

MARTINA PALOHEIMO PhD. Candidate

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Curriculum Vitae

Ph.D. Candidate in Human Geography

Queens University 2019-Present: Kingston, Ontario

Master of Philosophy Degree in International Peace Studies

Trinity College 2011-2012: Dublin, Ireland

Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honours in Philosophy and a Minor in Environmental Studies

Dalhousie University 2004-2009: Halifax, Canada

Advanced Certificate in Dispute Resolution

York University 2013: Toronto, Canada

Work Experience

Researcher and Program Manager

Bear Standing Tall & Associates: Toronto, Ontario Summer 2020- Present

Providing qualitative research, fundraising, and event management services to an Indigenous-owned company who provides education, event programming and corporate training services for cultural awareness around Indigenous issues as well as reconciliation in Canada. Currently, working to help construct the Bear Standing Tall Tipi Village for tourism, healing, and reconciliation in Prince Edward County.

PhD Candidate

Queens University Department of Geography and Planning: Kingston, Ontario 2019- Present

Exploring "Grandmother's Mother Earth" in the Ecuadorian Amazon: Community-based participatory action research empowering Indigenous Shuar Chiriap traditional ecological knowledge and territory.

(www.inishanunka.org).

Associate, Analyst & Researcher

Changing Perspectives Consulting, & Special European Union Programmes Body *Dublin, Ireland, Haiti, & Remote* August 2012- May 2020:

- Qualitative Research Project with the European Union SEUPB to evaluate PEACE & INTERREG IV Funding in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland
- Qualitative Research & Service Analyst and Strategy Design for Local Drug and Alcohol Addiction Task Forces (Freelance) October 2018- January 2019
- Qualitative Conflict Analyst & Co- Mediator: *Israel & Palestine* March- August 2013
- Qualitative Conflict Analyst & Youth Leader: *Lakou Lape: Port- Au-Prince, Haiti* August- November 2013
- Conflict Analyst & Co- Mediator: *Galway, Ireland & Haiti* April- August 2012

Program Manager & Peacebuilder

Global Indigenous Development Trust: Toronto, Canada January 2014- Present

- Grant Writing, Partnership management and Program Development
- Events Manager: Conferences, Multicultural Exchanges Trip Leader, Facilitator and Organizer
- Communications officer for Social Media

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- Conflict Analysis, Research Process and Design

Conflict Analyst, Process, and Program Design & Restorative Justice Trainer (Freelance)

Community Justice Initiatives & Mercy Corps International: Port-Au-Prince, Haiti March 2018 – January 2019

- Program design, training, and implementation
- Created a restorative justice program for four different marginalized communities in Port-Au-Prince Haiti. Working alongside grass roots movements to train community leaders, police, youth and Mercy Corps in Restorative Justice practices. As well as implement and adapt a transformative mediation model within the communities

Associate, Mediator & Program Case Manager (Freelance)

St. Stephens House: Toronto, Canada January 2013- Present

- Associate, Trainer + Mediator for their roster of Workplace and Organizational Mediations as well as trainings
- Lead & Assigned Mediation Cases; Conducted Case Intake Management; Help conduct trainings, and workshops
- Conflict Coached and train across Toronto's different Universities and Colleges

Community Mediation Program Manager

Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre: Mississauga, Canada November 2015- May 2018

- Program Management of: Case Intake, assignment, workshop planning, program financials and training
- Conducted mediations, mentored student interns, and new mediators
- Liaised, managed and improved program relationships with partner organizations, network and donors
- Trained some 100+ DBNC staff on Listening Circles for the workplace

Conflict and Peacebuilding Researcher (Freelance)

Concern Worldwide & Maynooth University: Ireland October- January 2017

- Conducted independent qualitative research with a team of experts on Community led Peacebuilding with a focus on Gender to develop a systematic review on Community Led Peacebuilding for Concern & Maynooth University
- https://www.concern.net/sites/default/files/resource/2018/09/breaking_the_cycle_of_conflict_hunger_and_human_suffering.pdf

