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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Michael G. Peletz**

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Birthdate            January 2, 1951

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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

**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 11<sup>th</sup>." 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, Vol. 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, Vol. 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 Rudnyckij and Jerome Whittington.]
- 2021a. "Hegemonic Muslim Masculinities and Their Others: Perspectives from South and Southeast Asia". Comparative Studies in Society and History, Vol. 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, Vol. 11(2) In press.
- 2021c. "Islamic Courts, Gender, and the 'Conservative Turn' in Muslim Southeast Asia". In Routledge Handbook of Islam in Southeast Asia, edited by Khairudin Aljunied. London and New York: Routledge. [In press; 12,000 words.]
- 2021d. "Sharia Transformations: Cultural Politics and the Rebranding of an Islamic Judiciary". Religious Studies Review, Vol. 47(3). [In press]
- n.d.a "Companionate Marriage, Male Criminality, and Contested Masculinity in Late-Modern Malaysia: Reflections on a Return to the Field, 2018". Article to be submitted to peer-reviewed journal; 11,000 words.
- n.d.b. "Asylum, Diaspora, Pluralism". 33 pp. manuscript to be submitted to peer-reviewed journal.
- n.d.c. "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.d. "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 11<sup>th</sup>". 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>].

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 Matriliney 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.

### **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)

### **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS (Emory University, 2006-present)**

Graduate Students' Concerns Committee, Dept. of Anthropology (Fall 2006; Fall 2008-Spring 2011)

Search Committee, Dept. of Anthropology (Fall 2006)

Honor Code Appeal Board, Emory College (Spring 2008)

Women's Studies Department, Executive Council (2008-2009)

Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, Dept. of Anthropology (2008-2009)

Member, Executive Committee, Program in Islamic Civilizational Studies (ICIVS), (2010-present)

Search Committee, Dept. of Anthropology (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)

Master's Exam Committee, Dept. of Anthropology (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)

Graduate Admissions Committee, Dept. of Anthropology (2013-2014)

Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, Dept. of Anthropology (2014-2015)

Chair, Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology (2015-2017)

Fulbright Committee, Emory College, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Review Committee, Emory College Program for Enhancement of Research and Scholarship, Fall 2015

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2019-2020

Committee for Undergraduate Affairs, 2019-2020

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2020-2021

### **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS (Colgate University, 1983-2006)**

Asian Studies Council (1983-2006)

Special Committee on Co-Education, Ex-Officio (1984-86)  
Women's Studies Advisory Council (1984-89)  
Committee on Minority Affairs (1984-85)  
Council For Faculty Development (1985-87)  
Institutional Review Board (1986-87)  
Graduate Student Fellowships Committee (1988-90; Fall 2002)  
Social Science Colloquium Committee (1988-90)  
Faculty Advisor, Colgate chapter of Lambda Alpha, National Honor Society for students in Anthropology (1993; 1995-96)  
Faculty Research Council (1994-96)

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association (Fellow)  
American Ethnological Society  
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology  
Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei Studies Group of the Assoc. for Asian Studies

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Chairman, Session on Religion  
Central States Anthropological Society, 57th Annual Meeting  
Cincinnati, Ohio, 1981

Organizer (with Robert Hefner), Session on The Politics of Religious Rationalization, American Anthropological Association, 88th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 1989

Organizer, Session on Islam, Law, and Civil Pluralism, American Anthropological Association, 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 1996

Organizer and Chair (with Michael Lambek), Session on Locating Theory: Papers in Honor of Aram A. Yengoyan, American Anthropological Association, 99th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2000

Organizer and Chair, Session on Transgender Practices in Southeast Asia in Comparative and Historical Perspective, Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2002

Co-Organizer (with Tamara Loos), Workshop on Gender Pluralism in Southeast Asia, Cornell University, February, 2008

Co-Organizer with Henk Schulte Nordholt, Workshop on "Ordinary Muslims" in Asia and the West, KITLV, Leiden, Netherlands, 2010.

Organizer, Session on Sharia Law and Everyday Life: Gender, Sexuality, and Pluralism in the Muslim World, Law and Society Association, Annual Meetings, Denver, May 28-31, 2020. [In-person annual meetings were cancelled due to pandemic.]

