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EDUCATION

- 2009 Ph.D. The University of Chicago
Department of Comparative Human Development
Thesis: "*Control in a World of Change: Emotion and Morality in a Northern Thai Town.*"
Supervisors: Dr. Richard Shweder (chair)
Dr. Tanya Luhmann, Dr. Richard Taub, Dr. Steven Collins
- 2004 M.A. The University of Chicago
Committee on Human Development
- 1999 B.A. Smith College
Cognitive and Social Psychology (with honors)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018- Washington State University
Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
Asia Program, Program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- 2012-2018 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
- 2010 - 2012 Stanford University
Culture and Mind Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anthropology
- 2009 - 2010 University of California, San Diego
Visiting Lecturer, Psychological Anthropology, Department of Anthropology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical/Psychological/Cultural Anthropology; Religious Practice; Health; Affect; Agency; Embodiment;
Ethics; Cognition in Culture; Gender/Sexuality; Theravāda Buddhism; Thailand, Transnational Southeast Asia.

SINGLE-AUTHORED AND CO-EDITED BOOKS

- 2018 Cassaniti, L. Julia. *Remembering the Present: Mindfulness in Buddhist Asia*. Ithaca, NY:
Cornell University Press.
- 2017 Cassaniti, L. Julia and Usha Menon, eds. *Universalism Without Uniformity: Explorations in Mind
and Culture*. Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press.
- 2015 Cassaniti, L. Julia. *Living Buddhism: Mind, Self, and Emotion in a Thai Community*. Ithaca, NY:
Cornell University Press. (Awarded the 2016 Stirling Prize for Best Published Book in
Psychological Anthropology by the American Anthropological Association)

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Accepted Cassaniti, L. Julia. "Affect and Emotion in Anthropological Approaches to Religion." For *The Oxford Handbook of the Anthropology of Religion*. Simon Coleman and Joel Robbins, eds. Oxford University Press.
- In press Cassaniti, L. Julia. "Keeping It Together: Idioms of Resilience and Distress in Thai Buddhist Mindlessness." In *Transcultural Psychiatry*. Part of a Special Issue on Idioms of Distress, organized by Lesley Weaver and Bonnie Kaiser.
- 2018 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "The Mind." *The International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Hilary Callan, ed. Oxford: John Wiley and Sons, Ltd.
- 2017 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "[Wherever you go, there you... Aren't?](#)" In *Meditation, Buddhism, and Science*. David McMahan and Erik Braun eds. London: Oxford University Press. 131-152.
- 2017 Menon, Usha and Julia L. Cassaniti. "Introduction: Universalism Without Uniformity." In *Universalism Without Uniformity: Explorations in Mind and Culture*. Cassaniti and Menon, eds. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. 1-22.
- 2017 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "Unsettling Basic States: New Directions in the Cross-Cultural Study of Emotion." In *Universalism Without Uniformity: Explorations in Mind and Culture*. Cassaniti and Menon, eds. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. 101-114.
- 2017 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "[The Politics of Space: Siege of the Spirits: Community and Polity in Bangkok.](#)" *Current Anthropology*, 58(2). 309-311.
- 2016 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "[Return to Baseline: A Woman with Chronic Acute Onset, Non-Affective Remitting Psychosis in Thailand.](#)" *Our Most Troubling Madness: Case Studies in Schizophrenia across Cultures*. T.M. Luhrmann and Jocelyn Marrow, eds. U. California Press. 167-179.
- 2015 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "[The Asanha Bucha Day Sermon: Boring, Subversive, or Subversively Boring?](#)" *The Journal of Contemporary Buddhism*, 16(1): 224-243.
- 2015 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "[Intersubjective Affect and Embodied Emotion: Feeling the Supernatural in Thailand.](#)" *The Anthropology of Consciousness*, 26(2): 132-142
- 2014 Cassaniti, L. Julia and Tanya Luhrmann. "[The Cultural Kindling of Spiritual Experiences.](#)" *Current Anthropology*. v.55(10): 333-343.* (Also published in German, as: "Die kulturelle Erweckung spiritueller Erfahrung." *Zeitschrift für Anomalistik*, 16:85-114. (2016))
- 2014 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "[Moralizing Emotion: A Breakdown in Thailand.](#)" In *Anthropological Theory*. Vol. 14(3) 280-300. Part of a Special Issue on the Anthropology of Morality, Julia Cassaniti and Jacob Hickman, eds.
- 2014 Cassaniti, L. Julia and Jacob Hickman. "[New Directions in the Anthropology of Morality.](#)" In *Anthropological Theory*, 14(3) 251-262. Part of a Special Issue on the Anthropology of Morality, Julia Cassaniti and Jacob Hickman, eds.
- 2014 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "Meditation and the Mind: Neurological and Clinical Implications of Buddhist Practice." In *Panitan: Chiang Mai University's Journal of Philosophy and Religion*. p.7-30.
- 2014 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "Buddhism and Positive Psychology." *Positive Psychology of Religion and Spirituality Across Cultures*. Chu Kim-Presto, ed. Springer Press. p.101-124.

