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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/ ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- September 2013 – Present
Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio.
San Antonio, Texas.
- August 2007 – August 2013
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 May 2011 – 5 August 2011

Research in support of the grant entitled: 'Large Scale Mining Development and Agricultural Change in Papua New Guinea. Elauru and Winima villages, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea.

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 Environmental NGOs. Papua New Guinea: Port Moresby, National Capital District; Aitape District, Sandaun Province; and Madang, Madang Province.

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Australian War Memorial, Canberra
Library of the Martin Luther Seminary, Lae
Melanesian Archives, University of California, San Diego
National Archives of Australia, Canberra
National Library of Australia, Canberra
National Archives of Papua New Guinea, Lae and Port Moresby
Pacific Collection at the Hamilton Library, University of Hawai'i - Manoa
Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honors Alliance, University of Texas at San Antonio, certificate of appreciation for 'promoting academic integrity, intelligent living, and meaningful learning,' April 2009

National Science Foundation, Summer Institute for Research Design in Cultural Anthropology.

Selected Participant. Russ Bernard and Jeffrey Johnson, Directors. University of California, Irvine. August 1998.

Oswald Research and Creativity Award, Social Science Category, University of Kentucky
Second Place in undergraduate research, for the paper entitled: '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 – Refereed

- 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, Edited Volumes – Refereed

- 2013 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Mining the Forest: Epical and Novelesque Boundaries along the Upper Bulolo' In *Uncomfortable Bedfellows?: Exploring the Contradictory Natures of the Ecotourism/Extraction Nexus*. N. Davidov and B. Buscher (eds). Routledge.
- 2013 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'The Taste of Public Places: *Terroir* in Papua New Guinea's emerging nation.' accepted for publication by *Anthropological Forum* 23(2):142-157
- 2010 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Souveraineté mélanésienne: les défis de l'intégrité régionale en Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée.' traduction par Natacha Gagné et Marie Salaün. *Visages de la souveraineté en Océanie*. Natacha Gagné and Marie Salaün, Editors. *Cahiers du Pacifique Sud* #6, Harmattan: Paris.
- 2010 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'The Photographic Assemblage: Duration, history and photography in Papua New Guinea.' *Anthropology and History* 21(4): 411-429.
- 2009 Lipset, David and Jamon Halvaksz. 'Smoke as Mirror: Marijuana and Representations of the Nation in Pacific Newspapers.' *Ethnology* 48(2): 119-138 [issue delayed by journal, published in August 2010]
- 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): 183-205.

- 2008 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Whose 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 – Non-Refereed

- 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-Refereed

- 2013 Halvaksz, Jamon. Book Review of *From Modern Production to Imagined Primitive: The Social World of Coffee from Papua New Guinea*, by Paige West. Duke University Press. *Anthropological Forum*

- 2012 Halvaksz, Jamon. Book Review of *Beyond the Sacred Forest: Complicating Conservation in Southeast Asia*, edited by Michael Dove, Percy Sajise, and Amity Doolittle. Duke University Press. *Oceania* 82(2). [Publication delayed to 2013]
- 2012 Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Two New Films from New Ireland.' Film review of *Rubber's Kastom* and *Stori Tambuna: Ancestor's Tales*, directed by Paul Wolfram. *Visual Anthropology* 25(5): 452-454.
- 2010 Halvaksz, Jamon. Extended Book Review of *Reverse Anthropology: Indigenous Analysis of Social and Environmental Relations in New Guinea* by Stuart Kirsch and *Conservation is our Government Now: The Politics of Ecology in Papua New Guinea* by Paige West. Book Review Forum. *Pacific Studies* 33(1): 59-67.
- 2009 Halvaksz, Jamon. Book review of *The Battle for Wau: New Guinea's Frontline, 1942-1943*, by Phillip Bradley, Cambridge University Press. *The National* (Papua New Guinea), *Weekender Supplement*, April 24.
- 2008 Halvaksz, Jamon. Book review of *Embodying modernity and post-modernity: Ritual, praxis, and social change in Melanesia*, edited by Sandra Bamford. Carolina Academic Press. *Anthropological Forum* 18(2): 189-191.
- 2008 Halvaksz, Jamon. Book review of *Biology Unmoored: Melanesian reflections on life and biotechnology*, by Sandra Bamford. University of California Press. *Anthropological Forum* 18(2): 191-193.
- 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. Pluto Press. *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 for the 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

Under Review

- n.d. Halvaksz, Jamon. 'Forests of Gold: From Mining to Logging (and Back Again).' In, *Forests of Oceania: Environmental Histories, Present Concerns and Future Possibilities*. J. Bell and P. West (eds). Under review by Australian National University Press.

