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# EDUCATION

* 2015 Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
* 2003 M.A., Ecological Anthropology, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI
* 2000 B.S., Biology with a minor in Cultural Ecology, Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA

# CURRENT POSITIONS

* Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL (2020-Present)
* Faculty Associate, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL (2020-Present)
* Chair, Thai Studies Committee, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL (2022-Present)

# BOOK PUBLICATIONS

* 2025. *Enchanted Modernities: Ancestral Vitalizations in the Upper Mekong*. Madison, WI: [University of Wisconsin Press](https://uwpress.wisc.edu/Books/E/Enchanted-Modernities).

# JOURNAL AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

* 2025. “From blood to fruit: Transcosmogenerational modernities in Akha Worlds of the Upper Mekong,” [*Anthropology and Humanism*](https://doi.org/10.1111/anhu.12523)50(1):1-15.
* 2023. “Stoking the flames of ethnic politics?: Translating Indigeneity into post/neo-colonial Myanmar/Burma,” [*Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia*](https://www.jstor.org/stable/27266432) 38(3):321-350.
* 2023. “The Buffalo Skin Written Word: The cultural politics of orality and the written word in mainland Southeast Asia,” [*South East Asia Research*](https://doi.org/10.1080/0967828X.2023.2193705)31(1):1-18.
* 2023. “Multiculturalism from below: Indigeneity and the struggle for recognition in Thailand,” [*Journal of Anthropological Research*](https://doi.org/10.1086/723074) 79(1):3-30*.*
* 2022. “Crypto-Nationalism in the Akha World of the Upper Mekong Region w/Micah Morton,” [*Southeast Asia Crossroads Podcast*](https://soundcloud.com/seacrossroads/reframing-the-borders-of-belonging-crypto-nationalism-in-the-akha-world-of-the-upper-mekong-region), Northern Illinois University Center for Southeast Asian Studies, February 20. (with Eric Jones).

# JOURNAL AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS (continued)

* 2020. "Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Shifting State-Society Relations and Emerging Resource Frontiers in China's Southwest Borderlands," [*Asian Ethnology*](https://asianethnology.org/articles/2301)79(2):333-355 (with Jianhua Wang [Aryoeq Nyawrbyeivq]).
* 2019. “From Hill Tribes to Indigenous Peoples: The Localization of a Global Movement in Thailand,” [*Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022463419000031) 50(1):7-31 (with Ian G. Baird).
* 2017. “Reframing the Boundaries of Indigeneity: State-based ontologies and assertions of distinction and compatibility in Thailand,” [*American Anthropologist*](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/aman.12948/full) 119(4):684-696*.*
* 2017. “The Rising Politics of Indigeneity in Southeast Asia,” [*Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Trends*](https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/rising-politics-of-indigeneity-in-southeast-asia/5572F4E334CAF5FADB76BB52766A9289) 14/2017 (full [PDF](https://www.iseas.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/TRS14_17.pdf)).
