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Curriculum Vitae

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Nonprofits and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), voluntary sector regulation, philanthropy, humanitarianism, human rights, economic development and religion, political and legal anthropology, institutional ethnography, Southern Africa (Zimbabwe), South Asia (India).

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2022-present Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon  
2017-2022 Professor, Department of Anthropology, UW-Milwaukee.  
2014-2022 Faculty Affiliate, Center for South Asia, UW-Madison.  
2015-18 Faculty Affiliate, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management, UW-Milwaukee.  
2011-17 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, UW-Milwaukee.  
2012-13 Fellow, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.  
2006-07 Resident Scholar, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM.  
2004-11 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, UW-Milwaukee.  
2003-04 Fellow, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University.  
2002-03 Lecturer, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University.  
2001-02 Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar, Center for African Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

*Also see Administrative Supplement beginning on page 14*

2018-21 Chair (elected), Department of Anthropology, UW-Milwaukee.  
2019-21 President (elected), Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA).  
2017-19 President-Elect, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA).  
2011-18 Director, International Studies Program, UW-Milwaukee.

**EDUCATION**

2001 PhD in Anthropology. University of California, Irvine.  
1995 MA in Social Relations (Anthropology and Sociology). University of California, Irvine.  
1984 BA. Bennington College.

**AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**Extramural**

2016-17 Senior Research Fellowship. American Institute of Indian Studies. Research grant for ethnographic research in New Delhi Summer 2017.  
2013 Book Award for Disquieting Gifts: Humanitarianism in New Delhi. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action ARNOVA for Outstanding Book on Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research  
2012-13 Resident fellow. Center for the Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford University. (Declined in favor of sabbatical research in India).

- 2012-13 Resident fellow. Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study (JNIAS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
- 2011-12 Conference Award. University of Iowa International Major Projects Award (with Mark Sidel and Meena Khandelwal).
- 2010 Interdisciplinary Research Grant. Obermann Center for Advanced Studies. The University of Iowa. Collaborative research project with Meena Khandelwal and Mark Sidel.
- 2008 Advanced Seminar Award (with Peter Redfield). School for Advanced Research. Grant funded 10 scholars in residence for one week at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, NM.
- 2006-07 Resident fellow. School for Advanced Research and Social Science Research Council. Santa Fe, NM.
- 2004-05 Senior Scholarly Development Fellowship. American Institute of Indian Studies and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Research grant for ethnographic research in India.
- 2003-04 Resident fellow. Society for the Humanities, Cornell University.
- 1998-99 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation.
- 1996-97 Dissertation Research Fellowship. Pew Charitable Trusts and the Research Enablement Program of the Overseas Ministries Study Center. Grant for research in Zimbabwe.
- 1995 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS). Grant for intensive study of Shona, African Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

#### **Awards, Grants and Fellowships (University)**

- 2020-21 Curriculum Innovation Grant, "Integrating Social Entrepreneurship: Humanitarianism, Human Rights, and Global Justice," Lubar Entrepreneurship Center, UW-Milwaukee.
- 2018 Collaboratory grant, "Failure as a Creative Space." Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies. UW-Milwaukee.
- 2016-17 Faculty Fellow. Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies. UW-Milwaukee.
- 2011-12 Global Studies Fellow. Center for International Education. UW-Milwaukee.
- 2010 Course development award. Religious Studies Program. Funds for books and supplies to develop courses for the Religious Studies program. UW-Milwaukee.
- Course development award. Middle East and North African Studies. Funds to enhance course readings and to purchase films for the library. UW-Milwaukee.
- 2009-10 Fellow. Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies. UW-Milwaukee
- 2009 UWM Foundation/ Graduate School Research Award. UW-Milwaukee.
- International Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research Cluster Award. UW-Milwaukee.

- 2006-07 Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies. Fellow. Declined in favor of School for Advanced Research Resident Fellowship (see above). UW-Milwaukee.
- 2006 Course development grant, Center for International Education. UW-Milwaukee.
- 1998 University of California Regents, Dissertation Writing Fellowship.
- 1995 University of California Regents, Research Grant, for research in Zimbabwe. Social Relations Program Travel Grant for research in Zimbabwe.
- Robin M. Williams Graduate Student Paper Award. University of California, Irvine.
- Teaching Performance Honorable Mention, School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine, for Sociological Theory (Fall 1999 and Spring 2000) and Economic Anthropology (Winter 2000 and Spring 1995).
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), for intensive study of Shona, African Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Manuscript in progress: Rules for the Unruly: Regulating Nonprofits in India.

- 2012 Disquieting Gifts: Humanitarianism in New Delhi. Stanford Studies in Human Rights Series, Stanford University Press (232 pages). Reprinted for sale in South Asia by Cambridge University Press (2013).
- 2011 Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics. E. Bornstein and P. Redfield, editors. School for Advanced Research Advanced Seminar Series. School for Advanced Research Press (320 pages).
- 2003 The Spirit of Development: Protestant NGOs, Morality, and Economics in Zimbabwe. Routledge/Taylor and Francis (cloth edition, 228 pages). Reprinted in paper by Stanford University Press (2005).

