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## **EDUCATION**

- 2005 Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
- 1998 M.A. Anthropology, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
- 1994 B.A. (high distinction) Anthropology and French (with honors), University of Kentucky

## **CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Human-Environment Relations and Agencies; Development and Political Ecologies; Mining and Conservation Areas; Illicit Drug Cultivation; Insects, Entomology and Regional Organizations; Indigenous Epistemologies and Sciences; Papua New Guinea and the Pacific.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/ ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- August 2007 – Present  
Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio. San Antonio, Texas.
- March 2007 – June 2007  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Ohio.
- March 2005 – January 2007  
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury. Christchurch, New Zealand. Two-year appointment. Project entitled: 'Community-Centered Pacific Resource Management Model.'
- January 2004 – December 2004  
Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- August 2003 – December 2004  
Lecturer, Anthropology, North Hennepin Community College. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1995 – 2000 and 2002 – 2003  
Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- June 1996 – July 1996  
Instructor, Connections Program, Saint Paul City School District, Saint Paul, Minnesota.  
Co-taught summer course in anthropology and archaeology to 9th-12th grade students.

**ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELDWORK**

30 August 2005 – 28 September 2005

Research related to the opening of Hidden Valley Gold Mine and closure of the Kuper Range Conservation Area. Elauru and Winima villages, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea.

03 November 2000 – 24 March 2002

Doctoral Dissertation Research entitled: 'Global Desires, Local Debates: Evaluating Conservation and Development Options in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' Elauru and Winima villages, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea.

14 January 1998 – 10 March 1998

Internship with Wau Ecology Institute. Assessed incentive projects associated with a locally initiated wildlife management area. Elauru village, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea.

06 July 1996 – 30 July 1996

Exploratory fieldwork interviewing indigenous environmental activists and officials at conservation NGOs. Papua New Guinea: Port Moresby, National Capital District; Aitape District, Sandaun Province; and Madang, Madang Province.

**ARCHIVAL RESEARCH**

The National Archives of Australia, Canberra

The National Library of Australia, Canberra

The Pacific Collection at the Hamilton Library, University of Hawai'i - Manoa

The National Archives of Papua New Guinea, Lae and Port Moresby

Library of the Martin Luther Seminary, Lae

Melanesian Archives, University of California, San Diego

**GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury.

Awarded two year post-doctoral position focused on 'Community-Centred Pacific Resource Management Models.' March 2005 – February 2007.

Graduate Research and Partnership Program, University of Minnesota.

Co-authored with Professor David Lipset. To aid archival research and writing on a project entitled, 'An Ambiguous Commodity: Marijuana in the Contemporary Pacific Islands,' June – August 2004.

Friends of the Library Travel Grant, University of California, San Diego

To aid archival research at the Melanesian Archives, University of California, San Diego. August 2003.

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Minnesota

To aid in the writing of the dissertation, 'Re-imagining Biangai Environments: Mining and Conservation in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' 2002 – 2003 academic year.

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, GR.6724

To aid research entitled, 'Global Desires, Local Debates: Evaluating Conservation and Development Options in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' November 2000 – March 2002.

National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology Program, BCS - 0003927

To aid research entitled, 'Global Desires, Local Debates: Evaluating Conservation and Development Options in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' November 2000 – March 2002.

- Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Grants for Research Abroad  
To aid research entitled, 'Global Desires, Local Debates: Evaluating Conservation and Development Options in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' November 2000 – March 2002.
- National Science Foundation, Summer Institute for Research Design in Cultural Anthropology. Invited Participant. August 1998.
- Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota  
'Pre-dissertation Research Block Grant' in support of an internship with the Wau Ecology Institute in Papua New Guinea. 1998.
- Institute of International Studies and Programs, University of Minnesota  
'President's International Internship Grant' in support of an internship with the Wau Ecology Institute in Papua New Guinea. 1998.
- Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota  
'Pre-Dissertation Research Block Grant' in support of exploratory research in Papua New Guinea. 1996.
- College of Liberal Arts Special Events Fund, University of Minnesota  
In support of the Anthropology and Archaeology Speakers' Bureau, grant co-authored with Terry Fingerhut and Kathleen Saunders. 1995.
- Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota, Single Quarter/Semester Tuition Block Grants.  
Spring 1998, Winter 1998, Winter 1995 and Fall 1994.
- Oswald Research and Creativity Award, Social Science Category, University of Kentucky  
Second Place for, 'The Appalachian as Practice.' 1994.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Dissertation**

- 2005 Halvaksz, Jamon. *Re-Imagining Biangai Environments: Mining and Conservation in the Wau Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea*. Unpublished Ph.D. Thesis. Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### **Books, Edited Volumes, Journal Special Issues**

- 2006 Lipset, David and Jamon Halvaksz, guest editors. Marijuana in Papua New Guinea. A special issue of *Oceania* 76 (3).

