

# Dr. Nathan Einbinder

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## EDUCATION

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**2020** Ph.D., Ecology and Sustainable Development, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico,  
Thesis title: Agroecology on the periphery: A case from the Maya-Achí territory, Guatemala  
Advisor: Dr. Helda Morales

**2010** M.A., Geography, The University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, Canada  
Thesis title: Dams, development, and displacement: A case from Río Negro, Guatemala  
Advisor: Dr. Catherine Nolin

**2002** B.S., Environmental Science, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington

## CURRENT POSITION

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**Schumacher College**  
Programme Lead and Lecturer  
Regenerative Food and Farming

August 2021 – present

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer-reviewed*

Einbinder, Nathan; Morales, Helda; Mier y Teran, Mateo; Aldasoro, Miriam; Ferguson, Bruce G.; and Nigh, Ron (Accepted – In revision). Agroecology from the ground up: A critical analysis of sustainable soil management in the highlands of Guatemala. *Agriculture and Human Values*.

Einbinder, Nathan (2020). Lessons in resilience from the Maya-Achí. *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 19 (4).

Einbinder, Nathan and Morales, Helda (2020). 'Development from within': Agroecology and the quest for *utziil k'asleem* in the Maya-Achí territory of Guatemala. *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 19 (3), 133-158

Einbinder, Nathan; Morales, Helda; Mier y Teran, Mateo; Aldasoro, Miriam; Ferguson, Bruce G.; and Nigh, Ron (2019). Agroecology on the periphery: A case from the Maya-Achí territory, Guatemala. *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems*, Vol. 43 (7-8) 744-763.

Einbinder, Nathan (2014). Río Negro survivors rebuild and face the state. *NACLA Report on the Americas*, 47 (2) 14-17

### *Books*

Einbinder, Nathan (2017). *Dams, displacement and development: Perceptions from Río Negro, Guatemala*. New York, NY: Springer

### ***Other publications***

Einbinder, Nathan and Morales, Helda (2019). Biofertilizantes y bioplaguicidas para la transición agroecológica? *La jornada del campo*, vol. 146, Mexico City, Mexico.  
<https://www.jornada.com.mx/2019/11/16/delcampo/articulos/biofertilizantes-y-bioplaguicidas.html>

Einbinder, Nathan (2019). Agroecology and climate change resilience: Observations from the highlands of Guatemala. *Terra Nullius: Repossessing the extent* (Blog), Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo. [www.sum.uio.no/forskning/blogg/terra-nullius/agroecology-and-climate-change-resilience-observat.html](http://www.sum.uio.no/forskning/blogg/terra-nullius/agroecology-and-climate-change-resilience-observat.html)

Einbinder, Nathan (2019). Tecnologías del buen vivir. *Revista Labtec*, vol. 2. Laboratorios de Tecnologías el Rule, Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico.  
<https://laboriodetecnologias.mx/revistalabtec/tecnologias-del-buen-vivir.html>

Einbinder, Nathan and Morales, Helda (2019). Why traditional knowledge – not external tech – is the key to truly sustainable agriculture. *Ensia*. <https://ensia.com/voices/sustainable-agriculture-traditional-knowledge-indigenous-farmers/>

Einbinder, Nathan and Nolin, Catherine (2012). No means no: After saving their land once from the Prosperity mine, the Tsilhqot'in First Nation in central BC are still fighting for their way of life against a second open-pit proposal. *Alternatives*, 38 (6) 52-57.

Einbinder, Nathan and Nolin, Catherine (2010). Voices from the edge: A Mayan community shares stories of its struggle to avoid forced eviction by a nickel mine. *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, 34 (3) 28-33.

Einbinder, Nathan (2009). La verdad de Río Negro. *Entremundos*, Mayo/Junio 24-27

Einbinder, Nathan (2009). Guatemalans resist mega-mines, hydro-power dams. *Environmental News Service*. <http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/mar2009/2009-03-05-02.asp>

Einbinder, Nathan December (2008). Jolt economy with environment-friendly projects. Op-ed, *USA Today*.

Einbinder, Nathan August (2008). The hope for an endless mine. *Upside Down World*.  
<http://upside-downworld.org/main/content/view/1421/1/>

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**San Diego State University**  
Adjunct Professor  
Geography Department