Volunteer Restorative Circle Facilitator

Peacebuilders International: Toronto, Canada October 2012- August 2017

- Facilitated non-confrontation, egalitarian and healing dialogues between youth and community members as part of a Youth Court Diversion Program in Toronto, Canada

Conference Coordinator

Latin American Solidarity Center & Trinity College

The Geopolitics of Peace and Conflict: Dublin, Ireland March- August 2012

- Organizer and Correspondent between speakers, politicians, civil society, and university
- Translated for Colombian Peace Leader
- Managed, website, social media, and volunteers for the conference

English Teacher

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Language Plus: *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil* February - July 2014

UP TO YOU Languages: *Florianopolis, Brazil* January - June 2011

- Taught English as a foreign language to Brazilians of all ages
- Taught in a formal class setting with prepared lessons
- Hosted and lead conversational classes as well as inter-cambios

Research Assistant for the International Conservation Fund of Canada

Purdue University: *A'ukre, Brazil* July- August 2014

As a follow up to my master's thesis on unsustainable development and conflict in the Resource sector. I conducted qualitative fieldwork in the interior of the Brazilian Amazon with the Indigenous Kayapo community. The Kayapo protect the largest portion of intact natural rainforest in the world.

Community-Based Tour Guide

Green Culture Eco Hostel: *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil* February- July 2014

Sunset Backpackers: *Florianopolis, Brazil* January- June 2011

Created and led tours in Spanish, English and Portuguese through a diverse set of experience and settings in two different cities in Brazil using community-based tourism.

Language Skills

- Spanish (Intermediate)
- Brazilian Portuguese (Intermediate)
- Haitian Creole (Beginner)

Awards and Scholarships

- International Research Centre of Canada \$20,000.00 CAD (Awarded)
- Deans Travel Award 2021 \$3000.00 CAD (Awarded)
- 2021 SGS Award in Leadership, Innovation, and Community Engagement competition results \$5000.00 CAD (Awarded)
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2021 & 2022 \$15,000.00 CAD (Two 1-year terms, awarded)
- Lush Charitable Giving Program: \$15,000.00 USD for the community of Buena Esperanza to support their eco-tourism project in Inisha Nunka.
- R. Samuel McLaughlin Fellowship (2020)
- Department of Geography Graduate Fellowship (2019)
- Huntley Macdonald Sinclair Travelling Scholarship (2021)

i). International Research Centre of Canada \$20,000.00 CAD: Part of Canada's foreign affairs and development efforts, the IDRC funds and supports high-quality research in developing

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countries, share knowledge with researchers and policymakers to inform local and global action, and mobilize alliances to drive global positive change. In February 2021, I received a \$20,000.00 CAD award from the International Research Centre of Canada to conduct online collaborative research. The stipulations of this research award were that it prohibited the use of funding for international travel for my research as per the dangers of COVID-19, half of these funds went directly into the community to support initiatives surrounding *Inisha Nunka* and this research.

ii). Deans Travel Award 2021 \$3000.00 CAD: The Graduate Dean's Travel Grants for Doctoral Field Research contribute to travel expenses for field research that is central to the doctoral dissertation. This award was used to cover the costs of an initial site visit in November 2021 where I spent 2.5 weeks with the community. Costs went towards Flights, Hotel, Community Projects, Food, and spending.

iii). 2021 SGS Award in Leadership, Innovation, and Community Engagement competition results \$5000.00 CAD: This award was not specifically used for travel, but it recognizes exceptional graduate students at Queen's University who are making a meaningful difference in the world while also demonstrating the highest standards of academic excellence.

iv). Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2021 \$15,000.00 CAD (1-Year): The Ontario Graduate Scholarship program offers, merit based, annual scholarships to eligible students who will pursue graduate studies in order to complete a PhD or doctorate at a university in Ontario, Canada.

v.) LUSH Charity Pot Funding: This is funding that goes directly to the community to help build a healing, and cultural centre in the community of Buena Esperanza to support their work as they have requested. The intent is this will provide jobs, an additional source of revenue through small community-based tourism in the community.