- 2013 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "Melford Spiro: Psychological Anthropologist in Southeast Asian Society." McGee and Warms, eds. *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology*. LA: SAGE. p. 808-810.
- 2013 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "The Rural Radio DJ." In *Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity*. Joshua Barker, Erik Harms, and Johan Lindquist, eds. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press. p.123-125.
- 2012 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "Agency and the Other: The Role of Agency for the Importance of Belief in Buddhist and Christian Traditions." *Ethos: The Journal of Psychological Anthropology*. 40(3): 297-316.
- 2011 Cassaniti, L. Julia and Tanya M. Luhrmann. "Encountering the Supernatural: A Phenomenological Account of Mind." *Religion and Society*, 2: 37-53.
- 2011 Cassaniti, L. Julia, Joel Robbins and T.M. Luhrmann. "The constitution of mind: what's in a mind? Interiority and boundedness: Calling in the souls: The *kor khwan* ritual in Thai spiritual encounters." *Suomen Antropologi, The Finnish Anthropological Society*, 36 (4): 15-20. In a special issue organized as part of a conference on "Anthropological Theories of Mind."
- 2006 Cassaniti, L. Julia. "Toward a cultural psychology of impermanence in Thailand." *Ethos: The Journal of Psychological Anthropology*. 34: 58-88. (Awarded the 2005 Condon Prize for Best Graduate Student Essay in Psychological Anthropology by the American Anthropological Association)
- 2002 Cassaniti, L. Julia. Meditation at the Mall. *Seeds of Peace: Journal of Engaged Buddhism and Asian Issues*. Sathirakoses-Nagapradeepa Foundation.

CONSULTANCIES AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- 2016- Advisor to the "Spiritual Curiosity and Theory of Mind" Project, at Stanford University (\$2.8M grant from the Templeton Foundation)
- 2012- Collaborator on Culture and Buddhist Practice Project with Aj. Somwang Kaewsufong, Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Chiang Mai University

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 Clare Hall Fellow, Cambridge University, and Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, Cambridge University
- 2018 Humanities Fellowship, "The Phenomenology of Meaning in Japanese and Thai Buddhist Meditation: Frequency and the Training of Attention," Washington State University
- 2017 National Science Foundation (NSF) ADVANCE Program External Mentor Pilot Extension Grant
- 2016 AAA Stirling Prize, Best Published Book in Psychological Anthropology, awarded by American Anthropological Association, for *Living Buddhism: Mind, Self and Emotion in a Thai Community*.
- 2016 Southeast Asia Program (SEAP), Visiting Fellow, Cornell University
- 2014 Department of Religion and Philosophy, Visiting Fellow, Chiang Mai University

