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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D., Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University	Expected Summer 2021
M.A., Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University	August 2019
M.A., International Economic Relations, American University	May 2006
B.A., Political Science and Spanish, University of Michigan	May 2002

**TEACHING FIELDS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Human and Labor Rights	Agriculture and Food Systems
Global Supply Chains	Global South and Latin America
Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations	Financialization and Neoliberalism
International and Comparative Employment Relations	Race and Capitalism

**EMPLOYMENT**

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**Cornell University, 2016-present**

*Teaching Assistant, School of Industrial and Labor Relations*

Course: “Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations”

- Professor Harry Katz, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2020
- Professor Ariel Avgar, Spring 2017
- Professor Rachel Aleks, Spring 2019

Course: Comparative Labor Movements in Latin America, Spanish section

- Professor Maria Lorena Cook, Fall 2017

*Research Assistant, School of Industrial and Labor Relations*

- Professor Sarosh Kuruvilla Summer 2017, Summer 2018
- Professor Harry Katz Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Spring 2021

**Center for Global Workers’ Rights, School of Labor and Employment Relations,  
Pennsylvania State University, 2017-2021**

*Research Consultant and Report Writer*

- Conducted research, authored, and co-authored reports on workers’ rights in global supply chains in the commercial agriculture industry, including wine and olive oil in Morocco, bananas in Guatemala, and strawberries in Mexico.

**Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium, 2019**

*Program Coordinator*

- Led development of a five-year strategic plan
- Facilitated meetings of the board of directors

**Cornell Farmworker Program, Cornell University March – December 2018**

*Research Intern*

- Provided Spanish translation and facilitated immigrant farmworker legal clinics
- Conducted needs assessment interviews of farmworkers, managers and owners

**International Labor Rights Forum, April 2012 – August 2016**

*Coordinator of the Cotton Campaign to End Forced Labor in the Cotton Sector*

- Lobbied governments, businesses, investors, the World Bank, International Labour Organization and United Nations agencies to use their leverage to end state-sponsored forced labor in the cotton sector, resulting in the government of Uzbekistan implementing a policy to reduce child labor and beginning an ILO program to address forced labor
- Developed capacity-building programs that supported human rights monitoring and reporting in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, which produced the data used in advocacy
- Facilitated meetings and strategic planning of the business association, corporate, investor, NGO, and union members of the campaign coalition

**Social Accountability International, September 2006 – March 2012***Senior Manager*

- Designed, fundraised, and implemented programs to increase labor standards implementation in Central America, China and India in collaboration with local partners
- Designed and facilitated training workshops on labor standards for managers and workers in agriculture and apparel industries, for labor inspectors in Central America, and for auditors of the SA8000 certification
- Coordinated the international conference *Human Rights at Work: The Next Decade*

**The Development Group for Alternative Policies, September 2005 - August 2006***Research Intern*

- Contributed research, report writing, and administrative support to the Structural Adjustment Participatory Review Initiative (SAPRI) and the Alliance for Responsible Trade, Hemispheric Social Alliance

**Kenan Institute of Public Enterprise, June 2005 - August 2005; Washington, DC***Research Intern*

- Conducted research for *Trade Imbalance: The Struggle to Weigh Human Rights Concerns in Trade Policymaking*, by Susan Aaronson and Jamie Zimmerman

**Proyecto Bibliotecas Guatemala (PROBIGUA), January 2004 – June 2004; La Antigua, Guatemala***Liaison*

- Facilitated relations between PROBIGUA and funder Child Aid

**Casa Americana, October 2002 – September 2003; Valencia, Spain***Teacher*

- Created and implemented lessons to teach the English language to adults and youth

**CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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Fischer-Daly, Matthew. "Labor Control and Resistance in the Global Strawberry Commodity Chain." Dissertation.

Fischer-Daly, Matthew. "Commodity Chains as Labour Control Systems: The Case of Strawberry Production in Mexico's San Quintín Valley." (Under review)

**PUBLICATIONS (\* signifies equal authorship)**

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**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Fischer-Daly, Matthew. forthcoming in 2021. "Human Dignity and Power: Worker Struggles Against Precarity in US Agribusiness." *Labor Studies Journal*.

\*Anner, Mark, Matthew Fischer-Daly and Michael Maffie. 2021. "Fissured Employment and Network Bargaining: Emerging Employment Relations Dynamics in a Contingent World of Work." *ILR Review*, 74(3): 689-714.

Fischer-Daly, Matthew. 2019 “Impunity of International Labor Rights Violators and Beneficiaries: The Case of Uzbekistan.” *World Development Perspectives*.

