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Education

Ph.D. in Anthropology, 1983, Stanford University. Dissertation: "The Chinese Community of A West Malaysian Market Town: A Study in Political Economy" (iv-xiii, 1-390)
M.A. in Anthropology, 1974, California State University, San Francisco (by Examination)
B.A. in Philosophy 1968, Reed College. Senior Thesis: "F-ing the Ineffable: Wittgenstein's Private Language of Sensation" (1-86)

Teaching and Professional Experience

Professor of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002- 2017
Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, July - August 2003
Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1994-2002
Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1987-1994
Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, 1985
Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, 1983-1987

Journal Editorial Experience

Associate Editor, *Social Analysis*, 2007- 2017
Member, Editorial Board, *Critical Asian Studies* (formerly *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*), 1994-2017
Editor, Forum section, "The Global Idea of the Commons," *Social Analysis*, 2006-2007
Editor, Special Issue, "Labor Migration in the Asia Pacific Region," *Critical Asian Studies*, 2002
Member, Editorial Committee, *Dialectical Anthropology*, 1991-1996
Acting Editor, *Dialectical Anthropology*, 1991-1993
Associate Editor, *Dialectical Anthropology*, 1986-1991

Administrative Experience

Member, Advisory Board, UNC Carolina Asia Center, 2012-2017
Member, Linguistics Advisory Committee, Department of Linguistics, University of North Carolina, 2015-2018
Member, Committee of Departmental Administration, Curriculum/Department in Asian Studies, 1994-2017
Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, 2004 - 2009
Member, Advisory Committee, Department of Anthropology, UNC Chapel Hill, 2006- 2009
Resident Director, Singapore Summer Intensive Program, University of North Carolina/National University of Singapore, Summer 2004

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Chair/Co-Chair, University of North Carolina Working Group in Southeast Asian Studies, 2001-2004, 2007-2009, 2013-2014

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Anthropology, 1996-1998

Co-Chair, Subcommittee for Social Sciences and Professional Schools, University Research Council, 1993-1996

Member, Administrative Board of General College, 1993-1996

Offices Held - Professional Service

Member, Executive Committee, Section Assembly, American Anthropological Association, 2011-2014

President, Society for Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, 2010-2012; Past-President, 2013-2014

President-Elect, Society for Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, 2008-2010

2009 and 2010 Program Chair, of Society for Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology, 2008 - 2010

Councilor, Society for Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, 2002-2005

Conference Chair, Annual Meeting, Society for the Anthropology of North America, 2004

Chair, Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies, 1999-2001

Member, Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies, 1999-2001

Honors, Awards, Distinctions

Invited Debate Speaker on Motion: "Justice for People Must Come Before Justice for the Environment," World Congress, Hallsworth Debate, International Union on Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), University of Manchester, August 10, 2013

Presidential Address, "Corporate States and Contemporary Disorders," Annual Meeting, Society of Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology, Puerto Rico, April 16, 2011

Co-author, *Local Democracy Under Siege: Activism, Public Interests and Private Politics*, Winner of the Delmos Jones and Jagna Sharff Memorial Prize for the Best Book in the Critical Study of North America, 2008-2009

President's Award, Society for the Anthropology of North America, for intellectual leadership and dedicated service, 2004.

Research and Teaching Interests

Political anthropology; social movements and anthropology of the state; alternative economic systems; urban anthropology; cultural politics of ethnicity, class, gender, and citizenship; interethnic violence; democracy; Southeast Asia; the United States; Chinese diaspora in the Asia Pacific

Fieldwork and Other Research Experience

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, U.S.A. Principal Investigator, "One Movement or Two? Moral Logics and Food Action Networks in the Alternative Agrifoods Movement," a multisited ethnographic research project on the alternative agrifoods movement in the southern U.S. and funded by a National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Grant (see "Major Grants" below). With co-PI Dorothy Holland, I have led and coordinated ethnographic and documentary research by four Research Associates and

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four Community Resident Researchers; planned and administered the research project; engaged in ethnographic research in Durham, NC; and am co-author of book on moral logics among local food and farming activists. 2009-2016.

Penang state, Peninsular Malaysia. Carried out participant observation and key-informant interviews, and elicited life histories, related to the investigation of Chinese workers' subjectivities and identities in Malaysia, 2 years, 1978-1980; 3 months, 1985; 3 months, 1990; 3 months, 1991; 5 months, 1992; 3 weeks, 1997; 4 weeks, 2002; 5 weeks, 2007.

Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth, Australia: ethnographic interviews and participant observation re: Indonesian Chinese who migrated to Australia 1997-2003: 6 weeks, May - June 2000; 3 weeks, August 2003.

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, U.S.A. Co-Principal Investigator, "Estrangement from the Public Sphere: Economic Change, Democracy and Social Division in North Carolina": coordinated ethnographic, historical and media research activities of five Research Associates; co-wrote NSF-funded proposal (see "Major Grants" below); engaged in limited ethnographic research in Durham and Fayetteville, NC; analyzed qualitative project data corpus with QSR NUD*IST software; designed survey questionnaire; administered project budget, 1994-2001.

Penang state, Peninsular Malaysia. Conducted participant observation, key-informant interviews, commercial census, and Chinese-language document analysis in connection with dissertation research on the economic organization and history of the Chinese community of a Malaysian market town, 2 years and 2 months, 1978-1980.

