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**EDUCATION**

**Brown University**, Providence, Rhode Island

Ph.D., May 2007, Anthropology

Examination fields: Anthropology of Africa, Anthropology and Population Studies,  
Anthropology of Globalization

Dissertation: *Exile Knows No Dignity: African Transnational Migrants and the  
Anchoring of Identity.*

A.M., 2003, Anthropology

Master's Thesis: "Staying Soninké: Migration, Multilocality and Identity in a Community  
of the West African Sahel"

**Carleton College**, Northfield, Minnesota

B.A., magna cum laude, 1993, major in English with minor in French Studies

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

U.S. Peace Corps, Mali. Regional Representative (Sikasso Region), 1999 – 2000

U.S. Peace Corps, Mali. Natural Resources Management Extension Agent, 1997 – 1999

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC. Research Assistant in African  
Studies, 1993 – 1996

**B. PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER SCHOLARLY WORKS**

**Books**

2023 *Enduring Polygamy: Plural Marriage and Social Change in an African Metropolis*,  
Rutgers University Press.

2012 *Migrants and Strangers in an African City: Exile, Dignity, Belonging*, Indiana University  
Press.

## Book chapters

- 2023 “Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2022*, edited by Seidu M. Alidu, Benedikt Kamski, Andreas Mehler, and David Sebudubudu, Brill, pp. 128-135.
- 2022 “Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2021*, edited by Albert Awedoba, Benedikt Kamski, Andreas Mehler, and David Sebudubudu, Brill, pp. 126-132.
- 2021 “Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2020*, edited by Albert Awedoba, Benedikt Kamski, Andreas Mehler, and David Sebudubudu, Brill, pp. 130-137.  
“Mali: Collapse and Instability.” In *The Oxford Handbook of the African Sahel*, edited by Leonardo A. Villalon, Oxford University Press, pp. 127-145.
- 2020 “Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2019*, edited by Albert Awedoba, Benedikt Kamski, Andreas Mehler, and David Sebudubudu, Brill, pp. 125-130.
- 2019 “Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2018*, edited by Victor Adetula, Benedikt Kamski, Andreas Mehler, and Henning Melber, Brill, pp. 121-126.
- 2018 “The Exaggerated Demise of Polygyny: Transformations in Marriage and Gender Relations in Contemporary West Africa.” In *International Handbook of Gender and Demographic Processes*, edited by Nancy E. Riley and Jan Brunson, Springer, pp. 299-313.  
“Public Perceptions of Violent Extremism in Mali.” In *African Border Disorders. Addressing Transnational Organizations*, edited by Olivier Walther and William Miles, Routledge, pp. 170-186.  
“Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2017*, edited by Jon Abbink, Victor Adetula, Andreas Mehler, and Henning Melber, Brill, pp. 122-127.
- 2017 “Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2016*, edited by Jon Abbink, Sebastian Elischer, Andreas Mehler, and Henning Melber, Brill, pp. 115-121.
- 2016 “Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2015*, edited by Jon Abbink, Sebastian Elischer, Andreas Mehler, and Henning Melber, Brill, pp. 118-124.
- 2015 “Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2014*, edited by Sebastian Elischer, Rolf Hofmeier, Andreas Mehler, and Henning Melber, Brill, pp. 109-116.
- 2014 “Mali.” In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2013*, edited by Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber, and Klaas van Walraven, Brill, pp. 123-130.
- 2013 “Overcoming the economic fallacy: Social determinants of voluntary migration from the Sahel to the Congo Basin.” In *African Migration: Patterns and Perspectives*, edited by Abdoulaye Kane and Todd Leedy, Indiana University Press, pp. 19-34.
- 2012 “Centripetal Forces: Reconciling cosmopolitan lives and local loyalty in a Malian transnational social field.” In *West African Migrations: Transnational and Global Pathways in a New Century*, edited by Olufemi Vaughan and Mojubaolu Olufunke Okome, Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 145-165.
- 2008 “Republic of Congo.” In *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Children’s Issues Worldwide: Sub-Saharan Africa*, Greenwood Press, pp. 145-163.

