

## MICHAEL YOUNG

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## EDUCATION

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- 2013      **M.A., Cultural Anthropology**  
University of South Carolina  
Thesis Title: *'Open' for Collective Business: The Governance of Contemporary Economic Cooperatives in a Corporate Q'eqchi' Maya Town*  
Committee: Dr. Jennifer Reynolds, Dr. Erica Gibson, Dr. David Simmons
- 2009      **B.A., Anthropology**  
California State University, Long Beach
- 2009      **B.S., Human Resource Management**  
California State University, Long Beach

## EMPLOYMENT

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- Current      **PASOs, University of South Carolina**  
Director of Capacity Building
- 2016-2017      **PASOs/Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina**  
Research Project Manager

## ACADEMIC AWARDS AND GRANTS

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- 2016      University of South Carolina Anthropology Department Travel Grant (\$300)
- 2015      Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, International Experience Award (\$1,000)
- 2015      University of South Carolina Anthropology Department Travel Grant (\$1,000)
- 2014      University of South Carolina Anthropology Department Travel Grant (\$250)
- 2014      University of South Carolina Anthropological Photo Contest Winner (\$50)
- 2013      Society for Applied Anthropology, The Del Jones Memorial Travel Award (\$500)
- 2013      University of South Carolina Anthropology Department Travel Grant (\$250)
- 2012      Walker Institute of International and Area Studies,  
Ceny Walker Graduate Research Fellowship Grant Award (\$3,000)
- 2012      University of South Carolina Anthropology Department Travel Grant (\$1,500)
- 2012      USC Discovery Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Science and Engineering Category (\$50)
- 2012      University of South Carolina Anthropology Department Travel Grant (\$250)
- 2008      Presidential Honor's List, California State University Long Beach.
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## PAPERS PRESENTED

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- 2017 Young, Michael. *Undertaking: Collective action and (il)legal oil exploration in a Guatemalan conservation zone*. Paper to be presented at the Society for Latin American Anthropology. Antigua, Guatemala. April 6-8, 2017.
- 2016 Young, Michael. *Undertaking: Collective action and (il)legal oil exploration in a Guatemalan conservation zone*. Paper to be presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 16-20, 2016.
- 2016 Young, Michael. *Undertaking: Collective action and (il)legal oil exploration in a Guatemalan conservation zone*. Paper presented at the South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference in Columbia, South Carolina. March 19, 2016.
- 2014 Roundtable Contributor, American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Reviewed By: Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology. *Producing Authenticity: Turning the Anthropological Lens on Mesoamerican Tourist Destinations*. December 2-7, 2014.
- 2013 Young, Michael. *Collaborating with Cooperatives: an applied approach to community-based fieldwork*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. March 19-23, 2013.
- 2012 Young, Michael. *Mountain Flower Power: Sustainable Eco-Tourism In a Guatemala Q'eqchi' Maya Community*. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. November 13-18, 2012.
- 2012 Young, Michael. *Mountain Flower: Guatemalan Q'eqchi' Maya self-determination through community-based sustainable tourism*. Papers presented at the South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference in Clemson, South Carolina. April 28, 2012.

## FIELD EXPERIENCE

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- 2016 Ethnographic Field Research in Q'eqchi' Maya communities near Livingston, Guatemala. *Doctoral Committee*: Dr. Jennifer Reynolds, Dr. Liza Grandia, Dr. Amy Mills, Dr. Courtney Lewis  
Purpose: To investigate organizational structures and community-wide decision-making by community members, collect infrastructural, demographic, land, and economic data. Conduct interviews with state and non-state representatives involved in conservation, petroleum, the Catholic Church, and the local municipality.
- 2015 Ethnographic Field Research in Q'eqchi' Maya communities near Livingston, Guatemala. *Doctoral Committee*: Dr. Jennifer Reynolds, Dr. Liza Grandia, Dr. Amy Mills, Dr. Courtney Lewis  
Purpose: To investigate organizational structures and community-wide decision-making by community members, collect infrastructural, demographic, land, and economic data. Conduct interviews with state and non-state representatives involved in conservation, petroleum, the Catholic Church, and the local municipality.
- 2012 Ethnographic Field Research in a Q'eqchi' Maya community near Livingston, Guatemala. *Masters Committee*: Dr. Jennifer Reynolds, Dr. Erica Gibson, Dr. David Simmons  
Purpose: To investigate economic strategies employed by community members, document life/work histories of community members and conduct extensive participant observation.
- 2010 Ethnoecology Field Study in the Soconusco region of Chiapas, Mexico. *Project Director*: Dr. Janine Gasco, California State University Dominguez Hills.  
Purpose: To work alongside organic and sustainable cacao farmers, learn processes of agroforestry, document the agricultural methods applied in the Soconusco region and understand the socio-economic factors affecting the people and their industry.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Adjunct Professor, University of South Carolina

