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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Academic Appointment

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb IL
Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies
Professor of Anthropology, tenured (2024-)

Education

Cornell University, Ithaca NY
Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology & Southeast Asian Studies (2012), M.A. (2007).
Minor Field concentrations in Asian Studies, Development Sociology, History.
Dissertation: *Currencies of Imagination: Channeling Money and Chasing Mobility in Vietnamese Remittance Economies*

Columbia University, New York NY
Masters International Affairs (2001). Functional Concentrations: Economic & Political Development, Human Rights. Regional Concentration: East/Southeast Asia.
Thesis: *Building Bridges for a Future Burma: Analysis of OSI Civil Society and Education Initiatives for Burmese Exiles in Thailand*

Boston College, Boston MA
B.A. History (1994). Magna Cum Laude.
Minor: International Studies.
Honors Program Abroad at Oxford University (1992-93),
Exchange student at University of Amsterdam (1994).

Research Interests

Transnationalism, Mobility, Gifting, Imaginaries, Exchange, Money, Value, Embodiment, Affect, Memory, Networks, Remittances, Migration, Diaspora, Ethnicity, Labor, Development, Displacement, Technology, Transportation, Consumption, Finance, Infrastructure, Emergences, Markets, Southeast Asia, Asian America

Courses Designed and Taught

Migration/Borders /Citizenship; Transnational Vietnam; Economic Anthropology; Theories of Culture; Asian American Cultures; Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; Field Research Methods; Work & Culture; Social Dynamics of Migration; Asian American Social Movements & Solidarities; Imagining Asia; Transnational Interruptions; Vietnam on the Move: Transformations in a Tiger Economy; India-China Interactions; Development and Social Transformation; Comparison of Cultures; Myth, Ritual & Symbol; Introduction to Asian American Studies

Publications

Books

Currencies of Imagination: Channeling Money and Chasing Mobility in Vietnam (Cornell University Press, 2019).

(Reviewed by American Ethnologist, Cross Currents, International Migration Review, Mekong Review, Pacific Affairs, Journal of Vietnamese Studies, Journal of Asian Studies. Podcasts available at Gatty Rewind and New Books Network.)

Money at the Margins: Global Perspectives on Technology, Inclusion & Design, co-edited with Bill Maurer and Smoki Musaraj (Berghahn Press, 2018).

(Reviewed by American Ethnologist, Current Anthropology, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute.)

Peer Reviewed Articles

2023: “Driving is Terrifying: Auto-Mobile Horizons, Projections and Networks in Vietnam and ASEAN”, *Journal of Cultural Economy* 16(1), 62-80.

2021: “Challenges Facing Vietnam’s Emerging Automobility Landscapes”, *Perspective* 83. Singapore: ISEAS Press.

2021: “Wandering Money: Valuating and Mediating Remittances in Vietnam”, *TRaNS: Trans -Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia* 9(1), 31-43.

2019: “Remitting Desire: Trans-Pacific Migration, Returns and Imaginaries in Vietnam”. *Perspective* 56. Singapore: ISEAS Press.

2018: “Affecting Mobility: Consuming Driving and Driving Consumption in Southeast Asian Emerging Markets”, *Journal of Consumer Culture* 18(3), 377-396.

2018: “Remittance Channels and Regulatory Chokepoints”, *Limn* 10, edited by Ashley Carse, Jason Cons, Andrew Lakoff and Townsend Middleton. 53-58.

2016: “Framing and Encompassing Movement: Transportation, Migration, and Social Mobility in Vietnam”, *Mobility in History* 7(1). Berghahn, 79-90.

2014: "Betwixt & Between: Tragedies and Memories of the Vietnamese Exodus, in Film and Audience", *Visual Anthropology* 27(1-2). Routledge, 197-200.

2012: “Over There: Imaginative Displacements in Vietnamese Remittance Gift Economies”, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 7(3) edited by Alexander Cannon & Jack Yeager. Berkeley: Univ. of California Press. 157-183.

2012: “Embodied Economies: Vietnamese Transnational Migration & Return Regimes”, *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 27(2). Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. 234-259.

Chapters in Books

2024: “Remittances”, *Sage Encyclopedia of Refugee Studies*, Critical Refugee Studies Collective, Lan Duong and Yen Le Espiritu ed. Los Angeles: Sage. (forthcoming)