## Refereed journals

- 2023 “Of Masks and Masculinities in Africa.” By Jesper Bjarnesen, Jack Boulton, Uroš Kovač, Ndubueze Mbah, Bruce Whitehouse, and Robert Wyrod. *Africa Spectrum* 58 (2): 191-200.
- 2023 “Patriarchal Anxieties and Masculine Sexual Privilege in Contemporary Urban Mali.” *Africa Spectrum* 58 (2): 294-311.
- 2023 “‘When a Father Speaks, the Child Cannot Answer Back’: Patriarchal Anxiety, Gender Equality, and Malian State Authority.” *Africa Today* 70 (1): 54-73.
- 2023 “Can Domestic Labor Delay Marriage? Observations from Rural Mali.” *Journal of African Education* 4 (2): 127-149.
- 2023 “How illicit flows to the UAE take the shine off African gold.” *MERIP* 305, Winter 2023.
- 2022 “Pluri-nuptialité et changement social à Bamako : Vers une polygamie durable ?” *Mande Studies* 24: 201-221.
- 2022 “Left in the Cold: The Mirage of Marriage and Family Law Reform in Post-Colonial Mali.” *Journal of Legal Anthropology* 6 (1): 73-94.
- 2022 “Male dominance versus female hidden power: Patriarchy, marriage, and gender in Bamako, Mali.” *L’Ouest Saharien* 16: 119-142.
- 2020 “To Live in a World without Strangers: The Legacy of Professor Cheick Mamadou Chérif Keita.” *Mande Studies* 22: 199-204.
- 2017 “The Trouble with Monogamy: Companionate Marriage and Gendered Suspicions in Bamako, Mali.” *Mande Studies* 19: 131-149.
- 2017 “Political Participation and Mobilization after Mali’s 2012 Coup.” *African Studies Review* 60 (1): 15-35.
- 2016 “Sadio’s Choice: Love, Materialism and Consensual Marriage in Bamako, Mali.” *Africa Today* 62 (3): 28-46.
- 2015 “Introduction: Rethinking Challenges to State Sovereignty in Mali and Northwest Africa.” *African Security* 8 (4): 213-226 (with Francesco Strazzari).
- 2014 “Women in limbo: Life course consequences of infertility in a Nigerian community.” *Human Fertility* 17 (3): 188-191 (with Marida Hollos).
- 2014 “Definitions and the Experience of Fertility Problems: Infertile and Sub-fertile Women, Childless Mothers and Honorary Mothers in Two Southern Nigerian Communities.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 28 (1): 122-139 (with Marida Hollos).
- 2013 “‘A Festival of Brigands’: In Search of Democracy and Political Legitimacy in Mali.” *Strategic Review for Southern Africa* 35 (2): 35-52.
- 2013 “The Stranger’s Code: Explaining the Persistence of Distinct Identity among West African Traders in Brazzaville, Congo.” *TSEG/Low Countries Journal of Social and Economic History* 10 (2): 82-101.
- 2013 “One Hippopotamus and Eight Blind Analysts: A Multivocal Analysis of the 2012 Political Crisis in the Divided Republic of Mali.” *Review of African Political Economy* 40 (137): 343-357 (Baz Lecocq, Gregory Mann, Bruce Whitehouse, Dida Badi, Lotte Pelckmans, Nadia Belalimat, Bruce Hall & Wolfram Lacher).
- 2012 “The Force of Action: Legitimizing the Coup in Bamako, Mali.” *Africa Spectrum* 47 (2-3): 93-110.
- 2011 « Approche Comparative des Familles Dispersées (Mali/Congo) : Education et Espaces Nationaux ». *Autrepart* 57/58: 233-246.
- 2010 “Suffering Infertility: The Impact of Infertility on Women’s Life Experiences in Two Nigerian Communities.” *Journal of Biosocial Science* 42 (6): 787-814 (Ulla Larsen, Marida Hollos, Oka Obono and Bruce Whitehouse).
- 2009 “The Problem of Infertility in High Fertility Populations: Meanings, Consequences and Coping Mechanisms in Two Nigerian Communities.” *Social Science & Medicine* 68: 2061-2068 (Marida Hollos, Ulla Larsen, Oka Obono and Bruce Whitehouse).

- 2009 “Discrimination, Despoliation and Irreconcilable Difference: Host-Immigrant Tensions in Brazzaville, Congo.” *Africa Spectrum* 1/2009: 39-59.
- 2009 “Transnational Childrearing and the Preservation of Transnational Identity in Brazzaville, Congo.” *Global Networks* 9 (1): 82-99.
- 2008 “Modernity, (In)fertility and the Female Life Course in Two Southern Nigerian Communities.” *Ethnology* 47 (1): 23-43 (Marida Hollos and Bruce Whitehouse).

### Editorships

- 2023 “Masculinities in Contemporary Africa,” special issue of *Africa Spectrum*, Fall issue (co-edited with Tim Glawion).
- 2016 “New Insights on Marriage and Africa,” special issue of *Africa Today* 62 (3) (co-edited with Dinah Hannaford).
- 2015 “Rethinking Challenges to State Sovereignty in Mali and Northwest Africa,” special issue of *African Security* 8 (4) (co-edited with Francesco Strazzari).

### Other publications

- 2016 Comment on “Here Be Dragons: Mapping an Ethnography of Global Danger” by Ruben Andersson. *Current Anthropology* 57 (6).
- 2014 “The Malian Government’s Challenge to Restore Order in the North.” *CTC Sentinel* 7(2): 12-14, February 24.
- 2012 “What Went Wrong in Mali?” *The London Review of Books* 34 (16): 17-18.
- 2011 “Enterprising Strangers: Social Capital and Social Liability Among African Migrant Traders.” *International Journal of Social Inquiry* 4 (1): 93-111.
- 2009 « Migrants et Insécurité Existentielle : Le Cas de Brazzaville », *Hommes et Migrations* 1279: 80-87.
- 1996 “France and Africa: A 1996 Update,” *CSIS Africa Notes* no. 191 (published by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC).
- 1995 “Who’s Who, and Where: A Guide to Key Personalities in U.S.-Africa Relations,” *CSIS Africa Notes* no. 177 (with M. H. Yam).
- 1994 “Zaire at the Crossroads,” *CSIS Africa Notes* no. 166 (with Shawn McCormick).

