICATIONS (* denotes student author)

1. Edited Books

- 2021 McSweeney, K., and A.W.P. WinklerPrins, eds. *Geographical Fieldwork in the 21st Century*. Taylor & Francis/Routledge.

2. Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Magliocca, N., A.Torres, J.D. Margulies, K. McSweeney, I. Arroyo-Quiroz, N.H. Carter, K.M. Curtin, T. S. Easer, M. L. Gore, A. Hübschle, F. Massé, A. Rege, B. Tellman. Forthcoming. Comparative analysis of illicit supply network structure and operations: cocaine, wildlife, and sand. *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development*, Special issue on ‘Environmental Impacts of Illicit Economies.’
- 2020 McSweeney, K. [Cocaine trafficking and the transformation of Central American frontiers](#). *Journal of Latin American Geography* 19(3):159-166.
- 2020 Ballvé, T., and K. McSweeney. The ‘Colombianisation’ of Central America: misconceptions, mischaracterizations, and the military-agroindustrial complex. *Journal of Latin American Studies*. 52(4):805-829.
- 2020 Wrathall, D., J. Devine, B. Aguilar-González, K. Benessaiah, E. Tellman, S. Sesnie, E. Nielsen, N. Magliocca, K. McSweeney, Z. Pearson, J. Ponstingel, A. Rivera Sosa, A. Dávila. The impacts of cocaine-trafficking on conservation governance in Central America. *Global Environmental Change*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2020.102098>
- 2020 Tellman, B., S. E. Sesnie, N. Magliocca, E. Nielsen, J. Devine, K. McSweeney, M. Jain, D. Wrathall, A. Dávila, K. Benessaiah, B. Aguilar-González. Illicit drivers of land use change: narcotrafficking and forest loss in Central America. *Global Environmental Change*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2020.102092>
- 2020 McSweeney, K. [Reliable drug war data: the Consolidated Counterdrug Database and cocaine interdiction in the ‘Transit Zone.’](#) *International Journal of Drug Policy* 80 (June), 102719.
- 2020 McSweeney, K. and O.T. Coomes. [Who owns the Earth? A challenge for the land system science community](#). *Journal of Land Use Science*. DOI: 10.1080/1747423X.2020.1765428
- 2019 Munroe, D., and K. McSweeney. Addressing root drivers of land-climate dynamics. *One Earth* 1(25 October):181-183.
- 2019 Pearson, Z., S. Ellingrod, E. Billo, K. McSweeney. Corporate Social Responsibility and the reproduction of (neo)colonialism in the Ecuadorian Amazon. *The Extractive Industries and Society* 6:881-888.
- 2019 Mansfield, B., R. Lave, K. McSweeney, A. Bonds, J. Cockburn, M. Domosh, T. Hamilton, R. Hawkins, A. Hessl, D. Munroe, D. Ojeda, and C. Radel. [It’s time to recognize how men’s careers benefit from sexually harassing women in academia](#). *Human Geography* 12(1):82-87.