### Scholarly Articles and Chapters (peer reviewed)

- 2020/2022 Humanitarian Interventions, *Oxford Handbook of Law and Anthropology*, Oxford University Press. Edited by Marie-Claire Foblets, Mark Goodale, Maria Sapiñoli, and Olaf Zenker. October 2020 online, 2022 print version.
- 2019 “The Report: A Strategy and Nonprofit Public Good,” *Humanity*, Spring 10(1): Pp.109-131.
- 2017 “How to Study NGOs Ethically,” in *Cultures of Doing Good: Anthropologists and NGOs*, edited by Christian Vanier, Amanda LaShaw and Steven Sampson. University of Alabama Press.
- 2016 (with Aradhana Sharma) “The Righteous and the Rightful: The Technomoral Politics of NGOs, Social Movements, and the State in India.” *American Ethnologist* 43(1):76-90.

- 2014 “Stories of Poverty in India: an ethnographer reviews Katherine Boo’s *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*,” *American Ethnologist* 41(1). Pp. 180-186.
- 2012 “Religious Giving Outside the Law in New Delhi” In *Sacred Aid*, Michael Barnett and Janice Stein (eds). Oxford University Press.
- “Volunteer Experience” In *What Matters? Ethnographies of Value in a Not-So Secular Age* Courtney Bender and Ann Taves (eds). Columbia University Press.
- 2011 (with Peter Redfield) “An Introduction to the Anthropology of Humanitarianism” In *Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics* Erica Bornstein and Peter Redfield (eds.) School for Advanced Research Advanced Seminar Series. Santa Fe, NM: School for Advanced Research Press.
- “The Value of Orphans” In *Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics* Erica Bornstein and Peter Redfield (eds). School for Advanced Research Advanced Seminar Series. Santa Fe, NM: School for Advanced Research Press.
- 2009 “The Impulse of Philanthropy,” *Cultural Anthropology*, Vol. 24(4), November. Pp. 622-651.
- 2007 “Harmonic Dissonance: Reflections on Dwelling in the Field,” *Ethnos*. Vol 72(4). December. Pp. 483-508.
- 2007 “Faith, Liberty, and the Individual in Humanitarian Assistance.” In *Non-governmental Politics*, Michel Feher, Gaëlle Krikorian and Yates McKee (editor), New York: Zone Books/MIT Press. Pp. 658-667.
- “A Vision of the World” In *Non-governmental Politics*, Michel Feher, Gaëlle Krikorian and Yates McKee (editors), New York: Zone Books/MIT Press. Pp. 669-671.
- 2006 “Rituals without Final Acts: Prayer and Success in World Vision Zimbabwe’s Humanitarian Work.” In *The Limits of Meaning: Case Studies in the Anthropology of Christianity*. Engelke Matthew and Tomlinson, Matt (eds). Oxford, UK and New York: Berghahn Books. Pp. 85-104.
- “No Return: A Brief Typology of Philanthropy and the Sacred in New Delhi.” In *The Politics of Altruism: Caring and Religion in Global Perspective*. Inaba, Keishin and Habito, Ruben (eds.). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press. Pp. 165-179.
- 2005 “Transcending Politics through the Kingdom of God and Free Markets” In *Between a Rock and a Hard Place: African NGOs, Donors, and the State*, Kelsall, Tim and Igoe, Jim (eds), Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press. Pp. 63-92 & Conclusion, Pp. 279-284.
- 2002 “Developing Faith: Theologies of Economic Development in Zimbabwe,” *The Journal of Religion in Africa*, Vol. 32(1). Pp. 4-31.
- 2001 “Child Sponsorship, Evangelism, and Belonging in the Work of World Vision Zimbabwe,” *American Ethnologist* Vol. 28(3), August. Pp. 595-622.
- “The Verge of Good and Evil: Christian NGOs and Economic Development in Zimbabwe,” *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. Vol 24(1), May. Pp. 59-77.

### Review Essays

- 2017 Invited commentary on “Engagements with a Productively Unstable Category: Anthropologists and Non-Governmental Organizations” by Mark Schuller and David Lewis for *Current Anthropology*. Vol.58(5). October.
- 2013 Internal Affairs: How the Structure of NGOs Transforms Human Rights. *Human Rights Quarterly*.
- 2009 (with Peter Redfield) “A Modest Map of the Aid World.” Human Rights Forum, *Anthropology News*. January. Pp. 22-23.
- “Two Views of African Christianity” *H-NET REVIEWS* essay. Published by [H-SAfrica@h-net.msu.edu](mailto:H-SAfrica@h-net.msu.edu) (January). <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=24032>.
- 2008 (with Peter Redfield) Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Working paper. *Genealogies of Suffering and the Gift of Care: A working paper on the Anthropology of Religion, Secularism, and Humanitarianism*. <http://programs.ssrc.org/religion/humanitarianism.pdf>
- Suffering for Territory: Race, Place, and Power in Zimbabwe (Moore), *American Anthropologist* Vol 110(1). March. Pp.132.
- 2003 “Between Church and Politics: Swiss Missions in Mozambique and the World Bank in Africa. Review article, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, Vol. 29(3), September. Pp 795-798.
- 2001 “Christian Evangelism in Africa,” In *The Encyclopedia of African and African-American Religions*. New York: Routledge. Pp. 86-92.
- “World Vision International,” In *The Encyclopedia of African and African-American Religions*. New York: Routledge. Pp. 381-382.

