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SPECIALIZATION

Political culture, play and sports, representation, Southeast Asia, USA, Iu Mien, anthropological theory and comparisons, ethnography

EDUCATION

1996 Ph.D., Anthropology
Dissertation: Shifting Social Landscape: Mien (Yao) Upland Communities and Histories in State-Client Settings.
Cornell University

1988 M.A., Anthropology (with thesis)
University of Iowa

1986 B.A., Anthropology (with thesis)
University of Iceland

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017- Professor of Anthropology, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University

2005-2017 Associate Professor of Anthropology, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University

1999-2005 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University

1998-1999 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University

1996 Researcher and Consultant on Ethnic Minority Land Use Issues, Central Highlands of Vietnam.

1992 Researcher and Consultant on Health Care Development among Ethnic Minorities, Northeast Cambodia.

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2020 (pending) Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, \$ 16,335.

2015 A.T. Steele Summer Research and Travel Grant from the ASU Center for Asian Research, \$3,000, for the project "Seeing Thai."

2014-15 Visiting Fellow, Cornell University Southeast Asia Program.

2014-15 Seed Grant for the Project Ethnographic Surrealism: Prehistories and Legacies in the North American West (in collaboration with Claudia Mesch), from the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, \$11,950

- 2014-15 Institute for Humanities Research, Arizona State University, Subvention for the making of maps for my book, *Slow Anthropology* (2014), \$260
- 2008 Summer Research, Institute for Humanities Research Program, Seed Grant, \$7,500
- 2004-2005 Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Japan (August 2004 to February 2005), \$34,000
- 2003 A.T. Steele Travel Grant from the Center for Asian Studies, ASU, for research in Southeast Asia, \$1,200 (declined).
- 2003 Research and Development Grant from the Department of Anthropology, ASU, for a video documentary, \$500.
- 2001 A.T. Steele Travel Grant from the Center for Asian Studies, ASU, for Research in Thailand, \$1,000
- 2000 Faculty Grant-in-Aid from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, ASU, for Research in Vietnam and Thailand, \$7,000
- 2000 A.T. Steele Travel Grant from the Center for Asian Studies, ASU, for Research in Vietnam and Thailand, \$1,200
- 1999 Program for Southeast Asian Studies, ASU, Summer Research Grant, for Language Training and Research in Paris, \$600
- 1996-1997 Visiting Fellow, Kahin Center for Advanced Research on Southeast Asia, Cornell University.
- 1996 Lauriston Sharp Prize. Cornell University Southeast Asia Program Dissertation Award.
- 1994 Walter F. Vella Scholarship Fund, for Dissertation Research in Thailand \$500
- 1992 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant, for Dissertation Research in Thailand, \$10,000
- 1992 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Small Grant for Dissertation Research in Thailand, \$3,500
- 1991 Nordic Institute for Asian Studies, Research and Travel Award, for Research in Thailand, \$2,000
- 1991 American Folklore Society, Student Essay Contest, 3rd Prize.
- 1990 Graduate School of Cornell University, Summer Research Grant, for Research in Thailand, \$1,200
- 1988 Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, Research Assistantship, for Research in Thailand, \$6,000
- 1987 Central States Anthropological Society, Student Paper Contest, 1st Prize.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014-15 Thailand's public culture (documentary and fiction film, novels, memoirs, ethnography) and the social imagination, 1930-2014.
- 2012 Film and the representation of identity in the public sphere, Thailand.
- 2007-11 Ethnohistory and Cultural Dynamics among Lao Iu Mien in Oregon and California.
- 2005 Cultural Preservation, Museums, and Political Change in Northern Thailand.
- 2001 Sports and the Reworking of Minority Identity and Tradition in Northern Thailand
- 2000 Ethnic Minorities in Asian Public Spheres, Vietnam and Thailand

- 1996 Ethnic Minorities Land Use Practices in a Proposed Nature Reserve, Central Highlands of Vietnam. Conducted for ANZDEC
- 1992-1994 Upland Communities and State-Minority Relations in northern Thailand. Dissertation Research.
- 1992 Health Issues among Upland Ethnic Minorities in Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia. Conducted for Health Unlimited
- 1990 Modes of Livelihood among Mien in northern Thailand
- 1988 Research Assistant on the Project Agriculture and Community Integration among Shan in Maehongson Province, Thailand.

MEDIA PRODUCTION:

- 2003 *Mien Sports and Heritage, Thailand 2001* (documentary video, 14 min., color, dvd and vhs formats). Produced and written by Hjorleifur Jonsson, Camera and editing by Karl Coogan.
- Posted (2008) on the Internet on New Mandala (rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/newmandala/2008/03/27/mien-sports-and-heritage/) and on my home-page on the SHESC website (<http://shesc.asu.edu/jonsson>).
- Screenings:
 Council on Thai Studies Conference, Madison, WI, November 8 2003;
 Nordic Anthropological Film Association's 25th International Ethnographic Film Festival, Museum of Ethnography, Stockholm, Sweden, May 21 2005.
- Reviews: *Visual Anthropology Review* 20, 2: 92-94, *American Anthropologist* 110, 1 (2008).

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

- 2014 *Slow Anthropology: Negotiating Difference with the Iu Mien*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell Southeast Asia Program Publications.
- 2011 *Contests in Contexts: Readings in the Anthropology of Sports*. Hjorleifur Jonsson and Jaime Holthuysen, eds. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt.
- 2005 *Mien Relations: Mountain People and State Control in Thailand*. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press.
 Co-published by Silkworm, Chiangmai, Thailand, 2006.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- 2017 Stexit? Southeast Asian pluralism, statelessness and exclusive identities. *Anthropology Today* 33, 6: 3-6.
- 2016 (Le Jiem Tsan, Richard D. Cushman, and Hjorleifur Jonsson) Highland Chiefs and Regional Networks in Mainland Southeast Asia: Mien Perspectives. *Southeast Asian Studies* 5, 3: 515-51.
- 2014 Phantom Scandal: On the National Uses of the "Thailand Controversy." *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 29, 2: 263-99.

