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Employment

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| 2018- | Department of Anthropology Professor Interim Director of Southeast Asian Studies 2022-2023 | University of Michigan |
| 2012-2018 | Department of Anthropology Associate Professor Director of Undergraduate Studies 2015-17 | University of Michigan |
| 2012 | Department of Anthropology Associate Professor with tenure | Yale University |
| 2006-2012 | Department of Anthropology Assistant Professor Director of Graduate Studies, African Studies | Yale University |
| 2004-2006 | Regional Project, Dakar Senegal West Africa Project Director | International Crisis Group |

Education

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| 2004 | Emory University Ph.D., Program in Culture, History, Theory. | Atlanta, GA |
| 1998 | University of Oxford M.St. in Social Anthropology | Oxford, UK |
| 1988 | Columbia University A.B. in Philosophy and Economics. | New York, NY |

Academic Grants and Awards

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| 2017-2021 | National Science Foundation Senior Scholar Grant, Anthropology and Political Science |
| 2018 | Fulbright Scholar Teaching-Research Award, Myanmar/Burma. |
| 2017-18 | Post-PhD Research Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation. |
| 2017 | Weiser Center Faculty Grant for research in Myanmar. |

- 2017 Thai Studies Program Grant, U. Michigan.
- 2017 U. Michigan Center for World Performance Studies Summer Faculty Funding Grant.
- 2017 Roy Rappaport Memorial Lecture Series presenter, four lectures on forthcoming book, *A Socialist Peace?*
- 2015 Co-winner, Amaury Talbot Prize for best book on Africa, 2013 for *Unmasking the State*. Royal Anthropological Institute.
- 2012 Hilles Publication Fund Award supporting *Unmasking the State*.
- 2011 Arthur Greer Memorial Prize for Scholarship in the Social or Natural Sciences, for *Making War in Côte d'Ivoire*. Yale U.
- 2008-2009 Yale University Junior Faculty Fellowship.
- 2008-2009 Yale MacMillan Center Faculty Research Grant.
- 2003-2004 Smithsonian Postdoctoral Research Fellowship.
- 2002-2003 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Writing Grant.
- 2000-2001 Fulbright-Hays Research Fellowship.
- 1998 Terence Ranger Book Prize, St. Antony's College, Oxford.
- 1997-1999 SSRC-MacArthur International Peace and Security Fellowship.
- 1997 SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship.
- 1997 Fulbright IIE Scholarship. Declined.
- 1995, '96 Summer Research Awards, Emory Summer Discretionary Fund.
- 1994-2002 Woodruff University Fellow, Emory University.
- 1984-1988 John Jay University Scholar, Columbia University.

Publications

Books

- In preparation *Resentment, an Anthropological Account*.
- 2017 *A Socialist Peace? Explaining the Absence of War in an African Country*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- 2013 *Unmasking the State: Making Guinea Modern*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- 2011 *Making War in Côte d'Ivoire*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Peer-reviewed articles and chapters

- forthcoming "The 2009 UN Commission of Inquiry in Guinea: Quick and Potent." In Meierhenrich, Jens, ed. *International Commissions: The Role of Commissions of Inquiry in the Investigation of International Crimes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2022 "Suffering for Power: Alpha Condé from Historic Opponent to President for Life." Forthcoming in *Politique Africaine*.
- 2021 "'I did not wash my hand for days;' The Stuplime Return of Revolutionary Speech in the Republic of Guinea." *The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*.

Vol 39(2): 78-95.