### Reprints and Translations

- 2014 “Development and Assistance” in *Moral Anthropology: A Critical Reader*, Didier Fassin and Samuel Lézé (eds.). NY: Routledge.
- 2013 Disquieting Gifts: Humanitarianism in New Delhi. Stanford Studies in Human Rights Series. South Asia edition. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- 2006 “Charitable Choice: L’humanitarisme et les Politiques de la Foi” In *Politique Non Gouvernementale, Vacarme No. 34 Hiver 2006, Numéro Spécial*. Feher, Michel (ed). Pp 189-193.
- “Une Vision Du Monde World Vision (Etas-Unis): Un Portrait World Vision” In *Politique Non Gouvernementale, Vacarme No. 34 Hiver 2006, Numéro Spécial*. Feher, Michel (ed). Pp194-195.
- 2005 The Spirit of Development: Protestant NGOs, Morality, and Economics in Zimbabwe. Paperback edition. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Keynotes and Plenary Addresses

- 2019 “Advocacy, Faith, and Profit: Humanitarian Intervention at the Limits of Law,” MacMillan Center for International Studies, conference titled: “Social Justice, Solidarity, and Forced Migration,” Yale University, keynote presenter. March.
- 2013 Future of NGO Studies conference, Northern Illinois University’s Center for NGO Leadership and Development. DePaul University. Chicago, IL, plenary address.
- 2012 Salvage and Salvation: Religion, Disaster Relief, and Reconstruction in Asia conference. National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute, Singapore. keynote.
- Life and Death: A Conversation. Society for Cultural Anthropology Annual Meetings, Providence, RI. May, plenary address.
- 2010 Development that Matters: Religion, Local Communities, Livelihood and Entrepreneurship. Association of Development Researchers in Denmark (FAU) annual conference, March, Gjerrild, Denmark. keynote.
- 2008 Enacting Improvement: A One-day Conference on the Ethics of Development and Philanthropy. CRASSH. Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK. keynote.

### Invited Lectures

- 2020 “Global Philanthropy and the Governance of Nonprofits in India,” Philanthropy Reimagined Research Series. Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. April (cancelled due to Covid).
- 2016 A Center for Human Rights and Humanitarianism, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY.
- Regulating Rights-based NGOs in India, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, April.
- 2015 Rules for the Unruly: Regulating the Voluntary Sector in India. Honors College and Asian Studies Program in the College of International Studies. University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK. November.
- Dialogues in Anthropology, Politics of Care, After Sovereignty: What Makes Humanitarianism Good to Think With. Cornell University. Ithaca, NY. September.
- 2014 Positional Politics: Regulating the Voluntary Sector in India. Center for South Asia. Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. October.
- Foreign Contributions: Regulating Social Welfare in India. Center for South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI. May.
- Law as a Language of Activism: Regulating Global Philanthropy in India. Humanitarianism lecture series. Franklin and Marshall College. Lancaster, PA.
- Philanthropy and the Boundaries of Law: New Legislative Terrain and NGO Engagement. Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management. UW-Milwaukee.

- Regulating Religious and Global Philanthropy in India. Lily Family School of Philanthropy, Lake Institute on Faith and Giving. Indiana University Purdue-Indianapolis (IUPUI).
- Regulating Global Philanthropy in India: NGO-Advocacy, Law and Social Welfare. School of Public Policy. University of Maryland. College Park, MD.
- 2010 Philanthropy [Humanitarianism] and Empathy in New Delhi. Institute of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies (TORS). University of Copenhagen (Denmark).
- On Empathy and Humanitarianism in New Delhi. Department of Anthropology. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Religious Giving and the Boundaries of Law in India. Department of Anthropology. McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- Who Do You Trust? Suspicion and the Ethics of Humanitarianism in New Delhi. Center for International Education Ethics Working Group series. UW-Milwaukee.
- 2009 Accounting for Trust: Obligations in NGO-work in India. Anthropology of Religion, Markets, and Politics Lecture Series. Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs. Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- Who Do You Trust? The Ethics and Politics of Humanitarianism in New Delhi. Carroll University. Waukesha, WI.
- 2008 (with Peter Redfield) The Ethics and Politics of Humanitarianism. School for Advanced Research. Santa Fe, NM.
- Giving to Strangers: An Ethnography of Philanthropy in New Delhi. South Asian Studies Program. University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA.
- 2007 Framing Orphans: Questions of Humanitarianism in New Delhi. Department of Anthropology. University of New Mexico.
- Giving to Strangers: An Ethnography of Philanthropy in New Delhi. School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2006 The Value of Orphans: Reflections on Philanthropy in New Delhi. School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2005 Gifts without Receipts: Dan and Philanthropy in New Delhi. Department of Anthropology. University of Delhi, India.
- 2004 Society for the Humanities. Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
- Department of Anthropology. Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
- 2001 Center for African Studies. University of California, Berkeley.
- 1997 Department of Religious Studies, Classics, and Philosophy. University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe.