### Reviews

- 2023 *Jeliya at the Crossroads: Learning African Wisdom through an Embodied Practice* by Lisa Feder, *Mande Studies* 25: 169-171.  
*Embodied Engineering: Gendered Labor, Food Security, and Taste in Twentieth-Century Mali* by Laura Ann Twagira, *Agricultural History* 97 (4): 712-714.  
*A Ritual Geology: Gold and Subterranean Knowledge in Savannah West Africa* by Robyn d’Avignon, *Research Africa Reviews* 7 (1): 38-41.
- 2022 *Imaging Culture: Photography in Mali, West Africa* by Candace M. Keller, *Research Africa Reviews* 6 (2): 5-6.  
*A Ritual Geology: Gold and Subterranean Knowledge in Savanna West Africa* by Robyn d’Avignon, *Mande Studies* 24: 238-330.
- 2021 *Political Legitimacy in Postcolonial Mali* by Dorothea E. Schulz, *Mande Studies* 23: 222-223.  
 “African Soldiers and Marriage in the French Empire - *Militarizing Marriage: West African Soldiers’ Conjugal Traditions in Modern French Empire* by Sarah J. Zimmerman,” *Journal of African History* 62 (1): 167-169.

- 2018 *Forging African Communities: Mobility, Integration and Belonging* by Oliver Bakewell and Loren Landau (eds), *Migration and Society* 1 (1): 217-219.
- 2016 *Education and Empowered Citizenship in Mali* by Jaimie Bleck, *Journal of Modern African Studies* 54 (4): 738-738.
- 2014 *Muslim Societies in Africa: A Historical Anthropology* by Roman Loimeier, *Africa Spectrum* 1/2014: 123-125.
- 2013 *Saharan Frontiers: Space and Mobility in Northwest Africa* by James McDougall and Judith Scheele (eds), *American Ethnologist* 40 (4).
- 2013 *Taifa: Making Nation and Race in Urban Tanzania* by James Brennan, *Comparative Studies in Society & History* 55 (3): 764-765.
- 2012 *Melancholia of Freedom: Social Life in an Indian Township in South Africa* by Thomas Blom Hansen, *Choice*, 50-1615, November issue.
- 2012 *Nostalgia for the Future: West Africa after the Cold War* by Charles Piot, *American Ethnologist* 39 (1): 221-222.

### C. HONORS AND AWARDS

- Diane Hyland Award for Service, Lehigh University, 2024
- Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Bamako, Mali, 2011 - 2012
- Frank Hook Assistant Professorship, 2011 - 2013
- Fellowship for graduate study, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health, 2002 – 2004
- Fellowship for graduate study, Graduate School, Brown University, 2001 – 2002

### D. RESEARCH FUNDING

- Fund for Publishing Grant, Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies, Lehigh University, 2022
- Dean's Associate Professor Advancement Grant, Lehigh University, 2019
- Paul J. Franz/Class of '68 Pre-Tenure Research Fellowship, Lehigh University, 2013 – 2014
- Faculty Research Grant, Lehigh University, 2013 – 2014
- Faculty Research Grant, Lehigh University Center for Global Islamic Studies, 2011 – 2012
- Course Development Grant, Lehigh University Center for Global Islamic Studies, 2010 – 2011
- Faculty Research Grant, Lehigh University Center for Global Islamic Studies, 2010 – 2011
- Postdoctoral research fellowship, Brown University Population Studies & Training Center, 2007 – 2008
- Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University Graduate School, 2006 – 2007
- Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, 2004
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2004
- Supplemental research funds, Andrew Mellon Program in Anthropological Demography, Brown University Population Studies & Training Center, 2002 and 2003

### E. CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT

## F. EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- Editorial board member, *Mande Studies* journal, January 2022 to present
- Book review editor, *Mande Studies* journal, September 2023 to present

## G. SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

### Invited presentations

- *Sovereignism and the emerging politics of eternity in Mali*. Presentation at “Co-Creators of Change: Sahelian States and the New Geopolitical Order,” workshop organized by the Danish Institute of International Studies, Copenhagen, September 25-27, 2024
- *A Dialogue of the Deaf: Assessing Rival Imaginaries of Crisis and Insecurity in Mali*. Presentation at “The Vagaries of Praetorianism: Military Regimes and Instability in Mali,” workshop organized by CNRS, Sciences Po, & Columbia University, April 19, 2024
- *It's Complicated: Holism in Anthropological Analysis*. Presentation to the Ethnography and Social Theory colloquium, Yale University, March 4, 2024
- “*When a Father Speaks, the Child Cannot Answer Back*”: *Conflicts over Domestic Authority, Gender, and the State in 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Mali*. Presentation for online workshop “Rifle, Quill, and Rosary: Competing sources and corporate struggles for political legitimacy in Mali,” University of Münster, February 4, 2021
- *The Migration-Marriage-Development Nexus*. Institute for African Development, Cornell University, October 3, 2019
- *Envisioning Future Pathways in Mali*. National Intelligence Office workshop, December 12, 2018
- *West Africa and the Sahel: Violent extremist organizations*. Workshop on Militancy and Conflict in the Sahel and Maghreb, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, April 12, 2017
- *Migrants, Strangers and Host Governments*. U.S. Department of State Analytic Exchange on Intra-African Migration, April 5, 2016
- *Interdisciplinary Encounters with the Global*. Global Studies Program, Temple University, March 30, 2016
- *The Fragile Sahel: Transnational threats and sustainable solutions* (panel discussion) Carnegie Endowment for International Affairs, June 24, 2015
- *Sahel/Maghreb Security Landscape: Challenges and Responses* (roundtable discussion) Africa Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, June 12, 2015
- *Faces of the Enemy: Loyalist portrayals of Mali's rebellion*. Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, October 31, 2014
- *Who's Who: A descriptive analysis of the region's ethnic groups and classes, and their interaction*. Canadian Security Intelligence Service, December 4, 2013
- *Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa: Perspectives on political crisis in the Sahel* (panel discussion). Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, October 28, 2013
- *A Coup in Bamako: How Mali's government lost and regained political legitimacy, 2012-2013*. Johns Hopkins School of Advances International Studies, October 23, 2013
- *Crisis in the Sahel* (panel discussion). Institute of Current World Affairs, June 1, 2013
- *Mobility, Empowerment & Precarity in African Migration*. Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, May 23, 2013