- 2024: “Deconstruction and Ethnographic Apprehension”, *Indonesia Journal*, No 118 special issue: James T. Siegel festschrift. Vincente Rafael, Joshua Barker, Danilyn Rutherford and John Sidel ed. Cornell University Press. (forthcoming)
- 2024: “Intra-Asian Infrastructures: Mobility Services for Expatriate Koreans and Singaporeans in Vietnam and Malaysia”, *Anthropological Handbook of Mobility*, with Kevin Tan; Noel Salazar, ed. Oxford: Berghahn. (forthcoming)
- 2024: “Memory Moments in Vietnamese American Cultural Productions”, *Handbook of the Vietnamese Diaspora*, Nathalie Nguyen, ed. London: Routledge, 253-269.
- 2023: “Vietnamese Americans and Their ‘Homeland’: Transnational Advocacy Efforts and Diasporic Ties”, *Toward a Framework for Vietnamese American Studies: History, Community, and Memory*, Linda Ho Peche, Alex Thai Vo and Tuong Vu, ed. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 116-132.
- 2023: “Emplacing Multiculturalism: Southeast Asian Migrant Linguistic Acculturation Programmes and Community Building in South Korea”, *Demography and Diversity in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Issues Amidst a New Normal*, Kevin Tan and Steve Chan, ed. Singapore: ISEAS Press, 68-83.
- 2022: “Capitalist Lack: Vietnamese American Remittances as Cultural Supplement and Political Critique”, *The Vietnamese Diaspora in a Transnational Context: Contested Spaces, Contested Narratives*, Victor Satzewich and Anna Vu, ed. Leiden: Brill Press, 123-142.
- 2020: “Ecologies of Immateriality: Remittances and the Cashless Allure”, *Who’s Cashing In? Contemporary Perspectives on New Monies and Global Cashlessness*, Atreyee Sen, J. Lindquist and M. Kolling, ed. Oxford: Berghahn, 57-72.
- 2019: “Vexed Returns: Vietnamese Returnee Interactions with Home and State”, *Governance and Internal Migration*, William Ascher and Shane Barter, ed. New York: Peter Lang, 129-146.
- 2018: “Anticipating the Automobile: Transportation Transformations in Vietnam”, *Consumer Culture Theory, Research in Consumer Behavior 19*, Russell Belk, Alladi Venkatesh, Samantha Cross and Cecilia Ruvalcaba, ed. Emerald Group Publishing, UK, 145-161.
- 2018: (with S. Musaraj) “Introduction: Money and Finance at the Margins”, *Money at the Margins: Global Perspectives on Technology, Inclusion and Design*, Bill Maurer, Smoki Musaraj, and Ivan Small, ed. Oxford: Berghahn. (Human Economy Series, eds. Keith Hart and John Sharp).
- 2013: “The Vietnamese Transnational(s)”, *Figures of Modernity in Southeast Asia*, Joshua Barker, Erik Harms, and Johan Lindquist, ed. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. 72-75.
- 2010: “Beyond the Sea”, *Diasporas: Revisiting and Discovering 120*, Critical Issues series 'Diasporas', Laura DePreto, Gloria Macri, & Catherine Wong, ed. Leiden: Brill Press. 135-149.
- 2008: “Diaspora Philanthropy in Vietnam”, *Diaspora Giving: An Agent of Change in Asia Pacific Communities?*, with Truong Kim Chuyen & Diep Vuong; P. Johnson, ed. Manila: Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium. 251-283.

Op-eds and Public Scholarship

- 2021: “Why Vietnam’s Electric Car Maker VinFast is Launching in the U.S. and Bypassing China”, Op-ed 12/28/21. Channel News Asia, Singapore.

2021: “Branding Vietnam: VinFast’s American Auto Debut”, Op-ed 12/22/21. Fulcrum: Analysis on SE Asia.

2021: “Local Responses to Anti-Asian Violence”, Video commentary: One World Covid-19 Stories, Museum of Chinese in America, New York.

2021: “Complex Calculations: Vietnamese EB5 Investments in the United States”, Op-ed 7/12/21. Fulcrum: Analysis on Southeast Asia.

2021: “U.S.-Vietnam Post-War Reconciliation: A Work in Process”, Op-ed 6/2/21. Fulcrum: Analysis on Southeast Asia.

2021: “Giving Back: Vietnam’s Shifting Philanthropic Landscape”, Op-ed 4/28/21. Fulcrum: Analysis on Southeast Asia.

2021: “Vietnam’s Car Market and AFTA: Kicking it up a Gear”. Op-ed 4/19/21. Fulcrum: Analysis on Southeast Asia.

2021: “Not Welcome Home – Vietnamese Abroad and Tet in the Year of the Buffalo”. Op-ed 2/11/21. Fulcrum: Analysis on Southeast Asia.

2021: “Acculturating Southeast Asian Migrants in South Korea: Expanding the Meaning of Being Korean”. Op-ed 2/5/21. Fulcrum: Analysis on Southeast Asia.

2020: “Asian- and African- American Racial Justice Intersections”, Radio panel 8/17/20 with Juan Castillo, WYBC New Haven and Dann Broyld, CCSU Africana Center Director.

2020: “Discriminating Dining? Connecticut’s subtle racism toward Asian Americans”. Op-ed 7/22/20. Connecticut Mirror, Viewpoints.

2019: “How Vietnamese Americans and Other Viet Kieu Fuel Capitalist Dreams with Remittances”. Invited op-ed 7/27/19. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post.

2017: “Remittance Technology Models: African Innovations for Southeast Asia?” *Institute for Money, Technology and Financial Inclusion* academic blog. 7/25/17.

