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EDUCATION

B.A. Cultural Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara (1979)
M.A. Social Anthropology, Harvard University (1981)
Ph.D. Social Anthropology, Harvard University (1985)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

2011 -- present Susan S. and William H. Hindle Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University

2007 – 2013 Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University

2005 – 2007 Chair, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University

2003 – 2007 Professor, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University

1999 - 2003 Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine.

2001 – 2003 Director, Critical Theory Institute, University of California,

Irvine

1992 -1999 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine.

1986 -1992 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine.

1987 - 1988 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University.

1990 - 1991 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan.

AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

1976-78 UCSB Chancellor's Scholarship

1979 Graduated UCSB "Highest Honors"

1980, 1981, 1984 NSF Graduate Fellowship

1981 Harvard University, Department of Anthropology Travel Grant (for research June-August 1981)

1982 SSRC Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for research in Lesotho (Sept. 1982 - Dec. 1983) on "An Anthropological Study of a Rural Development Project"

1982 Fulbright Grant (USICA) for research in Lesotho (Sept. 1982 - June 1983) on "An Anthropological Study of a Rural Development Project"

1985 SSRC Post-doctoral Fellowship for research in Zambia (Oct. 1985 - Sept. 1986) on "Rural Options on the Zambian Copperbelt: A Study of an African Working Class in Crisis"

1987 UCI School of Social Sciences "Faculty Fellowship," for archival research in London and Brussels on "Social History of the African Copperbelt," June 1987.

1989 SSRC Post-doctoral Fellowship for research in Zambia (July - Sept. 1989) on "Socio-economic foundations of cultural localism on the

Zambian Copperbelt"

- 1989 ACLS Grant-in-aid for research in Zambia on (July - Sept. 1989) on "Socio-economic foundations of cultural localism on the Zambian Copperbelt" (declined).
- 1998 Honorary Simon Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Manchester.
- 2000/01 Residential fellowship, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford.
- 2008-10 International Fellow, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 2009 Lewis Henry Morgan Memorial Lectures, University of Rochester.
- 2009 Appointed "Professor Extraordinaire", University of Stellenbosch.
- 2010-11 Ellen Andrew Wright Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University.
- 2010 Appointed "Honorary Professor", University of Cape Town
- 2011 Appointed as the Susan S. and William H. Hindle Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Anti-politics Machine: "Development," Depoliticization and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho. Cambridge University Press, 1990.

----- Southern Africa edition (paperback). Cambridge University Press and David Philip, Cape Town, 1990.

----- Second edition (paperback). Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1994.

Culture, Power, Place: Explorations in Critical Anthropology (co-edited with Akhil Gupta). Duke University Press, 1997.

Anthropological Locations: Boundaries and Grounds of a Field Science (co-edited with

Akhil Gupta). University of California Press, 1997.

Expectations of Modernity: Myths and Meanings of Urban Life on the Zambian Copperbelt. University of California Press, 1999.

Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order. Duke University Press, 2006.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"The bovine mystique: power, property, and livestock in rural Lesotho." Man (n.s.) 20, 647-74, 1985.

"Cultural exchange: new developments in the anthropology of commodities," Cultural Anthropology 3(4): 488-513, 1988.

"Mobile workers, modernist narratives: a critique of the historiography of transition on the Zambian Copperbelt, Part One", Journal of Southern African Studies 16(3):385-412, 1990.

"Mobile workers, modernist narratives: a critique of the historiography of transition on the Zambian Copperbelt, Part Two", Journal of Southern African Studies 16(4):603-621, 1990.

Special issue on "Space and Place in Anthropology", co-edited with Akhil Gupta, Cultural Anthropology 7(1), 1992.

"Beyond 'culture': space, identity and the politics of difference" (co-authored with Akhil Gupta), Cultural Anthropology 7(1):6-23, 1992.

"The country and the city on the Copperbelt", Cultural Anthropology 7(1):80-92, 1992.

"The cultural topography of wealth: commodity paths and the structure of property in rural Lesotho", American Anthropologist 94(1):55-73, 1992.

"Reply to comments on The Anti-politics Machine," in "The Anti-politics Machine: a panel review of James Ferguson's book with a rejoinder by the author," National University of Lesotho Working Paper Number 2. Reprinted in The Journal of Research 2:141-159, 1992.

