**David Himmelfarb**
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**Education:**

2012 University of Georgia, Athens, GA Ph.D. (Anthropology)
Dissertation Title: In the Aftermath of Displacement: A Political Ecology of Dispossession, Transformation, and Conflict on Mt. Elgon, Uganda.

2004 Cornell University, Ithaca, NY B.A. (College Scholar/Anthropology)
Magna Cum Laude

**Current Positions at Eckerd College:**

2014-present Instructor, Environmental Studies and General Education
2018-present Internship Coordinator, Environmental Studies
2022-present Faculty Director, Eckerd College Community Farm

**Recent Positions:**

2017-2020 Co-founder and coordinator of the Food Justice and Sustainability Internship Program, Eckerd College
2015-2016 Instructor, University of South Florida St. Petersburg
2014-2015 Instructor, Hillsborough Community College
2012-2013 Post-doctoral Research Associate, USDA Forest Service and UGA Center for Integrative Conservation Research

**Teaching and Research Interests:**

Agroecology; rural livelihoods and food insecurity; place-based and experiential pedagogy; Sub-Saharan Africa; Southeast Asia; US South

**Courses Taught at Eckerd College:**

General Education
- AT Plants and Civilization/People, Plants, and Place (x8)
- FD 182 Human Experience I (x8)
- FD 183 Human Experience II (x4)
- FD 410 Quest for Meaning (x2)
- FD 310 Imagining Justice (x2)

Environmental Studies/Anthropology
- ES 172 Introduction to Environmental Studies (x6)
- ES 228 Food and Sustainability (x12)
- ES 328 Food Movements/Fixing Our Food Systems (x4)
- ES 493 Sustainable Cities
- AN 206G Cultural Anthropology

Short Term
- Sustainable Living in Costa Rica
- Gardening for Sustainability
- Environmental Internships
- London and the World

Tropical Marine Environments: Roatán
Marine Science Cuba: Guanahacabibes

**Courses Taught at Other Institutions:**

University of South Florida St. Petersburg (2014-2016)
Environmental Anthropology (x2)
Cultural Anthropology (x5)
Hillsborough Community College (2014-2015)
Introduction to Anthropology (Four Field) (x4)
University of Georgia (2009, 2013)
Anthropology of Globalization and Consumption (x2)

**Publications:**

2018 Himmelfarb, D. and Cavanagh, C. Managing the Contradictions: Conservation, Communitarian Rhetoric, and Conflict at Mount Elgon National Park. *In* Conservation and Development in Uganda, Chris Sandbrook, Connor J. Cavanagh, David M. Tumusiime, eds. London: Earthscan.

2016 Johnson Gaither, C., Himmelfarb, D., Hitchner, S., Schelhas, J., Shepherd, M., and KC, B. 'Where the Sidewalk Ends': Examining the Potential for Climate Change Mitigation in Atlanta's Cascade Community. *City & Society* 28(2):174-197

2015 Cavanagh, C. and Himmelfarb, D. 'Much in Blood and Money': Necropolitical Ecology on the Margins of the Uganda Protectorate. *Antipode,* 47(1):55-73

2014 Himmelfarb, D., Schelhas, J., Hitchner, S., Johnson Gaither, C., Dunbar, K., Brosius, J.P., Perceptions of and Attitudes toward Climate Change in the Southeastern United States. *In* International Perspectives on Climate Change: Latin America and Beyond, Walter Leal Filho, Fátima Alves, Sandra Caeiro, Ulisses M. Azeiteiroed, eds. 287-299. New York: Springer Press

2007 Himmelfarb, D. Locating Trade-offs in Conservation: Looking Back Over Three Decades of Changes in Conservation Practice and Decision Making. Working Paper. Advancing Conservation in a Social Context, MacArthur Foundation and UGA

