

# John Robert White

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## Education

- 2015 - present **MA, PhD** Student in Anthropology, (**Candidate 2018**), *Tulane University*  
Advisor: Dr. William Balée
- 2013 - 2014 **MSc**, Ethnobotany, *The University of Kent at Canterbury*  
Advisor: Dr. Miguel Alexiades  
Thesis: Manioc Landrace Identification Among the Napo Runa
- 2007 - 2012 **BA**, Anthropology, *Michigan State University*

## Grants & Awards

- 2018 National Science Foundation DDRIG - \$29,436
- 2018 Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship - \$26,224
- 2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant (Amazonian Kichwa) - \$7,835
- 2018 Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research - \$1,000
- 2018 The Jacobs Research Funds, Kinkade Award - \$4,900
- 2018 Tulane University Anthropology Research Grant - \$600
- 2017 Tulane Anthropology Dissertation Feasibility Studies Grant - \$1,600
- 2017 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant (Amazonian Kichwa) - \$7,500
- 2017 Tulane J.E. Land Fund - \$800
- 2016 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant (Achuar-Shiwiari) - \$7,500
- 2016 Netting Award, American Anthropological Association, C & A - Honorable Mention
- 2014 The Frederick Soddy Trust Expedition Grant co-recipient - \$3,400
- 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant (Amazonian Kichwa) - \$7,500
- 2014 University of Kent at Canterbury Postgraduate Dissertation Presentation

## Working Languages

English (native), Amazonian Kichwa (advanced), Spanish (intermediate), Shiwiari (beginner)

## Publications

- White, J (2016) [Review of the book *Medicinal Plants of the Andes and the Amazon. The Magic and Medicinal Flora of Northern Peru*. Bussmann, Rainer W., and Douglas Sharon. 2015. William L. Brown Center, St. Louis, MO.] Applequist, W. Economic Botany.
- White, J (2017) [Review of the book *A Botanist's Vocabulary: 1300 Terms Explained and Illustrated*. Pell, Susan K., and Bobby Angell. 2016. Timber Press, Portland, OR.] Applequist, W. Economic Botany.
- Andy, N., Grezch, K., Zanón, P., White, J., Aguinda, W., Chimbo, J., Leisz, T., (2017) Napo Runa Sachamanda Ambiguna: Plantas Medicinales De Los Napo Runa. Endangered Languages Archive, SOAS University of London. <https://vimeo.com/227258985>.

## **Book or Film Translation and Revision Projects**

- 2017 *Ñukanchi Sacha Kawsayway Aylluchiskamanda: Relaciones Con Nuestra Selva: Stories* by The Association of Kichwa Midwives of the Upper Napo Region with Georgia Ennis. Ministerio de Cultura y Patrimonio, Ecuador.

## **Internships**

- 2013 Economic Botany Collection  
*Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, England*
- 2014 Horticulture  
*Royal Botanical Gardens at Edinburgh, Scotland (Logan)*

## **Appointments**

- 2016 - present Research Assistant  
*Tulane University - Dr. William Balée, Dr. Allison Truitt*
- 2016, 2018 Research Assistant  
*Kichwa Crop Calendar, Kichwa Plant Foods - IKIAM Universidad Regional Amazónica - Dr. Gabriela Zurita-Benavides*
- 2015, 2018 Teaching Assistant (Ethnobotany, Kichwa, Historical Ecology)  
*Andes and Amazon Field School*
- 2015 Seeds of Success: Native Plant Genetic Resource Conservation Technician  
*Chicago Botanical Gardens and Bureau of Land Management*

## **Summer Field School Coursework**

- 2017 - 2018 Ethnobotany and the Kichwa Language, Ecuador  
*Andes and Amazon Field School - Tulane University*
- 2016 Ethnobotany and the Achuar-Shiwiar Language, Ecuador  
*Andes and Amazon Field School - Tulane University*
- 2012 - 2015 Ethnobiology and the Kichwa Language, Ecuador  
*Andes and Amazon Field School - University of Pittsburgh,*
- 2011 Ethnobotany - Ometepe Island, Nicaragua  
*University of Hawaii*
- 2010 Archaeology - Achill Island, Ireland  
*National University of Ireland*

## **Conference Participation**

- 2017 Panel participant – Society of Ethnobiology  
*The Ethics & Benefits of Indigenous Local Knowledge, Practices and Innovations for Crop Wild Relative Conservation In Situ*
- 2016 Panel participant - Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America  
*Manioc Landraces and their Indigenous Identification Characteristics*
- 2016 Panel participant - Society of Ethnobiology  
*Napo Runa Manioc Landrace Identification: The Implications of Perceptual*

*Distinctiveness for Crop Development and Conservation*

**Media Discussions of My Research**

- 2017 Statz, M., *Local Knowledge, Methods, and Manioc Landraces*. Anthropology News, 58: e247– e252. doi:10.1111/AN.341
- 2017 William, P., *Napo Runa Sachamanda Ambiguna ('Medicinal plants of the Napo Runa')*: An educational video made in collaboration with the speakers of Amazonian Kichwa. ELAR Blog, SOAS University of London.