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Education

Ph.D., Integrative Conservation and Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, ongoing

MSc., Conservation and Rural Development, University of Kent, Canterbury, 2015

B.S., Forestry, São Paulo State University, Botucatu, 2012

Research and Teaching Interests

Cultural and Environmental Anthropology; Land Use and Landscape History; Traditional Ecological Knowledge; Livelihoods and Household Economy; Integrative Methodologies; Latin America; Amazon; Brazil

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2025 Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$800) – Graduate School, U. Georgia

2025 Summer Doctoral Research Assistantship (\$3,944) – Graduate School, University of Georgia

2024 Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research (\$5,000) - American Philosophical Society

2024 Communication of Research Grant (\$1,000) – Graduate School, U. Georgia

2024 Summer Research Grant (\$1,500) – Graduate School, U. Georgia

2024 Willson Center Graduate Research Award (\$1,000) - Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, U. Georgia

2024 São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Transdisciplinarity for Transformative Change Fellowship - São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

2023 Summer Research Grant (\$1,500) – Graduate School, U. Georgia

2022 Tinker Grant (\$1,500) – The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute (LACSI), U. Georgia

2022 Summer Research Grant (\$1,500) – Graduate School, U. Georgia

2022 Robert E. Rhoades Pre-Dissertation Travel Award (\$1,800) – Department of Anthropology, U. Georgia

2022 Halperin Memorial Fund Award (\$1,500) – Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA), American Anthropological Association (AAA)

2021 Cultural Anthropology Methods Program Fellowship – National Science Foundation (NSF)

2021 Tinker Grant (\$1,800) – The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute (LACSI), U. Georgia

2021 J. Peter Brosius Integrative Conservation Research Award (\$250) – Integrative Conservation Program, U. Georgia

2020 Tinker Grant (\$1,500) – The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute (LACSI), U. Georgia

2020 Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant (\$1,500) – The Graduate School, U. Georgia

2010 Scientific Initiation Fellowship – Brazilian National Council for Technological and Scientific Development (CNPQ)

Professional Experience

Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, United States

2025 – ongoing Graduate Research Assistant. Duties: conduct qualitative analysis of interview data on the adoption of climate-smart agriculture among farmers in India.

Center for Integrative Conservation Research, University of Georgia, United States

2022 – 2023 Graduate Research Assistant. Duties: update institutional website with information about members' academic activities.

Network for Engineering with Nature, University of Georgia, United States

2021 – 2022 Graduate Research Assistant. Duties: compilation of participatory research methods and historical social data about Panama City, Florida.

Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, United States

2020 – 2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant. Duties: prepare teaching materials and tests, grade assignments, and assist students one-on-one.

Critical Zone Observatory, University of Georgia, United States

2019 – 2020 Graduate Research Assistant. Duties: compilation of historical land use data, compilation of historical economic data, and spatial analysis.

Casa da Floresta Ambiental, Brazil

2018 – 2019 Research Analyst. Duties: plan and manage planting and maintenance operations of two forest restoration projects (103 ha and 60 ha) in São Paulo state.

Terra Sapiens Geotechnologies, Brazil

2016 – 2017 Environmental Coordinator. Duties: plan, manage, and coordinate environmental consultancy projects.

USAID (United States Agency for International Development) / ICMBio (Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation), Brazil

2016 – 2016 Forestry Consultant. Duties: planning and management of community agroindustry for processing native fruits at the Cazumbá-Iracema Extractive Reserve in Acre, Brazil.

University of Kent – Brompton Academy, Kent, United Kingdom

2015 – 2015 High-School Mentor. Duties: assisting students with geography homework and exams.

GH Dean & Co. Ltd, Kent, United Kingdom

2013 – 2015 Research and Management Assistant. Duties: assisting and conducting research experiments on fruit storage and processing, and management of fruit orchards.

Publications**Peer reviewed**

Ubiali, B.; Alexiades, M. (2022). Forests, Fields, and Pastures: Unequal Access to Brazil Nuts and Livelihood Strategies in an Extractive Reserve, Brazilian Amazon. *Land* 11(7): 1-21. doi: <https://doi.org/10.3390/land11070967>.

Seigerman, C.; McKay, S.; Basilio, R.; Biesel, S.; Hallemeier, J.; Mansur, A.; Piercy, C.; Rowan, S.; **Ubiali, B.**; Yeates, E.; Nelson, D. (2022). Operationalizing Equity for Integrated Water Resources Management. *JAWRA Journal of the American Water Resources Association* 00: 1-18 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1752-1688.13086>.