- *Perilous Desert: Security challenges in the Sahara & Sahel* (panel discussion). Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, May 22, 2013
- *Contextualizing the Failure of the Malian State*. National Defense University Geostrategic Intelligence Seminar on the Sahel, April 17, 2013
- *Témoignage sur le Mali*. Université de Toulouse 1 Institut d'Etudes Politiques, April 12, 2013
- *Regards Croisés sur le Mali: Paris-Bamako-Bruxelles-Washington* (panel discussion), IHEDN Association, Paris, April 9, 2013
- *What Use is Globalization? Challenging the local and the global in the study of Africa*. Keynote address, Indiana University Graduate Symposium on African Studies, March 23, 2013
- *The Cosmic Ladder: Modernity and hierarchy in African transnational migrant destinations*. Brown University Population Studies & Training Center, March 14, 2013
- *"The Power is in the Street": Contextualizing the failure of the Malian state*. Northwestern University Program of African Studies, March 11, 2013
- *Does Mali Matter? What's at risk in the ongoing Sahel crisis*. University of California-Santa Barbara Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, March 8, 2013
- *Mali: Islamic militarism and foreign intervention* (panel discussion). University of Pennsylvania Africa Center, February 27, 2013
- *Why Mali Matters* (panel discussion). Michigan State University African Studies Program, February 19, 2013
- *Questioning the Motherland: Do intra-African migrants belong to the African Diaspora?* Carleton College Symposium on African Diaspora Studies, February 16, 2013
- *Conflict and intervention in Mali: The humanitarian consequences*. Overseas Development Institute (panel discussion via video link), February 11, 2013
- *A Sinking Ship of State: Understanding Mali's crisis*. Syracuse University Maxwell School of Public Affairs, February 8, 2013
- *Does Mali Matter? What's at risk in the ongoing Sahel crisis*. Rutgers University Center for African Studies, February 4, 2013
- *Mali: From democracy to emergency* (panel discussion). Columbia University Institute of African Studies, September 21, 2012
- *Exile Knows no Dignity: Migration, locality and belonging in an African postcolony*. Columbia University Seminar on Contemporary Africa, September 20, 2012
- *Coming to Terms with Fertility Problems: Subfertile women, childless mothers and social stigma in two southern Nigerian communities*. Brown University Working Group on Anthropology and Population, October 1, 2010
- *The Anchoring of Identities: Migration and the politics of non-belonging in post-colonial Africa*. Johns Hopkins University Africa Seminar, September 25, 2009
- *Social Determinants of Voluntary Migration in Africa*. University of Florida Center for African Studies, February 15, 2008

### Refereed presentations

- *The Dynamism of Debt in Everyday Life* (panel discussant), African Studies Association, December 2024
- *Hereditary enemies? Unpacking Mali's rejection of French influence since 2020*, African Studies Association, December 2024
- *Normative Polygyny: How Plural Marriage Shapes Society in Mali, West Africa*, American Anthropological Association, November 2023

- *Schooling, labor, and women's empowerment in Mali: Confronting urban/rural disparities* (with A'ame Joslin), African Studies Association, November 2022
- *Marrying Relativism with Rights: On Studying and Teaching About a "Harmful Cultural Practice,"* American Anthropological Association, November 2022
- *Masculinity, Polygyny, and Patriarchal Anxiety in 21st-Century Bamako*, African Studies Association, November 2021
- *Marriage, Gender, and the Law in Bamako*. Eleventh International Conference on Mande Studies, June 17, 2021
- *"Is the Malian Man Viscerally Polygamous?" Explaining Persistent Polygamy in Bamako, Mali*, African Studies Association, November 2020
- *Patience, Suffering, and Power in Three West African Countries* (panel chair and discussant), African Studies Association, December 2018
- *The Myth of Female Overpopulation: Gender Devaluation and Polygyny in a West African City*. African Studies Association, Atlanta, December 2018
- *Stepping out of the Mirror: Resemblance and Global Identity in Local Discourse* (panel chair and discussant). American Ethnological Society, Philadelphia, March 2018
- *Multiple Marriage and Multiple Forms of Marriage in Bamako, Mali*. African Studies Association, Chicago, November 2017
- *The Trouble with Monogamy*. African Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 2016
- *Public Perceptions of Violent Extremism in Mali*. International Workshop on Transnational Extremist Organizations, Rutgers University Newark, September 2016
- *Suspecting the State: How mass suspicion brought down a president in Mali, West Africa*, American Anthropological Association, December 2014
- *Reflecting on the Ways Forward in Mali* (panelist on invited roundtable), African Studies Association, Baltimore, November 2013
- *West African Migrants: Examining Citizenship, Marriage, and the State in Historical Perspective* (discussant), African Studies Association, Baltimore, November 2013
- *Sadio's Choice: Understanding discourses about forced, arranged and consensual marriage in Bamako, Mali*, Conable Conference in International Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, April 2013
- *The Modernity of Polygyny? Tensions between multiple marriage and companionate ideals in Bamako, Mali*, American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2012
- *Dressing Up Dictatorship? The governance of public relations in the Republic of Congo*, Nordic Africa Days meeting, Reykjavik, October 2012
- *Diaspora as a Self-Fulfilling Prophecy: Sahelian West Africans in the Congo Basin*. African Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2010
- *Coming to Terms with Fertility Problems: Subfertile women, childless mothers and social stigma in two southern Nigerian communities*. Medical Anthropology in Global Africa Conference, Lawrence, Kansas, September 2010
- *The Stranger's Code: Explaining the persistence of distinct identity among West African traders in Brazzaville, Congo*, European Social Science History Conference, Ghent, Belgium, April 2010
- *Bridging the Distance: A Comparison of Domestic and Transnational Split Households in Bamako, Mali and Brazzaville, Congo*. American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 2009