- 2012 Manikin-ship: Value-added relatedness in Vietnamese museums, 1996-2005. *TAJA: The Australian Journal of Anthropology* 23, 2: 212-28.
- 2012 Paths to Freedom: Political Prospecting in the Ethnographic Record. *Critique of Anthropology* 32, 2: 158-72.
- 2011 Ethnology and the Issue of Human Diversity in Mainland Southeast Asia. In *Dynamics of Human Diversity: The Case of Southeast Asia*, ed. N.J. Enfield. *Pacific Linguistics* 627: 109-22.
- 2010 Above and beyond: Zomia and the ethnographic challenge of/for regional history. *History and Anthropology* 21, 2: 191-212.
- 2010 Mimetic Minorities: National Identity and Desire on Thailand's Fringe. *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* 17, 2: 108-30.
- 2009 War's Ontogeny: Militias and Ethnic Boundaries in Laos and Exile. *Southeast Asian Studies* (Kyoto, Japan) 47, 2: 125-49.
- 2004 Mien Alter-Natives in Thai Modernity. *Anthropological Quarterly* 77, 3: 673-704.
- 2003 Mien Through Sports and Culture: Mobilizing Minority Identity in Thailand. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 68, 3: 317-40.
- 2002 (Nora A. Taylor and Hjørleifur Jonsson) Other Attractions in Vietnam. *Asian Ethnicity* 3, 2: 233-48.
- 2001 Does the House Hold? History and the Shape of Mien (Yao) Society. *Ethnohistory* 48, 4: 613-54.
- 2001 Serious Fun: Minority Cultural Dynamics and National Integration in Thailand. *American Ethnologist* 28, 1:151-78.
- 2000 Yao Minority Identity and the Location of Difference in the South China Borderlands. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 65, 1: 56-82.
- 1999 Moving House: Migration and the Place of the Household on the Thai Periphery. *Journal of the Siam Society* 87 (1&2): 99-118.
- 1998 Forest Products and Peoples: Upland Groups, Thai Politics, and Regional Space. *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 13 (1): 1-37.
- 1990 Trolls, Chiefs, and Children. *Nord Nytt* (Sweden) 41: 55-63.

OTHER ARTICLES:

- 2018 States. In *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, Hilary Callan, general ed., vol. 9: *Anthropology of Law, Power, and Identity*, ed. Carol J. Greenhouse. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2013 (Hjørleifur Jonsson and Sudarat Musikawong) "National diversity in Cold War Thai film: Revisiting Khunawut's *Khon Phu Khao*" (in Thai). *Warasan Nang Thai / Thai Film Journal* 17: 97-132.
- 2012 Cracking up an alligator: Ethnography, Juan Downey's video, and irony. *Journal of Surrealism and the Americas* 6, 1: 61-86.
- 2011 States lie, and stories are tools: Following up on Zomia (invited Debate commentary). *Bi-jdragen tot de Taal-, Land-, en Volkenkunde* 167, 1: 92-5.
- 2008 On My Appetite, Vinegar, Financial Support, and the State: A Response to a Review of *Mien Relations and Mien Sports and Heritage, Thailand, 2001*. *American Anthropologist* 110, 4: 534.
- 2003 Encyclopedic Yao in Thailand. *Asian Ethnicity* 4, 2:295-301.
- 2001 A Regional Approach to Thailand: Reflections on the writings of A. Thomas Kirsch. *Journal of the Siam Society* 89, 1&2:100-115.
- 2001 Cultural Clashes. *Far Eastern Economic Review* May 10: 75.
- 2001 Upland Peoples and Changing Frontiers. In *Asian Frontiers*, ed. by Reed Wadley and Freek Colombijn. *International Institute for Asian Studies Newsletter* 24:10.
- 2000 Yao Collectibles. *Journal of the Siam Society* 88, 1&2: 222-31.

- 1999 Repopulated Art. In Stefán Jónsson, *Án titils (eftir ...)*. Reykjavík and Singapore: Stefán Jónsson.
- 1996 This is Not an Island. *American Anthropologist* 98, 4: 872-73.
- 1996 Healthy Houses: Perspective on Well-Being in Rural Cambodia. *World Health Forum: An International Journal of Health Development* 17 (4): 360-62.
Also published as Un habitat sain: une certaine conception du bien-etre au Cambodge rural. *Forum mondial de la Sante* 17 (4): 390-393; and as Casas saludables: vision del bienestar en la Camboya rural. *Foro mundial de la salud* 17 (4): 391-394.
- 1989 Haltu Hátið (“Celebrate”). *Skírnir* (Iceland) 163:446-58.

TRANSLATIONS:

- 2018 Á vatnsborðinu um náttmál. Translation from Thai to Icelandic of a short story by Atsiri Thammachote, and Introduction of the author. In *Short Stories from Around the World: Asia and the Pacific* (in Icelandic), eds. R.H. Vignisson, K.G. Jonsdottir, and J.K. Helgason, eds., 105-12. Reykjavik: Bjartur.

BOOK-CHAPTERS:

- 2015 Conversion and Community among Iu Mien Refugee Immigrants in the United States. Pp. 235-256 in *Building Noah's Ark for Refugees, Migrants, and Religious Communities*. Jin-Heon Jung and Alexander Horstmann, eds. New York: Palgrave.
- 2011 (Jaime Holthuysen and Hjorleifur Jonsson) Anthropology in Sports: Introduction (v-ix), Section Introductions (1-2, 27-9, 71-2, 125-27, 179-81), and Conclusions (221-25). In *Contexts in Contest: Readings in the Anthropology of Sports*, ed. by Hjorleifur Jonsson and Jaime Holthuysen. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt.
- 2011 Recording Tradition and Measuring Progress in the Ethnic Minority Highlands of Thailand. Pp. 107-16 in *Everyday Life in Southeast Asia*, ed. by Kathleen Adams and Kathleen Gillogly. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- 2005 Presentable Ethnicity: Constituting Mien in Contemporary Thailand. Pp. 227-252 in *Dislocating Nation-States: Globalization in Asia and Africa*, ed. by Patricio Abinales, Noburo Ishikawa, and Akio Tanabe. Melbourne: Trans Pacific Press, and Kyoto: Kyoto University Press.
- 2004 Moving House: Migration and the Place of the Household on the Thai Periphery. Pp. 206-232 in *The Society of Siam: Selected Articles for the Siam Society's Centenary*, ed. by Christopher Baker. Bangkok: The Siam Society.
- 2003 Pedestrian Politics: The Social Focus of Founders, Migration, and Ritual. Pp. 227-249 in *Founders' Cults in Southeast Asia: Ancestors, Polity, and Identity*, ed. by Nicola Tannenbaum and Cornelia Kammerer. New Haven: Yale Southeast Asia Studies Monographs.
- 2003 (Hjorleifur Jonsson and Nora A. Taylor) National Colors: Ethnic Minorities in Vietnamese Public Imagery. Pp. 159-84 in *Re-Orienting Fashion: The Globalization of Asian Dress*, ed. by Sandra Niessen, Carla Jones, and Ann Marie Leshkovich. New York: Berg.
- 2001 French Natural in the Vietnamese Highlands: Nostalgia and Erasure in Montagnard Identity. Pp.52-65 in *Of Vietnam: Identities in Dialogue*, ed. by Jane Winston and Leakthina Ollier. New York: Palgrave.
- 2000 Traditional Tribal What? Sports, Culture, and the State in the Northern Hills of Thailand. Pp. 219-45 in *Turbulent Times and Enduring Peoples: Mountain Minorities in the South-East Asian Massif*, ed. by Jean Michaud. London: Curzon Press.
- 1998 Dead Headmen: Histories and Communities in the Southeast Asian Hinterland. Pp. 191-212 in *Facets of Power and its Limitations: Political Culture in Southeast Asia*, ed. by Ing-Britt Trankell and Laura Summers. Uppsala: Department of Anthropology, Uppsala University (Uppsala Studies in Cultural Anthropology 24).