- 2017 with Siu, Helen "China-Africa Encounters: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Realities." *Annual Review of Anthropology*. 46:337-355.
- 2015 "Liberty and moral ambivalence: Postsocialist transitions, refugee hosting, and bodily comportment in the Republic of Guinea." *American Ethnologist*. 42(2): 247-261.
- 2013 with Arieff, Alexis "History is Stubborn": Talk about Truth, Justice, and National Reconciliation in the Republic of Guinea." *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. vol 55(1): 198-225.
- 2012 "Life During Wartime: Aspirational Kinship and the Management of Insecurity." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (N.S.) 18:735-752.
- 2012 "Turning the Clock Back or Breaking with the Past?: Charismatic Temporality and Elite Politics in Côte d'Ivoire and the United States." *Cultural Anthropology* vol 27(2):239-260.
- 2010 "This is Play: Popular Culture and Politics in Côte d'Ivoire" In Makhulu, A.-M., B. Buggenhagen and S. Jackson eds. *Hard Work, Hard Times: Ethnographies of Volatility and African Being-in-the-World*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Pages 69-90.
- 2009 "Proleptic Justice: The Threat of Investigation as a Deterrent to Human Rights Abuses in Côte d'Ivoire" In Clarke, K. and M. Goodale, eds. *Justice in the Mirror*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pages 67-86.
- 2009 "The Refusal to Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the 1958 NO." In C. Pauthier, O. Goerg, A. Diallo, eds. *Regards sur le NON de la Guinée, 1958*. Paris: l'Harmattan. Pages 17-27.
- 2009 "Chasing Shadows in the Dunes: Islamist Practice and Counterterrorist Policy in West Africa's Sahara-Sahel Zone" In Smith, Malinda, ed. *Africa, 9/11, and the War on Terror*. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate. Pages 79-97.
- 2008 "Liberia: The Risks of Rebuilding a Shadow State" In Call, Charles ed. *Building States to Build Peace*. Boulder: Lynne Reiner. Pages 335-361.
- 2007 "Janvier 2007: Sékou Touré est mort." *Politique Africaine* no. 107:125-145.
- 2007 "Guinea" In van Walraven, Klaas et al. eds. *Africa Yearbook 2006*. Leiden: Brill. Pages 101-108.
- 2006 "Guinea" In van Walraven, Klaas et al. eds. *Africa Yearbook 2005*. Leiden: Brill. Pages 91-98.
- 2005 "Guinea" In van Walraven, Klaas et al. eds. *Africa Yearbook 2004*. Leiden: Brill. Pages 87-94.
- 2002 "Conflit régional et rhétorique de la contre-insurgence: Guinéens et réfugiés en

septembre 2000.” *Politique Africaine*, no. 88:84-102.

- 2000 “Durkheim and Heidegger: Two Social Ontologies and Some Implications.”
In *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford* XXIX(2):105-120.

Non Peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and book reviews

- 2019 Review of Danny Hoffman’s *Monrovia Modern: Urban Form and Political Imagination in Liberia*. *Journal of African History*.
- 2018 Review of Paul Richards’s *Ebola: How a People’s Science Helped End an Epidemic*. *American Ethnologist* vol 45(2):283-284.
- 2017 “Book Conversation with Mike McGovern.” Interview by Prof. Larissa Kurtovic. *Anthropology News*. August 21, 2017.
- 2014 "Bushmeat and the Politics of Disgust" featured in *Cultural Anthropology's* "Hot Spots" special issue, "Ebola in Perspective. <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/588-bushmeat-and-the-politics-of-disgust>.
- 2013 Review of Danny Hoffman's *The War Machines*. *American Ethnologist*. 40(2):407-408.
- 2012 Review of Peter Geschiere's *The Perils of Belonging: Autochthony, Citizenship and Exclusion in Africa and Europe*. *African Studies Review* vol 55(2): 163-165.
- 2012 "Toward an Anthropology of Legitimacy." featured in *Cultural Anthropology's* Hot Spots special issue, " Côte d'Ivoire is Cooling Down?" Reflections a Year after the Battle for Abidjan." <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/204-toward-an-anthropology-of-legitimacy>.
- 2011 "The Ivorian Endgame: What Sort of Country Has Ouattara Inherited?" *Foreign Affairs* online. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67728/mike-mcgovern/the-ivorian-endgame>.
- 2011 "Ivory Coast's development failures " published in "Poverty Matters" development blog of *The Guardian* online, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/poverty-matters/2011/apr/18/ivory-coast-development-failures>
- 2011 Review of Harry West's *Kupilikula* in *Etnografica*. Vol 15(2):401-402.
- 2011 "Review Essay: Writing About Conflict in Africa: Stakes and Strategies." *Africa* vol. 81(2): 314-330.
- 2011 "Popular Development Economics--An Anthropologist among the Mandarins" *Perspectives on Politics*. vol 9(2): 345-355.
- 2007 “International Interventions in Côte d’Ivoire: In Search of a Point of Leverage” In *Accord: an international review of peace initiatives*. vol 19:62-65.
- 2006 “Côte d’Ivoire: avoiding meltdown” openDemocracy 23 January 2006.
- 2006 "The Fourth Leg." In *International Aid Report*.
- 2006 ‘Guinée’, ‘Sierra Léone’ and ‘Libéria’ In Banégas, Richard et al. eds., *L’état du monde 2006*. Paris : Editions de la Découverte. Pages 115-120.
- 2005 ‘Guinée’, ‘Sierra Léone’ and ‘Libéria’ In Banégas, Richard et al. eds., *L’état du monde 2005*. Paris : Editions de la Découverte.
- 2005 ‘Rebuilding a failed state: Liberia’ In *Development in Practice* 15(6):760-766.
- 2003 “West African Spirit Possession,” “State Attitudes and Policies Towards Folklore in Postcolonial Africa,” and “Touring State-Sponsored Folkloric Troupes.” In Peek, Philip and K. Yankah, eds. *The Encyclopedia of African Folklore*. New York: Garland Press.
- 2001 Review, *History, Power, Ideology: Central Issues in Marxism and Anthropology*. Donald Donham. In *Africa Today* 48(2): 158-160.