* 2017. “Indigenous Peoples’ shifting engagements with the Thai State,” [*International Institute of Asian Studies Newsletter*](https://www.iias.asia/the-newsletter/article/indigenous-peoples-shifting-engagements-thai-state)78, Autumn 2017:17.
* 2017. “Indigenous peoples work to raise their status in a reforming Myanmar,” [*Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Perspective*](https://www.iseas.edu.sg/articles-commentaries/iseas-perspective/201733-indigenous-peoples-work-to-raise-their-status-in-a-reforming-myanmar/)33, 22 May 2017.
* 2016. “The Indigenous peoples’ movement in Thailand expands,” [*Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Perspective*](https://www.iseas.edu.sg/articles-commentaries/iseas-perspective/201668-the-indigenous-peoples-movement-in-thailand-expands/) 68, 16 December 2016.
* 2016. “Decolonizing Methods: Akha Articulations of Indigeneity in the Upper Mekong Region,” [*Asian Ethnicity*](http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14631369.2016.1150775) 17(4):580-595. (with Jianhua Wang [Aryoeq Nyawrbyeivq] and Haiying Li [Miqsawr Pyawqganr]).
* 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*](https://www.academia.edu/36848084/_All_Akha_are_Hani_but_not_all_Hani_are_Akha_State_minority_articulations_of_the_nation_in_the_Sino_Southeast_Asian_borderlands) 7:37-57.
* 2013. “ ‘If you come often, we are like relatives; if you come rarely, we are like strangers’: Reformations of Akhaness in the Upper Mekong Region,” [*ASEAS - Advances in Southeast Asian Studies*](https://aseas.univie.ac.at/index.php/aseas/article/view/2565) *(*formerly *ASEAS - Austrian Journal of South-East Asian Studies*) 6(1):29-59.
* 2012. “*Aqkaq Tseir Kaq Ti Kaq Ma* - Ten Akha Are United as One?” Center for Global Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison ([essay](https://www.academia.edu/36848396/_Aqkaq_Tseir_Kaq_Ti_Kaq_Ma_Ten_Akha_Are_United_as_One_) and [short-film production](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABzSNTm62hA))
* 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*](https://www.academia.edu/36848521/Negotiating_the_Changing_Space_of_Zomia_A_Preliminary_Discussion_on_the_Role_of_Language_in_Akha_Identitarian_Politics) 3:97-133.
* 2009. “Talk to the people on the streets, NOT the people in the suites’: Reflections on Collaborations with ‘Mr. Black’,” [*Collaborative Anthropologies*](https://doi.org/10.1353/cla.0.0029) 2:147-176. (with E.L. Thomas-Smith [a.k.a. “Mr. Black”])
* 2007. “A Conversation with an SP Volunteer,” *StreetPulse: Homeless Cooperative Newspaper*, March: 8. (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*](http://fyi.uwex.edu/wateroutreach/changing-public-behavior/self-study-module/619-2/)*.* National Extension Water Outreach Education, Division of Cooperative Extension of the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