West coast states of Selangor, Perak, Malacca, Johore and Penang, Peninsular Malaysia. Carried out survey of social and economic characteristics of Chinese communities in several towns, 3 months, 1978.

Native American Health Center, San Francisco, CA. Interviewed outreach workers as part of a San Francisco Bay Area survey of Native American health needs, 1 month, 1973.

Publications (“(Ref)” indicates Refereed)

Books

“Getting By”: *Class and State Formation among Chinese in Malaysia: An Historical Ethnography of Class and State Formation*, Cornell University Press, 2015 (352 pp.) (Ref)

A Companion to Urban Anthropology, edited by Donald Nonini. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, 2014 (536 pp.) (Ref)

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The Global Idea of 'the Commons,' edited by Donald Nonini. Critical Intervention Series, 10. Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2007 (v-vi,1-138) (Ref)

Local Democracy Under Siege: Activism, Public Interests and Private Politics, by Dorothy Holland, Donald Nonini, Catherine Lutz, Lesley Bartlett, Marla Frederick McGlathery, Thaddeus Guldbrandsen and Enrique G. Murillo. New York: New York University Press, 2007 (vii-xiv, 1-302) (Ref) Winner of the Delmos Jones and Jagna Sharff Memorial Prize for the Best Book in the Critical Study of North America, 2008-2009

Ungrounded Empires: The Cultural Politics of Modern Chinese Transnationalism, edited by Aihwa Ong and Donald Nonini. New York: Routledge, 1997 (v-viii, 1-343) (Ref)

British Colonial Rule and the Resistance of the Malay Peasantry, 1900-1957, by Donald Nonini (Monograph Series, 38.) New Haven: Yale Southeast Asia Studies, 1992 (vii-xv,1-237), (Ref)

Encyclopedias

International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd Edition. 9 Volumes. Detroit, MI: MacMillan Reference USA (Thomson/Gale), edited by William A. Darity, Jr. (Editor in Chief), and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Philip R. Costanzo, Patrick L. Mason, Paula McClain, Donald M. Nonini, David Scott, and Theresa Singleton (Associate Editors), 2008 (5,754 pp.) (Ref)

Edited Special Journal Issues

Thematic Issue: Transnational Labor Migration in the Asia/Pacific/Indian Ocean Region, Editor, Special Issue of *Critical Asian Studies* 34, 1, 2002 (pp. 3-115) (Ref)

Special Issue on W.E.B. Du Bois, edited by Faye Harrison and Donald Nonini. *Critique of Anthropology* 12,3: 229-237, October 1992 (Ref)

Special Issue: China After Mao, edited by Donald Nonini and Judith Farquhar. *Dialectical Anthropology* 16, 3-4: 185-347, 1991

Journal Articles

- "Praxis." *Dialectical Anthropology*, 40, 3: 241-249,.DOI: 10.1007/s10624-016-9429-2. 2016 (Ref)
- "Debating Anthropology's Assumptions, Relevance and Future: Special Module: Plenary Debate from the IUAES World Congress 2013: Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds, 5-10 August 2013," with Amita Baviskhar, Helen Kopnina, Veronica Strang, and Simone Abram. *Anthropological Forum* 25, 5: 1-21, 2015 (Invited, non-refereed)
- "At That Time We Were Intimidated on All Sides": Residues of the Malayan Emergency as a Conjunctural Episode of Dispossession." *Critical Asian Studies*, 47,3: 337-358, 2015 (Ref)
- "The "Local Food Movement" and the Anthropology of Global Systems," *American Ethnologist* 40,2: 267-275, 2013 (Ref)
- "Is China Becoming Neoliberal?" *Critique of Anthropology*, 28, 2: 145-176, 2008 (Ref)