"De-moralizing economies: African socialism, scientific capitalism, and the moral politics of 'structural adjustment'", in Sally Falk Moore (ed.), Moralizing States: The Ethnography of the Present, AES Monograph Series, American Ethnological Society, 1993.

"Reply to Shanafelt", American Anthropologist 94(4):935-937. 1992.

"Mobile workers, modernist narratives, and colonial liberalism: reply to a straw man", Journal of Southern African Studies 20(4):633-640, 1994.

"The anti-politics machine: 'development' and bureaucratic power in Lesotho" (with Larry Lohmann), The Ecologist 24(5):176-181, September/October 1994.

"Power or complexity?", Transition, No. 64, pp. 132-138, 1994.

"From African socialism to scientific capitalism: reflections on the legitimization crisis in IMF-ruled Africa", in David B. Moore and Gerald R. Schmitz (eds.), Debating Development Discourse: Institutional and Popular Perspectives. St. Martin's Press, 1995.

"Urban trends on the Zambian Copperbelt: a short bibliographic note", Journal of Southern African Studies 22(2):313. 1996.

"Paradoxes of sovereignty and independence: 'real' and 'pseudo-' nation-states and the depoliticization of poverty", in Karen Fog Olwig and Kirsten Hastrup (eds.), Siting Culture: The Shifting Anthropological Object. Routledge, 1996.

"Development", in Jonathan Spencer and Alan Barnard (eds.), Encyclopedia of Social and Cultural Anthropology. Routledge, 1996.

"Culture, power, place: ethnography at the end of an era" (co-authored with Akhil Gupta), in Akhil Gupta and James Ferguson (eds.), Culture, Power, Place: Explorations in Critical Anthropology. Duke University Press, 1997.

"Anthropology and its evil twin: development in the constitution of a discipline," in Frederick Cooper and Randall Packard (eds.), International Development and the Social Sciences. University of California Press, 1997.

"Discipline and practice: 'the field' as site, method, and location in anthropology" (co-authored with Akhil Gupta), in Akhil Gupta and James Ferguson (eds.), Anthropological Locations: Boundaries and Grounds of a Field Science. University of California Press, 1997.

"Economics and barbarism: an anthropological comment on Pearson's 'Homo Economicus'," History of Political Economy 32:4:991-998. 2000.

"Global disconnect: abjection and the aftermath of modernism," in Jonathan X. Inda and Renato Rosaldo (eds.), The Anthropology of Globalization, Blackwell, 2001. (An adaptation into the form of a stand-alone article of the conclusion of Expectations of Modernity).

"La réponse au critiques de James Ferguson," Politique Africaine No. 81, March 2001.

(Part of a forum on the book, Expectations of Modernity).

"Spatializing states: toward an ethnography of neoliberal governmentality" (co-authored with Akhil Gupta) American Ethnologist 29(4):981-1002. 2002.

"Of mimicry and membership: Africans and the 'new world society'," Cultural Anthropology 17(4): 551-569. 2002.

"Stillborn chrysalis: reflections on the fate of national culture in neoliberal Zambia," Global Networks 3(3):271-298. 2003.

"Power topographies: beyond the state and civil society in the study of African politics," in David Nugent and Joan Vincent (eds.), A Companion to the Anthropology of Politics, Blackwell, 2004.

"Seeing like an oil company: space, security, and global capital in neoliberal Africa," American Anthropologist, 107(3):377-382, 2005.

"Decomposing modernity: history and hierarchy after development," in Ania Loomba, Suvar Kaul, Matti Bunzl, Antoinette Burton, and Jed Esty (eds.), Postcolonial Studies and Beyond, Duke University Press, 2005.

"Development after neoliberalism." Codesria Bulletin, no. 3-4., pp. 44-45. 2005

"Transnational topographies of power: beyond the state and civil society in the study of African politics," in Bill Maurer and Gabriele Schwab (eds.), Accelerating Possession: Global Futures of Property and Personhood. New York: Columbia University Press, 2006.

"Formalities of poverty: Thinking about social assistance in neoliberal South Africa," African Studies Review, 50(2):71-86, 2007.

