

Thanks to the generous support of the Tinker Graduate Field Research grant, I was able to conduct preliminary field research in Argentina to support my master's project. I traveled in the summer of 2024, and spent a total of eight weeks there. During my first two weeks of fieldwork, I stayed in the city of Buenos Aires, where I conducted archival research at the *Archivo General de la Nación* and the *Biblioteca Tornquist*. Thank you to the archivists (especially Patricia and Andrés) at both these sites for their help and support. I looked through the documents in search of references to waste, wetlands, and wastelands in both in the provinces of Buenos Aires and Entre Ríos.

I spent most of my research trip in Paraná, Entre Ríos, the central focus of my research. My main goal was to construct a red of actors that were situated at the intersections of waste and wetlands. I met with local academics associated with CONICET (in both Paraná, Entre Ríos and Rafaela, Santa Fe), non-profit organizations, residents, community leaders and environmental activists. My activities ranged from semi-structured interviews, participant observations, and experiential visits such as working on a local construction project or catering a community event. I focused on understanding the material conditions in which the spatial relationships between waste and development were experienced in the day-to-day. I am currently analyzing the qualitative data and will be incorporating what I learned this summer into my master's project. Before embarking on fieldwork this summer, I received IRB approval for my project.

My trip to Argentina this summer was foundational to developing my master's project. By visiting with residents working and living in the peri-urban neighborhoods that surround the municipal landfill and city's wetlands, I am now better equipped to address my questions around the relationships between value and waste. The funding I received this summer helped me build relationships with local interlocutors that would have been impossible had I not been able to visit and meet people directly.