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- “Processes of State, Class and Ethno-racial Formation in Urban Malaysia: Geo-spatial Transformations and Regime Shifts 1970-2000,” *Anthropologica* 50,2: 255-268, 2008 (Ref)
- “Comment: Thinking about Neoliberalism as If Specificity Mattered,” *FOCAAL*, 51: 151-153 May/June 2008 (Ref)
- “Grounded utopian movements: Subjects of neglect,” by Charles Price, Donald Nonini and Erich Fox Tree, *Anthropological Quarterly* 81,1: 187-218, 2008 (Ref)
- “Indonesia Seen by Its Outside Insiders: Its Chinese Alters in Transnational Space” *Social Analysis* 50, 1, 214-225, 2006 (Ref)
- “Introduction: The Global Idea of ‘The Commons’,” *Social Analysis*, 50,3: 164-177, Winter 2006a (Ref)
- “Reflections on intellectual commons,” *Social Analysis*, 50,3, 203-216, Winter 2006b (Ref)
- “Making the Case for Kleptocratic Oligarchy (As Dominant Form of Rule in the United States),” *Social Analysis* 49, 1, 177-189, 2005 (Ref)
- “Introduction: Transnational Migrants, Globalization Processes, and Regimes of Power and Knowledge,” in “Thematic Issue: Labor Migration in the Asia/ Pacific/Indian Ocean Region,” *Critical Asian Studies* 34,1: 3-17, January-March, Spring 2002 (Ref)
- “The WTO and the Question of Global Democracy,” *Global View* Fall 2000, pp. 1, 9, 14-15
- “The dialectics of 'disputatiousness' and 'rice-eating money': Class confrontation and gendered imaginaries among Chinese men in Peninsular Malaysia,” *American Ethnologist* 26, 1: 47-68, 1999 (Ref)
- “Race, Land, Identity: (At) Tribute to Raymond Williams.” *Cultural Critique* 41 (Winter 1999): 158-183, 1999 (Ref)
- “Public life, Public Good. (With Dorothy Holland and Catherine Lutz). *Anthropology Newsletter* 40, 3 (March 1999): 1,4, 1999
- “‘Chinese Society,’ Coffeeshop Talk, Possessing Gods: the Politics of Public Space among Diasporic Chinese in Malaysia,” *positions: east asia cultures critique* 6,2: 439-473, 1998 (Ref)
- “Toward a Public Anthropology.” *AnArchaey Notes* 4,1: 1, 3-4, 1997.
- “The State, Space, Property and Capitalist Development in Malaysia.” *Anthropology of Work Review* 14,2-3: 7-15, 1993 (Ref)
- “Freud, Anteriority and Imperialism, *Dialectical Anthropology* 17,1: 25-33, 1992 (Ref)
- “Du Bois and Radical Theory and Practice,” *Critique of Anthropology* 12,3: 293-318, 1992 (Ref)
- “Introduction: W.E.B. Du Bois and Anthropology,” by Faye V. Harrison and Donald M. Nonini, for Special Issue on W.E.B. Du Bois, *Critique of Anthropology* 12,3: 229-237, October 1992 (Ref)
- “Introduction to Special Issue: China After Mao,” *Dialectical Anthropology* 16,3-4: 185-188, 1991
- “Some Reflections on 'Entrepreneurship' and the Chinese Community of a West Malaysian Market Town.” *Ethnos*, 52,3-4: 350-367, 1987 (Ref)
- “Varieties of Materialism.” *Dialectical Anthropology*, 10,1: 7-64, 1985 (Ref)
- “On viewing another culture: Reflections and considerations.” *Kairos* 1,4: 110-120, 1985 (Ref)
- “Ecology and Evolution in Cultural Anthropology,” by Paul Diener, Donald M. Nonini, and Eugene E. Robkin. *Man* (n.s.) 15: 1-31, 1980 (Ref)
- “The Mysteries of Capital Accumulation: Honoring the Gods and Gambling among Chinese in a Malaysian Market Town.” *Proceedings, First International Symposium on Asian*

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Studies, Volume 3: Southeast Asia. Hong Kong: Asian Research Service, pp. 701-710, 1979

"The Dialectics of the Sacred Cow: Ecological Adaptation Versus Political Appropriation in the Origins of India's Sacred Cattle Complex," by Paul Diener, Donald M. Nonini, and Eugene E. Robkin. *Dialectical Anthropology* 3: 221-241, 1978 (Ref)

Book Chapters

"Introduction." In *A Companion to Urban Anthropology*, Blackwell Publishing, edited by Donald Nonini., 2014, pp. 1-12 (REF)

"Food and Farming." In *A Companion to Urban Anthropology*, Blackwell Publishing, edited by Donald Nonini, 2014, pp. 394-413 (REF)

"The New Caesarisms: Repressive Ententes, Organized Crime, and the Corporate State," in *Challenging the State: Transmutations of Power in Contemporary Global Realities*, edited by Bruce Kapferer, Berghahn Books, forthcoming, 2017 (Ref)

"Theorizing Transnational Movement in the Current Conjuncture: Examples from/of/in the Asia Pacific," in *Migration in the 21st Century: Ethnography and Political Economy*, edited by Pauline Gardiner Barber and Winnie Lem, pp. 64-88. New York and London: Routledge, 2012 (Ref)

"The Chinese diaspora." *Encyclopedia on Race and Racism*. 3 Vols., edited by John H. Moore. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA. Volume 1, pp. 304-307, 2008 (Ref)

"Introduction: The Global Idea of 'The Commons'," in *The Global Idea of the Commons*, edited by D. Nonini, Critical Intervention Series, 10. Oxford: Berghahn Books (reproduction of article of same name in *Social Analysis*, 50,3, 2006), pp. 1-25, 2007 (Ref)

"Reflections on intellectual commons," in *The Global Idea of the Commons*, edited by D. Nonini. Critical Intervention Series, 10. Oxford: Berghahn Books (reproduction of article of same name in *Social Analysis*, 50,3, 2006), pp. 66-88, 2007 (Ref)

"Indonesia seen by outside insiders: Its Chinese alters in transnational space," in *Identifying with Freedom: Indonesia after Suharto*, edited by Tony Day. Oxford: Berghahn Books (reproduction of article of same name, in *Social Analysis* 50, 1, 214-225, 2006), pp. 105-124, 2007 (Ref)

"Making the case for Kleptocratic Oligarchy (As Dominant Form of Rule in the United States)," in Bruce Kapferer, ed., *Oligarchic Corporations and New State Formations*, Oxford: Berghahn Press, 21 pp., (reproduction of article of same name, 2006 *Social Analysis* 49, 1, 177-189, 2005), pp. 24-43, 2005 (Ref)

