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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA
Dissertation Title: "From Blood to Fruit: Crypto-nationalism and Reformations of the Ancestral Burden in the Akha World of Mainland Southeast Asia and Southwest China".
Dissertation Advisor: Katherine A. Bowie, Ph.D.
- 2003 M.A., Ecological Anthropology
University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI, USA
Conducted research on Buddhist ecologies in Thailand under the direction of Leslie E. Sponsel, Ph.D.
- 2000 B.S., Biology with a minor in Cultural Ecology
Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA, USA

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2020-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, USA
- 2019-present Faculty Associate in Research, Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA

RESEARCH AND TEACHING SPECIALITIES

Broadly speaking, my scholarship focuses on transnationalism, state-minority relations, social movements, religious and spiritual ecologies, religion and politics, ethnicity and nationalism, and the global indigenous peoples' movement. In my work, I highlight the multiple and shifting discursive forms and meanings of the categories of ethnicity, religion, and indigeneity as they travel and encounter diverse interlocutors. In terms of geography, my work focuses on Mainland Southeast Asia and its overlapping borderlands with southwest China. My work further examines various dimensions of the impacts of China's rise on Southeast Asia. As an educator, I have taught introductory and advanced undergraduate courses in anthropology (general, cultural, ecological, and medical), Asian studies, religious studies, environmental studies, gender and women's studies, and peace and global studies.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 "Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Shifting State-Society Relations and Emerging Resource Frontiers in China's Southwest Borderlands," *Asian Ethnology* 79 (2): 333-355 (co-authored with Jianhua Wang [Aryoeq Nyawrbyeivq]). (<https://asianethnology.org/articles/2301>)
- 2019 "From Hill Tribes to Indigenous Peoples: The Localization of a Global Movement in Thailand," *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 50 (1): 7-31 (co-authored with Ian G. Baird). (<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022463419000031>)
- 2017 "Reframing the Boundaries of Indigeneity: State-based ontologies and assertions of distinction and compatibility in Thailand," *American Anthropologist* 119 (4): 684-696. (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/aman.12948/full>)
- 2017 "The Rising Politics of Indigeneity in Southeast Asia," *Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Trends* 14/2017. (https://www.iseas.edu.sg/images/pdf/TRS14_17.pdf)
- 2017 "Indigenous Peoples' shifting engagements with the Thai State," *International Institute of Asian Studies Newsletter* 78, Autumn 2017: 17. (<https://iias.asia/the-newsletter/article/indigenous-peoples-shifting-engagements-thai-state>)
- 2017 "Indigenous peoples work to raise their status in a reforming Myanmar," *Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Perspective* 33, 22 May 2017. (https://www.iseas.edu.sg/images/pdf/ISEAS_Perspective_2017_33.pdf)
- 2016 "The Indigenous peoples' movement in Thailand expands," *Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Perspective* 68, 16 December 2016. (https://www.iseas.edu.sg/images/pdf/ISEAS_Perspective_2016_68.pdf)
- 2016 "Decolonizing Methods: Akha Articulations of Indigeneity in the Upper Mekong Region," *Asian Ethnicity* 17 (4): 580-595. (co-authored with Jianhua Wang [Aryoeq Nyawrbyeivq] and Haiying Li [Miqsawr Pyawqanr]; <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14631369.2016.1150775>)
- 2015 " 'All Akha are Hani, but not all Hani are Akha': State-minority articulations of the 'nation' in the Sino-Southeast Asian borderlands," *Chinese Southern Diaspora Studies* 7: 37-57. (https://ch-old.anu.edu.au/publications/csds/csds2014/csds2014_06.pdf)
- 2013 " 'If you come often, we are like relatives; if you come rarely, we are like strangers': Reformations of Akhanness in the Upper Mekong Region," *ASEAS – Austrian Journal of South-East Asian Studies* 6 (1): 29-59. (<https://doi.org/10.14764/10.ASEAS-6.1-3>)

