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Curriculum Vitae

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Research Areas

Political & Legal Anthropology; Technology & Infrastructure; Colonial and Postcolonial India; British Empire and British State; Scottish Nationalism; Modernism and the History of Anthropological Theory

Academic Employment

Current Position

Hunter College, City University of New York

- Associate Professor of Anthropology (2015–present)

Previous Positions

The Ohio State University, Department of Comparative Studies

- Associate Professor of Science Studies (2014-2015)
- Assistant Professor of Science Studies (2008-2014)

Visiting Positions

Hunter College, Visiting Associate Professor of Anthropology (2014-2015, on leave from OSU)

Education

Ph.D., Anthropology, Princeton University (2008)

MA (Honours) 1st Class (Anthropology & Art History), University of St Andrews (2002)

Research Grants and Fellowships

- 2016 PSC-CUNY Research Grant, "Building a Constitutional Culture in Scotland"
- 2013 The Ohio State University, 2-year Faculty Grant for research in Scotland
- 2012 The Ohio State University, Mershon Center, Faculty Research Grant, "Scottish Independence, In-Migration, and Political Belonging in Europe"
- 2011–12 Vanderbilt University, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, William S. Vaughn Visiting Fellowship
- 2007–08 Princeton University Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Pre-Doctoral Fellow
- 2007 Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies, Dissertation Writing Grant (declined)
- 2005–06 Wenner-Gren Foundation, Individual Research Grant, "Power Privatization in Delhi"
- 2003–04 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies & South Asia Faculty Committee grants-in-aid (various small travel grants)

Honors and Awards

- 2011 Comparative Studies Faculty Teaching Award (departmental), Ohio State University
 2003 Malcolm S. Forbes Merit Scholar, Princeton University
 2002 Miller Prize for Outstanding Graduate In Arts, 2nd Place, University of St Andrews
 2002 Departmental Prize in Social Anthropology, University of St Andrews
 2002 O. Elfrida Saunders Prize for Excellence in Art History, University of St Andrews

Publications**Monograph**

2017. *A Moral Technology: Electrification as Political Ritual in New Delhi*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
 [South Asian Edition] 2017. *A Moral Technology: Electrification as Political Ritual in New Delhi*. Delhi: Speaking Tiger Books.
 Reviewed in *American Anthropologist* and *Technology & Culture*

Edited Book

- Leo Coleman, ed. 2011. *Food: Ethnographic Encounters*. New York: Berg.

Journal Articles

2018. Building Scotland, Building Solidarity: A Scottish Architect's Knowledge of Nation. *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 60(4): 873-906. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0010417518000324>
 2017. "Functionalists Write II": Weird Empathy in Malinowski's Trobriand Ethnographies. *Anthropological Quarterly* 90(4): 973-1002.
 2016. Inside and Outside the House: A Narrative of Mobility and Becoming in Delhi. Special issue on "Migrant Narratives," edited by Susan Coutin and Erica Vogel, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. 45(6): 692-715
 2014. Infrastructure and Interpretation: Meters, Dams, and State Imagination in Scotland and India. *American Ethnologist* 41(3): 457-472.
 2014. Corporate Identity in *Citizens United*: Legal Fictions and Anthropological Theory. *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 37(2): 308-329.
 2012. Consequences of *Citizens United*: Notes on Citizenship and Corporate Personhood. Special Issue on "Appropriation" edited by Erin Fitz-Henry. *Intergraph: Journal of Dialogical Anthropology* (3)2: www.intergraph-journal.net.
 2009. Being Alone Together: From Solidarity to Solitude in Urban Anthropology. *Anthropological Quarterly* 82/3: 755-778.

Chapters in Edited Books

- In Press. Widened Reason and Deepened Optimism: Electricity and Morality in Durkheim's Anthropology and Our Own. In Simone Abrams, Thomas Yarrow, and Brit Ross Withereik, eds., *Current Thinking: Electricity as a Form of Life*. New York: Bloomsbury.
 2015. Power and Ignorance in British India: The Native Fetish of the Crown, in *Regimes of Ignorance*. Roy Dille and Thomas Kirsch, eds. Pp. 159-187. New York: Berghahn.
 2015. The Imagining Life: Reflections on Imagination in Political Anthropology, in *Reflections on Imagination: Human Capacity and Ethnographic Method*. Mark Harris and Nigel Rapport, eds. Pp. 195-214. Burlington, VT: Ashgate.
 2014. A View from Anthropology: Anomie and Urban Solitude, in *The Handbook to Solitude: Psychological Perspectives on Social Isolation, Social Withdrawal, and Being Alone*. Robert Coplan and Julie Bowker, eds. Pp. 483-498. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons.