- 1999 "Reply to Frederick Lamp". In *African Arts*, XXXII(2):9, 85.
- 1998 "A Research Proposal Funded by the Social Science Research Council: 'Identities and the Negotiation of Displacement in Southeastern Guinea, West Africa.'" In *Africa Today* 45(3-4):307-322.
- 1998 Review, *Mistrusting Refugees*. E. Valentine Daniel and J. C. Knudsen, eds. and *Reconstructing Lives, Recapturing Meaning: Refugee Identity, Gender, and Culture Change*. Linda Camino and R. Krulfield, eds. In *American Ethnologist*, 25(1):17-19.

Editorials

- 2011 "Before You Judge Her, Stand in Her Shoes" *New York Times* 5 July, 2011.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/06/opinion/06mcgovern.html>
- 2009 "Exceptional Circumstances and Coups d'État." Published on the Social Science Research Council's "African Arguments" weblog;
<http://africanarguments.org/2009/02/exceptional-circumstances-and-coups-detat>.
- 2009 "Strategies that might work in one state should not be applied generally to the bottom billion" (response to Paul Collier's "Development in Dangerous Places") *Boston Review* July/August 2009.
- 2006 (with Gareth Evans) "Guinea: No Coups Are Good Coups." In allAfrica.com. 22 March.
- 2006 (with Mark Schneider) "We Must Help Her Succeed" In allAfrica.com. 18 January.
- 2005 "Guinea – West Africa's Next Failure?" *The European Voice*. 16 June 2005.
- 2004 (with Alain Deletroz) "Côte d'Ivoire, piège d'acier." *Le Monde*. 11 November 2004.

International Crisis Group Reports

- 2009 *Liberia: Uneven Progress in Security Sector Reform*. Africa Report 148. Brussels: International Crisis Group.
- 2006 *Guinea in Transition*, Africa Briefing N°37. Brussels: International Crisis Group.
- 2006 *Liberia: Staying Focused*, Africa Briefing N°36. Brussels: International Crisis Group.
- 2005 *Liberia's Elections: Necessary but not Sufficient*. Africa Report N° 98 Brussels: International Crisis Group.
- 2005 *Stopping Guinea's Slide*. Africa Report no. N° 94. Brussels: International Crisis Group.
- 2005 *Islamist Terrorism in the Sahel: Fact or Fiction?* Africa Report N° 92. Brussels: International Crisis Group.
- 2004 *Liberia and Sierra Leone: Rebuilding Failed States*. Africa Report N° 87. Brussels: International Crisis Group.
- 2004 *Côte d'Ivoire: No Peace in Sight*. Africa Report N° 82. Brussels: International Crisis Group.

Presentations

- 3/21 "‘I did not wash my hand for days;’ The Stuplime Return of Revolutionary Speech." in the Republic of Guinea. University of Michigan Sociocultural Anthropology Workshop.
- 4/19 "Currying Favor" Anthropology-History Seminar, University of Michigan.

- 3/19 “Comparisons Confected and Denied: Social Science Understandings of Political Acts.” Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture, Concordia University, Montreal.
- 4/17 “The Afterlife of a Socialist Habitus.” Annual Roy A. Rappaport Lecture Series, University of Michigan.
- 3/17 “Nuvanuita: Ethnic Cleansing Planned and then Averted.” Annual Roy A. Rappaport Lecture Series, University of Michigan.
- 2/17 “Resentment, the Seeds of Violence Sown.” Annual Roy A. Rappaport Lecture Series, University of Michigan.
- 1/17 “Understanding and Explaining the Absence of War.” Annual Roy A. Rappaport Lecture Series, University of Michigan.
- 10/16 “Uncertainty, Trust, and Ebola: Why Some Guineans Have Rejected Public Health Outreach.” Harvard University African Studies Workshop.
- 4/16 "A Socialist Peace: Explaining the Absence of War in an African Country" Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de Montréal.
- 4/16 "Uncertain Subjectivities and Conspiracy Thinking in an Ebola Zone" American Ethnological Society annual meeting Washington, DC.
- 3/16 "Genocide, Politicide, and their Doppelgangers in the Republic of Guinea" Genocide Studies Program seminar, Yale University.
- 11/15 "Masculinity in War and Peace: Violent Mastery and the Search for Distinction in the Republic of Guinea." Annual Anthropology Lecture. York University, Toronto.
- 10/15 "Mobility, Violence and the Search for Distinction in a Time of War." Violence, Intervention and Agency Workshop, Yale University.
- 9/15 A Socialist Peace? Explaining the Absence of War in Guinea, West Africa. African Studies Seminar, Cornell University.
- 6/15 "Explaining the Dog that Doesn't Bark: Endogenous Limits on Violence in Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea." Electoral Violence Workshop, U. California, Berkeley.
- 4/15 "The Effects of Land Expropriation in Guinea and Liberia." "African Economic Development: Past, Present, Future." Harvard University.
- 2/15 “Ebola as Uncertainty: Managing an Epidemic under Conditions of Precarity.” African Studies Center, Michigan State University.
- 2/15 "A Tale of Two Peaces: Liberia Case Study." Analysis of Post-Conflict Stabilization