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- 2012 “*Aqkaq Tseir Kaq Ti Kaq Ma - Ten Akha Are United as One?*” Center for Global Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison ([essay](#) and [short-film production](#))
- 2010 “Negotiating the Changing Space of ‘Zomia’: A Preliminary Discussion on the Role of Language in Akha Identitarian Politics,” *Rian Thai: International Journal of Thai Studies* 3: 97-133. (<http://www.rianthaijournal.org/book/rian-thai-volume-3-2010/>)
- 2009 “Talk to the people on the streets, NOT the people in the suites’: Reflections on Collaborations with ‘Mr. Black’,” *Collaborative Anthropologies* 2: 147-176. (co-authored with E.L. Thomas-Smith [A.K.A. “Mr. Black”]; <https://doi.org/10.1353/cla.0.0029>)
- 2007 “A Conversation with an SP Volunteer,” *StreetPulse: Homeless Cooperative Newspaper*, March: 8. (co-authored with E.L. Thomas-Smith).
- 2007 “Step 4. Collect audience information relevant to the environmental practice and specific behaviors.” In *Changing Public Behavior: Increasing Citizen Involvement Using Target Audience Information*. National Extension Water Outreach Education, Division of Cooperative Extension of the University of Wisconsin-Extension. (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wateroutreach/changing-public-behavior/self-study-module/619-2/>)

Book Reviews

2018. Invited Review of Michelle Zack. 2017. *The Lisu: Far from the ruler*. Louisville, CO: University Press of Colorado. In *Anthropology Book Forum*, American Anthropological Association. (<http://www.anthropology-news.org/?book-review=no-longer-far-from-the-ruler-a-then-and-now-portrayal-of-the-indigenous-lisu-of-mainland-southeast-asia-and-southwest-china>)

Articles Under Review

From Legibility to Resurgence: Indigenous Governmentality from Below in Thailand, *Anthropological Quarterly*

"Unity through hegemony:" The double bind of claims to Indigeneity in a reforming Myanmar, *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*

Book Manuscripts in Preparation

Born-Again Pagans: Ancestral Resurgences in the Sino-Southeast Asian Borderlands

Articles in Preparation

Crypto-Nationalism: Contemporary Identity Politics Betwixt and Between the Nation and State

Alter-Indigeneities: Of the wai and the handshake

Being Akha, Becoming Modern: Transregional religious networks and the making of divergent Akha Worlds in the Upper Mekong Region

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Post-Doctoral Fellowships

- 2016 Visiting Fellowship, Thailand and Myanmar Studies Programs
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore
- 2015 John D. Montgomery Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Theme: Indigenous Development, Pacific Basin Research Center,
Soka University of America (Declined Award)

National Grants and Fellowships (USA)

- 2013 - 2014 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
- 2011 - 2012 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
The Wenner-Gren Foundation
- 2010 - 2011 Fulbright Institute of International Education Fellowship
Thailand, U.S. State Department

Awards from the State University of New York at Oswego

- 2019 Faculty Scholarly and Creative Grant for project on “New and
Emerging Global Indigenous Solidarities,” December 3.
- 2019 Outstanding Professorship Award, SUNY-Oswego Resident Hall
Association, April 25.

Awards from Le Moyne College

- 2015-2016 Core Course Development Funds for the spring 2016
interdisciplinary anthropological and religious studies course
Anthropology/Peace and Global Studies 325 Religious and
Cultural Ecologies; Le Moyne Core Committee

Grants and Fellowships from the University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2014 Vilas Conference Presentation Grant
Graduate Student Collaborative
- 2014 Graduate Student International Travel Grant
Division of International Studies
- 2013 Vilas Conference Presentation Grant
Graduate Student Collaborative
- 2013 - 2014 Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellow
Institute for Research in the Humanities
- 2013 - 2014 Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship
Institute for Research in the Humanities (Declined Award)
- 2013 - 2014 Center Fellowship
Center for Southeast Asian Studies (Declined Award)
- 2013 Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Fellowship, Graduate School
- 2012 - 2013 Award for Academic Meetings and Research Expenses
Anthropology Department
- 2012 Vilas Research Travel Award, Graduate Student Collaborative
- 2009 Scott Kloeck-Jenson Travel Grant, Center for Global Studies
- 2009 Field Research Award, Center for Southeast Asian Studies

Other Grants

- 2017 Grant to participate in the Asian Studies Summer Institute on
“Trans Asian Indigeneity,” The Pennsylvania State University,
State College, PA, USA, June 18-24, 2017.
- 2017 10th International Convention of Asian Scholars Conference Grant,
International Institute of Asian Studies
- 2009 The Empowering Network for International Thai Studies
Scholarship, Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn
University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Language Training Fellowships and Awards

- 2009 Nominated for the Usha Mahajani Memorial Award for
outstanding graduate student at the Southeast Asian Studies Summer
Institute for achievement in Burmese language study.