"Toward A (Proper) Postwar History of Southeast Asian Petty Capitalism: Predation, The State, and Chinese Small Business Capital in Malaysia," In Alan Smart and Josephine Smart, eds., *Petty Capitalists and Globalization: Flexibility, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development*, Albany: SUNY Press, 2005, pp. 167-200 (Ref)

"Diasporas and Globalization," in Carol Ember, Melvin Ember and Ian Skoggard, eds. *Encyclopedia of Diasporas*. New York: Kluwer/Plenum, 2005, 559-570 (Ref)

"Critique: Creating the Transnational South," in James L. Peacock, Harry Watson, and Carrie Matthews, eds., *The American South in A Global World*, Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2005, pp. 247-264 (Ref)

"Spheres of Speculation and Middling Transnational Migrants: Chinese Indonesians in the Asia Pacific," in Brenda S.A. Yeoh and Katie Willis, eds, *State/ Nation/ Transnation:*

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- Perspectives on Transnationalism in the Asia-Pacific*, London: Routledge, 2004, pp. 37-66 (Ref).
- “American Neoliberalism, ‘Globalization’ and Violence: Reflections from the United States and Asia,” in Jonathan Friedman, ed., *Globalization, the State, and Violence*, Altamira Press (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers), 2003, pp. 159-197 (Ref)
- “All are Flexible, But Some are More Flexible Than Others: Small-scale Chinese businesses in Malaysia,” in Jomo K.S. and Brian C. Folk, eds., *Ethnic Business: Chinese Capitalism in Southeast Asia*, London: Routledge, 2003, pp. 71-88 (Ref)
- “Diaspora Chinese in the Asia Pacific: Transnational Practices and Structured Inequalities,” in Jocelyn Armstrong, et al., eds. *Chinese Populations in Contemporary Southeast Asian Societies: Regional Interdependence and International Influence*. Richmond, Surrey, UK: Curzon Press, 2002, pp. 237-263 (Ref)
- “The Economies of Violence and the Violence of Economies,” by Catherine Lutz and Donald Nonini, in Henrietta L. Moore, ed. *Anthropological Theory Today*, London: Polity Press, 1999, pp. 73-113 (Ref)
- “Public Life, Public Good,” by Dorothy Holland, Catherine Lutz, and Donald Nonini), reprint of 1999, in Mary M. Overbey and Kathryn M. Dudley, eds., *Anthropology and Middle Class Working Families: A Research Agenda*, pp. 72-75. Arlington, VA: American Anthropological Assn.
- "Introduction: Chinese Transnationalism as an Alternative Modernity," with "Prefaces" to Parts 1-4, by Donald Nonini and Aihwa Ong. In *Ungrounded Empires: the Cultural Politics of Modern Chinese Transnationalism*, Edited by Aihwa Ong and Donald Nonini. New York: Routledge Press, 1997, Pp. 3-33, 37-8, 89-90, 167-9, 259 (Ref)
- "Shifting Identities, Positioned Imaginaries: Transnational Traversals and Reversals by Malaysian Chinese." In *Ungrounded Empires: The Cultural Politics of Modern Chinese Transnationalism*, edited by Aihwa Ong and Donald Nonini. New York: Routledge Press, 1997, pp. 204-28 (Ref)
- "Afterword: Toward a Cultural Politics of Diaspora and Transnationalism," by Aihwa Ong and Donald Nonini. In *Ungrounded Empires: The Cultural Politics of Modern Chinese Transnationalism*, edited by Aihwa Ong and Donald Nonini. New York: Routledge Press, 1997, pp. 323-32 (Ref)
- "Popular Sources of Chinese Labor Militance in Colonial Malaya, 1920-1941," in *The Politics of Immigrant Workers: Essays on Labor Activism and the World Economy Since 1830*, edited by Camille Guerin-Gonzales and Karl Strikwerda. New York: Holmes and Meier, pp. 227-255, 1993 (Ref)
- "On the Outs on the Edge of the Rim: An Ethnographic Grounding of the 'Asia-pacific' Imaginary." In *What Is In A Rim? Critical Perspectives on the Pacific Region Idea*, edited by Arif Dirlik. Boulder: Westview Press, pp. 161-182, 1993 (Ref)
- "Class Struggle in the Squared Circle: Professional Wrestling as Working-class Sport," by Donald M. Nonini and Arlene A. Teraoka. In *Dialectical Anthropology: Essays in Honor of Stanley Diamond; Volume 2: The Politics of Culture and Creativity: A Critique of Civilization*, edited by Christine W. Gailey. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, pp. 147-168, 1992
- "The Chinese Truck Transport 'Industry' of a Peninsular Malaysian Market Town," in *The Chinese in Southeast Asia, Volume I: Ethnicity and Economic Activity*, edited by L.A. Peter Gosling and Linda Y.C. Lim. Singapore: Maruzen Asia, pp. 171-206, 1983 (Ref)

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Work In Progress

Oligarchic Corporate States, co-authored with Bruce Kapferer, University of Bergen, to be completed by January 2017. A book on the emergence of oligarchic corporate states in an age of globalization. Four chapters in draft completed out of 10 (will be Ref).

Food, Community, Moral Logics, and Local Activism, coauthored with Dorothy Holland. Based on Research Project, "One Movement or Two? Moral Logics and Food Action Networks in the Alternative Agrifoods Movement." Three chapters in draft completed out of 9 (will be Ref).