**Invited Conference Papers**

- 2021 “Responsibility in the Companies Act: Implications for NGOs and People.” Cultural Processes of Global Development conference. Tobias Center for Innovations in International Development. Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies. Indiana University Bloomington. October.
- 2018 Oxford Handbook of Law and Anthropology. Max Planck Institute, Berlin, Germany. November.
- 2017 Charitable Faiths: NGOs and Religion in Asia. Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs (CURA), Pardee School of Global Affairs. Boston University. May.
- 2015 Theorizing Social Movements and Shifting Globalizations symposium. Northwestern University.
- 2014 Humanitarianism in Crisis/Crisis of Humanitarianism, Regulating Rights-based Social Welfare in India. Human Rights Program. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 Austerity, Resilience and the Politics of Poverty. American Ethnological Society invited session: American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2010 Religious Charity and Secular Law in New Delhi. Religion, Humanitarianism and Faith conference. The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Religion, Charity, and Law in India: Historical and Contemporary Reflections. Kyoto International Conference, Islamic Area Studies (IAS). Kyoto, Japan.
- Religious Charity Outside the Law. Law and Disciplinarity: Thinking Beyond Borders. Center for International Education. UW-Milwaukee.
- 2009 Garnering Trust: Hindu Dan and Humanitarianism in New Delhi. Religion, Secularism, and Humanitarianism: Exploring Differences, Boundaries, and Connections. The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Geneva, Switzerland.
- Suspicion, Governance and Humanitarianism in New Delhi. Global Studies conference, Global Governance and Shifting Sovereignties: Who Rules and How. UW-Madison.
- 2008 Accounting for Trust: Obligations in NGO-work in India Cambridge University. Legal Knowledge and Anthropological Engagement: A Conference in Honour of Marilyn Strathern. Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK.
- Gifts of Experience. Invidious Distinctions and Ambivalent Attachments: Religious, Spiritual. Secular Social Science Research Council (SSRC). New York, NY.
- 2006 Harmonic Dissonance: Reflections on Failures of Fieldwork Inhabitation. Conference on Ethnography. University of California, Irvine.
- 1999 Child Sponsorship, Evangelism, and Belonging in the Work of World Vision Zimbabwe. Satterthwaite Colloquium on African Ritual and Religion. Satterthwaite, UK.
- 1997 Christian NGOs, Evangelism, and the Morality of Economic Development in Zimbabwe. Pew Charitable Trusts and OMSC Colloquium, Nashville, TN.



### Refereed Papers and Commentaries (conferences)

- 2018 “Philanthrotech,” panel in Shanghai Innovative Dialogues: From Fintech to Insurtech in China and the US. University of California, Irvine. Irvine, CA. September, discussant.
- 2017 Philanthropic and Nonprofit Expertise, American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C. paper.
- 2016 Releasing Numbers: Disclosure at the Intersection of Public and Private. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN. discussant.
- 2015 The Companies Act: Implications for NGOs and People. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Denver, CO. paper.
- From Streets to the Asylum: Medicalizing Vulnerable Children, American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Denver, CO. discussant.
- 2014 The Report. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C. paper.
- What’s in a Name? Engagements with a Productively Unstable Category: Anthropologists and Non-governmental Organizations, American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC, discussant.
- 2013 Foreign Contributions: Regulating Social Welfare in India, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI. paper.
- Toward an Anthropology of Gratitude. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL, discussant.
- 2011 Religious Charity and the Boundaries of Law in India. American Anthropological Association Annual meetings, Montreal, Canada. paper.
- Tidemarks of Change: Institutions and the Work of Care. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Montreal, Canada, discussant.
- 2009 On Philanthropy and Empathy in New Delhi. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, December, Philadelphia, PA. paper.
- Problem of the "Gift": Contemporary Modalities of Philanthropy and Charity. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Philadelphia, PA, discussant.
- 2008 Governing through Care: The Politics of Expertise and the Making of Empowered Children. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, CA, discussant.
- 2007 Sacred Philanthropy: Between Impulse and Obligation. American Anthropological Association Annual meetings, November, Washington, D.C. paper.
- Proselytization Revisited: Rights Talk, Free Markets, and Culture Wars. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC, discussant.
- 2006 Charity as Experience: Practical Dreaming and Being Change in New Delhi. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, November, San Jose, CA. paper.

- The Orphan as a Category of Humanitarian Value. Society for Cultural Anthropology annual meetings, May, Milwaukee, WI. paper.
- 2005 Proof: Tsunami Relief and Trust in New Delhi. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, November, Washington, D.C. paper.
- 2003 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL. paper.
- 2002 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, New Orleans, LA. paper.
- 2001 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C. paper.  
American Ethnological Society annual meetings, Montreal, Canada. paper.
- 2000 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, CA. paper.  
The Verge of Good and Evil: On Christian NGOs, Economic Development, and Doing Good in Zimbabwe, conference titled Critical Citizenship: the Role of Non-governmental Organizations in Civil Society, University of California, San Diego. paper.
- 1999 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL. paper.
- 1998 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Philadelphia, PA. paper.  
American Ethnological Society annual meetings, Toronto, Canada. paper.