Organizer and Leader of Seminar Series, Gender, Sexuality, and Pluralism in the Muslim World: Perspectives from Sharia Courts and Everyday Life, Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University, Spring 2020.

Advisory Editor, Current Anthropology, 2001-2002.

Academic Consultant on Islam in Southeast Asia, Asia Society, 2004-2005; 2006

Member of the Harry J. Benda Prize Committee of the Association for Asian Studies, 2007-2010; Chair of Benda Prize Committee, 2009-2010.

Editorial Board, South East Asia Research, March 2011-2018.

Editorial Board, Journal of Syariah Law Research, Oct. 2015-present.

Nominated by the Executive Directors of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) as one of two candidates to run for Vice-President (and President) of the AAS [4-yr. term], May 2011. [Declined]

Nominated by the Executive Directors of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) as one of two candidates to run for Vice-President (and President) of the AAS [4-yr. term], April 2015. [Declined]

Member of the George McKahin Prize Committee of the Association for Asian Studies, March/April 2014-present

Reader/Reviewer for Presses: Blackwell Scientific Publishing; Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; Cornell University Press; Indiana University Press; KITLV Press; Princeton University Press; Routledge; Simon and Schuster; Smithsonian Institution Press; Stanford University Press; University of Chicago Press; University of Hawaii Press; University of Pennsylvania Press; University of Toronto Press, University of Washington Press.

Reader/Reviewer for Journals: American Ethnologist; Bijdragen Tot de Taal, Land, en Volkenkunde; Comparative Studies in Society and History; Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asia; Cultural Anthropology; Current Anthropology; Ethnohistory; Human Ecology; Islamic Law and Society; Journal of Asian Studies; Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute; Medical Anthropology Quarterly; Signs; and South East Asia Research.

Reader/Reviewer for Foundations and Institutions: American Council of Learned Societies/Social Science Research Council; Boston University; City University of New York; London School of Economics; Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange; McGill University; National Endowment for the Humanities; National Humanities Center; National Science Foundation; National University of Singapore; Smithsonian Institution; United States Institute for Peace; University of California International and Area Studies; University of Washington; Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

## **TEACHING SPECIALTIES**

Theory and Ethnography in the New Millennium

Contemporary Anthropological Theory

History of Anthropological Theory

Muslim Cultures and Politics in Anthropological Perspective

Law, Discipline, and Social Justice

Anthropology and Law

Gender and Sexual Diversity

Gender and Culture

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

## **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1977. "Javanese Society and Religion: An Historical Perspective." Invited paper presented at the Conference on Southeast Asia and the United States, Project on Asian Studies in Education (University of Michigan), Grand Rapids, Michigan.

1981a. "Islam, Modernization and Matrilineal Social Organization in Negeri Sembilan (Malaya)." Invited paper presented at the Department of Anthropology Colloquium, University of Michigan. (Portions of earlier versions of this paper were presented at the International Conference on Malay Studies, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1979, and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, 1980). (Short version of 1981 article).

1981b. "Poison and Sorcery in Contemporary Negeri Sembilan." Paper presented at Session on Religion, Central States Anthropological Society 57th Annual Meeting, Cincinnati. (A subsequent version of this paper was presented at the Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies of the University of Michigan, 1983.) (Early version of 1988 article.)

1981c. "Women, Matriliny and Gender in Rembau." Paper presented at Session on Women and Work in Southeast Asia, American Anthropological Association, 80th Annual Meeting, Los Angeles. (Early

version of 1987a article.)

1983. "Religious Change and Cultural Rationalization: A Malay Case." Invited paper presented at Symposium on Folk Islam: Traditional Religion and Cultural Meaning, XIth International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (Phase II), Vancouver.

1984. Invited discussant, Panel on Women and Development, New York Asian Conference, Cortland, New York.

1985a. "Marriage, Affinal Exchange and Divorce in Negeri Sembilan". Paper presented at Panel on Mates, In-Laws and Siblings in Modernizing Malaysian and Singaporean Cultures, Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute 3rd Annual Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

1985b. "The Exchange of Men in Nineteenth-Century Negeri Sembilan (Malaya)". Invited paper presented at Session on Variety and Change in Marriage Systems, American Anthropological Association 84th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. (Early version of 1987b article.)