Language Training Fellowships and Awards (continued)

- 2009 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Burmese Myanmar, U.S. Department of Education
- 2008 - 2009 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Thai Thailand, U.S. Department of Education
- 2007 - 2008 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Thai Thailand, U.S. Department of Education
- 2003 Grant for the Advanced Study of Thai Language, Consortium for the Advanced Study of Thai and U.S. Department of Education
- 2002 - 2003 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Thai Thailand, U.S. Department of Education
- 2001 - 2002 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Thai Thailand, U.S. Department of Education

Other Honors and Awards

- 2003 Distinguished Service Award
East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2001-2003 Graduate Student Affiliate
East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i

PRIOR TEACHING AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018-2020 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, The State University of New York at Oswego, Oswego, NY, USA
- 2017- 2018 Associate Researcher, Trans-Himalayan Cultural and Ecological Diversity Project, Center for Trans-Himalayan Studies, Yunnan Nationalities University, Kunming, China, September 2017 – August 2018.
- 2017 - 2018 Associate Fellow, Thailand and Myanmar Studies Programs Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, September 2017 - August 2018.
- 2016 – 2017 Visiting Fellow, Thailand and Myanmar Studies Programs Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, September 2016 - August 2017.

PRIOR TEACHING AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS (continued)

- 2015 - 2016 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Criminology, and Sociology, Le Moyne College, August 2015 – June 2016.
- 2014 - 2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 2014 - May 2015.
- 2012 - 2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 2012 – May 2013.
- 2006 - 2008 Project Assistant for project to develop social science methods for environmental outreach work, Environmental Resources Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 2006 - May 2008.
- 2005 - 2006 Academic Director and Instructor, Thai and Southeast Asian Studies Certificate Program, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 2005 - July 2006.
- 2004 - 2005 Program Coordinator and Instructor, Thai and Southeast Asian Studies Certificate Program, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 2004 - July 2005.
- 2004 - 2006 In-Country Service Learning Instructor and Advisor, International Partnership for Service Learning (IPSL), Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 2004 - 2006 In-Country Independent Study Instructor and Advisor, LEXIA International, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Spring 2021 Anthropology 220 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Fall 2020 Southeast Asian Studies 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World
- Spring 2020 Anthropology 301 Anthropological Theory, Part II; Anthropology 368 Death and Dying: A Cross-Cultural Perspective; Anthropology 452 Religion and Magic
- Fall 2019 Anthropology 112 Cultural Anthropology; Anthropology 210 History of Ethnological Theory; Anthropology/Gender and Women's Studies 300 Sex and Gender Across Cultures

COURSES TAUGHT (continued)

Spring 2019	Anthropology 112 Cultural Anthropology; Anthropology 301 Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia; Anthropology 452 Religion and Magic
Fall 2018	Anthropology 112 Cultural Anthropology; Anthropology 355 Medical Anthropology; Anthropology 368 Death and Dying in Cross-Cultural Perspective
Spring 2016	Anthropology/Gender and Women's Studies/Peace and Global Studies 213 People and Cultures of Southeast Asia; Anthropology/Peace and Global Studies 325 Religious and Cultural Ecologies
Fall 2015	Anthropology/Peace and Global Studies 101 Introduction to Anthropology; Anthropology/ Sociology 303 Social Theory in Anthropology and Sociology
2014 - 2015	Anthropology 104 Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity (Head Teaching Assistant, Fall 2014)
2012 - 2013	Anthropology 100 General Anthropology, and Anthropology 314 Indians of North America (Teaching Assistant)
2005 - 2006	Sociology/Anthropology 236 Cultural Foundations of Thai Society; Sociology/Anthropology 350 Service Learning; Sociology/Anthropology 370 Research Methods Seminar; Independent Study 390 Ethnographic Research Project
2004 - 2005	Sociology/Anthropology 360 Sustainable Development and Ethnic Minorities in Mainland Southeast Asia; Sociology/Anthropology 350 Service Learning; Sociology/Anthropology 370 Research Methods Seminar; Independent Study 390 Ethnographic Research Project

