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Muriel 'Miki' Crespi
National Park Service Chief Ethnographer

Her Professional Contributions to the National Park Service

Curriculum Vitae



Muriel 'Miki' Crespi, 1929-2003

*Recipient, 1994 American Anthropological Association Solon T. Kimball Award
for Outstanding Service to the Profession, especially for successful efforts to
develop the National Park Service Applied Ethnography Program*

Professional Summary

Applied cultural anthropologist concerned with policies, programs and research about diverse peoples and cultures, and the resources associated with them. International experience in rural Latin America and the Caribbean, and India; domestic experience as university faculty and with training, research, and planning for parks associated with resources of concern to ethnic and indigenous communities.

Employment

Since 1981, applied cultural anthropologist/ethnographer with the U.S. National Park Service; concerned with the human dimensions of preservation and conservation issues, and responsible for policies, programs, and training addressing relationships between national parks and peoples, including Native American, African American, and others with traditional ties to park resources.

Education

Postdoctoral

1978 Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, Anthropology: Urban Studies, American Societies.

Ph.D

1968 University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois: Anthropology-Rural Societies, Latin America.

Area Studies

1962 Cornell University, Ithaca, New York: Anthropology-South American Language and Societies.

MA

1962 Columbia University, New York, New York: Anthropology-Latin America and the Caribbean.

BA

1959 Brooklyn College, CUNY, New York: Sociology-Anthropology.

Languages

Working knowledge of Spanish.

Selected National Park Service Reports and Activities

1995-2003 Managed service-wide applied anthropology/ethnography program, revised 1988 ethnography policies, cooperated with National Parks Conservation Association partnership program activities, training on African American and Hispanic interests in national parks.

2001 Raising Muted Voices and Identifying Invisible Resources. In *People and Places: The Ethnographic Connection*, Guest Editor M. Crespi, *CRM* 24:4-6.

2001 Seeking Inclusiveness. In *Stewards of the Human Landscape*, Guest Editor M. Crespi, *Common Ground*, Winter 1998/Spring 1999, reprinted 2001 (online at www.cr.nps.gov/aad/cg/spr_2001/).

1994 Prepared Guideline to the Management of Ethnographic Resources, Chapter 10, National Park Service Cultural Resource Management Guideline, DO-28.

1992 Developed training programs on Rapid Ethnographic Assessment Procedures, and prepared guidelines for implementing the applied ethnography program.

1991 Rapid Assessment of the Timbisha Shoshone of Death Valley.

1990 Developed training programs on applied ethnography, identified research needs and prepared research designs for contractable studies.

1989 Member of Peer Review Panel on Kootenai Indian issues at Libby Dam, Montana, and principal author of final report for the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

1988 Developed Native American and Ethnographic provisions of the National Park Service Management Policies.

1987 Co-editor of the *CRM Bulletin*, 10:1, Ethnography and the NPS: A Growing Partnership. Special Issue.

1987 Technical consultant for the *Courier: Newsmagazine of the National Park Service* 32:12. Special Native American Issue.

1987 Co-author of the National Park Service Native American Relationships Policy. *Federal Register* 52:14, January 22:2452.

1986, 1987 Authored issue papers on the lifeways of Native American and other ethnic groups, ethnographic strategies for meeting Service data needs, and

Service relationships with Native American communities, prepared for the Park Service Washington Directorate and the Park Service Advisory Board.

1985, 1984 Developed a thematic framework for the study and interpretation of park-associated Native Americans, and prepared cultural resource management guidelines for consultations, Social Impact Assessments, and applied anthropology research.

1984 Conducted rapid assessment of the Timbisha Shoshone Indian Tribe and its resource needs at Death Valley.

1984, 1983 Program Chair for the National Park Service First World Conference on Cultural Parks, held at Mesa Verde, 1984. Prepared successful Wenner-Gren proposal for conference funding.

1983 Conducted research among Death Valley Timbisha Shoshone Indians and contributed to the Death Valley Land Alternative Study and General Management Plan.

1982 Designed and conducted a mail and telephone survey of 80 superintendents whose parks include resources valued by Native Americans.

Participation on Departmental and Interagency Committees

Represented NPS on Human Dimensions Work Group of the Interagency Ecosystem Assessment Protocols Team.