"Reply to the comments on Global Shadows," Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography 29:270-273, 2008.

Interview (by Peter Schouten), 'Theory Talk #34: James Ferguson on Modernity, Development, and Reading Foucault in Lesotho', Theory Talks, <http://www.theory-talks.org/2009/11/theory-talk-34.html> (22-11-2009).

"The uses of neoliberalism." Antipode, volume 41, supplement 1, 2010.

"Novelty and method: Reflections on global fieldwork." In Simon Coleman and Pauline von Hellermann (eds.), Multi-sited Ethnography: Problems and Possibilities in the Translocation of Research Methods. Routledge, 2011.

"Toward a left art of government: From 'Foucauldian critique' to Foucauldian politics."

History of the Human Sciences 24(4):61-68, 2011.

"Cosmologies of welfare: Two conceptions of social assistance in contemporary South Africa." Forthcoming, in Felicity Aulino, Miriam Goheen, and Stanley J. Tambiah (eds.), Radical Egalitarianism: Local Realities, Global Relations. Fordham University Press, 2012.

"Theory from the Comaroffs, or How to know the world up, down, backwards and forwards." The Johannesburg Salon, Volume 5, 2012.

"Structures of Responsibility". Ethnography 13: 558-562, 2012.

"What comes after the social? Historicizing the future of social assistance and identity registration in Africa." In Keith Breckenridge and Simon Szreter (eds.), Registration and Recognition: Documenting the Person in World History. Oxford: Oxford University Press for the British Academy, 2012.

"How to do things with land: A distributive perspective on rural livelihoods in southern Africa". Journal of Agrarian Change 13(1):166-174, 2013.

"Declarations of Dependence: Labor, Personhood, and Welfare in Southern Africa". Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 19:223-242, 2013.

"Reply to Comments on 'Declarations of Dependence'". Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 19:258-260, 2013.

"Invisible Humanism: An African 1968 and its aftermaths," in The Long 1968: Revisions and New Perspectives, Jasmine Alinder, Aneesh Aneesh, Daniel J. Sherman, and Ruud van Dijk (eds.), Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2013.

"The social life of 'cash payment': Money, markets, and the mutualities of poverty." In Edward F. Fischer and Peter Benson (eds.), Cash on the Table: Markets, Values, and Moral Economies. Santa Fe, NM: SAR Press, 2013.

BOOK REVIEWS

Michael Adas, Machines as the Measure of Man, in American Anthropologist 93 (1): 229-30, 1991.

Parker Shipton, Bitter Money, in American Ethnologist 18(3): 620-21, 1991.

Johan Pottier, Migrants No More, in Africa 61(3):429-431, 1992.

Laurel L. Rose, The Politics of Harmony: Land Dispute Strategies in Swaziland, in American Anthropologist 95(1):234-35. 1993.

Donald L. Donham, History, Power, Ideology: Central Issues in Marxism and Anthropology, in Anthropological Quarterly 66(1):52-54. 1993.

Deborah James, Songs of the Women Migrants: Performance and Identity in South Africa, in Journal of Southern African Studies 27(4):875-877, 2001.

INVITED LECTURES

Harvard University, Department of Anthropology, 1985

Boston University, Department of Anthropology, 1986

UC Irvine, Social Relations Program, 1986

Harvard University, Department of Anthropology. 1988

University of Chicago, Committee on African Studies, 1988

University of Washington, Seminar on "Society and the State," 1989

UC Irvine, Social Relations Program, 1989

UC San Diego, Department of Anthropology, 1989

Haverford College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 1990

University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology, 1991

Columbia University, Department of Anthropology, 1991

Stanford University, Center for Organization Research, 1992

Cornell University, Department of Anthropology, 1992

UC Irvine, Department of Anthropology, 1993

University of Copenhagen, Institute of Anthropology, 1993

Northwestern University/University of Chicago African Studies Seminar, 1994

University of Cape Town, Department of Social Anthropology, 1994

McGill University, Department of Anthropology, 1995

Yale University, Program in Agrarian Studies, 1994

UC Santa Barbara, Cultural Analysis Colloquium, 1995

MIT, Nations and States Colloquium Series, 1995

UC Irvine, Irvine Lecture in Critical Theory, 1996

Duke University, Department of Anthropology Mellen Seminar on Transnationalism. 1998

UC Berkeley, Environmental Politics Seminar, 1998

University of Manchester, Department of Anthropology, 1998

Princeton University, Department of Anthropology, 1999

Rhodes University, South Africa. Keynote address at the conference, "Between Town and Country: Livelihoods, Settlement, and Identity Formation in Sub-Saharan Africa," 1999

UC San Diego, Department of Anthropology, 1999

UC Santa Cruz, Department of Anthropology, 2000

University of Sussex, Department of Anthropology, 2000 .