Blogs (Non-refereed)

"Syriza and the Solidarity Economy in Greece – Lessons to Be Learned." Communecos.org Blog. <http://communecos.org/2015/02/03/syriza-and-the-solidarity-economy-in-greece-lessons-to-be-learned/>, posted February 1, 2015

"Fueling the Neoliberal Turn: Why We Need to Engage Timothy Mitchell's "Carbon Democracy," co-authored with Sandy Smith-Nonini. FOCAAL Blog. <http://www.focaalblog.com/2014/08/29/sandy-smith-nonini-donald-m-nonini-fueling-the-neoliberal-turn-why-we-need-to-engage-timothy-mitchells-carbon-democracy/>, posted August 29, 2014.

"Inaugural Commentary: Cities, Hunger, Food Prices, Social Order." SUNTA Blog. <https://aaasunta.wordpress.com/2011/01/07/inaugural-commentary-cities-hunger-food-prices-social-order/>, posted January 7, 2011

Major Conferences and Workshops Organized

Convener and participant, "Workshop on the Anthropology of the Politics of Scale," held jointly with the Juan Marinello Institution of Investigation into Culture, Havana, Cuba, February 24-February 27, 2016, funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation (\$19,980)

2010 Program Chair, Society for Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology (SUNTA), SUNTA section of Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association, held November 17-21, 2010

Convener, Workshop, "Social Movements Confronting Neoliberalisms: Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements Theory and Practice in Asia and Latin America," UNC Chapel Hill, April 9-10, 2010 (n.b.: two papers by participants from this workshop were accepted for publication by the journal *FOCAAL* in 2012)

2009 Program Chair, Society for Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology (SUNTA), SUNTA section of Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6, 2009

Conference Co-organizer, "New Directions in Southeast Asian Studies," UNC Chapel Hill, October 10-11, 2008

Conference Chair, Society for the Anthropology of North America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, April 30-May 2, 2004

Co-organizer of public workshop, "Local Democracy. . . An Uncertain Future?" held at Kenan Conference Center, UNC Chapel Hill, March 2-3, 2001

Co-organizer, Rockefeller Foundation Seminar: "Creating the Transnational South," held biweekly at the University Center for International Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, Fall 1999 - Spring 2001.

Organizer, the conference "Toward A Public Anthropology: Strategies and Prospects," held at UNC Chapel Hill, April 1997.

Invited Papers and Presentations, 1990 – Present

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- Invited talk, "The New Caesarisms: Repressive Ententes, Organized Crime, and the Corporate State," Presented to the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway, March 17, 2015
- "'We Were Intimidated on All Sides': A Case Study of Class Formation and Ethnic Hegemony in Postcolonial Malaysia." Presented to the International Institute for Asian Studies, University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands, March 10, 2015
- Invited Plenary Speaker on the motion: "Justice for People Must Come before Justice for the Environment," The Hallsworth Debate, The 17th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, University of Manchester, August 7, 2013, Manchester, Great Britain
- "New Caesarisms and the "Productive" Generation of Disorder: Calling Contemporary Ethnography to Account." Keynote Address, "Challenging the State" (CHATS) Conference, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, November 13, 2009, Voss, Norway
- "Local Democracy Under Siege," by Dorothy Holland, Donald Nonini, and Thaddeus Guldbrandsen, "The State of Things" with Frank Stasio, WUNC-FM Radio, 95.1, November 6, 2007.
- "A Tale of Two Research Projects: The Sociocultural Anthropology of Modern Life," invited lecture, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, February 26, 2004.
- "Comments on John Clarke's 'Changing Welfare, Changing States: American Ethnological Society 2004 Keynote Address,'" Atlanta, GA, April 24, 2004.
- "Cities, Citizens, Migrants: Shifting Landscapes, Contentious Identities, and the Politics of Democratic Exclusion in A Neoliberal Age," invited lecture, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, April 28, 2004.
- "Whose Crisis, Whose Conflict, Whose Social Reproduction?" invited discussion comments, Wenner Gren Foundation conference on "Rethinking the U.S. State," Newburgh, New York, October 8-10, 2004
- "Clearing Ground: 'Epistemic Murk' and the False Rigors of Poststructuralist Theorizing about 'The State' in Anthropology," and "Going Forward: Revitalizing An Anthropological Heuristics of 'The State', with Comparative Reflections on Southeast Asia and North America," invited papers presented at the seminar, "Challenging The State," University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway, October 11 and 15, 2004.
- "Spheres of Speculation and Middling Transnational Migrants: Chinese Indonesians in Australia," Invited public lecture, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Monash University, Melbourne, August 14, 2003.
- "Neo-Liberalism and Inter-Disciplinary Theorising: Comparisons from Australia, the United States and Malaysia," Invited lecture, "Bridging the Solitudes" Seminar, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University, Melbourne, August 20, 2003.
- "Race, Land, Identity: (At) Tribute to Raymond Williams," Invited paper presented to the conference, "Borderlands/ Bordercrossings: Asia Pacific and the Americas – Transnational Circuits and Local Nationalism," Duke University, Durham, NC, March 22-23, 2002.
- "Comments – Conference Reflections and Future Directions," Invited comments presented to the conference, "The Transnational South," UNC Chapel Hill, NC, April 12, 2002.
- "Invited Comments on SANA Keynote Address by Ida Susser: Social Movements, Social Justice and Global Politics: The Case of Women and HIV in Southern Africa," at the joint Plenary meeting of the Canadian Anthropological Society (CASCA) and Society for the Anthropology of North America (SANA), Windsor, Canada, May 3, 2002.
- "Asian Identities in A Globalizing World," Inaugural Lecture, opening of York Centre for Asian Research, York University, Toronto, Canada, November 15, 2002.

