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EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D. Yale University, Anthropology
- 2009 M.Phil. Yale University, Anthropology
- 2002 B.A. Macalester College, Anthropology and Religious Studies
 Magna cum laude

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- Associate Professor
 Department of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College
- 2014-2021 Assistant Professor
 Department of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College
- 2013-2014 Provost's Postdoctoral Scholar in the Social Sciences and Humanities
 Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2020 *Global Nomads: An Ethnography of Migration, Islam, and Politics in West Africa.*
 New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- 2019 Conspiracy Theorizing as Political Practice in Guinea. *Africa* 89(3): 457-78.
- 2019 [co-authored with Joshua D. Rubin and Jeffrey W. Paller] Ethnographies of Emergence: Everyday Politics and their Origins across Africa. Special Section Introduction. *Africa* 89(3): 429-36.
- 2019 A World of Cheapness: Affordability, Shoddiness, and Second-Best Options in Guinea and China. *Economic Anthropology* 6(1): 86-97.
 [Also featured in the public journal *Open Anthropology* 7(3), December 2019, as part of a themed issue on "Trade, Trading, and Inequality":

<https://www.americananthro.org/StayInformed/OAIssueTOC.aspx?ItemNumber=25324.>]

- 2018 The Problem of “Ninjas” and “Bandits”: Ethnographic Encounters with Reformist Muslim Women in Guinea. *Anthropology and Humanism* 43(1): 58-73.
- 2015 Beyond Remittance: Evading Uselessness and Seeking Personhood in Fouta Djallon, Guinea. *American Ethnologist* 42(2): 295-308.

Non-peer reviewed articles and chapters

- Forth-coming “Marriage and Adulthood in West Africa” [Updated and revised for new edition]. In *Conformity and Conflict: Readings in Cultural Anthropology*, 16th edition. James Spradley, David McCurdy, and Dianna Shandy, eds. Pearson.
- 2021 “Guinea has a long history of coups: here are 5 things to know about the country.” *The Conversation*, <https://theconversation.com/guinea-has-a-long-history-of-coups-here-are-5-things-to-know-about-the-country-167618>.
- 2019 “How Conspiracy Theory Shapes Reality: An Example from Guinea.” *The Conversation*, <https://theconversation.com/how-conspiracy-theory-shapes-reality-an-example-from-guinea-124730>. Available in French translation as “Comment les théories du complot modifient la réalité : l’exemple de la Guinée.” *The Conversation*, <https://theconversation.com/comment-les-theories-du-complot-modifient-la-realite-lexemple-de-la-guinee-126119>.
- 2015 “Marriage and Adulthood in West Africa.” In *Conformity and Conflict: Readings in Cultural Anthropology*, 15th edition. James Spradley, David McCurdy, and Dianna Shandy, eds. Pearson.
- 2012 “Islam and Politics in Guinea.” In *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, <http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/article/opr/t343/e0072>. Benjamin Soares and Rüdiger Seesemann, eds.

Book reviews

- Forth-coming Review of *Playing the Marginality Game: Identity Politics in West Africa*. Anita Schroven. New York: Berghahn Books, 2019. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.
- 2019 Review of *Forging African Communities: Mobility, Integration, and Belonging*. Oliver Bakewell and Loren B. Landau, eds. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018. *Refuge: Canada’s Journal on Refugees* 35(2): 124-125.

- 2016 Review of *Shi'i Cosmopolitanisms in Africa: Lebanese Migration and Religious Conversion in Senegal*. Mara A. Leichtman. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2015. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 49(2A): 27-28.
- 2016 Review of *Return to Sender: The Moral Economy of Peru's Migrant Remittances*. Karsten Paerregaard. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center Press with University of California Press, 2014. *American Ethnologist* 43(1): 189-190.
- 2014 Review of *Moving Matters: Paths of Serial Migration*. Susan Ossman. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2013. *American Ethnologist* 41(4): 797-798.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2011-2012 Yale University Dissertation Fellowship
- 2010 Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2009-2010 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2009-2010 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant in Cultural Anthropology
- 2009-2010 Fulbright-IIE Dissertation Research Grant
- 2009 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (Declined)
- 2008 Program in Agrarian Studies Summer Research Award, Yale University
- 2008 Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship, Yale University
- 2007 MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, Yale University
- 2007 Council on African Studies Lindsay Fellowship, Yale University
- 2007 Kirby Simon Human Rights Fellowship, Yale Law School
- 2001 Lilly Project for Work, Ethics, and Vocation Summer Research Fellowship, Macalester College
- 1998-2002 National Merit Scholar, Macalester College

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2012 Preliminary research on Chinese-African encounters in Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, and Morogoro, Tanzania (2 weeks)
- 2010 Preliminary research on African trading communities in Hong Kong, Guangzhou, and Yiwu, China (2 weeks)
- 2009-2010 Dissertation fieldwork on migration, remittances, Islamic reform, and issues of insecurity, ethnicity, and politics in Guinea and among Guineans in Senegal (18 months)
- 2008 Research on migrant remittances and mosque construction in Guinea (2 months)
- 2007 Research on crisis preparedness and humanitarian aid in Guinea and Senegal (3 months)
- 2001 Research on refugee resettlement in Minneapolis, MN and Nairobi, Kenya (6 months)

SELECT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- 3/2015 "The Problem of 'Ninjas' and 'Bandits': Ethnographic Encounters with Reformist Muslim Women in Guinea." Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA.