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2017-Present	Ph.D. and M.A. Thesis External Examiner, The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
2015-2016	Anthropology Club Faculty Moderator, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY, USA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021-Present “Course on Effective Teaching Practices,” Northern Illinois University Association of College and University Educators, January 6 - Present.
- 2019 “Summer Educator Training on Exploring the Haudenosaunee Environment,” Skä•noñh – Great Law of Peace Center, Liverpool, NY, USA, August 3.
- 2015 “Workshop on Identifying Communities of Practice,” University of Wisconsin Teaching Academy Winter Retreat, January 16.
- 2013 “The College Classroom,” Graduate seminar-practicum on the basics of learning theory and effective teaching methods for college education, University of Wisconsin’s DELTA Program in Research, Teaching and Learning, Fall 2013.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- November - December 2010 Project consultant, “Promoting human rights for highland minorities through citizenship and birth registration.” The Inter-Mountain Peoples’ Education and Culture in Thailand Association (IMPECT) and UNESCO, Thailand.
- October 2009 Volunteer surveyor on survey into citizenship status of upland minorities in North Thailand. IMPECT and UNESCO.
- May - August 2008 English language instructor for (im)migrants from Myanmar/Burma. Migrant Learning Center, Chiangmai, Thailand.
- January - June 2004 Full-time Substitute Teacher, Cedarbrook Middle School, Cheltenham Township School District, Wyncote, PA.
- January - June 2004 Part-time English as a Foreign Language Teacher, Asian Social Services Center, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Philadelphia, PA.
- August - November 2003 English language instructor for resident monks, nuns and novices at Wat Ram Poeng Buddhist Monastery, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2018 Cited in Ellen Airhart. 2018. "How Wikipedia Portrayed Humanity in a Single Photo," *Wired* March 10. (<https://www.wired.com/story/how-wikipedia-portrayed-humanity-in-a-single-photo/>)

FIELDWORK

Dec. 2018-Jan. 2019	Southwest China and North Thailand
Sept. 2017-August 2018	Southwest China and North Thailand
June-July 2017	North Thailand
March 2017	Yangon and Hpa-an, Myanmar/Burma
December 2016	Southwest China
September-October 2016	North Thailand
July-August 2014	Thailand, Northwest Laos and Southwest China
May-June 2013	North Thailand, and Southwest China
November 2012	Southwest China
Oct. 2009-June 2012	North Thailand, East Myanmar/Burma, Northwest Laos, and Southwest China
May - August 2008	North Thailand and East Myanmar/Burma
May - August 2007	North Thailand

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**Professional Associations**

- American Anthropological Association
- Association of Asian Studies
- American Ethnological Society
- Society for the Anthropology of Religion

Reviewer

Journal Articles: Asia Europe Journal
 Austrian Journal of Southeast Asian Studies
 Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia
 TRaNS: Trans-Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia
 Journal of Lao Studies
 Journal of Vietnamese Studies

Book Reviews: Anthropology Book Forum, American Anthropological Association

Grant Proposals: National Science Foundation

LANGUAGES

- English (*Fluency in speaking, reading, and writing*)
- Thai (*Excellent speaking, reading, and writing*)
- Akha (*Advanced speaking, reading and writing*)
- Burmese (*Intermediate level speaking, reading, and writing*)
- Chinese (*Intermediate level speaking, reading, and writing*)

PROFESSIONAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS**Conferences and Workshops Organized**

- 2020 *(with Kanjana Thepboriruk)* Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, USA, November 13-15 (held virtually).
- 2015 *(with Ian G. Baird and Peter Swift)* “Workshop on Indigeneity in Southeast Asia,” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA, March 20-21.

