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Education

Ph.D. 1995 University of California, Berkeley, Anthropology.
M.A. 1989 University of California, Berkeley, Anthropology.
A.B. 1987 Harvard University, Anthropology, magna cum laude.

Professional Experience

2004-present Associate Professor, Anthropology, UNC-Chapel Hill.
Fellow, UNC Institute of Arts and Humanities. Associate Chair of Dept, 2005-7, 2008-9
2007-8 Weatherhead Fellow, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe
1999- 2004 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, UNC-Chapel Hill.
1998-9 Postdoctoral Fellow, History of Science, Medicine and Technology, Johns Hopkins
University.
1997-9 Visiting Scholar, Anthropology, UT Austin.
1995-6 Visiting Assistant Professor, Cultural Studies of Science, Technology and Medicine,
Department of History, UCLA.
1993-5 Visiting Assistant Professor, Social Science, Deep Springs College.
1989-1993 Graduate Student Instructor, Anthropology, UC Berkeley.

Honors

2007-8 School for Advanced Research on the Human Experience (formerly School of American
Research) Residential Fellowship, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2007-8 National Humanities Center Residential Fellowship (*declined*)
2006 School of American Research Advanced Seminar Co-Convener for 2008
2006 Cultural Horizons Prize, Society for Cultural Anthropology
2005 UNC Spray-Randleigh Fellowship
2004 UNC Spray-Randleigh Fellowship
2003-4 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (taken Jan-Dec 2004)
2003 UNC Junior Faculty Development Grant
2003 UNC Institute for Arts and Humanities Fellowship (Spring)
2001 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend.
2001 UNC Odum IRSS Latane Summer Stipend.
2000-1 UNC University Research Council Research Grant.
1999 UNC University Research Council Publication Grant.
1994 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SST).
1991 Camargo Foundation Fellow.
1990 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, U.C. Berkeley.
1989, 1991 Humanities Research Grant, U.C. Berkeley.

1989,1990 Lowie Fund Research Grant, U.C. Berkeley.
 1988-1992 U.C. Berkeley, University Predoctoral Humanities Fellowship (4 year award).
 1983-1984 National Merit Scholar.
 1982 Telluride Association Scholar, TASP Williams College.

Bibliography

(all single author, except where noted)

Books

in preparation Life in Crisis: The Ethical Journey of Doctors Without Borders. Under contract with University of California Press.

in submission (co-edited with Erica Bornstein). Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics. Under contract with SAR Press, Advanced Seminar Series.

2000 Space in the Tropics: From Convicts to Rockets in French Guiana. University of California Press. (345 pages.) (ref.)

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

in preparation “Secular Humanitarianism and Sacred Life.” For What Matters? Ethnographies of Value in a (Not So) Secular Age. (C. Bender and A. Taves, eds.). SSRC/Columbia.

in submission “The Impossible Problem of Neutrality.” For Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics. (Redfield & Bornstein, eds.) For SAR Press, Advanced Seminar Series.

in submission (with Erica Bornstein) Introduction. Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics. (Redfield & Bornstein, eds.) For SAR Press, Advanced Seminar Series.

in submission “Cleaning up the Cold War: Global Humanitarianism and the Infrastructure of Crisis Response.” For volume Technopolitics of Global Cold War (G. Hecht, ed.). MIT Press.

in press “The Verge of Crisis: MSF in Uganda.” For volume Contemporary States of Emergency: The Politics of Military and Humanitarian Interventions (D. Fassin and M. Pandolfi, eds.), Zone Books. Publication expected 2009. (mss. 38 pages) (ref.)

in press (with Ed Rackley) “The Explosive Remnants of War.” For volume Crisis and Catastrophe: Legal and Scientific Perspectives (Austin Sarat, ed.) University of Massachusetts Press, 212-235. Publication expected 2009. (23 pages) (ref.)

2008 “Vital Mobility and the Humanitarian Kit.” In A. Lakoff and S. Collier, eds. Biosecurity Interventions: Global Health and Security in Question. NY: Columbia University Press, 147-171. (24 pages) (ref.)

2008 “Sacrifice, Triage and Global Humanitarianism.” In M. Barnett and T. Weiss eds. Humanitarianism in Question: Politics, Power, Ethics. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 196-214. (18 pages) (ref.)