Department Representative to the Committee on Earth and Environmental Sciences (CEES) Working Group on Global Change.

Department Representative to Interagency Arctic Research Policy Task Force.

Consultant to NPS Man and the Biosphere Program with regard to human adaptations to environmental stimuli.

Co-chair, with U.S. Forest Service representatives, of the interagency Social Dynamics Work Group of the Mitigation and Adaptation Research Component of the Global Climate Change Program.

Dissertation Research

The Patrons and Peons of Pesillo: A Traditional Hacienda System in Highland Ecuador.

Selected Research

1982-present Applied research on relationships between Federal land managing agencies and communities and peoples traditionally associated with national parks. Currently assisting NPS planners at Cane River Creole National Historical Park.

1981 Ecuadorian projects on land tenure, land reform and peasants.

1978-1980 Rhode Island. Household Organization of Immigrant Factory Workers in New England.

1979 Ecuador. Changing Composition and Needs of Rural Households among Smallholders and Landless agriculturalists.

1977 Ecuador. Impacts of Land Reforms on Traditional Hacienda Systems.

1972 Ecuador. Organization of Rural Landholding Cooperatives.

1970 Ecuador. Traditional Systems of Local Authority.

1969 Ecuador. Intergroup Relations of Indigenous Peoples.

1964-1965 Ecuador. Organization of Traditional Hacienda Systems.

1962 Ecuador. Survey of Hacienda and Plantation Labor Systems.

1960 Mexico. Organization of Village Smallholders.

Consulting Experience

1991- Invited by Federal agencies to discuss the process and outcomes of developing the National Park Service Ethnography Program in Applied Ethnography, e.g. U.S. Forest Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Environmental Protection Agency / Society for Applied Anthropology Program in Environmental Anthropology.

1991 Provided technical assistance/training on human dimensions of resources management to Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun; visited and reviewed planning for Gujar relocation site; and interviewed park and village leaders at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve. Prepared human dimensions research proposals.

1990 Traveled to Dehra Dun, India to meet with Wildlife Institute officials and visit Gujar tribe in preparation for technical assistance/training to India, 1991. Sponsored by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1988 Traveled to Ecuador to interview Ecuadorian agency officials, compile data, and write sections on Andean and Tropical Forest peoples, resources uses, and

demography for *An Assessment of Biological Diversity and Tropical Forests, Ecuador*. International Institute for Environment and Development—North America, a Center of the World Resources Institute. Prepared for USAID/Ecuador as an annex to the Country Development Strategy Statement, FY 1989-1990.

1982 Designed and conducted Evaluations of the Multicultural Center in the School of Education and Professional Studies, Jersey City State College, NJ.

1981 Prepared training materials dealing with change in Andean land tenure systems for U.S. Department of Agriculture/OICD International Training Program, Washington, D.C.

Designed and conducted Evaluation of Title VII (U.S. Department of Education) Training Program for Multicultural and Bilingual Teachers, Seton Hall University, NJ.

Lectured on Patterns of Rural-Urban Migration in the Andean Republics. Foreign Service Institute, Rosslyn, VA.

1979-1981 -1982 Designed and conducted Evaluation of Title VII (U.S. Department of Education) Training Program for Bilingual Teachers in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies. Brown University, Providence, RI.

1980 Developed curriculum in American language and culture for Hispanic immigrants. Project Persona, Providence, RI.

1979 Assessed indigenous rural needs in Ecuador and prepared a development proposal in response to identified needs for U.S. Agency for International Development, Ecuador. Foundation for Inter-Andean Development, Inc.

1979 Presented workshops in cross-cultural sensitivity to pre-professional and professional educators. Brown University, Bilingual Institute, RI.

1978 Designed proposals for programs in American language and culture appropriate to working-class immigrants for the International Institute, Inc., Providence, RI.

1973 Developed methods and materials for teaching social science to minority teacher-trainees slated to teach in inner-city schools. Department of Education, Hunter College, CUNY.

1970-1969 Directed Aruba Research Center in the Netherlands Antilles for Hunter College, CUNY. Coordinated programs, supervised staff, managed the budget, planned and presented training workshops on cross-cultural research.

1965, 1966 Assistant Director and Director, respectively, of training programs in Ecuador for North American pre-professional Social Scientists.