- Conference, Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford.
- 12/14 "Hush Now, Don't Explain": (Un)certainty and Truth in Comparative Perspective." American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 12/14 "Ebola: The Intersection of Cultural, Historical, and Political Dynamics in West Africa." African Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University School of Area and International Studies. Washington, D.C.
- 11/14 Participant, American Anthropological Association/Wenner Gren Anthropology Emergency Initiative on Ebola. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zr-EFDxG54Q&index=2&list=PL0OchlJ85m4d5vFUBNaAN-BcDLDJsr0FQ>. My intervention at 51:40.
- 10/14 American Anthropological Association webinar on Anthropological perspectives on Ebola. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4X8LGrkDxcU>.
- 10/14 "Engaging the State: Progressive National NGO's in Developing Countries" respondent. Development Studies Association Meetings, London, UK.
- 9/14 "Those Who Eat Monkey Will Never Rule Over Us." African Studies Seminar, Emory University.
- 9/14 "Those Who Eat Monkey Will Never Rule Over Us." Anthro-History Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 6/14 Co-organizer, Comparative Post-Conflict Reconstruction West Africa-SE Asia workshop, Mandalay, Myanmar.
- 5/14 « Une paix socialiste? Expliquer l'absence de guerre en République de Guinée ». Sciences Po-Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris.
- 2/14 "Creating a (Muslim) Revolutionary Public in the Days of Independence: The Republic of Guinea under Sékou Touré" Comparative Muslim Societies seminar, Cornell University.
- 1/14 Co-organizer, Comparative Post-Conflict Reconstruction West Africa-SE Asia workshop, Monrovia, Liberia.
- 10/13 "A Socialist Peace?" University of Chicago Department of Anthropology Monday seminar.
- 9/13 "Politics by Other Means: International Judicial Institutions, African Politics and the Strategic Use of Human Rights Talk." Yale Law School, Schell Center for International Human Rights.
- 4/13 "Creating a Dictatorial Public in Sékou Touré's Guinea." Dictatorial Aesthetics conference, Duke University.

- 4/13 "Comparative Postconflict Recoveries and the Land Question: Liberia, Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire." Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown U.
- 2/13 "The morality of liberty: Socioeconomic transition and bodily comportment in the Republic of Guinea." U. Michigan Sociocultural Anthropology Workshop.
- 2/13 "Violent Events as Rupture and Continuity in the Flow of West African Histories." U. Michigan Anthro History Annual Symposium.
- 11/12 "Life During Wartime: Aspirational Kinship in the Republic of Guinea" Presented at AAA annual meetings, San Francisco. Chaired and co-organized "Remembering the Work of Ivan Karp" panel.
- 11/11 "From Class Struggle to Indigenous Rights? Comparing Processes, Policies, and Politics Globally" Participant in roundtable at AAA annual meetings, Montreal.
- 11/11 "Anthropologies of the Covert: From Spying and Being Spied upon to Secret Military Ops and the CIA" Panel Discussant at AAA annual meetings, Montreal.
- 9/11 "Life During Wartime: Aspirational Kinship And The Management Of Insecurity." Agrarian Studies Seminar, Yale University.
- 9/11 "This is Play: Explaining Self-Regulating Aspects in the Ivorian Civil Conflict." Boston University, African Studies Center.
- 5/11 Testimony on "The Reconstruction and Reconciliation Process in Côte d'Ivoire" Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Washington D.C.
- 5/11 "Côte d'Ivoire: Assessing the International Response" Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research. Cambridge, MA.
- 2/11 "Understanding the Conflict in Cote d'Ivoire: Unpopular Culture and Immoral Economies." University of Florida, African Studies Center.
- 11/10 "Iconoclasm as a Cosmopolitan Idiom: Resolving Contradictions in 1960s Socialist Guinea-Conakry." Paper presented at AAA annual meetings, New Orleans. Chaired and co-organized panel entitled "A New Cosmopolitan Form? Iconoclasm, Intimacy, and Power in Comparative Perspective."
- 4/10 "This is Play: Popular Culture and Unpopular Politics in Contemporary Côte d'Ivoire." Emory University African Studies seminar.
- 9/09 "African Ethnography as a Tradition: A Seminar and Book Launch." Commentator on Harry West's *Kupilikula*, response to Ramon Sarro's comments on my *Making War in Côte d'Ivoire*, roundtable on Africanist ethnography with J.D.Y. Peel, Deborah James, Wilson Trajano Filho, Sarro and West. Lisbon.