Courses Taught:

Summer 2014 ANTH 102 Understanding Other Cultures

Summer 2013 ANTH 102 Understanding Other Cultures

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of South Carolina

Courses:

Spring 2015 ANTH 362 Forensics of Sherlock Holmes, *Grader*

Fall 2014 ANTH 102 Understanding Other Cultures, *Discussion TA*

Spring 2014 ANTH 161 Introduction to Biological Anthropology, *Lab TA*

Fall 2013 ANTH 362 Forensics of Sherlock Holmes, *Grader*

Spring 2013 ANTH 161 Introduction to Biological Anthropology, *Lab TA*

Fall 2012 ANTH 102 Understanding Other Cultures, *Discussion TA*

Spring 2012 ANTH 102 Understanding Other Cultures, *Discussion TA*

Fall 2011 ANTH 307 Cultures of Africa, *Grader*

## GUEST LECTURES

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- 2016 Guest Speaker, University of South Carolina  
ANTH/WGST 791 Globalization, Gender, and Debt
- 2016 Guest Speaker, University of South Carolina  
GEOG 121 Globalization and World Regions
- 2015 Guest Speaker, University of South Carolina  
ANTH 208 Anthropology of Globalization and Development
- 2014 Guest Speaker, University of South Carolina  
ANTH 102 Understanding Other Cultures
- 2014 Guest Speaker, University of South Carolina  
ANTH 591 Economic Development: From Red Power to Casinos in Indian Country
- 2013 Guest Speaker, University of South Carolina  
ANTH 102 Understanding Other Cultures
- 2013 Guest Speaker, South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association  
Presentation: *Multiculturalism As It Applies to Hospitality*  
Topic: *Cultural Understanding in the Workplace*
- 2012 Guest Speaker, University of South Carolina  
ANTH 102 Understanding Other Cultures  
Topic: *Globalization and Development*
- 2012 Guest Speaker, University of South Carolina  
HRTM 280 Foundations of Tourism  
Topic: *Tourism and Globalization*
- 2009 Guest Speaker, Santa Monica College  
ANTH 2 Cultural Anthropology  
Topic: *Applied Anthropology*
- 2009 Guest Speaker, California State University Long Beach  
ANTH 417 Applied Anthropology
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## ETHNOGRAPHIC FILMS

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- 2009 Brounley, L., Kranz, N. and **Young, Michael**, dirs. *Root Awakening*. (22m36s)  
A film about an educational community garden in a highly urbanized area with a large low-income migrant population in Santa Ana, California. <https://vimeo.com/10369251>
- 2007 Aldana, G., Brounley, L., Smith, M. and **Young, Michael**, dirs. *Bark Park*. (6m39s) Local dog owners and their perspectives on the space issues being disputed at a public dog park in Costa Mesa, California. <http://youtu.be/ZtWXjoqZrgc>

## PUBLIC SERVICE AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- 2012 **Volunteer Workcamp Leader** Q'eqchi' Mountain Flower in Livingston Guatemala. Affiliate Organization: Internacionales México A.C. (VIMEX) and Volunteers for Peace.  
Purpose: To organize grant applications for community-based sustainable eco-tourism business, assist in the marketing, and promotion of a cooperative business, and facilitate cross-cultural exchange.
- 2010 **Volunteer** Museum of Mayan Medicine in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas Mexico. Affiliate Organization: Natate and Volunteers for Peace.  
Purpose: To work alongside OMIECH (Organization of Indigenous Doctors of the State of Chiapas A.C.) who strive to rescue, reproduce, defend, and use traditional indigenous medicine of the Tzotzil and Tzeltal peoples; construct an ecologically sustainable waterless latrine using permaculture techniques, assist in renovating the Museum's greenhouse, to repair and maintain the demonstration garden of medicinal plants.
- 2008 **Volunteer** Jerome Park Community Garden in Santa Ana, California.  
Nonprofit Organization: The Grain Project  
Purpose: To create and lead workshops on vermiculture utilizing interactive activities with participating community members; assist in planting, maintaining and harvesting crops; encourage interaction from all age groups to become involved with the activities and promote the importance of healthy eating; help to create pride within the community through education about agriculture and observe the transference of knowledge from older to younger generations.

## MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology  
American Anthropological Association  
Society for Applied Anthropology  
Administrative Assistant University of South Carolina Anthropology  
Graduate Organization for Research Action and Ethics  
Member Anthropology Club  
Member Human Resource Management Association

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

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English: Native Speaker  
Spanish: Heritage Speaker  
Q'eqchi' Maya: Beginner (written and spoken)