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EDUCATION

- 2008 PhD Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
 Committee: Aihwa Ong, Paul Rabinow, Lawrence Cohen, Nancy Peluso
Dissertation: *The Simulation of Politics: Managed Developmentalism in Lao Hydropower*
- 2001 MA Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
- 1998 BA Anthropology & African American Studies, Univ. Texas, Austin, Honors

PROFESSIONAL

- 2017- Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology, New York University
- 2016 Senior Research Fellow & Lecturer, Nat'l University of Singapore
- 2014-2016 Research Fellow & Lecturer, Nat'l University of Singapore
- 2014 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University
- 2011-2014 Research Fellow & Teaching Fellow, Nat'l University of Singapore
- 2009-11 Postdoctoral Fellow, Dickey Center for International Understanding and Dept.
 of Environmental Studies, Dartmouth College
- 2008-9 Adjunct Prof., Department of Anthropology and Graduate Program in
 International Affairs, New School University

Current Research Project

Accounting for Atmosphere: Climate Change, Quantification, and the New Earth

Book Manuscript

Anthropogenic Rivers: The Production of Uncertainty in Lao Hydropower
(Forthcoming, Cornell University Press)

Journal Articles and Book Sections

- 2016 “Carbon as a Metric of the Human.” *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 39(1):46-63.
- 2016 “What Does Climate Change Demand of Anthropology?” *PoLAR* 39(1):7-15.
- 2016 “The Terrestrial Envelope; or, Fourier’s Geological Speculation.” In *The Cultural History of Climate Change* eds. Bristow and Ford, pp. 56-71. Routledge.
- 2016 “Modernist Infrastructure and the Vital Systems Security of Water: Singapore’s Pluripotent Climate Futures.” *Public Culture* 28(3):429-455.
- 2013 “Fingerprint, Bellwether, Model Event: Climate Change as Speculative Anthropology.” *Anthropological Theory* 13(4):308-328.
- 2013 “Figures of Lao Modernity.” *Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity*, eds. Barker, Lindquist and Harms. University of Hawaii Press.
- 2013 “The Beleaguered Village Chief.” *Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity*, eds. Barker, Lindquist and Harms. University of Hawaii Press.
- 2012 “The Institutional Condition of Contested Hydropower: The Theun Hinboun – IRN Collaboration.” *Forum on Development Studies* 39(2):231-256.
- 2012 “The Prey of Uncertainty: Climate Change as Opportunity.” *Ephemera: Theory and Politics in Organization* 12(1/2): 113-137.
- 2008 “Intervention, Management, Technological Error.” *Parallax* 14(3): 48-61.
- 2008 “Introduction: Science and its Politics.” *Parallax* 14(3): 1-3.

Edited Volumes

- 2016 Editor, Climate Transformations, Special Issue, *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 39(1).
- 2013 Section editor, “Laos,” *Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity*. Univ. Hawaii Press.
- 2008 Editor, Science and the Political, Special Issue, *Parallax* 14(3).

Public & Short Academic Writings

- 2017 “Trump’s War on Science,” *Quartz*, January 25.
- 2017 “Environmental Data, Guerrilla Archiving, and the Trump Transition,” Dispatches, *Cultural Anthropology* website, January 17.

- 2016 “Carbon,” Lexicon for the Anthropocene Yet Unseen, eds. Howe and Pandian, *Cultural Anthropology* website, April 6.
- 2014 “Commentary on Carlo Caduff, Pandemic Prophecy,” *Current Anthropology* 55(3).
- 2013 “Speculation, Quantification, Anthropogenesis.” *Anthropology News* 54(7).
- 2013 “Fingerprint, Bellwether, Model Event: Anticipating climate change futures.” *LIMN* Issue Three: Sentinel Devices. Eds. Frédéric Keck and Andrew Lakoff.
- 2012 “Business Leadership in a New Climate Era.” *Work Style Magazine*.
- 2010 “Carbon Markets, Measurement and Sovereignty.” *Alter-Eco* 2(4).
- 2010 “Climate Justice and Troubled Carbon Markets: Interview with Dr Jerome Whittington,” by Lauren Gifford. *Stakeholder Forum Outreach Magazine* (December).