- 6/09 Testimony on social and political contexts of drugs transshipment in West Africa for US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Africa subcommittee hearing, "Confronting Drug Trafficking in West Africa." Washington, D.C.
- 5/09 "Guinée Conakry après la Junte: Les élections feront-elles une différence ?" Roundtable organized by Sciences Po, CERI, Egmont. Paris.
- 1/09 Opening Remarks, welcome to participants and President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, "Mano River Region at Risk? Post Conflict Conversations Within and Across Borders." Monrovia, Liberia. Conference co-organized with Prof. Bruce Knauft (Emory U.).
- 1/09 "Resentment and Recrimination in Cote d'Ivoire's "Second War of Independence." "History as Recrimination" presidential panel, American Historical Association annual meetings, New York.
- 12/08 "A Gangsta War? Substance and Style in Abidjanais Youth Culture during the Ivorian Conflict (2002-2007)." "Margins, networks and alliances: The Upper Guinea Coast and the making of the Atlantic" conference, Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon.
- 11/08 "Free Money: Youth, Politics, and Popular Music in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire." American Anthropological Association annual meetings, San Francisco. Chair of "Popular Music and the Politics of Engagement in African Public Spheres" panel.
- 10/08 "Post-Conflict Social Engineering: Searching for the Logic of a Paradigm Shift." "Societal Transformation and the Challenges of Governance in Africa and the Middle East" conference, World Bank, Washington, DC
- 6/08 "Why Do They Hate Us? Northern Mande Exclusion in Guinea, Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire, and the Resurgence of Notions of Empire." Mande Studies Association triennial conference, Lisbon.
- 4/08 "Rehabilitation Reintegration, Restoration: Which 'Re' for Sierra Leone's ex-Combatants?" "Odd Bedfellows: Sierra Leonean Diamonds, Ukrainian Arms" conference, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York City.
- 4/08 "Decolonization and Dramaturgy: Youth in Crisis." "Topographies of War and Registers of Violence in Cold War, post-1989, & post-9/11 Africas" University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 3/08 "Smuggling, Banditry, and Insurgency in the Sahara: Coming to Terms with the Rhetoric of 'Ungoverned' Spaces." "Weak States, Lawlessness and Globalisation" Conference, University of Vermont.
- 3/08 February "The Death of the Father in a West African Post-Socialist Setting: The January-2007 uprisings in Guinea and Sékou Touré's Second Death." Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- 3/08 "Post-Conflict Social Processes in West Africa: Overlapping Time Horizons and