- 2019 Magliocca, N., K. McSweeney, S. Sesnie, E. Tellman,* J.A. Devine, E.A. Nielsen, Z. Pearson, D. Wrathall. [Modeling cocaine traffickers and counterdrug interdiction forces as a complex adaptive system](#). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)* 116(16):7784-7792.
- 2018 McSweeney, K., D. Wrathall, E. Nielsen, Z. Pearson. [Grounding traffic: the cocaine commodity chain and land grabbing in eastern Honduras](#). *Geoforum* 95:122-132.
- 2017 McSweeney, K., N. Richani, Z. Pearson, J. Devine, D.J. Wrathall. [Why do narcos invest in rural land?](#) *Journal of Latin American Geography* 16(2):91-117.
- 2017 Sesnie, S., B. Tellman*, D. Wrathall, K. McSweeney, E. Nielsen, K. Bennesaiah,* O. Wang, L. Rey. [A spatio-temporal analysis of forest loss related to cocaine trafficking in Central America](#). *Environmental Research Letters* 12 (054015).
- 2016 Piperata, B., K. McSweeney, R. Murrieta. Conditional cash transfers, food security and health: biocultural insights for poverty-alleviation policy from the Brazilian Amazon. *Current Anthropology* 57(6):806-826.
- 2015 Mansfield, B., C. Biermann*, K. McSweeney, J. Law*, D. Munroe, L. Horner, and C. Gallemore*. Environmental politics after nature: conflicting socioecological futures. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 105(2):284-293.
- 2015 McSweeney, K., and B. Jokisch. Native Amazonians' strategic urbanization: shaping territorial possibilities through cities. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* (Special issue on 'Indigenous Urbanization'; D. Peluso, guest ed.) 20(1):13-33.
- 2014 McSweeney, K., E.A. Nielsen, M.J. Taylor, D.J. Wrathall, Z. Pearson,* O. Wang, and S.T. Plumb.* [Drug policy as conservation policy: narco-deforestation](#). *Science* 343 (31 January):489-490.
- 2014 Munroe, D., K. McSweeney, J. Olson*, and B. Mansfield. Using economic geography to reinvigorate land change science. *Geoforum* 52:12-21.
- 2013 Law, J.*, and K. McSweeney. Looking under the canopy: the role of smallholders in forest recovery in Appalachian Ohio. *Geoforum* 44(1):182-192.
- 2011 Jokisch, B., and K. McSweeney. The potential of the 'autonomous' indigenous survey as a health and demographic tool: an assessment of the 2005 Shuar Survey, Ecuador. *Human Ecology* 39(5):683-698.
- 2011 McSweeney, K., and O.T. Coomes. Climate-related disaster opens window of opportunity for rural poor in northeastern Honduras. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)* 108(13):5203-5208.
- 2010 Mansfield, B., D. Munroe, and K. McSweeney. Does economic growth cause forest recovery? Geographical explanations of forest regrowth. *Geography Compass* 4/5:416-427.
- 2009 Robbins, P., K. McSweeney, A. Chhangani, and J. Rice*. Conservation as it is: Illicit resource use in a wildlife reserve in India. *Human Ecology* 37(5):559-575.
- 2009 Lansing, D.*, P. Bidegaray, D. Hansen, K. McSweeney. Placing the plantation in smallholder agriculture: evidence from Costa Rica. *Ecological Engineering* 34:258-372.
- 2008 De Sherbinin, A., L. VanWey, K. McSweeney, R. Aggarwal, A. Barbieri, S. Henry, L. Hunter, W. Twine, and R. Walker. Rural household micro-demographics, livelihoods, and the environment. *Global Environmental Change* 18(1):38-51.
- 2007 McSweeney, K., and B. Jokisch. Beyond rainforests: urbanization and emigration among lowland indigenous societies in Latin America. *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 26(2):159-180.
- 2006 Robbins, P., K. McSweeney, T. Waite, J. Rice*. Even conservation rules are made to be broken: implications for biodiversity. *Environmental Management* 37(2):162-169.
- 2005 McChesney, R.*, and K. McSweeney. Topographic maps: rediscovering an accessible data source for land cover change research. *Journal of Geography* 104(4):161-178.

- 2005 McSweeney, K. Indigenous population growth in the lowland neotropics: social science insights for biodiversity conservation. *Conservation Biology* 19(5):1375-1384.
- 2005 McSweeney, K. Natural insurance, forest access, and compounded misfortune: forest resources in smallholder coping strategies before and after Hurricane Mitch, eastern Honduras. *World Development* 33(9):1453-1471.
- 2005 McSweeney, K. and S. Arps*. "A demographic turnaround": the rapid growth of indigenous populations in lowland Latin America. *Latin American Research Review* 40(1):3-29.
- 2004 McSweeney, K. The dugout canoe trade in Central America's Mosquitia: approaching rural livelihoods through systems of exchange. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 94(3):638-661.
- 2004 McSweeney, K. and R. McChesney*. Outbacks: the popular construction of an emergent landscape. *Landscape Research* 29(1):31-56.
- 2004 McSweeney, K. Forest product sale as natural insurance: the effects of household characteristics and the nature of shock in eastern Honduras. *Society and Natural Resources* 17(1):39-56.
- 2002 McSweeney, K. A demographic profile of the Tawahka of Honduras. *Geographical Review* 92(3):398-414.
- 2002 McSweeney, K. Who is 'forest dependent'? Capturing local variation in forest product sale, eastern Honduras. *The Professional Geographer* 54(2):158-174.
- 2002 Demmer, J., R. Godoy, D. Wilkie, H. Overman, M. Taimur, K. Fernando, R. Gupta, K. McSweeney, N. Brokaw, S. Sriram, and T. Price. Do levels of income explain differences in game abundance? An empirical test in two Honduran villages. *Biodiversity and Conservation* 11(10):1845-1868.
- 2002 Godoy, R., H. Overman, J. Demmer, L. Apaza, E. Byron, T. Huanca, W. Leonard, E. Pérez, V. Reyes-García, V. Vadez, D. Wilkie, A. Cubas, K. McSweeney, N. Brokaw. Local economic benefits of rain forests: comparative evidence from Amerindian societies in Bolivia and Honduras. *Ecological Economics* 40:397-409.
- 2000 Godoy, R., D. Wilkie, H. Overman, A. Cubas, G. Cubas, J. Demmer, K. McSweeney, and N. Brokaw. Valuation of consumption and sale of forest goods from a Central American rain forest. *Nature* 406 (6 July):62-63.
- 2000 Godoy, R., K. O'Neill, K. McSweeney, D. Wilkie, V. Flores, D. Bravo, P. Kostishack, and A. Cubas. Human capital, wealth, property rights, and the adoption of new farm technologies: the Tawahka Indians of Honduras. *Human Organization* 59(2):222-233.
- 1997 Godoy, R., K. O'Neill, S. Groff, P. Kostishack, A. Cubas, J. Demmer, K. McSweeney, J. Overman, D. Wilkie, N. Brokaw, and M. Martínez. Household determinants of deforestation by Amerindians in Honduras. *World Development* 25(6):977-987.
- 1996 Godoy, R., N. Brokaw, D. Wilkie, G. Cruz, A. Cubas, J. Demmer, K. McSweeney, and H. Overman. Rates of return on investments in cattle among Amerindians in the rain forest of Honduras. *Human Ecology* 24(3):395-399.
- 1995 McSweeney, K. The cohune palm (*Orbignya cohune*, Arecaceae) in Belize: a survey of uses. *Economic Botany* 49(2):162-171.

3. Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2018 McSweeney, K. Portrait, landscape, mirror: reflections on return fieldwork. Chapter in *Giving Back: Research and Reciprocity in Indigenous Contexts*, edited by RDK Herman. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University Press (revised and updated version of 2008 chapter).

- 2013 McSweeney, K., and Z. Pearson*. Vaccines, fertility, and power: the political ecology of indigenous health and well-being in lowland Latin America. Pp. 139-158 in B. King and K. Crews, eds., *Ecologies and Politics of Health*. London and New York: Routledge.
- 2008 McSweeney, K. Portrait, landscape, mirror: reflections on return fieldwork. Pp. 145-160 in P.H. Herlihy, K. Mathewson, and C.S. Revels, eds., *Ethno- and Historical Geographic Studies in Latin America: Essays Honoring William V. Davidson*. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge: Geoscience Publications.

4. Editor-Reviewed Articles

- 2020 Arceño, M.A.*, D. Smiles, K. Yotebieng, T. Velez,* J.P. Wilson, E. Bailey,* A. Mazumdar,* K. McSweeney. [\(Too\) great expectations? On fieldwork, guidelines, and ethics in Human Geography](#). *Agitate!* Blog.
- 2020 McSweeney, K. 2020. [Three things 'ZeroZeroZero' gets right about the cocaine trade](#). *The Conversation* 7 July.
- 2020 McSweeney, K., and E. Nielsen. [Climate change in Central America: the drug war connection](#). *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*.
- 2020 McSweeney, K., and A.W.P. WinklerPrins. Introduction to Special Issue on Fieldwork in the 21st Century (McSweeney and WinklerPrins, guest editors). *The Geographical Review* 110(1-2):1-7.
- 2016 Piperata, B., K. McSweeney, and R. Murrieta. 2016. [Response to commentaries]. *Current Anthropology* 57(6).
- 2013 McSweeney, K., Z. Pearson*. Prying native peoples from native lands: narco-business in Honduras. *NACLA: Report on the Americas* 46(4):7-12.
- 2011 McSweeney, K., Z. Pearson*, S. Santiago*, A.G. Dominguez. A river tale. *Cultural Survival Quarterly* 354 (December):16-20.
- 2009 McSweeney, K., and Z. Pearson*. Waorani at the head of the table: towards inclusive conservation in Yasuní. *Environmental Research Letters* 4. DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/4/3/031001.
- 2006 McSweeney, K. Distinguishing the indigenous from the rural poor: Reply to Engelman et al. *Conservation Biology* 20(4):1318-1320.
- 2002 McSweeney, K. Two years after Hurricane "Mix": Indigenous response in the rain forest of eastern Honduras. *FOCUS on Geography* 46(4):15-21.
- 2001 McSweeney, K. Native Honduran canoe carving. *Woodwork Magazine* 70: 54-61.
- 1999 McSweeney, K. The canoe in the tree. *Equinox—The Magazine of Canadian Discovery* Feb-Mar:78-86.