- 2014 New Faculty Seed Grant, "Mindfulness's Meanings in the Hospitals and Monasteries of Southeast Asia," Washington State University
- 2013 National Science Foundation (NSF) ADVANCE Mentor Award, Washington State University
- 2009-2011 Culture and Mind Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University
- 2008 Mellon/ACLS Foundation, Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2008 Committee on Southern Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, The University of Chicago
- 2007 Neugarten Prize Lectureship in the Social Sciences, The University of Chicago (to teach a course on "The Experience of Religion in Asia", cross listed in Human Development and the Divinity School)
- 2005 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship
- 2005 Fulbright IIE Fellowship and the Department of Education (*declined*)
- 2005 Doolittle-Harris Grant, for presenting at the American Ethnographical Society and Society for Psychological Anthropology joint biennial meetings
- 2004 Fulbright Grant for Language Training, Advanced Study of Thai, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
- 2004 Condon Prize, Best Student Essay in Psychological Anthropology, Society for Psychological Anthropology
- 2004 Southern Asia Languages and Civilizations Fellowship for Thai language study, The University of Chicago
- 2004 Southeast Asia Summer Studies Institute Tuition Fellowship for Thai language study, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2006 Century Fellowship (top rated graduate fellowship, The University of Chicago (2002-2006))

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

- 2018 "The Permeable and Wandering Mind: Consciousness at a Cross-Roads"
Interdisciplinary Seminar on Consciousness Studies
Max Planck Institute of Human Development
Berlin, Germany (December 14)
- 2018 "Ellen Degeneres Interviews the Cave-Rescued Thai Soccer Team: Meditation in Global Discourse"
For a panel on "Buddhism and Resilience", co-organizer
American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Conference
San Jose, CA (November 16)
- 2018 "Phenomenological Considerations in the Subjective Feeling of Religious Experience and Cultural Theory of Mind." Spiritual Curiosities Project, Stanford University
Stanford, CA (April 22)
- 2018 "Out of Time: Temporality and Mindfulness in Buddhist Southeast Asia." Invited Speaker for the Numata Lecture Series in Buddhist Studies, the University of Toronto
Toronto, Canada, (January 26th)

- 2018 "Living Buddhism: Mind, Self and Emotion in a Thai Community." Invited Speaker for the Numata Lecture Series in Buddhist Studies, McMaster University
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (January 25)
- 2017 "Registers of Calmness through Political and Social Action."
10th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) Annual Conference
Chiang Mai, Thailand (July 21)
- 2017 "Wherever you go, there you... *Aren't?* Theories of the Person in Thai Mindfulness"
13th International Conference on Thai Studies (ICTS), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University *Chiang Mai, Thailand* (July 17)
- 2017 "Reconciling Psychological and Anthropological Approaches to Human Behavior."
Seminar on Human Social Behavior, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University
Cambridge, MA (June 11)
- 2017 "Theravāda Approaches to Buddhist Mindfulness in Thailand, Burma, and Sri Lanka."
Theravāda Civilizations Project
Springfield, MI (June 1)
- 2017 "Theories of mind in Christian and Buddhist Thai Religious Practice."
Spiritual Curiosity and Theory of Mind Project, Stanford University
Stanford, CA (May 21)
- 2017 "Ghostly Affects: Emotion and Subjectivity in Contemporary Thai Buddhist Mindfulness."
Contemplative Sciences Center, the East Asia Center, and the UVA School of Medicine,
The University of Virginia, *Charlottesville, VA* (April 28)
- 2017 "Registers of Acceptance: Affecting Equanimity in Buddhist Thailand."
Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference
Toronto, Canada (March 18)
- 2017 "The Psychological Anthropology of Mental Health and Political Resistance: A Thai Case Study."
Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) Biennial Meetings
New Orleans, LA (March 10)
- 2017 "Psychiatric and Monastic Perspectives on *sati* in contemporary Southeast Asia."
Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor.
Ann Arbor, MI (February 13)
- 2017 "Remembering the Present: Monasteries, Markets, and Mental Health in Today's Theravāda Buddhist Mindfulness." Anthropology Colloquium, Washington State University.
Pullman, WA (February 9)
- 2017 "Mentality and Mental Health in Southeast Asia."
Center for Southeast Asian Studies Friday Forum, The University of Wisconsin - Madison.
Madison, WI (January 27)
- 2016 "Idioms of Weight: Categories of Lightness and Heaviness in Thai Spiritual Phenomenology."
American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meetings
Minneapolis, MN (November 18)
- 2016 "The Psychology of Mindfulness Practices of Theravāda Buddhist Asia."
Psychology Seminar, The University of Saskatchewan.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada (October 16)