- Attempts to Reconstruct Postwar Social Relations.” Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin.
- 3/08 “Jihadis and Local Communities in Sahelian West Africa.” “Rethinking Radicalisation” conference, South African Institute of International Affairs. University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 11/07 “Proleptic Justice: The Threat of Investigation as a Deterrent to Human Rights Abuses in Côte d'Ivoire.” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 10/07 “Where the Action Is: *Jouissance* and *Patriotisme* in Abidjan, 2002-06.” African Studies Association annual meetings, New York.
- 10/07 “The Political Economy of Predation and Intergenerational Conflict along the Upper Guinea Coast.” Agrarian Studies Seminar, Yale University.
- 4/07 “*Je t'aime... moi non plus*: Forgotten Youth and the Politics of *Ressentiment* in Côte d'Ivoire.” "Forgotten Conflicts" conference, Colgate University.
- 3/07 “Proleptic Justice: The Use of the Threat of Prosecution as a Political and Diplomatic Tool.” "Intervening in Africa" conference, Emory University.
- 3/07 “Youth Politics, Deadly Play, and the Politics of Resentment in Abidjan.” Order, Conflict, Violence seminar, Yale University.
- 3/07 “Homo Ludens at the Barricades: The Dramaturgy of Decolonisation in Côte d'Ivoire.” presented at "Colonialism Now: Political Discourse and Practice of History in Contemporary Post-colonies." Center for International History, Columbia University.
- 2/07 “The Politics of Resentment.” University of Chicago African Studies Workshop.
- 1/07 “Uses of Religion in Côte d'Ivoire's Conflict.” SSRC "Citizenship, Securitization and Vernacular Violence" conference, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 12/06 “Transatlantic Exchanges: Liberians at Home and Abroad.” "Identity, Security and Cultural Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa: New Articulations for Ethnic and Diasporic Studies" conference, Yale University.
- 12/06 “Proleptic Justice: The Use of the Threat of Prosecution as a Political and Diplomatic Tool” Justice in the Mirror: Law, Culture, and the Making of History conference, Yale University.
- 11/06 “The Panoptical Fantasy Achieved? Sékou Touré's Spies.” African Studies Association annual meetings, San Francisco.
- 11/06 “Where Sovereignty and Intervention Meet: Peacekeeping, Governance Interventions,

- and Prosecution of Crimes Against Humanity in West Africa.” Coping with Crisis Problem Definition Workshop No. 3, International Peace Academy, New York City.
- 10/06 “Consolidating Peace in West Africa: An Overview.” United Nations/SSRC seminar on Peace Consolidation in West Africa. Dakar, Senegal.
- 10/06 “Blurring the Boundaries between Applied and Academic Anthropology.” Yale University Ethnography and Social Theory colloquium.
- 2/06 “Intergenerational Conflict and the History of War-making in the West African Rainforest Zone.” European Union/DfID "Forests and Conflict" conference, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2/06 “Confronting Ungoverned Spaces and Cross-Border Flows” African Union Centre for the Study of and Research on Terrorism, Algiers, Algeria.
- 2/06 “Mano River Region: Prospects and Perils.” School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.
- 11/05 “The Criminalization of Bureaucratic Networks in Côte d’Ivoire: Maintaining the State of Emergency.” African Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 6/05 “Guinea, the current state of play.” Chatham House, London.
- 3/05 “The Town and the Country in West African Politics: Land Tenure and the Instrumentalisation of Identity in Cote d’Ivoire and Guinea.” the Columbia University Seminar on Africa.
- 3/05 “When Do People Kill ‘Over’ Autochthony? The State, Violence, and the Politics of Resentment in Côte d’Ivoire.” "States of Violence: the Conduct of War in Africa" Conference, Gainesville, Florida.
- 11/03 “Affinal Exchange, Hyperpolygyny, and Warfare: A Historical Approach to Marriage Alliance Along the Upper Guinea Coast.” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Chicago. Organizer of “In Good Times and in Bad: Conjugal Relations within Histories of Peace and Insecurity” panel.
- 10/03 “Those Who Eat Monkey Will Never Rule over Us: Forester Identity and National Political Culture in Guinea Since 1984.” African Studies Association annual meetings, Boston.
- 6/03 “Three Approaches to the Causes of War in Sierra Leone.” “The Causes of War” seminar, Columbia University, New York.
- 2/03 Respondent to “Development Economics on Trial: Professor W. Arthur Lewis and Nkrumah’s Ghana,” by Robert Tignor. Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis.
- 12/02 “From Negritude to Servitude? The Politics of Aesthetics in Guinea and Senegal,