### **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

- 2008 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Photographing Spirits: Indigenous Photography, Ancestors and the Environment in Papua New Guinea.' As part of a special issue, *Haunting Images: The affective power of photography*. Ben Smith and Richard Vokes, Guest Editors. *Visual Anthropology* 21(4): 310-326.
- 2008 Halvaksz, Jamon and Heather Young-Leslie. 'Thinking Ecographically: Places, Ecographers and Environmentalism.' *Nature+Culture* 3(2).
- 2008 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Whose Mine Closure?: Appearances, Temporality and Mineral Extraction along the Upper Bulolo River, Papua New Guinea.' *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 14: 21-37.
- 2007 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Cannabis and Fantasies of Development: Revaluating Relations through Land in Rural Papua New Guinea.' *The Australian Journal of Anthropology* 18(1): 56-71.

- 2006 Halvaksz, Jamon and David Lipset. 'Another Kind of Gold: An Introduction to Marijuana in Papua New Guinea.' As part of a special issue, Marijuana in Papua New Guinea, David Lipset and Jamon Halvaksz, Guest Editors. *Oceania* 76(3): 209-219.
- 2006 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Drug Bodies: Relations with Substances.' As part of a special issue, Marijuana in Papua New Guinea, David Lipset and Jamon Halvaksz, Guest Editors. *Oceania* 76(3): 235-244.
- 2006 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Becoming 'local tourists': Travel, landscapes and identity in Papua New Guinea.' *Tourist Studies* 6(2): 99-117.
- 2006 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Cannibalistic Imaginaries: Mining the Natural and Social Body in Papua New Guinea.' As part of a special issue: Melanesian Mining Modernities, Paige West, and Martha Macintyre, Guest Editors. *The Contemporary Pacific: A Journal of Island Affairs* 18(2): 335-359.
- 2003 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Singing about the Land among the Biangai.' *Oceania* 7(3): 153-169.
- 1997 Halvaksz, Jamon and Elizabeth Hochberg. 'Logging the Southwestern Pacific: Bibliographic Review Essay.' As part of a special issue: Logging in the Southwestern Pacific, Kathleen Barlow and Steven Winduo, Guest Editors. *The Contemporary Pacific: A Journal of Island Affairs* 9(1): 167-193.

### Conference Proceedings

- 2007 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Moral Epistemologies: Biangai Pathways to Building Knowledge.' In *Dreadlocks Vaka-Vuku, Special Issue: Proceedings of the Pacific Epistemologies Conference 2006*. M. Prasad (ed.), Pacific Writers Forum, The Department of Literature and Language, University of the South Pacific.
- 2006 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Marijuana in Papua New Guinea: Understanding Rural Consumption and Production.' In Pamela Thomas (ed.), *Illicit Drugs and Development: Critical Issues for Asia and the Pacific. Selected papers from a symposium held in Canberra, Australia, 15-16 August 2005*. *Development Bulletin*, no. 69, February 2006.

### Reviews, Letters and Reports – Non-Peer Reviewed

- 2008 Halvaksz, Jamon. Book review of *Embodying modernity and post-modernity: Ritual, praxis, and social change in Mealesia*, edited by Sandra Bamford. *Anthropological Forum*.
- 2008 Halvaksz, Jamon. Book review of *Biology Unmoored: Melanesian reflections on life and biotechnology*, by Sandra Bamford. *Anthropological Forum*.
- 2007 Halvaksz, Jamon. "At the Foreshore of Community-Centered Pacific Resource Management Models." Report submitted to the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies. January
- 2005 Halvaksz, Jamon. Book Review of *Landscape, Memory and History: Anthropological Perspectives*, edited by Andrew Strathern and Pamela Stewart. *The Contemporary Pacific: A Journal of Island Affairs* 17(2): 473-475.
- 2005 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Agriculture under the gold mine: assessing the potential impact of Hidden Valley.' Unpublished report provided to Morobe Goldfields, Ltd. and Unitech faculty, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea.
- 2002 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Research Report: Gold Mining and Conservation in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' *Anthropology and the Environment Column, Anthropology Newsletter* 43(9): 42.
- 1999 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Intern Fieldwork Experience in Papua New Guinea.' *Student Column, Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter* January, pp. 6-7.
- 1998 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Kuper Range Wildlife Management Area: Report on Fieldwork in Elauru, Morobe Province.' Unpublished research report to Wau Ecology Institute, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea.