5. Policy Reports

- 2015 McSweeney, K. *The Impacts of Drug Policy on the Environment*. New York, NY: Open Society Foundations, Global Drug Policy Program. [English version](#); [Spanish version](#).
- 2007 UNICEF-Ecuador. *Diagnóstico de Salud de las Nacionalidades Shuar y Achuar (Informe sobre los Resultados del Diagnóstico de la Situación de Salud de las Nacionalidades Shuar y Achuar de la Provincia de Morona Santiago, FICSH-FIPSE-NAE 2005)*. Informe elaborado por B. Jokisch y K. McSweeney. Quito, Ecuador: UNICEF (con el Ministerio de Salud Pública y La Federación Shuar).
- 2006 McSweeney, K., and B. Jokisch. *Report on Results of the Diagnóstico de la Situación de Salud y de los Servicios de Salud de Las Nacionalidades Shuar y Achuar FICSH-FIPSE-FINAE 2005*. Report submitted to UNICEF-Ecuador, 13 June, 41 pages.

- 2005 McSweeney, K. Forest product sale as financial insurance: evidence from Honduran smallholders. *ODI Wildlife Policy Briefing* 10 (January). London: Overseas Development Institute. 4 pp. Available at: <http://www.odifpeg.org.uk/publications/policybriefs/wildlifepolicy/10.html>

6. Opinion Pieces

- 2017 McSweeney, K., and S. Chayes. [Want to limit migration? We can start by supporting democracy in Honduras](#). *The Washington Post* [Global Opinion section] 5 December.
- 2015 McSweeney, K. [The war on drugs is destroying the environment](#). *US News and World Report*, Op-ed, 9 December.
- 2015 [7 Reasons to Scrap the \\$1 billion aid package to Central America](#). Center for International Policy's *Americas Program* 1 July. (McSweeney was lead author, incorporating commentary of 19 other participants in organized AAG sessions/panel on 'Crisis in Central America.')

7. Book and Film Reviews

- McSweeney, K. Forthcoming. Review of A. Loewenstein, "Pills, Powder, and Smoke: Inside the Bloody War on Drugs." *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*.
- McSweeney, K. Forthcoming. [Film] Review of C. Gallego and C. Guerra (directors), "Birds of Passage" (*Pájaros de verano*). *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*.
- 2021 McSweeney, K. Review of D. Frank, "The Long Honduran Night: Resistance, Terror and the United States in the Aftermath of the Coup." *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 9(2).
- 2020 McSweeney, K. Review of R. Alaniz, "From Strangers to Neighbors: Post-Disaster Resettlement and Community Building in Honduras." *Journal of Latin American Geography* 19(2):299-302.
- 2019 McSweeney, K. Review of R.A. Voeks, "The Ethnobotany of Eden: Rethinking the Jungle Medicine Narrative." *Journal of Historical Geography* 65 (July):103-104.
- 2010 McSweeney, K. Review of Fortmann, L., ed. 2008. "Participatory Research in Conservation and Rural Livelihoods: Doing Science Together." *Landscape Ecology* DOI: 10.1007/s10980-010-9551-5.
- 2002 McSweeney, Kendra and Kerry McSweeney. Review of Michael B. Berger, 2000. "Thoreau's Late Career and 'The Dispersion of Seeds': The Saunterer's Synoptic Vision." *Nineteenth Century Contexts* 24(1): 105-107.

VI. INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (since 2010)

1. Policy Audiences

- 2019 [Keynote Speaker](#), Global Land Programme Open Science Meeting. Bern Switzerland, 26 April. (With follow-up [discussion](#).)
- 2018 Co-Leader, 'Socio-Environmental Systems in Transition,' Boundary Spanning: Advances in Socio-Environmental Systems Research (SESYNC, Resources for the Future, University of Maryland), Annapolis, MD, 11-13 June. Related video is [here](#).
- 2016 Panelist, "Environmental Consequences of the Drug War," SSDP2016 Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, Rosslyn, VA, 16 April.