- 1997 Cultural Priorities and Projects: Health and Social Dynamics in Northeast Cambodia. Pp. 536-567 in *Development or Domestication? Indigenous Peoples of Southeast Asia*, ed. by Don McCaskill and Ken Kampe. Chiangmai: Silkworm Books.
- 1997 Heimsmýnd og hundraðmetrahláup [World View and a 100 Meter Race]. Pp. 129-140 in *Við og Hinir: Rannsóknir í Mannfræði*, ed. by Gísli Pálsson, Haraldur Ólafsson, and Sigríður D. Kristmundsdóttir. Reykjavík: The Anthropological Institute, University of Iceland.
- 1996 Rhetorics and Relations: Tai States, Forests, and Upland Groups. Pp.166-200 in *State Power and Culture in Thailand*, ed. by E. Paul Durrenberger. New Haven: Yale University Southeast Asia Studies Monographs, 44.
- 1990 Fooled by the Name: Millenarian Movements and Ethnicity in Mainland Southeast Asia. Pp. 89-97 in *Understanding and Translation: Proceedings of the 14th Conference of Nordic Anthropologists*. Gísli Pálsson, comp. Reykjavík: University of Iceland, Department of Anthropology.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- 2020 Owners of the Map: Motorcycle Taxi Drivers, Mobility, and Politics in Bangkok. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (in press)
- 2018 Siege of the Spirits: Community and Polity in Bangkok, by Michael Herzfeld. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 49, 1: 175-77.
- 2017 The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins, by Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing. *TAPJA: The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 18, 3: 279-81.
- 2017 Hanveung: The Goose King and the Ancestral King. An Epic from Guangxi in Southern China, translated and annotated by David Holm and Yuanyao Meng. *Religious Studies Review* 43, 1: 78-79.
- 2017 Dreams of the Hmong Kingdom: The Quest for Legitimation in French Indochina, 1850-1960, by Mai Na M. Lee. *Asian Studies Review* 41, 2: 325-26.
- 2014 Consoling Ghosts: Stories of Medicine and Mourning from Southeast Asians in Exile, by Jean M. Langford. *Southeast Asian Studies* 3, 2: 447-49.
- 2014 Moving Mountains: Ethnicity and Livelihoods in Highland China, Vietnam, and Laos, ed. by Jean Michaud and Tim Forsyth. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 8, 4: 135-38.
- 2010 Bush Wives and Girl Soldiers: Women's Lives Through War and Peace in Sierra Leone, by Chris Coulter. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 33, 2: 393-96.
- 2010 Museums in Postcolonial Europe, ed. by Dominic Thomas. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 33, 7: 1278-79.
- 2010 Knowing How to Know: Fieldwork and the Ethnographic Present, ed. by Narmala Halstead, Eric Hirsch, and Judith Oakley. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 66, 1: 144-45.
- 2008 Living in a Globalized World: Ethnic Minorities in the Greater Mekong Subregion, ed. by Don McCaskill, Prasit Leepreecha, and He Shaoying. *Journal of the Siam Society* 96: 291-94.
- 2007 Multiculturalism in Asia, edited by Will Kymlicka and Baogang He. *Journal of Asian Studies* 66, 1: 205-08.
- 2007 Property and Politics in Sabah, Malaysia: Native Struggles over Land Rights, by Amity Doolittle. *Agricultural History* 81, 4: 563-65.
- 2005 Ethnicity in Asia, edited by Colin Mackerras. *Asian Ethnicity* 6, 3: 253-4.
- 2003 Where China Meets Southeast Asia: Social and Cultural Change in the Border Regions, edited by Grant Evans, Christopher Hutton, and Kuah Khun Eng. *Journal of Asian Studies* 62, 1: 200-2.
- 2002 Inside Thai Society: Religion, Everyday Life, Change, by Niels Mulder. *Journal of Asian Studies* 61, 2: 784-6.

- 2002 The Legend of the Golden Boat: Regulation, Trade, and Traders in the Borderlands of Laos, Thailand, China, and Burma, by Andrew Walker. *Journal of Asian Studies* 61, 2: 796-8.
- 2002 Tribes of the North Thailand Frontier, by Jane R. Hanks and Lucien M. Hanks. New Haven: Yale University Southeast Asia Monographs. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 33, 3: 588-90.
- 2001 Redefining Nature: Karen Ecological Knowledge and the Challenge to the Modern Conservation Paradigm, by Pinkaew Laungaramsri. *Journal of the Siam Society* 89, 1&2: 139-141.
- 2001 Civility and Savagery: Social Identity in Tai States, ed. by Andrew Turton. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 32, 3:464-6.
- 2000 Merchants and Migrants: Ethnicity and Trade Among Yunnanese Chinese in Southeast Asia, by Ann Maxwell Hill. *Journal of Asian Studies* 59, 3: 798-800.
- 1999 Tiger-Men and Tofu Dolls: Tribal Spirits in Northern Thailand, by Jonathan Boyes. *Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 13, 2: 136-38.
- 1998 Forest Recollections: Wandering Monks in Twentieth-Century Thailand, by Kamala Tiyavanich. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 29, 1: 219-221.
- 1997 The Village Concept in the Transformation of Rural Southeast Asia: Studies from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, ed. by Mason C. Hoadley and Christer Gunnarsson. *Indonesia* 63: 201-04.
- 1997 Counting the Costs: Economic Growth and Environmental Change in Thailand, ed. by Jonathan Rigg. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 28, 2: 459-61.
- 1994 Nature and Policy in Iceland 1400-1800: An Anthropological Analysis of History and Mentality, by Kirsten Hastrup. *American Ethnologist* 21, 4: 1104-05.
- 1991 The Anthropology of Iceland, ed. by E. Paul Durrenberger and Gísli Pálsson. *Skírnir* (Iceland) 165:247-9.