Responsible for local arrangements with Ecuadorian agencies and village officials, supervision of trainees, planning, and presenting workshops. National Science Foundation funded Cornell-Columbia-Harvard-Illinois project.

Previous Employment

1978-1980 Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, Brown University. Providence, RI.

Designed and conducted research on family organization, economic strategies, and educational needs of immigrant factory workers in New England.

1978-1979 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Rhode Island School of Design, Liberal Arts Division. Providence, RI.

Presented courses on Third World art and society in a contemporary perspective.

1977 Fulbright Lecturer, Universidad Catolica, Quito, Ecuador. Rural Studies and Anthropology.

Presented Spanish language classes on rural social systems, land reform, and development issues. Supervised student research, and lectured to professional and community groups.

1975-1976 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI.

Responsible for advanced undergraduate and graduate courses on rural Latin American peoples and problems. Advised M.A. and Ph.D. candidates on theses research and preparation.

1968-1975 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Hunter College CUNY. New York, NY.

In addition to teaching responsibilities, student advisement, and participation in departmental and college planning and governance committees, coordinated the Evening Anthropology Program, entailing planning, staffing, and supervision.

Professional Fellowships, Grants, Honors

1994 American Anthropological Association Solon T. Kimball Award for Outstanding Service to the Profession, especially for successful efforts to develop the National Park Service Applied Ethnography Program.

1992 High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology Omer T. Stewart Award for Contributions to Applied Anthropology.

1978 NIMH Postdoctoral Fellowship to study Portuguese immigrants in New England.

1977 Fulbright-Hays Award, Ecuador.

1970 NIMH Research Grant, Ecuador.

1969 CUNY Faculty Grant, Ecuador.

1964-1965 NIMH Dissertation Research Grant, Ecuador.

1963-1966 NIMH Predoctoral Fellowship.

1961, 1962 University of Illinois Research Fellowships: Mexico, Ecuador.

1962 NDEA Title IV Language-Area Studies.

1960-1962 University of Illinois Assistantships.

Publications

2003 *Ethnographic Planning Study of Magnolia Plantation for Cane River Creole National Historical Park*. Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

2000 With Carla Mattix. Negotiating Ethical and Legal Mazes in the Federal Workplace. In *Ethics and Anthropology. Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 925:120-145. (online at www.cr.nps.gov/aad/peoples/reports/crespi.htm)

1999 With DeBuys, Lees, Meridith, and Strong. Cultural and Social Diversity and Resource Use. In *Ecological Stewardship: A Common Reference for Ecosystem Management*, edited by W.T. Sexton, A.J. Malk, R.C. Szaro, and N.C. Johnson, Vol III, pp.189-208. Oxford: Elsevier Science Ltd.

1999 With Raish, Engdahl, Anderson, Carpenter, Johnson, McConnell, and Neller. Resource Management Strategies for Working with Cultural and Social Diversity. In *Ecological Stewardship: A Common Reference for Ecosystem Management*, edited by W.T. Sexton, A.J. Malk, R.C. Szaro, and N.C. Johnson, Vol III, pp. 209-225. Oxford: Elsevier Science Ltd.

1999 With Lessard, Jensen and Burgeron. A General Framework for Integrated Ecological Assessments. In *Integrating Social Sciences with Ecosystem Management*, edited by H. Ken Cordell and John C. Bergstrom. Champaign, IL: Sagamore Publishing.

1989 Cultural Anthropology and U.S. National Parks. *Newsletter of the American Anthropological Association* 30:6.

1989 The Potential Role of National Parks in Maintaining Cultural Diversity. In *International Perspectives on Cultural Parks: Proceedings of the First World Conference*. U.S. National Park Service in association with the Colorado Historical Society.

1988 With Bruce Cabarle et al. *An Assessment of Biological Diversity and Tropical Forests*, Ecuador. Washington, D.C.: International Institute for Environment and Development-North America, World Resources Institute.

1987 With Adolph Greenberg. Humanistic Conservation: A Proposed Alliance Between Anthropology and Environmentalists. *Central Issues in Anthropology* 7:1.