1986a. "The Transformation and Decline of Rice Production in Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia". Invited paper presented at Kellogg Seminar on World Hunger and Food Supply, Colgate University.

1986b. "Shamanism, Spirit Cults, and Cultural Rationalization on the Malay Peninsula". Invited paper presented at Session on Imagined Communities: State Policy and Local Allegiance in Indonesia and Malaysia, American Anthropological Association, 85th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.

1987. "Female Heirship and the Autonomy of Women in Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia". Invited paper presented at Seminar on The Impact of Development Projects on Women and Property, Women and International Development: Joint Harvard/MIT Group, Harvard Institute for International Development, Harvard University. (Short version of 1987a article.)

1988a. "Marriage, Affinal Exchange and Divorce in Negeri Sembilan". Invited paper presented at Department of Malay Studies, University of Malaya. (Revised version of 1985a paper.)

1988b. "Property Rights and the Autonomy of Women in Negeri Sembilan". Invited paper presented at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (National University of Malaysia). (Revised version of 1987 paper.)

1989a. "Affinal Exchange and Divorce in Negeri Sembilan: Historical Perspectives and Some Comparative Implications". Invited paper presented at the Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania. (Revised version of 1988a paper.)

1989b. "The Politics of Law and Cultural Rationalization: A Malaysian Example". Picker Fellowship Lecture, presented at Colgate University. (A revised version of this paper was presented at the Session on the Politics of Religious Rationalization [organized by Michael Peletz and Robert Hefner], American Anthropological Association, 88th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.)

1989c. "Knowledge, Power, and Personal Misfortune in a Malay Context". Invited paper presented at Symposium on the Manipulation of Mystical Agency and Explanations of Personal Misfortune; The First Canterbury International Symposium on Southeast Asian Studies; University of Canterbury, Kent.

1990a. "The Politics of Law and Cultural Rationalization: A Malaysian Example". Invited paper presented in the Southeast Asia Program Lecture Series, Cornell University. (Revised version of paper 1989b.)

1990b. "Reason and Passion: Official and Practical Representations of Kinship and Gender in Negeri Sembilan". Invited paper presented at Hamilton College and the University of Oregon.

1990c. "The Cultural Logic of Judicial Process in Malaysia's Islamic Legal System." Invited paper presented at Panel on Anthropological and Philosophical Perspectives on Responsibility, Liability, and Guilt, Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting, Berkeley.

1990d. Invited discussant, Session on Cultural Pluralism and Political Economy, Conference on Southeast Asian Studies and the Social and Human Sciences, sponsored by the Southeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies and the Joint Committee on Southeast Asia of the SSRC/ACLS, Racine, Wisconsin.

1990e. "Reason and Passion: Official and Practical Representations of Gender and Kinship in Negeri Sembilan". Invited paper presented at the University of Rochester. (Revised version of paper 1990b.)

1991a. "Reason and Passion: Official and Practical Representations of Gender and Kinship in Negeri Sembilan". Invited paper presented at Harvard University and the University of Wisconsin (Revised version of paper 1990e.)

1991b. "The Policing of Islam in Contemporary Malaysia: Islamic Resurgence and the Problem of Resistance for Rural Malays". Invited paper presented at Session on History, Religion, and the State in Asia, American Anthropological Association, 90th Annual Meeting, Chicago.

1991c. "Dealing with Gender in West Sumatra and Beyond". Invited comments on papers presented in Session on Reconstituting Local Relations: The Minangkabau of West Sumatra, American Anthropological Association, 90th Annual Meeting, Chicago.

1992a. "Reason and Passion: Representations of Gender and Kinship in a Malay Society". Invited paper presented at Southeast Asia Program, Yale University, and Colloquium of Department of Anthropology, Cornell University. (Revised version of earlier paper).

