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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ph.D. in Anthropology 2015
M.A. in Social Sciences 2008

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA,

J.D. 2003

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ,

A.B. 1999

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2017 – present Assistant Professor of Criminology, Law & Society and Anthropology, University of California, Irvine
2015 – 2017 Chancellor’s ADVANCE Postdoctoral Fellow in Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine
2014 Starr Lecturer in Anthropology and Lecturer in the College, University of Chicago
2011 - 2012 Teaching Intern in the College, University of Chicago
2008 – 09 Research Associate, American Bar Foundation

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2004 – 07 Litigation Attorney, Stebner and Associates, San Francisco, CA
2003 Business and Litigation Attorney, Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, San Francisco, CA

PUBLICATIONS

Drafting *Sovereignty and Regionhood: Constituting the Caribbean at the Caribbean Court of Justice*. Book manuscript.

Drafting On Sovereignty and Regionhood: The Space-Time of Law, Power, and People at the Caribbean Court of Justice. For *American Anthropologist*. (manuscript available)

Accepted (Conditional) “Yes, [we bow,] but not a deep bow:” Qualia and the Thinkability of Caribbean Jurisprudence. *Law, Culture, and the Humanities*.

Forthcoming (Sept. 2018) Fashioning the Legal Subject: Popular Justice and Courtroom Attire in the Caribbean. *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*.

2016 Time and Transcendence: Narrating Higher Authority at the Caribbean Court of Justice. *Law & Society Review* 50(3): 674-702.

- 2009 Edited volume with Robert L. Nelson and James J. Heckman. *Global Perspectives on the Rule of Law*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.
- 2009 Co-authored with Robert L. Nelson. *Global Perspectives on the Rule of Law: A Preface and an Introduction*. In *Global Perspectives on the Rule of Law*. James J. Heckman, Robert L. Nelson and Lee Cabatingan (eds.). Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Anthropology of law and legal institutions; nation, state, and region formation; sovereignty; property and disaster recovery; socialism and late-socialism; postcolonial studies; Caribbean (esp. Cuba and the Anglophone Caribbean).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

- 2018 Council of Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL) Research and Travel Award
University of California, Irvine
- 2018 Faculty Research Development Award
School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine
- 2017 UCI ADVANCE Career Development Award
University of California, Irvine
- 2015 – 17 Chancellor’s ADVANCE Postdoctoral Fellowship
University of California, Irvine
- 2014 – 15 Mellon Dissertation-Year Fellowship
Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2014 Frederick Starr Lecturer (to design and teach a stand alone anthropology course)
Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2012 – 13 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
National Science Foundation, Law & Social Sciences and Cultural Anthropology Programs
- 2012 – 13 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
- 2010 Graduate Student Workshop, Chicago, IL (selected participant)
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting
- 2010 Graduate Research Fellowship Program (honorable mention)
National Science Foundation
- 2009 – 14 Five-year Social Sciences Fellowship (tuition and stipend)
Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago

- 2007 – 08 University Unendowed Scholarship (full tuition)
Master of Arts Program in Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2002 Witkin Award for Academic Excellence for Academic Achievement in Trial Advocacy
University of California, Hastings College of the Law

