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Curriculum Vitae

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Research Areas

Political & Legal Anthropology; Technology & Infrastructure; Law & Personhood; Colonial Urbanism; India, British Empire, Scotland; Modernism and the History of Anthropological Theory

Academic Employment

Current Position

Hunter College, City University of New York

- Associate Professor of Anthropology (2015–present)

Previous Positions

The Ohio State University, Department of Comparative Studies

- Associate Professor of Science Studies (2014-2015)
- Assistant Professor of Science Studies (2008-2014)

Visiting Positions and Residential Fellowships

Hunter College, Visiting Associate Professor of Anthropology (2014-2015)

Education

Ph.D., Anthropology, Princeton University (2008)

MA (Honours) 1st Class (Anthropology & Art History), University of St Andrews (2002)

Research Grants and Fellowships

- 2016 PSC-CUNY Research Grant, "Building a Constitutional Culture in Scotland"
- 2013 The Ohio State University, 2-year Faculty Grant for research in Scotland
- 2012 The Ohio State University, Mershon Center, Faculty Research Grant, "Scottish Independence, In-Migration, and Political Belonging in Europe"
- 2011–12 Vanderbilt University, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, William S. Vaughn Visiting Fellowship
- 2007–08 Princeton University Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Pre-Doctoral Fellow
- 2007 Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies, Dissertation Writing Grant (declined)
- 2005–06 Wenner-Gren Foundation, Individual Research Grant, "Power Privatization in Delhi"
- 2003–04 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies & South Asia Faculty Committee grants-in-aid (various small travel grants)

Honors and Awards

- 2011 Comparative Studies Faculty Teaching Award (departmental), Ohio State University
 2003 Malcolm S. Forbes Merit Scholar, Princeton University
 2002 Miller Prize for Outstanding Graduate In Arts, 2nd Place, University of St Andrews
 2002 Departmental Prize in Social Anthropology, University of St Andrews
 2002 O. Elfrida Saunders Prize for Excellence in Art History, University of St Andrews

Publications**Monograph**

2017. *A Moral Technology: Electrification as Political Ritual in New Delhi*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
 [South Asian Edition] 2017. *A Moral Technology: Electrification as Political Ritual in New Delhi*. Delhi: Speaking Tiger Books.

Edited Book

- Leo Coleman, ed. 2011. *Food: Ethnographic Encounters*. New York: Berg.

Journal Articles

- Forthcoming. "Functionalists Write II": Weird Empathy in Malinowski's Trobriand Ethnographies. *Anthropological Quarterly* (Final version accepted 10/5/2015).
 2016. Inside and Outside the House: A Narrative of Mobility and Becoming in Delhi. Special issue on "Migrant Narratives," edited by Susan Coutin and Erica Vogel, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. 45(6): 692-715
 2014. Infrastructure and Interpretation: Meters, Dams, and State Imagination in Scotland and India. *American Ethnologist* 41(3): 457-472.
 2014. Corporate Identity in *Citizens United*: Legal Fictions and Anthropological Theory. *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 37(2): 308-329.
 2012. Consequences of *Citizens United*: Notes on Citizenship and Corporate Personhood. Special Issue on "Appropriation" edited by Erin Fitz-Henry. *Intergraph: Journal of Dialogical Anthropology* (3)2: www.intergraph-journal.net.
 2009. Being Alone Together: From Solidarity to Solitude in Urban Anthropology. *Anthropological Quarterly* 82/3: 755-778.

Chapters in Edited Books

- Under Review. Widened Reason and Deepened Optimism: Electricity and Morality in Durkheim's Anthropology and Our Own. In Simone Abrams, Thomas Yarrow, and Brit Ross Withereik, eds., *Current Thinking*. [Volume in preparation].
 2015. Power and Ignorance in British India: The Native Fetish of the Crown, in *Regimes of Ignorance*. Roy Dille and Thomas Kirsch, eds. Pp. 159-187. New York: Berghahn.
 2015. The Imagining Life: Reflections on Imagination in Political Anthropology, in *Reflections on Imagination: Human Capacity and Ethnographic Method*. Mark Harris and Nigel Rapport, eds. Pp. 195-214. Burlington, VT: Ashgate.
 2014. A View from Anthropology: Anomie and Urban Solitude, in *The Handbook to Solitude: Psychological Perspectives on Social Isolation, Social Withdrawal, and Being Alone*. Robert Coplan and Julie Bowker, eds. Pp. 483-498. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons.
 2011. Introduction and Guide for Further Reading, in *Food: Ethnographic Encounters*. L. Coleman, ed. Pp. 1-16, 151-160. New York: Berg.
 2011. Transnational India: Diaspora and Migration in the Anthropology of South Asia, in *A Companion to the Anthropology of India*. I. Clark-Decès, ed. Pp. 445-463. Malden, MA: Blackwell.