1992b. "Neither Reasonable Nor Responsible: Counter-Hegemonic Representations of Masculinity in a Malay Society". Paper presented at Session on Negotiations of Masculinity, The Narrative and Practice of Gender in Southeast Asian Cultures, The Ninth Annual Berkeley Conference on Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

1992c. Invited discussant, Session on Islamic Constructions of Gender in Southeast Asia, The Narrative and Practice of Gender in Southeast Asian Cultures, The Ninth Annual Berkeley Conference on Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

1993. "'Ordinary Muslims' and Muslim Resurgents in Contemporary Malaysia: Notes on an Ambivalent Relationship". Invited paper presented at Conference on "Islam and the Social Construction of Identities: Comparative Perspectives on Southeast Asian Muslims", sponsored by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the East-West Center, Honolulu.

1994. "Comparative and Historical Notes on the 'Great Transformation' among Negeri Sembilan Malays, with Particular Reference to the Minangkabau of Sumatra." Invited paper presented at Conference on "Market Cultures: Entrepreneurial Precedents and Ethical Dilemmas in East and Southeast Asia," sponsored by Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies, Harvard University.

1995. "Malay Religious Culture in Comparative-Historical Perspective: Or, Why 'Ordinary Malays' Are Ambivalent About Malaysia's Islamic Resurgence". Invited paper presented to the Department of Anthropology and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

1996. "Irony, Discourses on Kinship, and the Space Between Family and State: Notes on the Culture and Political Economy of Malaysia's Islamic Courts". Paper presented at Session on Islam, Law, and Civil Pluralism, American Anthropological Association, 95th Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

1997a. "Notes on the Culture and Political Economy of Malaysia's Islamic Courts". Invited paper presented to the Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University.

1997b. "'Ordinary Muslims' and Muslim Resurgents in Contemporary Malaysia: Notes on an Ambivalent Relationship". Invited paper presented to the Department of Anthropology and the Program in East Asian Languages and Literature, University of California, Los Angeles.

1998a. "Reinscribing 'Asian Values': Subject-Making and Nation-Building in Malaysia's Islamic Courts". Invited paper presented as the Inaugural Lecture for the W.S. Schupf Chair in Far Eastern Studies, Colgate University.

1998b. "Ambivalence in Kinship Since the Forties". Invited paper presented at Wenner-Gren International Symposium on "New Directions in Kinship Studies: A Core Concept Revisited". Mallorca, Spain.

1998c. "'Ordinary Muslims' and Muslim Resurgents in Contemporary Malaysia: Notes on an Ambivalent Relationship". Invited paper presented at the Graduate Center and Hunter College of the City University of New York.

1998d. "Reinscribing 'Asian Values': Subject-Making and Nation-Building in Malaysia's Islamic Courts". Invited paper presented at the Asia Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. (Revised version of the Inaugural W.S. Schupf Lecture presented at Colgate University in 1998.)

1998e. "Ambivalence in Kinship Since the Forties". Invited paper presented in a session "New Directions in Kinship Study: Kinship Beyond Biology" at the 97th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association in Philadelphia, in December. (This was a revised version of an invited paper delivered at the Wenner-Gren Conference on "New Directions in Kinship Studies: A Core Concept Revisited", which was held in Mallorca, Spain, 1998.)

1999a. "Gender Crossing, State Strategies, and Nationalist and Transnational Discourse in Contemporary Malaysia". Invited paper presented at Session on Gender, Religion, and Social Change Among Southeast Asians, at the Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston.

1999b. "Notes on Islamic Resurgence in Malaysia". Invited paper presented at the Carolina Seminar on Islam, Durham, N.C.

2000a. "Reinscribing 'Asian Values': Subject Making, Nation Building, and Judicial Process in Malaysia's Islamic Legal System". Invited paper presented to the Lilly Seminar, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC.

2000b. "Reinscribing 'Asian Values': Subject Making, Nation Building, and Judicial Process in Malaysia's Islamic Legal System". Invited paper presented to the Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2000c. "'Asian Values' in Southeast Asia". Invited paper presented in the Session on the Cultural Politics of the Asian Financial Crisis, Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego.

2000d. "Reinscribing 'Asian Values': Subject Making, Nation Building, and Judicial Process in Malaysia's Islamic Courts". Invited paper presented at the Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame.



