

LEE MCLOUGHLIN

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Education

- 2021 - **Doctoral candidate – Global Sociocultural Studies**, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, United States
- 2008 - 2009 **Master of Applied Science in Protected Area Management**
James Cook University, Queensland, Australia
- 2004 - 2007 **Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Biology**
University of Newcastle, Northumberland, United Kingdom

Experience

- 2022 – present **Research Assistant**, Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research, Young Lives Research Lab. Supporting the implementation of two research projects in southern Belize looking at 1) protected area conservation technology and the creation of environmental subjects, and 2) the development of a decolonial partnership that centres ecologically vulnerable youth and Indigenous stewardship and that aims to harness, support, and foreground youth-centred research, education and action for Planetary Health
- 2016 – 2020 **Terrestrial Coordinator (Belize)/Program Officer (Mesoamerica and Western Caribbean)**, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Mesoamerica Program. Leading the development of the terrestrial conservation program in Belize focusing on landscape level conservation issues including compliance management and assessment, illegal wildlife and timber trafficking, corridor conservation, community management and conservation communication. At regional level providing support to WCS country programs and to government regulatory agencies to build capacity and provide technical support and tools for landscape level conservation of the largest five remaining forest blocks in Mesoamerica.
- 2009 - 2016 **Protected Area Program Director**, Ya'axché Conservation Trust, Belize. Led 17 high capacity staff in the management of a 308,000ha landscape in Southern Belize. Working alongside local communities, government agencies and private sector to build compliance through effective use of education, awareness, enforcement, technology and monitoring. Represented Ya'axché on numerous national committees and internationally at conferences and congresses. Managed, and effectively implemented, over US\$1.5m of projects for diverse statutory and private, national and international donors. Oversaw 60% expansion of organizations geographical scope, 40% increase in program staff and 100% increase in programs annual budget.

Consultancies (selected)

- 2020 **Communications for WCS Mesoamerica & Western Caribbean** – Campaigns and media management (English & Spanish) focusing on cattle driven deforestation, illegal wildlife trade and Indigenous management
- 2017 **Compliance Management Strategy for the Belize Forest Department** – Lead author (through WCS) of national strategy to reform the departments approach to compliance and set up the new ‘Compliance Management Unit’ structure and function
- 2014 **Agroforestry Concession Management Plan (Acacia)** – Lead author of Management Plan for Belize’s first cacao-based agroforestry concession inside a multiple use extractive forest reserve in Southern Belize.

Conference presentations

- 2025 Mcloughlin L., Stinson J., Penados F, (2025). **Could a Basic Income for Nature and Climate support Indigenous Maya efforts to promote social and ecological wellbeing in southern Belize?** American Association of Geographers annual meeting. Detroit, USA.
- 2024 Mcloughlin L., Stinson J., Penados F, (2024). **A conservation basic income for southern Belize: investigating the potential of a non-market mechanism to alleviate poverty and safeguard biocultural diversity.** FRIBIS Annual Conference. Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany.
- 2024 Mcloughlin L., Stinson J., Rash E., (2024). **Visualising Maya youth perceptions of wellbeing.** Belize KULCHA Symposium. Heritage Education Network Belize (virtual).
- 2024 Stinson J., Mcloughlin L., (2024) **The Partnership for Youth and Planetary Wellbeing: Youth Visions of Indigenous Futures Southern in Belize Society for Applied Anthropology**, Santa Fe, New Mexico. March 27, 2024
- 2023 Stinson J., Mcloughlin L., (2023) **Universal Ranger: SMART Environmental Subjects in the Biodiversity-Security Technology Nexus.** Presented at American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Toronto
- 2023 Stinson J., Mcloughlin L., (2023) **SMART Conservation? Protected Area Management and Algorithmic Ontopower in Belize.** Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) Annual Conference, Durban, South Africa
- 2014 Mcloughlin L., (2014) Developing a National Ranger Training Academy for Belize. **World Parks Congress, Sydney, Australia.**

Creative achievements

- 2019 **Tecuni and the Duende – The Voice of the Jaguar** – Award winning animated movie short (Belize’s first) blending folklore, social critique and environmental consciousness. Original storywriter, screenplay writer, director and producer.

Publications

James Stinson and **Lee Mcloughlin** (2022). Digital technologies for biodiversity protection and climate action: Solution or COP out? The Conversation. shorturl.at/gHMN2

Lee Mcloughlin, Gaia Agnello, Alyssa Thomas (2016). Increasing wildlife security through development of a landscape wide Compliance Strategy for the Southern Maya Mountains in Belize. 10.13140/RG.2.2.32232.62727/1.

Languages**English** – native**Spanish** – A2**Belizean Kriol** – fluent**Citizenship****Dual - British and Belizean****Referees**

Dr. Jeremy Radachowsky (jradachowsky@wcs.org) - Director
Mesoamerica and Western Caribbean Regional Program, Wildlife
Conservation Society

Professor Roderick Neumann (neumannr@fiu.edu) – Professor of
Geography, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida
International University