- *In the Wake of Rapatriement: Causes and effects of mass deportation of West African immigrants from Brazzaville, Congo.* African Studies Association, New Orleans, November 2009
- *Strangers in Brazzaville: Maintaining identity and community transnationally.* Canadian Association of African Studies, Queens University, May 2009
- *Hollow citizens: West African immigrants, nativism and the state in Brazzaville, Congo.* Racism, Immigration and Citizenship Conference, Johns Hopkins University, April 2009
- *Metonymical Transnationalism: Culture, identity and the state in contemporary African cross-border migration.* International Studies Association-NE, Baltimore, October 2008
- *Brazzaville, plaque tournante des flux migratoires maliennes en Afrique centrale.* Workshop on Malian migration, Bamako, Mali, June 2008
- *“Dirty Foreigners”: Immigrants, scapegoats and stereotypes in Brazzaville, Congo.* Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, March 2008
- *When Reproduction is Not a Choice: Infertility in sub-Saharan Africa* (with Marida Hollos, Ulla Larsen, and Oka Obono). Union for African Population Studies, Arusha, Tanzania, December 2007
- *The Perils of Strangerhood: Belonging, rights, and citizenship for second-generation West African immigrants in Brazzaville, Congo.* African Studies Association, New York, October 2007
- *Blood and Soil: How migration de- and re-territorializes households in contemporary Mali.* African Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2006
- *Articulations Between Identity and Territory in a Transnational Social Space: The case of Malian migrants.* Brown University Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on Space as a Category of Analysis, April 2006
- *Centripetal Forces: The construction of hometown loyalty in a West African migrant-sending community.* Population Association of America, Boston, March 2004
- *Staying Soninké: Migration, multilocality and identity in a Sahelian village.* American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 2003

### **Organized sessions**

- “Shifting Alliances and Dynamic Threats in the Sahel” (two-part panel), African Studies Association, Chicago, December 2024
- “The Poly Transition: Plural marriage, polyamory, and marriage in global flux,” American Anthropological Association, Toronto, November 2023
- “African Women’s Agency and Empowerment: Critical Perspectives” (three-part panel), African Studies Association, Philadelphia, November 2022
- “What Use is Cultural Relativism? Reassessing a Foundational Concept,” American Anthropological Association, Seattle, November 2022
- “African Masculinities in the Modern World” (three-part panel), African Studies Association, online, November 2021
- “Patience, Suffering, and Power in Three West African Countries,” African Studies Association, Atlanta, December 2018
- “Marriage and Transformation in Modern African Societies,” African Studies Association, Philadelphia, December 2012
- “New Dynamics of Love and Marriage in Africa,” American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2012 (co-organized with Adeline Masquelier, Tulane University)

- “African Regimes of International Expulsion and Forced Repatriation,” African Studies Association, New Orleans, November 2009
- “Mobile Bodies and Sovereign States,” Globalization and Social Change Initiative conference on Global Tensions, Lehigh University, October 2009
- “Ambiguous Identities: Second-Generation Immigrants and the Dynamics of Difference in African Societies.” American Anthropological Association, Washington, November 2007
- “Transnational Processes and Muslim Identities in the Modern World.” American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 2006

### Other presentations

- “Dialogue with an Author: Enduring Polygamy.” Dialogue Center, Lehigh University, March 26, 2024
- “What Do We Owe, and to Whom? Obligations, Stakeholders, and Ethics in Anthropology.” Ethics in the Disciplines series, Humanities Center, Lehigh University, September 8, 2022
- “West Africa 2022: Graveyard of French Empire?” Global Studies Faculty Research Colloquium, February 18, 2022
- “Is polygamy destabilizing the Sahel?” Africana Studies Program faculty brown bag, November 15, 2018
- “What’s culture got to do with it? Tracing the cultural determinants of health.” Presentation to inaugural meeting of the Lehigh University Medical Anthropology Association, October 10, 2017
- “The trouble with monogamy: companionate marriage and gendered suspicions in Bamako, Mali.” Africana Studies Program faculty brown bag, November 17, 2016
- “Why polygamy?” Department of Sociology & Anthropology faculty research forum, December 10, 2015
- “Discussion: Moussa Touré’s *La Pirogue*.” Moravian College Arts & Lectures, March 25, 2014
- “‘Hands off my junta!’ Reflections on Mali’s transition from democratic model to failed state.” Lehigh University Department of Political Science, September 13, 2012
- “Globalization and culture: Anthropological reflections.” Presentation to incoming first-year students in the Lehigh University Global Preclusion program, August 23, 2010
- “Mobile bodies and sovereign states” (panel discussant). Lehigh University Globalization and Social Change Initiative conference on Global Tensions, October 9, 2009
- “The issue of belonging in contemporary African Societies.” Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) Africana Group, October 29, 2009
- “The stranger’s advantage: Migration, entrepreneurs, and social capital in Brazzaville.” Lehigh University Globalization and Social Change Initiative, February 19, 2009
- “Durable transnationalism? The case of West African immigrants in Brazzaville, Congo.” Brown University Population Studies and Training Center, October 11, 2007
- “Exile knows no dignity: Transnational African migration and the anchoring of identity.” Lecture to sociology course taught by Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College, April 17, 2007
- “Transnational ethnic enterprise in Africa: The role of negative social capital.” Brown University Working Group on Anthropology and Population, September 22, 2006
- “Anthropology and globalization.” Lecture to anthropology course taught by Donald Holly, University of Rhode Island, December 1, 2004

