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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PRESENT POSITION

Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Anthropology, Emory University.

Associated Faculty in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies; West and South Asian Religions, Graduate Division of Religion; Islamic Civilization Studies; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and Studies in Sexualities.

EDUCATION

1969-1973 University of California, Berkeley; B.A. in Anthropology

1974-1975 University of Michigan; M.A. in Anthropology

1976-1983 University of Michigan; Ph.D. in Anthropology

ACADEMIC HONORS

Honor Student, University of California, Berkeley, 1970-1973

B.A. with Distinction in General Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, 1973

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society, 1973

Gender Pluralism: Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times (Routledge) designated by the journal Choice as an "Outstanding Academic Title, 2009"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE/EMPLOYMENT/POSITIONS HELD

University of Michigan

Reader, 'Language and Culture' and 'Introductory Anthropology', Summer Session 1978

Teaching Fellow, 'Cultural Adaptation/Cultural Ecology', Winter Semester 1977, and 'Introductory Anthropology', 1980-1981

Instructor, 'Principles of Anthropology', Winter Semester 1983

Colgate University

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, 1983-1990

Associate Professor of Anthropology, 1990-1997

Professor of Anthropology, 1997-2006

W.S. Schupf Professor of Far Eastern Studies, 1997- 2006

Emory University

Professor of Anthropology, 2006-present

Cornell University

Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology and Southeast Asia Program, 1991-1992

National Humanities Center

Visiting Fellow, 1999-2000

University of Notre Dame

Senior Fellow, Erasmus Institute, 2000-2001

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

Member, 2005-2006

Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land-, en Volkenkunde [Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast

Asian and Caribbean Studies]; Research Fellow, May-August 2009; July 2011-September 2012

University of Malaya

Visiting Professor, Humanities and Ethics Research Cluster, July 2012

Visiting Professor and Researcher, Academy of Islamic Studies, September-October 2013

Visiting Researcher, Academy of Islamic Studies, July 2018

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship (Indonesian/Malay), U.S. Department of H.E.W. and Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, 1975-1976

National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship (Indonesian/Malay), U.S. Department of H.E.W. and Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, 1976-1977

Sigma XI Grant-In-Aid of Research, Sigma XI Scientific Research Society of North America, 1977
Teaching Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Winter Semester, 1977

Rackham Dissertation Grant, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, 1977

National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship (Indonesian/Malay), U.S. Department of H.E.W.
and Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, 1977-1978

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Indonesian/Malay), U.S. Department of H.E.W.
and Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, 1978-1979

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Grant, 1979-1981

Teaching Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, 1980-1981

Rackham Block Grant, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, 1981-1982

Smithsonian Institution, Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1983-1984 (Declined in favor of teaching
position at Colgate University)

Grant-In-Aid of Research, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, 1987

Picker Research Fellowship, Colgate University, 1987-1988

Fulbright Research Fellowship, 1987-1988

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1991-1992

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend, 1991 (Declined)

Social Science Research Council, Advanced Research Grant, 1992-93

Faculty Development Council, Colgate University, 1998

Southeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, Small Grant, 1998

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1999

National Humanities Center Fellowship [Andrew W. Mellon Fellow], 1999-2000

National Humanities Center (Cotson/Ahmanson) Fellowship, 2000-2001

Pacific Basin Research Center, Grant, 2000-2001

Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame, Senior Fellowship, 2000-2001

Colgate University, Major Grant, 2000-2001

Institute on Religion and World Affairs, Boston University, and Pew Charitable Trusts, 2002-
2003

The Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2005-2006 (Declined in favor of fellowship from The Institute for Advanced Study)

Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), Visiting Member Fellowship, 2005-2006

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship; 1-yr. fellowship, activated Jan. 2007

Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal, Land, en Volkenkunde [Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies], Research Fellowship, May-August, 2009

Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal, Land, en Volkenkunde [Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies], Research Fellowship(s), June-July, 2010; July 2011-September 2012

Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Fellowship, September 17-October 15, 2012

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research assistant for project on the "irregular economy" of Detroit, conducted by the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Michigan. Responsibilities included formal interviewing of inner-city residents and coding of interview data. (1 month, 1977)

Research assistant on dissertation project entitled Paradox, Gender and Professional Life (by Norma C. Ware). Assistance entailed interviewing male dental students at the University of Michigan and eliciting attitudes toward women in the profession. (3 months, part-time, 1978)

Fieldwork among the Malay peasantry of Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia. Focused on continuity and change in kinship, property relations and social structure in the face of British colonial rule, modern market forces, and Islamic nationalism and reform. (17 months, 1978-1980)

Archival research in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysian National Archives) and England (Public Records Office, British Museum, and School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London). Focused on rural social structure and economy in 19th century Negeri Sembilan. (2 1/2 months, 1980)

Fieldwork among the Malays of Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia. Focused on: (a) the local legal system, especially the Islamic courts; and (b) gender and sexuality. (9 months, 1987-1988)

Ethnographic Research in Kuala Lumpur. Focused on shifting political and religious climate. (1 week, 1993)

Ethnographic Research in Kuala Lumpur. Focused on current developments in Islamic law, politics, and religion. (1 week, 1998)

Ethnographic Research in Kuala Lumpur. Focused on: sovereignty; recent developments in law, politics, and religion; and transgender practices and identities. (3 weeks, January 2001).

Ethnographic Research in Kuala Lumpur, Kelantan, and Terengganu. Focused on democratic and pluralist sensibilities in Malaysian Islam and the implications of Sept. 11 and its aftermath. (3 weeks, August 2002).

Research in Kuala Lumpur. Focused on NGOs and recent developments bearing on gender and sexuality (2 weeks, June 2008).

Library Research at Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal, Land, en Volkenkunde [Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies], Leiden, Netherlands. Focused on “ordinary Muslims” in Southeast Asia and Western Europe. May-August, 2009.

Research in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. Focused on the Islamic judiciary and on setting up long-term, multi-sited project on Islamic law in practice (3 weeks, July 2010; 4 weeks July-August 2011).

Research in Kuala Lumpur and Rembau, Negeri Sembilan. Focused on the Islamic judiciary and on Islamic law in practice (4 weeks, July 2012; 7-8 weeks, Fall 2013).

Research in Kuala Lumpur and Rembau, Negeri Sembilan. Focused on the Islamic judiciary and on Islamic law in practice (2 weeks, July 2018).

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

1988. A Share of the Harvest: Kinship, Property, and Social History Among the Malays of Rembau. Berkeley and London: University of California Press. (408 pp. Paperback edition published 1992.)

1995. Bewitching Women, Pious Men: Gender and Body Politics in Southeast Asia. Berkeley and London: University of California Press. (311 pp. Hardback and paperback editions published simultaneously). Edited with Aihwa Ong.

1996. Reason and Passion: Representations of Gender in a Malay Society. Berkeley and London: University of California Press. (402 pp. Hardback and paperback editions published simultaneously.)

2002. Islamic Modern: Religious Courts and Cultural Politics in Malaysia. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press. (360 pp. Hardback and paperback editions published simultaneously.)

2007. Gender, Sexuality, and Body Politics in Modern Asia. Ann Arbor: Association for Asian Studies (110 pp.) [2nd printing, with corrections and updates, published December 2011.]

---. Revised and Expanded Edition published in March, 2017. (127 pp.)

2009. Gender Pluralism: Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times. New York and London: Routledge. (342 pp. Hardback and paperback editions published simultaneously). [Designated by the journal Choice as an “Outstanding Academic Title, 2009”.]

2020. Sharia Transformations: Cultural Politics and the Rebranding of an Islamic Judiciary. Oakland, CA: University of California Press. (308 pp. Hardback and paperback editions published simultaneously.)

PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

1983. "Moral and Political Economies in Rural Southeast Asia: A Review Article." Comparative Studies in Society and History 25(4):731-739.

1985. "Siblingship and Social Structure in Negeri Sembilan: Perspectives from Myth, History and the Present." In Change and Continuity in Minangkabau: Local, Regional and Historical Perspectives on West Sumatra. Lynn L. Thomas and Franz Von Benda-Beckmann, eds. Pp. 73-109. Monographs in International Studies, Southeast Asia Series, No. 71. Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Center for International Studies/Ohio University Press.

1987a. "Female Heirship and the Autonomy of Women in Negeri Sembilan, West Malaysia." In Research in Economic Anthropology: A Research Annual, Vol. 8, Barry L. Isaac, ed. Pp. 61-101. Greenwich, Conn: JAI Press.

1987b. "The Exchange of Men in Nineteenth-Century Negeri Sembilan (Malaya)". American Ethnologist 14 (3): 449-469.

1988. "Poisoning, Sorcery, and Healing Rituals in Negeri Sembilan". Bijdragen Tot de Taal-, Land-, en Volkenkunde 144(1):132-164.

1993a. "Knowledge, Power, and Personal Misfortune in a Malay Context". In Understanding Witchcraft and Sorcery in Southeast Asia. C. W. Watson and Roy F. Ellen, eds. Pp. 149-177. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

1993b. "Sacred Texts and Dangerous Words: The Politics of Law and Cultural Rationalization in Malaysia". Comparative Studies in Society and History 35(1):66-109.

1994a. "Comparative Perspectives on Kinship and Cultural Identity in Negeri Sembilan". Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia 9(1): 1-53.

1994b. "Neither Reasonable Nor Responsible: Contrasting Representations of Masculinity in a Malay Society." Cultural Anthropology 9(2): 133-176.

---. Reprinted in Bewitching Women, Pious Men: Gender and Body Politics in Southeast Asia. Aihwa Ong and Michael G. Peletz, eds. Pp. 76-123. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995.

---. Reprinted in Women in Asia: Critical Concepts in Asian Studies, 4 Vols. Louise Edwards and Mina Roces, eds. Vol. IV: Constructions of the Feminine. Pp. 357-401. Routledge: London and New York, 2009.

1994c. "Ambivalent Hearts and the Arts of Well-Being in Island Southeast Asia". Reviews in Anthropology 23(3): 143-156.

1995a. "Introduction". In Bewitching Women, Pious Men: Gender and Body Politics in Southeast Asia. Aihwa Ong and Michael G. Peletz, eds. Pp. 1-18. Berkeley: University of California Press. Co-authored with Aihwa Ong.

1995b. "Kinship Studies in Late Twentieth-Century Anthropology". Annual Review of Anthropology, Vol. 24, pp. 343-372.