Currently in Preparation

- n.d. Halvaksz, Jamon. 'People and Places: Viewing Biangai landscapes through indigenous photography.' In *Photographing Pacific Islanders*, K. Creely and E. Silverman, eds. In preparation for submission to Australia National University Press
- n.d. Halvaksz, Jamon. *Mining Nature, Mining Culture: resource extraction and conservation along the Upper Bulolo River, Papua New Guinea*. Book length manuscript, in preparation.
- n.d. Halvaksz, Jamon. *Biangai Ngago: A Biangai Dictionary*. Intended to be a self-published contribution to the Biangai communities.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Conference Sessions Organized / Chaired

- 2013 Bell, Joshua and Jamon Halvaksz, Co-Organizers/ Co-Chairs. Naturalist Histories, Making Nature in Oceania. Working Session, Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 7-11 February Portland, Oregon
- 2012 Bell, Joshua and Jamon Halvaksz, Co-Organizers/ Co-Chairs. Naturalist Histories, Making Nature in Oceania. Informal Session, Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 7-11 February Portland, Oregon
- 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.' 104th 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.' 102nd 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). 98th 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). 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 19 - 23 November. Washington, DC.

Papers presented at Conferences – Refereed

- 2013 'We Practice What We Preach': The Rise and Fall of the Wau Ecology Institute.' As part of the Working Session, 'Naturalist Histories: Making Nature in Oceania' Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 6-9 February, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2013 'People, Places and Time in Biangai photography.' As part of the Symposium, 'Photographing Pacific Islanders' Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 6-9 February, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2012 'Accumulating Knowledge, Dispossessing Relations' As part of the session, 'New Dispossessions: Imagining non-material origins for accumulation. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 14-18 November, San Francisco, California.
- 2012 'People, Places and Time in Biangai photography.' As part of the Working Session, 'Photographing Pacific Islanders' Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 7-11 February, Portland, Oregon.
- 2011 'Who does a gardener touch when they touch a yam?: The Ecological Work Biangai Gardens.' As part of the session, 'The Labor of Ecologies: Exploring the Conceptual Work of "Ecology."' Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. 16-20 November. Montreal, QC Canada.
- 2011 'People and Places: Viewing Biangai landscapes through indigenous photography.' As part of the Informal Session, 'Photographing Pacific Islanders' Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 8-12 February Honolulu Hawai'i.
- 2011 'Forests of Gold: From Mining to Logging (and Back Again).' As part of the symposium, 'Forests of Oceania: Environmental Histories, Present Concerns and Future Possibilities'

- Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 8-12 February Honolulu Hawai'i.
- 2010 'Forests of Gold: From Mining to Logging (and Back Again).' As part of the working session, 'Forests of Oceania: Environmental Histories, Present Concerns and Future Possibilities' Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 9-13 February. Alexandria, Virginia
- 2009 'The *Gris* of Public Places: *Terroir* in Papua New Guinea's emerging nation.' As part of the session, 'Re-place-ing the local: Anthropological engagements with terroir. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. 2-6 December. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 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.' 105th 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 'Whose Closure?: Scratching the ground for gold.' Presented in abstentia. 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 abstentia. As part of the session, 'An Ambivalent Commodity: Marijuana in the Contemporary Pacific Islands.' 104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 30 November - 4 December. Washington, DC.
- 2003 'Becoming Local Tourists: Travel, Personhood, and Modernity in Papua New Guinea.' As part of the session, 'The Tourism Trap: Broadening the Contemporary Debate.' 102nd 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 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.' 101st Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 20 - 24 November. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 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.' 98th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 17 - 21 November. Chicago, Illinois.
- 1997 Halvaksz, Jamon and Emily Weglian. 'Anthropology's (Failed?) Public Voice.' As part of the Invited Session (Archaeology Division), 'Broadening Anthropology: Input and

Outreach.’ 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, 19 - 23 November. Washington, DC.