Conference Panels Organized

- 2020 “Re-Centering ‘Thai-ness’ and Thai Studies: Perspectives from the ‘Others Within,’ ” Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, USA, Nov. 14.
- 2017 *(with Prasit Leepreecha)* “Shifting Ethnoscapes and the Politics of Indigeneity in Contemporary Thailand,” 13th International Conference on Thai Studies, Chiangmai, Thailand, July 15.
- 2015 *(with Neal Keating and Noah Theriault)* “Speculative Anthropologies on the Futures of Indigeneity in Asia and Beyond,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO, USA, November 22.
- 2015 *(with Ian G. Baird and Peter Swift)* “Engaging with the Concept of Indigeneity in Southeast Asia,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA, March 28.
- 2014 “Multiple and shifting Akha engagements with modernity amidst a transforming Upper Mekong Region,” Inaugural Association of Asian Studies in Asia Conference, National University of Singapore, Singapore, July 17.

Conference Paper Presentations

- 2020 “Alter-Indigeneities: Of the wai and the handshake,” as part of the panel, “Re-Centering ‘Thai-ness’ and Thai Studies: Perspectives from the ‘Others Within,’ ” (Organized by Micah F. Morton). Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, USA, Nov. 14.
- 2017 “Being Akha, Becoming Modern: Transregional religious networks and the making of divergent Akha Worlds in the Upper Mekong Region,” International Convention of Asian Scholars, Chiangmai, Thailand, July 22.

Conference Paper Presentations (continued)

- 2017 “Reframing the Boundaries of Indigenism: State-Based Ontologies and Assertions of Distinction and Compatibility in Thailand’s Indigenous Peoples Movement,” as part of the panel, “Shifting Ethnoscapes and the Politics of Indigeneity in Contemporary Thailand,” (Organized by Prasit Leepreecha and Micah F. Morton). 13th International Conference on Thai Studies, Chiangmai, Thailand, July 25.
- 2017 “Indigeneity in Myanmar: Refusals, Resemblances, Risks, and Uptake,” Asian Studies Summer Institute on “Trans-Asian Indigeneity,” The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, USA, June 18-24, 2017.
- 2015 “Reframing the temporal and spatial boundaries of indigenism: Mobile indigeneities and state-based ontologies in the Upper Mekong Region,” as part of the panel, “Speculative Anthropologies on the Futures of Indigeneity in Asia and Beyond,” (Organized by Micah F. Morton, Noah Theriault and Keal Keating). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, USA, November 22.
- 2015 “Ethnic Concentrations: Crypto-nationalism in the Akha World of the Sino-Southeast Asian borderlands,” Burma/Myanmar Research Forum, Cornell University Southeast Asia Program, Ithaca, NY, USA, October 3.
- 2015 “Indigenous Assertions of Distinction *and* Compatibility: ‘Hill Tribes’, civil society, the state, and hyper-royalists in Thailand,” for the panel “Engaging with the Concept of Indigeneity in Southeast Asia,” (Organized by Ian G. Baird, Micah F. Morton and Peter Swift), Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA, March 28.
- 2015 (*with Aoye Jianhua Wang*) “Decolonizing Methods: Akha Articulations of Indigeneity in the Upper Mekong Region,” Workshop on Indigeneity in Southeast Asia, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, March 21.
- 2014 “Indigenous Modernities: Akha inventions of religion in the Sino-Southeast Asian Borderlands,” as part of the panel, “Sacralizing the Secular: The Re-Enchantment of Everyday Life,” (Organized by E. Marshall Brooks), American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., USA, December 5.
- 2014 “Indigenous Assertions of Distinction *and* Compatibility: ‘Hill Tribes’, civil society, the state, and hyper-royalists in Thailand,” The Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, Oct. 18.

Conference Paper Presentations (continued)