COMMENTARY, ESSAYS, AND INTERVIEWS:

- 2018 Comment on Sverre Molland, Sedentary Optics: Static Anti-trafficking and Mobile Victims. *Current Anthropology* 59, 2: 128-29.
- 2016 Ancient Sound Imprints. In Global Modernities and the (Re-) Emergence of Ghosts, a special issue of Voices from Around the World, 16, 2. This is an on-line magazine from the Centre for the Study of the Global South, University of Cologne, Germany. www.voices.uni-koeln.de
- 2015 Thai Fiction and the Anthropologist. *Cornell Southeast Asia Program Bulletin*, Fall 2015: 26-28.
- 2015 Interviewed for the story "Saving History, One Tape at a Time", *Cornell Chronicle* March 5, 2015 <http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/2015/03/saving-history-one-tape-time>.
- 2012 Interviewed for the cover story; "Maroon and Gold Memories", *ASU Magazine* 15, 3: 28-37.
- 2011 *California Watch*, Interviewed for the story; "For unrecognized minority, temple brings sense of community." October 24.
- 2011 *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Interviewed for cover story: "The Battle over Zomia." Sept 9.
- 2009 *Boston Globe*, Sunday Ideas section, December 6, Interviewed for cover story: "The Mystery of Zomia."
- 2005 Getur maður tekið jólasveina alvarlega? www.hugsandi.is (posted Dec. 12).
- 2005 Unplanned Encounters in Kyoto. *Newsletter, Center for Southeast Asian Studies*, Kyoto University, 52: 18.
- 2003 Rosy Cheeks in the Library. *Suvannabhumi*, Newsletter of the Program for Southeast Asian Studies at Arizona State University, 14, 2: 10-12.

- 2002 On Nature Preservation and International Finance. *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*, 2 (<http://kyotoreview.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp>).
- 2001 Mien Olympics in Thailand. *Suvannabhumi*, Newsletter of the Program for Southeast Asian Studies at Arizona State University, 13, 1:8-10.
- 1998 About Three Brothers and the "Peoples of Southeast Asia." *Suvannabhumi*, Newsletter of the Program for Southeast Asian Studies at Arizona State University, 10, 1: 8-10.
- 1996 As the Sticks Fall: Mien Ritual in Northern Thailand. *Cornell University Southeast Asia Program Bulletin*. Fall 1996: 2-3.

RESEARCH REPORTS:

- 1996 Ethnic Minorities Strategies, Central Highlands of Vietnam. ANZDEC, Saigon.
- 1992 Health Issues Among Uplanders in Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia: Final Report. Health Unlimited, London and Phnom Penh.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Mosquito-relish diplomacy: Ethnicity and politics in the Asian borderlands. University of Colorado, Boulder, Asian Borderlands Lecture, April 6.
- 2014 Does the ethnology of Southeast Asia have a purpose? Brown Bag Lecture, Cornell University Southeast Asia Program, September 25.
- 2014 Slow anthropology: Negotiating difference in Southeast Asia. Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, and Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, August 22.
- 2013 *Ach Zo*: The Periodic Table of the Social Elements, as seen from the trenches of long-term research in cultural anthropology. Workshop on Frontier Frictions: Cultural Encounters, Exchange, and Emergence in the Asian Uplands. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, November 14-15.
- 2013 Revisiting the Peoples of Southeast Asia, or Scott vs. Scott. Departments of Anthropology and Asian Studies, Brigham Young University, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 15.
- 2012 (with Sudarat Musikawong) *Aan Khon-phu-khao jaak mum-mong thang manusya-withyathasana* ("Reading *Khon-phu-khao* from an anthropological perspective"). Sirindhorn Anthropology Center, Bangkok, Thailand, June 11.
- 2012 (with Sudarat Musikawong) *Khon-phu-khao yu thi nai?* ("Where are the Mountain Peoples?"). Research Center on Ethnicity and Development, Chiangmai University, Thailand, June 8.
- 2011 Transnational Lao Iu Mien from Laos, Scholarly Displacement, and the Ritual Fashioning of Home and Away. Workshop on Transnational Religion, Missionization, and Refugee Migrants in Comparative Perspective. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Ethnic and Religious Diversity, Göttingen, Germany, October 6-7.
- 2011 Wartime Identities and National Scholarly Frameworks: Northern Laos and the Long 1970s. Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 4.
- 2011 Southeast Asian Ethnology and the Ethics of Representation. Workshop on Radically Envisioning a Different Southeast Asia From a Non-State Perspective. Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, January 19.
- 2010 Ethnographic Prospecting in Upland Southeast Asia: Paths to Freedom. Workshop on A Critical Anthropology of Anarchy. Department of Social Anthropology, The University of Cambridge, UK, September 22-23.
- 2010 Zomia and the Ethnographic Challenge of/for Southeast Asian Diversity. Keynote Address to the International and Interdisciplinary Workshop on Writing Radically Different Southeast Asian History: From Non-State-Centric Perspective. Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, February 26-27.

