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Education

2010	PhD Anthropology, University of Southern California
1998	MFA Film Production, University of Southern California, Cinematic Arts
1995	MA Anthropology (Culture and Media), New York University
1992	BA summa cum laude Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder

Teaching Appointments

2024-present	Teaching Professor, Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder
2021-2024	Associate Teaching Professor, Anthropology & Critical Media Practices, University of
	Colorado Boulder
2015-2021	Instructor, Anthropology & Critical Media Practices, University of Colorado Boulder
2013-2015	Instructor, Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder
Spring 2013	Lecturer, Anthropology, Pomona College
2012-2013	Lecturer, Anthropology, University of Southern California
2011-2012	Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology, University of Southern California
1999-2013	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Los Angeles Valley College
2007-2010	Instructor, Anthropology, Pasadena City College

Administrative Appointments

2018-2022	Associate Director, Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of
	Colorado Boulder
2019-2021	Associate Chair of Graduate Studies, Department of Critical Media Practices, University
	of Colorado Boulder

Courses Taught

CU Boulder:	ANTH 1155 Exploring Glob	al Cultural Diversity: /	Anthropology of the Future
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ANTH 1155 Exploring Global Cultural Diversity: Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft

ANTH 1170 / CMDP 2820 Exploring Culture and Gender through Film

ANTH 2100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 3760 Global Seminar: Cultural Transformations in Indonesia

ANTH 4020 Explorations in Anthropology: Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft

ANTH 4020 Explorations in Anthropology: Visual Anthropology and Ethnographic Film

ANTH 4020 Explorations in Anthropology: Volcanoes and Myth ANTH 4760 Ethnography of Southeast Asia and Indonesia

CMDP 3350 Documentary Media History

CMDP 3400 Media Aesthetics

CMDP 4810 Advanced Documentary Practices

CMDP 4820 Ethnographic Media

CMDP 4900 Concepts and Practices of Contemporary Media

CMDP 5500 Documentary Production Workshops

CMDP 5600 Documentary Lab Seminar CMDP 6600 MFA Thesis Seminar I

CMDP 7200 Research and Methodologies I

FYSM 1000 Being Human: The Anthropology of Dystopia

Pomona: Applied Anthropology

The Anthropology of Nonstate Societies

USC: Exploring Culture through Film

Culture, Medicine, and Politics

Ethnographic Field Methods and Practicum Seminar in Ethnographic Film (Graduate)

LAVC: Human Ways of Life: Cultural Anthropology

Human Evolution Language and Culture

The Anthropology of Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft

Advising

Publications

2023 Exploring Culture and Gender through Film. Second edition. San Diego: Cognella

Academic Publishing.

2022	Exploring Culture and Gender through Film. Interactive reader. Toronto: Top Hat Publishing.
2021	Exploring Culture and Gender through Film: An OER Textbook. CU Scholar, University Libraries, University of Colorado Boulder.
2019	"Indigeneity and religion in the Mentawai Islands." Asia Dialogue. November 28, 2019.
2016	"Indigenous Religion, Christianity, and the State: Mobility and Nomadic Metaphysics in Siberut, Western Indonesia." Special issue on Communal Peace and Conflict in Indonesia: Navigating Inter-Religious Boundaries, edited by Lene Pedersen. <i>The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology</i> 17(5): 399-418.
2016	"Review of Gringo Trails." General Anthropology 23(1): 14-15.
2015	Exploring Culture and Gender through Film. First edition. San Diego: Cognella Academic Publishing.
2015	"Review of The Entangled State: Sorcery, State Control, and Violence in Indonesia." American Ethnologist 42(2): 376-377.
2015	"Shamanism, Tourism, and Secrecy: Revelation and Concealment in Siberut, Western Indonesia." Special issue on Primitivist Tourism, edited by Rupert Stasch. <i>Ethnos</i> 80(4): 548-657.
2015	"In Animate: A Multispecies Ethnography." In <i>Ethnographic Terminalia 2014: The Bureau of Memories: Archives and Ephemera</i> , edited by Ethnographic Terminalia Collective. Arlington, VA: American Anthropological Association.
2014	"Beheaded: An Anthropology." Anthropology News 55(9): e31-e75.
2013	"Introducing an Occasional Series on the Anthropology of Religion and Film." <i>Anthropology News</i> 54(12): e36-e62.
2013	"Animism and the Art of Not Being Governed in Sumatra." <i>Anthropology News</i> 54(8): e44-e65.
2013	"Review of Jathilan: Trance and Possession in Java." American Anthropologist 115(3): 509-510.
2012	"Review of Please Don't Beat Me, Sir!" General Anthropology 19(2): 15.
2010	Sakaliou: Reciprocity, Mimesis, and the Cultural Economy of Tradition in Siberut, Mentawai Islands, Indonesia. Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Southern California.