2017: “Entrenching Transformations: Remittances in Vietnam’s Tiger Economy” *Traffic Transport and Mobility* academic blog. 3/27/17.

Book Reviews

2024: Roundtable book review of *Handbook of Contemporary Vietnam*, Jonathan London ed. (Routledge 2022). *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*. (forthcoming)

2024: Book review of *Consumption and Vietnam’s New Middle Classes: Societal Transformations and Everyday Life*, Arve Hansen (Palgrave Macmillan 2022). *Sojourn: Journal of Contemporary Issues in Southeast Asia* 39(2), 331-334.

2023: Book review of *Driving Towards Modernity: Cars and the Lives of the Middle Class in Contemporary China*, Jun Zhang (Cornell University Press 2019). *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 29(1), 226-227.

2021: Book review of *Money and Moralities in Contemporary Asia*, Lan Anh Hoang and Cheryll Alipio (Amsterdam UP 2020). *Asian Journal of Social Sciences* 49(1), 51-52.

2020: Book review of *The Unimagined Community: Imperialism and Culture in South Vietnam*, Duy Lap Nguyen (Manchester 2020). *Journal of Asian Studies* 79(3), 818-820.

2019: Book review of *Traders in Motion: Identities and Contestations in the Vietnamese Marketplace*, Kirsten Endres and Ann Marie Leshkovich ed. (Cornell SEAP 2018). *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 14(4), 93-95. Berkeley: University of California Press.

2019: Book review of *Luxury and Rubble: Civility and Dispossession in the New Saigon*, Erik Harms (California 2016). H-Asia, H-Net Reviews.

2016: Book review of *Transpacific Studies: Framing an Emerging Field*, Jane Hoskins and Viet Nguyen ed. (Hawai'i 2014). *Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 17(3-4), 374-376.

2014: "Situating Money", book review of *Dreaming of Money in Ho Chi Minh City*, Allison Truitt (Washington 2013). *Current Anthropology* 55(5). University of Chicago Press. 666-667.

2011: Book review of *Ghosts of War in Vietnam*, Heonik Kwon (Cambridge, 2008). *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 6(2). Berkeley: University of California Press. 141-144.

Prior Academic Positions

University of Houston, Houston TX

Associate Professor of Anthropology, tenured (2022-2024)

Department of Comparative Cultural Studies

Central Connecticut State University, New Britain CT

Associate Professor: Department of Anthropology and International Studies Program (2019-2022)

Director, East Asian Studies (2017-2020)

Associate to the Dean, Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (2018-2020)

Assistant Professor (2014-2019, tenured 2019)

Sabbatical leave (2020-21)

Visiting Scholar in Residence (Summer'23)

University of Connecticut, Storrs CT

Faculty Research Affiliate, Asian & Asian American Studies Institute (2014-present)

Yale University, New Haven CT

Faculty Affiliate, Council on Southeast Asia Studies (2014-2022)

Fulbright University, Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam (Spring'23)

Visiting Senior Faculty, Fulbright University, Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam.

Conducted research on mobility markets, EV branding perceptions and sustainable transportation technologies.

Developed curriculum materials for and taught one social science theory seminar course. Served as workshop facilitator and reviewer for three senior and graduate research proposals and theses.

Yusof Ishak Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

Visiting Senior Research Fellow: Vietnam Studies Programme. Conducted research on effects of ASEAN Free Trade Area on auto manufacturing and consumption in Southeast Asia with a focus on Vietnam. Interviewed mobility lab researchers focused on mobility designs and multi-modal transport for Asian megacities. Produced one journal article, one policy paper, seven op-eds. Presented and organized two colloquiums. Participated in weekly research workshops. (2021)

University of California Irvine, Irvine CA

Postdoctoral Research Scholar: Institute for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion (IMTFI) and Department of Anthropology. Researched global and local monetary ecologies, practices, and participations as they intersect with new monetary remittance, value storage, and consumption channels and technologies. Participated in monthly Value writing group. Advised, mentored, evaluated and supported research, publishing, and collaboration for international research fellows and projects sponsored by IMTFI, managed multi-million dollar grant including developing reports, policy papers and industry deliverables to Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Under supervision of Dr. Bill Maurer. (2012-2014)

The New School India China Institute, New York, Kunming, Kolkata

Field Study Director: Academic advisor and project manager for Ford Foundation supported India-China Knowledge & Capacity Building Initiative, a collaborative summer field study/exchange program in India and China for graduate students from the New School, the University of Calcutta, and Yunnan University. Program oversight, grant management, and academic advising and mentorship. Developed communication and resource sharing between fellows, coordinated curriculum design, advised team research projects and fieldwork methods, managed working paper series, and designed China based research symposium and India based final field study conference. (2-8/12)

Cornell University Department of Anthropology, Ithaca NY

Instructor: Anth 1127: Transnational Interruptions. (Fall'10, Spring'11)

Instructor, Anth 1170: Gifting, Debt, Memory, & Hope: Social Dynamics of Migration. (Fall'08, Spring'10)

Head Teaching Assistant, Anthropology 1400: Comparison of Cultures. (Fall'09, Fall'11)