Book Reviews

- 2013 Can Animals Mediate Neoliberalism? *Sojourn* 28(1).
- 2010 Alien Ocean: Anthropological Voyages in Microbial Seas by Stefan Helmreich. *Cultural Anthropology* 25(1).

Under Review or In Preparation

- In Review “Multiplicity as Political Form in Southeast Asia: Sustainability Enclaves and the Territorialization of Transnational Investment Regimes” *Journal Contemporary Asia*.
- In Review “Accounting for Atmosphere: Speculative Materialism, Carbon Quantification, and the Anthropogenic Earth” *American Ethnologist*.
- In Prep “The New City of Walls: ‘Free’ Trade, Thailand’s Climate-related Flooding and the Globalization of Disaster.”

Distinctions, awards & fellowships

- 2014-2016 Convener, Asia-Pacific Science and Technology in Society Network
- 2014 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University
- 2012-2014 Co-Convener and Singapore Rep, Asia Pacific Science and Technology in Society Network (APSTSN)
- 2013 Organizer, Knowing, Making, Governing: APSTSN biennial conference
- 2011-2014 Research Fellowship, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- 2009-2011 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Research Grant, Env Stds Program, Dartmouth

- 2008 University of California Pacific Rim Research Grant
- 2005-2006 University of California, Berkeley, Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellowship
- 2003-2005 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2000-2002 Foreign Language Acquisition Scholarship 2000-2

Other awards

- 2014-2015 Research Collaborator, 'Adaptation: What the US Can Learn from International Models,' PI Eric Klinenberg, New York University
- 2014-2015 Research Collaborator, 'Governing Compound Disasters in Urbanizing Asia,' PI Michael Douglass, NUS, MoE Tier II Research Grant
- 2013 Principle Organizer, 'Imaginative Environments' Workshop Grant, ARI, National University of Singapore. With Kim Fortun & Helen Verran
- 2012 Co-PI, 'Designing for the Anthropocene' Symposium Grant, National University of Singapore
- 2012 Co-PI, 'Onto-governance - the Objects of Accountability' Seminar Grant, National University of Singapore. With Steve Woolgar.
- 2012 'Thai Climate-Related Flooding and Insurance Risk Mitigation,' ARI Grant
- 2011 'Climate Change and Asian Carbon Markets,' ARI, NUS Research Fund

Teaching experience

Lecturer

- 2011-2016 Climate Change (Tembusu College, National University of Singapore)
Ignorance and Uncertainty
Green Capitalism
- 2010-2011 Environmental Justice – West Virginia Mountain Top Removal Coal Mining (Dartmouth College; field-based service learning)
- 2010 People and Things: Writing about Objects, Technology and Nature (Anthropology, New School for Social Research. Postgraduate seminar)

Global Flows. (International Affairs, The New School. Postgraduate seminar)
- 2007 Culture and Power (Anthropology, Berkeley)

Teaching assistant (Berkeley)

- 2008 Ethics, Methods and Pragmatics of Global Practice (Prof Ananya Roy; Blum Center for Developing Economies)

- 2007 Global Poverty (Prof Ananya Roy)
- 2006 Introduction to Global Anthropology (Prof Aihwa Ong)
- 2003 Sexuality, Culture and Colonialism (Prof Lawrence Cohen)
- 2002 Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory (Prof Aihwa Ong)

Professional Memberships

- American Anthropological Association
 - Association of Political and Legal Anthropology
 - Anthropology & Environment Section
 - Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Society Social Studies of Science (4S)
- Asia Pacific Science Technology and Society Network (APSTSN)