2000e. "Introduction". Presented at Session on Locating Theory: Papers in Honor of Aram A. Yengoyan, American Anthropological Association, 99th Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

2001a. "Islamic Courts and Quests for Authenticity and Sovereignty in Contemporary Malaysia". Invited paper presented at conference on Challenges to Sovereignty in Asia and the Pacific, organized by Pacific Basin Research Center, Laguna Beach, California.

2001b. "Judicial Process and Dilemmas of Legitimacy and Sovereignty: The Malaysian Case in Comparative Perspective". Invited paper presented at the Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame.

2001c. "Reinscribing 'Asian Values': Subject Making, Nation Building, and Judicial Process in Malaysia's Islamic Courts". Invited paper presented at the University of Wisconsin and New York University. (Revised version of 2000b.)

2001d. "Islam, Islamic Resurgence, and Radical Islamist Movements in Malaysia". Invited paper presented at panel, "The Crescent Over the Banyon Tree: Radical Islamist Movements in Indonesia and Malaysia". Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

2002a. "Introduction". Presented at panel on Transgender Practices in Southeast Asia in Comparative Historical Perspective (organized by Michael Peletz), Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C.

2002b. "Where Have All the Transgendered Ritual Specialists Gone? The Decline of Gender Pluralism in Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times". Paper presented at panel on Transgender Practices in Southeast Asia in Comparative Historical Perspective. Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C.

2002c. "Where Have All the Transgendered Ritual Specialists Gone? The Decline of Gender Pluralism in Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times". Invited paper presented to the Department of Anthropology and the Program in Southeast Asian Studies at the University of California, Riverside.

2002d. Invited discussant for panel on "Multireligious America and Southeast Asia: Islam"; Conference on Religious Pluralism in Democratic Societies: Challenges and Prospects for the United States and Southeast Asia in the New Millennium. Organized by the Malaysian Association for American Studies, Kuala Lumpur.

2002e. "Islam and the Cultural Politics of Legitimacy: Malaysia in the Aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup>". Invited paper presented to the Council on Southeast Asian Studies, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

2003a. "Islamic Modern: Religious Courts and Cultural Politics in Malaysia". Invited paper presented at the Bag Lunch Program, Division of Social Sciences, Colgate University.

2003b. "Islam and the Cultural Politics of Legitimacy: Malaysia in the Aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup>". Invited paper presented at the Institute for the Study of Religion and World Affairs, Boston University.

2003c. "Islamic Courts, Modernity, and Civil Society in Malaysia". Invited paper presented at panel on Women, Gender, and Islam in Southeast Asia, Association for Asian Studies, 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings, New York.

2003d. "Islamic Courts, Modernity, and Civil Society in Malaysia". Invited paper presented at Conference on the Politics of the Shari'ah in Contemporary Malaysian and Indonesian Islam, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

2003e. "Muslim Politics in Malaysia After September 11<sup>th</sup>". Invited paper presented at Conference on Muslim Politics and U.S. Policies, co-sponsored by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life and the Institute for the Study of Religion and World Affairs, Boston University; Washington, D.C.

2003f. "Islamic Courts, Modernity, and Civil Society in Malaysia". Invited paper presented at Conference on Muslim Societies of Southeast Asia: Perspectives from Anthropology, History, and Literature. Sponsored by the Centers for Southeast Asian Studies at U.C, Berkeley and UCLA; Berkeley.

2004a. "Beyond the Charmed Circle: The Pink Triangle, the Urban/Sexual Underground, and the Struggle or Sexual Equality at the Crossroads of Asia". Invited paper presented at Session on "Youth and Sexuality in Southeast Asia", 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 4-7.

2004b. "Islamic Modern: Religious Courts and Cultural Politics in Malaysia". Invited lecture presented in the Brooks Museum 2004-2005 Lecture Series. Brooks Museum of Anthropology, State University of New York, Cortland.

2004c. "Islamic Courts, Modernity, and Civil Society at the Crossroads of Asia". Invited paper presented at the University of Notre Dame.

2004d. "Islamic Courts, Modernity, and Civil Society in Malaysia". Invited paper presented at Northern Illinois University; DeKalb, Illinois.

2004e. "Beyond the Charmed Circle: The Pink Triangle, the Urban/Sexual Underground, and the Struggle for Sexual Equality at the Crossroads of Asia". Invited paper presented to the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University; DeKalb, Illinois.