Teaching Assistant, Anthropology 320: Myth, Ritual, and Symbol. (Spring'05)

Cornell University Asian American Studies Program, Ithaca NY

Teaching Assistant: Asian American Studies 1110: Introduction to Asian American History. (Spring'12)

Council for International Educational Exchange / School for International Training, Vietnam

Study Abroad Adjunct Professor: Development and Social Transformation. (Spring / Fall 2007)

Other Relevant Professional Experience

Smithsonian Journeys, Vietnam

Study Leader: Traveled with study tour participants, designed and delivered public lectures on two 2.5-week cultural immersion trips in north, central and south Vietnam. (2012-2013)

Columbia University Weatherhead East Asian Institute, New York NY

Program Officer: Planned, organized and managed events, programming, grants, outreach and communications related to East and Southeast Asian studies for academic and public audiences. (2003-04)

Ford Foundation, New York NY

Special Projects Manager: Supported the launch of International Fellows Program across 15 countries to provide training opportunities for marginalized graduate scholars and policymakers working on social justice

and development projects related to human rights, media, arts, culture, and asset and community building. Developed communication and training documents and databases, strategized with team on implementation and expansion of program, developed fellow placements and mentorships at regional and international universities, provided placement and research support in coordination with Institute for International Education. (2001-03)

The New School World Policy Institute, New York NY

Program Associate: Grant proposal writer and manager for United Nations Project, US-Arab/Islamic Dialogues to facilitate exchange, dialogue, and understanding between the U.S. and Islamic world policy, media, and civil society leaders in aftermath of 9/11. Coordinated with funders and foundations, successfully awarded half a million dollars for multi-year programming. Organized panel discussions, seminars, and study programs. (2001-02)

Open Society Institute Burma Project, New York, Thailand

Evaluated OSI scholarship program to promote civil society building skills to Burmese exiles in Thailand at 20 universities. Interviewed student scholarship recipients, university administrators, and civil society organizations across Thailand to understand educational pipeline and curriculum challenges and opportunities. Co-wrote report providing analysis and recommendations to OSI and Burma Project. (2000-01)

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, New York

Research on the role of the Security Council's intervention in global humanitarian emergencies through an analysis of key case studies, tracing response timelines, identifying crisis indicators, and tracking external/internal political and bureaucratic processes. (2000-2001)

Fund for Reconciliation and Development, New York

Developed database and advocacy strategies for international NGOs and community based organizations working with development, reconciliation and humanitarian relief initiatives in Cambodia, Cuba, Laos and Vietnam. (1999-2001)

Other Consultancies

- Fulbright Specialist, Washington D.C. (2021-2024)
- War Legacies Project Board, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia (2015-)
- SUNY First in the World Program, New York (2016-20)
- Pacific Links Foundation, Vietnam (2007-)
- East-West Center, Honolulu (2017)
- MQVN Community Development Corporation, New Orleans (2012)
- Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium, Vietnam & Philippines (2007-08)
- Asia Society, Vietnam (2003)
- Refugee Women's Council, New York (2000-2001)
- US-Vietnam Trade Council, Hanoi (2001)
- Dragons Experiential Education Programs, Vietnam (2000)
- Shanti Volunteer Association, Tokyo (1999)

Post College, Pre- Graduate School Employment

- American Red Cross Disaster Relief Rapid Response Team, Los Angeles (1998-99)
- Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (1997-98)
- Japan Exchange & Teaching Program (JET), Aichi (1996-97)
- Corporation for National Service, Virginia (1995-96)

- Student Conservation Association AmeriCorps, New Hampshire (1994-95)

Recent Academic Fellowships, Research Grants, & Awards

Northern Illinois University, Faculty Research Account, 2024-27
 University of Houston, Faculty Research Account, 2022-24
 University of Oregon U.S.-Vietnam Research Center / U.S. Institute of Peace workshop participant grant, 2023
 University of Pretoria Human Economy Programme workshop participant grant, 2022
 Connecticut Board of Regents CSCU System Faculty Research Award, 2022
 Connecticut Board of Regents CCSU Faculty Research Award, 2022
 CCSU CLASS Dean's and AAUP conference grant awards, 2022
 National University of Singapore Governing Southeast Asian Natures conference grant, 2022
 ISEAS Vietnam Studies Programme Visiting Senior Research Fellow, 2021
 CCSU Sabbatical Leave, 2020-21
 CCSU College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, 2019
 CCSU Center for Teaching and Faculty Development Learning Community grant, 2019-20
 CCSU Faculty Senate Community Engagement Grant, 2019
 American Association of University Professors grant, research in Vietnam, China, and U.S. 2015,17,18,19
 CCSU Center for International Education Hyundai faculty research grant, 2016,17,18,19,20
 CCSU Excellence in Teaching Honor Roll, 2016,18
 CCSU Faculty Development grant, 2016,18,19
 CCSU Research Aligned Mentor faculty-student research grants, 2019-20
 CCSU Center for Teaching & Faculty Development grant, 2019-20
 Nordic Research Council workshop participant grant on cashless economies, 2018
 UConn Asian & Asian American Studies Institute conference grant, 2018
 CCSU Research reassigned time awards, 2014-20
 AAUP Minority Recruitment and Retention award, 2015,16,18,19
 Pacific Basin / East-West Center "Governance and Internal Migration" grant, 2016-17
 Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Michael Leifer Prize for best journal article (*Sojourn*), 2015
 Vietnam Studies Group conference grant, 2015
 CCSU departmental and Dean's conference grants, 2014-20
 IMTFI conference grants, 2012-15
 Inst. for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion research grants: Kenya, Japan, Singapore, Vietnam, 2013
 Gates Foundation research grants 2012-2014
 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Award for research in Vietnam, 2007-08

