

MARIA F. VIVANCO

Sociologist

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CAREER PROFILE

Researcher with ten years of experience in designing and analyzing qualitative methods for public and private projects. Proven skills to adapt research projects to be effective in the context of SARS-CoV-2. Lead strategic planning sessions and interviews with program officials in Asia and Latam, and facilitator of workshops. Research experience on international agriculture, gender and development.

Skills: • Spanish native speaker qualitative • Software management (Maxqda, Nvivo, SPSS, SAS) • Data analysis • bibliometrics • report-writing • design of effective presentations • Workshop focus group facilitator

EDUCATION

PhD (c) in Rural Sociology, dual-title in International Agriculture and development at Pennsylvania State University, 2016- ongoing

Licentiate in Sociology at Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, 2012

Bachelor in Sociology at Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, 2011

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate research assistant, Aug 2017 – May 2021

Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education, Penn State

- Transformed research tools from *in-person* to a *long-distance* format, due to SARS-CoV-2, as part of a consultancy project for Oxfam America on the topic of female empowerment. Designed recruitment flyer and conducted interviews with program officials, stakeholders and indigenous women physically located in Guatemala and El Salvador. Analyzed interviews and wrote reports under the supervision of Dr K. Sexsmith.
- Prepared fact sheets on major crops for reaction paper presented at the UN General Assembly-74th session, under supervision of Uwe Gneiting. Completed database on Neglected and underutilized crops literature for Oxfam America.
- Systematized and analyzed statistical data on Agricultural automation under the academic supervision of Dr L. Glenna and presented results at conferences.
- Assisted Dr Glenna in creating a database with the total Land grant-universities faculty in the disciplines of Plant and agricultural sciences to recruit them for a survey about bio intellectual property. Results presented at the Rural Sociological Society-RSS.

Qualitative analyst, Aug 2014 – Jun 2016

Department of Performance Audits, Contraloria General De La Republica Del Peru, Lima, Peru

- Designed tools to measure the efficacy, efficiency and quality of (2) national programs: childcare daily service ("Cuna Mas") and rural sanitation. Gathered data in 6 regions of Peru; identified control gaps in public programs and wrote reports. Conducted workshops for Auditing personnel about "Interviewing" and "Effective communication". Link: <https://bit.ly/2XtPoBk>

Assistant, Aug 2012- Jul 2014

Faculty Affairs ("Direccion Academica del Profesorado") - Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

- Facilitated informative workshop with faculty on the *new Faculty Innovation Grant*. Systematized faculty accomplishments for the Tenureship evaluation commission.

Teaching assistant, 2012-2014

Department of Sociology – Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

- Taught course on Qualitative methods and supervised students' design of interviews and focus groups.
- Taught course of Fieldwork ("Trabajo de campo") in 2012 and 2013. Guided around 30 students in their research activities in two regions of Peru.

Research assistant, 2010

Department of Sociology – Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

- Conducted interviews with mining workers in 2 regions of Peru under supervision of Dr O. Manky

PUBLICATIONS

Bell, T. H., et al. (2019). Manipulating Wild and Tamed Phytobiomes: Challenges and Opportunities. *Phytobiomes Journal*, 3(1), 3–21. <https://doi.org/10.1094/PBIOMES-01-19-0006-W>

Vivanco, M.F. (2018), Crop genetic diversity in the field and on the farm: principles and applications in research practices- Edited by Devra I. Jarvis. *Agriculture and Human values*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-017-9813-9>

Vivanco, M. F. (2018), The Taste Culture Reader: Experiencing Food and Drink – Edited by Carolyn Korsmeyer. *Rural Sociology*, 83: 218-220. DOI:10.1111/ruso.12221

[Book chapter] Centro De Estudios Constitucionales Tribunal Constitucional Del Perú. *Genero y Justicia* (2016). "El acceso a la justicia de la mujer rural: desencuentros en la protección y propiedad de la tierra". Available at: https://www.dijuris.com/libro/genero-y-justicia_41008

[Online Report] Entre el uso y la apropiación: TIC y participación de mujeres en ámbitos rurales en flujos de información. Las tablets del programa nacional CUNA MÁS. Available at Dirsi.net <https://bit.ly/2YQe2fF>

[Dissertation] Technological change and socioeconomic household behaviour in a peasant community in Cusco: the experience of Sierra Productiva program. (Translation from Spanish) Link: <https://bit.ly/3tGUR3q>

GRANTS AND AWARDS

(4) Awards: Doctoral Thesis Research award (Rural Sociological Society, 2019) • Jose De la Torre Award (Penn State University 2018 and 2021) • Best poster prize at 2017 INSS Student Poster Competition (the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2017)

(3) Research grants: INTAD Competitive Grant (Pennsylvania State University, 2018) • Amy Mahan Fellowship Program for Young Researchers (IEP, IDRC, CIDA, 2014) • Scholarship ITEC program (Government of India, 2016)

(5) Travel grants: Symposium Indigenous Languages Today (University of Pennsylvania, 2019) • Integrated Land Management for Behind the Brands- Workshop (Cornell University, 2019) • Interdisciplinary Grad Student Symposium (the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2017 and 2018) • Center for Latin American Studies Conference" (University of Pittsburgh, 2017)

SPEAKER EXPERIENCE

- Gender Justice among Members of Women's Savings Groups in Central America, RSS conference, 2021
- Neglected and underutilized by whom? Neocolonialism and geopolitics of knowledge in the labelling of Andean crops. Penn State- 2nd INTAD Global Gallery, 2020
- Economia rural y modos sustentables de vida:diferencias y puntos de encuentro, ALASRU Uruguay, 2018
- "The dependency ghost: from military interventions to alternative development in Colombia," 21st Latin American Social and Public Policy (LASPP) Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, 2017

SERVICES TO PROFESSIONAL ENTITIES

Volunteer at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center • President of the Latin America Graduate Students Association, 2018 • Treasurer of the Rural Sociological Students Graduate Association, 2017 • Facilitator and tutor for 4-H Center for Youth Development • Invited speaker on courses of qualitative methods