2006 Himmelfarb, D. Moving People, Moving Boundaries: The Socio-Economic Effects of Protectionist Conservation, Involuntary, Resettlement and Tenure Insecurity on the Edge of Mt. Elgon National Park, Uganda. Agroforestry in Landscape Mosaics Working Paper Series, World Agroforestry Centre. Reprinted in 2007 by African Highlands Initiative, Working Paper Series

2006 Himmelfarb, D. (book review) Conservation: Linking Ecology, Economics and Culture. Monique Borgerhoff Mulder and Peter Coppolillo. *Ecological and Environmental Anthropology*. 2(1):34-5

**Grants, Fellowships, and Awards:**

2026 The Frank E. Duckwall Foundation, "Mobile Kitchen cart for the Eckerd College Community Farm" ($15,000)

2025 Duke Energy Foundation, "Supporting Student Interns and the Launch of the Eckerd College Conservation Corps" ($25,000, co-PI Tyler Cribbs)

2023 Eckerd College St. Pete Center Faculty Fellowship, "Harnessing People Power: Creating a Knowledge Hub to Support a More Just and Sustainable Local Food System in St. Petersburg" ($8,000)

2011-2012 Dissertation Completion Award, Graduate School, UGA ($12,830)

2009 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant ($14,920)
2006 Harold K. Schneider Graduate Paper Prize, Society for Economic Anthropology
2005 World Agroforestry Centre Agroforestry in Landscape Mosaics Fellowship ($4,500)
2004-2006 University-Wide Research Assistantship, Graduate School, UGA ($28,000)

**Conference Presentations and Posters since 2016:**

2025 Welcome address, Grow Gardens Conference, Coalition of Community Gardens, April 5, St. Petersburg, FL
2024 Pathways to Food Sovereignty: Campus Farms, Community Engagement, and Solidarity, Society for Applied Anthropology, March 27, Santa Fe, NM
2023 Keynote address, Bursting the College Bubble: The Promise of Campus Farms for Fostering Community Engagement and Food Sovereignty, of South Florida, Food Sovereignty Summit, October, 12, Tampa, FL
2022 The Eckerd College Community Farm: Liberal Arts in Action, Sustainable Agricultural Education Association, July 21-23, Columbus, OH
2019 Engaging and Enhancing Local Food Systems through Experiential Learning, Society for Applied Anthropology, March 19-23, Portland, OR
2018 How Internship Innovation Can Enhance Collective Impact. With Mark Trujillo, Malory Foster, Karla Shelnutt, Heather Henderson, and Jyoti Rao. Poster presented at the Florida Public Health Association Annual Meeting, July 24-25, Orlando, FL
2018 Staying like Prisoners, Cultivating like Thieves: Displacement and Environmental Insecurity on Mt Elgon, Uganda, United Nations Association of Tampa Bay, October, 24. St. Petersburg, FL
2018 Sustainable Community Food Systems and Internship Innovation in Tampa Bay, Florida. With Malory Foster, Mark Trujillo, and Heather Henderson. American Association of Geographers, April, 10-14, New Orleans, LA (Poster)
2016. 'The Point Is to Change It': Participatory Action Research on Campus Sustainability Initiatives. Society for Applied Anthropology, March 28-April 1, Santa Fe, NM

**Professional Service:**

2025-present Board of Directors, Stewards of Our Urban Lakes
2016 Co-organizer, Teaching Sustainability?, With Jessie Fly, Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM
2013 Co-organizer, African Indigeneity in the Neoliberal Era: New Cartographies of Inclusion and Exclusion in Resource Conflicts. With Amber Huff, Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO
2012 Mentor, Responsive Forest Governance Initiative, University of Illinois
2011 Organizer, Urban Food Systems: Culture and Security, Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle, WA
2009 Organizer, Double-panel, Conservation Conflicts and the Politics of Identity, Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM
2007 Co-organizer, Social Responses to Insecure Livelihoods in a Zambian Frontier: Findings from the 2006 NSF Ethnographic Methods Field School. With Nicholas Sitko, Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, FL

**Reviewer for:**

*Conservation Biology, Conservation & Society, Land Degradation and Development, Geoforum*