Recent Academic Presentations

"Southeast Asian Ethno-mobilities: Legacies of Transpacific Migration", invited seminar, Northern Illinois University Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 9/9/24, DeKalb IL.

"AFTA and the Expansion of Multi-Modal Transportation Ecosystems in Southeast Asia", invited seminar, Foreign Service Institute, 6/20/24, Arlington VA.

"Ethnographies of Asian America: Fieldwork Dilemmas and Possibilities", roundtable participant, Association for Asian American Studies, 4/26/24, Seattle.

"Vietnamese American Dispersions", paper as part of panel on "The Post War Vietnamese Diaspora", Texas Tech University Vietnam Center "Vietnam 1974" conference, 4/13/24, Dallas.

“Material and Mobile Affordances: Southeast Asian American Dispersions and Re-assemblages since 1975”, paper presenter as part of panel on “Mobilities and Representation of Vietnamese Migrants in the West”, *Association for Asian Studies*, 3/1/24, Seattle.

“Refugee Worlding: Vietnamese American (dis)place-making since 1975”, invited colloquium talk, Yale University Council for Southeast Asian Studies, 2/21/24, New Haven CT.

Duke University, Asian/Pacific Studies Institute, invited book presentation on *Currencies of Imagination*, 2/8/24, Durham NC.

“Modeling the Megacity: Projecting Urban Mobility Futures in Southeast Asia”, paper presenter and chair/organizer of panel on “Circulation and Mobility in Contemporary Asia”, *American Anthropological Association*, 11/19/23, Toronto.

“Contesting Dispersion: Automobiles and Ethnoburbs in Southeast Asian Migrations”, paper presenter and chair/organizer of panel on “Transits in Trans-Asian Migrations”, *Association for Asian American Studies Southwest*, 11/4/23, Houston.

“Transnational Activism: Cultural, Educational and Social Work”, invited panel moderator as part of conference on “Towards the 50th Anniversary of the End of War: Vietnamese Americans Contending with War and Post War Legacies”, University of Oregon, 10/27/23, Eugene OR.

University of California Berkeley, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, invited book presentation on *Currencies of Imagination*, 10/20/23, Berkeley CA.

Vietnam National University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Departments of Anthropology and Cultural Studies, invited book presentation on *Currencies of Imagination*, 5/29/23, Ho Chi Minh City.

“Shadows of Empire: Violence and Racial(ized) Capitalism in Squid Games”, paper presented at *Utopia and Dystopia in Contemporary Asian Popular Culture*, Central Connecticut State University, 4/15/23, New Britain CT.

“Refugee Studies”, panel chair, *Assoc. for Asian American Studies* conference, 4/8/23, Long Beach CA.

“Modeling the Megacity: Urban Mobility Futures in East and Southeast Asia”, invited seminar speaker, Rice University Department of Anthropology, 1/12/23, Houston.

“Vietnamese Migrant Returns and Global Disruptions”, invited seminar speaker, National Chengchi University, Department of Ethnology, 11/19/22, Taipei Taiwan.

Tulane University Department of Anthropology, Global Vietnam course, invited book presentation on *Currencies of Imagination*, 11/4/22, New Orleans.

“Modeling Fintech: African Innovations, Global North ‘Solutions’, Global South Receptions”, invited presenter, workshop participant and discussant at “Persistent Barriers, New Frontiers: Fintech Futures in Africa” conference, Human Economy Programme, University of Pretoria, 10/10-14/22, South Africa.

“Framing Cashlessness: Digital Payment Financial Inclusion Solutions in Global and Local Contexts”, paper as part of panel on “The Financialization of Everyday Life in Vietnam”, *European Association of Southeast Asian Studies*, 6/28/22, Paris France.

“Appropriating Cashlessness: Global North Solutions for a Global South”, paper as part of panel on “Structure, Anti-structure, Infrastructure: the (im)materials of planetary transformation”, Asia Borderlands Research Network, 6/23/22, Seoul Korea.

“Vietnamese Fishermen’s Association Vs. Ku Klux Klan Trial”, invited speaker, Asian American Bar Association of New York, 5/25/22, New York.

Fulbright University, invited book presentation on *Currencies of Imagination*, 4/22/22, HCMC Vietnam.