### Book Reviews

* 2022. Invited Review of Mayfair Yang. 2020. *Re-enchanting Modernity: Ritual Economy and Society in Wenzhou, China*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. In [*Anthropos*](https://doi.org/10.5771/0257-9774-2022-2-598)117(2):598-599.
* 2018. “ ‘No Longer Far from the Ruler:’ A ‘Then and Now’ Portrayal of the Indigenous Lisu of Mainland Southeast Asia and Southwest China.” Invited Review of Michelle Zack. 2017. *The Lisu: Far from the ruler*. Louisville, CO: University Press of Colorado. In [*Anthropology Book Forum*](https://journals.sfu.ca/abf/index.php/abf/article/view/127)(American Anthropological Association), 4(1):1-3.

### Articles Under Revision

* “We are who we eat with”: Transcosmogenerational commensality in Akha Ancestral Worlds of the Upper Mekong, *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art and Belief*

# AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### Post-Doctoral Fellowships

* 2016. Visiting Fellowship, Thailand and Myanmar Studies Programs

Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), 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 Institute for Citizens & Scholars (formerly known as 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

### Grants and Awards from Northern Illinois University

* 2025. Faculty Research in Thailand Grant, Thai Studies Endowment, CSEAS, Spring 2025 ($3,000)
* 2025. National Resource Center (NRC) Research Travel Fund, CSEAS, Spring 2025 ($1,000)
* 2024. Faculty Research in Thailand Grant, Thai Studies Endowment, CSEAS, Spring 2024 ($3,000)
* 2024. National Resource Center (NRC) Conference Travel Fund, CSEAS, Spring 2024 ($808)
* 2023. Outstanding Professor Award, Department of Anthropology, AY 2022-2023

### Grants and 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

### Grants and Awards from Le Moyne College

* 2015-2016. Core Course Development Funds for Spring 2016 interdisciplinary anthropology 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