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- “Managing ‘Public’ Business in A Neoliberal Age,” essay prepared for the workshop, “Local Democracy. . . An Uncertain Future?” held at Kenan Conference Center, UNC Chapel Hill, March 2-3, 2001.
- “Cascades of Violence: Transnational Narratives and ‘Globalization’ in the Chinese Diaspora of Southeast Asia,” invited lecture presented to the Pacific Visions Seminar, Oceans Connect Project, Duke University, April 12, 2001.
- “Contours of ‘The Crisis’ in Africa and Southeast Asia,” invited paper presented to the Ford Foundation “Crossing Borders” Workshop, “Interrogating ‘The Crisis’ in Africa and Southeast Asia: Critical Ethnographies of Globalization,” University of California, Berkeley, May 11, 2001.
- “‘Refugees,’ Class and Governmentality: Chinese Indonesians in Australia and Indonesia,” paper presented to the colloquium, “Chinese Emigrants and Refugees: Recent Population Movements in East and Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand,” Department of History, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, June 1, 2001.
- “Comment: Transnational Social Formations,” presented to the SSRC/ESRC Workshop on “Transnational Migration: Comparative Perspectives,” invited comment, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, June 29-July 1, 2001.
- “‘They Just Want People to Work without Opening Their Mouths’: Transnational Labor Migration and Local Democracy in North Carolina,” paper invited for discussion before the Faculty of Connecticut College, New London, CN, February 14, 2000.
- “Just ‘Arms’ and ‘Backs’: Transnational Latino Wage Laborers and Gender in Rural North Carolina.” Invited lecture delivered for the panel “Race, Gender, Class and Transnationalism in the Making of America,” Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, Connecticut College, New London, CN, February 15, 2000.
- “The Peculiarities of Malaysian Liberalism,” paper presented in the invited panel, “The Cultural Politics of the Asian Financial Crisis,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, CA, March 11, 2000.
- “The Peculiarities of Malaysian Liberalism,” invited paper presented to the Asian Research Centre, Murdoch University, Murdoch, Western Australia, June 2, 2000.
- “Financial Crisis, Flight, and Citizenship: Transnational Indonesian Chinese in Australia,” invited paper presented to the conference, “Transnational Communities in the Asia-Pacific Region: Comparative Perspectives,” Centre for Advanced Studies, National University of Singapore, August 7-8, 2000.
- “Fast food, Fast Talk, Fast Change: Globalization and the Transformation of Communities,” invited discussant comments, Annual Meeting, Oral History Association,” Durham, North Carolina, October 13, 2000.
- “Downsizing Democracy,” with Dorothy Holland, Catherine Lutz, Thad Gulbrandsen and Marla Frederick), invited lecture presented to the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University, April 12, 1999.
- “Opening Statement: Workshop on Neoliberalism and the Public Sphere,” Invited lecture, Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, to be held in San Francisco, CA, May 21-22, 1999.
- “The Varieties of Chinese Transnational Migration in the Asia Pacific,” invited paper delivered to the Workshop on “Comparative Studies on Transnational Migration,” held at Duke University, Durham, NC, May 28-29, 1999.
- “Discussion Comments” for panel, “Migrations: Political, Economic, Cultural,” at conference “Leadership and Community: Icons from the Past, Models for the Future,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, October 8, 1999.