Total: \$72,000.00 CAD

Fellowships, Teaching Assistantships and Research Assistantships

- **Fellow:** Human Geography GPHY 101 Online Course (Fellowship awarded for 2023 Winter Semester)
- **TA:** Human Geography GPHY 101 (2019 & 2021)
- **TA:** Regional Planning and Development GPHY 337 (2019)
- **TA:** Introduction to Indigenous Studies DEVS 220 (2020)
- **TA:** Political Economy GPHY 228 (2020)
- **TA:** Settler-Indigenous Relations GPHY 351 (2021)
- **TA:** Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods GPHY 240 (2022)

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- **TA:** Global Cities, 227 (2022)
- **TA:** Urban Natures GPHY, 369 (2022)
- **Research Assistant:** Human, Environment, and Communities Lab, Queen's University (2019-2020)
- **Research Assistant:** with Purdue University and International Conservation Fund of Canada; Floresta Protegida, and the Kayapo in Au'kre, Brazil (2014-2015)
- **Research Assistant:** Clean Nova Scotia & Dalhousie University where I collected quantitative data and created an awareness campaign surrounding waste disposal (2008).

Guest Lecturer

- Regional Planning and Development GPHY 337 (2020) February 7, March 19, 2022
- Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods GPHY 240 (2022), March 24, 2022
- Urban Natures GPHY 369 (2022), The Dispersal of Poverty, Income, and Community Well-Being, November 15
- LINC (Language Instruction to Newcomers to Canada) Taught & Created course on Conflict Resolution, (2014), November 1

Conferences Presentations

- **Peer Reviewed:** Amazonia; Indigenous People; Traditional Knowledge; Decolonialization; Political Ecology; Territory; Pluriverse; Geographies of Peace, January 2023 (Pending).
Panel: Traditional Knowledge in and around (Grandmother's Mother Earth) with the Shuar in the Ecuadorian Amazon
- **Peer Reviewed:** The Politics of Indigenous Shuar Environmental Knowledge: From (Settler) Colonial Spaces to Anti-Colonial Praxis.
Session Title: The Politics of Environmental Knowledge: From (Settler) Colonial Spaces to Anti-Colonial Praxis
- **Peer Reviewed:** Presenter and Panelist at the International Feminist Geographers Conference, June 17, 2022. Working paper on Decolonial Feminist Thought and Geographies of Peace: New ways of being through the eyes of the Indigenous Shuar in the Ecuadorian Amazon.
Panel: Feminist Political Ecology 2: Nature-society encounters through neo liberal development, gendered knowledge geographies, and peacebuilding.
- Official observer for the **American Geographers Association at United Nations COP-26 Climate Change Conference** in Glasgow.
- Attended with the Shuar Chiriap Family the **Mega Evento Expo Conference Expominas: Oil and Power Energias Renovables Gas- Ambiente Expo-Conference** November 24, 25, 26 in Quito, Ecuador.

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- **Peer Reviewed:** Presenter and Panelist at the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting for the Indigenous Peoples Working Group on June 11, 2021. Presented a working paper on the possibilities for Collaborative Community-Based Research Online & Virtual Knowledge Production (Peer Reviewed).
- Peer Reviewed: Presenter at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting Panel on Covid-19, Digital Activism, and the Changing Dynamics of Social Movements on April 7, 2021.
- **Peer Reviewed:** Presenter and Panelist: Indigenous Research Collaboration Day: “Exploring Indigenous Research Ethics.” Community Based Participatory Research with the Shuar. November 6, 2020 (Kingston, Ontario).
- **Peer reviewed:** Presenter and Panelist: Scholarship Beyond Boundaries Conference. International Dimensions of Engagement. How can we learn to Interact in ways that are more meaningful & significant? February 29, 2020 (Kingston, Ontario).
- **Presenter and Panelist: Il Cumbre del Petroleo y Gas. Oportunidades y Desafios de la Nueva Revolucion Energetica.** Canadian and International Perspectives on Social Conflict & Peacebuilding. November 14, 2019 (Bogota, Colombia)
- Acted as the Feminist Intersectional Gender Solidarity Social Media Correspondent for the 2021 & 2022 CAG Annual Meeting. I was responsible for attending FIGS (and FIGS-sponsored) sessions during the conference, and promoting these sessions via Twitter, the FIGS Facebook page, and/or any other social media

