

## Christopher Loperena

Christopher Loperena's research examines indigenous and black struggles for territorial autonomy in Central America, ethnicity and subject formation, and the socio-spatial politics of economic development. In addition to his current book project, *A Fragmented Paradise: Blackness and the Limits of Progress in Post-Coup Honduras*, he is co-editing a themed issue on the role of cultural evidence in the adjudication of indigenous rights. He joins the Graduate Center from the University of San Francisco, where he was a professor in the International Studies Department. He is also a recent recipient of the Cesar Chavez Fellowship at Dartmouth College.

### Education

PhD, Social Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin  
MA, Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin  
BA, International Studies, University of Chicago

### Publications

- Forthcoming "Adjudicating Indigeneity: Anthropologist as Expert Witness in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights." *American Anthropologist*. Accepted April 2018
- 2018 "Introducción: Los retos del peritaje cultural: El antropólogo como perito en la defensa de los derechos indígenas y afrodescendientes." *Dilemas del Peritaje Cultural*, Eds. Christopher Loperena, Rosalva Aida Hernández Castillo, and Mariana Mora. *Desacatos*, Num. 57. [Download Article](#).
- 2017 "Settler Violence: Race and Emergent Frontiers of Progress in Honduras." *American Quarterly*. Special Forum on Settler Colonialism in Latin America. Vol. 69(4). [Download Article](#).
- 2017 "Honduras is Open for Business: Extractivist tourism as sustainable development in the wake of disaster?" *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*. Vol. 25(5):618-633. [Download Article](#).
- 2016 "Conservation by Racialized Dispossession: The Making of an Eco-destination on Honduras's North Coast." *Geoforum*. Vol. 69:184-193. [Download Article](#).
- 2016 "A Divided Community: The Ethics and Politics of Activist Research." *Current Anthropology*. Vol. 57(3):332-346. [Download Article](#).
- 2016 "Radicalize Multiculturalism? Garifuna Activism and the Double-Bind of Participation in Postcoup Honduras." *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. Vol. 21(3): 517-538. [Download Article](#).