Yale University, Department of Anthropology and Center for International and Area Studies on Anthropology and Transnationalism. 2000

Uppsala University, Department of Cultural Anthropology, 2000

University of Iowa, Program in Critical Development Studies, 2001

Stockholm University and Uppsala University, Departments of Anthropology, 2001

University of Wageningen, 2001. Keynote address at the CERES Summer Conference in Development Studies.

University of Michigan. Keynote address to the Midwest Graduate Student Conference in African Studies, "Critical Approaches in African Studies: Conversations Across Disciplines," 2002

University of California, Berkeley, African Studies Center, 2002

University of Colorado, Boulder, Department of Anthropology, 2002

Stanford University, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, 2003

University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology, 2003

University of Pennsylvania, African Studies Center, 2003

Society for Cultural Anthropology, 2004 Spring Conference, Plenary address

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Center for 21st Century Studies, 2004

Stanford University, Department of Anthropological Sciences, 2004

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Geography, 2004

University of California, Davis, Center for History, Society, and Culture, 2004

Indiana University, Center for African Studies, 2004

University of Chicago, Franke Institute for the Humanities and Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, lecture as part of the Mellon Project lecture series, "New Perspectives on the Disciplines," 2005

University of Sussex. Keynote address to the conference, "The Challenge of Multi-sited Fieldwork," 2005

Harvard University, Department of Anthropology and Department of African and African-American Studies, 2005

Haverford College, Department of Anthropology, 2005

Stanford University. Keynote address at the conference, "The Anthropology of Global Productions," 2006

Dartmouth College. Department of Geography, 2006

University of Oregon, Department of Anthropology, 2007

University of California, San Francisco. Department of Anthropology, History, and Social Medicine, 2007

University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, 2007

University of KwaZulu-Natal, School of Development Studies, 2007

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Sociology, 2007

Columbia University, Seminar on Politics, Development, Environment, and Society, 2008

University of California, Santa Cruz, Department of Politics, 2008

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Keynote address to EIDOS conference, "The Ends of Development." June 2008

University of Leiden, Department of Cultural Anthropology, 2008

University of the Western Cape, Keynote address to the annual meeting of Anthropology Southern Africa. August 2008

Dalhousie University, Killam Lecture, 2008

New School for Social Research, Department of Anthropology, 2008

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Center for 21st Century Studies. Keynote address at the conference, "Since 1968". 2008

UC Berkeley, Department of City and Regional Planning, 2008

Cambridge University, Department of Social Anthropology and African Studies Centre, 2009

Vrije Universiteit, Department of Cultural Anthropology, 2009

London School of Economics, Department of Social Anthropology, 2009

UCLA, Center for African Studies, 2009

Washington University, Department of Anthropology and Center for African Studies, 2009

UC Santa Barbara, Department of History and Department of Anthropology, 2009

UC Berkeley, Department of Anthropology, 2009

University of Rochester, Department of Anthropology, Lewis Henry Morgan lectures, 2009

Carnegie Mellon University, Humanities Center, 2009.

Michigan State University, African Studies Center, 2009.

Vrije Universiteit, keynote address at the conference, "Anthropology and the Global Economic Crisis," 2009.

University of Kentucky, Department of Anthropology, "Distinguished Lecture", 2010.

University of Toronto, Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies, 2010.