Conference and Workshop Organization

Year	Conference/Workshop Title	Role	Institution
2012	Geopolitics of Peace and Conflict: Colombia, Sri-Lanka, and Ireland	Co-Organizer & Translator	Trinity College Dublin and Latin American Solidarity Center Dublin
2017	Workshop: Elder Sweatlodge & Meet and Greet	Co-Organizer	Global Indigenous Development Trust
2018	REDx Talks Toronto Sustainable Futures: Co-creating a Vision for Resource Development in Canada	Co-Organizer and Production Manager	Global Indigenous Development Trust and Redx Talks

Publications

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Forthcoming

(2022). *In Progress: Peace in the Pluriverse, Decolonial Feminist thought, Geographies of Peace and new ways of being through the eyes of the Indigenous Shuar in the Ecuadorian Amazon.*

(2022). *In Progress: Systematic Review of Planetary Health.*

Published

White, I. & Paloheimo, M. (2020). Qualitative Research Project with the European Union SEUPB to evaluate PEACE & INTERREG IV Funding in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland. Special EU Programmes Body, Northern Ireland.

White, I., & Paloheimo, M. (2019). A Strategic Approach to Service User Participation (SUP) in the Task Force Process. Finglas/ Cabra Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force. Blanchardstown Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force.

Restorative Justice in Haiti, ADR Updates, ADRIO #100 Fall 2018; *Martina Paloheimo*
http://adr-ontario.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ADRIO_ADRUPDATE_FALL2018.pdf

Odetaan Maamwi- Ojibwe Spirit Name, ADR Updates, ADRIO #99 Winter 2018; *Martina Paloheimo & David Ng*:
http://adr-ontario.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ADRUpdate_Winter2018.pdf

Paloheimo, M., White, I., Mc Gearty, S. (2017). MCPU- Systematic Review of Community- Led Peacebuilding (CLPB) with an Emphasis on the Role of Women in Gendered Approaches: On behalf of CONCERN Worldwide. The Maynooth Conflict and Peacebuilding Unit, Maynooth Works, North Campus Maynooth University Co. Kildare. Concern worldwide Breaking the Cycle of Conflict and Hunger:
https://www.concern.net/sites/default/files/resource/2018/09/breaking_the_cycle_of_conflict_hunger_and_human_suffering.pdf

Jakubchik-Paloheimo, M. Fear, A. (2008). Reducing Disposable Cups on Dalhousie Campus: A Second Cup Case Study.
<https://dalspace.library.dal.ca/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10222/77842/Coffeecups.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

University Committees and Service

2022: Buddy and Mentor in the Buddy Program for Incoming Students and one for Upper Year Students in the Department of Geography, at Queen's University

2022-2023: Co-chair of Feminist Intersectional Solidarity Group for CAG

2020-2022: Student Editor Global Encounters New Visions: A graduate-student run journal for undergraduate publishing

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2020-2022: Student member of the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Indigenization, and Accountability (EDIIA) Committee.

2021-2022: Student member of the Renewal, Tenure, and Promotions Committee

2021-2022: Student representative of the Qualitative Research Group for the American Association of Geographers

2021-2022: Student member of the Canadian Association of Geographers Indigenization and Decolonization Roundtable Group

2019-2021: Indigenous Advisory Committee Member and Co-founding member of the geography department's Indigenous Geographies Field School

2020-2021: PSAC Union Representative for Geography Department

2020-2021: Committee member on the Graduate Student Union's Social Justice Committee

2019-2021: Committee member of the General Review and Ethics Board

Further Skills and Training

Peacemaking Circles Training: Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, ON, June 2015

Certificate in Mediation: Glenree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation May 2012: Dublin, Ireland