- 1998 Halvaksz, Jamon and Emily Weglian. 'Anthropology Education is Never Too Early.' *Projecting Points, Anthropology Newsletter* 39(6): 17.

#### **Manuscripts, currently in preparation**

- n.d. Halvaksz, Jamon. *Mining Nature: resource extraction and conservation along the Upper Bulolo River, Papua New Guinea*. Book length manuscript based on dissertation.

#### **Manuscripts, currently in early development**

- n.d. Mitio, Ngawae (University of Technology, Lae) and Jamon Halvaksz. *Biangai Ngago: A Biangai Dictionary*. Intended to be a self-published contribution to the Biangai communities.
- n.d. 'Butterflies, Beetles and the Biangai: Insect values in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific.' Article

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Conference Sessions Organized / Chaired**

- 2008 Halvaksz, Jamon. Chair. 'Human-Environment Relations and Development Regimes: Case studies in conflict and commoditization.' Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 26-30 November. San Francisco, California.
- 2007 Halvaksz, Jamon. Chair. Heather Young Leslie. Organizer. 'Thinking Ecographically: Individuals and Human-Animal-Environment Relations.' Joint meetings of the Canadian Anthropology Society / La Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie and American Ethnological Society. 8 - 12 May. Toronto, Canada
- 2005 Halvaksz, Jamon, and David Lipset. Co-Organizers. 'An Ambivalent Commodity: Marijuana in the Contemporary Pacific Islands.' 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 30 November - 4 December. Washington DC.
- 2004 Halvaksz, Jamon, and David Lipset. Co-Organizers. 'An Ambivalent Commodity: Marijuana in the Contemporary Pacific Islands.' Informal Session. Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 24 - 28 February. Salem, Massachusetts.
- 2003 Halvaksz, Jamon, and Jennifer Stampe. Co-Organizers / Co-Chairs. 'The Tourism Trap: Broadening the Contemporary Debate.' 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 19-23 November. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2003 Halvaksz, Jamon, and Susan Schalge. Co-Organizers. 'Community and Economy: Engaging Locality through Economic Practices.' Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society, 17-19 April. Louisville, Kentucky.
- 1999 Halvaksz, Jamon, and Paige West. Co-Organizers / Co-Chairs. 'Taking Time to Communicate: Anthropology and Conservation in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.' Invited session (Anthropology and the Environment Section). 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 17 - 21 November. Chicago, Illinois.
- 1997 Halvaksz, Jamon. Organizer. 'Broadening Anthropology: Input and Outreach.' Invited session (Archaeology Division). 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 19 - 23 November. Washington, DC.

#### **Seminars, Workshops and Invited Presentations**

- 2008 'Cultural Considerations' Teaching Assistant Seminar hosted by the Teaching Excellence, Advancement and Mentoring Center. University of Texas at San Antonio. 23 August. San Antonio Texas.

- 2006 'Butterflies, Beetles and the Biangai: Insect values in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific.' Informal Seminar, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury. 2 November. Christchurch, New Zealand.
- 2006 'Taking Pictures of Pacific Persons, Practices and Places: Waitman and Lokal.' Macmillan Brown Seminar, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury. 14 September. Christchurch, New Zealand.
- 2005 'Drug Bodies and Fantasies of Development in Papua New Guinea.' Macmillan Brown Seminar. Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury. 13 October. Christchurch, New Zealand.
- 2005 'Agriculture Under the Gold Mine: Assessing the Potential Impact of Hidden Valley.' Invited Speaker, Department of Language and Communication, The Papua New Guinea University of Technology. 23 September. Lae, Papua New Guinea.
- 2005 'Conservation or Mining? A Development Dilemma.' Presentation to the University of the Third Age, University of Canterbury, Okeover Chapter. 5 August. Christchurch, New Zealand.
- 2005 'Re-imagining Biangai Environments: Mining and Conservation in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' Macmillan Brown Seminar. Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury. 19 May. Christchurch, New Zealand.
- 2004 'Environmental Imaginaries: Colonialism, Gold and Cannibalism.' Invited Speaker, Department of Anthropology, Hamline University. 29 April. Saint Paul, Minnesota.
- 2002 'Singing About the Land Among the Biangai, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea.' Department of Anthropology Workshop. Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### Conference Presentations