- 2008 "Doctors Without Borders and the Moral Economy of Pharmaceuticals." In A. Bullard, ed., Human Rights in Crisis, Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Press, pp. 129-144. (15 pages) (ref.)
- 2006 "A Less Modest Witness: Collective Advocacy and Motivated Truth in a Medical Humanitarian Movement" American Ethnologist, 33: 1 (Feb): 3-26. (23 pages) (ref.)
- 2005 "Doctors, Borders and Life in Crisis" Cultural Anthropology, 20:3: 328-361. (33 pages). (ref.) Winner of 2006 Cultural Horizons Prize, Society for Cultural Anthropology.
- 2005 "Foucault in the Tropics: Displacing the Panopticon" Jonathan Xavier Inda, ed. Foucault and the Anthropology of Modernity. Blackwell Books, 50-79. (29 pages) (ref.)
- 2003 (with Silvia Tomášková) "The Exile of Anthropology." In Rebecca Saunders, ed. The Concept of the Foreign. Lexington Books (Rowman & Littlefield), 71-90. (19 pages) (ref.)
- 2002 "The Half-Life of Empire in Outer Space." Social Studies of Science (special issue on "Postcolonial Technoscience," co-edited by Warwick Anderson and Gabrielle Hecht). 32: 6 (Dec.): 791-825. (34 pages). (ref.).
- 1996 "Beneath a Modern Sky: Space Technology and its Place on the Ground." Science, Technology and Human Values, 21: 3 (June): 251-274. (23 pages) (ref.)
- 1994 "Remembering the Revolution, Forgetting the Empire: Notes after the French Bicentennial." Reprinted in Lucien Taylor, ed. Visualizing Theory, New York: Routledge, 322-344. (22 pages) (ref.)
- 1992 "Remembering the Revolution, Forgetting the Empire: Notes after the French Bicentennial." Visual Anthropology Review, 8:2: 58-75. (17 pages) (ref.)

Invited Commentaries and Contributions

- 2006 Comment on "Reconfiguring Scholarly Authority: Reflections Based on Anthropological Studies in Norway" (Gullestad). Current Anthropology, 47 (December), 928-29.
- 2005 Comment on "Engineers and Political Dreams: Indonesia in the Satellite Age." (Barker). Current Anthropology, 46: 5 (December), 721-22.
- 2002 Comment on "Virtual Archives and Ethnographic Writing: 'Commentary' as a New Genre?" (J. Fabian). Current Anthropology, 43: 5 (Dec): 783-84.
- 1995 Comment on "The Historical Anthropology of Text: Historiographical Construction and Ethnographic Analogy in the Interpretations of Raleigh's Discoverie of Guiana" (N. Whitehead) Current Anthropology, 36: 1 (Feb): 65-66.

Refereed Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

(refereed presentations include abstract in conference proceedings)

- 2009 Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, workshop on the “Authority of Science,” invited participant.
- 2008 Social Science Research Council/Columbia University, NY workshop on “Science, Religion and the Public Sphere,” invited participant.
- 2008 Cambridge University, CRASSH, conference on “Ethics of Development and Philanthropy,” invited participant.
- 2008 University of Stockholm, Anthropology Roundtable on “Audit,” invited participant.
- 2008 Cornell University, Department of Anthropology, invited talk.
- 2008 School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, invited talk.
- 2008 SAR Advanced Seminar. Co-organized with Erica Bornstein, March 8-14, 2008.
- 2007 New York University, Institute for Public Knowledge, invited talk.
- 2007 Social Science Research Council, NY workshop on “Emergency,” invited participant.
- 2007 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, invited talk.
- 2007 School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, invited talk.
- 2007 New School University, Department of Anthropology, invited talk.
- 2007 SSRC/SAR conference on “Religion, Secularity and Spirituality,” Santa Fe, NM, invited participant.
- 2007 Conference on “Crisis and Catastrophe: Legal and Scientific Perspectives.” Amherst College, invited participant.
- 2007 Eindhoven Technical University, Eindhoven, Netherlands, workshop on “Bodies, Networks and Geographies, Part 2” invited participant.
- 2007 Social Science Research Council, NY workshop on Biosecurity, invited participant.
- 2006 American Anthropology Association annual meetings (ref)
- 2006 Social Science Research Council, NY, SSRC/Bunche Institute workshop on “Transformation of Humanitarianism?” invited participant.
- 2005 American Anthropology Association annual meetings (ref)
- 2005 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor workshop on “Bodies, Networks and Geographies,” invited participant.
- 2005 American Ethnological Society Annual Meetings (ref)
- 2005 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor conference on “Doctors Without Borders and the African Crisis,” invited participant.
- 2005 Georgia Institute of Technology. Conference on “Human Rights in Crisis,” invited participant.
- 2004 European Space Agency/UNESCO Paris. Invited participant, conference on “The Ethics of Outer Space”
- 2004 Université de Lille. Invited participant, conference on “Facing Extreme Crises”
- 2003 Harvard University, Department of Social Medicine, invited talk.
- 2003 Society for the Social Study of Science, annual meetings, Atlanta, refereed presentation.
- 2003 Society for History of Technology, annual meetings, Atlanta, refereed presentation.
- 2003 Cornell University, Department of Anthropology, invited talk.
- 2003 Rice University, Rice-MIT-RPI consortium working group on ethnography, technoscience, and ethics. Invited participant, paper circulated.
- 2003 Duke University, Department of Cultural Anthropology, invited talk.
- 2002 University of Chicago, Dept. of Anthropology, invited talk.
- 2002 American Anthropology Association annual meetings, New Orleans, refereed presentation.
- 2001 Society for Cultural Anthropology, biannual meetings, Montreal, invited participant and talk.
- 2001 UCSF/UC Berkeley, Dept. of Anthropology, History and Sociology of Medicine, conference on Postcolonial Technoscience, invited participant, paper circulated.