Papers presented at Conferences – Non-Refereed

- 2000 ‘Sustaining Conservation, Sustaining Conversations: The Politics of Resource Development in the Wau-Bulolo Valley, Papua New Guinea.’ 22nd Annual Undergraduate Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Deep Portage, Minnesota.
- 1998 ‘Conservation as Development: Elauru Landowner Attitudes Toward the Establishment of a Wildlife Management Area.’ 20th Annual Undergraduate Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Itasca, Minnesota.
- 1996 Halvaksz, Jamon, Kathleen Saunders and David Weinlick. ‘Where No One Has Gone Before: The Gender of Star Trek.’ 18th Annual Undergraduate Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Itasca, Minnesota.

Papers presented as Invited Presentations – Non-Refereed

- 2009 ‘Appearance, Duration and Desire: The Life Stories of Occasional Miners.’ Mining Across Generations: Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Conference. Invited Participant. Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge 15-17. Cambridge, England.
- 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 Invited 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.
- 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.
- 2004 ‘Environmental Imaginaries: Colonialism, Gold and Cannibalism.’ Invited Speaker, Department of Anthropology, Hamline University. 29 April. Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Papers presented at Seminars and Workshops – Non-Refereed

- 2010 ‘Cultural Considerations’ Teaching Assistant Seminar: Teaching Excellence, Advancement and Mentoring Center. University of Texas at San Antonio. 8 January. San Antonio Texas.

- 2008 'Cultural Considerations' Teaching Assistant Seminar: 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 '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.
- 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.

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.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Received

- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research,
To aid research entitled, 'Large Scale Mining Development and Agricultural Change in Papua New Guinea.' 2014-2016. (\$19,910.00)
- Faculty Development Leave, University of Texas at San Antonio
One semester leave to complete the book, 'Mining Nature, Mining Culture.' Spring 2014.
- COLFA Research Grant, University of Texas at San Antonio
To support archival research at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC. July 2013
2,000.00.
- Mexico Center Research Fellowship (Faculty Portion), University of Texas at San Antonio
Co-authored with Marissa Shaver. Summer 2013. (\$750.00-faculty portion, 2,500.00-student portion).
- Tenure-Trac Research Award Competition, University of Texas at San Antonio.
To aid research entitled, 'Large Scale Mining Development and Agricultural Change in Papua New Guinea.' September 2010-August 2011. (\$21,994.00)

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. (\$6,270.00)

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. (\$500.00)

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. (\$14,000.00 plus tuition waiver)

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. (\$11,370.00)

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. (\$4,000.00)

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. (\$2,500.00)

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. (\$2,600.00)

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. (\$2,000.00)

Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota

'Pre-Dissertation Research Block Grant' in support of exploratory research in Papua New Guinea. 1996. (\$2,000.00)

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. (\$700.00)

Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota, Single Quarter/Semester Tuition Block Grants. Spring 1998, Winter 1998, Winter 1995 and Fall 1994.

TEACHING

Courses Taught at the University of Texas at San Antonio, 2007 - Present

Undergraduate courses, lower division:

Introduction to Anthropology

Introduction to Physical Anthropology

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Undergraduate courses, upper division:

Anthropology and the Environment (previously titled *Cultural Ecology*)

Contemporary Pacific

Culture in Theory and Practice

Media, Power and Public Culture

Graduate courses:

Ecological Anthropology

Field Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology

Human Animal Relations

Anthropology and Science

Courses Taught at the University of Cincinnati, Spring 2007

Undergraduate courses, lower division:

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Graduate courses:

Contemporary Anthropological Theory

Courses Taught at North Hennepin Community College, Sept. 2003 - Dec. 2004

Undergraduate courses:

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Archaeology & Prehistory

Courses Taught at the University of Minnesota, 1995-2004

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

STUDENT MENTORING

PhD Advisor

DelliCarpini, Rebecca (Admitted 2013)

Pirkey, Will (Advanced to candidacy 2011)

Shaver, Marissa (Admitted 2012)

PhD Committees

Pezzia, Carla (PhD completed Spring 2013)
 Edgin, Rebecca
 Ellwinger, Amanda (completed comprehensive examines Spring 2013)
 Bratsch, Sara (completed comprehensive examines Summer 2013)
 Figueroa, Antonia
 Melo, Milena
 Roberts, Jason (completed comprehensive examines Spring 2013)