- c. 1970.” African Studies Association annual meetings, Washington. Chair of “Popular Culture and the Socialist State: Cultural Pedagogies” panel.
- 11/02 “Temporality and Imagination in Loma Narratives of Betrayal.” American Anthropological Association annual meetings, New Orleans. Co-organizer of “Temporality and Imagination in African Modernities” panel.
- 8/02 “Religion and Revolution: A Dual Dynamic along the Forest-Savanna Frontier.” U.S. State Department "Instability in the West African Region" conference, Washington, D.C.
- 5/02 “*Le Complot Permanent: Discursive Production of Threat and the Semantics of Vigilance in Guinea, 1960-2000.*” "Violence, Political Culture and Development in Africa" workshop, Bornholm, Denmark.
- 4/02 “Articulating Betrayal: Narrative and Significant Social Action in Guinea.” the speakers’ series, African Studies Program, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- 11/01 “The Return to Political Economies of Violence in Southeastern Guinea: A Challenge to the Category of the Colonial.” African Studies Association annual meetings, Houston.
- 4/01 “Competing Cosmopolitanisms: Marxism and Panafricanism in the People’s Revolutionary Republic of Guinea.” Triennial conference of the Arts Council of the African Studies Association. St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.
- 1/01 “Oral Histories and Gender.” Seminar presented to graduate history seminar on oral history, University of Conakry, Guinea.
- 12/99 “History and Social Organization among Self-Settled Refugees in Guinea.” Africanist speakers’ series, Emory Institute of African Studies.
- 9/99 “Unmasking the State: The Guinean Demystification Program, 1959-1969.” "Aesthetic States: A Symposium on the Cultures of Security and the Security of Culture." Humanities Institute, SUNY Stonybrook.
- 4/98 “Durkheim’s *Homo Duplex* and Heidegger’s *Dasein*: A Comparison.” "*L’Année Sociologique*’s Centenary: A Symposium." Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford.
- 3/97 “Personhood, Communication and Improvisation: Spirit Possession in Africa.” "Body and Soul" conference, Emory University.
- 11/96 “Representations of Women on Colonial and Postcolonial African Currency, 1930-1990.” African Studies Association annual meetings, San Francisco.

Media

Has appeared on/in *Newshour*, CNN, *BBC Focus on Africa*, *Network Africa*, and *Newshour*, NPR, Radio France Internationale, Deutsch Welle, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Le Monde*, *The Guardian*, *Financial Times*, Wall Street Journal, Reuters, AP, Agence France-Presse, allAfrica.com, openDemocracy.com, and others. Also worked with BBC producer Catherine Fellows to make two-part BBC World Service documentary “Secrets in the Sand” on U.S. military presumptions of a terrorist threat present in Mauritania and Mali. Programs are archived at:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/documentary_archive/4131336.stm
and

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/documentary_archive/4138200.stm

Research Experience

- 5/19-7/19 Research on mobility, economic networks and intercommunal relations, Shan State.
- 6/18-9/18 Teaching (political theory, research methods and design) at University of Taunggyi.
- 7/17-5/18 Research with rural farmers on agriculture, history and intercommunal cooperation, southern Shan State.
- 5/16-7/16 Research in Kachin and Shan States on land, ethnic minorities, and Self-Administered Zones (SAZs).
- 5/15-6/15 Research on Ebola and conflict, Forest Region, Guinea.
- 6/14-8/14 Research in Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos on land expropriation and citizen responses.
- 5/14 Research in Guinea on relationship between artisanal diamond miners and farmers.
- 1/14 Research in Guinea and Liberia on comparative land tenure/use in contexts of conflict.
- 6-7/13 Research in Myanmar/Burma on comparative land issues during political transition.
- 1/13 Research in Guinea and Liberia on comparative land tenure/use in contexts of conflict.
- 7/12 Research in Zanzibar, Dar es Salam and Morogoro, Tanzania on Chinese enterprises in Tanzania. Research in Tabora region on memories of socialist period.
- 8/10 Research on African communities in Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Yiwu, China.
- 12/08-2/09 Research on socialist-era cultural policy with former civil servants, Conakry, Guinea.
- 9-10/2008 Research on political discourse and dramaturgy surrounding Guinean 50th anniversary of independence, Conakry, Guinea.
- 6/2008 Research on political process, youth ex-combatants, security sector reform in Monrovia, Nimba, Lofa and Bong Counties, Liberia.
- 3/2008 Research on aftermath of 2007 uprisings in Conakry, Guinea.
- 10/2007 Research on political reconciliation and youth culture, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
- 2003-2006 Research on social and political sources of conflict in Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Sahelian region.
- 2000-01 Archival research in Conakry, Guinea and Dakar, Senegal archives. Participant observation research and interviews with Loma elites living in Conakry.
- 2000 Field research in Macenta Prefecture, Guinea on political rhetoric, women's life histories, interethnic marriage.
- 1998-99 Field research in Macenta Prefecture on Loma social organization, history and Demystification Program.
- 1998 Archival research, *Archives d'Outre-Mer*, Aix-en-Provence, France.
- 1997 Field research in Macenta Prefecture on refugee self-settlement, idioms of affinity.

1996 Archival research, *Archives d'Outre-Mer*, Aix-en-Provence, France.
 1990 Research team leader, CDC nutritional study of refugee children, N'Zerekore, Guinea.

Languages

Near-native in French, conversant in Burmese, Lomagui, some Portuguese, Maninkakan, Pulaar, ShiNgazidja (Comorian variant of Kiswahili).