- 2001 Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, conference on The Right to History, invited participant and talk.
- 2000 American Anthropology Association annual meetings, San Francisco, refereed presentation.
- 1999 American Anthropology Association annual meetings, Chicago, refereed presentation.
- 1999 Society for the Social Study of Science annual meetings, San Diego, refereed presentation.
- 1998 MIT, Dept. of Science, Technology and Society, invited talk.
- 1998 Stanford University, conference on Material Culture in Global Context, invited participant and talk.
- 1998 University of Texas, Austin, Dept. of Anthropology, invited talk.
- 1997 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC, refereed presentation.
- 1997 American Ethnological Society annual meetings, Seattle, refereed presentation.
- 1996 University of Chicago, Dept. of Anthropology, invited talk.
- 1996 Harvard University, History of Science Dept, invited talk.
- 1995 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC, refereed presentation.
- 1990 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, New Orleans, refereed presentation.
- 1990 UC Berkeley, Berkeley Symposium on Visual Representation (ref)

Book Reviews, Working Papers and Encyclopedia Articles

- 2008 Review of Travels with Tooy: History, Memory and the African-American Imagination (Price). New West Indian Guide, Vol 82, No 3-4, pp 271-273.
- 2008 (with Erica Bornstein). "Genealogies of Suffering and the Gift of Care: A Working Paper on the Anthropology of Religion, Secularism, and Humanitarianism." Social Science Research Council Working Paper, posted April, 2008.
- 2008 Entry for "French Guiana." Encyclopedia of the Modern World, Oxford University Press.
- 2007 Review of Tropical Visions in an Age of Empire (Driver & Martins, eds.). New West Indian Guide, Vol 81, No 3-4, pp. 299-302.
- 2007 Review of Shadows of War: Violence, Power and International Profiteering in the Twenty-First Century (Nordstrom). Human Rights Quarterly, Vol 29, No. 2 (May), pp 540-543.
- 2005 "Biting the Hand that Feeds You." My Sweet La Mancha: Invited and Voluntary Contributions, July-Oct 2005. Geneva: MSF International, 85-89.
- 2005 "Doctors, Borders and the Ethics of Crisis." Anthropology News, September 2005, p. 34.
- 2005 "On the Values Frontier: Ethics and Criminal Conduct in Outer Space." In Legal and Ethical Framework for Astronauts in Space Sojourns. European Space Agency/UNESCO Symposium Proceedings, pp. 67-69.
- 2004 "A Few of His Favorite Things." Review of My Cocaine Museum (Taussig), Anthropological Quarterly, featured new release section, 77:2: 355-363.
- 2003 Review of Les Marrons (Price and Price). New West Indian Guide, 77:3/4: 322-25
- 2003 Review of Masters of All They Surveyed: Exploration, Geography, and a British El Dorado (Burnett). New West Indian Guide, 77: 1/2: 11-13.
- 2002 Review of The Internet: An Ethnographic Approach (Miller & Slater). New West Indian Guide, 76: 1/2: 31-33.
- 2000 Review of Les gens de l'or (Strobel) in New West Indian Guide, 74 (3 & 4): 333-34.