- 2014 “Forging Traditional Modernities: Akha ancestral burdens and the scaling-up of Akhaness in the Upper Mekong Region,” as part of the panel, “Multiple and shifting Akha engagements with modernity amidst a transforming Upper Mekong Region”, (Organized by Micah F. Morton), Inaugural Association of Asian Studies in Asia Conference, National University of Singapore, Singapore, July 17.
- 2014 “The Chinese Connection: Multiple and shifting rearticulations of homeland among Akha (and Hani) in the Upper Mekong Region,” Invited paper for the “Conference on Non-Han Chinese diasporic communities beyond China”, The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, April 5.
- 2014 “From ‘Hill Tribes’ to ‘Indigenous Peoples’: A genealogy of a global movement’s localization in Thailand,” for the panel “The expansion of the notion of indigenous identity in Southeast Asia” (Thailand-Laos-Cambodia [TLC] sponsored panel, organized by Ian G. Baird), Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA, March 29.
- 2013 “ ‘Don’t speak badly of us!’: Collaborative and contentious engagements with competing Akha religiosities in the Upper Mekong Region,” for the panel “Engagements and Entanglements: Reflexive Ethnography with the Religious Other” (Volunteer Session, Organized by Derrick Lemons and Katharine Wiegele, Reviewed by the Society for the Anthropology of Religion), American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA, November 22.
- 2013 “Resignifying the Nation in terms of diversity?: Indigeneity, multiculturalism and the politics of difference in North Thailand,” Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, USA, Oct. 19.
- 2013 “ ‘Jesus is no ancestor of mine!’: Religious politics and conflicting notions of authenticity among Akha in the Upper Mekong Region,” presented on the panel, “Changing Landscapes of Conflict and Control,” American Ethnological Society and Association for Political and Legal Anthropology Joint Spring Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA, April 13.
- 2013 “From strangers to relatives: Shifting notions of belonging among Akha and Hani in Mainland Southeast Asia and Southwest China,” Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, April 6.

Conference Paper Presentations (continued)

- 2012 “*Aqkaq ghanr sanr khovq lavsav-e*: A brief history of recent efforts by some Hani/Akha in the Upper Mekong Region to preserve, modernize, and continue carrying ‘the Ways of the Ancestors’,” The 7th International Conference on Hani/Akha Culture, Yuanjiang, Yunnan, China, Nov. 26.
- 2011 “ ‘Mida’: Akha Engagements With Popular Thai Culture; Reflections on the varied meanings of Akha exertions of ‘cultural citizenship’,” presented on the panel, “Cultural Representations and Cultural Rights in the Making” (Organized by Amporn Jirattikorn), The 11th International Conference on Thai Studies, Bangkok, Thailand, July 28.
- 2011 “Akha Negotiations of the Changing Space of ‘Zomia’,” 2011 Mid-Year Enrichment Conference for US Fulbrighters in Southeast Asia, Bangkok, Thailand, March 17.
- 2010 “Negotiating the Changing Space of ‘Zomia’: Aqkaq Tseir Kaq Tiq Kaq Ma or Ten Akha are the Same as One,” Asian Borderlands: Enclosure, Interaction and Transformation, 2nd International Conference of the Asian Research Borderlands Network, Chiang Mai, Thailand, November 6.
- 2007 “Talk to the people in the streets, not the people in the suites: Reflections on Collaborations with ‘Mr. Black’,” presented on the panel “Service Learning and Action Anthropology: Going Public” (Organized by Larry Nesper), Central States Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, USA, April 13.
- 2006 “The Ritual of Revolving Candles at Ram Poeng Monastery, Chiangmai, Thailand,” The Midwest Council on Asian Affairs Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, USA, October 21.

Invited Presentations and Guest Lectures

- 2020 Guest speaker on “Global Indigeneities” in Dr. Mark Schuller’s undergraduate seminar on Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems (ANTH 329), Department of Anthropology, Northern Illinois University, November 25.
- 2020 Discussant for Virtual Town Hall on “Decolonize Your Mind: Actively Working Toward Decolonization,” The Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Northern Illinois University, November 12.
- 2019 “Becoming Indigenous: Governmentality from below in Thailand’s Indigenous Peoples’ Movement”, Department of Anthropology, Northern Illinois University, February 24.