Creative Works

In progress	Mauna Kea: Where Sky and Land Meet. Producer/Director. A Deranged Penguin production. In development.
In progress	If These Wings Could Fly (feature film). Producer. A Deranged Penguin production. In development.
In progress	We Can Be Heroes (series). Producer. A Deranged Penguin production. In development.
In progress	Frozen Dead Guy (feature film). Writer/Producer. A Deranged Penguin production. In development.

In progress	Omo Sebua (documentary feature). Producer/Director. A Deranged Penguin production. In development.
In progress	American Refuge (documentary feature). Writer/Producer/Director, with Eric Coombs Esmail. A Deranged Penguin production. In postproduction.
In progress	Turtle Bites Tail (ethnographic film). Producer/Director. In postproduction.
In progress	Mentawai Found (essay film). Producer/Director. In postproduction.
2023	Chains (ethnographic short). Producer/Director. Screened at: Variation, elsewhere.
2022	Sharks Ink, Artist Interview Series, CU Art Museum (documentary short). Producer/Director, with Eric Coombs Esmail. A production of the Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of Colorado Boulder.
2022	LaMont Hamilton, Artist Interview Series, CU Art Museum (documentary short). Producer/Director, with Eric Coombs Esmail. A production of the Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of Colorado Boulder.
2021	Kate Petley, Artist Interview Series, CU Art Museum (documentary short). Producer/Director, with Eric Coombs Esmail. A production of the Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of Colorado Boulder.
2019	Rumor (short film). Writer/Producer/Director, with Eric Coombs Esmail. A Deranged Penguin production. Screened at: Taos Film Festival, Beverly Hills Film Festival, Arizona International Film Festival, Go West Film Festival, Flick Fest. Winner, Accolade Global Film Competition. Distributed by Silicon Beach Distribution.
2018	Messengers (documentary short). Writer/Producer/Director, with Eric Coombs Esmail. A Deranged Penguin production. Screened at: IFS Los Angeles Film Festival, Silicon Beach Film Festival. Winner, Impact Doc Award. Winner, Colorado Film and Video Association Award. Distributed by DocsNow+.
2018	Lemonade (short film). Writer/Producer/Director. A Deranged Penguin production. Screened at: Marina del Rey Film Festival, Lone Star Film Festival, Malibu International Film Festival, Golden State Film Festival. Distributed by Silicon Beach Distribution.
2016	Tripod, or "Nobody's Talking about That, Margaret": A Performance Ethnography (multimedia performance). Writer, Producer, Director, with Jennifer Cool. Performed at: American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 2016; University of Colorado Boulder, April 2017.
2016	MHA Collaborative Film Project (participatory media). Facilitator, with Jen Shannon. Five workshops held on the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota, July-August 2016.
2015	Carousel (sensory ethnography), Producer/Director. Screened at: Visible Evidence XVI, Bozeman, Montana, August 2016.
2014	In Animate: A Multispecies Ethnography (multimedia, video/film and sculpture). Installed at: Ethnographic Terminalia 2014: The Bureau of Memories: Archives and Ephemera, Hierarchy Gallery, Washington DC, December 2014.
2000	Making the Band (reality television series). Story Editor, ABC.
2000	Jimmy Button (feature film). Screenwriter, with Scott Feeley.

2000	Rocker (feature film). Screenwriter, with Gerald Casale, Alibi Entertainment.
1999	Suicide, The Comedy (feature film). Production Consultant, Alibi Entertainment.
1997	Mr. October (short film). Producer.
1995	Year of the Gourd (short film). Producer/Director.
1995	NOVA: Terror in the Minefields (documentary series episode). Film Researcher, PBS.
1995	Eating Central Park (documentary short). Producer/Director.

Professional Media Experience

2018-present	Owner/Manager, Deranged Penguin, with Eric Coombs Esmail
2018-2022	Owner/Manager, Wolf Tung Media, with Eric Coombs Esmail
2000	Story Editor, Bunim-Murray Productions
1999	Story Analyst, International Creative Management
1998	Story Analyst, Disney Channel
1998	Production Consultant, Alibi Entertainment
1996-1997	Development Assistant, Cruise-Wagner Productions
1995	Film Researcher, NOVA/PBS