- 2016 "Collaborating on Categories of Religious Experience."
Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA) Annual Meeting.
Ithaca, NY (May 13)
- 2016 "Ethnographies of Affect in Buddhist Communities."
Buddhism, Humanities and Ethnographic Methods, University of Vermont
Burlington, VT (April 30)
- 2016 "Living Buddhism: Mind, Self, and Emotion in a Thai Community."
Buddhist studies and International Relations Program, University of Washington
Seattle, WA (April 18)
- 2016 "The Heart of Change: Acting Through Impermanence in Modern Buddhist Thailand."
Thai Studies Program and the Department of Anthropology, Harvard University
Cambridge, MA (March 7)
- 2016 "The Passage of Time and the Cultural Psychology of Mental Health in Buddhist Thailand."
Center for Southeast Asian Studies, International Institute. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, MI (February 19)
- 2016 "The 'Affects' of Change: Psychological Anthropology of Emotion, Morality, and Mental Health in Buddhist Thailand." Department of Anthropology, Boston University
Boston, MA (January 22)
- 2015 "Buddhism, Supernaturalism, and Local Religious Perspectives in Mainland Southeast Asian Historiographies ." Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia, The University of Kyoto
Kyoto, Japan (December 12)
- 2015 "Meditating on Unusual Religious Experiences in Buddhist Thailand."
Part of a panel on "The Strange Self: Exploration of Mind in Buddhism and Christianity"
American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meetings
Denver, CO (November 19)
- 2015 "Smiling at Death: *Anichang*, *Ploy Wang*, and the Cultural Psychology of Emotion in Contemporary Thailand." SEAP Brown Bag Lecture Series. Cornell University
Ithaca, NY (October 15)
- 2015 "Emotion in Contemporary Buddhism and the Medical Anthropology of Mental Health in today's Thailand." Department of Anthropology and the Southeast Asia Program, Washington State University
Seattle, WA (September 15)
- 2015 "Empowering subjectivity in culture." For a panel on "Untethering Self and Person: New Directions in Psychological Anthropology." Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) Biennial Meetings
Boston, MA (April 9)
- 2015 "Emotion and the Anthropological Study of Morality: A Breakdown in Thailand."
For a panel on "Religion and Moral Sentiments." Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR) Biennial Meetings
San Diego, CA (April 20)
- 2015 "The Future of Cultural Affective Science."
Society for Affective Science Annual Conference
Chicago, IL (March 19)