“Conceptualizing Emergent Vietnamese Automobilities”, paper as part of panel on “Mapping the Megacity: Rethinking the Past, Present and Future of Ho Chi Minh City”, *Association for Asian Studies*, 3/26/22, Honolulu.

“The Influence of Squid Game on U.S. Popular Culture”, faculty panel participant, Central Connecticut State University Asian American & Pacific Islander Studies Program, 3/4/22, New Britain CT.

Stockholm University Department of Social Anthropology, invited book workshop on *Currencies of Imagination*, 11/10/21, Sweden.

“Conceptualizing Southeast Asian Auto-Mobilities in the Wake of AFTA”, invited seminar speaker, Stockholm University, 11/8/21, Sweden.

“Sustainable Mobility in Asia”, invited panelist, Asian Century Foundation, 8/13/21, New Delhi India, Virtual.

“Old Neighborhoods and New Towns: Real Estate and Urban Policy in the Greater Saigon Region”, moderator, Yusof Ishak Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, 6/29/21, Singapore.

“Sustainable Urban Mobility in Vietnam: Transformations, Challenges and Future Prospects”, invited panelist, University of Oslo Centre for Development and the Environment, 6/17/21, Norway.

“Diasporas and Development: Illicit Money Flows, Informal Economy, Ethnic Ties & Networks”, invited seminar speaker, University of Liverpool, 4/20/21, Singapore.

“Bleakness and Hope: Vietnamese Post-War Migration and Remittances” Yale-NUS College, invited seminar speaker, Yale-NUS College, 4/13/21, Singapore.

“Vietnamese Americans and their “Homeland”: Transnational Philanthropy, Advocacy and Diasporic Ties”, paper as part of panel on “Trans-pacific Civic Activism in Vietnam and the Diaspora”, *Association for Asian American Studies* conference, 4/8/21, Virtual.

“Emerging Auto-Mobility Landscapes and Transportation Infrastructures in Vietnam”, research fellowship presentation, 4/5/21, Yusof Ishak Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.

Northeastern University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ethnographies of Southeast Asia course, invited book presentation on *Currencies of Imagination*, 12/4/19, Boston.

“Cashless Ecologies in the Global South: Remittances and Technological Interventions in Comparative and

Infrastructural Perspective”, paper as part of panel on “Changing Climates of Cashlessness: Ethnographic Forays into Digital Finance and Economic Transitions”, *American Anthropological Association* conference, 11/23/19, Vancouver Canada.

“Intra-Asian Mobilities and the Art of Being Global”, panel chair, *American Anthropological Association* conference, 11/22/19, Vancouver Canada.

California State University Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Vietnamese Program, invited book presentation on *Currencies of Imagination*, 11/7/19, Fullerton.

“Emplacing Mobility: Nationalizing Return Migration in Vietnam”, paper as part of panel on “Internal Migration and Governance”, *Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies*, 10/25/19, Montreal Canada.

“De-situating Southeast Asia: Vietnamese Diasporic Emplacements and Trans-pacific Engagements”, invited Gatty lecture series speaker, Cornell University Southeast Asia Program, 10/17/19, Ithaca NY.

“The Dangerous Gift: the Formalizing of Remittances and Kinship in Vietnam”, paper as part of panel on “Fraud and Finance in Modern Southeast Asia”, *Association for Asian Studies in Asia* conference, 7/1/19, Bangkok Thailand.

“Remitting Desire: Trans-Pacific Migration, Returns and Imaginaries in Vietnam”, invited seminar speaker, Yusof Ishak Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, 6/21/19, Singapore.

Sogang University Institute for East Asian Studies, invited workshop on “New and Emergent Approaches, Perspectives and Voices in SE Asian Studies”, *Trans- National and -Regional Studies of Southeast Asia*, 5/30/19, Seoul Korea.

“Race, Marriage, Migration”, panel chair, *Assoc. for Asian American Studies* conference, 4/26/19, Madison WI.

Ohio University Center for Law, Justice and Culture, invited book presentations on *Currencies of Imagination* and *Money at the Margins*, 4/18-19/19, Athens OH.

“Currencies of Imagination: Money and Mobility in Vietnam”, invited lecture, Council on Southeast Asian Studies, Yale University 4/17/19, New Haven CT.

“The Emerging and Evolving Role of Automobiles”, invited talk as part of “Moving Towards Sustainable Transportation” geography symposium, Central Connecticut State University, 4/11/19, New Britain CT.

Association for Asian Studies, book presentation on *Currencies of Imagination*, 3/22/19, Denver CO.

Central Connecticut State Authors Book Series, book presentations on *Currencies of Imagination* and *Money at the Margins*, 3/6/19, New Britain CT.

“Migrants and Refugees”, invited panelist, Central Connecticut State University, 2/27/19, New Britain CT.

“Revolutionary Lack & Materialist Critique in Postwar Vietnam”, paper as part of panel on “Alternatives/Alter-Nations Across Post-revolutionary Asia”, *American Anthropological Association*, 11/17/18, San Jose CA.

