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(A) EDUCATION

University of Colorado, Boulder	Anthropology	Ph.D. Candidate, 2019 - Present
University of Texas at El Paso	Latin Am. & Border Studies	M.A., 2020
Texas Christian University	Journalism	B.A., 2010

(B) ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Tippin, Chilton L. (2022) Ranked-out Waterscapes: Discourses of resistance and exclusion in U.S.-Mexico border colonias. *Journal of Political Ecology*. 29(1), p.208–222. doi: <https://doi.org/10.2458/jpe.4868>

Tippin, Chilton L. (2021) The Household Water Insecurity Nexus: Portraits of Hardship and Resilience in U.S-Mexico Border Colonias. *Geoforum* 124, 65-74.

Tippin, Chilton L. (2021) “A Tale of Two Waterscapes: Native American water law and the uneven production of water rights and power in neighboring Western states” *Journal of the Southwest*. University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Hargrove, William L., Nayeli Holguin, **Chilton L. Tippin**, and Josiah H. Heyman. (March 2020) “The Soft Path to Water: A Conservation-Based Approach to Improved Water Access and Sanitation for Rural Communities” *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*. 75 (2) 38A-44A; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2489/jswc.75.2.38A>

Tippin, Chilton L. (2019) "Exploring Paths For Water Services And Human Capabilities In U.S.-Mexico Border Colonias" (2019). *Open Access Theses & Dissertations*. 2904. https://scholarworks.utep.edu/open_etd/2904

(C) GRANTS

Wenner Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant 2024-2025

"Defending Multiple Waters: River-Based Resistances and Toxic Transfusions in the Late-Industrial Watershed of the Rio Grande/Bravo"

Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (Spring-Summer 2022).

"The Social Lives of Desert Rivers: Relationships and Water Across the U.S.-Mexico Divide." University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder CO

Beverly Sears Graduate Student Grant. (Spring 2021) “Rivers of the Mind: Views and Values of Rivers and Water among Rio Grande Farming Communities.” University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, CO

EPA Border 2020 Program. (2020) “The “Soft Path” to Water Access in Border Colonias” Research assistant and co-writer of grant proposal with William L. Hargrove, Nayeli Holguin, Michelle del Rio, Erica Martinez, and Daniel Torres. University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

(D) CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, INVITED SPEAKER

- Tippin, Chilton L. (July 2024) Invited Speaker/Moderator: Healthy Waters, Healthy Futures: Planning for Our Water Future Community Discussion Moderator. Rio Grande Water Advocates for Vital Sustainability
- Tippin, Chilton L. (May 2023) Invited Speaker: “Knowing Multiple Waters: An Anthropological Perspective on Water and the Rio Grande/Bravo.” Science on Screen. Taos Center of the Arts. Taos, NM
- Tippin, Chilton L.** (April 2022) “An All-Too-Common Tragedy? Water Law, Groundwater Depletion, and Community Cooperation in Colorado’s San Luis Valley.” Poster presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Bernal, Julia F., Marcus Trujillo and **Chilton L. Tippin.** (April 2021) “A Conversation on Water Back and Indigenous Sovereignty in the Southwest United States.” Colloquium organized in partnership with Pueblo Action Alliance and *Mellon Sawyer Seminar, Deep Horizons: Making Visible an Unseen Spectrum of Ecological Casualties and Prospects*. University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO.
- Tippin, Chilton L.** (Nov. 2020) “Place, Identity, and the Imaginary: An Ethnography of the Brörán Peoples” by Emily Hite. Discussant Paper, Ethnography in Progress Workshop, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO.
- Tippin, Chilton L.** (2020) “Exploring Paths for Water Security in U.S.-Mexico Border Colonias” Poster presentation at the *United States Department of Agriculture Water Resources Symposium*. University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.
- Slack, Jeremy and **Chilton L. Tippin.** (April 2019) “Detained and Deterred: Immigration Detention as Anti-Asylum Technology.” Paper at American Association of Geographers Pre-conference, Boulder, CO. (Conference was canceled due to COVID-19)
- Tippin, Chilton L.,** Katalina Salas, and Rebeka Isaac (Nov. 2019) “Regional Perspectives on Water Futures Throughout the Middle Rio Grande Basin and Transboundary Aquifers.” Poster presentation at the UTEP Graduate Research Expo. University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX
- Tippin, Chilton L.** (April 2019) “Toward a Soft Path for Water Justice in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: Case studies in Texas Colonias.” Poster presentation at *Two Nations, One Water: U.S.-Mexico Border Water Summit 2019*. New Mexico State University. Las Cruces, NM.
- Tippin, Chilton L.** (Nov. 2018) “Rethinking Border Security in a Time of Environmental Need: A Case for Reprioritizing BECC and NADB.” Paper presentation at the *Midwest Association for Latin American Studies Conference*. University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.