## H. TEACHING

### Course Instructor

- *Introduction to Global Studies*, undergraduate course, Lehigh University, Fall 2024
- *Culture Wars: Who Fights Them and Why?*, Big Questions seminar, Lehigh University, Fall 2024
- *So You Want to Save the World: The Anthropology of Humanitarianism and Development*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2024
- *Multiracial Identities*, first-year seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2023
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2023
- *So You Want to Save the World: The Anthropology of Humanitarianism and Development*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2023
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2023
- *Medical Anthropology*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2022
- *Global Capitalism*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2022
- *Cultural Diversity and Human Nature*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Summer 2022
- *Cultural Diversity and Human Nature*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Spring 2022
- *So You Want to Save the World: The Anthropology of Humanitarianism and Development* undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2022
- *Cultural Diversity and Human Nature*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Fall 2021
- *Race and Racism in Global Context*, first-year seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2021
- *Cultural Diversity and Human Nature*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Summer 2021
- *So You Want to Save the World: The Anthropology of Humanitarianism and Development* undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2021
- *Cultural Diversity and Human Nature*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Spring 2021
- *The Challenges of Sustainability*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2020
- *Global Capitalism*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2020
- *African Culture on Film*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2020
- *So You Want to Save the World: The Anthropology of Humanitarianism and Development* undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2020
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2019
- *Rethinking the Future*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2019
- *Medical Anthropology*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2019
- *Global Capitalism*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2019
- *So You Want to Save the World: The Anthropology of Humanitarianism and Development* undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2018
- *Cultural Diversity and Human Nature*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Fall 2018

- *Globalization and Development in Africa*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2018
- *So You Want to Save the World: The Anthropology of Global "Giving Back,"* undergraduate first-year seminar, Lehigh University, Fall 2017
- *Cultural Diversity and Human Nature*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Fall 2017
- *Global Capitalism*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2017
- *Introduction to Global Studies*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2016
- *Medical Anthropology*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2016
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Summer Session 2016 (online course)
- *Cultural Diversity and Human Nature*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Spring 2016
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2015
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Summer Session 2015 (online course)
- *Globalization and Development in Africa*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2015
- *Sex and Marriage Around the World*, first-year seminar, Lehigh University, Fall 2014
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Summer Session 2014 (online course)
- *Peoples & Cultures of Africa*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2014
- *Global Capitalism*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2014
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2013
- *Introduction to Anthropology*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Fall 2013
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Summer Session 2013 (online course)
- *Health, Illness, and Healing*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2013
- *Anthropology of the Muslim World*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2013
- *Globalization and Development in Africa*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2012
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2012
- *Anthropologie et Développement : La migration internationale*, Université des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines, Bamako, Spring 2012
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Summer Session 2011 (online course)
- *Health, Illness, and Healing*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2011
- *Political Economy of Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2011
- *Peoples & Cultures of Africa*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2010

- *Global Capitalism*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2010
- *Introduction to Anthropology*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Spring 2010
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2010
- *Globalization and Development in Africa*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2009
- *Health, Illness, and Healing*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Fall 2009
- *Introduction to Anthropology*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Summer Session 2009
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2009
- *Contemporary Issues in African Societies*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University, Spring 2009
- *Introduction to Anthropology*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University, Fall 2008
- *African Issues in Anthropological Perspective*, undergraduate course, Brown University, Spring 2008
- *Globalization and Society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Summer Studies, Brown University, Summer 2006

### Teaching grants

- Mellon Humanities Lab Teaching Grant, Lehigh University, with Benjamin Felzer, 2020: \$6500 for development of new interdisciplinary seminar on sustainability

### Teaching Certificates

- *Sheridan Teaching Seminar*, Certificate I, Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, Spring 2004
- *Classroom Tools Seminar*, Certificate II, Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, Spring 2007
- *Professional Development Seminar*, Certificate III, Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, Spring 2007

## I. RESEARCH ADVISING AND MENTORING

- Major advisor:
  - Fall 2023 to present: Henri Adiassa, Blake Koski, Heather Peterson, Gideon Sobek, and Runyi Wang
  - Spring 2023 to present: Musa Camara, Dajuan Fields, Donovan Lassiter, Shakiya Lewis, and Risa Nkululeko
  - Spring 2023 to Fall 2023: Khayla Strong
  - Fall 2022 to Spring 2023: Amadea Lehockzy Escobar and Lexi McNamara
  - Fall 2022 to present: Nicole Weissman
  - Fall 2021 to present: Claire Kirschenbaum, Tova Marshall, and Willow Munson
  - Fall 2021 to Spring 2023: Owen Adlerstein, Alejandro Del Valle Valdez, Laura Duffany, Sarah Elsayed, and Genesis Genao