FIELDWORK AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

- January 2016 *Redefining Sovereignty: Race, Crime, and Discourses of (Under)Development in Trinidad & Tobago* (British National Archives)
Archival research on the discussions, debates, and concerns that surrounded Trinidad and Tobago's move to self-government and sovereign statehood.
Funding: University of California Chancellor's Advance Research Funds
- Feb. 2015 *Constructing a Jurisdiction, Creating a Sovereign Caribbean: Constitutional Moments at the Caribbean Court of Justice* (British National Archives)
Archival research regarding the Anglophone Caribbean's retention of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as the final court of appeal.
Funding: Nicholson Graduate Student Fellowship (Nicholson Center for British Studies at University of Chicago)
- 2012 – 2013 *The Caribbean Court of Justice: International Pursuits and National Promises in a Regional Court* (Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, and Jamaica)
Ethnographic field research at the Caribbean Court of Justice on the construction of authority and the creation of a Caribbean jurisdiction.
Simultaneous Community Outreach: Volunteer at the Trinidad & Tobago Society for the Prevention of Cruelty for Animals and the Animal Welfare Network of Trinidad & Tobago.
Funding: Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (The Wenner-Gren Foundation); Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology and Law & Social Science Sections)
- Summer 2012 *The Caribbean Court of Justice: International Pursuits and National Promises in a Regional Court* (Trinidad & Tobago and Barbados)
Ethnographic field research at the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Univ. of the West Indies - Cave Hill (Barbados), and Bridgetown, Barbados regarding development of Caribbean jurisprudence.
Funding: Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship (University of Chicago); Leiffer Pre-Field Research Fellowship (Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago); Field Research Grant (Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago)
- Summer 2011 *Socialist Law in a Post-Soviet Society: Participants in the Cuban Legal System* (Havana, Cuba)
Ethnographic field research in Havana, Cuba regarding Cuban law and the everyday lives of Cuban judges and attorneys.
Funding: Leiffer Pre-Field Research Fellowship (Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago); Field Research Grant (Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago)
- Summer 2010 *Socialist Law in a Late-Socialist Society: Exploring the Cultural-Legal Order in Cuba*

(Havana, Cuba)

Ethnographic field research in Havana, Cuba relating to Cuban law and the legal system.

Funding: Field Research Grant (Tinker Foundation and University of Chicago)

Summer 1998, *Contemporary Maya Home Gardens* (Laguna Village, Toledo District, Belize)

Autumn 1997, Biological and ethnographic research in a Maya village in southern Belize

Summer 1996 relating to Maya gardens and gardening practices for A.B. thesis.

Simultaneous Community Outreach: Served as a volunteer teacher for a summer school program offered in Laguna Village.

Funding: Princeton University

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Dec. 2017 Invited speaker, "On Sovereignty and Regionhood: The Case of *Myrie v. Barbados* at the Caribbean Court of Justice," University of California, Irvine, Dept. of Anthropology.
- Nov. 2017 Panel discussant, UC-Cuba Graduate Student Conference and Workshop, University of California, Irvine.
- April 2016 Invited speaker, "This Court Belongs to the People:" Region Formation at the Caribbean Court of Justice," University of California, Irvine, Dept. of Criminology, Law, & Society.
- March 2016 Invited speaker, "Time, Law, and Region Formation: Narrating Higher Authority at the Caribbean Court of Justice," Culture, Power, and Social Change Group, University of California, Los Angeles, Dept. of Anthropology.
- Nov. 2015 Discussant at Large for UC-Cuba Graduate Student Conference and Workshop, University of California, Irvine.
- October 2015 Panel presentation on "Negotiating the Challenges of Graduate School" *Culture of Balance* workshop, University of California, Irvine
- May 2015 Guest speaker on topic of legal anthropological fieldwork and ethnography Linguistic Ethnographies seminar, University of Chicago
- Jan. 2014 Guest speaker on topic of planning and conducting fieldwork, challenges, and considerations Anthropological Methods class for M.A. students, University of Chicago
- Nov. 2012 Discussant of "Translating Religion: Labor, Conversion, and Ritual," by Alex Rocklin Workshop on Latin American and the Caribbean, University of Chicago
- Sept. 2012 Invited lecturer on topic of "The Cuban Socialist Legal Tradition" Law and Legal Systems course, The University of the West Indies - Cave Hill Faculty of Law, Barbados

- May 2012 Discussant of "Martí from Man to Statue," by João Felipe Gonçalves
Latin America Working Group, University of Chicago
- March 2012 Discussant of "Reconsidering the Lawless Land: Legal and Economic
Ordering in Colombia's Banana Region," by Meghan Morris
Law, Culture & Society/Caribbean Studies Workshops, The University of
Chicago
- Dec. 2011 Invited participant in the 2nd Workshop on the Teaching of Anthropology. Paper
presented *in absentia*: [trans.] "How to Introduce the Field of Anthropology to
Undergraduate Students in the United States: Some Considerations"
Instituto Cubano de Investigación Cultural Juan Marinello, Havana, Cuba
- Nov. 2011 Discussant of "Paranoid Readings and Ambivalent Allegories," by Laura-
Zoe Humphreys
Semiotics: Culture in Context Workshop, University of Chicago
- Jan. 2011 Discussant of "What Makes a Meeting? What Does a Meeting Make? Reaching
Decisions in Brazil's Landless Movement," by Duff Morton
Semiotics: Culture in Context Workshop, University of Chicago