2011. Introduction and Guide for Further Reading, in *Food: Ethnographic Encounters*. L. Coleman, ed. Pp. 1-16, 151-160. New York: Berg.
2011. Transnational India: Diaspora and Migration in the Anthropology of South Asia, in *A Companion to the Anthropology of India*. I. Clark-Decès, ed. Pp. 445-463. Malden, MA: Blackwell.
2009. The Obligation to Receive: The Countertransference, The Fieldworker, Protestants and Proselytization in North India, in *Being There: Fieldwork Experience and the Making of Truth*, J. Borneman and A. Hammoudi, eds. Pp. 113-150. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Selected Book Reviews, Essays, and Other Publications

2018. New Release Book Review Essay, *The Mana of Mass Society* by William Mazzarella. *Anthropological Quarterly* 91(2): 799-810.
2017. Beauty's Knowledge: Hawthorne's Moral Fable "Rappaccini's Daughter." In "Speculative Health," a series on medical knowledge and fiction. *Somatosphere: Science, Medicine, and Anthropology*, 8 September: <http://somatosphere.net/2017/09/beautys-knowledge.html>.
2017. Material as Opposed to What? Three Recent Ethnographies of Welfare, Biological Labor, and Human Dignity. *Somatosphere: Science, Medicine, and Anthropology*, 20 January: <http://somatosphere.net/2017/01/material-as-opposed-to-what-three-recent-ethnographies-of-welfare-biological-labor-and-human-dignity.html> [4,800 words].
2016. Why to Read Winnicott after the US Election, and How. *Somatosphere: Science, Medicine, and Anthropology*, 18 November: <http://somatosphere.net/2016/11/why-to-read-winnicott-after-the-us-election-and-how.html> [1,600 words].
2014. Identity and Incorporation in *Citizens United* and *Hobby Lobby* [research note]. *Anthropology News Online*, 05 November, <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2014/11/05/identity-and-incorporation-in-citizens-united-and-hobby-lobby/>
2014. The Relevance of Personhood in *Citizens United* and *Hobby Lobby* [companion essay to "Corporate Identity in Citizens United"]. *PolAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review Online*, 27 October, <http://www.polaronline.org/spillover/theory-and-law/essay-coleman/>
2014. *The Institutions of Meaning: A Defense of Anthropological Holism*, by Vincent Descombes [Book Review]. *Somatosphere: Medicine, Culture, Anthropology*, 18 August: <http://somatosphere.net/2014/08/descombes-the-institutions-of-meaning.html> [4,300 words].

Presentations, Workshops, and Invited Talks

2018. Energy and Equality: An Anthropology of Legal Form. Columbia University "Culture/Power/Boundaries" Seminar, December 10.
2018. Co-organizer (with Jessamyn Abel) & Workshop Leader. Asian Studies Summer Institute on "Infrastructure." Pennsylvania State University, June 10-16.
2017. Against the Invisibility of Infrastructures. CUNY Graduate Center Anthropology Colloquium, March 10.
2016. Magical Words and Political Speech. Plenary Address at *CUNY Language, Society & Culture Conference*, Borough of Manhattan Community College, May 20.
2014. Imperial Trust: Colonial Citizenship and the Constitution of Political Desire. Workshop on "Affinities, Affiliations, and Affects: Queer Theory in South Asia and its Diaspora," Center for Global Culture and Communication, Northwestern University, March 7.
2012. Noir Urbanism: Privatization and Political Imaginations in New Delhi. Program in Asian Studies, Vanderbilt University, March 30.

Recent Conference Presentations

2018. Panel Chair and Co-organizer (with Leilah Vevaina), "The Uses of the Trust: Law, Property, and Collective Purposes." American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 16.
2018. Roundtable Participant, "What's Law Got to Do With it?" American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 17.
2018. Technology's Constitution: Electricity Grids and State Boundaries in Scotland after 1943. Society for the History of Technology, St Louis, MO, October 12.
2017. Personification, Trust, and Corporate Life in British Constitutional Politics, 1904/2017. On panel "Prospects for a Critical Anthropology of Corporations." American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, December 1.
2017. Law, Techno-Science, and Society: Research at the Intersection. Roundtable Participant. Law & Society Association, Mexico City, June 21.
2016. Broadcast Mantras: Radio Rakhi and Emotional Integration in "Village India." American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, November 19.

Professional Service & Editorial Experience

- 2015– Editorial Board, *Political And Legal Anthropology Review*
- 2015–2018 Editorial Collaborative, *Somatosphere: Medicine, Culture, Anthropology*
- 2013–2015 Communications editor and *ex-officio* Board Member, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
- 2010 –present Peer Reviewer for *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Society, Cultural Anthropology, South Asia, Ethnos, Anthropological Quarterly, American Ethnologist, Political and Legal Anthropology Review*
- 2010- Manuscript Reviewer for Duke University Press, Stanford University Press, Berghahn Books, and Berg/Bloomsbury.
- 2004–2008 Co-Founder and Contributing Editor, *The Princeton Report on Knowledge*

Selected Teaching Experience

CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Anthropology
Science and Law: Anthropology of Knowledge and Expertise (Fall 2017)

Hunter College, Department of Anthropology (2014–present)

ANTHC 101: *Introduction to Anthropology*

ANTHC 301: *Anthropology of Science*

ANTHC 320: *Symbolic Anthropology*

ANTHC 703/318: *History of Anthropological Theory*

ANTHC 720/310: *Political Anthropology*

The Ohio State University, Department of Comparative Studies

Graduate

Seminar in Technology and Culture: Time and Technique

Theorizing Science and Technology

Proseminar in Cultural Theory

Undergraduate

Studies in Ethnography: Urban Life and Local Knowledge

The City and Culture

Science, Technology, and Society