(E) SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Tippin, Chilton L.** (July 2025) ““[With What Water?](#)”” Texas Observer, with images by Eduardo Talamantes.
- Santillan, Aimée and **Tippin, Chilton L.** (Jan 2025) Making Migrant Death Data Count:

Recommendations for Addressing An Alarming Trend in Preventable Migrant Deaths in the El Paso Sector. Hope Border Institute report. <https://www.hopeborder.org/our-research>

Tippin, Chilton L. (2023) “The Mexican River Defenders Fighting for the San Pedro.”

SAPIENS. <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/san-pedro-river-trash/>

Tippin, Chilton L. and Laura Paskus. (Oct. 2020) “At the Precipice: New Mexico’s Changing Climate” Interview for *Mellon Sawyer Seminar, Deep Horizons: Making Visible an Unseen Spectrum of Ecological Casualties and Prospects*.

<https://www.colorado.edu/project/environmental-futures/2020/10/30/chilton-tippin-laura-paskus>

Tippin, Chilton L. (Aug. 2019) “Adapting the Khumbu: Scientists grapple with climate impacts in Mt. Everest Region. *ECS Nepal*. <http://ecs.com.np/features/adapting-the-khumbu-scientists-grapple-with-climate-impacts-in-everest-region>

Tippin, Chilton L. (2016). Rekindling childhood on the CDT. *Out There Podcast*.

<https://www.outtherepodcast.com/episodes/2016/5/10/episode-18-rekindling-childhood>

Tippin, Chilton L. (2016). Finding Home on the Continental Divide Trail. *REI Co-Op Journal*.

<https://www.rei.com/blog/hike/finding-home-on-the-continental-divide-trail>

Tippin, Chilton L. (2015). Thoughts on life in the hills of Cochetopa. *Passages*. 7, 22-36.

https://issuu.com/cdtc/docs/passages_no_7/22

Tippin, Chilton L. (Oct. 2017) Green in the Desert: Local Farmer Captures Carbon to Grows Food, Feed Community <https://elpasoheraldpost.com/green-desert-local-farmer-captures-carbon-grow-food-feed-community/>

(F) AWARDS

University of Texas at El Paso Graduate School Banner Bearer, Summa Cum Laude, December 2019

Midwest Association for Latin American Studies Poster Presentation Award - “Richard (Dick) Millet Conference Prize” for “Rethinking border security in a time of environmental need: A case for reprioritizing BECC and NADB,” November 2018

Watershed Management Group Certified Rainwater Harvesting Practitioner, April 2016

Wyoming Press Association statewide sweepstakes award for feature writing, December 2014

National Dean’s List (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)

Texas Christian University Academic Scholarship (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)

Graduated Cum Laude Texas Christian University

Texas Christian University Daily Skiff reporter of the year (2009)

Texas Christian University Daily Skiff copyeditor of the year (2009)

(G) TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Caribbean in Post-Colonial Perspective, Undergraduate Level (TA, Fall 2020)

Anthropology of Climate Change, Undergraduate Level (TA, Spring 2021)

Exploring Culture and Gender Through Film, Undergraduate Level (TA, Summer 2021, Fall 2021; Spring 2023; Summer 2023)

Environmental Anthropology, Undergraduate Level (TA, Spring 2022)

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Undergraduate Level (TA, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Guest Lecturer: UNM Taos Water Resources, Undergraduate Level: “Defending Multiple Waters” (April 2024)