Languages: Thai, Lao – Fluent

Professional Experience

- 2014-2016 Convener, Asia Pacific STS Network (APSTSN)
- 2016- External PhD Committee Member, McGill University
- 2016 Co-Organizer (with Anand Pandian and Stuart McLean), Speculation at the Limits of the Human, AAA Panel
- 2016 Organizer, *Does Paris Make a Difference? Anthropogenic Climates and Global Order*, Symposium, National University of Singapore
- 2015 External Thesis Reader, McGill University
- 2012-2016 Mentor, Southeast Asia Graduate Student Program, NUS
- 2012-2014 Co-Convener, Asia Pacific STS Network (APSTSN)
- 2013 Organizer, *Knowing, Making, Governing: APSTSN Biennial Conference*, ARI, National University of Singapore.
- 2013 Organizer, *Future Publics of Climate Change*. Executive Session, AAA 2013 with Paul Edwards, Naomi Oreskes, Ben Orlove, Myanna Lahsen.
- 2013 Organizer, *Imaginative Environments* workshop with Kim Fortun, Helen Verran, Togo Tsukahara. ARI, National University of Singapore.
- 2013 Co-Organizer, Art Science Residency Program - joint program with MBS ArtScience Museum and Future Cities Laboratory.

- 2013 Organizer – Climate Change. Asia Trends, ARI, National University of Singapore public speaker series with Martin Khor, The South Centre, Executive Director.
- 2012 Co-Organizer, Open Data and Sustainability Symposium, National University of Singapore.
- 2012 Co-Organizer ‘Water and Values,’ Association of Pacific Rim Universities invited conference, ARI, National University of Singapore.
- 2012 Co-Organizer, Steve Woolgar workshop on Ontological Disobedience 2012, National University of Singapore.
- 2012 Selection Committee, ARI Senior Visiting Faculty Awards.
- 2012 Plagiarism Committee, Tembusu College drafted new policy, semester audit.
- 2012 Search Committee, Post-doctoral fellows, Tembusu College.
- 2011 Organizer, Anthropocene/Terraformation: Human Climate Fundamentals, AAA
- 2010 Discussant, Tracing Knowledge Kinship(s), AAA.
- 2009 Co-organizer (with Mattias Viktorin, Aihwa Ong) Hallways of Mirror: Capital Logics after Business as Usual, AAA.
- 2008 Organizer (with M. Goldman and Tania M. Li, discussants) Evaluating 'Imperial Nature': Goldman's 'Environmental State' thesis, American Association of Geographers.
- 2006 Organizer (with Stephen J Collier, discussant) Managing the Global, Society for Cultural Anthropology biannual meeting.
- 2005 Co-organizer, Ethnographies of the Proliferating Rationalities of Capital, AAA.
- 2003 Conference Co-organizer, Workshop on Southeast Asian Futures: Cosmopolitanism, Sovereignty and Subjectivity, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Berkeley.
- 2003 Discussant, Violence, Subjectivity, and the Politics of Nation, Workshop Southeast Asian Futures: Cosmopolitanism, Sovereignty, Subjectivity, Berkeley.

Invited Talks

- 2016 The Indefinite Future: Accounting for Atmosphere before Paris, NUS
- 2016 Accounting for Atmosphere: Anthropology of Carbon Quantification, Indiana U
- 2014 The Ethics of Document Engineering, Anthropology, John Hopkins Univ.
- 2014 Carbon as a Metric of the Human: climate change by the numbers, Univ Toronto
- 2014 Climate Water Infrastructures, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York Univ.
- 2014 Problematization, Ideology, Event, Dept. of Media Study, Univ. Buffalo.