Interpersonal Mediation Trainings: St. Stephens House 2013-2016: Toronto, Canada

Advanced Restorative Circle Training for Professionals: Peacebuilders Canada 2012

Family Group Conferencing Certificate: Restorative Justice Training Institute (July 2017)

Accreditation for Teaching English as a Foreign Language: International TEFL Academy, 2011

Certificate in Fundraising: George Brown College 2017-2018

Forbes 30 under 30: Semi-Finalist in the Contest to Change the World (2015); Invitee (2016)

International Funding for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP): Planning Committee for the Global Conference (2017-2019)

Tree Planter: Outland; Planted trees in Canada's North. Planting 3000-3500 trees a day; under extreme conditions on rugged terrain. (Summer seasons of 2009-2011)

Surf Instructor: Taught Underprivileged children surfing in Peru (2010)

Student Testimonials from Tutorial 2022

What did you especially like about this TA's teaching?

"Gave helpful tips in assignment feedback and was helpful in understanding tutorial concepts."

"Her feedback and the way she talked and interacted with students"

"I like how Martina provided helpful feedback. Her feedback helped me develop my critical thinking for my assignments! Thank you, Martina!! :)"

"She was very understanding of adjusting timelines and tutorials when needed"

"Outgoing and approachable!"

"Martina is really kind and always gives me helpful feedback on my assignment."

"She was very clear when instructing and was always around to help. Also, in comparison to many other TAs, she was not judgemental, provided feedback that was extremely helpful, and seemed interested in what we were learning. This made going to class more fun."

Do you have any suggestions for improvement of this TA's performance?

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“I do not, I hope she keeps doing things exactly the way she did it this semester.”

“She is doing really well!”

“No, you're actually the best TA that I have had throughout university so far :)”

“no!”

Additional Learning and Professional Development

- Attended AAG 5-day Learning Series: Research (with) social media, led by Dr. Hilary Faxon (2021)
- Attended AAG 5-day Learning Series: Critical Visual Methods for Fieldwork at a Distance, led by Drs. Aparna Parikh and Karen Paiva Henrique (2021)
- Cornell University Writing Bootcamp (2022)

Competencies

- Expert working with diverse, marginalized and vulnerable communities.
- Successfully employed Alternative Dispute Resolution techniques to reach early resolution over extensive themes and contexts:
 - Civil, Workplace, Restorative, Community, Cultural, Interpersonal, Industry, Government, Neighbour, Environmental, and Violent Conflict Reduction both locally in Toronto, Canada and Internationally.
- Trained over 100 community members in Port-Au-Prince Haiti in Restorative Practices & Programming.
- Managed & mentored a diverse roster of over 20 volunteer mediators + interns.
- Conducted Conflict Analysis and Transformation both in Canada and internationally; used effective interview & intake skills to
 - gather information, create case strategies + process design and carry out interventions.
- Worked effectively to facilitate dialogue, mediate develop and build relationships in different languages and between
 - cross-cultural and economically varied stakeholders, through high-risk and high-stake situations.
- Volunteer Board member at Bear Standing and Associates not for-profit.
- Member of the Government of Canada’s Advisory Group for Canada’s Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.
- Proficient in use of office software, social media, and website building.
- Roster Member of mediation services within the public service for the territorial Government of Nunavut

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Academic References

1. Dr. Heather Castleden

Role: PhD Academic Supervisor

President’s Impact Chair in Transforming Governance for Planetary Health

Professor, School of Public Administration, University of Victoria

Research Director, Health Environments and Communities (HEC) [Research Lab](#)

Co-Director, [A SHARED Future](#) (Achieving Strength, Health, and Autonomy through Renewable Energy Development)

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Canada Research Chair (2016-2021) and Fulbright Scholar in Social Sciences (2021-2022)

Member, The Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists (2021-2028)

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2. Dr. Diana Cordoba

Role: Committee Member

Assistant Professor, Global Development Studies

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3. Dr. Paul Treitz

Role: Former Professor, and Interim Head

Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, Queen's University

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