- 2008 'Agriculture, Conservation and Mining: Transforming human-environment relations along the Upper Bulolo, Papua New Guinea.' As part of the session, 'Human-Environment Relations and Development Regimes: Case studies in conflict and commoditization.' Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 26-30 November. San Francisco, California.
- 2007 'Credible Boundaries: Networks of conservation, entomology and community' As part of the session 'Arenas, Audiences and Knowledge: Regimes of Credibility in Environmental Politics.' Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 28 November – 2 December. Washington, D.C.
- 2007 Young Leslie, Heather and Jamon Halvaksz. 'Ecographic Imaginaries; Folding Place, Possibility and Potentiality' As part of the session, 'Thinking Ecographically.' Joint meetings of the Canadian Anthropology Society / La Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie and American Ethnological Society, May. Toronto, Canada.
- 2006 'Entomological Regionalism: the Role of Insects in Pacific Islands Regional Associations.' Annual Meetings of the Pacific History Association, 8 – 10 December. Dunedin, New Zealand.
- 2006 'Butterflies, Beetles and the Biangai: Insect values in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific.' As part of the session, 'Animal Salvation: Redefining the Moral Landscapes of Protected Areas.' 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 15 - 19 November. San Jose, California.
- 2006 'Photographing Spirits: Indigenous Photography, Ancestors and the Environment in Papua New Guinea.' As part of the panel, 'Haunting Images: The affective power of photography.' Annual Meeting of the Australian Anthropology Society, 26-29 September. Cairns, Australia.

- 2006 'Moral Epistemologies: Biangai pathways to knowledge.' As part of the panel, 'Residence and Identity.' Vaka Vuku: Navigating Knowledge, Pacific Epistemologies Conference, University of the South Pacific, 3 - 7 July. Suva, Fiji.
- 2006 'Turning Golden Past into Golden Futures: Mining History Along the Bulolo to Make Sense of Mine Closure.' Presented in absentia. As part of the working session, 'The Social Impact of Mine Closure in the Pacific: Past Experiences and Anticipated Futures.' Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 7 - 11 February. San Diego, California.
- 2005 'Marijuana and Local Meaning: Relations with Substance.' Presented in absentia. As part of the session, 'An Ambivalent Commodity: Marijuana in the Contemporary Pacific Islands.' 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 30 November - 4 December. Washington, DC.
- 2005 Panelist for the session, 'The Impact of Drugs on Development: The Drugs-Development Nexus.' As part of the conference, 'Illicit Drugs and Development: Critical Issues for Asia and the Pacific,' organized by the Development Studies Network, Australia National University, 15 - 17 August. Canberra, Australia.
- 2003 'Becoming Local Tourists: Travel, Personhood, and Modernity in Papua New Guinea.' As part of the session, 'The Tourism Trap: Broadening the Contemporary Debate.' 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 19 - 23 November. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2003 'Cutting Our Own Trees to Build Our Own Homes.' As part of the session, 'Community and Economy: Engaging Locality through Economic Practices.' Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society, 17 - 19 April. Louisville, Kentucky.
- 2003 'Why Biangai Forests Should Mean Biangai Forestry.' As part of the session, 'Managing Trees for Sustainable Development: Issues in Community Forestry and Agroforestry.' Joint Meeting of the Society For Applied Anthropology and the Political Ecology Society, 19 - 23 March. Portland, Oregon.
- 2003 'It's not the same as before': Relationality and Gold Mining in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' As part of the working session, 'Social Life and Mining in the Pacific.' Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 11 - 15 February. Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 2002 'Local Meaning and Political Ecology: Singing About the Land Among the Biangai, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea.' As part of the session, 'Sustainability and Conservation of Common Resources.' 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 20 - 24 November. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2000 'Sustaining Conservation, Sustaining Conversations: The Politics of Resource Development in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Undergraduate Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Deep Portage, Minnesota.
- 2000 'Sustainable Research: Ethical Considerations for Research among the Biangai of Papua New Guinea.' As part of the session 'Doing an Applied Anthropology Dissertation: Experiences from the Field and Academia.' Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, 21 - 26 March. San Francisco, California.
- 1999 'Sustaining Conservation, Sustaining Conversations in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.' As part of the Invited Session (Anthropology & Environment), 'Taking Time to Communicate: Anthropology and Conservation in South East Asia and the Pacific.' 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 17 - 21 November. Chicago, Illinois.