2009. The Obligation to Receive: The Countertransference, The Fieldworker, Protestants and Proselytization in North India, in *Being There: Fieldwork Experience and the Making of Truth*, J. Borneman and A. Hammoudi, eds. Pp. 113-150. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Book Reviews, Essays, and Other Publications

2017. Material as Opposed to What? Three Recent Ethnographies of Welfare, Biological Labor, and Human Dignity. *Somatosphere: Medicine, Culture, Anthropology*, 20 January: <http://somatosphere.net/2017/01/material-as-opposed-to-what-three-recent-ethnographies-of-welfare-biological-labor-and-human-dignity.html> [4,800 words].
2016. Why to Read Winnicott after the US Election, and How. *Somatosphere: Medicine, Culture, Anthropology*, 18 November: <http://somatosphere.net/2016/11/why-to-read-winnicott-after-the-us-election-and-how.html> [1,600 words].
2014. Identity and Incorporation in *Citizens United* and *Hobby Lobby* [research note]. *Anthropology News Online*, 05 November. Archived at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1556-3502.2014.551104.x/epdf/>
2014. The Relevance of Personhood in *Citizens United* and *Hobby Lobby* [companion essay to “Corporate Identity in Citizens United”]. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review Online*, 27 October, <https://polarjournal.org/2014/10/27/the-relevance-of-personhood-in-citizens-united-and-hobby-lobby/>
2014. *The Institutions of Meaning: A Defense of Anthropological Holism*, by Vincent Descombes [Book Review]. *Somatosphere: Medicine, Culture, Anthropology*, 18 August: <http://somatosphere.net/2014/08/descombes-the-institutions-of-meaning.html> [4,300 words].
2012. An Accounting for Taste [review of Paul S. Allen, *The Omnivorous Mind*]. *The Wall Street Journal*, May 21: A13.
2012. New Release Review Essay [review of Paul Rabinow, *The Accompaniment: Assembling the Contemporary*]. *Anthropological Quarterly*, 85(1): 283-292.
2012. Universes of Kinship [review of Maurice Godelier, *The Metamorphoses of Kinship*, transl. Nora Scott]. *Somatosphere: Medicine, Culture, Anthropology*, 20 January, <http://somatosphere.net/2012/01/universes-of-kinship.html>.
2012. Landscapes of the Delhi Durbar, 1903: Ritual and Politics. *Robert Penn Warren Center Letters* 20(2): http://www.vanderbilt.edu/rpw_center/newsletter/2012-spring/ls12a.php.
2010. From Honey to Ashes: The Intellectual Journeys of Lévi-Strauss [review of Patrick Wilcken, *Claude Lévi-Strauss: The Poet in the Laboratory*]. *Somatosphere: Medicine, Culture, Anthropology*, 01 September, <http://www.somatosphere.net/2010/09/from-honey-to-ashes-intellectual.html>.
2009. Conflicted Doctors [review of Jacob Copeman, *Veins of Devotion: Blood Donation and Religious Experience in India*]. *Somatosphere: Medicine, Culture, Anthropology*, 10 January, <http://www.somatosphere.net/2009/01/conflicted-doctors-review-of-copeman.html>.
2007. The Map of Empire: A conversation with Linda Colley. *PROK [Princeton Report on Knowledge]* 5: <http://prok.princeton.edu/2-2/inventions/colley>.
2006. Personal Security and Happiness: An Interview with Daniel Kahneman (with Barry Jacobs). *PROK* 4: <http://prok.princeton.edu/inventions>.

Presentations and Invited Talks

2017. Against the Invisibility of Infrastructures. CUNY Graduate Center Anthropology Colloquium, March 10.
2016. Magical Words and Political Speech. Plenary Address at *CUNY Language, Society & Culture Conference*, Borough of Manhattan Community College, May 20.

2014. Imperial Trust: Colonial Citizenship and the Constitution of Political Desire. Workshop on "Affinities, Affiliations, and Affects: Queer Theory in South Asia and its Diaspora," Center for Global Culture and Communication, Northwestern University, March 7.
2012. Ignorance and Government in British India: The Native Fetish of the Crown. Invited seminar paper for "Regimes of Ignorance," University of Konstanz, Germany, August 2.
2012. Noir Urbanism: Privatization and Political Imaginations in New Delhi. Program in Asian Studies, Vanderbilt University, March 30.
2011. Imagination and Solidarity: Key Concepts in Political Anthropology. Invited seminar paper for "The Imagination: A Universal Process of Knowledge?" St Andrews Centre for Cosmopolitan Studies, University of St Andrews, Sept 22.