“Sociotechnical Infrastructures of Value and Flow”, panel chair at *American Anthropological Association* conference, 11/15/18, San Jose CA.

“Capitalist Lack: Vietnamese American Remittances as Cultural Supplement and Political Critique”, paper presentation as part of panel on “Multi-directional Migration, Crisis and Transpacific Imaginaries”, *American Studies Association*, 11/8/18, Atlanta.

“Learning to Drive, but Ain’t Got Wheels: Emerging Auto Landscapes in Vietnam”, paper as part of panel on “Asian Automobilities: Anticipatory, Aspirational, Alternative”, *NE Assoc. for Asian Studies*, 10/6/18. Boston.

“Ecologies of Immateriality: Remittances and the Cashless Allure”, paper as part of invited workshop on *Credebt: Urban Poverty, New Credit Economies and the Global War on Cash*, Stockholm University Sweden, 8/14/18.

“Economies of Imagination: the Effects and Affects of Monetary and Migratory Mobility in Vietnam”, invited lecture, Global Studies Program, National University of Singapore, 5/28/18.

“Emplacing Mobility: Nationalizing Return Migration in Vietnam”, paper presentation as part of panel on “Internal Migration in Asia: Governance and Integration”, *International Studies Association*, 4/7/18, San Francisco.

“Vietnamese Remittances and Politics of Materiality”, paper presentation as part of panel on “Asian Diasporic Imaginaries: Borders, Boundaries & Pathways”, *Association for Asian Studies*, 3/25/18, Washington DC.

“Affecting Mobility: Consuming Driving and Driving Consumption in Southeast Asian Markets”, invited lecture, Global Vantage Point Series, Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College, 3/20/18, Hartford.

“Precarious Southeast Asia”, panel discussant at *American Anthropological Association* conference, 12/3/17, Washington DC.

“Anticipating the Automobile: Transportation Transformations in Southeast Asia”, paper presented as part of panel on “Transformation of Markets”, *Consumer Culture Theory* conference, 7/10/17, Anaheim CA.

“Remittance Technology Models: African Innovations for Southeast Asia?”, invited presentation, symposium on “Mobile Money, Development and Financial Inclusion in Africa”, 4/21/17, Cornell University NY.

“Dilemmas of Diaspora: State-‘Returnee’ Relations in Vietnam, paper presentation as part of panel on “The Global Politics of Asian American ‘Return’ Migration to Asia”, *Association for Asian American Studies* conference, 4/15/17, Portland.

“Affecting Mobility: Consuming Driving and Driving Consumption in Southeast Asia”, invited lecture, Asian & Asian American Studies Institute, University of Connecticut, 3/23/17, Storrs CT.

“Capitalist Lack: Remittances as Cultural Supplement and Political Critique in Vietnam”, paper presentation as part of panel on “Cold War Refugees in Asia: Representations, Resettlements and Memories”. *Association for Asian Studies* conference, 3/19/17, Toronto.

“Vietnamese Returnees: Rights and Interactions with Host Communities and Government”, invited presentation as part of global workshop on “Governance and Internal Migration”. East-West Center, 3/17/17, Honolulu.

“Mobilizing Diasporas: Contradictions in Vietnamese State-Returnee Relations”, paper presentation as part of panel on “Trans-Local Lives”, *New England Association for Asian Studies* conference, 1/28/17, Boston.

“Trading in the Canoe? Transnational Remittance Infrastructures after the Financial Crisis”, paper presentation as part of panel “New Anthropologies of Money”, *American Anthropological Association* conference, 11/17/16, Minneapolis.

“Mobilizing a Market: Transportation Emergences in Vietnam”, paper presentation as part of panel “On Wheels, Four, Three and Two: Mediating (Auto)Mobilities in Asia”, *Traffic, Transportation and Mobility (T2M)* conference, 10/28/16, Mexico City.

“Mobile Futures: Transportation Transitions in Southeast Asia”, invited lecture, Department of Anthropology, Bucknell University, 10/13/16, Lewisburg PA.

“Affecting Mobility: Consuming Driving and Driving Consumption in Southeast Asia”, invited lecture, Carolina Asia Center, University of North Carolina, 9/1/16, Chapel Hill.

“The South China Sea and its Geopolitics”, invited moderator as part of workshop “Conflict on the South China Sea”, Yale University Council on Southeast Asian Studies, 5/6/16, New Haven CT.

“Asian American Pacific: Oceanic Entanglements and Maritime Contexts”, roundtable participant at *Association for Asian American Studies* conference, 4/28/16, Miami.

“Displacing Difference: Spectres of Money, Labor and Memory in Saigon-Ho Chi Minh City”, invited paper presentation as part of workshop “Bodies Living With Violence”, Univ. of Connecticut, 4/15/16, Storrs CT.

“Beyond ‘Host’ and ‘Home’: Asian American Return Migration to Asia”, panel discussant at *Association of Asian Studies* conference 4/1/16, Seattle.

“Affecting Mobility: Consuming Driving and Driving Consumption in Southeast Asia”, invited lecture, Council on Southeast Asian Studies, Yale University, 2/10/16, New Haven CT.

