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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor in Environment and Sustainable Development in Asia

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh, 2012

M.Sc. in Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh, 2007, with distinction

B.A. in Writing & Humanities, Houghton College, 1997

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental, cosmological and social change in indigenous communities; traditional ecological knowledge; globalization, social justice and cultural change; post-conflict recovery and resilience; human trafficking and migration.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

2020. The Things that Remain: encountering ruination and remnants in a post-conflict landscape in Western Cambodia. *Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* Vol. 21, Issue 3: 264-279.

2017. The Dead in the Land: bodies, bones and ghosts in northwestern Cambodia. *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 76, Issue 1: 69-86.

2016. 'All Newcomers Now': narrating social and material aspects of post-war resettlement in northwest Cambodia. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, Vol. 47, Issue 1: 24-41.

2012. Displacement, Diminishment, and Ongoing Presence: the state of local cosmologies in northwest Cambodia in the aftermath of war. *Asian Ethnology*, Vol. 71, Issue 2: 159-178.

Book Reviews

2019. A review titled 'Nancy J. Jacobs, Birders of Africa: history of a network.' *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, Vol. 89, Issue 1: 191-193.

Forthcoming

2021. Living with Landmines: inhabiting a war-altered landscape, in press with *The Journal of Material Culture*.

Work in Progress

After Crossing the River: an examination of traditional Khmer medicine use after birth and beliefs about postpartum care in Preah Jayavaraman-Norodom National Park, Cambodia. For submission to *Medical Anthropology* in February 2021.

Cooling the Earth: sacred topographies and agricultural expansion on the Kulen plateau. For submission to *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* in June 2021.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

2020. *To a Woman Born: enduring relations between mothers and midwives on Kulen Mountain in Northern Cambodia*. Conference paper for my panel Shifting Technologies, Mines, and Rituals of Relatedness: a Multimedia Montage of Post-war Cambodia and Laos. Presented at the conference Asia at the Crossroads: Solidarity through Scholarship, hosted by the Association of Asian Studies in Asia in Kobe, Japan.

2014. *Forces of Desire and Risking Self and Other: the resettlement of a war-altered landscape in northwest Cambodia*. Paper presented at The Force of Life: Living in Precarious Spaces and Times in Asia conference on 20-21 July, hosted by the Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore.

2010. *All Gone Now?: searching for the Khmer Rouge in a village in northwest Cambodia*. Paper presented at the Villains, Rogues and Deviants: Writing the Histories of People We'd Rather Forget conference on October 22, hosted by the School of Social and Political Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

2007. *Forgetting the Boat: uncovering ambivalence in Khmer development practitioners' perspectives on change*. Paper presented at the Joint Conference of Early Career Researchers Conference on East Asian Studies, the 4th Korean Studies Graduate Students Convention in Europe, and International Workshop on Governability across Regime Types, 24-26 October, hosted by the School of Social and Political Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH REPORTS

2005. *Reintegration Assistance for Trafficked Women and Children in Cambodia: A Review*. Lisa Arensen & Ingrid Quinn. The Asia Foundation: Phnom Penh.

2004. *Preventing Trafficking of Women: A Study of Origins and Vulnerability Factors for Trafficking Victims and Direct Sex Workers in Four Cambodian Cities*. Pact Cambodia: Phnom Penh.

2004. *Caring for Children from Commercially Sexually Exploitative Situations: Current Practices in Cambodia and Recommendations for a Model of Care*. Lisa Arensen, Mary Bunn, & Karen Knight. Hagar International: Phnom Penh.

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The School for Field Studies

Center for Environmental Research in Conservation and Development, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Lecturer for Ecosystems and Livelihoods (2014 to present)

Principal Investigator for Directed Research (2014 to present)

Instructor of Record for Khmer Culture and Language (2016 to present)

Houghton College, Intercultural Studies Department, New York

Interim Assistant Professor

Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2012, Fall 2008)

Globalization and Culture Change (Fall 2012, Fall 2008)

Senior Seminar (Fall 2012, Fall 2008)

Houghton College, Houghton College in Tanzania

Interim Assistant Professor for African Anthropology (Spring 2012)

Teaching Assistant for African Anthropology (Spring 2005)

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Senior Faculty

2017-2020

Center for Environmental Research in Conservation and Development, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Duties include monitoring academic delivery and assessment, mentoring new faculty members, liaising with the academic dean in Beverley, Massachusetts, supervising the student affairs manager and intern, and coordinating program activities.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCIES

For Ratanak International, 2018

For Documentation Center of Cambodia, 2017

For Wildlife Conservation Society, 2014

For World Hope International, 2013

For World Vision Cambodia & Hagar International, 2013

For The Asia Foundation, 2005 & 2004

For Pact Cambodia, 2004

Hagar International, 2004

AWARDS & GRANTS

2008-2011 College Overseas Research Scholarship, University of Edinburgh

2008-2011 Graduate School of Social and Political Studies Scholarship, University of Edinburgh

2008 The University of Edinburgh Tweedie Exploration Fellowship

2009 The Center for Khmer Studies CAORC/ECA (Council of American Overseas Research Centers) PhD Dissertation Research Fellowship

2014 Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore funding for conference expenses.

2020 The Center for Khmer Studies Senior Research Fellowship

2020 Grants for panel session I organized for the Association of Asian Studies in Asia Conference:

-Junior Khmer scholar subsidy from The Center for Khmer Studies

-Travel Subsidy for a senior Khmer scholar from the conference committee

2020 COVID-Deferred: Research Fellowship at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies in Kyoto University

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

Advanced skills in Khmer (spoken and written)

Low intermediate skills in Swahili (spoken and written)

Low intermediate skills in French (written)

Basic skills in Indonesian (spoken and written)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association

Association of Asian Studies

The Society for Applied Anthropology

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