Anthropology 1155-200 Exploring Global & Cultural Diversity: Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft, Undergraduate Level (TA, Spring 2025)

Guest Lecturer: Anthropology 2525 Environmental Anthropology: Extinctions Feb. 10 and 12; Origins of Agriculture Feb. 17 and 19; Capitalism and the Anthropocene (March 10 and 12)

(H) SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

Environment and Society: Advances in Research, Managing Editor, Remote Position; August 2022-Present

- Work with editors and academic researchers to ensure annual publication of Environment and Society comes out on deadline
- Coordinate and solicit peer-review invitations
- Field emails related to manuscripts-in-progress and peer-review process

Center for Environmental Resource Management Research Assistant, supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, El Paso, TX, August 2018-August 2020

- Conducted social science research on water insecurity in low-income border communities
- Administered surveys and perform field interviews in English and Spanish
- Wrote policy reports, grant proposals, and scientific papers on water issues in border communities
- Presented research at binational conferences and stakeholder meetings

High Desert Native Plants, Water-Harvesting Specialist and Conservation Communications Coordinator El Paso, TX, April 2018-August 2019

- Produced company’s digital media and marketing materials, including writing, filming, photographing, editing, and distributing
- Created an online green stormwater infrastructure continuing education curriculum
- Designed, built, and implemented rainwater harvesting landscapes for water conservation

Wondor Eco:Nomics, Communications & Marketing Coordinator El Paso, TX, Nov. 2015-April, 2018

- Project manager for sustainable initiatives: water-harvesting courses, workshops, community-farming events, community-gardening projects, fundraisers
- Oversaw media and outreach related to local food systems, water conservation, waste management
- Oversaw marketing and product development for Wondor Eco:Nomics: content creation, public-speaking engagements

Laramie Boomerang, Reporter, Laramie, WY, January 2014-February 2015

- Reported, researched, and wrote two stories a day for daily community newspaper
- Covered education, county, environment, and “cops-and-courts” beats
- Filed breaking news and in-depth enterprise pieces
- Won Wyoming Press Association statewide sweepstakes award for feature writing, 2015

AccuConference, Public Relations Specialist, Fort Worth, TX, May 2010- August 2012

- Maintained a daily technology news site, posting three stories or blogs daily
- Edited and wrote company newsletters, blog posts, email campaigns, copywriting
- Managed customers via telephone, email, and online chat

(I) VOLUNTEERING, SERVICE, and COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Amigos Bravos, Water and communities research internship. Taos, NM, Jan.-June, 2024

Communities for Clean Water Coalition, Volunteer and campaigner. Taos, NM and remote (Jan 2024.-present)

Los Alamos National Laboratories Working Group, Volunteer and campaigner. Taos, NM and remote (Jan 2024-May 2024)

New Mexico-El Paso Desert Aid, Volunteer and campaigner. El Paso, TX, Juarez, MX, and remote (June 2024-present)

HOPE Border Institute, Volunteer and campaigner. El Paso, TX, Juarez, MX, and remote. (June 2024-present)

Save Lost Dog Trail Coalition - blogger, polling-location sitter and outreach volunteer (Spring 2019)

CU Boulder Anthropology Graduate Student Association, Treasurer, Fall 2022

Annunciation House Immigration Processing Volunteer, September-November 2018

Asylum Observatory Asylum Hearing Volunteer, September-November 2018, El Paso Processing Center

Glacial research expedition photographer and embedded journalist, Nepal, May-June 2017 and May-June 2018

Volunteer organizer for *Magico Mixology Border Mural Project Fundraiser* (March-May 2017)

Progress 321 Food Committee co-chair, fall 2016

Volunteer farmworker at La Semilla Food Center (spring, summer, fall 2016)

Volunteer farm worker at La Mujer Obrera Community Farm (spring, summer, fall 2016)

SKILLS:

Computer: Nvivo 12, Tableau, Photoshop, iMovie, WordPress, MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, basic HTML tagging, very basic web design, blogging, social-media marketing; Arcgis Storymaps, Adobe Audition

Language: Spanish-Fluent

Digital: Videography, Photography, Acoustical Field Recording