1997. "'Ordinary Muslims' and Muslim Resurgents in Contemporary Malaysia: Notes on an Ambivalent Relationship". In Islam in an Era of Nation States: Politics and Religious Renewal in Muslim Southeast Asia. Robert W. Hefner and Patricia Horvatic, eds. Pp. 231-273. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
1998. "Comparative and Historical Notes on the 'Great Transformation' among Negeri Sembilan Malays, with Particular Reference to Chinese and Minangkabau". In Market Cultures: Society and Morality in the New Asian Capitalisms, Robert W. Hefner, ed. Pp.173-200. Boulder: Westview Press.
- 2001a. "Comment on 'Anthropology and Modernity'". Current Anthropology 42(5):668-669.
- 2001b. "Ambivalence in Kinship Since the 1940s". In Relative Values: Reconfiguring Kinship Studies. Sarah Franklin and Susan McKinnon, eds. Pp. 413-443. Durham: Duke University Press.
2002. "Judicial Process and Dilemmas of Legitimacy and Sovereignty: The Malaysian Case in Comparative Perspective". In Sovereignty Under Challenge: How Governments Respond. John D. Montgomery and Nathan Glazer, eds. Pp. 221-258. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers.
- 2005a. "Islam and the Cultural Politics of Legitimacy: Malaysia in the Aftermath of September 11th". In Remaking Muslim Politics: Pluralism, Contestation, Democratization. Robert W. Hefner, ed. Pp. 240-272. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press.
- 2005b. "The King is Dead; Long Live the Queen!". American Ethnologist 31(1): 39-41.
- 2005c. "Islamic Justice, State Law, and Cultural Politics in Indonesia: A Review Article". Indonesia 80:161-176.
- 2006a. "Structure, Cultural Logic, and Transformational Dynamics in the Social Organization of Unstratified Societies: The Work of Raymond C. Kelly". Michigan Discussions in Anthropology, Vol. 16 [Special Issue, "Retrospectives: Works and Lives of Michigan Anthropologists"]:66-105. Co-authored with Bruce M. Knauft.
- 2006b. "Transgenderism and Gender Pluralism in Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times". Current Anthropology 47(2):309-340.
2007. "Diversity and Community in Contemporary Society". In Interweaving Cultures: Islam in Southeast Asia, Elizabeth A. Cole/Asia Society, ed. Pp. 26-31. New York: Asia Society.
- 2010a. "Pluralism, Globalization, and the 'Modernization' of Gender and Sexual Diversity in Asia". In The Routledge International Handbook of Globalization Studies, Bryan S. Turner, ed. Pp. 470-491. London and New York: Routledge.
- 2010b. "Pluralism and Cultural Cleansing in East Java". Bijdragen Tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde 166(2/3):291-295.
- 2011a. "Islamization in Malaysia: Piety and Consumption, Politics and Law". South East Asia Research 19(1):125-148.
- 2011b. "Gender Pluralism: Muslim Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times". Social Research: An International Quarterly 78(2):659-686.
2012. "Gender, Sexuality, and the State in Southeast Asia". Journal of Asian Studies 71(4):895-917.

2013a. "Malaysia's Syariah Judiciary as Global Assemblage: Islamization, Corporatization, and Other Transformations in Context". Comparative Studies in Society and History 55(3):603-633.

2013b. "A Syariah Judiciary as a Global Assemblage: Islamization and Beyond in a Southeast Asian Context". In A Companion to the Anthropology of Religion. Janice Boddy and Michael Lambek, eds. Pp. 489-506. New York: Wiley-Blackwell.

--- Reprinted in paperback edition of the book published in November 2015.

2015. "A Tale of Two Courts: Judicial Transformation and the Rise of a Corporate Islamic Governmentality in Malaysia". American Ethnologist 44 (1):144-160.

2016. "Syariah, Inc.: Continuities, Transformations, and Cultural Politics in Malaysia's Islamic Judiciary". In Shari'a Law and Modern Muslim Ethics. Robert W. Hefner, ed. Pp. 229-259. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

2018a. "Are Women Getting (More) Justice? Malaysia's Sharia Judiciary in Ethnographic and Historical Perspective". Law and Society Review, Vol. 52(3):652-684. [Special issue on "Islamic Law, Family, and the State", edited by Tamir Moustafa and Jeffrey Sachs].

2018b. "Why Anthropology Doesn't Matter Much to Law". Journal of Legal Anthropology 2(2):92-98.

2020a. "Neoliberalism and the Punitive Turn in Southeast Asia and Beyond: Implications for Gender, Sexuality, and Graduated Pluralism". Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 26(3):612-632.

2020b. "Neoliberal Globalization, the Punitive, and the Pastoral." HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory, Vol. 10(3):1058-1060. [In "Forum: Aihwa Ong", edited by Daromir Rudnykyj and Jerome Whittington.]