- 2014 Late Industrial Environments, Climate Change, and the Work of Imagination. Washington University, St Louis
- 2014 Thailand's New City of Walls: Free trade, climate-related flooding and the globalization of disaster. Pratt Institute, Brooklyn
- 2013 Climate Policy, STS, and Asian Carbon Markets, Institute for Basic Science, Daejeon, S. Korea
- 2013 Plenary on Imaginative Environments, APSTSN
- 2013 Sustainability enclaves and Laos's multiple political form, Kyoto University
- 2012 Business Knowledge and Climate Change, Japan Research Inst Sci & Tech
- 2012 Inter-Asia III: Hong Kong, Social Science Research Council
- 2012 Heralds of Crisis: Ecological Risk and the Role of Sentinels, Borchard Found.
- 2012 Information Dilemmas for Asian Carbon Markets. Chinese Acad. Social Sciences.
- 2011 Keynote, Civil Society and Carbon Markets in Southeast Asia, Bangkok
- 2011 Accounting for Atmosphere, STS Program, University of Vienna
- 2011 Accounting for Atmosphere, Center for Theoretical Stds, Charles Univ. Prague
- 2011 The Uncertainty Business, Wayne State University
- 2011 Ecological Citizenship in Lao Hydro Development, Univ. Oklahoma
- 2010 Uncertainty and Event in Green Energy Development, The New School
- 2010 Environmental Citizenship and Lao Ecological Modernity, Wellesley
- 2010 Development and War: Parallel Strategies in Southeast Asia, McGill
- 2009 Green Energy and Sincerity: Anthropology in an Expansive Mode, Stockholm
- 2009 Material Relations and Anthropology's Aesthetic Turn, Univ. Texas
- 2009 Affect and the Pathos of Environmental Expertise, Columbia University
- 2008 The Transnational Significance of Large Dam Ecology, Univ. of Georgia
- 2008 Lao Cosmopolitanism and Hydropower's Circle of Influence, Univ. Oregon
- 2008 Hydropower after Knowledge: Affect and uncertainty in Laos, Univ. Washington

Conference Presentations & Public Talks

- 2016 Carbon Farming in the Thai Agricultural Industry, Soc History Technology
- 2016 Breathing: Keeling's Curve and the Anthropogenic Hypothesis, Royal Anth. Inst.
- 2016 Accounting for Atmosphere: Speculative Materialism and the Anthropogenic Earth, Amer. Anthrop. Assoc.
- 2015 Carbon as a Metric of the Human, Amer. Anthrop. Assoc.
- 2014 A New Nomos of the Earth? Provincializing Global Climate Change, AAA
- 2013 Future Publics of Climate Change, Executive Session, AAA
- 2013 Canguilhem, Viability, Climate Futures, AAA
- 2013 Fourier's Geological Speculation, APSTSN
- 2012 Whence global climate interventions? What future biopolitics? AAA
- 2011 Anthropocene/Geoengineering as Political Figuration, AAA
- 2011 Planned Phase-Out of Fossil Fuels: A Climate Justice Proposal, AAG Geog Conf
- 2011 'Practices, Instruments, Techniques,' Marilyn Strathern workshop
- 2010 Accounting for Atmosphere: Human climate futures, AAA
- 2010 Coal Justice: Service Learning and Mountaintop Removal Mining, Dartmouth

- 2010 What can be done to fight injustice? We're glad you asked... Dartmouth
- 2009 Anthropology of Business in an Expansive Mode, AAA
- 2009 The Road to Copenhagen and Beyond, New Hamp. League of Women Voters
- 2008 We've Never Been Socialist: Affect and investment in Lao bureaucracy, AAA
- 2008 Development, Repoliticization and the Nature of World Bank Imperialism, AAG
- 2007 Knowing Uncertainty in Lao Hydro Development, Social Studies of Science
- 2007 Regional Modernities in Lao Hydropower: Four Affirmations, AAA
- 2006 Image, Scene, Affect: Performance-Based Management in Lao Hydropower SCA
- 2005 Image repertoire: Managers' performances in Lao hydropower Berkeley
- 2005 Aesthetic planning rationalities of affected developmental subjects AAA
- 2005 Affect and expertise in Lao developmentalism, Stanford

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