January 2020- July 2021

<b>The Nature Conservancy</b> Consultant, research on soil health programs, resilience, and migration	Central American Division April- July 2021
<b>CIAT-Bioversity</b> Consultant, research on enabling policies and barriers to scaling agroecology	Cali, Colombia (remote) April- October 2021
<b>Countryside and Community Research Institute Oxford Department of International Development</b> Academic Residency	University of Gloucestershire University of Oxford August- December 2019
<b>Centro Educativo Desarrollo Experimental Agrícola Sostenible (CEDEAS)</b> Technical advisor and fundraising	Pacux, Guatemala 2013- present
<b>Asociación de Comites de la Producción Comunitaria (ACPC)</b> Technical advisor and fundraising	Rabinal, Guatemala 2017- present
<b>El Colegio de La Frontera Sur</b> Laboratory of Dr. Helda Morales Field Assistant, Department of Agroecology and Society	Chiapas, Mexico December 2014- July 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on insect pollinators in urban gardens in San Cristobal de Las Casas, Mexico</li> </ul>	
<b>Klamath Bird Observatory</b> Research Assistant	Ashland, Oregon May- August 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on migratory birds on national forest lands, Oregon and California</li> </ul>	
<b>University of Northern British Columbia Geography Department (Dr. Catherine Nolin)</b> Lead Research Assistant	Prince George, Canada June 2010- September 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research project on the impacts of neoliberal development policies on First Nations groups in Northern British Columbia refusing resource extraction on sacred territories</li> </ul>	

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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<b>San Diego State University, Geography Department</b> Lecturer, Geography of Food; Geography of Environment and Development	San Diego, CA 2020
<b>San Diego State University, Latin American Studies Department</b> Lecturer, Graduate Research Methods	San Diego, CA 2020
<b>Royal Agricultural University,</b> Guest lecturer, Sustainable Soil Management	United Kingdom 2019
<b>University of Gloucestershire, School of Natural and Social Sciences,</b> Guest lecturer, The Postcolonial World (Geography)	United Kingdom 2019
<b>Portland State University, Department of Global Studies</b> Guest lecturer, Introduction to Latin American Studies	Portland, Oregon 2019
<b>University of Northern British Columbia, Department of Geography</b>	Prince George, BC

Instructor, Geography of Culture, Rights, and Power – Guatemala Field School	2018
<b>Queen’s University, Department of Geography</b> Teaching assistant, Economic Geography	Kingston Ontario, Canada 2011
<b>Queen’s University, Department of Geography</b> Teaching assistant, Geography of Middle America	Kingston Ontario, Canada 2010
<b>University of Northern British Columbia, Department of Geography</b> Teaching assistant, Social Geography	Prince George, BC 2008
<b>University of Georgia, San Luis Biological Research Station</b> Field instructor, natural history and tropical ecology	San Luis, Costa Rica 2004

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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**In pursuit of ‘una vida digna’: Development and community recovery in the highlands of Guatemala.**

Interdisciplinary Global Development Center (IGDC), University of York, UK. 2019

**Massification of agroecology.** Centre for Agroecology, Water, and Resilience (CAWR), Coventry University. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eVZ6jjurDA>, 2019

**‘Estamos en sequía permanente’: Community development, agroecology, and climate change adaptation in the Maya-Achí territory of Guatemala.** Conference of the Guatemala Scholars Network. Antigua, Guatemala, 2019

**Explorando la relación entre el buen vivir y la agroecología en el territorio Maya-Achí, Guatemala.** 1er. Congreso de la Sociedad Mexicana de Agroecología. San Cristóbal de las Casas, Mexico, 2019

**Agroecology, *buen vivir*, and perspectives of development in the Maya-Achí territory of Guatemala.** Department of Global Studies, Portland State University, 2019

**Agroecology as a strategy for community development and recovery: Lessons from the Maya-Achí.** Presented in the Symposium: Rural Transformation in Latin America’s Changing Climate. Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 2018

**Agroecology on the periphery: A case from the Maya-Achí territory, Guatemala.** Conference of Latin American Geographers (CLAG), San Jose, Costa Rica, 2018

**Civil institutions and reparations: A case from Rabinal, Guatemala.** Presented for the course: Resiliencia Socio-ecológica y Equidad: el Papel de la Pluralidad de Leyes e Instituciones. Stockholm Resilience Center and ECOSUR, San Cristobal de Las Casas, Mexico, 2016

**Development gone awry: Guatemala’s Chixoy dam and the fight for justice.** UNBC’s Global Friday Speak Series. February 8, Prince George, Canada, 2014

**Violence and neoliberalism: A case from Río Negro, Guatemala.** Presented at the Conference of Latin American Geographers, Grenada, Nicaragua, January 3-6 2009

## **RELEVANT COURSEWORK AND WORKSHOPS**

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**The political economy of contested territories in Latin America Workshop** Sept. 2019  
York University, Department of Politics. York, UK

**Sistemas geográficos (GIS)** September - October, 2018  
El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Chetumal, Quintana Roo  
Instructor: Dr. Holger Weissen

**PhD Course: Rural Transformations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** August 2018  
Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM)  
University of Oslo, Norway  
Coordinators: Dr. Mariel Aguilar Støen, Dr. Marc Edelman