1987 Ethnography and the NPS: A Growing Partnership. *CRM Bulletin* 10.

1981 San Juan The Baptist: The Ritual Looking Glass of Hacienda Indian Ethnic and Power Relations. In *Cultural Transformations and Ethnicity in Modern Ecuador*, edited by Norman E. Whitten, Jr. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

1979 Portuguese Immigrants, Economic Strategies, and Appropriate Education Needs. *Proceedings of the Fourth National Portuguese Conference*. Fall River: National Dissemination Center.

1976 Peasant Women as Union Leaders: When the Absence of Property Becomes a Qualification for Political Roles. In *Estudios Andinos* 12, edited by June Nash. University of Pittsburgh.

1975 When Indios Become Cholos: Some Consequences of the Changing Ecuadorian Hacienda. In *The New Ethnicity. Proceedings of the 1973 Meetings of the American Ethnological Society*, edited by J. Bennett. St. Paul: West Publishers.

1971 Changing Power Relations: The Rise of Peasant Unions on Traditional Ecuadorian Haciendas. *Anthropological Quarterly* 44.

Selected Reviews

1992 Resident Peoples and National Parks: Social Dilemmas and Strategies in International Conservation. Research and Conservation: National Geographic Society.

1990 People of the Klamath; Of Land and Life, and The Hero's Journey; The World of Joseph Campbell. Film Reviews. *Journal of the American Anthropological Association* 92: 1102-1105.

1987 Culture and Conservation: The Human Dimension in Environmental Planning. *American Anthropologist* 89:464-465.

1985 Culture and Conservation: The Human Dimension in Environmental Planning. *Parks* 10:31.

Selected Popular Publications

2001 Raising Muted Voices and Identifying Invisible Resources. In People and Places: The Ethnographic Connection, Guest Editor M. Crespi, *CRM* 24:4-6.

2001 Seeking Inclusiveness. In Stewards of the Human Landscape, Guest Editor M. Crespi, *Common Ground*, Winter 1998/Spring 1999, reprinted 2001.

1999 Anthropological Connections, *CRM* 22(4):18.

1998 Local Pasts in National Programs. *CRM* 21(4):28-29.

1991 Saving Sacred Places. *National Parks: Magazine of the National Parks and Conservation Association* 66:18-19.

1990 Humanizing Resources Management: Ethnographic Resources. *Federal Archeology Report* 3:3.

1989 Cultural Anthropology and U.S. National Parks. *American Anthropological Association Newsletter* 30:6.

1987 Inventorying Ethnographic Resources Servicewide. *CRM* 10(4):4-5.

1986 Ethnography and the NPS: A Growing Partnership. In Special Ethnography Edition, Guest editor, M. Crespi. *CRM* 10:1.

Selected Conferences and Workshop Organization

2000-1992 Organized and conducted National Park Service training programs and workshops on Native American, African American and Hispanic concerns and relationships with national parks.

Organized professional symposia at annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association and the Society for Applied Anthropology.

1992 Invited participant in the Congress on Renewable Natural Resources: Critical Issues and concepts for the Twenty-First Century. Vail, CO.

1988 Co-organized symposium, with Benita Howell, on Organizational Culture. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Phoenix.

- 1987** Co-organized symposium, with Adolph Greenberg, on Local Populations, Protected Areas, and the Development of Regional Conservation Approaches. Annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Oaxaca, Mexico.
- 1986** Invited session chair on Anthropology and Contemporary Problems. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 1985, 1986** Workshop on Conservation Units and Indigenous Communities at the International Seminar on National Parks. Grand Canyon NP.
- 1985** Co-organized, co-chaired symposium on Anthropologists in Environmental Planning. Sponsored by the Council of Anthropologists in Environmental Planning and the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1984** Developed and chaired the program, and wrote a successful Wenner-Gren grant proposal for the National Park Service's First World Conference on Cultural Parks, Mesa Verde National Park, CO. September 16-21.
- 1983** Invited session chair on Political Anthropology of North American Indians. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- 1982** Organizer of symposium on Native American Religious Freedom: Conflicts and Accommodations. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1978** Invited discussant in symposium on Movable Feasts: Portuguese Migrations and Ritual Change. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Los Angeles.
- 1977** Organizer of symposium on Local Level Responses to Regional Policies and National Development in Ecuador: Insights into the Workings of Complex Systems. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Houston, TX.