### Media

- 2021 The Individual and the Institution (interview). FrankNews. Special series on philanthropy. <http://www.franknews.us/interviews/549/the-individual-and-the-institution>
- 2019 Podcast conference wrap up. Yale University.
- 2017 Podcast Interview. The Religious Studies Project. Beyond Faith-based Organizations: Religion and NGOs in Comparative Perspective. [http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/beyond-faith-based-organizations-religion-and-ngos-in-comparative-perspective/?utm\\_source=Religious+Studies+Project&utm\\_campaign=08b345c8e4-Weekly\\_Digest&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_809ff0fba4-08b345c8e4-147031481](http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/beyond-faith-based-organizations-religion-and-ngos-in-comparative-perspective/?utm_source=Religious+Studies+Project&utm_campaign=08b345c8e4-Weekly_Digest&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_809ff0fba4-08b345c8e4-147031481)
- 2009 Radio Interview. "Charity" on the radio program *Encounter*, Australia Broadcasting Company, Radio National.

### ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH PROJECTS

#### Corporate philanthropy and Social Responsibility in India (2016-present)

Ethnographic field research on government initiatives to inspire corporate philanthropy in India through a corporate social responsibility (CSR) tax put into law through The Companies Act (2013), which stipulates that corporations must spend 2% on CSR projects. The research, funded by the American Institute of Indian Studies, involves ethnographic interviews with NGO directors, civil servants, chartered accountants, and CSR program administrators in New Delhi.

### **Legal Reform and Civil Society Regulation in India (2012-present)**

Ethnographic fieldwork on legal advocacy and nongovernmental initiatives for legal reform. The project focused on a cluster of not-for-profit organizations in India's capital city, New Delhi, that were lobbying the government for what they considered to be an enabling environment for civil society organizations. Research involved interviewing tax accounts, civil servants, and directors of civil society organizations involved in pressing for specific laws that affect the voluntary sector regarding philanthropic donations, registration with the government, and income tax law. The primary research was conducted during a sabbatical year, and funded through a sabbatical grant from UW-Milwaukee and a resident fellowship through the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study (JNIAS) at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

### **Giving and Humanitarianism in New Delhi, India (2004-12)**

Ethnographic fieldwork on sacred and secular philanthropic and humanitarian practices, focusing on Hindu ideas of giving and donation (dan). Research was funded by a grant from the American Institute of Indian Studies, and consisted of interviews with religious mendicants, temple priests, Indians giving in religious venues and settings as well as directors of secular nongovernmental organizations.

### **Faith-based Economic Development in Zimbabwe (1996-2004)**

Ethnographic fieldwork with Christian non-governmental organizations, World Vision International and Christian Care, involved in programs of economic development. Funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts and the OMSC. The project explored the religious aspects of international economic development and identified the category of faith-based institution in development practice.

## **RESEARCH SYMPOSIA**

### **Diaspora philanthropy (2010-12)**

Collaborative research project with Meena Khandelwal (U Iowa) and Mark Sidel (UW-Madison) on diaspora philanthropy. A summer of collaborative research at University of Iowa in 2010 was funded by an Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Interdisciplinary Research Grant. A symposium was organized in 2012 at University of Iowa involving 13 participants and funded by a University of Iowa Major Projects grant.

### **Critical Studies of Humanitarianism (2008-11)**

Advanced Seminar grant (with Peter Redfield) from the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, N.M., to commission ten scholars to write essays on the anthropology of humanitarianism, and to develop the essays into a book.

## **TEACHING**

### **New Courses Developed (Anthropology, Global Studies, International Studies, UW-Milwaukee)**

(U) = Undergraduate; (U/G) = Undergraduate/Graduate

Anthro 102-202 (U): Introduction to Anthropology-Online (2008, 2009, 2010, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

Anthro 432 (U): Law and Society (2021)

Anthro 433 (U): Contemporary Issues in Global Justice (2022)

Anthro 442/Global Studies 442 (U/G): Humanitarianism in Global Perspective (2010, 2014, 2015, 2019)

Anthro 447/Global Studies 447 (U/G): The Global Politics of Human Rights (2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019)

IS 550 (U): International Studies Senior Seminar: Contemp. Issues in Global Justice (2015, 2016)

IS 550 (U): International Studies Senior Seminar: Law and Society (2013, 2018)

IS 550 (U): International Studies Senior Seminar: Global Humanitarianism (2008)

Anthro 649 (U/G): Ethnography of Institutions (2015, 2018, 2020, 2022)

**Other courses taught (Anthropology)**

- Anthro 102 (U): Introduction to Anthropology: Culture and Society (2006, 2007, 2008)  
 Anthro 104 (U): Lifeways in Different Cultures: A Survey of World Societies (2005, 2006, 2009)  
 Anthro 326 (U/G): Peoples and Cultures of South Asia (2009, 2011, 2013, 2016)  
 Anthro 460 (U/G): Anthropological Theory (2008, 2016)  
 Anthro 803 (G): Survey of Cultural Anthropology: History and Theory Seminar (2018, 2019, 2021)