Conferences and workshops

- 11/2019 "Four Flat Tires from God: A Perfect but Misfit Ethnographic Story." American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, BC.
- 3/2019 AALAC workshop, "Situating Sociocultural Anthropology in a Liberal Arts Curriculum." Scripps College, Claremont, CA.
- 9/2017 "Rising, Falling, and Generalizing with Africa in the Classroom." The Africa Network Conference, Northfield, MN.
- 12/2016 "Conspiracy Theorizing as Political Practice." African Studies Association Annual Meetings, Washington, DC.
- 11/2016 "Extraction, reversed? Small business and surprises of scale from Africa to China." American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Minneapolis.
- 11/2015 "Sleeping with the President: Intimacy and Indifference in Guinean Politics." American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Denver.

- 12/2014 "The Problem of 'Ninjas' and 'Bandits': Ethnographic Encounters with Reformist Muslim Women in Guinea." American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 11/2012 "Contestations Across Borders: Remittances, Islamic Reform, and Neoliberal Insecurities in Guinea, West Africa." American Anthropological Association annual meetings, San Francisco.
- 8/2012 "What Role for the UFDG and the Opposition? Reflections on Political Dynamics Among Pular Speakers in Guinea During the Presidential Elections of 2010." U.S. State Department's Analytic Exchanges on Ghana and Guinea, Washington, DC.
- 7/2012 "Necessary? Evil? Suspicions, Stereotypes, and Survival from West Africa to China," Yale China-Africa Diasporas Workshop, Zanzibar.
- 11/2011 "Claiming Mobility and Claiming Homeland in Guinea, West Africa," American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal.
- 10/2011 "Mobility, Ambivalence, and Mistrust in China-Africa Connections," Workshop on China-Africa Diasporas: Analytical Approaches and Methodological Challenge. Yale University, New Haven.
- 6/2011 "Clean Money for New Mosques: Remittances, Morality, and Contestation in the Republic of Guinea." Social Science Research Council's International Dissertation Research Fellowship Workshop for Fellows, Philadelphia.

Campus and departmental presentations

- 9/2018 "The People Are to Blame!" Puzzling over National Self-Critique in Guinea. Food and Feedback Lunch Series, Bryn Mawr College.
- 3/2015 "Mobility and Mistrust in Africa-China Encounters." Works-In-Progress Lecture Series, Bryn Mawr College.
- 4/2014 "States of Insecurity and Spaces of Mobility in Guinea, West Africa." Occasional Lecture Series in Anthropology, University of South Florida.
- 1/2013 "'Suffering in Heaven is Better than Laughing in Hell': Mobility and Insecurity in Guinea, West Africa." Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven.
- 11/2011 "Researching Informal Economies, Islamic Reform, and Political Uncertainty in West Africa," Association of Yale Alumni Assembly, New Haven.

4/2009 "Clean Money for New Mosques: Remittances, Morality, and Contestation in the Republic of Guinea." Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven.

COURSES TAUGHT

At Bryn Mawr College:

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
- Anthropology of Food (Spring 2020)
- Africa in the World (Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2019, Spring 2021)
- Culture, Power, & Politics (Fall 2014, Spring 2017, Fall 2018)
- Anthropology of Globalization (Fall 2015, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
- Migrants, Refugees, and Life Across Borders (Fall 2019, Spring 2021)
- History of Anthropological Theory (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
- Senior Conference (2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017)

At University of South Florida:

- Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2013)
- Rumor, Secrecy, and Conspiracy Theory (Spring 2014)

At Yale University:

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Summer 2013)
- China-Africa Encounters (Spring 2013)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript reviewer

- *African Studies Review* (2021)
- *American Ethnologist* (2015, 2018)
- *International Journal of African Historical Studies* (2015)
- *Journal of Religion in Africa* (2015)

Fellowship/award competition reviewer

- International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (2017-2018, 2019-2020)
- Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching. Transylvania University, Lexington, KY (2019)
- Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders (2014)

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE SERVICE

Africana Studies Steering Committee (2019-present)
Faculty Welfare Committee (2017-2020)
Committee on Undergraduate Admission (2015-2018)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

French: advanced speaking, reading, and writing

Pular (Fula, Fulani): advanced speaking

Spanish: intermediate speaking and reading