- 2010 Ethnography, Mimesis, and the Peoples of Southeast Asia. Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, January 29.
- 2009 Ethnicity as the Telling of Time and Space in Mainland Southeast Asia. International, Interdisciplinary workshop Dynamics of Human Diversity in Mainland Southeast Asia, Siem Reap, Cambodia, January 7-10.
- 2007 The Strings Attached to Recognition: Assembling Minorities for Display in Thailand and Vietnam. Ohio University, March 9.
- 2006 Minority Culture and the Limits to National Acceptance in Contemporary Thailand. Division of Social Science, International Christian University, Tokyo, May 11.
- 2004 Mien on the Move: Ritual Connections to the State's Landscape. Social Science Research Council-sponsored International conference on Transnational Religion, Migration, and Diversity in Southeast Asia. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, December 2-4.
- 2003 Voicing Identity in the Thai Countryside: Mien Culture, Protest, and Indigeneity. Faculty of Comparative Culture, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, June 10.
- 2002 Sports and Culture: Constituting Mien in Contemporary Thailand. Panel on Transformations of Everyday Practice in the Age of Globalism, at the international conference Regions in Globalization, Kyoto University, Japan, October 26.
- 1999 Locating Difference in the South China Borderlands. Presented at Religion, society, and popular culture: an interdisciplinary symposium honoring A. Thomas Kirsch, Cornell University, Feb. 20.
- 1999 State Disappearances: Marking Minority Identity in Southeast Asian Borderlands. Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, Jan. 21.
- 1997 A View to a Hill: Studying Southeast Asia from its Hinterlands. Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of California Los Angeles, April 18.
- 1988 Trolls and Their Transformations. American Scandinavian Association, Rock Falls, IL. January 10.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2019 Shall we dance? Conflict and the neglected legacies of civil pluralism in the Asian Hinterland. Panel on Armed groups, state-making practice and civilian agency in the hinterland, EuroSEAS conference, European Association for Southeast Asian Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, September 12.
- 2019 Fantasies of Thai Masculinity and Pluralism. Panel on Rethinking the study of power in Southeast Asia. Association for Asian Studies conference, Denver, CO, March 22.
- 2017 Fictions of diversity. Council on Thai Studies, University of California Los Angeles, November 10.
- 2013 Community and identity among Iu Mien refugee immigrants from Laos. Critical Ethnic Studies annual conference, Chicago, IL, September 19.
- 2012 Ethnic minority sports and the making of the Thai, ca. 2005. Panel on Making sense of physical culture: Sport, ritual, and identity in mainland Southeast Asia. Annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, March 15.
- 2011 Zomia as an historical Smartbomb. Roundtable on Zomia and its discontents: Ethnographic and historical perspectives from Hmong and Iu Mien. Conference on Hmong in Comparative Perspective, Madison, WI, March 5.
- 2010 Post-Revolutionary Ethnic Militias, Genuine and Spurious. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Nov. 17.
- 2010 A View to a Hill: Animist Reactions to Modernity, Capitalism, and the State. Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 26.
- 2009 Mimetic Minorities: National Identity and Desire on Thailand's Fringe. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2.
- 2009 War's Ontogeny: The Ethnic Fallout of Militias in and After the War in Laos. New York Conference on Asian Studies, Ithaca, NY, October 10.

- 2008 War's Ethnic Fallout in Laos. Presented at the Panel Under the Radar: Ethnographies of sub-national forces in mainland Southeast Asia. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November 20.
- 2008 Looking Good in Thailand: Mien Spectacles of Identity. Panel on Spectacles of Identity: Public Marginality in Thailand. Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Atlanta, GA, April 6.
- 2008 Turning Culture into Contest: Reworking Minority Identity at Ethnic Festivals. Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Play, Tempe, AZ, March 5.
- 2007 Global Futures in Local Pasts: Post-Cold-War Museum Prospecting. Panel on Arts and Heritage Policy Beyond the National Frame, Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, Nov 28-Dec 2.
- 2004 Mien Alter-Native Modernity in Thailand. Presented at the panel Contending Alternative Modernities in Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam, annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 6.
- 2003 Weapon of the Week: Consolidating the State and the Middle Class in Mediated Thailand. Presented at the panel Physical Challenges to the Ethnographic Project, Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 19.
- 2003 Thailand's State of Nature: Preservation, Protest, and Agency in the 1990s. Presented at the panel The Politics of Nature in Southeast Asia: National Discourses, Local Understandings. Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Phoenix, AZ, Oct. 10.
- 2003 Culture as Foreplay: Some Mien Lessons about *Préterrain*. Annual Meetings of the American Ethnological Society, Providence, RI, April 26.
- 2003 A Bad Sign: Media, Morality, and Society in Thailand. Presented at the panel Ways of Dying, Ways of Living: Life, Death, and Morality in Mainland Southeast Asia. Annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, New York City, March 28.
- 2002 Identity and Historicity: Museum Displays in the Northern Regions of Thailand and Vietnam. Workshop on Interethnic Relations in the Making of Southeast Asia and Southwest China. Kyoto University, Japan, October 30.
- 2002 Cyanide Girl: Suicide and Progress in Thailand. Presented at the workshop Art, Media, and Violence in Southeast Asia. Harvard University, May 10-11.
- 2002 (Hjorleifur Jonsson and Nora A. Taylor) Other Attractions in Vietnam. Presented at the panel Representing Ethnicity in Vietnam, Annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington DC, April 5.
- 2001 Ethnic Tradition through Modern Sports. Presented at the panel Identifying Sports in Asia and the Americas. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 2.
- 2001 (Andria Johnson and Hjorleifur Jonsson) Experiencing Nature as an Element of Play in Recreational Running. Joint Meeting of the Society for Cross-cultural Research and the Association for the Study of Play, San Diego, CA, February 22.
- 2000 Ethnic Moves: Migration, Anthropology, and the State in the Northern Hills of Thailand. Presented at the panel Classical Ethnography and Changing Representation in Southeast Asia. Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, CA, March 10.
- 1999 Violence, Forgetting, and Documentary Nostalgia. Presented at the panel Forgetting and Remembering: Ethnographic Encounters with the Past. American Anthropological Association's Meetings, Chicago, Nov. 17.
Also presented to the Anthropology Club, Arizona State University.
- 1999 Dimensions of Servitude in Recent Mien/Yao History. Association for Asian Studies Meetings, Boston, March 12.
- 1998 Non-Subjects Framed: Yao Identity and the State in the South China Borderlands. Panel on Across the Divide: Identity and State in the Uplands of Southwest China and Southeast Asia. Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C., March 28.