**Previous Teaching Positions**

- 2003-04 Instructor, Cornell University, Society for the Humanities  
 Giving and Humanitarianism
- 2001-03 Instructor, Stanford University, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology  
 History and Theory of Cultural and Social Anthropology  
 Post-field Research Seminar (Ethnographic Writing)
- 2000-01 Graduate Instructor, University of California Irvine, Department of Anthropology  
 Economic Anthropology  
 Ethnography and Politics in Southern Africa  
 African Societies (Theme: Colonial and Post-Colonial Religion and Politics)

**GRADUATE ADVISING****PhD Dissertations Supervised (UWM)**PhD Chair, Anthropology

- 2021-present Grace Nnenna Fredrick (coursework)
- 2010-2021 Karen Esche-Eiff *"Making God's Love Manifest": American Expressions and Productions of Charisma in Sri Mata Amritanandamayai Devi's Global Following*
- 2013-2021 Todd Ebling *Care in Crisis: The Ethical, Affective, and Subjective Worlds of Homeless Service Providers in a US City.*
- 2006-2015 Anika Jones *Welfare Queens to Childcare Queens: The Political Economy of State Sponsored Childcare.* Currently employed as Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology tenure track at Oakton Community College, IL.

PhD committee member, Anthropology

- 2021-present Ati Gurcay (preparing for fieldwork)
- 2014-present Abby Forster (writing dissertation)
- 2014-present Allison Kotowicz (conducting fieldwork)
- 2018-2019 Monique Hassman. *Everyday Perseverance & Meaningful Toil: Mapping the (In)distinguishable Process of Recovery post Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, Louisiana.*
- 2014-2019 Susan Hill. *The Waiting Room: Remaking Adulthood Among America's Underemployed.*
- 2010-2015 Katinka Hooijer. *Mentally Disordered or Culturally Displaced? How the PTSD Label Transforms Personhood in US Military Veterans.*
- 2008-2013 Amy Samuelson. *Frustration and Creativity: Environmentalism in the Republic of Moldova.*
- 2008-2012 Patrick Lindsay. *Conjunctures Contrived: The Constant Re-identification of Glasgow Rangers Fans.*
- 2011 Christopher Magnuson. *Transcending Gender: Experiences and Perception of Gender Transition.*
- 2010-2011 Brenda Nemetz. *Ghost Tours in Milwaukee.*

PhD committee member, College of Nursing

- 2016-2018 Toyin Olukotun. *Navigating Complex Realities: Barriers to Healthcare, Law Enforcement and mental Health Concerns of Undocumented African American Immigrant Women in the United States.*
- 2011-2014 Pamela Freuchting. *The Subjective Well-Being of Youth Heads of Households in Rural Southern Malawi.*

PhD external examiner

- 2016-present Vanessa Watters, *Prosperity on the Periphery: Christian social welfare in coastal West Africa*, Northwestern University, Department of Anthropology.
- 2011 Marie Juul Petersen. *For Humanity or for the Umma? Ideologies of Aid in Four Transnational Muslim NGOs*. Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen.

**MS Theses supervised (UWM)**MS Chair, Anthropology

- 2022(Jan)-present Elizabeth Nuchowich (coursework)
- 2021-present Achea Elliot (coursework)
- 2017(Jan)-present Sayema Khatun (writing thesis)
- 2007-2010 Pierson, Alisa A. *Exhibiting Indo-America: Representation and the Construction of Ethnic Identity at the Indo-American Heritage Site.*
- 2007-2009 Esche-Eiff, Karen. *Beyond Borders of Belief: Milwaukee Devotees in the Mata Amritanandamayi Mission in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Amritapuri, India.*
- 2005-2009 Dosemagen, Shannon. *Performing Politics in Milwaukee: An Ethnography of Hip Hop Appropriation.*

MS committee member, Anthropology

- 2021-present Morgan Forbush
- 2021-present Luke Konkol
- 2016-2018 Sarah Carlson, *Steering a Cruise Ship: The Philippine Co-curation Partnership at the Field Museum.*
- 2014-2017 Elizabeth Albert, *Unveiling Recovery: A Discourse Analysis of Mental Illness Recovery Narratives.*
- 2015-2017 Alexandra Frankel, *Ambivalent Politics of Kina Gecesi.*
- 2011-2015 Andrew Dicks. *Accessing Burmese Buddhism.*
- 2010-2012 Donald Schaub. *Helpers of Each Other: Collective Purposes Volunteers at a Faith-Based Ministry Mentor to Formerly Incarcerated Individuals*
- 2010-2012 Andrea Fritsch. *Generating Legitimate Authority in Water Initiative Planning: Watershed Restoration and Urban River Corridor Development on the Root River*
- 2010-2013 Allison Kotowitz. *Maasai Identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

MFA committee member, Film

- 2015-2016 Sangsun Choi. *Quarry Kids.*

**Undergraduate Research supervision (UWM)**Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)

- 2008 Melania Dessoubret
- 2007 Joanne Boukidis

Overseas Undergraduate Research (Center for International Education)