- 2015 “Not about Religion, Not about Culture”?: (Re)Constructing Buddhist mindfulness in Southeast Asia.”
Anthropology Seminar, Brigham Young University
Provo, UT (January 23)
- 2014 “The Sting of a Flood in Northern Thailand: Buddhism and the Cultural Psychology of Emotion.”
For a panel on “Universalism without the Uniformity: Emotion, Health, and Identity.”
(Co-organized with Usha Menon) American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meetings
Washington, DC (December 5)
- 2014 “(Re)-Constructing Buddhist Mindfulness in Thai Psychiatry.”
International Conference on Thai Studies. Sponsored by the University of Sydney
Sydney, Australia (April 23)
- 2014 “An Anthropological Investigation of Buddhism in Practice.” Intensity Institute, Mandalay
Mandalay, Burma (March 22)
- 2014 “Thai Health Care Reform and the Practice of Mindfulness.”
Part of a panel on “Health Beliefs and Practices.” Asia Pacific Sociological Association (APSA)
Chiang Mai, Thailand (February 16)
- 2013 “Minding Medicine: One Man’s Struggles Through a Changing Health Care Landscape in Thailand.” In a panel on “The Dynamics of Body, Place, and Subjectivity in the Study of Religion.”
American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meetings.
Chicago, IL (November 22)
- 2013 “Minding Medicine: Buddhist mindfulness, class, and practice.”
Medical Anthropology Seminar, The University of California, San Diego
San Diego, CA (April 10)
- 2013 “Affecting the Supernatural: Thai Supernatural Encounters and Affect Theories.”
Part of a panel co-organized with Allen Tran titled “What’s Up with Affect?”
Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) Biennial Meetings
San Diego, CA (April 5)
- 2013 “Mental Health and Medicine in Thailand.”
Anthropology and Sociology Colloquium, Bucknell University
Lewisburg, PA (March 8)
- 2013 “Medicine and Madness: A Case study from Thailand.”
Conference on “Religion Inside Medicine. Epistemology, Law, and Everyday Experience and Practice.”
Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität,
Berlin, Germany (February 15)
- 2012 “Buddhism and the Ghostly Emotions of today’s Thailand.”
Part of a panel on “Steps Toward an Anthropology of Affect.” American Anthropological Association
(AAA) Annual Meetings
San Francisco, CA (November 16)
- 2012 “Buddhism and Positive Psychology.”
Psychology Department Culture Co-Lab, Stanford University
Stanford, CA (November 14)
- 2011 “Compassion in Buddhist Northern Thailand.”
Part of a panel on “Emotion and Inter-subjectivity” (Co-organized with Allen Tran)
American Anthropological Association Annual (AAA) Annual Meetings

New Orleans, LA (November 16)

- 2011 "Feeling the Immaterial: Minds, Ghosts, and Relations in Buddhist Thailand."
Culture Workshop, Human Development, The University of Chicago
The University of Chicago, IL (October 4)
- 2011 "Buddhism(s) and the Modern Creation of Northern Thai Identity."
International Conference on Thai Studies. Sponsored by Mahidol University
Bangkok, Thailand (July 26)
- 2011 "Buddhism in Mind: the Psychology of Buddhism in Contemporary Thai Society."
Psychology Department Culture Co-Lab, Stanford University
Stanford, CA (May 24)
- 2011 "Emotional worlds of change: Psychology and Impermanence."
Department of Anthropology Psychodynamic Seminar, The University of California, San Diego
San Diego, CA (May 6)
- 2011 "Even the Table is Moving!" Ritual Practices and Embodied Experience of Impermanence in a
Buddhist Community" Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR) Biennial Meetings
Santa Fe, NM (April 30)
- 2011 "Creating Neoliberal Subjectivities in Thailand: A Story of Love and Ambivalence."
Part of a panel on "Neoliberal Subjectivity." Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) Meetings
Los Angeles, CA (April 1)
- 2011 "Why Yelling Doesn't Work in Thailand: A Psychological Anthropological Account of Emotion."
Anthropology Brown Bag Lecture Series, Stanford University
Stanford, CA (January 10)
- 2010 "Are there Moral Emotions?"
Part of a panel titled "Toward an Anthropology of Morality" (Co-organized with Jacob Hickman)
American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meetings
Philadelphia, PA (December 5)
- 2010 "Culture and Psychology in Northern Thailand: Methodological Issues of the Mind in Context."
Michael Cole's Lab of Comparative Human Cognition, The University of California, San Diego
San Diego, CA (April 13)
- 2010 "The Problem with Pan: Cultural Psychology of Illness, Emotion, Morality and Agency
in a Northern Thai family." Anthropology Brown Bag Lecture Series, Stanford University
Stanford, CA (January 25)
- 2009 "Control and Agency: Bridging the Disciplines of Psychology and Anthropology."
Anthropology Brown Bag Lecture Series, Stanford University
Stanford, CA (April 20)
- 2009 "Constructing Personal Agency Through Perpetual Loss: Buddhist Ramifications of Impermanence in
Northern Thailand." Part of a panel on "Crisis, Suffering, Resistance, and Escape" (Panel Organizer)
The Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) and Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR)
Asilomar, California (March 27)
- 2009 "*Tham jai*: Acceptance in Buddhist Northern Thailand as Acts of Resistance."
Psychodynamic Seminar, University of California, San Diego
San Diego, CA (March 15)