Invited Presentations and Guest Lectures (continued)

- 2019 “What’s in a language?: Competing conversions to modernity among ethnic Akha in the Sino-Southeast Asian borderlands,” Anthropology 344 Language and Culture, Dr. Jing Lei, Department of Anthropology, The State University of New York at Oswego, April 18.
- 2018 “From Ethnic Minorities to Indigenous Peoples: Varied localizations of a global movement in Asia,” Department of Ethnology, National Chengchi University, Taipei City, Taiwan, November 20.
- 2018 "Human Freedom?: Revisiting social science debates over agency and structure," University Scholars Programme, National University of Singapore, Singapore, August 16.
- 2018 "From Ethnic Minorities to Indigenous Peoples: Varied localizations of a global movement in Asia," School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, Singapore, April 10.
- 2017 “Rising Religious and Ethnic Politics in the Upper Mekong Region,” Thailand Studies Program Seminar, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, August 7.
- 2017 “From Subjects to Citizens: Governmentality from below in Thailand’s Indigenous peoples’ movement,” Department of Sociology Seminar Series, National University of Singapore, Singapore, February 2.
- 2016 “Beyond the ‘Salt-Water Theory:’ Varied Articulations of Indigeneity in Asia,” Yunnan Provincial Institute for Ethnic Studies, Yunnan Minzu University, Kunming, China, December 20.
- 2016 “ ‘If you come often, we are like relatives; If you come rarely, we are like strangers:’ Framing Akha World making practices in the Upper Mekong Region,” DS 166789 Ethnic Minorities and Identity Politics, Dr. Prasit Leepreecha, Department of Social Science and Development, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, September 30.
- 2016 “Reframing the boundaries of indigenism: Akha mobile indigeneities in the Upper Mekong Region,” Marjorie Helen Stewart Speaker Series, Department of Anthropology, The College at Brockport: State University of New York, Brockport, NY, USA, April 14.
- 2015 “Precarious pasts, presents and futures?: Indigenous peoples and climate change,” Core 400B/REL 420 The Future of Being Human, Dr. Jennifer Glancy, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY, USA, November 30.

Invited Presentations and Guest Lectures (continued)

- 2015 “From Blood to Fruit: Crypto-nationalist reformations of the Ancestral burden in the Akha World of Southeast Asia and Southwest China,” Social Science Seminar Series, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY, USA, Oct. 27.
- 2015 “The Rohingya Refugee Crisis in Southeast Asia,” presented as part of a roundtable discussion, “Campus Conversations: Build a bigger wall? Displaced people and first-world problems. A conversation on migrants and migration from Asia to Europe to the Americas,” Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY, USA, October 7.
- 2015 “Pushing the Boundaries of Indigeneity: Local articulations of a global movement in Thailand,” Department of Anthropology, Criminology, and Sociology, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY, USA, April 20.
- 2015 “Lives and Afterlives: The Future of Asian Studies,” Roundtable Discussion, The Third Annual Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, March 13.
- 2015 “The Akha World(s) of the Upper Mekong Region,” Anthropology 330 Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia, Dr. Katherine Bowie, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, March 6.
- 2014 “Enchanted Modernities: Akha inventions of religion in Upper Mainland Southeast Asia and Southwest China,” Institute for Research in the Humanities Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, April 14.
- 2013 “From Blood to Fruit: Akha ancestral burdens and the pursuit of a modern authenticity in Mainland Southeast Asia and Southwest China,” Center for Southeast Asian Studies Friday Forum, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, September 20.
- 2013 “ ‘Jesus is no ancestor of mine!’: Religious politics and conflicting notions of authenticity among Akha in Mainland Southeast Asia and Southwest China,” Neil Whitehead Colloquium Series, Anthropology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, April 5.
- 2012 “ ‘Ten Akha are United as One?’: Akha Religious and Ethnic Transformations in the Upper Mekong Region,” Anthropology 300 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Ethnography, Dr. Frank Salomon, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, October 8.

Invited Presentations and Guest Lectures (continued)

- 2011 “Negotiating the Changing Space of 'Zomia': *Aqkaq Tseir Kaq Tiq Kaq Ma?* or Ten Akha are the Same as One?,” International Forum: Ethnic Groups in the Borderlands of the Thai-Yunnan Region, Center of Research and Academic Services, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, September 26.
- 2011 “ ‘Mida’: Akha Engagements With Popular Thai Culture,” co-presenter with Panadda Boonyasaranai, Seminar on Cultural Citizenship in the Making, Center for Ethic Studies and Development, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 22.
- 2010 “*Aqkaq Tseir Kaq Tiq Kaq Ma*: ‘Ten Akha are the Same as One’,” Burma Talk Series, Center of Research and Academic Services, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, June 25.
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