2005. "Islamic Courts, Modernity, and Civil Society at the Crossroads of Asia". Invited paper presented to the Department of Anthropology, Emory University, Atlanta.

2006a. "Transgenderism and Gender Pluralism in Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times". Invited paper presented to the Department of Anthropology, Princeton University.

2006b. "Transgenderism and Gender Pluralism in Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times" Invited paper presented to the School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

2007a. "Comments on Abdullahi An-Na'im's The Future of Shari'a: Secularism from an Islamic Perspective". Invited comments/paper presented at Workshop on "The Future of Shari'a: Secularism from an Islamic Perspective", Emory University.

2007b. "Engaging Pluralism". Keynote Lecture (invited) delivered at conference, "Imagining Muslims/Imagining Others: South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Europe", International Colloquium/Panel Discussion on Religious Pluralism at Cornell University.

2007c. "Gender Pluralism in Southeast Asia: An Introduction". Invited paper delivered at conference, "Imagining Muslims/Imagining Others: South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Europe", International Colloquium/Panel Discussion on Religious Pluralism at Cornell University [A 2-hour panel titled, "Othering: Social Processes and Cultural Expressions", was devoted to this paper.]

2008a. "Final Remarks" delivered at Workshop on Gender Pluralism in Southeast Asia, a workshop devoted to my book ms. that was held at the George Kahin Center for Advanced Research in Southeast Asia Studies, Cornell University.

- 2008b. Invited comments on papers presented at the panel on “The Politics of Syariah in Muslim Southeast Asia”, Association for Asian Studies, 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA.
- 2008c . Invited Discussant and Chair (Panel III), Workshop on Religion and Culture in the Indian Ocean, 18<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present. Cornell University.
- 2008d. “Asylum, Diaspora, Pluralism”. Invited paper presented at session on “Queer Routes and Critical Regionalities Within and Beyond ‘Asia’”. 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 2009a. “Desecularization in Muslim Southeast Asia: Cultural Politics and Some of Their Comparative and Theoretical Implications”. Invited paper presented at Conference on State Management, Control, and Institutionalization of Religion, Northwestern University.
- 2009b. “Gender Pluralism: Southeast Asia: Since Early Modern Times”. Invited paper presented at Free University Amsterdam, Amsterdam.
- 2009c. “Desecularization in Muslim Southeast Asia”. Invited paper presented at Leiden Southeast Asia Seminar, Leiden.
- 2009d. “Gender Pluralism: Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times”. Invited paper presented at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2009e. “Comments on Papers”. Invited paper delivered at panel, “Theories in Motion”. Invited Session of the American Ethnological Society, American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 2011a. “Gender Pluralism: Muslim Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times”. Invited paper presented at “The Body and the State: How the State Controls and Protects the Body”, The 23<sup>rd</sup> Social Research Conference, New York, NY, sponsored by The Center for Public Scholarship at the New School for Social Research, New York, NY.
- 2011b. “From ‘Kadi Justice’ to E-Syariah Governance: Corporatization and Discourses of Transformation in Malaysia’s Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper presented at session on “Islam, Corporatization, and Economy in Southeast Asia”, sponsored by the Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei Studies Group of the Association for Asian Studies, Joint Conference of the Association for Asian Studies and the International Convention of Asian Scholars, Honolulu.
- 2011c. “From ‘Kadi Justice’ to E-Syariah Governance: Corporatization and Discourses of Transformation in an Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper presented at Workshop on Approaches to Islamic Law and Society, Sponsored by the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, New York, NY.
- 2011d. “From ‘Kadi Justice’ to E-Syariah Governance: Corporatization and Discourses of Transformation in an Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper prepared for Workshop on Law and Society in Malaysia, sponsored by the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives and the Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.
- 2011e. “From ‘Kadi Justice’ to E-Syariah Governance: Corporatization and Discourses of Transformation in an Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper prepared for the Leiden Southeast Asia Seminar, Sponsored by the KITLV, the IIAS, the VVI, and the Program in South & Southeast Asian Languages and Cultures and the Department of Cultural Anthropology & Development Sociology, Leiden University.
- 2012a. “Sexuality and the State in Southeast Asia”. Invited paper presented at the JAS at AAS

Roundtable on “Sexuality and the State in Asia”, sponsored by the Journal of Asian Studies, Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meetings, Toronto.