Invited Presentations

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2023	"The Limits of Observation: Ethnofiction and Documentary Horizons." Roundtable convened with Eric Coombs Esmail at the Royal Anthropological Institute Film Festival Conference, March 2023.	
2022	"American Refuge: The Chronotope of Ethnofiction." Multimedia presentation with Eric Coombs Esmail at the Visual Research Conference, Society for Visual Anthropology, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, November 2022.	
2022	"American Refuge: The Chronotope of Ethnofiction." Multimedia presentation with Eric Coombs Esmail at Visible Evidence, 28th International Conference, Gdansk, Poland, August 2022.	
2022	"The Portal of Eternal Return." Satellite installation with Eric Coombs Esmail at <i>The Virtual, Otherwise</i> , Joint Society for Cultural Anthropology-Society for Visual Anthropology Conference, June 2022.	
2022	"American Refuge: Trauma and Time in the Upland Forests of the American West." Multimedia presentation with Eric Coombs Esmail at Ethnography in Progress, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder, April 2022.	
2022	"The Films of Kevin B. Lee." Discussant, Center for the Humanities & the Arts, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2022.	
2019	"American Refuge." Pitch presented with Eric Coombs Esmail to the Society for Visual Anthropology Pitch Session, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, November 2019. Winner, Audience Award.	
2019	"American Refuge." Mimesis Masterclass: Getting the Green Light, with Scott Garen. University of Colorado Boulder, November 2019.	

2017 "Walking and Waiting." Paper presented on the panel "Fieldwork: What We Do When We're Doing Ethnography" at the workshop "Ethnography: Not Just Another Qualitative Method," organized by Carole McGranahan, University of Colorado Boulder, April 2017. 2016 "Turtle Bites Tail: Mobility and Resilience in the Mentawai Islands, Indonesia." Paper presented at the Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, September 2016. "Tripod, or 'Nobody's Talking about That, Margaret: A Performance Ethnography." 2016 Paper presented at the Society for Cultural Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Ithaca, New York, May 2016. 2016 "Turtle Bites Tail: Apps, Board Games, and Other Alternatives to Writing Ethnography." Paper presented in the Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder, April 2016. 2014 "Tiananmen Retrospective: Reflections on Violence, Power, and Protest in China and Beyond." Panel in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protest, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, April 2013. 2014 "Representation and Performance: Anthropology and Critical Geography." Discussant on the panel Representation and Performance, Critical Geography Conference, University of Colorado Boulder, February 2014. 2013 "What's at Stake? A Discussion of Transparency, Authenticity, Application, Theory, and Accessibility in Public Anthropology." Roundtable organized by Sarah Ono and Samantha Solimeo, American Anthropological Association annual conference, Chicago, November 2013. 2013 "Animism and the Art of Not Being Governed in Sumatra." Paper presented at the biannual conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Pasadena, April 2013. 2012 "Indigenous Religion and Cultural Identity in the Era of Regional Autonomy: A Case Study from Siberut, Western Indonesia." Paper presented at Communal Peace and Conflict in Indonesia: Navigating Inter-religious Boundaries, panel organized by Lene Pedersen, American Anthropological Association annual conference, San Francisco, November 2012. 2012 "Ethnofictions: A Case Study in Public Ethnography from Siberut, Western Indonesia." Paper presented at the Public Ethnography Conference, Victoria, British Columbia, June 2012. 2012 "On the Use of Visual Media in Public Anthropology: A Case Study from the Mentawai Islands, Indonesia." Paper presented at the Institute for Multimedia Literacy, University of Southern California, April 2012. 2012 "Shamanism, Tourism, and Secrecy: Revelation and Concealment in Siberut, Western Indonesia." Paper presented at the Southeast Asian Studies Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, March 2012. "Shamanism, Tourism, and Secrecy: Revelation and Concealment in Siberut, Western 2011 Indonesia." Paper presented at Primitivist Encounters Today: New Ethnography of Indigenous Tourism," panel organized by Rupert Stasch, American Anthropological Association annual conference, Montreal, November 2011.