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

- \*Kuruvilla, Sarosh, Matthew Fischer-Daly and Christopher Raymond. 2021. “Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining in Global Supply Chains.” In *Private Regulation of Labor Standards in Global Supply Chains*. Sarosh Kuruvilla. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press.
- \*Kuruvilla, Sarosh and Matthew Fischer-Daly. 2021. “Are Changes in Corporate Governance the Answer?” In *Private Regulation of Labor Standards in Global Supply Chains*. Sarosh Kuruvilla. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press.
- \*Katz, Harry C., Matthew Fischer-Daly, Thomas A. Kochan and Alexander J.S. Colvin. forthcoming in 2020. “Covid-19 Pandemic Labor Issues.” In *An Introduction to U.S. Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations*. Harry C. Katz, Thomas A. Kochan and Alexander J.S. Colvin. Ithaca: ILR an imprint of Cornell University Press.
- \*Ewart James, Joanna and Matthew Fischer-Daly. 2019. “Contemporary Social Movements to End Slavery – NGOs.” In *The SAGE Handbook of Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery*. Jennifer Bryson Clark and Sasha Poucki (Editors). London: SAGE Publications.
- \*Fischer-Daly, Matthew and Ana Paula de la O Campos. 2005. “Peasant and Indigenous Communities in the Amazon.” In *Sister Dorothy Stang: Struggling for Sustainable Development in the Brazilian Amazon*, Brigitte Bürgler, Jocelyn Farrington, Emily Hillenbrand, and Jacob Laden (editors). Washington, DC: School of International Service, American University.

### Book Reviews

- Fischer-Daly, Matthew. 2018. “Informal Workers and Collective Action: A Global Perspective,” by Adrienne E. Eaton, Susan J. Schurman, & Martha A. Chen. *Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal*.
- Fischer-Daly, Matthew. 2017. “Achieving Workers’ Rights in the Global Economy,” by Richard P. Applebaum and Nelson Lichtenstein (editors). *ILR Review*.

### Published Reports

- Fischer-Daly, Matthew. 2021. “Strawberry Global Supply Chains in Mexico.” Center for Global Workers’ Rights, Pennsylvania State University.
- Fischer-Daly, Matthew and Glenn Perusek. 2018. “The Power of Workers in Global Agriculture Supply Chains: Collective Bargaining between Confederación Democrática del Trabajo and Les Domaines Brahim Zniber-Diana Holding Group, Morocco.” The Center for Global Workers’ Rights, Pennsylvania State University.
- \*Campbell, Brian and Matthew Fischer-Daly. 2014. “The System of Forced Labor Cotton Production in Uzbekistan.” International Labor Rights Forum.
- Muradov, Bakhodiy, Alisher Ilkhamov, Matthew Fischer-Daly and Jeff Goldstein. 2014. “Uzbekistan’s Cotton Sector: Financial Flows and Distribution of Resources.” Open Society Foundations.
- \*Fischer-Daly, Matthew and Umida Niyazova. 2012. “A Systemic Problem: State-Sponsored Forced Labour in Uzbekistan’s Cotton Sector Continues in 2012.” The Cotton Campaign and Uzbek-German Forum for Human Rights.

Fischer-Daly, Matthew. 2011. “Final Technical Progress Report: Project Cultivar – Advancing Labor Rights in Agriculture in the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Nicaragua.” Social Accountability International.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2020: Paper Presentation. “Commodity Chains as Labor Control Systems: The case of strawberry production in the San Quintin Valley of Mexico.” Labor and Employment Relations Association 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, June
- 2020: Paper Presentation. “Commodity Chains as Labor Control Systems: The case of strawberry production in the San Quintin Valley of Mexico.” International Labor and Employment Relations Association Regional Congress of the Americas, June
- 2019: Paper Presentation. “Fissured Employment Relations and Networked Solidarity: Emerging Patterns of Bargaining in an Increasingly Contingent World of Work.” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, June.
- 2018: Paper Presentation. “Current Collective Bargaining in Agriculture Supply Chains.” Labor and Employment Relations Association 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, June.
- 2017: Invited talk. “Workers’ Rights & Health & Safety in Banana, Sugar & Cotton Agribusiness.” Worker Health and Precarious Work in Global Supply Chains, Spring Symposium, Center for Global Workers’ Rights, School of Labor and Employment Relations, Pennsylvania State University, March.
- 2016: Guest lecture. “Uzbekistan: Migration, Politics and Human Rights.” Industrial and Labor Relations School, Cornell University.
- 2015: Guest Lecture. “International Labor Rights Institutions and Ending Forced Labor in the Cotton Industry.” Industrial and Labor Relations School, Cornell University.
- 2012: Invited webinar. “Implementing Living Wages in Global Supply Chains.” International Society of Sustainability Professionals, January.
- 2009: Invited talk. “Organizing for Gender Equity at Work and Society.” 11<sup>th</sup> Women’s Colloquium of the Movement of Working and Unemployed Women María Elena Cuadra, Managua, Nicaragua.

## **AWARDS & GRANTS**

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Seidman Prize for labor relations research, ILR School, Cornell University	2021
International Travel Research Grant, Einaudi Center, Cornell University	2020
Michele Sicca Research Grant, Einaudi Center European Programs, Cornell University	2020
Benjamin Miller Scholarship, ILR School, Cornell University	2019
ILR Theme Grant on Inequality and Work, ILR School, Cornell University	2019
ILR Travel Grant, ILR International Programs, Cornell University	2019

## **SKILLS**

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- Spanish fluency
- Statistics proficiency in Stata
- Advanced certification in labor standards auditing by Social Accountability International

## **SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

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- Reviewer, *Labor Studies Journal*

- Coordinating Committee, Doctoral Student Consortium, Interuniversity Research Centre on Globalization and Work / Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur la mondialisation et le travail, 2018-2019
- Member, Labor and Employment Relations Association, since 2017
- Board Member, BioScience Resource Project, since 2017
- Member, Cornell Graduate Students United, since 2016
- Member, Workers Rights Advisory Committee, Fair Trade International, 2013-2016

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request