2012b. “From ‘Kadi Justice’ to E-Syariah Governance: Corporatization and Discourses of Transformation in an Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper presented at Workshop on Appraising and Renewing the Anthropology of Religion [for Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Anthropology of Religion], sponsored by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Academy of Korean Studies; European Academy, Berlin.

2012c. “Syariah, Inc”. Invited paper prepared for International Conference on New Mobilities and Evolving Identities: Islam, Gender, and Youth in South and Southeast Asia; organized by Humboldt University Berlin, Berlin Graduate School Program in Muslim Cultures and Societies, and the University of Frankfurt, Berlin.

2012d. “Gender Pluralism: Muslim Southeast Asia Since Early Modern Times”. Invited paper presented to Departments of Malay Studies and Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore.

2012e. “Anthropological Perspectives on Malaysia’s Syariah Judiciary”. Invited paper presented to the Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya. (A version of this paper was subsequently presented to the Department of Malay Studies, University of Malaya.)

2013a. “Syariah, Inc.: Continuities, Transformations, and Cultural Politics in Malaysia’s Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper presented at the Conference on Sharia and Islamic Ethics in Transitions, sponsored by the Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston University.

2013b. “Syariah, Inc.: Continuities, Transformations, and Cultural Politics in Malaysia’s Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper presented at the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto.

2013c. “Syariah Transformations: Continuity, Change, and Cultural Politics in Malaysia’s Islamic Judiciary. Invited paper presented to the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology and the Global Encounters and Muslim World-Making Research Seminar, Free University Amsterdam. (A version of this paper was also presented at the Islamic Law and Society Workshop held at the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University.)

2013d. “Comments on Papers Prepared for Session on Legal Struggles and Trials”. Invited commentary presented at Workshop on Religious Freedom and Secularity in a Global Era, University of Bergen (Bergen, Norway), August 28-30, 2013.

2013e. “A Tale of Two Courts: Syariah Transformations in Anthropological and Historical Perspective”. Invited paper presented at the Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya, September 2013. (A revised version of this paper was presented at the International Institute for Advanced Islamic Studies, Kuala Lumpur, October 2013.)

2013f. “Gender, Sexuality, and the State in Southeast Asia”. Invited paper presented at the Department of Gender Studies, University of Malaya, October 2013.

2013g. “Memo for Capstone Conference on The Politics of Religious Freedom: Contested Norms and Local Practices”. Invited paper presented at Northwestern University, October 2013.

2013h. “Anthropological Perspectives on Malaysia’s Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper presented at International Conference on Islamic Law in Practice: Global Perspectives; Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya, December 2013.

2014a. "A Tale of Two Courts: Syariah Transformations in Ethnographic and Historical Perspective". Invited paper presented at the Islamic Law and Society Workshop, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, May 15-16, 2014. (Revised version of paper 2013e.)

2014b. "Islamization and Religious Freedom, State Strategies and Divided Public Spheres: Malaysia and Beyond". Invited Keynote Address presented at Workshop on Authenticating Religious Leadership in Divided Public Spheres, University of Cologne, October 24-25, 2014.

2015a. "Ijtihad, Gender, and Agency in Malaysian Sulh Sessions". Invited paper presented at Session on Islamic Female Religious Authority, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meetings, March 26-29, 2015.

2015b. "Notes Toward an Anthropology of Malaysian Sulh Sessions". Invited paper presented at Workshop on Approaches to Islamic Law and Society, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, May 14-15, 2015.

2015c. "Neoliberalism and the Punitive Turn in Southeast Asia: Implications for Gender, Sexuality, and Graduated Pluralism". Invited paper prepared for Conference on "A Critical Moment: Sex/Gender Research at the Intersection of Culture, Brain, and Behavior", sponsored by the Foundation for Psychocultural Research, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA., October 23-24, 2015.

2016a. "A Tale of Two Courts: Judicial Transformation and the Rise of a Corporate Islamic Governmentality in Malaysia". Invited paper presented at the Interdisciplinary Workshop on Colonial and Post-Colonial Studies, Emory University, Feb. 9.