* 2026. Grant from the Association for Asian Studies affiliated Thai-Lao-Cambodian (TLC) Studies Group for the panel “Bring it Back, Move it Forward: Ancestral modernities across Southeast Asia,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 12-15 ($500).
* 2025. Association for Asian Studies (AAS) First Book Subvention Program Grant ($2,000) for publication of *Enchanted Modernities: Ancestral Vitalizations in the Upper Mekong* (2025, University of Wisconsin Press).
* 2024. Grant from the Association for Asian Studies affiliated Thai-Lao-Cambodian (TLC) Studies Group for the panel “Land, Crops, and New and Emergent Indigeneities in Southeast Asian Borderlands,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 14 ($500).
* 2023. Grant from the Asia Foundation to host the Council on Thai Studies (COTS) Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, NIU, Oct. 20-22 ($5,000)
* 2017. Grant to participate in the Asian Studies Summer Institute on “Trans-Asian Indigeneity,” The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, June 18-24
* 2017. 10th International Convention of Asian Scholars Conference Travel Grant, International Institute of Asian Studies, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 22.
* 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, CSEAS, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

* 2009. Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Burmese, Myanmar, U.S. Department of Education, CSEAS, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
* 2008-2009. Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Thai, Thailand, U.S. Department of Education, CSEAS, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
* 2007-2008. Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Thai, Thailand, U.S. Department

of Education, CSEAS, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

* 2003. Grant for the Advanced Study of Thai Language, Consortium for the Advanced Study of Thai and U.S. Department of Education, Hosted by Chiang Mai University, Thailand.
* 2002-2003. Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Thai, Thailand, U.S. Department of Education, CSEAS, University of Hawai’i at Manoa.
* 2001-2002. Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Thai, Thailand, U.S. Department of Education, CSEAS, University of Hawai’i at Manoa.

### Other Honors and Awards

* 2003. Distinguished Service Award, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI
* 2001-2003. Graduate Student Affiliate, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI

# PRIOR TEACHING AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

* 2018-2020. Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology**,** The State University of New York at Oswego, Oswego, NY
* 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
* 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

# GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING ROLES

### M.A. Thesis Director (Internal to NIU)

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| **Semester/ Year** | **Name of Student** | **Thesis or Dissertation** | **Title of Work** | **Degree Sought** |
| Fall 2025-Present | Jacob Harvey (co-directed with Dr. Ivan Small) | Thesis | Changing Death Cultures in Japan and the Midwestern US (in progress) | M.A., Anthropology |
| Fall 2025-Present | Asra Coil | Thesis | Disabled Americans and the Death with Dignity Movement (in progress) | M.A., Anthropology |
| Fall 2024-Present | Yu Tsao | Thesis | Becoming Christian: Gendered Dimensions of Religious Conversion among Hmong Women in North Thailand (in progress) | M.A., Anthropology |
| Fall 2024-Present | Ian Findley | Thesis | Digital Cosmologies: Exploring religious dimensions of gaming (in progress) | M.A., Anthropology |
| Fall 2021 - Spring 2024 | Mitchell Rigert | Thesis | “(Agri)cultural Activism: The Role of Pgaz K’Nyau Karen Youth in Sustaining Rotational Farming in Thailand” | M.A., Anthropology |
| Fall 2021 - Spring 2024 | Cameron Thomas (co-directed with Dr. Dana Bardolph) | Thesis | “Re-feminizing the Divine: Understanding the Cultural Constructs of Gender and Sexuality in a Church-based Christian Community” | M.A., Anthropology |