- Also presented to the Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University.
- 1997 Pedestrian Politics: Upland Migrations, Ritual, and Social Identity in the Sino-Southeast Asian Borderlands. Association for Asian Studies meetings, Chicago, March 14.
also presented to the Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, and the Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University.
- 1996 Labor, Economy, and Local Motivations: Mien (Yao) Household Formations as an Angle on a Century of State-Client Relations in Northern Thailand. Society for Economic Anthropology conference, Bethlehem, PA, March 23.
- 1996 State-Culture and Political Gravity: Exploring the Upland-Lowland Divide in Mainland Southeast Asia. Association for Asian Studies meetings, Honolulu, HI, April 12.
- 1996 On World View and a 100 Meter Sprint. Conference of Icelandic Anthropologists, Reykjavik, September 14.
- 1995 Political Culture and Remembrance in the Thai Uplands: Social Dimensions of Local Histories. Uppsala University and the Nordic Association for Southeast Asian Studies Conference on Political Culture in Southeast Asia, Uppsala, Sweden, September 2.
- 1994 Tribes in Space. Symposium on Thailand in the 1990s: New Anthropological Approaches. Muang Nan, May 7.
- 1993 People of the Forested Mountains: A Comparative Perspective on the Social Landscape of Kia Shen Pong. 4th Workshop of the International Association for Yao Studies, Chiangmai, Dec. 7.
- 1991 Products and Peoples: Trees and Tribes in Thai Polities. Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Iowa City, IA., September 14.
- 1991 Foreigners in Our Forests: Thai States and Their Definitions of Upland Groups. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL., November 24.
- 1990 Fooled by the Name? Millenarian Movements and Ethnicity in Mainland Southeast Asia. 14th Conference of Nordic Anthropologists, Reykjavik, Iceland, June 11.
- 1990 Uplanders No More? Changing Conditions of Upland Groups in Northern Thailand. Council on Thai Studies, DeKalb, IL., October 13.
- 1987 Centuries of an Icelandic Christmas Myth. Central States Anthropological Society, Columbus, OH., March 13.

CONFERENCES, PANELS, LECTURES, DISCUSSION

- 2019 Chair, panel on Revisiting theories of power in Southeast Asia. Association for Asian Studies, Denver, CO, March 22.
- 2018 Discussant on the panel Mimetic Entanglements: Rethinking Sociopolitical Dynamics in the Southeast Asian Highlands. Association for Asian Studies, Washington DC, March 22.
- 2016 When is Anthropology Not a Science? Guest lecture in ASM300 Anthropological Science, April 7.
- 2015 Getting at an Other Thailand through Fiction and Film. A.T. Steele Lecture, Center for Asian Research, Arizona State University, December 1.
- 2015 Studying the "Peoples of Asia": Why do the Social Sciences need an International Perspective? Siena College, April 17.
- 2015 Anthropology of the Asian Highlands. Seminar on Ethnonationalism and Southeast Asia, Brigham Young University, March 3.
- 2014 Southeast Asian highland peoples and the question of meta-politics. Seminar on Politics in Southeast Asia, University of Albany, September 15.
- 2014 Hill tribes in Thailand in historical perspective. Course on Ethnic Groups in Thailand, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, September 8.
- 2014 Ethnology and Scholarship in Southeast Asia: Lessons from Studying the Iu Mien. Research Center on Ethnicity and Development, Chiangmai University, Thailand, September 5.

- 2013 Mistaking clouds for mountains in Asian Studies? Stretching the anthropological project from 20 to 20,000 years. University of Iceland, November 12.
- 2013 Revisiting the Objects of Ethnography. Discussion in "Politics and Culture in Southeast Asia," Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz, March 5.
- 2013 Above and Beyond the State? Anthropology, History, and the Asian Hinterlands. Faculty seminar, Departments of Anthropology and Asian Studies, Brigham Young University, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 15.
- 2011 Is there Freedom in the Hills? A Critical Discussion of James C. Scott's *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*. Center for Asian Research, ASU, December 2.
- 2011 Cracking up an alligator: Anthropology, video, and irony. ASU Art Museum, Nov. 8.
- 2011 Discussant at the Workshop on Transnational Religion, Missionization, and Refugee Migrants in Comparative Perspective. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Ethnic and Religious Diversity, Göttingen, Germany, October 6-7.
- 2010 Chair, panel on Ethno-nationalism in Post-Socialist Asia. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 17.
- 2010 Chair and Introduction, panel on Researching Gender in a Post-Feminist Era. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 21.
- 2009 Chair of the panel The Centers and Margins of Identity-Making. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2.
- 2009 Chair and Discussant on the panel Changing Configurations of Identity, Western Conference of Asian Studies, Tucson, AZ, October 24.
- 2009 Arts and Post-war Identity Work Among Iu Mien in America. Institute for Humanities Research, Arizona State University, February 16.
- 2008 Discussant, Panel on Community and Ethnic Identity. Graduate Student Asian Studies Conference, Arizona State University, October 11.
- 2008 Co-organizer of the Workshop Icons of Complexity: Ritual Art Collections and the Sense of History. Ohio University, Athens, June 24.
- 2008 On Collecting Yao Objects and Art. Icons of Complexity: Ritual Art Collections and the Sense of History. Ohio University, Athens, June 24.
- 2008 Panel Co-chair and Co-organizer, Spectacles of Identity: Public Marginality in Thailand. Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Atlanta, GA, March 3-6.
- 2007 Co-organizer, Second International Laos Studies Conference, Arizona State University, May 3-6.
- 2005 Human Evolution and Social Change in the Museums of Thailand and Vietnam. Center for Asian Studies (AT Steele Lecture), Arizona State University, November 2.
- 2005 National Belonging in the Hinterlands of Thailand and Vietnam. Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development, Chiangmai University, June 17.
- 2004 Ethnographic Film Screening and Discussion of *Mien Sports and Heritage, Thailand 2001*. Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, December 15.
- 2004 Forests, Bad Roads, and Democracy: Interpreting an Unsuccessful Protest. Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, October 15.
- 2004 Bad News from Thailand. Presented at the symposium Wagging the Dogs: Media, Elections, and Times of War. Arizona State University, April 29.
- 2004 Ethnic Minorities and Tourism in Southeast Asia. Guest lecture, Southeast Asian Art and Culture, Arizona State University, April 7.
- 2004 Making an Ethnographic Documentary. Presentation to Visual Anthropology Seminar, Arizona State University, March 31.
- 2004 Discussion of recent video documentaries from northern Thailand (*The Akha Way; Mien Sports and Heritage*), Ethnographic Film Club, Arizona State University Anthropology Department, January 30.