M.A. Advisor

Fischer, Matthew – MS in Environmental Science (started Fall 2013)
 Holguin, Jessica (started Fall 2013)
 Staubin, Mathew (completed MA proposal Summer 2013)
 Torpie-Sweterlitsch, Jennifer (completed MA proposal Spring 2013)
 Vryn, Michelle (MA awarded Spring 2012)

M.A. Committees

Benavidez, Victoria
 Birch, Trisha
 Collins, Amber (MA awarded Spring 2013)
 Decristoforo, Maria (completed comp. exams)
 George, Brandy (MA awarded Summer 2013)
 Pople, Elizabeth (MA awarded Summer 2012)
 Roberstson, Will (MA awarded Summer 2013)
 Rodriguez, Norma (completed comp. exams)
 Russell, Drew (MA awarded Fall 2012)

Honors Thesis Advisor

2009-2010: Casey Durchholz: “I’m special because...”: Animal Personhood in a True No-Kill Animal Shelter – Completed.

2012-2013: Elizabeth Cook: The Steam Punk Subculture in Texas

McNair Scholars Advisor

2012: Jody Hance: Traditional healing in South Texas

Awards Received by Students:

2011-2012 Jody Hance: Writing Across the Curriculum \$2,500 scholarship for “Modern *Curanderismo* in San Antonio, Texas: The Rise of Ruby Red, her Beliefs, and Practice of *Limpias*.” Written for ANT2053 (Halvaksz Fall 2011)

2013: Elizabeth Cook, "Ethnographic Study of Steampunk Subculture in Texas." Paper accepted to 2013 meetings of National Council on Undergraduate Research.

2013: John Michael Meredith, 4th place for “Agency Reveals itself: Understanding(s) of Identify, Space, Place, and Landscape at the San Jose Mission.” Research paper written for ANT3233 (Halvaksz Fall 2012)

SERVICE**University of Texas at San Antonio**Current- Departmental

2013 – Present Search Committee, TT Medical Anthropologist

2013 – Present Teaching Assistantship Committee

2013 – Present Anthropology Club, faculty co-sponsor

2013 – Present Anthropology Non-Tenure Track Committee

2010 – Present Anthropology Admissions Policy Committee

2008 – Present Anthropology Undergraduate Program Learning Assessment Committee of Capstone Course.

2007 – Present Library Liaison for the Department of Anthropology.

Current- College

2007 – Present Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal and Fine Arts

2013 Fall Convocation, COLFA Flag Bearer.

Current- University

2012 – Present Water Institute of Texas, College of Liberal and Fine Arts Representative

2010 – 2012 University Assessment Steering Committee,

2013 – Present University Cross College Assessment Review Committee

Previous

2012 Graduate Student Recruitment Table at the American Anthropology Association, San Francisco, November

2011 Graduate Student Recruitment Table at the American Anthropology Association, Montreal, Canada, November

2010 Roadrunner Days, Faculty Representative, August 23

2010 Graduate Student Recruitment Table at the American Anthropology Association, New Orleans, LA, November

2008 – 2009 Anthropology Guest Lecture Series Coordinator.

2008 – 2009 Member, Search Committee for two or more tenured positions in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

2007 – 2010 Faculty Sponsor, Anthropological Graduate Student Association.

University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

2005 – 2006 Research Scholars Selection Committee, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies.

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

1999 Co-authored and co-evaluated first graduate student survey, Department of Anthropology.

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.
 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.

SERVICE: PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/ ELECTED OFFICES

2009 – Present Book Co-Editor, *Environment and Society: Advances in Research*, Columbia University Earth Institute and the University of Manchester. Berghahn Books.

2009 – Present Newsletter Editor, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, an international organization dedicated to the comparative studies of Pacific topics.

2009 Convener. Melanesian Interest Group, American Anthropology Association.

2008 Convener-elect. Melanesian Interest Group, American Anthropology Association.

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIP

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

JOURNALS REFEREED

American Anthropologist
Food and Foodways
Oceania
Journal of Pacific Studies
Tourist Studies

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

August 2010

National Science Foundation, Short Courses on Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology. Selected Participant. Short Course on Research Methods in GeoSpatial Analysis at Duke Marine Lab.

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.