- 2016 Nielsen, E., K. McSweeney, S. Sesnie, and L. Reymondin. Narco-deforestation in Mesoamerica. Brown bag presentation at World Resources Institute, Washington, DC, 21 January.
- 2015 Panelist, [The Impact of Drug Policy on the Environment](#). Open Society Foundations, New York, 8 Dec.
- 2015 Linking drugs, deforestation, and development in Central America. Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Executive Office of the President. Washington, DC, 5 Aug.
- 2015 Presenter/Panelist, 'What does a 'development approach' to drug policy mean in practice? [Identifying Common Ground on Development for the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem in 2016](#). United Nations Headquarters, 6 May.
- 2014 Meeting on Honduras, Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum (CPPF), Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York, 7 October.
- 2014 Drug, conservation, and development policies: finding common ground. Forum convened by United Nations University, UN Headquarters, New York, 15 July. (Travel cancelled due to weather; J. Cockayne of UNU delivered my remarks)
- 2014 [Drugs, Destruction, and Deforestation](#), "Pushing Boundaries." Explorers Symposium, National Geographic Society, Washington, DC, 12 June. (Published on-line via 'National Geographic Live').
- 2014 Drug policy and sustainable development: what can we learn from narco-deforestation. Policy Forum convened by United Nations University and UN Development Programme, UN Headquarters, New York, 27 March.
- 2014 McSweeney, K., and Erik Nielsen[†]. Los impactos del narcotráfico en las Areas Protegidas en Centroamérica. SOS Áreas Protegidas, IUCN, Congreso Mesoamericano de Áreas Protegidas, San José, Costa Rica, 18 March.
- 2014 Los impactos del narcotráfico en las Areas Protegidas en Centroamérica. Congreso Mesamericano de Áreas Silvestres Protegidas, San José, Costa Rica, 18 March.
- 2014 Conservación, deforestación y narcotráfico en Mesoamerica. Precongreso Mesoamericano de Áreas Protegidas por Pueblos Indígenas, "Bosques para Siempre," San José, Costa Rica, 18 March.

2. Academic Audiences

- 2020 Texas A&M University. Department of Geography Colloquium, College Station, TX, 21 Feb.
- 2020 University of Kentucky. Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies (LACLS) Program, Lexington, KY, 12 Feb.
- 2019 Rutgers University. Keynote Speaker, MaGrann Conference, Department of Geography, 2 October.
- 2019 Macalaster College. Narco-deforestation: agrarian change in Central America's cocaine corridor. Lanegran Day Guest Speaker. St Paul MN, 7 February.
- 2019 Macalaster College. Indigenous population rebound and biodiversity conservation in Latin America. EnviroThursday Speaker. St Paul MN, 7 February.
- 2018 University of New Mexico. Plenary presentation, "Rural Transformations in Latin America's Changing Climate," Latin American and Iberian Institute, Albuquerque NM, 14-16 November.
- 2018 University of Alabama. Agrarian change in the cocaine corridor. Colloquium, Department of Geography, Tuscaloosa, AL, 7 November.
- 2018 Penn State University. Drug policy and environmental change: Lessons from Central America. Department of Geography, State College PA, 23 March.
- 2017 Ohio University. Embedding the Cocaine Commodity Chain in Central America. Geography Department Colloquium, Athens OH, 27 January.

- 2016 University of Georgia. Grounding traffic: how the cocaine commodity chain embeds in Central America's protected spaces. CICR Eminent Speaker, 25 March.
- 2016 University of Georgia. Communicating science to policymakers and the public. ICON Graduate Student Luncheon, 24 March.
- 2015 University of Kentucky. Grounding traffic: how the cocaine commodity chain transforms spaces of transit. Colloquium, Geography Department, 6 November.
- 2015 Arizona State University. Grounding traffic: how the cocaine commodity chain transforms spaces of transit. Colloquium, School of Geographical Sciences & Urban Planning, 2 October.
- 2015 Ohio Academy of Sciences. Keynote Address, Annual Meeting, Columbus OH, 11 April.
- 2014 University of West Virginia. Presenter for three sessions, Climate Change: Science Meets Society, Faculty & Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS), 6-7 November.
- 2014 University of Florida. Conservation surprises and agrarian challenges on Latin America's frontiers. Center for Latin American Studies, 20 February.
- 2013 Ashland University. Drug trafficking and deforestation in Latin America. Environmental Lecture Series, Ashland OH, 3 October.
- 2013 University of Denver. Narco-landscapes: drug trafficking, deforestation, and dispossession in Central America. Marsico Visiting Scholar Talk, Department of Geography and the Environment, 24 May.