- 2003 Panel Organizer, Physical Challenges to the Ethnographic Project, Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, Nov 19.
- 2003 Doing Research on Culture in Southeast Asia. Roundtable discussion and video screening, including my documentary, *Mien Sports and Heritage, Thailand 2001*. Southeast Asia Culture Week, Arizona State University, October 24.
- 2003 Football and Sabotage: Identity Politics at the Riceroots in Thailand. Brown Bag Series, Sociocultural - and Museum Anthropology, Arizona State University, October 16.
- 2003 Indigenous People in the Land of Fun. Undergraduate Anthropology Club, Brown Bag Series, Arizona State University, April 29.
- 2002 Thailand from the Margins. Workshop on Thai Culture, for City of Phoenix employees, sponsored by the ASU Program for Southeast Asian Studies. Arizona State University, December 13.
- 2002 Session moderator, and commentator on several individual papers, Workshop on Inter-ethnic Relations in the Making of Southeast Asia and Southwest China. Kyoto University, Japan, October 29-30.
- 2002 Panel Co-organizer (with Frank Proschan), Representing Ethnicity in Vietnam. Annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington DC, April 5.
- 2001 Panel Organizer, Identifying Sports in Asia and the Americas. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 2.
- 2001 Modern Sports as Ethnic Tradition in Thailand. Brown Bag lecture, Program for Southeast Asian Studies and Center for Asian Studies, Arizona State University, October 25.
- 2001 Session Chair, at Jews, Sports, and the Rites of Citizenship, an International Conference. Arizona State University, February 11-12.
- 2000 National Assemblies: The Peoples of Thailand and Vietnam in Museums. Center for Asian Studies, Arizona State University, September 21.
- 2000 Chair, Moderator, and Co-organizer of Crafts, Identities, and Representations: A Symposium of Southeast Asian Textiles. Program for Southeast Asian Studies and Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University, April 15.
- 2000 Sanskrit at High Altitude: *Sanuk* and *Hansa* in the Thai Hills. Presented at Thinking about Fun: Roundtable in Honor of A. Thomas Kirsch. Thailand, Laos, Cambodia Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies, San Diego CA, March 11.
- 1999 The State of Fun: Thailand Among Its Minorities. Program for Southeast Asian Studies, Arizona State University, Oct. 8.
- 1998 Upland Minorities: Communities, Cultural Identities, and the State in Southeast Asia, Past and Present. Guest Lecture to a Seminar on Identity, Community, and the State in the Cultural Formations of Southeast Asia, National University of Singapore, Feb. 05.
- 1997 Traditional Tribal What? Sports, Culture, and the Projection of Social Visions in the Northern Hills of Thailand. Center for Asian and Pacific Studies and Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 02.
- 1997 Discussant on the panel "Two, Three, Many Vietnams": Ethnography in Vietnam Today. American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington D.C., November 21.
- 1997 Upland Minorities in Vietnam. Guest Lecture to a Seminar on Vietnamese Modern History in Cultural Perspective, Department of History, National University of Singapore, Sept. 05.
- 1997 Herbs and Magic in Northern Thailand. Herbs Around the World: Third Annual Herb Festival, Cornell Plantations, Ithaca, NY, June 14.
- 1996 Discussant (with O.W. Wolters) on the panel Local Readings of Global Culture. Association for Asian Studies meetings, Honolulu, HI, April 14.
- 1995 Taking the Social Temperature: History and Uplanders in Mainland Southeast Asia. Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University, February 16.
- 1995 Non-Subjects Framed: The Resonance of State Rhetoric in Some Asian Hinterlands. Anthropology Department, Cornell University, September 22.

- 1994 Convenor (with Graham Fordham) of a symposium on Thailand in the 1990s: New Anthropological Approaches. Muang Nan, Thailand, May 7-8.
- 1994 Perspectives on Mien/Yao History. The Informal Northern Thai Group, Chiangmai, February 22.
- 1992 (Hjorleifur Jonsson and Peter Vail) Upland Minorities in Northeastern Cambodia. The Informal Northern Thai Group, Chiangmai, Thailand, December 15.
- 1990 Panel Coordinator: The Past and the Ethnographic Museum: The Boundary of Time. 14th Conference of Nordic Anthropologists, Reykjavik, June 11.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Fiction of Thailand's Diversity (book manuscript).

Customs enabling good attachment and common ground in the Asian highlands. Article ms.

Under review in *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.

The Wallace Line through Thai society. Article ms. In progress.

Emperor Ping's Charter as the Middle Kingdom's Middle Ground (Richard D. Cushman and Hjorleifur Jonsson). Revised for resubmission to *Asian Highlands Perspectives*.

ON-GOING RESEARCH

Popular culture and the custom of civil pluralism in Southeast Asia, with a focus on Thai film, fiction, and news media.

Ethnohistory and cultural dynamics among Lao Iu Mien in Oregon and California, USA. The project concerns farming, war, and social life in Laos ca. 1880-1975, and dynamics of culture and identity (sports, music, religion, beauty pageants, history, community organizations and religious groups) in a transnational context 1975-present.

Dynamics of culture, identity, and society among ethnic minority peoples in mainland Southeast Asia (focus on Thailand and Vietnam). The project involves particular attention to a) the public sphere and media – film, museums, encyclopedias, billboards, newspapers; b) new social forms – ethnicity associations, sports contests; and c) state power – law and enforcement regarding land use, nature conservation, and official classification of ethnic minority identity.

COURSES TAUGHT

Arizona State University (1998-2019):

ASB102	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology
ASB 252	Sports and Culture (previously Anthropology of Sports)
ASB325/591	Peoples of Southeast Asia
ASB394/591	Encountering Culture
ASB394/591	Nature in Culture
ASB412	History of Anthropology
ASB494	Anthropology and Area Studies: Southeast Asia
ASB494/591	Identity Politics in Southeast Asia
ASB494/591	Ideologies of Environments
ASB494/591	Identity and Globalization
ASB541	Theory in Cultural Anthropology
ASB591	Modernity
ASB591	Anthropology and Ethics

Cornell University, Department of Anthropology (1995):
Viewing America, Freshman Writing Seminar.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE, SHESC

2015-2016 Member, Research Committee
2013-2014 Chair, Undergraduate Committee
2008-2013 Member, SHESC Personnel Committee
2009 Member, SHESC Undergraduate Teaching Award Committee
2006-2007 Member, SHESC Space Committee
2005-2006 Member, Cultural Anthropology Search Committee
2001-2003 Head of Sociocultural Anthropology Subdiscipline
Member, Executive Committee
Member, Graduate Committee
Member, Museum Studies Committee
2002. Member, Museum Studies Search Committee
2001. Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Club
Member, Undergraduate Committee
2000. Chair, Colloquium Committee

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019-20 Member, CLAS Senate
2016-2017 Member, CLAS Senate
2013- Member, Center for Asian Research Library Committee
2010- Member, Asian Studies Committee
2010- Member, Southeast Asia Council, Center for Asian Research
2006-2007 Member, Organizing committee for the Second International Laos Studies Conference, ASU, May 3-6, 2007
2003 Provided ethnographic advice and lent objects to the exhibit Stitches of War, Museum of Anthropology.
2002-2006 Member, Curriculum Committee, Program for Southeast Asian Studies
2000-2006 Member, Editorial Board, PSEAS Publications.
2000 Chaired, Moderated, and Co-organized Crafts, Identities, and Representations: A Symposium of Southeast Asian Textiles. Program for Southeast Asian Studies and Department of Anthropology, April 15.
2000 Provided ethnographic advice on text panels and lent objects and photographs for the exhibit Storied Cloth: The Jane R. Hanks Collection of Southeast Asian Textiles, Museum of Anthropology.
1999-2006 Member, Research and Travel Committee, Program for Southeast Asian Studies

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2001-2004 Board Member, Friends of Laos Studies

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

2018 Dissertation examiner, Macquarie University.
2017 Tenure and Promotion Review, University of Hawaii.
2016 Dissertation Examiner, Macquarie University.
2015-2017 Chair, Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia Studies Group of the Association for Asian Studies.