Ubiali, D. G.; Weiss, B. A.; **Ubiali, B. G.**; Colodel, E. M.; Valderrama-Vasquez, C.; Garrido, P. E.; Tortato, F. R.; Hoogestein, R. (2018). Is It Possible to Integrate Livestock Raising with Biodiversity Conservation? Case Study of Sheep Depredation by Puma (*Puma concolor*) [in Portuguese]. *Pesquisa Veterinária Brasileira* 38(12): 2266-2277. doi: 10.1590/1678-5150-PVB-6219

Perdomo, O.; Nascimento, A. R. T.; Trujillo, E. T.; **Ubiali, B.** (2017). Range Extension of *Prestoea pubens* var. *pubens* H.E. Moore (Arecales: Arecaceae) in Colombia. *Checklist* 13(1): 2054. doi: <https://doi.org/10.15560/13.1.2054>

Technical Reports

Matos, M.; **Ubiali, B.**; Scurry, S.; Guenthner, S.; and German, L. 2023. Academic Spaces and Indigenous Places: Native American Dispossession and the University of Georgia. [<https://cicr.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/cicr-occasional-paper-draft-2.pdf>]

Ubiali, B. G.; Romano, M. R.; Carvalho, Romulo, S., Carvalho, J. E. B. 2019. Mapping and Environmental Analysis of Water Sources and Water Courses of the Tuá Microwatershed, Cruz das Almas, Bahia [in Portuguese]. Documentos 229, Embrapa Mandioca e Fruticultura. [<https://www.embrapa.br/busca-de-publicacoes/-/publicacao/1109721/mapeamento-e-analise-ambiental-de-nascentes-e-cursos-dagua-da-sub-bacia-hidrografica-do-tua-cruz-das-almas-bahia-um-estudo-de-caso>]

Conference Presentations, Invited Talks, and Panel Discussions

Ubiali, B. Equitable Pathways to Climate-Smart Agriculture: Rethinking Adaptation as a Continuum (Accepted presentation abstract). Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, 2026.

Ubiali, B. An Introduction to Ethnography (Invited talk). Course “Introduction to Anthropology.” Oxford College of Emory University, 2025.

Ubiali, B. Navigating the Complexities of Graduate School (Invited talk). Course “Grad First.” U. Georgia, 2025.

Pitts, A.; Xie, Y.; Hutchinson, K.; Maddox, P.; **Ubiali, B.** Weaving Worlds: Agrifood Practices, Community Livelihoods, and Territorial Ecologies across the Neotropics (Invited panelist). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2025.

Ubiali, B. Social Landscapes: Smallholders’ social-ecological responses to industrial monoculture expansion in the Amazon (Invited talk). Tepahí Seminars #10, Federal University of Western Pará, Santarém, 2025.

Neves, E.; **Ubiali, B.**, Seigerman, C. Exploring Academic Mobility Opportunities and their Importance for Postgraduate Studies. (Invited panelist). 1st International Seminar on Amazonian Agricultures, Federal University of Pará, Belém, 2024.

Ubiali, B. The Amazon in the World-System (Invited talk). Course “The Anthropology of Globalization and Consumption”. U. Georgia, 2022.

Ubiali, B.; Alexiades, M. Brazil Nuts or Cattle? The Relationship Between Forest Resource Access and Livelihood Strategies in an Extractive Reserve, Brazilian Amazon (Conference Presentation). Integrative Conservation Conference, U. Georgia, 2020.

Conference Posters

Ubiali, B. G.; Alexiades, M. Economic Profile of Three Communities in the Cazumbá-Iracema Extractive Reserve, Acre [in Portuguese]. XI Brazilian Symposium on Ethnobiology and Ethnoecology, Feira de Santana, 2016.

Ubiali, B. G.; Alexiades, M. Expansion of Brazil Nut Access After the Collapse of Rubber in a Rural Community in Acre [in Portuguese]. XI Brazilian Symposium on Ethnobiology and Ethnoecology, Feira de Santana, 2016.

Ubiali, B. G., Bellucci, D. The Potential of Polycentric Environmental Governance for Extractive Reserves in the Brazilian Amazon. Resource Politics, University of Sussex, Brighton, 2015.

Ubiali, B. G., Poelking, E. L., Romano, M. R. Evaluation of Water Resources of the Tuá Micro watershed in Cruz das Almas, Bahia [in Portuguese]. Brazilian Symposium on Remote Sensing, Foz do Iguaçu, 2013.

Baez, O. A. P., Nascimento, A. R. T., Trujillo, E. T., **Ubiali, B. G.** Ethnobotany of Palms in a Tropical Montane Cloud Forest in Caquetá, Colombia [in Portuguese]. Brazilian Symposium on Ethnobiology and Ethnoecology, Florianópolis, 2012.

Baez, O. A. P., Nascimento, A. R. T.; Trujillo, E. T., **Ubiali, B. G.** Andean Palms and Peasants in the Cloud Forest, Caquetá, Colombia [in Portuguese]. National Congress of Botany, Joinville, 2012.

Professional Service

Scientific Journal

2017 – present Reviewer, Ethnoscientia – Brazilian Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnoecology

University

Professional Affiliations

American Anthropological Association
Society for Applied Anthropology
Landscape Exchange Network for Socio-environmental Systems
Brazil Natural Resource Governance Initiative

Languages

Portuguese (native)
English (near-native fluency)
Italian (high-level proficiency)
Spanish (working proficiency)