

## **ELLEN SHARP, PhD**

Macheros, Donato Guerra, Estado de Mexico  
Mexico 51030

### **EDUCATION**

PhD Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2014  
MA Anthropology. University of California, Los Angeles, 2008  
BA Women's Studies. Brown University, 1991

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

2017-present Director, Butterflies & Their People, A.C., Macheros, State of Mexico, Mexico  
*Organize all fundraising, liaise with forest guardian supervisor, collect and collate data*

2012-present Co-owner, JM Butterfly B&B, Macheros, State of Mexico, Mexico  
*Organize and curate guest experiences, manage all bookings and invoicing, create and maintain website and social media, manage staff and payroll*

2015 Lecturer, Dean's Initiative Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Social Sciences, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Created and taught a senior seminar on "Confronting Climate Change" that featured the monarch migration as a case study*

2006-2012 Anthropology Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Courses included The History of Modern Thought, Millennial Capitalism, The Study of Social Systems, Central American Anthropology and Human Evolution*

2000-2006 ESOL Instructor, New York City  
*Beginning to advanced English classes given through CUNY, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, the Brooklyn Public Library System and many other community centers.*

### **PUBLICATIONS**

2020 with Will Wright, "In Love with the Forest: Two Generations of Rangers in Mexico's Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve," *Forest History Today*, forthcoming

2020 "Mexico's Monarch Migration: Dealing with Deforestation in the Butterfly Forest," *Saving Earth Magazine*, 2: 68-72.

2015 "Vigilantes, gangsters, and alcohol: clashing citizenship regimes in postwar Guatemala," *Citizenship Studies*, 19:2, 200-213.

2012 "Between Justice and Vigilantism: Organizing to Confront Crime in Post-war Guatemala," *The Journal of Grassroots Development* (33):52-57.

2009 "Back to Todos Santos Cuchumatán," *Anthropology News* 50(4).

### **AWARDS**

2013 Charles E. and Sue K. Young Award, University of California, Los Angeles

2013 Elsie Clews Parsons Prize, American Ethnological Society

2008 Roseberry-Nash Award, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

2007 Chancellor's Prize, University of California, Los Angeles

### **FELLOWSHIPS**

2013 UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship

- 2012-2013      Drugs, Security and Democracy Fellowship, administered by the SSRC and the Open Society  
2010-2011      Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development Dissertation Fellowship

### **SELECTED TALKS**

- 2019      “Un Momento Histórico,” Monarch Ultra Run Finish Line Reception, Macheros, Mexico November 4.  
2018      “Challenges to Monarch Conservation in Mexico,” Indian Creek Nature Center, Cedar Rapids IA, August 21  
2018      “Rethinking Monarch Conservation in Mexico,” Wickiup Hill Learning Center, Linn IA August 19  
2017      “Who Gets to Be a Citizen Scientist? Ordinary Mexicans and Monarch Conservation in Mexico.” Texas Pollinator Pow Wow. Nacogdoches, Texas, May 6.  
2016      “Mariposas y Su Gente: Repensando la Conservación de las Monarcas,” Department of Anthropology, Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Michoacán, October 21.  
2016      “Butterflies and Their People: Rethinking Monarch Conservation.” Public talk at Colby College, Waterville ME, April 4.

### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

- 2019-present      Monarch Ultra Ambassador  
*Coordinate the finish line activities of a trinational, biannual ultra marathon aimed at raising awareness of ecosystem interconnectedness*  
2004-2016      Expert Witness  
*Wrote country reports and provided expert testimony for indigenous Guatemalans seeking political asylum in the United States*

### **SELECTED PRESS**

- 2019      “Butterflies Abound in Mountainous Mexican Winter Habitat,” AP Wire, March 6 <https://www.apnews.com/9a54188cde724fb4b724f2b73e56d5fe>  
2018      BBC Travel Show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6blYfH-U68>