2014 Tenure and Promotion Review, University of Minnesota.
 2013 Tenure and Promotion Review, Australian National University.
 2012- Member, International Advisory Board, *Southeast Asian Studies*.
 2010 Tenure and Promotion Review, Cornell University
 2010 Member, Student Paper Prize Committee, Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies
 2010. Board Member, Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies
 2007-2009 Board Member, Society for Humanistic Anthropology
 2007- Member, Advisory Board, *Journal of Surrealism and the Americas*
 2007 Dissertation Examiner, National University of Singapore
 2005. Dissertation Examiner, Australian National University
 2001. Board Member, Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia Studies Group of the Association for Asian Studies.
 1995-2000 Board Member, Nordic Association for Southeast Asian Studies
 1990. Student Representative, Board of Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia Studies Group of the Association for Asian Studies.

REVIEWING

PRESSES

University of Wisconsin Press; University of Washington Press; Routledge; Cornell University Press; University of Hawaii Press; University of Iceland Press; Center for Southeast Asian Studies Publications, Northern Illinois University; Palgrave, Peter Lang.

JOURNALS

American Anthropologist; American Ethnologist; Anthropological Quarterly; Anthropology of Work Review; TAPJA: The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology; Asia Pacific Viewpoint; Asian Ethnicity; Asian Highland Perspectives; Asian Journal of Social Science; Comparative Studies in Society and History; Conservation and Society; Crossroads: An Inter-disciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies; Critical Asian Studies; Culture and Agriculture; Ethnic & Racial Studies; Ethnography, Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology; Focaal: European Journal of Anthropology; Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies; Human Organization; Journal of Asian Studies; Journal of Burma Studies; Journal of Contemporary Ethnography; Journal of Southeast Asian Studies; Journal of Surrealism and the Americas; Journal of Vietnamese Studies; Modern Asian Studies; Oceania; Southeast Asian Studies; T'oung Pao.

GRANTING AGENCIES:

(US) National Endowment for the Humanities, (US) National Science Foundation; European Research Council; Dutch Research Council (NWO).

FELLOWSHIPS DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL:

1995 Cornell University Department of Anthropology Teaching Assistantship
 1994 Cornell University Southeast Asia Program Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship.
 1989-1991 Cornell University Department of Anthropology Teaching and Research Assistantship
 1986-1989 University of Iowa Department of Anthropology Teaching and Research Assistantship

LANGUAGES

Icelandic: Native speaker
 Central Thai: Fluent speaking, reading, moderate writing

Mien (Iu Mien Yao): Fluent speaking, some reading ability in the romanized script
Lao, Danish, Swedish, French: Moderate reading and speaking ability
Yuan (Kham Muang), Shan (Tai Long): Moderate speaking ability

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Anthropological Association
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (AAA)
Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia Studies Group of AAS

STUDENTS:

Chair of Advisory Committee:
Abigail Harvey (BA Honors, 2018)
Walter Crist (PhD 2016). Project: Games of Thrones: Board Games and Social Complexity in Bronze Age Cyprus.
William Nitzky (PhD 2013). Project: The Politics of “Living Heritage”: Ecomuseum Development in Rural Southwest China.
Alberto Perez Pereiro (PhD 2012, co-chair). Historical Imagination, Diasporic Identity and Islamicity Among the Cham Muslims of Cambodia.
Jaime Holthuysen (PhD 2011). Thesis: Embattled Identities: Constructions of Contemporary American Masculinity Among Mixed Martial Arts Cagefighters.
Douglas G White (PhD 2010). Thesis: Community, Nationalism, and Soccer in America’s Heartland: Globalization and Postville, Iowa.
Louise Gratton-Fabbri (PhD 2010). Thesis: At Play in Paradox: The Curious Space Between Tibetan Buddhism and Western Practice.
Dustin Tessoroff (BA Honors, 2008). Thesis: The Green Nation: A Study of Political Reconciliation through Sports in South Africa.

Member of Advisory Committee:

Angie Abdelmonem (PhD 2016) on gendered and sexual violence and NGO street-level activism in Cairo, Egypt.
Daniel Pout (PhD 2014, Political Science), Thesis: The promise of a name: Identity, difference, and political movement in Macedonia.
Catherine Nichols (PhD 2013). Thesis: Museum Networks: The Exchange of the US National Museum’s Anthropological Collections.
Muna Ali (PhD 2013). Thesis: Islam, Identity, and Intracommunity Relations among Second Generation Muslim Americans.
Dolma C. Roder (PhD 2012). Thesis: Girls Should Come Up: Education and Gender in Contemporary Bhutan.
Ramsi K. Watkins (PhD 2012). Thesis: The Belly Dancer Project: A Phenomenological Study of Gendered Identity Through Documentary Filmmaking.
Michael Rolland (PhD 2012). Thesis: Intra-Ethnic Conflict and Violence: Exploring Mimetic Desire as Practice Among the Tzotzil Maya of Chiapas, Mexico.
Bradford Gyori (PhD 2011, Dept. English). Thesis: Becoming the Medium.
Kari Jordan-Diller (PhD 2008, Dept. English). Thesis: Program Planning Inside-out: Understanding Prai Perspectives on Education and Culture.
Frederic Jason Diller (PhD 2008, Dept. English). Thesis: (Re)Writing Identity: New Literacy Practices Among the Prai of Northern Thailand.
Kristen A. Ogilvie (PhD 2008). Thesis: Where Science Meets Community: An Alaskan Case Study of a Community Centered Approach in Prevention Research.