2021a. "Hegemonic Muslim Masculinities and Their Others: Perspectives from South and Southeast Asia". Comparative Studies in Society and History 63(3):534-565.

2021b. "Empathy, Solidarity, and the Work of Law and Humanitarianism". [Comment on Arzoo Osanloo's Forgiveness Work: Mercy, Law, and Victims' Rights in Iran, Princeton University Press, 2020.] HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory 11(2):782-787.

2021c. "Sharia Transformations: Cultural Politics and the Rebranding of an Islamic Judiciary", Symposium on Socio-Legal Studies of Islam. Religious Studies Review 47(3):317.

2022a. "Islamic Courts, Gender, and the 'Conservative Turn' in Muslim Southeast Asia". In Routledge Handbook of Islam in Southeast Asia. Khairudin Aljunied, ed. Pp. 305-325. London and New York: Routledge.

2022b. "Spirits and Thieves, Religious Deviants and Sexual/Liberal Others: Shifting Idioms of Danger, Disruption, and Crime Talk in Malaysia". History and Anthropology. Published online Oct. 11, 2022. (DOI: 10.1080/02757206.2022.2132495). [Will be published in print edition of the journal in Fall/Winter of 2023.]

2023a. "Companionate Marriage and Contested Masculinity in Late-Modern Malaysia: Ambivalences, Anxieties, and Vulnerabilities". Journal of Anthropological Research 79(2):201-226.

2023b. "Crime Talk and Male Criminality: Ethnographic and Historical Perspectives on Malaysia, 1978-2018." Critical Asian Studies 55(2):235-260.

n.d.a "Asylum, Diaspora, Pluralism". 33 pp. manuscript to be submitted to peer-reviewed journal.

n.d.db "Desecularization in Muslim Southeast Asia: Cultural Politics and Some of Their Comparative and Theoretical Implications". 37 pp. ms. to be submitted to peer-reviewed journal.

n.d.c. "Beyond the Charmed Circle: The Pink Triangle, the Urban/Sexual Underground, and the Struggle for Sexual Equality at the Crossroads of Asia". 40 pp. ms. to be submitted to peer-reviewed journal.

PUBLICATIONS: OCCASIONAL PAPERS, ARTICLES IN NEWSLETTERS, ETC.

1981. Social History and Evolution in the Interrelationship of Adat and Islam in Rembau, Negeri Sembilan. Research Notes and Discussions Paper No. 27. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. (59 pp.)

2003a. "Reinscribing 'Asian (Family) Values': Subject Making, Nation Building, and Judicial Process in Malaysia's Islamic Courts". Occasional Papers of the Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame: Indiana. (50 pp.)

2003b. "Muslim Politics in Malaysia After September 11th". In Proceedings of Conference on Muslim Politics and U.S. Policies: Prospects for Pluralism and Democracy in the Muslim World (Sponsored by The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life). Published electronically by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, Washington, D.C. [[<<http://pewforum.org/events/index.php?EventID=50>>](http://pewforum.org/events/index.php?EventID=50)].

2004. "Discourses of Opposition to Marriage Equality". Anthropology News 45(6):23-24.

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS

1979. Review of Islam and Politics in a Malay State: Kelantan 1839-1969, by Clive S. Kessler. In Comparative Studies in Society and History 21(1):147-148.

1981. Review of Property in Social Continuity: Continuity and Change in the Maintenance of Property Relations Through Time in Minangkabau, West Sumatra, by Franz Von Benda-Beckmann. In Pacific Affairs 54(2):380-382.

1983. Review of Minangkabau Social Formations: Indonesian Peasants and the World Economy, by Joel S. Kahn. In Journal of Southeast Asian Studies 14(2):438-440.

1984. Review of Rambu Solo', "La Fumee Descend": Le Culte des Morts Chez les Toradja du Sud, by Jeannine Koubi. In American Anthropologist 86(3):732-733.