Stanford University, Dept. of Anthropology, 2010

Emory University, Department of Anthropology and Colonial and Post-colonial Studies Workshop, 2010

UFF, Niteroi, Brazil. Department of Anthropology, 2010

Plenary address, ANPOCS conference, Caxambu, Brazil, 2010

University of Oslo, Department of Social Anthropology, 2010

Valedictory Lecture, Vrije Universiteit, Department of Cultural Anthropology, 2011

Keynote address, Meetings of the International Union of Ethnological and Anthropological Sciences, Perth, Australia, 2011

University of Michigan, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, 2011

Reed College, Department of Anthropology, 2012.

Franz Boas Lecture, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, 2012.

Beijing Agricultural University, College of Humanities and Development Studies, 2012

Columbia University, Institute for African Studies, 2012

Yonsei University, Department of Cultural Anthropology, 2012

Keynote address, annual meeting of the Korean Society for Cultural Anthropology, Seoul, South Korea, 2012.

Northwestern University, Department of Anthropology, 2013.

Brown University, Watson Institute for International Studies, 2013.

Keynote address, Conference on "Extractive Economies and the State in Contemporary Africa," Harvard University, 2013.

PAPERS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The birth of British 'colonial development' 1895-1940," presented and accepted as the "Special Paper" in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, Harvard University.

"Power and property in rural Lesotho," paper presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, November 1984.

Organized and Chaired session on "Issues in Social Change in Rural Southern Africa," American Anthropological Association meetings, Denver, November 1984.

"Economic crisis and the cultural balance of power: the micropolitical economy of cultural style on the Zambian Copperbelt," paper presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 1987.

"The country and the city on the Copperbelt," paper presented at the meetings at the American Anthropological Association, Phoenix, November 1988.

Co-organized (with Liisa Malkki) session on "Themes of place and locality in the collective identity of mobile and displaced populations," meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Phoenix, November 1988.

"The challenge of counter-hegemonic social research", paper presented at meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, 11/89.

"Cultural style as inscription: Toward a political economy of the styled body", paper presented at meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Atlanta, 4/90.

"From cultural wholes to cultural styles: anthropological description without holism", paper presented at meetings of the American Anthropological Association, 11/90, New Orleans.

"Migration, mine workers and 'the modern family'", paper presented at a conference on "Migration and its effects on family life in Africa", sponsored by the Program in African Studies, Northwestern University, 1/91.

Discussant, conference on "Money and commoditization in Africa", sponsored by the Committee on African Studies, University of Chicago, 3/91.

"Paradoxes of sovereignty and independence: 'real' and 'pseudo-' nation-states and the depoliticization of poverty", paper presented at meetings of the American Ethnological Society, 3/91, Charleston.

Discussant, Invited session on "Commodities and Identity", meetings of the American Anthropological Association, 11/91

Co-organized session (with Don Donham) at 1992 meetings of the American Anthropological Association, "Constructions of the Modern and the Anti-modern".

"Migration, mine workers, and the 'modern family'", paper presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, 1992, San Francisco.

"De-moralizing economies: African socialism, scientific capitalism, and the moral politics of 'structural adjustment'", paper presented at the meetings of the American Ethnological Society, Memphis, 1992, and at the conference, "Breaking out of the orthodoxy: academics, development workers and the discourse of sustainability, participation, and equity", sponsored by the International Development Research Centre and Athabasca University, Prince Edward Island, April 1992.

Discussant for the conference, "The State and the Construction of Citizenship", organized by Ramon Gutierrez, Latin American Studies and Ethnic Studies, UC San Diego, 10/93.

Co-organized (with Akhil Gupta) session on "Anthropology and 'The Field ': Boundaries, Areas, and Grounds in the Constitution of a Discipline", meetings of the American Anthropological Association, 11/93, Washington, D.C.

"Anthropology and the field: boundaries, areas, and grounds in the constitution of a discipline" (co-authored with Akhil Gupta), paper presented at the 1993 meetings of the American Anthropological Association, 11/93, Washington, D.C.

"Paradoxes of sovereignty and independence: 'real' and 'pseudo-' nation-states and the depoliticization of poverty", paper presented at the conference, "Finding a Space and Place for Culture", Institute of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen, December 1-3, 1993.

Discussant and closing remarks at the SSRC workshop, "Historicizing Development", Emory University, December 1993.