- Fall 2020 to Spring 2022: Steven Escobar-Mendez, Allie Kirkpatrick, Jacob Marshall, Sarah Mixsell, and Evelyn Velasquez Moreno
  - Fall 2020 to Spring 2021: Sylvia Baldwin, Margaret Lincoln, Kenneth Mazzaro, and Haley Yahraus
  - Fall 2019 to Spring 2022: Jessica Galarza and Benjamin Santos
  - Fall 2019 to Spring 2021: Ali Canning, Lexi Herzog, and Miranda Kucinski
  - Fall 2018 to Fall 2021: Jacqueline Fales
  - Fall 2018 to Spring 2021: Jessica Mun
  - Fall 2018 to Spring 2020: Isabel Barone, Lounie Germain, Alexa Herzog, Audrey Schimmel, Luke Townsend, and Victor Yegon
  - Fall 2017 to Spring 2018: Chelsea Hipwell
  - Fall 2016 to Spring 2018: Sasha Clark, Nadine Elsayed, and Emma Stevenson
  - Spring 2015 to Spring 2018: Dabney Brice, Hayley Goodman, Nancy Howe, Klaudia Jaszwinska, Angelica Kowalski, Matthew Levin, Angelene Rizzo, and Angelene Rizzo
  - Spring 2015 to Spring 2016: Michael Asser, Priya Chokshi, and Laura Irwin
  - Fall 2014 to Spring 2016: Olivia Adams, Elif Anda, Rachel Zamsky
  - Fall 2012 to Spring 2013: Ayowonuola Owoseni, Elizabeth Prinzi, and Jill Sibio
  - Fall 2010 to Spring 2012: Sofia Covarrubias, Amanda Midkiff, and Sarah Steinberg
- Non-major advisor:
    - Fall 2023 to present: Kingsley Acho, Sana Aqeel, Michael Beech, Gracen Brant, Marc Chammas, Adison Derbas, Mya Dias, Shenrui Duan, Reeni Dunkely, Juliette Egg-Krings, Mia Heid, Carly Keene, Xia Li, Yuhao Li, Natalie Mack, Campbell Magee, Shriya Mehta, Sara Min, Brian Nguyen, Meghana Nimmagadda, Jure Okene, Junhyeok Park, Georgia Reynolds, Henry Scott, Ethan Smith, Arushi Tewari, Chloe Witt, Jiahan Xu, Jinhao Zhang, and Ruoning Zu
    - Fall 2022 to present: Sofia Bove, Dagny Donaldson, Nicholas Garrido, Avantika Pai, and Abby-Lee Sanogo
    - Fall 2021 to Fall 2023: Kavya Anand, Thomas Arnold, Sanvi Bhatnagar, Cole Leaman, Kiki Mes, Priya Natarajan, Zixiang Zhao, and Nan Zhang
    - Fall 2022 to Spring 2023: Thomas Abood, Meriem Bazine, Kayleen Dolan, Nina Goldberg, Nicholas Mulder, and Sophia Pappalardo
    - Fall 2021 to Spring 2023: Deborah Adegbaye, Sophie Barro, Bloeme Daly, Patrick Edmonson, Talia Kraner, Hannah Levi, and Christian Murrell
    - Fall 2021 to Spring 2022: Jalen Blango, Andrew Canelas, Chelsi Chevannes, Bloeme Daly, Ashley Hoebee-Elardo, Kavya Jhaveri, Julia Klayman, Katherine Le, Kaisheng Li, Talley Lyons, Emily Stewart, Sanjana Talus, and Amy Zimmerman
    - Fall 2020 to Spring 2022: Madison Banks, Phoebe Baraker, Jennifer Cocchiere, Thayne Lawrence, Austin Recinos, and Ava Schaller
    - Fall 2020 to Spring 2021: Max Cardi, Caroline Casey, Lucianna Farro, Margaret Mancusi-Ungaro, Katherine Miller, Natalia Sanchez Santiuste, Samuel Sheridan, Jiaqi Wang, and Jackson Wiles
    - Fall 2019 to Spring 2021: Kerem Ayhan, Brooke Bisceglia, Nicole Derei, William Grisack, Matt Kleiman, Emily Lacasse, Cameron Laukaitis, Kaitlyn

- Martinez, Justine Pavia, Elena Perez-Segnini, Alex Rodrigues, Jack Sarkos, and Rebecca Sitkovetsky
  - Fall 2019 to Spring 2020: Jinrui Liu, Zachary Miles, Alex Rodrigues, and Jiaqi Wang
  - Fall 2014 to Spring 2015: Isabel Buenaga
  - Fall 2013 to Spring 2014: Sarah Berman, Julianne D’Orazio, and Christa Gamboa
  - Fall 2013 to Spring 2013: Jocelyn Berndt
  - Fall 2010 to Spring 2011: Ashton Hood and Kaitlin Keller
  - Fall 2009 to Spring 2010: Julia Chen and David Chobruck
- Senior thesis advisor (anthropology): Vito Russo (Spring 2024)
- Senior thesis advisor (global studies): Laura Duffany (Spring 2023)
- Senior thesis committee member: Emma Hartman (International Relations major, Fall 2022 to Spring 2023)
- Senior thesis advisor (anthropology): Jessica Galarza and Henry Nordahl (Spring 2022)
- Senior thesis advisor (global studies): Amaya Foy (Spring 2022)
- PhD dissertation committee member for Sean Anderson, Department of History, Lehigh University (Spring 2021 to present)
- MA thesis reader for Zachary Sokol, Department of Sociology & Anthropology (Spring 2020)
- MA thesis committee member for Clemence Brunet, American Studies Program (Spring 2013)
- MA thesis committee member for Goma Mabika, College of Education (Summer 2012)
- Senior thesis advisor to Amy Palmer and Erica Prosser (Spring 2011)
- MA thesis committee member for Amanda Lowry, College of Education (Summer 2010)