**Sistemas Alimentarios (Food Systems)** October 2016  
El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Chiapas  
Instructor: Dr. Helda Morales

**Producción de semillas y propagación de plantas (Plant and seed production)** May 2016  
Las Cañadas Centro de Agroecología  
Huatusco, Veracruz, Mexico

**Seminario Avanzado en Agroecología (Advanced seminar in agroecology)** January-May 2016  
El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Chiapas  
Instructor: Dr. Mateo Mier y Teran

**International Shortcourse in Agroecology** July 2011  
Center for Agroecology and sustainable Food Systems  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
Instructor: Dr. Steven Gliessman

**Advanced Qualitative Research Methods** September- December 2008  
University of Northern British Columbia  
Instructor: Dr. Catherine Nolin

**Geography of Culture, Rights, and Power: Guatemala Field School** May 2008  
University of Northern British Columbia  
Instructor: Dr. Catherine Nolin and Grahame Russell

**International Development** January- April 2008  
University of Northern British Columbia  
Dr. Catherine Nolin

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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<b>Graduate Support Fellowship</b> Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia (CONACyT)	2016-2019
<b>Scholarship for Residency Abroad (Beca Mixta)</b> Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia (CONACyT)	2019
<b>Travel and accommodation grant</b> Symposium: Transformation in Latin America's Changing Climate Institute for Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of New Mexico	2018
<b>Travel and accommodation grant</b> PhD Course: Rural Transformations in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Centre for Development and Environment (SUM) University of Oslo	2018
<b>Graduate Research Award</b> UNBC Graduate Studies	2010
<b>Graduate Research Award</b> UNBC Graduate Studies	2009
<b>Conference Travel Award</b> UNBC Graduate Studies	2009

## **EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES**

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Occasional reviewer: Journal of Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems; Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies	2018-present
Board Member, Conference of Latin American Geographers	2017-2020
Member, American Association of Geographers	2020-present
Member, Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society	2020-present
Member, Guatemalan Scholars Network	2019-present

## **LANGUAGE FLUENCY**

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English  
Spanish

## **REFERENCES**

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Dr. Helda Morales  
Associate Professor – Department of Agroecology and Society  
El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, San Cristobal de Las Casas, Mexico  
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Dr. Catherine Nolin  
Associate Professor- Geography Department  
University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, Canada  
nolin@unbc.ca

Dr. Matthew Taylor  
Associate Professor – Department of Geography  
University of Denver, Colorado  
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15 October, 2021

Dear Secretariat,

It is with great pleasure and honor to express my interest in becoming a member of the Board of Directors for the European Association for Agroecology. My formal introduction to agroecology began ten years ago, at the international shortcourse in agroecology led by Professor Steven Gliessman at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Since then, I have worked primarily in Guatemala with Indigenous Maya-Achí farmers, examining the barriers and motivations for adopting and maintaining agroecological practices. I have also been involved with several campesino organizations who aim to re-teach/re-value ancestral practices and safeguard heirloom crop varieties, rebuild the social fabric through education and agroecological development, specifically agroforestry initiatives and transitioning to organic soil management, as well as instigate more horizontal avenues to learning/teaching. My research has also engaged in the issue of wellbeing, or utziil k'asleem, in Achí, and its relevance to agroecology in the region.

I completed my PhD at the Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR), in 2020. In August of this year, I took a post as Programme Lead in Regenerative Food and Farming at Schumacher College, in the United Kingdom. My principal task will be to launch and direct two new programmes, an MSc and BSc, beginning in January 2022, which will offer students opportunities hands on and practical skills in regenerative/agroecological farming, along with a strong theoretical focus in transforming food systems. Working within the ethos of Schumacher, we intend to offer something that is truly unique, immersive, and holistic. A key strength of our programmes is the location: a true agroecological lighthouse, with dozens of richly collaborating small farms and businesses, many of them located on the Dartington Estate, home of Schumacher College.

My goal is to bring my experiences from Guatemala, as well as academic training in agroecology and food sovereignty, into the UK context and the new programmes at Schumacher College. I am eager to learn more about how agroecology is practiced, taught, and conceptualized in the UK and in Europe, and contribute to the development of new approaches and centres for learning. Since arriving to my position, in August, I have established excellent contacts in the local region, and beyond, with Oxford University (TABLE), the Oxford Real Farming Conference, of which we are official sponsors, the University of Gastronomic Sciences, CAWR at Coventry University, and others. I believe that my experience, background, enthusiasm, and current position at Schumacher would allow me to contribute to the mission of Agroecology Europe. I would also be very eager to host events at our campus in Devon, as well as assist in any organizing and administrative duties.

I look forward to hearing from you, and please do not hesitate to write with more questions should they arise.

Sincerely,

Nathan Einbinder, PhD