Co-organized (with Akhil Gupta) conference on "Anthropology and 'The Field': Boundaries, Areas, and Grounds in the Constitution of a Discipline", February 18-21, 1994, Stanford University and UC Santa Cruz. Funding of \$12,000 provided by Center for Cultural Studies, UCSC; Department of Anthropology, Stanford University; School of Arts and Sciences, Stanford University; School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine; and Department of Anthropology, UC Irvine.

"Anthropology and 'the field': mapping the issues", paper presented at conference, "Anthropology and 'The Field': Boundaries, Areas, and Grounds in the Constitution of a Discipline", February 18-21, 1994, Stanford University and UC Santa Cruz.

Discussant at the SSRC workshop, "The Production and Transmission of Development Knowledge", University of Michigan, May 1994.

"Anthropology and its evil twin: 'development' in the constitution of a discipline", paper presented at the SSRC workshop, "Languages of Development", UC Berkeley, October 1994.

Discussant at an organized session on "De-localized Field Sites" at the annual meetings of the American Ethnological Society, April 1995.

Discussant at a workshop, "Talking across disciplines in the study of peace and security", Stanford University, Center for International Security and Arms Control, November 4, 1995

Discussant for invited session, "The future of culture areas: Melanesian Studies in transition". Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 1995.

"Anthropology's 'field': questions of method and of discipline". Paper presented at the conference, "Crossroads in Cultural Studies", Tampere, Finland, June 1996.

"Uncertainties in situations, indeterminacies in governance: beyond vertical topographies of power in the study of African politics", paper presented at the invited session, "Ambiguity and uncertainty in politics, law, and culture: papers in honor of Sally Falk Moore" at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, December 1996.

Discussant at the workshop, "The Study of International Organizations", University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 12-13, 1997.

"Historiography and the centering of a discipline: Boasian origin stories and the edges of anthropology" paper presented at the invited session, "Presentism and Historicism in Anthropology: Papers in Honor of George Stocking", at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November, 1997.

Discussant for the panel, "Citizenship, democracy, and rights: anthropological perspectives", at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November, 1997.

Organized roundtable discussion for the Association of Political and Legal Anthropology on the topic, "Anthropology and Modern Life", at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November, 1997.

"Transnational topographies of power: beyond the state and civil society in the study of African politics". Paper presented at the conference, "Development Narratives", Center for Development Studies, University of Roskilde, December 1-4, 1997.

Discussant, conference on "Globalization", School of Social Ecology, UC Irvine, January 16-18, 1998.

"Transnational topographies of power: beyond the state and civil society in the study of African politics". Paper presented at a conference on "Transnationalism", International Center for Contemporary Cultural Research, University of Manchester, June, 1998.

"Global disconnect: abjection and the aftermath of modernism". Paper presented to the conference on "Development Ethics", Center for the Study of Development and the Environment, University of Oslo, June 5-6, 1998.

"Transnationalism and the ethnographic study of the state". Paper presented to the conference, "Crossroads in Cultural Studies", Tampere, Finland, June 28-July 1, 1998.

"Global disconnect: abjection and the aftermath of modernism". Paper presented to the Nordic Africa Institute conference, "Conflict's Fruit: Violence and Identity in Contemporary Africa", Copenhagen, Denmark, October 21-24, 1999.

Discussant for the panel, "Ethnography and the metanarratives of modernity" at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 17-21, 1999.

"Of mimicry and membership: Africans and the 'new world society'". Paper presented at the conference, "Rural and Urban Relations and Representations", Department of Anthropology, University College, London, April 26-28, 2000.

Discussant for the panel, "Off to the city, back to the village: rural and urban in the ethnography of contemporary Africa," at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November 2000.

"Of mimicry and membership: Africans and the 'new world society'". Paper presented at the conference, "Entangled Modernities," House of World Cultures, Berlin, December 8-10, 2000.

"Interrogating globalization." Short presentation at the workshop, "Interrogating 'the crisis' in Africa and Southeast Asia: critical ethnographies of globalization," Gillian Hart and Aihwa Ong, organizers. Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley, May 11-12, 2001.

"Decomposing modernity: history and hierarchy after development." Paper presented at the conference, "Development After Development," Center for Middle Eastern Studies, New York University, February 2002.