- 1998 'Conservation as Development: Elauru Landowner Attitudes Toward the Establishment of a Wildlife Management Area.' 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Itasca, Minnesota.
- 1997 Halvaksz, Jamon and Emily Weglian. 'Anthropology's (Failed?) Public Voice.' As part of the Invited Session (Archaeology Division), 'Broadening Anthropology: Input and Outreach.' 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 19 - 23 November. Washington, DC.
- 1996 Halvaksz, Jamon, Kathleen Saunders and David Weinlick. 'Where No One Has Gone Before: The Gender of Star Trek.' 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Itasca, Minnesota.

#### **Other Media**

- 2005 Halvaksz, Jamon. Interviewed by Jemina Garrett on Illicit Drugs in the Pacific, *Pacific Beat – On the Mat*, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 16 August 2005.

### **TEACHING**

#### **Courses Taught at the University of Texas at San Antonio**

Undergraduate courses, lower division:

*Introduction to Anthropology*

*Introduction to Physical Anthropology*

*Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*

Graduate courses:

*Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology*

#### **Courses Taught at the University of Cincinnati**

Undergraduate courses, lower division:

*Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*

Graduate courses:

*Contemporary Anthropological Theory*

#### **Courses Taught at the University of Minnesota**

Undergraduate courses, upper division:

*Cultural Anthropology*

*Culture Theory*

As a Teaching Assistant/ Lab Instructor

*Human Evolution*

*Human Origins*

*Understanding Culture*

*Pacific Island Societies*

*Cultural Anthropology*

*Indians of the Southwest*

#### **Courses Taught at North Hennepin Community College**

Undergraduate courses, lower division:

*Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*

*Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Archaeology & Prehistory*

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE****University of Texas at San Antonio**

- 2008 – 2009 Member, Search Committee for two or more Tenured positions in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology, , Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2008 – Present Chair, Anthropology Undergraduate Program Learning Assessment Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2008 – Summer Anthropology Undergraduate Program Learning Assessment Committee of Capstone Course, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2008 – 2009 Anthropology Lecture Series Coordinator, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2007 – 2009 Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal and Fine Arts, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2007 – Present Faculty Sponsor, Anthropological Graduate Student Association, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2007 – Present Library Liaison, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio.

**University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand**

- 2005 – 2006 Research Scholars Selection Committee, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury. Christchurch, New Zealand.

**University of Minnesota – Twin Cities**

- 1999 Co-authored and co-evaluated first graduate student survey, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1998 – 1999 Part of a team that assisted Professor Martha Tappen in revising course materials, lab manuals and procedures to qualify the course “Human Evolution” as a Biological Lab under the University of Minnesota guidelines.
- 1995 – 1999 Anthropology and Archaeology Speakers’ Bureau, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
1995 Co-Organizer.  
1996 – 1999 Co-Director. Coordinated speaking engagements by Anthropology graduate students in Minneapolis and Saint Paul K-12 classrooms.
- 1994 – 1995 Budgetary Advisory Committee, Graduate Student Representative to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota (Dean Davis). Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1994 – 1995 Council of Graduate Students, Anthropology Representative, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/ ELECTED OFFICES**

2008 – 2009 Co-convenor, Melanesian Interest Group, American Anthropology Association (2 year appointment).

**ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS**

American Anthropology Association, since 1995  
 American Ethnological Society, since 1996  
 Anthropology and the Environment section, since 2002  
 Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, since 1998  
 Melanesian Interest Group, since 2000  
 Pacific Drug Research Network, since 2005

**LANGUAGE TRAINING**

Biangai – low to moderate proficiency  
 French – four years high school and four years university  
 German – one year university  
 Tok Pisin (national language of Papua New Guinea) – fluent

**OTHER TRAINING AND WORK EXPERIENCES**

May 2003 – July 2003

Cultural Resource Management. Field Technician for Foth and VanDyke. Phase I and Phase II archeological excavations along MN169 expansion. Mille Lacs, Minnesota.

September 1998 – December 1998

Regional interviewer for the 'Women and the Outdoors Project.' Sponsored by an anthropology consulting firm, Contexts, and Richardson, Myers and Donofrio, Inc. Baltimore, Maryland.

August 1994 – December 1994

Formal course work in pedagogy. This included training workshops offered to new teaching assistants (i.e. evaluating student performance, leading discussions, course design, etc.), and a term length post-graduate seminar in pedagogical methods and considerations for anthropology.

June 1992 – September 1992

Archaeological Field School. Murray State University, Wickliffe Mounds Field School. Professor Kit Wesler, project supervisor. Six-weeks excavation along the edges of a Mississippian mound site near Wickliffe, Kentucky. Two-weeks field survey in Southeast Missouri.