Recent Conference Papers

2017. Law, Techno-Science, and Society: Research at the Intersection. Roundtable Participant. Law & Society Association, Mexico City, June 21.
2016. Broadcast Mantras: Radio Rakhi and Emotional Integration in "Village India." American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, November 19.
2016. Following the Constitution: Sexual Minorities and Constitutional Morality in India and the US. On co-organized panel, "Following the Law." Law & Society Association, New Orleans, June 4.
2015. Imperfect Infrastructures and Anthropological Theory. American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, March 13.
2014. Weird Realism: Meters, Mystery, and Corruption in Delhi. Paper included in co-organized panel "The Coefficient of Weirdness: Paranoia, Conspiracy, and the Unintelligible in Rational Institutions," American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC., Dec 7.
2012. Inside and Outside the House: A Narrative of Migration, Domesticity, and Danger in Delhi. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 15.
2012. High Walls and Mobile Affects: Gating, Desire, and Danger in Neoliberal Delhi. Global Fusions Conference on International Media Studies. Athens, Ohio, October 27.
2012. Imperial Installations: Power and Practice in Colonial Delhi. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisc., October 12.
2012. Temporary Occupations: Imperial Rituals in Late Colonial India. American Ethnological Society, New York, April 20.

Professional Service & Editorial Experience

- 2015– Editorial Board, *Political And Legal Anthropology Review*
- 2015– Editorial Collaborative, *Somatosphere: Medicine, Culture, Anthropology*
- 2013–2015 Communications editor and *ex-officio* Board Member, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
- 2010 Peer Reviewer for *South Asia, Ethnos, Anthropological Quarterly, American Ethnologist*,
–present *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*
- 2010, 12, 16 Manuscript Reviewer for Stanford University Press, and Berg Press
- 2004–2008 Co-Founder and Contributing Editor, *The Princeton Report on Knowledge*

University & Departmental Service

Hunter College

- 2015– College Assessment Advisory Board
Anthropology Department Undergraduate Advisor

The Ohio State University

- 2014 Humanities Institute Committee on Data Analytics
 2013 Comparative Studies Ad-Hoc Committee for Science Studies Curriculum
 2012–14 Center for Historical Studies Program Committee
 2011–2013 Comparative Studies Graduate Admissions & Graduate Studies Committee
 2010–14 Faculty Oversight Committee for South Asian Studies
 2011 Co-organizer, Roundtable for Ohio State University Conversations on Immigration

Teaching & Advising**Doctoral Committees (OSU)**

Completed, Chair:

D. Lyness (2014) "Chasing the Object of US Homeless Policy: Mobility and Migration in the Urban American West"

Completed, Committee Member:

O. Nir (2014): "Nutshells and Infinite Space: Globalization and Totality"

J. Kurz (2014): "The Figure of the Refugee"

A. Kumbier (2009): "Ephemeral Material: Developing a Critical Archival Practice"

Master's Advising (OSU)

Matthew O'Malley, "Dwelling in the work of Heidegger, Ingold, Malinowski, and Thoreau" (Chair, 2014).

Divya Sundar, "Anti-Gentrification Discourses and Liberalism in Contemporary San Francisco" (Chair, 2014)

Seth Josephson, "Resignification of Caste in Dalit and Early Buddhism" (Committee Member, 2011)

Courses Taught

Hunter College, Department of Anthropology (2014–present)

ANTHC 101: *Introduction to Anthropology*

ANTHC 321: *Magic and Witchcraft*

ANTHC 703/318: *History of Anthropological Theory*

ANTHC 720/310: *Political Anthropology*

The Ohio State University, Department of Comparative Studies (2008–2014)

Graduate

Seminar in Technology and Culture: Time and Technique (SP 2014)

Modernity & Postmodernity: Concepts and Theories (SP 2013)

Introduction to Comparative Cultural Studies (WI 2009, AU 2012)

Ethnographies of Global Governmentality (SP 2011)

Theorizing Science and Technology (SP 2010, SP 2014)

Advanced Undergraduate

Studies in Ethnography: Urban Life and Local Knowledge (SP 2013)

The City and Culture (AU 2008, WI 2010, SP 2011, AU 2013)

Urban Politics: Comparative Perspectives (SP 2009)

Introductory and Survey

Science, Technology, and Society (AU 2008, SP 2010, WI 2011, AU 2012, SP 2014)

The Nature of Modernity (Honors seminar; WI 2011)

Science and Technology in American Culture (Writing seminar; WI 2010)