"Decomposing modernity: history and hierarchy after development." Paper presented at the conference "Postcolonial Studies and Beyond," University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April 2002.

"Moral danger in a copy-cat culture: sexuality, modernity, and neoliberal nationalism in Zambia." Paper presented at the conference "Crossroads 2002," University of Tampere, Finland, June 2002.

"Is the 'global' in 'global environmental crisis' the same as the 'global' in 'globalization'?" Paper presented at the Ford Foundation conference, "Crossing Borders," Yale University, November 1-2, 2002.

"Moral danger in a copy-cat culture: sexuality, modernity, and neoliberal nationalism in Zambia." Paper presented in the session "The Moral Transnational" at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 2002.

Discussant, "Scholar for a Day" – a day-long symposium honoring the work of James Ferguson and Liisa Malkki. University of Pennsylvania, African Studies Center, April, 2003.

"Is the 'global' in 'global environmental crisis' the same as the 'global' in 'globalization'?" Paper presented at the workshop, "Development after Development, New York University, May 15-17, 2003.

"Chrysalis: the limits of neoliberal nationalism in a Zambian on-line magazine," workshop on "Intervention, Local Politics, and the State," Institute of Development Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland, August 2003.

"Globalizing Africa? Observations from an inconvenient continent". Paper presented at the Sophia COE Symposium, "Prospects and Challenges for the World Polity: Global Norms in the Twenty-First Century". Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, December 2003.

Discussant, conference on "The Political and Symbolic Implication of Quantification," Working Group on Anthropology and Population, Brown University, February 2004.

Discussant, workshop on "New Thinking on Post-conflict Statebuilding: A Discussion with Academics and UN Practitioners", sponsored by the Center on International Cooperation,

New York University, December 2004.

Discussant, conference on “The Anthropology of the State, the State of Anthropology,” Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University, April 2005.

Co-organizer, workshop on “Neoliberalism and Democracy: Limits, Alternatives, Possibilities”. April 2005. Stanford University, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology.

“A neoliberal welfare state? Theorizing the Basic Income Grant campaign in South Africa.” Paper presented at the workshop on “Neoliberalism and Democracy: Limits, Alternatives, Possibilities”. Stanford University, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology. April 2005.

“Is Africa modern? Inequality after development.” Paper presented at the panel, “Modernity in Africa,” organized by Peter Geschiere, Birgit Meyer, and Peter Pels. European Association for African Studies, London. July 2005.

“The Charisma of Informality: Thinking about Social Assistance in Neoliberal South Africa.” Paper presented at the conference, “Urban Charisma,” Department of Anthropology, Yale University.

“Governing extraction: New spatializations of order and disorder in neoliberal Africa.” Paper presented at the workshop, “The Politics of Resources and their Temporalities,” School of American Research, October 2005.

Discussant, workshop on “Lively Capital,” Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine. October 2005.

“Formalities of Poverty: Thinking about Social Assistance in Neoliberal South Africa.” Paper presented at the meetings of the African Studies Association, November 2005.

Discussant, conference on “Roads and Walls,” Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz, March 2006.

“Formalities of Poverty: Thinking about Social Assistance in Neoliberal South Africa.” Paper presented at the conference, “States of Welfare,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 2006.

Discussant, workshop on “African Technopolitics, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Ithala, South Africa, July 2006.

“Neoliberalism and the Basic Income Grant.” Paper presented at the Seminar on Social Movements Research, Center for Civil Society, University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal, July 2006.

Discussant, "Global Shadows: Author meets critics", Panel Discussion at the annual meetings of the Association of American Geographers, April 2007.

"Distributive labor and survivalist improvisation: Productionist thinking and the misrecognition of the urban poor". Paper presented at the SANPAD Poverty Challenge Conference, Durban, South Africa, June 2007.

"Cosmologies of welfare: Two conceptions of social assistance in contemporary South Africa". Paper presented at the meeting of the American Anthropological Association, December 2007.

"Toward a left art of government: From 'Foucauldian critique' to Foucaudian politics". Paper presented at the conference, "Foucault across the Disciplines," UC Santa Cruz, March, 2008.

"What Comes after the Social? Toward a new anthropology of distribution". Paper presented at the workshop, "Markets and Moralities," School of Advanced Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 2009.