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- “Varieties of Transnationalism: Parallels between the Asia-Pacific and Southern United States,” invited paper presented to the joint Mellon Sawyer/ Rockefeller Foundations seminar, “Globalism and Regionalism/ The Transnational South,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, September 10, 1999.
- “The Meaning of Race, Anthropologically Considered,” invited paper presented to the Mellon Sawyer seminar, “The Concept and Consequences of Race: Cross-National and Cross-disciplinary Perspectives,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, September 22, 1999.
- “Varieties of Chinese Transnationalism in the Asia Pacific,” invited lecture, University of Toronto, Canada, September 28, 1999.
- “Class as An Achieved Identity: The Dialectics of ‘Disputatiousness’ and ‘Rice-eating Money,’” invited paper presented to the Sawyer Seminar on Achieved Identities, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, January 15, 1998.
- “An Inquiry into Global Redlining,” invited lecture presented to the Carolina Seminar on Globalism, “Negotiating Boundaries,” University Center for International Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, September 30, 1998.
- “‘Airplane Jumpers’ and Labor Migration in the Asia Pacific: an Episode of Transnational Migration in an Age of Disposability,” paper invited for the conference, “From Colonial Plantations to Global Peripheries: A Century of Transformations in the Caribbean and Tropical Asia,” University of Puerto Rico, October 8-9, 1998.
- “Channeling the Public’s Business,” presentation invited for the panel, “Leadership Needs in North Carolina Communities: Reports of A Field Study,” for the 10th Annual Autumn Saturday, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, October 24, 1998.
- “Channeling the Public’s Business,” invited presentation to the workshop, “North Carolina Studies of Social Change and Social Conservatism,” Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, November 6, 1998.
- “The Asia Pacific II,” invited presentation to the Transnationalism, Globalization, and Violence Workshop of the Harry F. Guggenheim Foundation, New York City, NY, November 28-30, 1998
- “Chinese Transnationalism and Dimensions of Inequality in the Asia Pacific,” paper invited for the conference, “Chinese Populations in Contemporary Southeast Asian Societies,” held at the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1997.
- “Introductory Statement,” for the conference “Toward A Public Anthropology: Strategies and Prospects,” held at UNC Chapel Hill, April 1997.
- “Opening Comments,” Invited comments presented at the Workshop, “Transnational Publics, Nation-States and Civil Society in the Asia Pacific,” University of California at Berkeley, 1996.
- “Passages: Reflections on Chinese Transnationalism in the Asia Pacific.” Invited lecture presented to the Workshop, “Transnational Publics, Nation-States and Civil Society in the Asia Pacific,” University of California at Berkeley, 1996.
- “Chinese Transnationalism and the Conundra of Nationalism,” presented to the panel “Culture at Large: Partha Chatterjee Meets His Interlocutors,” invited by the Society of Cultural Anthropology, 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association,” 1996.
- “Malaysian Chinese Transnationalism.” Paper presented in the session, “The Rise of ‘Asian’ Capitalism: Class, Nation States and New Narratives,” before the Anthropology Section, The New York Academy of Sciences, New York City, 1995.
- “Shifting Identities of *Huaqiao* and *Huaren*: A View from Below.” Paper delivered to the conference, “The Transnationalization of Overseas Chinese Capitalism: Networks, Nation-States, and Imagined Communities,” National University of Singapore, Singapore, 1994.

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"Race, Language, Domination: A Challenge." Invited paper presented in absentia to "Sixth International Kurt Lewin Conference," Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Field Theory, Ann Arbor, MI, 1994.

"A Longer View of Malay Peasant Resistance," invited lecture presented to the Department of History, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 1992.

"Labor, Gender, Ethnicity and the 'Asia Pacific' Imaginary," invited lecture presented to "A Symposium on the Asia-Pacific Idea: Reality and Representation in the Invention of a Regional Structure," held at Duke University, 1991.

"Industrialization, Class Transformation and Labor Relations in Northern Peninsular Malaysia: Retrospect and Prospect." Invited lecture presented to the School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Minden, Penang, Malaysia, 1990.

Teaching and Courses Taught

Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

052: First Year Seminar: Asian Cultures, Asian Cities, Asian Modernities

101: General Anthropology

103: Anthropology of Globalization

297: Directions in Anthropology

396: Senior Seminar on Transnationalism

320: Culture Change and Underdeveloped Areas

449: Anthropology and Marxism

453: Anthropology of Work

462: Anthropology of Space and Power

465: Economic Anthropology

466: Alternative Economic Systems

491: Political Anthropology

567: Urban Anthropology

578: The Chinese Diaspora in the Asia Pacific

701: Sociocultural Theory and Ethnography I

702: Sociocultural Theory and Ethnography II

710: Research and Publishing in Anthropology

740: Graduate Seminar: Power

897: Special Topics: Critical Theory, History, and Ethnography

897: Special Topics: Transnationalism

897, 898: Special Topics: Estrangement from the Public Sphere in North Carolina

898: Special Topics: Paradigms and Problems in Marxist Anthropology

898: Special Topics: Space, Power, and the Imagination (Graduate seminar in Program in Social Theory)

898: Special Topics: Globalization and Transnationalism

Honors College, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

Honors 30: The Anthropology of Space and Power

Other Teaching Duties, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dissertation Committees Chair, Dept. of Anthropology

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Dissertation Committees Member, Depts. of Anthropology, Geography, Sociology,
Political Science, Romance Languages
Master thesis Committee Chair, Dept. of Anthropology
Masters theses Committees Member, Dept. of Anthropology
Senior Theses Advisor, Dept. of Anthropology

Other Teaching Duties

Dissertation Committee Member, Dept. of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University

Major External Grants (since 1990)

National Science Foundation Research Grant, "One Movement or Two? Moral Logics, Food Action Networks and the Alternative Agrifoods Movement," Principal Investigator with Dorothy Holland, Co-PI, 2009 -2013, \$457,220.
Rockefeller Foundation Program in Foundation Humanities Fellowships, "Creating the Transnational South" (Principal Investigator with Profs. James Peacock, Leon Fink and Harry Watson), University Center for International Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, 1998-2002, \$248,027.
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Award, "The Cultural Construction of Violence against Ethnic Chinese in Indonesia," National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer 2000, \$4,000
National Science Foundation Research Grant, "Estrangement from the Public Sphere: Economic Change, Democracy and Social Division in North Carolina" (Co-Principal Investigator with Dorothy Holland and Catherine Lutz), 1996-1998, \$224,082.
Social Science Research Council/American Council of Learned Societies Grant on Southeast Asia, 1992 (on leave in Southeast Asia, Spring 1992), \$15,000.