- 2008 "‘Cool it!’ The Work of Emotion in a Buddhist Thai Community."
Southeast Asia Program (SEAP) Graduate Student Conference, Cornell University
Ithaca, NY (October 24)
- 2008 "Negotiating Emotion and Agency in a World of Change."
Theory and Practice in Southern Asia, The University of Chicago
Chicago, IL (October 2)
- 2008 "Doing Social Science Research on Buddhism in Practice: Methods and Theory."
Graduate Program in Buddhist Studies, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University. Wat Suan Dok
Chiang Mai, Thailand (June 15)
- 2008 "Development of identity and agency in Senegalese and American Jewish youth."
15th Annual Human Development Graduate Conference, The University of Chicago
Chicago, IL (April 25)
- 2008 "Karma in Action: Notes from a Northern Thai village."
Tenth International Conference on Thai Studies. Sponsored by Thammasat University
Bangkok, Thailand (January 9)
- 2007 "Buddhist philosophy in practice: an ethnographic study of Amphur Mae Chaem."
Chiang Mai University Philosophy Symposium. Chiang Mai University
Chiang Mai, Thailand (November 4)
- 2007 "Christianity among the Karen of Northern Thailand."
SEAP Outreach Workshop on Karen Culture, Cornell University
Ithaca, NY (October 20)
- 2007 "Mental health and the cultural saliency of emotion: A case study from Thailand."
Clinical Ethnography Workshop, The University of Chicago
Chicago, IL (October 19)
- 2007 "Influences of religion in everyday life: A comparative study of Karen Christians and Thai Buddhists in Northern Thailand." International Conference on Religion and Culture, Payap University
Chiang Mai, Thailand (June 21)
- 2005 "Anthropology of Religion in Theravada Southeast Asia."
Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program (SEASREP) 10th Anniversary Conference
Chiang Mai, Thailand (December 8)
- 2005 "Socially perceived differences between genders in Thai culture." (Presented in Thai)
Advanced Study of Thai graduate conference. Chiang Mai University
Chiang Mai, Thailand (August 21)
- 2005 "Impermanence in Everyday Life: An Ethnographic Report."
Culture, Life Course, and Mental Health (CLCMH) Workshop, The University of Chicago
Chicago, IL (April 14)
- 2005 "Toward a Cultural Psychology of Buddhist impermanence in Thailand."
Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) Biennial Meetings
San Diego, California (April 9)
- 2005 "Buddhist impermanence and the psychology of causal attribution in Northern Thailand."
Ninth International Conference on Thai Studies. Sponsored by Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL (April 3)

- 2004 "Local *Kham Muang* Knowledge: Interviews from Mae Chaem, Thailand."
Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute (SEASSI) Student Conference, The University of Wisconsin
Madison, WA (July 24)
- 2004 "What Makes a Buddhist? Impermanence in Everyday Life."
Committee on Human Development Annual Graduate Student Conference, The University of Chicago
Chicago, IL (May 15)
- 2004 "Challenges to the Ethnography of Religion: Thai constructions."
American Ethnological Society (AES) Annual Meetings
Atlanta, Georgia (April 24)
- 2004 "Cultural Psychology of Buddhism in Thailand."
Department of Psychology Cross-Cultural Laboratory, The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, MI (March 10)
- 2004 "The Personal Construction of Buddhism in Thailand."
Conference on Culture and Religion, Northwestern University
Chicago, IL (February 21)
- 2003 "Beyond Duality: What a Northern Thai village can tell us about Cultural Psychology."
Poster Presentation at the University of Michigan Psychology Department's Self, Cognition, and
Emotion Conference: Toward the Future of Psychological Research
Ann Arbor, MI (December, 6)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Medical and Psychology Anthropology, Washington State University