VII. PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (since 2010)

- 2020 The drug war database that speaks against itself. *Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers*, Antigua, Guatemala, 2-5 January.
- 2019 Coffee vs. Cocaine. Workshop on Illicit Networks, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa AL.
- 2019 MaGrann Conference, Geography Department, Rutgers University.
- 2019 Pearson, Z.,* K. McSweeney, E. Nielsen, J. Piccorelli. Illicit cocaine capital flows and their implications for rural development in Central America. *Development Studies Association Annual Conference*, Milton Keynes, UK, 19 June.
- 2019 McSweeney, K. "It's just too political": U.S. conservation community and the environmental consequences of the U.S. war on drugs. Lessons from Central America. *Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting*. Portland, OR, 22 March.
- 2018 McSweeney, K.,* E. Nielsen, Z. Pearson. Narco-capital and rural development in Central America. *35th CLAG Meeting*. San José, Costa Rica, 21 May.
- 2017 McSweeney, K.,* E. Nielsen, Z. Pearson. Narco-capital and rural development in Central America. *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*. Boston, MA, 5 April.
- 2016 Nielsen, E., Z. Pearson, K. McSweeney.* Narco-capital and rural development in Central America. *Development in Question: Challenges for the 21st Century*. Cornell University, 7 October.
- 2016 Piperata B.A.*, McSweeney K. 2016. Conditional Cash Transfers and the Rural Household Economy: Understanding Bolsa Familia's underperformance in the Brazilian Amazon. *14th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists*, Milan, Italy July 20-23.
- 2015 Wrathall, D.,* K. McSweeney, E. Nielsen, Z. Pearson. Narco-scapes: Cocaine trafficking and deforestation in Central America. *American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting*, San Francisco.
- 2015 McSweeney, K., and E. Nielsen (joint presentation). Moral teleconnections: International drug policy shaping land use trajectories in drug transit zones. *Conference on Complex Systems*, Tempe, AZ, 1 Oct.

- 2015 McSweeney, K. The mystery of coca's non-diffusion beyond the Andes. *Alcohol and Drugs History Society* conference, Bowling Green University, OH, 20 June.
- 2014 McSweeney, K. The limits to socioecological resilience in eastern Honduras. *Sustainable Pluralisms: Linguistic and Cultural Resilience in Multiethnic Societies*, Mershon Research Network, Ohio State, Columbus, OH, 6 September.
- 2014 McSweeney, K. Coca beyond South America? On coca's non-diffusion. *IBG-RGS Annual International Conference*, London, UK, 29 August.
- 2014 McSweeney, K.* and J. Law. Narratives of forest recovery in Appalachian Ohio. *DOPE—Dimensions of Political Ecology*, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY, 1 March.
- 2013 Piperata, B.A.,* K. McSweeney. *Bolsa Familia* and the changing meaning of poverty in the rural Amazon. *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago IL, 20 Nov.
- 2013 McSweeney, K. Mesoamerica's trafficked forests. *International Congress of Conservation Biology (ICCB)*, Baltimore MD, 23 July.
- 2013 McSweeney, K. Coca counterfactuals: on the non-diffusion of coca beyond the Andes. *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles CA, 11 April.
- 2013 McSweeney, K. Land use, land cover and livelihood trajectories in Central America. *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles CA, 10 April.
- 2012 Jokisch, B.*, and K. McSweeney. How can more be less? Shuar population growth, urbanization, and cultural change. Paper presented in special session, 'Border Crossings and Exchanges: Celebrating the Work of Steven L. Rubenstein' at the *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco CA, November.
- 2012 McSweeney, K., D. Wrathall,* E. Nielsen, and Z. Pearson.* Narco-trafficking landscapes: drug flows as accelerants of land dispossession. Paper presented at "Global Land Grabbing II: An International Conference on Large-Scale Land Deals." *International Conference on Global Land Grabbing*, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, 17-19 October.
- 2012 McSweeney, K. Biodiversity conservation and the narco-threat in Central America. *4th Annual Eco-Summit*, Columbus OH, 1 October.
- 2012 Pearson, Z.* and K. McSweeney. The impacts of drug trafficking on Central America's biodiversity and rural livelihoods. *DOPE—Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*, Lexington KY, 14 April.
- 2012 Pearson, Z.* and K. McSweeney. Drug trafficking and its impacts on Central America's forests. *Ohio Latin Americanists' Conference*, Youngstown OH, February.
- 2010 McSweeney, K.,* and B. Jokisch. Emerging trends in policy discussion of indigenous urbanization. *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans LA, 17 November.
- 2010 McSweeney, K.,* and O. Coomes. Vulnerability, resilience, and unexpected adaptation: long-term outcomes of Hurricane Mitch in rural Honduras. *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Washington DC, 15 April.
- 2010 McSweeney, K. On the mysterious non-diffusion of coca beyond the Andes. *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Washington DC, 14 April.
- 2010 McSweeney, K.,* and O. Coomes. Vulnerability, resilience, and unexpected adaptation: long-term outcomes of Hurricane Mitch in rural Honduras. Paper presented at "Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation: Theories and Cases" Workshop of *ICARUS (Initiative for Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences)*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign IL, 10-13 February.
- 2000 McSweeney, K. Why rural households sell forest products: the case of the Tawahka, Honduras. *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Pittsburgh PA.