Competitive UNC-funded Leaves, and Other Course Release Time

Senior faculty Research and Scholarly Leave, for Spring 2016 research – 2 course releases
Research and Study Assignment, Department of Anthropology, Spring 2015 – 2 course releases
One course release, Spring 2011, and one course release Spring 2010: 2 course release buy-outs from above National Science Foundation Research Grant, "One Movement or Two?" to serve as Project PI
Research and Study Re-assignment, Department of Anthropology, Fall 2009: 2 course releases
One course release, Spring 2009, and one course release, Spring 2008, provided as Director of Graduate Studies, Anthropology Department, 2004-2009
One course release, Center for Urban and Regional Studies Fellowship in Residence, Fall 2008 (led to above successful NSF grant for "One Movement or Two")
Institute for the Arts and Humanities Fellowship, "Discourse Is Not A Singularity: Language Games, Embodied Knowledge, and Sovereignty." Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, on-campus leave for Spring 2007 semester
Research and Study Re-assignment, Department of Anthropology, Fall 2003: 2 course releases
Reynolds Competitive Leave, "Narratives of Violence, Flight, and Recuperation: The Indonesian Crisis and Terror against Chinese Indonesians, 1998-2000," Office of the Chancellor, UNC Chapel Hill, Spring 2000, \$31,000.
Institute for the Arts and Humanities Fellowship, "Interpreting Rhetorics of Growth and Forms of Democracy: A Study of Politics and Cultural Production in North Carolina, 1970-1998," Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, on-campus leave for Fall 1998 semester

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Lurcy Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, Spring 1991
(on-campus leave, Spring 1991)

Professional Service to the Discipline

Chair, "Task Force on Section and Interest Group Futures," convened by the Section Assembly Executive Committee, American Anthropological Association, 2012-2013

Chair, "Task Force on Section and Interest Group Relations," convened by the Section Assembly Executive Committee, American Anthropological Association, 2011-2012

Member, Review Panel, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants, Cultural Anthropology Program, National Science Foundation, 2008-2010 (5 review cycles during these years)

External referee for tenure, hiring and promotion cases at: Australian National University, Cornell University, Dalhousie University, Duke University, George Mason University, University of California at Berkeley, University of California at Los Angeles, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Iowa, 1997-2009

Member, Advisory Board, Center for Asian and Asian-American Studies, Duke University, 2002-2005

Conference Chair (Principal Organizer), "Containment and Transgression: Global Encounters with North America @ Twenty-first Century," 2004 Annual Meeting, Society for the Anthropology of North America, Atlanta Georgia, April 2004.

External examiner, Ph.D. dissertations at University of Sydney and Australian National University, 2000-2004

Departmental and University Service

Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

Director of Graduate Studies, 2004-2009

Chair, Task Group on Graduate Program, Departmental Self-Study for External Review, 2006-2007

Member, Advisory Committee of Department, 2006-2009

Resident Director, Singapore Summer Intensive Program, UNC Chapel Hill/National University of Singapore, Summer 2004

Research referee, tenure and promotion of Department faculty members, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2011, 2012

Editor, *AnArchaey Notes* (Newsletter, Anthropology Dept., UNC-Chapel Hill), 1999-2003

Member, Biological Anthropology Search Committee, 2000-2001

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 1996-1998: responsible for overseeing radical revision of the Anthropology undergraduate major, Fall 1997

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 1996-1998

Member, Department Advisory Committee, 1994-1997

Director of Graduate Admissions, 1993-1995

Affirmative Action Officer of Department, 1991-1994

Chair, Outreach and Special Projects Committee, 1992-1993

Acting Chair, 1991, and Member, Gender/Social Theory Position Search Committee, 1991-1992

Chair, Colloquium Committee, 1988-1990

Member, Curriculum Committee, Colloquium Committee, 1987-1988

University Committees and Other University Service, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

Member, Advisory Board, Carolina Asia Center, 2012-2016

Secretary, UNC Chapel Hill Chapter, American Association of University Professors, 2006-2009

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Member, Search Committee for Director, Carolina Asia Center, 2003-2004
Member, Freeman Foundation Implementation Committee (oversees Carolina Asia Center), 2002-2004
Member, Faculty Council, 2001-2004
Chair, Working Group in Southeast Asian Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, 2001-2004, 2007-2009
Principal Investigator/Co-convener (with James Peacock, Leon Fink, and Harry Watson) of Rockefeller Foundation Seminar on the Transnational South, University Center for International Studies, 1999-2002
Chair, Search Committee for South Asian Language and Literature position, Curriculum of Asian Studies, 2000-2001
Member, Advisory Committee, NSF Democratization Traineeship Grant, University Center for International Studies, 1997-2001
Faculty Council Alternate, 1992-1993, 1994, 1998-2000
Co-Chair, Subcommittee for Social Sciences and Professional Schools, University Research Council, 1993-1996
Member, Administrative Board of General College, 1993-1996
Member, Advisory Committee, Curriculum in International Studies, 1990-1994

Professional Associations

American Anthropological Association (Fellow)
Canadian Anthropological Society (CASCA)
Association of Asian Studies
American Ethnological Society
Society of Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology
Society for the Anthropology of North America
Society for the Anthropology of Work

Language Competencies

Mandarin Chinese: Speaking (fluent), reading (competent), writing (competent):
Hokkien (Minanhua) Chinese Speaking (partial fluency)
Reading (competent): Spanish, French