- 2018 DIV/ANTH 203 "Global Cultural Diversity" (*also taught in 2015*)
2018 ANTH 591 "Religion, Mind and Body" (Graduate Seminar) (*also in 2016, 2013*)
2018 ANTH 490 "Integrative Themes in Anthropology" (*also in 2017, 2016, 2015*)
2017 ANTH 554 "Field Methods in Anthropology" (Graduate Seminar)
2017 ANTH 303 "The Anthropology of Religious Experience"
2017 ANTH 390 "The History of Anthropological Thought" (*also in 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012*)
2016 ANTH 591 "Culture and Mind" (Graduate Seminar) (*also in 2015, 2014*)
2015 ANTH 330 "Gods, Spirits, Witchcraft and Possession"
2012 ANTH 302 "Childhood and Culture"

Invited Guest Lecturer, Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University

- 2011 "Culture and Madness" (*Dept. of Anthropology Graduate seminar*)
2011 "The Cultural Shaping of Emotion" (*Dept. of Psychology*)
2010 "The Anthropology of Religion" (*Dept. of Anthropology Graduate seminar*)
2010 "Anthropology of the Imagination" (*Dept. of Anthropology*)

Visiting Lecturer, Sociocultural Anthropology, University of California, San Diego

- 2010 ANSC 128 "Culture and Emotion"
2009 ANSC 129 "Meaning and Healing"
2009 ANSC 167 "Rituals and Celebrations"
2009 ANSC 121 "Psychological Anthropology"
2009 ANSC 126 "The Anthropology of Childhood and Adolescence"

Course Lecturer and Teaching Assistant, The University of Chicago

- 2007 CHDV/DIV "The Experience of Religion in Asia" (*Neugarten Prize Lectureship*)
2009 CHDV "Introduction to Human Development: The Study of Lives in Context" (*T.A. to Bertram Cohler*)
2004 CHDV "Cultural Psychology" (*T.A. to Richard Shweder*)

Volunteer Instructor for Thai and Immigrant Communities, United States and Thailand

- 2010 English for Thai Immigrants, Wat Buddhajakramongkolratanaram Thai Temple, Escondido, CA
 2006 Social Science Course for Novice Monks, Pah Ded Temple, Mae Chaem, Thailand
 2006 Researcher and Community Development, Raks Thai Foundation, Mae Chaem, Thailand
 2001 Workshop Leader on Social Activism for Buddhist Monastics, Sathirakoses-Nagapradeepa Foundation, Nakorn Nayok, Thailand
 1999 Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate Program, Northampton, MA

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION**PhD Level Supervision as Committee Chair**

- Jason Hwanjin Chung “SE Asian Ideologies of Personhood in a Meth Addiction Clinic” Ph.D. (beg. Fall 2015)
 “How can I become a person? The paradoxical nature of the ideal self with whoonga addiction in South Africa” M.A. Spring 2013

MA Level Supervision as Committee Chair

- Xinyi (Katya) Zhao Psychosis in Southeast Asia: Cultural Metaphors and Psychiatry M.A. (beg. Fall 2017)
 Daphne Weber *Bhikkhuni* ordination: Female Monks at the Margins in Thailand M.A. (beg. Fall 2017)
 Piyawit Moonkham Mythscape: An Ethnohistorical Archeology of Space and Narrative of the Naga at the Thai/Laos Border M.A. Spring 2017
 Chia Hinchliff A Thread of Continuity: Spiritual Journey Through Yarn in Honor of Wixarika Ancestors M.A. Spring 2017
 Jessica McCauley The Embodiment of Knowledge: Djinn Healing in Urban Mali M.A. Spring 2015

