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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Colombian-Canadian anthropologist and applied social scientist with more than fifteen years of experience working across Canada, Colombia, and Panama. Brings together field-based research, Indigenous relations, socio-economic and environmental analysis, participatory methods, public policy, biodiversity, and GIS to help communities and institutions understand complex decisions without separating evidence from the territories, histories, rights, and relationships that give it meaning. Experienced with Indigenous communities and organizations, public institutions, NGOs, universities, and international agencies.

CONSULTING STRENGTHS

Socio-economic & impact research Baselines, qualitative and mixed methods, policy analysis, cumulative impacts, indicators, evaluation, and evidence synthesis.

Participatory methods & facilitation FPIC/CLPI-informed engagement, prior consultation, community planning, workshops, interviews, livelihood consultations, and participatory mapping.

GIS & decision-support tools ArcGIS Pro and Online, spatial analysis, biodiversity indicators, species-distribution information, dashboards, and transparent decision frameworks.

Environmental governance & biodiversity Peatlands, conservation, territorial governance, extractive pressures, Indigenous knowledge, ecological stewardship, and climate resilience.

SELECTED CONSULTING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Institut de recherche sur les forêts, UQAT | Postdoctoral Researcher; continuing MERIP collaborator
Québec, Canada | 2021–2025; continuing collaboration

- Developed MERIP, a participatory and spatial framework that relates biodiversity, hydrology, carbon, culturally significant species, and community-defined priorities for peatland decision-making under present-day and 2050 conditions.
- Analyzed 561,129 wetland polygons across a 205,000 km² study area and translated multidisciplinary evidence into an interactive ArcGIS decision-support environment.
- Connected ecological research, Indigenous knowledge, spatial analysis, and institutional questions concerning cumulative impacts, mitigation, monitoring, and territorial stewardship.

World Food Programme – FUCAI | Amazon Project Coordinator

Leticia and Puerto Nariño, Colombia | 2024–2025

- Coordinated field implementation with Indigenous authorities, communities, local institutions, and WFP–FUCAI teams, including FPIC-informed project socialization, Seasonal Livelihood Consultations, Participatory Community Planning, and baseline support.
- Managed team recruitment, budgets, logistics, evidence systematization, reporting, stakeholder communication, and culturally informed resolution of field-level challenges.

National Department of Statistics – DANE | Ethnic Groups, Census Processes & Multidimensional Poverty

Colombia | 2012–2013; 2019

- Designed consultation routes and methodological materials for Indigenous participation in the Third National Agricultural Census and the inclusion of ethnic categories in national census processes.
- Contributed to an ethnically differentiated Multidimensional Poverty Index by relating statistical methodology, stakeholder demands, interviews, institutional requirements, and policy relevance.

ADDITIONAL SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Universidad de los Andes / National Hydrocarbons Agency | Social and Environmental Researcher
Orinoquia, Colombia | 2010–2011

- Investigated anticipated social, territorial, and environmental impacts of heavy-oil development in Indigenous territories; facilitated Participatory Action Research and supported prior-consultation processes.

Emberá Drua Community | Community-Based Conservation & Forest Governance Researcher
Bayano River, Panama | 2020

- Supported community-authorized documentation of medicinal-plant knowledge, participatory territorial mapping, and the development of community forest-governance materials while protecting restricted knowledge.

Manguare.red | Founder & Director
Colombia / Canada | 2020–Present

- Founded and directs an Amazonian digital knowledge initiative connecting cultural memory, territorial research, Indigenous perspectives, multimedia communication, and public scholarship; the platform is currently in a maintenance and consolidation phase. *Podcast archive*

Fundación Caminos de Identidad – FUCAI | Board Member
Colombia | 2023–Present

- Contributes to organizational strategy, program review, governance, budget oversight, ethical compliance, and alignment between institutional decisions and Indigenous community priorities.

METHODS AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES

Research Ethnography, interviews, focus groups, oral history, documentary research, qualitative coding, mixed methods, socio-cultural and ecological baselines, and evidence synthesis.

Participation Participatory Action Research, FPIC/CLPI-informed research, prior consultation, community workshops, territorial mapping, stakeholder analysis, and knowledge co-production.

Policy & evaluation Indicator development, multidimensional poverty, census methodology, project evaluation, monitoring and learning, consultation documentation, and strategic recommendations.

Spatial & analytical tools ArcGIS Pro and Online, R, STATA, Excel, spatial analysis, environmental niche and species-distribution information, dashboards, and multimedia research communication.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Anthropology McGill University, 2021 · Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Sustainability; Neotropical Environment.

M.A., Anthropology McGill University, 2016 · Development Studies.

B.A., Anthropology Universidad de los Andes, 2010.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

- Gomez, C. 2026. “Diplomacia pluriversal y metodologías en fuga: CLPI y derivas anarquistas en La Chorrera.” *Tabula Rasa* 58: 17–36.
- Gomez, C. 2021. *The Value of the Sacred: Extraction of Natural Resources in Territories of the Colombian Amazon*. Ph.D. dissertation, McGill University.
- Gomez, C., and AZICATCH. 2025. *Voces del Putumayo*. Community knowledge publication.
- BBC Mundo. 2022. Research consultant and field fixer for “El Paraíso del diablo: las atrocidades del ‘holocausto del caucho’ en la Amazonía de Colombia.”

LANGUAGES AND AVAILABILITY

Languages Spanish and English fluent; French intermediate and actively strengthening professional proficiency.

Availability Based in Montréal and available for consulting, research partnerships, and senior applied-research roles across Canada and internationally.