- 1999 Review of Naked Science (Nader) in American Anthropologist, 101:4 (December): 897-99.
- 1999 Review of L'Illusion mythique (Siran) in American Ethnologist, 26:3 (August): 760-61.
- 1997 Review of The Science of Empire (Baber) in Historical Studies in the Physical and Biological Sciences, 27: 2: 157.
- 1996 Review of Time: Histories and Ethnologies (Owen & Trautmann) in Historical Studies in the Physical and Biological Sciences, 27: 1: 186-7.
- 1993 Review of Wild Majesty (Hulme & Whitehead), New West Indian Guide, 67:3/4: 296-98.
- 1993 Review of Machines as the Measure of Men (Adas), SAE Bulletin, 7:2: 11-12.

Grants

- 2007-8 "The Ethical Journey of Doctors Without Borders," School for Advanced Research on the Human Experience (formerly School of American Research) Weatherhead Residential Fellowship, Santa Fe, New Mexico, \$40,000
- 2007-8 "The Ethical Journey of Doctors Without Borders," National Humanities Center Residential Fellowship, \$40,000 (*declined*)
- 2006 "Humanitarian Aid in Uganda." UNC University Center for International Studies Summer Travel Grant, \$3000
- 2005 UNC Spray-Randleigh Fellowship, \$15,000
- 2004 UNC Spray-Randleigh Fellowship, \$15,000
- 2003-4 "Technics, Ethics and Global Crisis: An Ethnographic Study of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders," National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, taken Jan-Dec, 2004, \$40,000.
- 2003 "Technics, Ethics and Global Crisis: An Ethnographic Study of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders," UNC Junior Faculty Development Grant, May-Aug, 2003, \$5000.
- 2001 "Doctors, Borders and the Ethics of Crisis: An Ethnographic Study of Médecins Sans Frontères," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, June-Aug, 2001, \$4500.
- 2001 "Doctors, Borders and the Ethics of Crisis: An Ethnographic Study of Médecins Sans Frontères," UNC Odum IRSS Latane Summer Stipend, June-Aug, 2001, (two months summer salary)
- 2000-1 "Crisis Without Borders: Médecins Sans Frontères and the Dilemmas of Global Humanism," UNC University Research Council Research Grant, June-Aug, 2001, \$2247.

Teaching and Supervision

Undergraduate

Anthropology of War and Peace (2006, 2007, 2009)
 Human Dilemmas/Anthropology of Social Problems (2000)
 Directions in Anthropology (Undergraduate Core) (2000, 2001, 2005)
 Anthropology & Human Rights (2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009)
 Anthropology of Science, (2000, 2001, 2009)

Graduate

Sociocultural Graduate Core I (2000, 2001, 2003)
 Sociocultural Graduate Core II (2001, 2002)
 Human Rights and Humanitarianism (2005, 2007, 2009)

Ethics and Anthropology (2006)
Science Studies (1999)

Supervision: Supervisor of 2 undergraduate honors theses (in cultural studies and international studies) and a member of 4 undergraduate committees. Co-supervisor of one masters thesis and member of 9 masters committees (including one at Duke). Co-supervisor of one doctoral dissertation and member of 13 completed doctoral committees (including one in social medicine). Member of 8 active doctoral committees (including two at Duke and one in Geography) and co-advisor of 5 more.

Professional Affiliations, Activities and Service

To Discipline:

Member of the American Anthropological Association, American Historical Association, American Ethnological Society, the Society for the History of Technology and the Society for the Social Study of Science.

Nominated and elected to board of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, 2007-2012.

Nominated and elected to the American Anthropological Association Committee for Human Rights, 2008-10.

Nominated and elected to advisory panel of the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT), 2002-2005.

Reviewer for American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Cultural Anthropology, Current Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Science, Technology and Human Values, POLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Bulletin of the History of Medicine, Visual Anthropology Review, University of California Press, Duke University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Nebraska Press, Palgrave-Macmillan, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation.

Member of an international working group on "Colonization, Decolonization and Aid" for "Tensions of Europe: Technology and the Making of Twentieth Century Europe," a research network of the European Science Foundation (also funded by the National Science Foundation), 2001-2005.

Co-convener of School of American Research seminar on Humanitarianism (March 2008). Co-organizer of AAA panels (1995, 1999) and of UCLA workshop on Science & Colonialism (1996).

To UNC:

Co-organizer of UNC working group on Expertise, Science and Democracy, 2005- (supported by University Program in Cultural Studies, 2005-2007). Co-founder of UNC Center for Integrating Research and Action (supported by UNC Institute of Arts and Humanities).

UNC Department of Anthropology, Colloquium Committee Chair, 1999-2002, Web Coordinator 2003-4, Medical Anthropology Search chair, 2005, Admissions Committee, 2005. Website Committee Chair, 2005-2006. Associate Chair of Department, 2005-2007, 2008-9