## **J. SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP ROLES**

### **University Service**

- Application review committee (ad hoc), Office of Fellowship Advising, Fall 2014 to present
- Jury member for Global Social Innovation Fellowships (ad hoc), Fall 2019 to present
- Non-departmental search committee member for new tenure-track position, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures, Fall 2022-Spring 2023
- Non-departmental search committee member for new tenure-track position, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures, Fall 2018-Spring 2019
- Commission on the Residential Environment, Working Group on the Faculty Role in the Residential Learning Environment, Fall 2014 to Spring 2015
- Faculty steering committee, Lehigh University-United Nations Partnership, Spring 2011 to Spring 2018
- Non-departmental search committee member for new tenure-track position, Comparative and International Education Program, College of Education, Spring 2011
- Faculty mentor to Sean Daley, Assistant professor, College of Health, Spring 2022 to present

### **College & Interdisciplinary Program Service**

- Mentor advisor of first-year CAS students, Fall 2019 to present
- College of Arts & Sciences Study Abroad grant committee, Fall 2022 to present
- Global Studies Program, Lehigh University, core faculty committee, Fall 2008 to present; director, Fall 2014 to Spring 2018
  - Duisberg-Essen exchange selection committee, 2015 to 2016
  - Search committee member for joint hire with Modern Languages and Literatures, Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
  - Search committee member for joint hire with Journalism and Communication, Fall 2014
- Africana Studies Program, Lehigh University, core faculty committee, Fall 2008 to present
  - Co-director, March 2023 to August 2024
  - Search committee member, new program director, Fall 2023-Spring 2024
  - Search committee chair, joint hire of assistant professor with Sociology, Fall 2021
  - Search committee co-chair, new program director, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
  - Co-organizer of LVAIC Africana Symposium, Spring 2019
  - Search committee member for joint hire of professor of practice with Journalism and Communication, Fall 2018
  - Co-organizer of LVAIC Africana Symposium, Spring 2017
  - Search committee member for new director position, Spring 2011
  - Search committee member for pre/post-doctoral position, Spring 2011
  - Cluster hire proposal preparation, Fall 2010
- Center for Global Islamic Studies, Lehigh University, core faculty member, Fall 2009 to present
  - Cluster hire proposal preparation, Fall 2010 and Fall 2012
- Sustainable Development program, Lehigh University, affiliated faculty committee, Fall 2012 to Spring 2018

### **Departmental Service**

- Search committee member for new tenure-track position in Anthropology, Department of Sociology & Anthropology and Center for Global Islamic Studies, Lehigh University, Fall 2022-Spring 2023
- Search committee chair for new tenure-track position in Sociology, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Lehigh University, Fall 2021
- Search committee chair for new tenure-track position in Anthropology, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Lehigh University, Fall 2019
- Williamson Lecture organization committee, 2016
- Search committee member for new tenure-track position in Anthropology, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Lehigh University, Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
- Departmental webmaster, Fall 2012 to present
- Williams Prize selection committee for Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology, 2014 to present and chair, 2018 to present
- Search committee member for new tenure-track position in Community Health, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Lehigh University, 2013 - 2014
- Committee for visiting lectures, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Lehigh University, Fall 2008 - Spring 2011
- Search committee member for new tenure-track position, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Lehigh University, Fall 2008

## External and Professional Service

- Submission reviewer for *Africa*, *Africa Today*, *African Identities*, *African Studies Review*, *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Citizenship Studies*, *Conflict & Society*, *Economic Anthropology*, *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, *Ethnomusicology*, *Futures*, *Geopolitics*, *Human Organization*, *International Affairs*, *Journal of African History*, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of International and Global Studies*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Nations & Nationalism*, *L'Ouest Saharien*, *Political and Legal Anthropology*, *Population & Development Review*, *Religions*, *Research in Economic Anthropology*, *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, *Stability*, *Third World Thematics*, and *Urban Forum* journals
- Book manuscript reviewer for Berghahn Books, Indiana University Press, James Currey Publishers, Oxford University Press, Palgrave MacMillan, the University of California Press, the University of Chicago Press, and Waveland Press
- Prospectus and chapter reviewer for Berghahn Books, the International African Institute/Cambridge University Press, Lit Verlag, Palgrave MacMillan, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Rutgers University Press, and the University of California Press
- Program reviewer for Global Liberal Studies Program, New York University (July 2016) and Global Studies minor, Stockton University (March 2017)
- Panel judge for annual Beacon Conference (June 2011, 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2023)
- Grant proposal reviewer for the National Science Foundation (March 2017)
- Report reviewer for the US Agency for International Development (June 2015) and the European Asylum Support office (March 2018)
- Tenure reviewer for the University of California-Santa Cruz (Department of Film & Digital Media, September 2017), Texas A&M University (Department of International Studies, September 2018), Fordham University (Department of Modern Languages & Literatures, September 2021), and Haverford College (Department of Political Science, Fall 2023)
- Guest lecturer, US Foreign Service Institute, West Africa Sub-Regional Course: “West Africa’s Trajectory: Kanku Musa to the Modern World” (October 12, 2022)
- Expert witness for asylum cases in US and UK immigration courts (23 cases, 2009 to present)