2000 McSweeney, K. Survival of an inter-ethnic, forest-based trade: dugout canoes in the Honduran Mosquitia. *Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers*, Austin TX.

VII. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. Editorial Positions

2016-21 Springer, Conference of Latin American Geographers Book Series, Editorial Board
2012-18 Guilford Press, Advisory Board for Geography
2002-15 American Geographical Society, *FOCUS on Geography*, Editorial Board
2007-12 *Conservation Letters* Associate Editor
2007-12 *Conservation Letters* Editorial Board
2011-12 *Geography Compass*, 'Environment & Society' Section Editor
2008-11 *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, Editorial Board
2010-11 *Int'l Journal of Population Research*, Associate Editor and Editorial Board

2. Governance (Elected Positions)

AAAS Section on Geology & Geography

- Nominating Committee (nominated but not elected), 2017, 2018

Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG)

- Chair, 2016-18
- Vice Chair, 2014-16
- Board of Directors, 2001-04

Association of American Geographers

- Honors Committee B, 2016-18
- Meridian Book Award Committee, Chair and Member, 2008-11
- Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group (CAPE), Central Regional Councilor, 2006-08
- Secretary and Treasurer, CAPE, 2002-04

IX. COURSES TAUGHT (OSU only)

1. Undergraduate

Geography Department

Physical Geography and Environmental Issues/'Our Global Environment' (annually since 2002)
Undergraduate Research and Professionalization Seminar (annually since 2012)
People-Environment Geography
Life and Death Geographies
Geography of Latin America
Geography of Ohio (co-instructor, twice; principal instructor, once)
Environmental Citizenship (2 times)
Change and Challenge in Latin America (10 times)
Group Study in Geography

Research in Human-Environment Geography (6 times)

International Studies Program

Introduction to Latin America (annually, 2012-17)

Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Landscapes, Languages and Cultures of Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast, Nicaragua (once)

2. Graduate Seminars

Fieldwork in Human Geography (annually since 2008)

Landscapes of the Americas (1 time)

Population and Environment: Critical Connections (1 time)

Methods in Cultural and Political Ecology (1 time)

Readings in Population and Environment (1 time)

X. MEDIA & OUTREACH

1. Social media

- Reddit [AMA](#) (Ask Me Anything) for *PNAS* article, April 2019. 93% upvoted; 2.7K upvotes total. (Magliocca, McSweeney)
- Reddit [AMA](#) for *ERL* article, 2017. 85% upvoted; 3.1K upvotes total. (Sesnie, Tellman, Wrathall)

2. U.S. coverage featuring unique interviews with McSweeney (2014-)

Print

- NBS News Digital: [Drug traffickers deal lethal blow to Central American forests, study says](#)
- Newsweek: [Narcos In The Mist](#)
- National Geographic Online: [Drug Trafficking Poses Surprising Threats to Rain Forests, Scientists Find](#)
- www.io9.com: [How Drug Trafficking Worsens the Problem of Deforestation](#)
- ClimateWire: [Drug traffickers drive up deforestation in Central America—study](#) and [Community rights are important in curbing drug-fueled deforestation – study](#)
- Christian Science Monitor: [Drug trafficking in Central America wreaking havoc on forests, study finds](#)
- National Geographic Radio: [National Geographic Weekend Radio Show #1417 \(radio\)](#)
- Futurist Magazine: [Drug Traffickers Blaze New Trails in Central America's Rain Forests](#)
- Conservation Magazine: [The disturbing link between cocaine and deforestation](#)
- New York Times: [Lawlessness Is Undoing Effort to Save Honduran Forests](#)
- EcoAméricas Magazine: [Central American forest falling to drug traffickers](#)
- Columbus Dispatch: [Forests losing ground to growing drug trade](#)
- Thomson-Reuters: [Central America forest tribes fight cocaine trafficking “tsunami” – report](#)
- Motherboard/VICE: [How Indigenous Tribes are Fighting the Drug Cartels](#)
- Al Jazeera-America: [Honduran indigenous groups caught in crosshairs of global drug trade](#)
- Al-Jazeera-America: [In Brazil's wetlands, jaguars face a new threat: drug traffickers](#)
- Global Post: [Drug traffickers are wiping out the jaguar in Central America](#)
- Vice News: [The War on Drugs isn't just Destroying Lives it's also Killing the Environment](#)
- Science: [Cocaine trafficking is destroying Central America's forests](#) (6/16/17)
- Mongabay: [Trumping Colombia's peace: U.S. drug war threatens fragile accord, forests](#) (2/5/18)
- Yale360: [Parks vs. People: in Guatemala, communities take best care of the forest](#) (6/18/20)