Current and Past PhD and MA Level Committee Supervision

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| Brooke Ann Coco | Cultural Consonance among Ecuadorian migrants | M.A. Spring 2018 |
| Anna Jordan | Memory and Personhood in Elder Care | M.A. 2012 PhD beg. 2015 |
| Francisco de la Torres | Sociocultural Status and Educational Achievement | M.A. Spring 2014 |
| Chaise Jung | Dreams and Migration in the Tonga | M.A. beg. Fall 2016 |
| Roxanna King | Witchcraft Beliefs in Southeastern Cameroon | M.A. Def. 2012 PhD beg. 2015 |
| Mihiret, Mesganaw | Theories of Personhood among Jewish Ethiopian Immigrants | PhD beg. Fall 2014 |
| Stephanie Sicard | Education Reform in India | PhD beg. Fall 2016 |
| Piyawit Moonkham | Archeology of Naga Myths in Thailand and Laos | PhD beg. Spring 2017 |
| Matthew Newsom | Psychobilly Music and Pretend Play Violence in Berlin | PhD beg. Fall 2013 |
| Emily Casillas | Mothering Practices in Peru | M.A.-PhD beg. Fall 2012 |
| Darcie De Angelo | To love a rat: Shadow Stories and Interspecies Relations in a Cambodian Minefield
*(external examiner, McGill University) | PhD Fall 2017 |
| Raissa Graumans | Tibetan Nuns in Dharamsala, India
*(external examiner, University of Saskatchewan) | PhD Fall 2016 |
| Chaitut ROUNGCHAI | More than English: Karen Thai/Burmese Refugees Negotiating their Lifestyle in a Cosmopolitan City
*(external examiner, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) | PhD Spring 2013 |

FIELD RESEARCH

- 2019- Fieldwork visit to Chiang Mai, Thailand, for follow-up ethnographic research and translation
 2018 meetings for *Living Buddhism*, at Chiang Mai University (four months)
 2017 Fieldwork visit to Chiang Mai, Thailand, for NSF ADVANCE Program External Mentor Pilot Extension Grant research, and for work on the Templeton-Foundation-sponsored “Spiritual Curiosity Project”.

- 2015 Fieldwork visit to Northern Thailand for follow-up work on mindfulness project
- 2014 Fieldwork visits to Chiang Mai, Thailand; Kandy, Sri Lanka; and Mandalay, Burma for New Faculty Seed Grant-sponsored research on Mindfulness in Southeast Asia
- 2013 Fieldwork visits to Chiang Mai for research on ghosts, politics, and madness in Thailand
- 2012 Fieldwork trip to Northern Thailand for research and language training
- 2011 Fieldwork trips to Northern Thailand for research on *The Phenomenology of the Supernatural in Buddhist Practice*
- 2010 Fieldwork trips to Northern Thailand for research: *The Phenomenology of the Supernatural in Buddhist Practice*
- 2009- Extended dissertation fieldwork to Northern Thailand, for *Control in a World of Change: Emotion and Morality in a Northern Thai Town* (The University of Chicago). Conducted ethnographic field work and interviewed 140 Northern Thai and Karen villagers on everyday practices in Amphur Mae Chaem (28 months total, 2005-2006 residency; 3 months a year 2007-2009)
- 2005 Advanced Study of Thai (AST) at Chiang Mai University, supported by the Fulbright Foundation. Research project on gender and social practice at Chiang Mai University
- 2004 Thai Language Training (Second Year) at the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI), University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2003 M.A.-level Research on Buddhist impermanence in Northern Thailand

SELECTED DEPARTMENTAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- 2019- Peer review work for journals of Medical Anthropology, Psychological Anthropology, and Religious Studies
- 2011
- 2018 Anthropology Colloquium Chair, Washington State University
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