- 2009 Andrew Jensen

*Administrative Supplement to Academic CV*

**KEY ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

**Chair, Department of Anthropology, UWM (2018-2021)**

- Managed a four-field department with PhD program, MS program and BA programs as well as two interdisciplinary certificates. Responsible for curricular oversight and staffing, budgeting, management of admin staff, coordination and leadership of faculty committees, developed hiring plans, advocated for the department with deans and administration.
- Collaborated with other departments on interdisciplinary programs and initiatives.
- Developed and maintained relationships with external partners.
- Served as chair of the department Executive Committee.
- Worked to publicize the interdisciplinary undergraduate Forensics certificate and a graduate Museum Studies Certificate housed in the department, as well as a Cultural Resources Management business that contracts with state and local municipalities.
- Revamped publicity, web, and student-oriented, public facing nature of the department.
- Started a newsletter for current students and alumni.
- Developed and worked with university governance to approve a new Accelerated Masters (5 year) program in Anthropology.
- Began formation of an alumni chapter for the department.
- Developed an exit survey for graduates to track their experience in the program. Oversaw and monitored university assessment initiatives.
- Increased graduate student PhD support to 3 years.
- Developed policies for the department, including a complaint policy.

**President, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, APLA, a section of the American Anthropological Association (2019-2021)**

- Recruited the election slate for APLA board positions, as well as appointed committees.
- Managed the APLA budget in collaboration with the Treasurer.
- Initiated a membership campaign to increase membership: added new categories of membership.
- Led a successful search for new journal editors for APLA's journal, *Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)*.
- Oversaw communications, including PoLAR Online, and its Digital Editorial Fellows program (staffed by volunteer graduate students).
- Initiated an Events committee during the pandemic, which created a monthly online book group to discuss recent books by APLA authors, as well as a political/historical walking tour for the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings.
- Organized a conference in collaboration with the American Ethnological Society (which was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid in 2020). Organized another conference for 2022.
- Oversaw APLA's Program Committee that curated panels for the AAA annual meetings.
- Oversaw the Early Career Mentoring Committee which organized panels and events.
- Guided Graduate Student Representatives as they organized mentoring events for conferences and virtually during the pandemic.
- Worked with APLA editors of Anthropology News to develop content.
- Coordinated the annual APLA Book Prize in Critical Anthropology and Graduate Student Paper Prize, staffed the prize committees.

**Faculty Coordinator, International Studies Program, UWM (2011-2018)**

- Staffed courses for program.

- Chaired Faculty Advisory board. Added new members, met regularly to discuss International Studies Program.
- Reviewed annual Klotsche Scholarship applications and awarded scholarships (eligible to Global Studies and International Studies students).
- Revised Klotsche scholarship application process to encourage more students to apply for this scholarship.
- Revised International Studies curriculum (IS major and minor) 2011-12. Added a new World Languages and Cultures track to the major, and integrated humanities and humanistic social science disciplines into curriculum, including: Foreign Languages and Linguistics, Comparative Literature, Anthropology. This curricular overhaul also involved purging the course list of electives that were no longer being taught on campus and adding new ones.
- As of Fall 2017, there were 140 enrolled students (majors and minors) in the International Studies program.
- Participated in outreach events for International Studies alumni.
- Participated in recruitment events for new students.
- Wrote International Studies annual report.
- Monitored curriculum. Approved course substitutes and dealt with student concerns.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Elected board member (professional societies)**

- 2019-2021 President, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (a section of the American Anthropological Association)
- 2017-19 President Elect, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
- 2011-13 Secretary, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
- 2009-11 Board member, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology

### **Editorial board member**

- 2015-2021 Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR), APLA section journal of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2016- present Editorial Advisory board member, book series: "NGOographies: Ethnographic Reflections on NGOs," University of Alabama Press.

### **Other service to professional societies**

- 2014-16 Program Co-chair, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology. Organized and curated the APLA program for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Denver and Minneapolis.
- 2014-15 Advisory board member, Humanities and Social Sciences Online (H-Net) Network Association and Philanthropic Studies (H-APS).
- 2013-14 Nominations committee, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology.
- 2011-12 Chair, Graduate student paper prize committee, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology.
- 2010-11 Committee member, Graduate student paper prize committee, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology.
- 2008 Graduate student mentor, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA) Religion and Politics Workshop participant, American Anthropological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA. Met with advanced graduate students regarding their research projects.

### **Symposia and panels organized**

- 2012 Symposium on Diaspora Philanthropy, University of Iowa. Major Project Award (also see grants). Co-organized with Meena Khandelwal and Mark Sidel. Conference included 10 international scholars presenting papers.
- 2008 Between Politics and Ethics: The Anthropology of Global Humanitarianism, Advanced Seminar co-organized with Peter Redfield. School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM. (SAR, also see grants. Invited 10 scholars to workshop papers. Proceedings published as a book: *Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics* (2011, School for Advanced Research Press).
- 2007 India Giving. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC.
- 2006 Cosmologies of Humanitarianism Ethics and Sensibilities. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, San Jose, CA.
- 2005 Calculating Compassion: Anthropologies of Aid, Poverty, and Charity. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 2001 The Spiritual Politics of African Ethnography. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C.

### **External reviewer for tenure and promotion**

2013-present, Departments not named due to issues of confidentiality.

### **Book reviewer**

American Anthropologist; American Ethnologist; Journal of Southern African Studies; H-net SAfrica Human Rights Quarterly.