### M.A. Thesis Committee Member (Internal to NIU)

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| **Semester/ Year** | **Name of Student** | **Thesis or Dissertation** | **Title of Work** | **Degree Sought** |
| Spring 2025 – Present | Md. Mehrab Hasan | Thesis | Social relationships and kinship in wild gibbons (in progress) | M.A., Anthropology |
| Spring 2025 – Present | Md. Rokibul Islam | Thesis | The impact of humanitarian aid on host communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh (in progress) | M.A., Anthropology |
| Spring 2025 – Present | Ruth Otaigboria | Thesis | Cultural Models of Long COVID: A Comparative Anthropological Study of Illness Narratives among the Nigerian Diaspora and Mainstream American Communities in the U.S. (in progress) | M.A., Anthropology |
| Spring 2024 – Present | Onyenum Ruth Udoh  | Thesis | Understanding Audit Culture in Nonprofits (in progress) | M.A., Anthropology |
| Spring 2022 – Present | Lorraine Smith | Thesis | Roll Call: Who’s all here? A Study of Chicago’s Black Activist Communities’ Engagementin the Fight Against Global Anti-blackness (in progress) | M.A., Anthropology |
| Spring 2023 - Summer 2024 | Annalisa Amber | Thesis | Domesticating Luxury: A comparative study of Moche fineware distribution in the Moche Valley, Peru | M.A., Anthropology |
| Fall 2022 - Fall 2023 | Linna Sophea | Thesis | Buddhism and its role in Khmer Chicagoland: To be Khmer is to be Buddhist | M.A., Anthropology |
| Spring 2021 - Summer 2021 | Matthew Werstler | Thesis | “Musicking and Identities in Sacred Spaces of Thai Diasporas in Chicagoland” | M.M., World Music |

### M.A. & Ph.D. Thesis Committee Member (External to NIU)

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| **Semester/ Year** | **Name of Student** | **University** | **Thesis or Dissertation** | **Title of Work** | **Degree Sought** |
| Fall 2021 – Present | Po-Tao Chang | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Dissertation | Beyond Coffee Production? Diversified Cropping Strategies, Branding Indigeneity, and Narrating Sustainability through Akha Entrepreneurialism and Capitalism in N. Thailand (in progress) | Ph.D., Geography |
| Spring 2023 – Present | Tou SaiKo Lee | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Thesis | Hmong in Thailand Perspectives on Indigeneity (in progress) | M.A., Southeast Asian Studies |
| Spring 2023 | Xixi Geng | Chiang Mai University, Thailand | Thesis | Coffee and Ethnic Entrepreneurship at Doi Chang in Chiang Rai Province | M.A., Social Science |
| Spring 2022 | Chang Lee Soo | Chiang Mai University, Thailand | Thesis | Mission Strategies in the Making: Protestant Missionaries in the Chiang Mai City | M.A., Social Science |

# COURSES TAUGHT

* Fall 2025. ANTH 333 The Art of Living and Dying; ANTH 451/551 History and Theory of Anthropology
* Spring 2025. ANTH 220 Being Human: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; ANTH 407/507 Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia
* Fall 2024. ANTH 333 The Art of Living and Dying; ANTH 460/560 Methods in Ethnography
* Spring 2024. ANTH 104 Anthropology of Pop Culture: Making the Familiar Strange; ANTH 328/790 Anthropology of Religion
* Fall 2023. ANTH 333 The Art of Living and Dying; SEAS 490/590 Indigeneity in Southeast Asia
* Spring 2023. ANTH 460/560 Methods in Ethnography; SEAS 625 Southeast Asia: Multidisciplinary Perspectives
* Fall 2022. ANTH 333 The Art of Living and Dying; ANTH 451/551 History and Theory of Anthropology
* Spring 2022. ANTH 407/507 Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia; ANTH 460/560 Methods in Ethnography
* Fall 2021. ANTH 328/790 Anthropology of Religion
* Spring 2021. ANTH 220 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
* Fall 2020. SEAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World
* Spring 2020. ANTH 301 Anthropological Theory, Part II; ANTH 368 Death and Dying: A Cross-Cultural Perspective; ANTH 452 Religion and Magic
* Fall 2019. ANTH 112 Cultural Anthropology; ANTH 210 History of Ethnological Theory; ANTH/Gender and Women's Studies 300 Sex and Gender Across Cultures
* Spring 2019. ANTH 112 Cultural Anthropology; ANTH 301 Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia; ANTH 452 Religion and Magic
* Fall 2018. ANTH 112 Cultural Anthropology; ANTH 355 Medical Anthropology; ANTH 368 Death and Dying: A Cross-Cultural Perspective
* Spring 2016. ANTH/Gender and Women’s Studies/Peace and Global Studies 213 People and Cultures of Southeast Asia; ANTH/Peace and Global Studies 325 Religious and Cultural Ecologies
* Fall 2015. ANTH/Peace and Global Studies 101 Introduction to Anthropology; ANTH/Sociology 303 Social Theory in Anthropology and Sociology
* 2014-2015. ANTH 104 Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity (Head Teaching Assistant, Fall 2014)
* 2012-2013. ANTH 100 General Anthropology; ANTH 314 Indians of North America (Teaching Assistant)
* 2005-2006. ANTH/Sociology 236 Cultural Foundations of Thai Society; ANTH/Sociology 350 Service Learning; ANTH/Sociology 370 Research Methods Seminar; Independent Study 390 Ethnographic Research Project
* 2004-2005. ANTH/Sociology 360 Sustainable Development and Ethnic Minorities in Mainland Southeast Asia; ANTH/Sociology 350 Service Learning; ANTH/Sociology 370 Research Methods Seminar; Independent Study 390 Ethnographic Research Project