"What Comes after the Social?" Paper presented at a conference on "Histories of Civil Registration," University of Cambridge, September 2010.

"How to Do Things with Land," Paper presented at a workshop on "Rural Poverty, Land, and Livelihoods in Southern Africa," Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, March 2011.

"Give a Man a Fish: The New Politics of Distribution in Southern Africa," paper presented at a workshop, "Thinking Through Capitalism", Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Stellenbosch, March 2011.

"Theory from the Comaroffs, or How to Know the World Up, Down, Backwards, and Forwards". Presented in the session "Author Meets Critics: Jean and John Comaroff's Theory from the South." Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, November 2011.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy, "development", systems of discourse and knowledge, culture and power, labor migration, poverty and social assistance, theory and politics of ethnography.

AREA INTERESTS

Zambia, Lesotho, South Africa, Namibia

LANGUAGES

English (native), Sesotho (dormant), French (reading only), some knowledge of Lozi, Bemba, Finnish.

COURSES TAUGHT

Political Anthropology
Approaches to the Analysis of Systems of Thought
South Africa
Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
Ethnography of Africa
Social Theory
History of Anthropological Theory
Revolution and Social Change
Economic and Political Anthropology
Anthropology and Cultural Studies
Ethnography and Politics in Southern Africa
The Politics of Ethnography
The Anthropology of Commodities
Structuralism and Post-structuralism
Contemporary Ethnography
Classical Ethnography
Filth and Social Theory
The Anthropology of Cities
Foucault: The Question of Method
The State in Africa
The Anthropology of Neoliberalism
Anthropological Approaches to Rights
The Anthropology of Globalization
Introduction to the Humanities: Encounters and Identities
Anthropology of Development
Method and Evidence in Sociocultural Anthropology
Economic Anthropology

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, Graduate Committee supervising the graduate program in Social Relations, 1987.

Member, School of Social Sciences Student Honors Papers Committee, 1987.

Member, Graduate Committee supervising the graduate program in Social Relations, 1988-89, 1989/90

Member, Honors Program Curriculum Committee, 1988-89. Taught Honors Course, Winter 1990.

Member, University Affirmative Action Committee, 10/89 - 6/90.

Chair, Ad-hoc Committee on the Ph.D. in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, 1992/93.

Chair, Search Committee for Social Anthropology position, Department of Anthropology, 1992/93.

Chair, Anthropology Graduate Committee, 1993/94, 1994/95.

Member, School of Social Sciences Honors Papers Committee, 1995.

Member, International Studies Major Committee, School of Social Sciences, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98.

Member, University Committee for Affirmative Action and Diversity, 1996/97, 1997/98.

Member, Editorial board, University of California Press, 1996 - 2001

Acting Chair, Dept. of Anthropology, Winter 1998.

Member, Anthropology Graduate Committee, 1997/98.

Chair, UCI Dept. of Anthropology, 1999 – 2003.

Director, UCI Critical Theory Institute, 2001 – 2003

Editorial Committee, California International and Area Studies (CIAS) Electronic Publication Program, University of California Press, 2000 – 2003

Member, CASA Graduate Admissions Committee, 2003/04

Member, University Curriculum Committee, 2004/05.

Chair, CASA, 2005 – 2007

Chair, Department of Anthropology, 2007 – present

Member, Appointments & Promotions Committee (Soc. Sci.), 2007 – present

Member, Dept. Chairs Steering Committee, 2007 – 2009

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, SERVICE ON EDITORIAL BOARDS, ETC.

American Anthropological Association (Fellow)

American Ethnological Society

African Studies Association

Association for Political and Legal Anthropology

Association for Africanist Anthropology

Oxford Development Studies International Advisory Board

Progress in Development Studies Advisory Board

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute Editorial Board

Cultural Anthropology Editorial Board

Editorial Committee, California International and Area Studies (CIAS) Electronic
Publications Program, University of California Press

African Development Editorial Board

Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Editorial Board

Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding, International Advisory Board

Social Dynamics, International Advisory Board

Critical African Studies, Editorial Board

Humanity, Editorial Board

Journal of Modern African Studies, Editorial Board

School of Advanced Research, Santa Fe, Board of Managers