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PAPERS

- Nov. 2017 The Qualia of Courtliness at the Caribbean Court of Justice: "Yes, [we bow,] but
not a deep bow"
American Anthropological Assn. Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- June 2017 From "My Lord" to "Your Honour": Transforming British Legal Practice into
Caribbean Jurisprudence
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Ciudad de México, México
- Nov. 2016 Of Law and Newspapers: Region Formation at the Caribbean Court of Justice
American Anthropological Assn. Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- April 2016 Fashioning the Legal Subject: Courtroom Attire in Cuba and the Anglophone
Caribbean
[Working Title] Anthropology Workshop, University of California, Irvine
- March 2016 Imagining the Caribbean Region: the *Myrie v. Barbados* Trial at the Caribbean
Court of Justice
Socio Legal Workshop, University of California, Irvine
- March 2015 "Yes, we bow, but not too low": The Qualia of Courtliness at the Caribbean
Court of Justice
Workshop on Latin America and the Caribbean, University of Chicago
- Dec. 2014 The Caribbean Court of Justice and the Construction of an Imagined Caribbean
American Anthropological Assn. Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- May 2014 The Authority of the Caribbean Court of Justice: Sidestepping a Problematic Past

by Relying on Precarious Futures
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN

- May 2014 The Authority of Time and the Problem of the Past for the Caribbean Court of Justice
Paradoxes of Authority / The Authority of Paradoxes Conference, The University of Chicago Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, Chicago, IL
- Nov. 2012 The Blurring Boundaries of Ethics and Legality: Food Acquisition and State Power In Cuba (co-authored/co-presented with Hanna Garth, UCLA)
American Anthropological Assn. Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- February 2012 'Present-ing' the Cuban Revolution: Fifty-Three Years of the Continuous Present
Latin America Working Group, University of Chicago
- October 2011 Cuban Disjunctures: Socialist Law in a Post-Soviet State
Law, Culture and Society Workshop, University of Chicago
- June 2011 Friends and Enemies in Cuban Law and Everyday Life
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

ORGANIZED CONFERENCE PANELS

- June 2017 Organizer, "A Common Quandary for New Common Law Legal Systems"
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- Nov. 2016 Co-Organizer (with Dr. Taylor Nelms, U. of California, Irvine), "Problematizing Scale, Constituting New Regions and Regionalisms in Anthropology"
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- Dec. 2014 Co-Organizer (with Dr. Laurie Frederik Meer, U. of Maryland), "Law (and the Anthropology of): Drawing Boundaries, Constructing Truths"
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- May 2014 Co-Organizer (with Joseph Weiss, U. of Chicago), "Precarious States: Law and Politics in the Shadow of Colonialism"
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN

TEACHING

- Winter 2014 Power, Identity, and Resistance (undergrad)
Spring 2014 Law, Lawyers, and the Courtroom (undergrad)
Winter 2017 Ethnography (graduate seminar)
Winter 2017 Comparative Study of Legal Cultures (undergrad)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- Center for the Integration of Research, Training, and Learning (CIRTL) Associate, UC Irvine, Center for Engaged Instruction
- New Faculty Teaching Academy, UC Irvine, Center for Engaged Instruction

- Pedagogy of Anthropology, Univ. of Chicago

SERVICE

- 2018 – present Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation Advisory Panel for Cultural Anthropology Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants.
- 2017 – 2018 Member, Junior Scholar Workshop Committee for the 2018 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting.
- 2017 – 2018 Member, Diversity and Justice Speak Series organizing committee, Department of Criminology, Law, and Society, UC Irvine.
- 2016 – present Reviewer, *American Anthropologist*
- 2016 – present Reviewer, *Law & Society Review*
- 2010 - 2015 Member, Student Faculty Liaison Committee
Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2012 Member, Committee to organize student workshops for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology

LANGUAGES

English: Native speaker
Spanish: Proficient reading, writing, and speaking skills

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Ethnological Society
Law and Society Association
American Anthropological Association
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
State Bar of California (Bar #227095)