2016b. "Commentary on Melvin Konner's Sex, Evolution, and the End of Male Supremacy". Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Emory University, Feb. 1.

2016c. "Style, Discourse, and Practice in Kuala Lumpur's Syariah Courthouse". Invited paper submitted for Workshop on Approaches to Islamic Law and Society, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, May 14, 2016.

2016d. "What Do Sulh (Mediation) Sessions Tell Us About Gender and the Management of Disputes in Islamic Judiciaries? Some Ethnographic Perspectives from Malaysia". Invited paper prepared for Panel on "Gender and Judging in Islamic Courts", Law and Society Association Annual Meetings, June 2-5, 2016, New Orleans, LA.

2016e. "Are Women Getting (More) Justice? Malaysia's Syariah Judiciary in Ethnographic and Historical Perspective". Invited paper presented at Workshop on Courts, Religion, and Politics in Contemporary Muslim States, School for International Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia, November 4-5, 2016. Revised version will appear in Law and Society Review, Vol. 53 (2), 2018, as part of a special issue on "Islamic Law, Family, and the State", edited by Tamir Moustafa and Jeffrey Sachs.

2017a. "Neoliberalism and the Punitive Turn in Southeast Asia: Implications for Gender, Sexuality, and Graduated Pluralism". Keynote address presented at the Symposium on Gender and Sexualities in Southeast Asia, hosted by the Southeast Asia Research Group, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, April 1, 2017.

2017b. "Are Women Getting (More) Justice? Malaysia's Syariah Judiciary in Ethnographic and Historical Perspective". Invited paper presented at Session on Gender and Judging in Islamic Courts, Law and Society Association Annual Meetings, Mexico City, June 19-24. (Revised version of 2016e.)

2017c. "Are Women Getting (More) Justice? Malaysia's Sharia Judiciary in Ethnographic and

Historical Perspective”. Invited paper presented at Workshop on “The Bureaucratization of Islam and Its Socio-Legal Implications”, sponsored by the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, September 7-8, 2017.

2017d. “Why Anthropology Doesn’t Matter Much to Law”. Invited paper presented at Roundtable on “Does Anthropology Matter to Law”, American Anthropological Association 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., Dec. 2, 2017.

2018a. “Are Women Getting (More) Justice? Malaysia’s Sharia Judiciary in Ethnographic and Historical Perspective”. Invited paper presented at the Department of Anthropology Seminar Series, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 6, 2018.

2018b. “Graduated Sovereignty, the Punitive, and the Pastoral: Working with Some of Aihwa Ong’s Insights”. Invited paper presented at Session on “Global, Citizen, Human, Problem: Assembling the Ongoing Impact of Aihwa Ong’s Anthropology” at the American Anthropological Association 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings, San Jose, California, November 2018.

2018c. “Sharia Transformations: Cultural Politics and the Rebranding of an Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper presented at the Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University, December 5, 2018. (I presented a variation of this talk at the Fox Center Response Forum, held at the Carlos Museum, Emory University, January 30, 2019.)

2019a. “Social Engineering, *Sharia*, and Companionate Marriage; Or, Why Moral Panics Figure So Prominently in Malaysian Cultural-Political Discourse”. Invited paper presented at Session on Shifting Marriage Patterns in Asia: Love, Law, and the New Middle Class, Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Denver, March 21-24, 2019.

2019b. “Neoliberalism and the Punitive Turn in Southeast Asia: Implications for Gender, Sexuality, and Graduated Pluralism”. Invited paper presented at Workshop on Bureaucratizing Diversity in Muslim Southeast Asia: Comparative Perspectives, organized by the Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change, Harvard Law School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA., April 4-5, 2019.

2021a. “Sharia Transformations: Cultural Politics and the Rebranding of an Islamic Judiciary”. Keynote address presented (virtually) at Leiden University Center for the Study of Islam and Society, Leiden University, May 20.

2021b. “Sharia Transformations: Cultural Politics and the Rebranding of an Islamic Judiciary”. Invited paper presented (virtually) in Session on New Books on Islamic Law and Society, Law and Society Association Annual Meetings, May 26-30.