Radio

- Arizona Public Radio: [Narco Traffickers Slash Protected Rainforests \(radio\)](#)
- National Geographic Radio: [National Geographic Weekend Radio Show #1417 \(radio\)](#)
- Motherboard (4/10/17; 30 min)

3. International coverage featuring unique interviews with McSweeney (2014-)

Print

- Der Standard (Austria): [Kokainschmuggel frisst den Regenwald](#)
- NTN24TV (Colombia): [Narcotráfico aumenta la deforestación \(video\)](#)
- BBC News (UK): [Drug smugglers boost deforestation](#)
- CBC Radio (Canada): [As it happens \(radio\)](#)
- La Razón (Spain): [Las drogas matan... el bosque](#)
- Le Monde (France): [Le narcotrafic dévaste les forêts tropicales d'Amérique centrale](#)
- Tico Times (Costa Rica): [Protecting indigenous land rights could help deter drug trafficking in Central America, says new report](#)
- Deutsche Presse Agentur (German news wire): [Drogenhandel lässt Regenwälder schrumpfen](#)
- Deutsche Presse Agentur-Spanish: [Expertos alertan sobre impacto de narcotráfico en selvas tropicales](#)
- Die Tageszeitung (Germany): [Wie Schnee, der Zypressen fällt](#)
- Guardian (UK): [Deforestation of Central America rises as Mexico's war on drugs moves south](#)
- El Universal (Mexico): [Los traficantes eliminan bosques](#)
- El Heraldo (Honduras): [Narcos han deforestado cinco millones de hectáreas en Honduras](#)
- Agencia EFE (Spanish news wire): [Comunidades mesoamericanas luchan por los bosques afectados por el narcotráfico](#)
- El País (Spain): [La narco-deforestación arrasa Centroamérica](#)
- El País (Costa Rica): [Narcotráfico trasladó “el salvaje oeste” a Centroamérica](#)
- Diario CRHoy (Costa Rica): [Narcotráfico atemoriza con vuelos sospechosos y presencia de desconocidos las zonas indígenas de Costa Rica](#)
- Agence France-Presse (French news wire): [Comunidades indígenas se organizan para hacer frente a los narcotraficantes](#)
- Periodismohumano.es (Spain): [Poder indígena vs. narco deforestación](#)
- Deutsche Welle (Germany) 2/26/16: [Drug-driven environmental devastation](#)
- Proceso Digital (Honduras) 6/21/17: [Narcotráfico causa 30 % de deforestación de zonas protegidas de Centroamérica](#)
- Emeequis Magazine (Mexico) [El tráfico de cocaína destruye los bosque de Centroamérica](#)
- El Confidencial (Spain) [El gran incendio blanco: cómo la cocaína está destruyendo las junglas centroamericanas](#)
- Institute of Current World Affairs (Nov. 15, 2016) <https://www.icwa.org/honduras-and-the-hurricane/>
- El País (Spain), 1 April 2019: [Cuanta más cocaína se intercepta, más tráfico hay](#)

Radio

- Deutschlandfunk (Germany): [Narko-Kartelle lassen Regenwald abholzen \(radio\)](#)
- Austrian Public Radio: [Drogenhandel zerstört Regenwälder \(radio\)](#)
- CBC Radio (Canada): [As it happens \(radio\)](#)
- Radio France Internationale: [Comunidades indígenas se organizan contra el narcotráfico](#)

Television

- GuateVisión (Guatemalan TV): [Narcoddeforestación en Centroamérica \(video\)](#)

- CB24.tv (Costa Rica): [Comunidades indígenas de Centroamérica y México se organizan para enfrentar a narcotraficantes \(video\)](#)

XI. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Geographers (AAG)
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

XII. LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (fluent), French (competent), Miskitu (conversant)