# ACADEMIC SERVICE

* 2024-Present. Anthropology Club Faculty Advisor, Northern Illinois University
* 2022-Present. Chair, Thai Studies Committee, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University
* 2020-Present. Member, Council of Thai Studies (COTS) Advisory Committee
* 2021-2023. Advisory Council Member, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University
* 2021-2023. Anthropology Club Faculty Advisor, Northern Illinois University
* 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

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* 2021. Awarded a “Certificate in Effective College Instruction” following completion of NIU’s Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) 25-module course in effective teaching practices requiring the implementation of evidence based instructional approaches. The credential is co-issued by the American Council on Education and distinguishes faculty for their commitment to educational excellence and student success, January 6-November 11
* 2019. “Summer Educator Training on Exploring the Haudenosaunee Environment,” Skä•noñh – Great Law of Peace Center, Liverpool, NY, 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 for comprehensive study on 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, Chiang Mai, 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

* 2025. Cited in Lucy Atkinson. “Mount Denali’s name change is disrespectful to Alaskan culture,” [*Northern Star*](https://northernstar.info/122252/opinion/mount-denalis-name-change-is-disrespectful-to-alaskan-culture/), January 29.
* 2022. “Crypto-Nationalism in the Akha World of the Upper Mekong Region w/Micah Morton,” [*Southeast Asia Crossroads Podcast*](https://soundcloud.com/seacrossroads/reframing-the-borders-of-belonging-crypto-nationalism-in-the-akha-world-of-the-upper-mekong-region), Northern Illinois University Center for Southeast Asian Studies, February 20. (with Eric Jones).
* 2021. Invited panelist for discussion on “Rights and Plight of Indigenous Peoples,” [Inconvenient Questions International](https://strategicmoves.com.sg/iq-international) (IQi), Singapore, August 25 (on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkvnNDGw2bA)).
* 2018. Cited in Ellen Airhart. "How Wikipedia Portrayed Humanity in a Single Photo," [*Wired*](https://www.wired.com/story/how-wikipedia-portrayed-humanity-in-a-single-photo/),March 10.

# FIELDWORK

* June-August 2025. North Thailand and Southwest China
* June-August 2023. North Thailand and Southwest China
* December 2018-January 2019. Southwest China and North Thailand
* September 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
* October 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 for Asian Studies
* Society for the Anthropology of Religion

### Reviewer

### Journal Articles

* Advances in Southeast Asian Studies, American Ethnologist, Asia Europe Journal, Asian Ethnicity, Critical Asian Studies, International Journal of Cultural Property, 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), Anthropos, Berghahn Books, Chinese Studies International, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Publishing

### 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 (*Beginner level speaking, reading, and writing*)
* Chinese (*Beginner level speaking, reading, and writing*)

# CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

* 2023. (*with Kanjana Thepboriruk*)Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, October 20-22
* 2021. “Southeast Asia Club Abstract Writing Workshop,” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, January 21 (online)
* 2020. (*with Kanjana Thepboriruk*) Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, November 13-15 (online)
* 2015. (*with Ian G. Baird and Peter Swift*)“Workshop on Indigeneity in Southeast Asia,” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, March 20-21.

# CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

* Accepted. “Bring it Back, Move it Forward: Ancestral modernities across Southeast Asia,” Sponsored by the Thai-Lao-Cambodian (TLC) Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 12-15, 2026
* Accepted. “Roundtable in Celebration of Dr. Katherine Bowie,” Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, October 3-5, 2025
* 2024. “Land, Crops, and New and Emergent Indigeneities in Southeast Asian Borderlands,” Sponsored by the Thai-Lao-Cambodian (TLC) Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 14
* 2022. “Looking Back, Moving Forward: 50 Years of COTS,” Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, October 22
* 2021. “Shamans and Cultural Change in a Comparative Framework,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD, November 17
* 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, November 14
* 2017. (*with Prasit Leepreecha)* “Shifting Ethnoscapes and the Politics of Indigeneity in Contemporary Thailand,” 13th International Conference on Thai Studies, Chiang Mai, 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, November 22
* 2015. (*with Ian G. Baird and Peter Swift*) “Engaging with the Concept of Indigeneity in Southeast Asia,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 28
* 2014. “Multiple and shifting Akha engagements with modernity amidst a transforming Upper Mekong Region,” Inaugural Association for Asian Studies in Asia Conference, National University of Singapore, Singapore, July 17

# PROFESSIONAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS

### Conference Paper Presentations

* Accepted “ ‘We are who we eat with’: Transcosmogenerational commensality in Akha worlds of the Upper Mekong,” for the panel “Bring it Back, Move it Forward: Ancestral modernities across Southeast Asia,” (Organized and chaired by Micah Morton), Sponsored by the Thai-Lao-Cambodian (TLC) Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 12-15, 2026
* 2025. “Decolonizing as Restoring Relations: A view from Indigenous Studies,” International Conference on Decolonizing Southeast Asian Studies, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, July 19 (Hosted by Chiang Mai University’s Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development[RCSD], and the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies)
* 2024. “Coffee for the Ancestors: Transcosmogenerational modernities in Akha Worlds of the Upper Mekong Region,” for the panel “Land, Crops, and New and Emergent Indigeneities in Southeast Asian Borderlands,” (Organized and chaired by Micah Morton), Sponsored by the Thai-Lao-Cambodian (TLC) Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 14
* 2023. “We are in a much better position these days”: Indigenous Peoples’ shifting status in Thai national imaginaries,” Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, October 22
* 2023. “Coffee for the Ancestors: Ancestral resurgences and reworked ritual economies in Akha Worlds of the Upper Mekong Region,” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Biennial Meeting, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada, May 13
* 2021. “The Buffalo Skin Written Word: Contested readings of the loss and return of the written Akha word in the Thai-Burma borderlands,” Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, November 13 (online)
* 2021. “ ‘Maintaining the lines:’ Shamans (Nyirpaq), Ancestral Resurgences, and Cultural Change in the Akha World of Mainland Southeast Asia and Southwest China,” for the panel “Shamans and Cultural Change in a Comparative Framework,” (Organized and chaired by Micah Morton). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD, November 17
* 2021. "Stoking the flames of ethnic politics?: Translating Indigeneity into post/neo-colonial Myanmar/Burma," 14th International Burma Studies Conference, Center for Burma Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, September 16 (online)
* 2021. “Ancestral Presences: Indigenous reflections on the art of living and dying in the restorative age of COVID-19,” for the panel, “Resistance and Reclamation: Indigenous Peoples’ Responses to the Changing Ecology,” (Chaired by Micah Morton). Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness 39th Annual Conference, March 13 (online).
* 2020. “ ‘Unity through hegemony’: The double bind of claims to Indigeneity in a reforming Myanmar,” 14th International Burma Studies Conference, Center for Burma Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, September 24-27 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
* 2020. “Alter-Indigeneities: Of the wai and the handshake,” for the panel, “Re-Centering ‘Thai-ness’ and Thai Studies: Perspectives from the ‘Others Within,’ ” (Organized by Micah Morton). Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, Nov. 14 (online)
* 2017. “Being Akha, Becoming Modern: Transregional religious networks and the making of divergent Akha Worlds in the Upper Mekong Region,” 10th International Convention of Asian Scholars, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 22
* 2017. “Reframing the Boundaries of Indigenism: State-Based Ontologies and Assertions of Distinction and Compatibility in Thailand’s Indigenous Peoples Movement,” for the panel “Shifting Ethnoscapes and the Politics of Indigeneity in Contemporary Thailand,” (Organized by Prasit Leepreecha and Micah Morton). 13th International Conference on Thai Studies, Chiang Mai, 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, June 18-24
* 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 Morton, Noah Theriault and Keal Keating). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Nov. 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, 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 Baird, Micah Morton and Peter Swift), Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 28
* 2015. (*with Jianhua Wang* [*Aryoeq Nyawrbyeivq*]) “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, March 21.
* 2014. “Indigenous Modernities: Akha inventions of religion in the Sino-Southeast Asian Borderlands,” for the panel “Sacralizing the Secular: The Re-Enchantment of Everyday Life,” (Organized by E. Marshall Brooks), American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 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, October 18
* 2014. “Forging Traditional Modernities: Akha ancestral burdens and the scaling-up of Akhaness in the Upper Mekong Region,” for the panel “Multiple and shifting Akha engagements with modernity amidst a transforming Upper Mekong Region”, (Organized by Micah Morton), Inaugural Association for 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” (Thai-Lao-Cambodian [TLC] Studies Group sponsored panel, organized by Ian Baird), Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 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, 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, October 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, 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, April 6
* 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, November 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,” 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, April 13
* 2006. “The Ritual of Revolving Candles at Ram Poeng Monastery, Chiangmai, Thailand,” The Midwest Council on Asian Affairs Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, October 21