Courses Taught

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| Winter 2022 | Anthrcul XX The Anthropology of Resentment Anthrcul XX The Anthropology of Time | |
| Fall 2021 | Anthrcul 250 The Anthropology of Food Anthrcul 458 Anthropologies of Insurgency | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Winter 2021 | Anthrcul 629 Research Methods and Design | U. Michigan |
| Fall 2020 | Anthrcul 250 The Anthropology of Food Anthrcul 458 Anthropologies of Insurgency | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Winter 2020 | Anthrcul 536 Politics/Aesthetics | U. Michigan |
| Fall 2019 | Anthrcul 250 The Anthropology of Food Anthrcul 158 The Anthropology of Resentment | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Winter 2019 | Anthrcul 250 The Anthropology of Food Anthrcul 629 Research Methods and Design | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Fall 2018 | Anthrcul 450 Anthropologies of Insurgency Anthrcul 536 Politics/Aesthetics | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Winter 2017 | Anthrcul 750 New Directions in Ethnography | U. Michigan |
| Fall 2016 | Anthrcul 526 Traditions in Ethnology Anthrcul 250 The Anthropology of Food | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Winter 2016 | Anthrcul 629 Research Methods and Design | U. Michigan |
| Fall 2015 | Anthrcul 158 The Anthropology of Food Anthrcul 536 Politics/Aesthetics | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Winter 2015 | Anthrcul 458 Anthropologies of Insurgency Anthrcul 310 The State in Africa | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Fall 2014 | Anthrcul 536 Politics/Aesthetics Anthrcul 629 Research Methods and Design | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Winter 2014 | Anthrcul 310 The State in Africa Anthrcul 450 Anthropologies of Insurgency | U. Michigan U. Michigan |
| Fall 2012 | Anthrcul 450 Anthropologies of Insurgency | U. Michigan |
| Spring 2012 | ANTH 433/633 The Anthropology of Time | Yale University |
| Fall 2010, '11 | Agrarian Societies: Culture, Power, History and Development | Yale University |
| Fall 2007, '09, '11 | ANTH 537 Politics/Aesthetics | Yale University |

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| | | McGovern CV |
| Fall 2007, '09, '11 | ANTH 288 The State in Africa | Yale University |
| Spring 2007- '11 | ANTH 110 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | Yale University |
| Spring 2007-'12 | ANTH 674 Anthropologies of Insurgency | Yale University |
| Fall, 2006 | ANTH 229 Power, Violence, Cosmology | Yale University |
| Fall 2006, 10 | ANTH 501a Proseminar in Sociocultural Anthropology: Historicizing the Discipline, Theorizing its History | Yale University |
| Winter, 2004 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | Marymount Manhattan College |
| Fall, 1999 University | The Politics of Identity. | Emory |

Teaching Areas

Cross-cultural studies of violence, post-conflict reconstruction, youth politics and violence, anthropology of resentment, anthropology of food, agrarian studies, land use, disputes, and grabbing, personhood in the postcolony, history and society, the politics of identity, the anthropology of forced migration, insurgencies, politics of land tenure and use, social theory, *jeliya* and the politics of the state in West Africa, popular culture in Africa, performance theory and analysis, aesthetics and politics, cultures of Africa, political anthropology, introductory social/cultural anthropology, research methods and design, and *Witchcraft, Oracles and Magic* in the multicultural public sphere.

University Service

Interim Director of Southeast Asian Studies 2022-2023
Michigan Society of Fellows, Senior Fellow 2021-2024
Head of Sociocultural Subfield, 2020-2022
Director of Undergraduate Studies 2019-2021
Director of Undergraduate Studies 2015-2017

Professional Service

Editorial Board

AFRICA: The Journal of the International African Institute

Reviews:

AFRICA: The Journal of the International African Institute

African Affairs

Africa Today

American Ethnologist

Anthropological Quarterly

Anthropology and Humanism

Canadian Journal of African Studies

CODESRIA Bulletin

Comparative Studies in Society and History

Hau
International Peacekeeping
International Journal of Transitional Justice
Journal of Burma Studies
Journal of Development Studies
Journal of Modern African Studies
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
Mande Studies
Politique Africaine
Social Anthropology
Social Science & Medicine

University of Chicago Press
Stanford University Press
Brill Press
Ohio University Press
Yale University Press

Proposal Reviews:

Reviewer, Social Science Research Council's International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) competition, 2009-2017.
Facilitator, IDRF fellows' workshop. Portland, OR 2011.
Panel member, NSF Cultural Anthropology DDIG committee, 2011-2014.
Panel member, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation 2019

Association Memberships

American Anthropological Association
American Ethnological Society
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
African Studies Association
Association for Asian Studies