### **Book endorsements**

Kumarian Press  
University of California Press

### **Academic journal peer-reviewer**

American Anthropologist; American Ethnologist; Body & Society; Cultural Anthropology; Ethnology; Ethnos; Diaspora; Global Change Peace and Security Journal (Routledge); Human Organization; Humanity; Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (UK); Journal of Intervention and State-Building; Political and Legal Anthropology Review; Social Problems; Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development; Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations.

### **Academic book manuscript peer-reviewer**

Duke University Press; Kumarian Press; Manchester University Press (UK); Pluto Press.

### **Grant and Fellowship Panelist/proposal reviewer**

- 2017 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowships.
- 2017 Grinnell College, junior faculty grant review.
- 2014 Social Science Research Council (SSRC)-Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) program, proposal reviewer: 47 proposals.
- 2013 Social Science Research Council (SSRC)-Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) program, Critical Approaches in Human Rights, proposal reviewer: 29 proposals.
- 2013 AXA RF Post-doctoral Fellowships, Paris, France.
- 2013 National Science Foundation (NSF): Law and Social Sciences Program.
- 2011 National Science Foundation (NSF): Law and Social Sciences Program.
- 2010 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK.



- 2010 National Science Foundation (NSF): Cultural Anthropology Program.
- 2010 National Science Foundation (NSF): Law and Social Sciences Program.
- 2009 National Science Foundation (NSF): Law and Social Sciences Program. panelist, Washington, D.C.
- 2009 SSRC-ACLS, International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF). Social Science Research Council and American Council for Learned Societies, New York, NY, proposal reviewer: 21 proposals.
- 2006 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE (UWM)**

### **Elected University Committees**

- 2021-present University Committee (the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, 3-year term)
- 2021-present Faculty Senate representative of University Committee (3-year term)
- 2016-17 Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)
- 2016-17 Graduate Program Review (CPR) committee
- 2016-17 International Committee (IC)
- 2016-17 International Partnerships Subcommittee
- 2013-16 Research Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC)
- Centers and Institutes review working committee
- RPAC Grant related policies working committee
- 2005-08 Awards and Recognition Committee

### **Other UWM committees**

- 2021-22 Affirmative Action in Faculty Employment Committee (AAFEC)
- 2021-22 International Studies Program Advisory Committee
- 2021-22 Teaching and Research Professor Titles Action Committee
- 2017-18 Public and Administration and Nonprofit Management (DLB) Augmented Executive Committee
- 2017-18 Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies Advisory Committee
- 2016-17 Asian Studies Certificate Program Advisory Committee
- 2016-17 Faculty website redesign committee
- 2015 Research and Creative Activities Awards Committee
- 2013 Sabbatical Proposal review committee
- 2007-11 Religious Studies Program Steering Committee (Chair)
- 2008 Religious Studies Program Search Committee
- 2005-06 Ethnic Studies Advisory Board

### **Department of Anthropology (2005-present)**

- Accelerated Masters working group (2018-19)
- Course and Curriculum Committee (2005-06, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2013-14, 2021-22)
- Distinguished Professor Committee (2018-19)
- Faculty Search Committee (2021-22)
- Gifts and Awards Committee (2018-19)
- Graduate Admissions and Financial Aid committee (2014-15, 2021-22)
- Graduate Orientation Committee (2014-15)
- Graduate Student External Funding Committee (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, chair, 2013-14, 2014-15 chair, 2015-16, chair, 2016-17, chair 2017-18, 2021-22, chair).
- Graduate Program Committee (2011-12, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2018-19)
- Grievances Committee (chair, 2021-22)
- Hiring Plan working group (2018-19)

Library Committee (2011-12, 2021-22)  
 Museum Studies Board (2014-15, 2020-21)  
 Post-Tenure Review Committee (chair, (2017-18)  
 Space and Equipment Committee (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21)  
 Undergraduate Program Committee (2016-17, 2021-22)  
 Web Committee (2005-06, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2018-19, 2020-21)  
 Workload Policy Committee (2017)

### **Center for International Education (CIE), 2009-17**

2017 Moderator, Diversities conference  
 2017 FLAS grant review committee  
 2017 Klotsche scholarship review committee  
 2016 Moderator, Water-Centric Cities conference  
 2016 FLAS grant review committee  
 2016 Klotsche scholarship review committee  
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 2014 FLAS grant review committee  
 2014 Global Fellows review committee  
 2013 Klotsche scholarship review committee  
 2013 Global Fellows review committee  
 2012 Moderator, World Cinemas conference  
 2012 Klotsche scholarship review committee  
 2009-12 Institute of World Affairs (IWA), Advisory Board member  
 2001 Moderator, Critical Refugee Studies conference  
 2011 Academic Programs Coordinator search committee  
 2010 Overseas Undergraduate Research (OUR) Travel Awards Application review committee  
 2009-10 Ethics Working Group committee  
 2009 Masters of Development Practice (MDP) Advisory Committee

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Anthropological Association  
 Association for Political and Legal Anthropology  
 American Ethnological Society  
 NGO Interest Group, American Anthropological Association  
 Public Policy Interest Group, American Anthropological Association  
 Society for Cultural Anthropology

### **LANGUAGES**

English First language  
 Hindi Intermediate  
 Shona Intermediate  
 Spanish Intermediate  
 French Intermediate