### Invited Presentations and Guest Lectures

* 2025. “Bring it Back, Move it Forward: Indigenous Resurgences in the Upper Mekong,” Anthropology Graduate Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, April 30.
* 2025. “Book Talk: Enchanted Modernities: Ancestral Vitalizations in the Upper Mekong”, CSEAS Lecture Series, NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies, DeKalb, IL, April 18.
* 2025. “Ethnic Groups Across Borders: Akha Worlds of the Upper Mekong,” SEAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, Dr. Melissa Lenczewski, NIU CSEAS, April 1.
* 2024. “Ethnic Groups Across Borders: Akha Worlds of the Upper Mekong,” SEAS 225

Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, Dr. Melissa Lenczewski, NIU CSEAS, Oct. 3.

* 2024. “The Art of Living & Dying: A Cross-Cultural Perspective,” Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) at Northern Illinois University, May 8
* 2024. “What’s in a name?: Rethinking pseudonyms in ethnography,” NIU Anthropology Department Mashup, March 25
* 2024. “From the Cradle to the Grave: Akha Perspectives on the Life Cycle,” SEAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, Dr. Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski, NIU CSEAS, Spring 2024 (Asynchronous online lecture)
* 2023. “The Akha Art of Living and Dying,” SEAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, Dr. Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski, NIU CSEAS, November 2
* 2023. Roundtable on “[Indigeneity in Thailand: Challenges and Opportunities](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HuhNDJ8pN0&list=PLmpbbSSCQuAAMB7jQ9tml3amMTzQbLpK-&index=11),” Center for Southeast Asian Studies Friday Forum (with Ian Baird, Po-Tao Chang, and Tou-SaiKo Lee), University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 5 (on YouTube).
* 2023. “Indigenous identity politics in Southeast Asia and Thailand,” SEAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, Dr. Kanjana Thepboriruk, NIU CSEAS (Asynchronous online lecture), April 25
* 2023. “From Blood to Fruit: Ancestral resurgences and reworked religious materialities in Akha Worlds of the Upper Mekong Region,” Department of Art, Design, and Art History, California State University, Fresno & Fresno County Archaeological Society, March 15 (online)
* 2023. “Race and Racism,” ANTH 220 Being Human: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Dr. Judy Ledgerwood, NIU Department of Anthropology, Feb.13 & 15
* 2022. “The Akha Art of Living and Dying,” SEAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, Dr. Kanjana Thepboriruk, NIU CSEAS, October 13
* 2022. “Lived Experiences of Buddhism,” ANTH 1000 Introduction to Anthropology, Dr. Derrick Willis, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL, April 27
* 2022. “Between Two Worlds: Hmong & Hmong American Struggles and Resurgences,” ILAS 290 Introduction to Asian American Studies, Dr. Jiu-Ching Wang, NIU Asian American Certificate Program, February 22
* 2022. “Between Two Worlds: Hmong & Hmong American Struggles and Resurgences,” SEAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, Dr. Eric Jones, NIU CSEAS, Feb 22
* 2021. “Reframing the Borders of Belonging: Crypto-Nationalism in the Akha World of the Upper Mekong Region,” CSEAS Lecture Series, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, October 29
* 2021. “From Blood to Fruit: Crypto-nationalism in the Akha World of the Upper Mekong Region,” SEAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, Dr. Eric Jones, NIU CSEAS, September 7
* 2021. Panelist for discussion on “[Rights and Plight of Indigenous Peoples](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkvnNDGw2bA),” Inconvenient Questions International (IQi), Singapore, August 25 (online; on YouTube).
* 2021. “A Tale of Two Villages: Ancestral resurgences in the Sino-Southeast Asian borderlands,” NIU Anthropology Department Mashup, April 20 (online).
* 2021. “He may be “good” to us now, but let’s wait and see: Negotiating the give and take of participant observation,” as part of the Online Speaker Series of NIU’s Qualitative Inquiry Collaborative (QUIC), March 26
* 2021. “Pushing the boundaries of Indigeneity: Local articulations of a global movement in Thailand,” SEAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World, Dr. Kheang Un, NIU CSEAS, January 28
* 2020. “Global Indigeneities,” ANTH 329 Anthropology and Contemporary Human Problems, Dr. Mark Schuller, NIU Department of Anthropology, November 25
* 2020. Discussant for Virtual Town Hall on “Decolonize Your Mind: Actively Working Toward Decolonization,” NIU Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, November 12 (online)
* 2020. “Becoming Indigenous: Governmentality from below in Thailand’s Indigenous Peoples’ Movement”, NIU Department of Anthropology, February 24
* 2019. “What’s in a language?: Competing conversions to modernity among ethnic Akha in the Sino-Southeast Asian borderlands,” ANTH 344 Language and Culture, Dr. Jing Lei, Department of Anthropology, The State University of New York at Oswego, Oswego, NY, 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, Aug. 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, 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, November 30
* 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, October 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, 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, 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, March 13
* 2015. “The Akha World(s) of the Upper Mekong Region,” ANTH 330 Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia, Dr. Katherine Bowie, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, 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, April 14
* 2013. “From Blood to Fruit: Akha ancestral burdens and the pursuit of a modern authenticity in Mainland Southeast Asia and Southwest China,” CSEAS Friday Forum, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, 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,” ANTH 300 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Ethnography, Dr. Frank Salomon, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, October 8
* 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 Ethnic 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
* 2009. “Negotiating the Changing Zomia of Mainland Southeast Asia: A Preliminary Discussion on the role of language in Akha identitarian politics,” Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, November 5
* 2008. “Borders, ‘Illegality’, and Citizenship: A Transmigrant’s Experiences in the Borderlands of Northern Thailand and Burma,” The Wisconsin Migration Research Circle, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, April 23