“Infrastructures of Mobility in Vietnam”, invited colloquium talk, Program in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, College of William and Mary, 12/3/15, Williamsburg VA.

“Canoes and Channels: Shifting Forms of Remittance Transfers between the U.S. and Vietnam”, paper presentation as part of panel “On Binary Politics and Generative Re-Castings”, *American Anthropological Association* conference, 11/22/15, Denver.

“40 Years Later: Reflections on the Fall of Saigon”, invited workshop panelist, Department of History, Southern Connecticut State University, 5/5/15, New Haven CT.

“Mobility-scapes: Money, Chance, Memory and Desire in a Vietnamese Coastal City”, invited lecture, Department of History and Non-Western Cultures, Western Connecticut State Univ., 4/16/15, Danbury CT.

“Labor, Capital and Alterity: Changing Relations to Diaspora and Remittances in Vietnam”, paper presented as part of panel on “Migration as Panacea: State-Supported Migration as National Development and Its Effects”, *Association of Asian Studies* conference, 3/26/15, Chicago.

“Mobile Monies and Imaginaries: Remittance Histories, Hopes and Hypotheticals in Saigon/Ho Chi Minh City”, paper presented as part of panel on Money Movements: Emergent Forms of Currency, Payment and Value Circulation, *American Ethnological Society* conference, 3/13/15, San Diego.

“Affective Markets: Envisioning Transport Futures and Cultures in Southeast Asia”, paper presented as part of panel on “The Infrastructure of Movement: the Poetics, Economics & Design of Transportation”, *American Anthropological Association* conference, 12/6/14, Washington DC.

"Capitalist Samplers and Teasers: Diaspora, Desire, and Difference in Saigon, Vietnam", paper presented as part of panel on "Circuits of Love", *Association for Asian American Studies* conference, 4/17/14, San Francisco.

Overseas Research Affiliations

Fulbright University. Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 2023

Yusof Ishak Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Vietnam Studies Programme. Singapore, 2021

University of Calcutta, Department of South & Southeast Asian Studies. Kolkata, India, 2012

Yunnan University, Dept. of International Relations. Kunming, China, 2012

Vietnam National University, Dept. of Anthropology. Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 2007-09

Languages & Language Study

English, Vietnamese (Proficient), French (Intermediate), Chinese (Basic), Japanese (Basic), Korean (Basic)

Recent Service

Institute for Global Engagement, University of Houston, MOU facilitator with USSH Vietnam, 2024

University of Pretoria Human Economy Programme, doctoral committee external examiner, 2023-24

Association for Asian American Studies conference organizing committee member, 2023-2024

Association for Asian American Studies Social Science Caucus board, mentorship coordinator, 2023-24

Mellon Undergraduate Research Advisor, University of Houston, 2022-24

Comparative Cultural Studies dept academic honesty officer, University of Houston, 2023-24

Comparative Cultural Studies dept curriculum coordinator, University of Houston, 2023-24

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences undergraduate studies committee, University of Houston, 2023-24

India Studies faculty affiliate, University of Houston, 2022-24

Anthropology search committees (cultural anthro & archaeology) member, University of Houston, 2022-23

Comparative Cultural Studies dept faculty evaluation committee member, University of Houston, 2022-24

Editorial Board member, Springer Books Global Vietnam series, 2021-present

Association for Asian American Studies Social Science Caucus committee chair, 2021-22

Asian American & Pacific Islander Studies events committee chair, Central Connecticut State Univ., 2021-22

Society for Economic Anthropology committee member, 2021-22

Anthropology (archaeology) search committee chair, Central Connecticut State University, 2021-22

Anthropology Department Evaluation Committee chair, Central Connecticut State Univ., 2021-22

Association for Asian Studies Vietnam Studies Group executive committee member, 2018-21

Vietnam Studies Group Association for Asian Studies panel sponsor committee chair, 2019

Faculty Senate Community Engagement Committee, Central Connecticut State University, 2014-22

Research Aligned Faculty Mentor, Central Connecticut State University, 2016-2022

CT Humanities, Big Read grant classroom and exhibition grant participant, 2021-22

Make Us Visible CT, Asian American studies curriculum development, 2021

Faculty Senator, Anthropology dept Representative, Central Connecticut State University, 2017-20
International Studies Committee, Central Connecticut State University, 2015-19
Anthropology Club Faculty Advisor, Central Connecticut State University, 2015-19
Vietnamese Int'l Film Festival / VN Am Arts & Letters Assoc, comm. chair and film review writer, 2012-14

Academic and Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association
Association for Asian Studies
Association for Asian American Studies
American Studies Association
International Studies Association
American Ethnological Society
International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility
Society for Economic Anthropology
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Society for Urban, National and Transnational / Global Anthropology
National Association for the Practice of Anthropology
European Association for Southeast Asian Studies
Vietnam Studies Group
Southeast Asia Council
Asia Society Texas
New York Southeast Asia Network
War Legacies Project