1985. Review of Manners and Meaning in West Sumatra: The Social Context of Consciousness, by Frederick K. Errington. In Pacific Affairs 58(2):374-376.

1987. Review of Malay Kinship, by David J. Banks. In Journal of Asian Studies 46(2):446-448

1989. Review of From British to Bumiputera Rule: Local Politics and Rural Development in Peninsular Malaysia, by Shamsul Amri Baharuddin. In Journal of Asian Studies 48(2):442-443
- 1991a. Review of The Peasant Robbers of Kedah 1900-1929: Historical and Folk Perceptions, by Cheah Boon Kheng. In Journal of Asian Studies 50(1):202-203.
- 1991b. Review of The Art and Politics of Wana Shamanship, by Jane Monnig Atkinson. In American Anthropologist 93(3):764-765.
- 1992a. Review of Rice, Rupees, and Ritual: Economy and Society Among the Samosir Batak of Sumatra, by D. George Sherman with the Assistance of Hedy Bruyns Sherman. In American Ethnologist 19(4): 840-842.
- 1992b. Review of The Oriental, The Ancient and The Primitive: Systems of Marriage and the Family in the Pre-Industrial Societies of Eurasia, by Jack Goody. In American Ethnologist 19(4):847-849.
- 1997a. Review of Knowledge and Practice in Mayotte: Local Discourses of Islam, Sorcery, and Spirit Possession, by Michael Lambek. In American Ethnologist 24(1):247-249.
- 1997b. Review of Matriliny and Modernity: Sexual Politics and Social Change in Rural Malaysia, by Maila Stivens. In Journal of Asian Studies 56(4):1175-1177.
1999. Review of The Heat of the Hearth: The Process of Kinship in a Malay Fishing Community, by Janet Carsten. In American Ethnologist, 26(1):251-252.
2004. Review of Makers of Contemporary Islam, by John Esposito and John Voll, and Islam in a Globalizing World, by Thomas W. Simmons, Jr. In Journal of Asian Studies 63(1):130-133.
2005. Review of The Culture of Islam: Changing Aspects of Contemporary Muslim Life, by Lawrence Rosen. In Middle Eastern Studies Association Bulletin 39(1):121-123.
2015. Review of Being Malay in Indonesia: Histories, Hopes, and Citizenship in the Riau Archipelago, by Nicholas J. Long. In Indonesia 99 (April 2015):123-127.
2016. Review of Shari'a and Social Engineering: The Implementation of Islamic Law in Contemporary Aceh, Indonesia, by R. Michael Feener. In Islamic Law and Society, 23:151-156.
2022. Review of Positive Law from the Muslim World: Jurisprudence, History Practices, by Baudouin Dupret (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press), 2021. In Journal of Legal Anthropology 6(2):110-114.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Director, Asian Studies Program, Colgate University (1990-1991; 1993-1996)
 Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Colgate University (1996-1999)
 Chair-Elect, Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies (1999-2001)

Chair, Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies (2001-2003)
 Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (2002-2005)
 Chair, Department of Anthropology, Emory University (2009-2012)

TEACHING SPECIALTIES

Theory and Ethnography in the New Millennium

Contemporary Anthropological Theory

History of Anthropological Theory

Law, Discipline, and Social Justice

Anthropology and Law

Gender and Sexual Diversity

Gender and Culture

Muslim Cultures and Politics in Anthropological Perspective

Anthropological Perspectives on Southeast Asia

Anthropological Perspectives on Muslim Southeast Asia

Gender, Sexuality, and Modernity in Southeast Asia

Culture, Power, and History in Southeast Asia

Malaysia and Singapore

Kinship and the New Reproductive Technologies

Kinship and Marriage

Introduction to Anthropology

Other courses I have taught:

Islam, Modernity, and Civil Society

Peoples and Cultures of Asia

Margaret Mead in the South Seas: An Anthropologist and Her Critics

Religious Belief and Social Structure

American Society and Culture