Selected Papers Presented

- 2000** Negotiating the Ethical Maze in the Federal Workplace. The New York Academy of Sciences. April 14. Symposium on Ethics and Anthropology: Facing Future Issues in Human Biology, Globalism, and Cultural Property.
- 1999** With Michael Evans and Alexa Roberts. From Exclusive to Inclusive: Efforts to Democratize the Bureaucracy. Annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, San Francisco.

- 1999 Efforts in the U.S.A. to Encourage Community-Based Programs to Identify, Preserve, and Protect Cultural Patrimony, and Implications for Resource Protection, Mexico City. Interpol International Meetings on Illicit Traffic of Cultural Goods in the Americas.
- 1991 Fashioning New Directions in Public Resources Management: The Anthropological Role. Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings, Charleston, SC.
- 1989 Projecting Anthropology to the Public. Panel discussant. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1988 Native Americans as Catalysts for Policy Change. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Phoenix, AZ.
- 1986 With Adolph Greenberg. Humanistic Conservation. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 1986 With Adolph Greenberg. Man and the Biosphere: The Need for a Processual Model of the Human Component. Presented at the Oregon State University Symposium on Social Science in Resource Management, Corvallis.
- 1984 With Andrew Kardos. The Role of National Parks and Reserves in the Conservation of Culture. First World Conference on Cultural Parks. Mesa Verde.
- 1982 Welcome Aboard: Ceremonial Incorporation and Maintenance in the Federal Workplace. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1979 Women's Political Activism as a Strategy for Crisis Solving in Ecuador. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Cincinnati, OH.
- 1979 The Effects of the Americanization on Portuguese Immigrant Adults and their Children. Rhode Island Conference for the International Year of the Child, and the Fourth Annual Portuguese Conference, Providence, RI.
- 1978 The Anthropological Experience of Cross-Cultural Diversity. The Bilingual Institute, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 1977 Economic Development as an Inducement to Local Political Change in Ecuador. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Houston, TX.
- 1977 San Juan Bautista y la Reforma Agraria: El Impacto de Transformaciones Politico-economico en las Fiestas Tradicionales. Casa de la Cultura. Quito, Ecuador.

1976 Peasant Responses to the Ecuadorian Agrarian Reforms. Ibero-American Program Colloquia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

1973 When Indios Become Cholos: The Economic and Ethnic Effects of the Changing Hacienda. Annual meetings of the American Ethnological Society, Wrightsville Beach, NC.

1972 Ethnic Group Differences as Viewed by Different Ethnic Groups. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Toronto, Canada.

1971 Conservatives and Radicals: Peasant Alternatives to the Ecuadorian Agrarian Reforms. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New York.

1970 Changing Power Relations at Traditional Haciendas in Highland Ecuador. International Congress of Americanists, Lima, Peru.

Proposal Reviews

Reviewed research proposals for National Institute of Health, National Science Foundation, Wenner-Gren Foundation, and Man and the Biosphere Program.

Professional Affiliations

Fellow, American Anthropological Association

Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology

Latin American Anthropology Group

Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists

National Association of Professional Anthropologists

High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology

Positions in Professional Associations

2001 Appointed Editorial Board member, Journal of the American Anthropological Association.

Appointed Awards Committee, American Anthropological Association.

1995-1999 Appointed Contributing Editor, Journal of Human Organization, and Contributing Editor, Journal of Visual Anthropology.

1996-1999 Appointed Member, Advisory Board for EPA/SfAA Program in Environmental Anthropology.

1991-1999 Appointed to Program Committee, Society for Applied Anthropology.

1990 Elected President, Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists.

1990 Appointed to Policies and Issues Committee, Society for Applied Anthropology.

1990 Elected to the Executive Board, Society for Applied Anthropology.

1989 Appointed member of the Federal Advisory Board, American Anthropological Association.

1989 Appointed the Program Chair, Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists.

1988 Elected to the Ethics Committee, American Anthropological Association.

1987 Appointed to the Program Committee, Society for Applied Anthropology.

1987 Appointed to the Ethics Committee, Society for Applied Anthropology.

1986-1988 Contributing Editor, *Practicing Anthropology*, publication of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Initiated and wrote "Washington Watch" column.

1985 Appointed to the Program Committee, Washington Association of Professional Anthropologist.

1984 Elected to the Nominations Committee, American Anthropological Association, and chaired it, 1986.

1983 Appointed Newsletter Editor, Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists.

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