2011	"Shamanism, Tourism, and Secrecy: Revelation and Concealment in Siberut, Western Indonesia." Paper presented at Religion on the Move: Tourism and the Religious Imagination, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, October 2011.
2011	"Reflections on the Snake Messenger: Perspectivism in Siberut, Western Indonesia." Paper presented at the NEH Summer Institute "The Dynamics of Cultural Unity and Diversity in Southeast Asia," East-West Center/University of Hawaii, Manoa, July 2011.
2011	"Happiness, Headhunting, and Perspectivism: Mimetic Conflict in Siberut, Western Indonesia." Paper presented at the biannual conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Santa Fe, April 2011.
2011	"Secrets of the Shaman: Tourism, Photography, and Sorcery in Siberut, Western Indonesia." Paper presented at California State University, Stanislaus, March 2011.
2011	"Shamanism, Tourism, and Secrecy: Revelation and Concealment in Siberut, Western Indonesia." Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies annual conference, Honolulu, March 2011.
Grants, Fellov	wships, and Awards
2024	SSCI Divisional Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder, for "Anthropology of the Future"
2024	RIO Arts & Humanities Grant, University of Colorado Boulder, for <i>Mauna Kea: Where Sky and Land Meet</i>
2024	Small Grant, Center for Humanities & the Arts, University of Colorado Boulder, for Mauna Kea: Where Sky and Land Meet
2024	de Castro Research Award, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder, for <i>Mauna Kea: Where Sky and Land Meet</i>
2024	Payden Teaching Grant, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder, for "From Theoretical to Applied Media Aesthetics"
2023	Kayden Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder, for American Refuge
2020	Course OER Creation/Adaptation Initiative, University Libraries, University of Colorado Boulder
2019	Online course development grant, Continuing Education, University of Colorado Boulder
2019	de Castro Research Award, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder
2018	Center for Humanities & the Arts, University of Colorado Boulder
2017	Course development grant, UISFL/Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder

Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder

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2016

Dean's grant, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder

2015	President's Fund for the Humanities, University of Colorado Boulder	
2015	Dean's Fund for Excellence, University of Colorado Boulder	
2012	Fulbright Senior Scholar Grant, American Indonesian Exchange Foundation, Council for International Exchange of Scholars	
2011	National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, The Dynamics of Cultural Unity and Diversity in Southeast Asia, East-West Center/University of Hawaii, Manoa	
2009	Advanced Doctoral Research Award, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California	
2005	Tsunami Response Project, University of Southern California	
2005	Urban-Global Fellowship, University of Southern California	
2004	Fulbright Fellowship, American-Indonesian Exchange Foundation, Institute of International Education	
2003	David L. Boren Graduate International Fellowship, National Security Education Program, Academy for Educational Development	
2002	Award for Excellence in Teaching, Center for Excellence in Teaching, University of Southern California	
2002	Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship, Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian and Malay, Universitas Sam Ratulangi, Manado, Sulawesi, Indonesia	
2001	Foreign Language Area Studies Scholarship, Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute, University of Wisconsin, Madison	
2000-2001	Haynes Fellowship, University of Southern California	
1992-1993	Kreiser Fellowship in Ethnographic Film, New York University	
Professional Service		

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2022-present	Space Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder	
2024	PUEC for Jonathan O'Brien, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder	
2023-2024	CMCI Inclusive Pedagogy Ambassador, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder	
2023-2024	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Critical Media Practices, University of Colorado Boulder	
2023	Co-Director, Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 2023	
2023	High Impact Practices (HIPs) Coordinator, Department of Critical Media Practices, University of Colorado Boulder	
2021-2023	Graduate Committee, Department of Critical Media Practices, University of Colorado Boulder	

2016-2022	Advisory Board, Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of Colorado Boulder	
2022	Juror, Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, November 2022	
2022	Chair, PUEC for Jason Sanford, Department of Critical Media Practices, University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2022	
2021-2022	Contributor, ARPAC report, Department of Critical Media Practices, University of Colorado Boulder	
2018-2022	Associate Director, Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of Colorado Boulder	
2022	Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Boulder Faculty Assembly, University of Colorado Boulder	
2020-2021	Academic Affairs Committee, Boulder Faculty Assembly, University of Colorado Boulder	
2019-2021	Associate Chair of Graduate Studies, Department of Critical Media Practices, University of Colorado Boulder	
2019-2021	Executive Advisory Committee, Department of Critical Media Practices, University of Colorado Boulder	
2020	Reviewer, Anthropology Today	
2017	Reviewer, Anthropology: Asking Questions about Human Origins, Diversity, and Culture, Oxford University Press	
2016-2018	Steering Committee, UISFL Southeast Asian Studies Curriculum, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder	
2016-2018	Chair, Speaker and Events Committee, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder	
2016	Geertz Prize Selection Committee, Society for the Anthropology of Religion	
2016	Reviewer, Mirror for Humanity: A Concise Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, McGraw-Hill Education	
2016	Inclusive Excellence Committee, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado Boulder	
2015-2018	Graduate Committee, Department of Critical Media Practices, University of Colorado Boulder	
2015-2017	Founding Editor, Mimesis: The Journal of Documentary and Ethnographic Media	
2015-2016	Speaker and Events Committee, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder	
2014-2018	Executive Committee, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder	
2013-present	Faculty Associate, Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies, University of Colorado Boulder	
2013-2017	Contributing Editor, Anthropology News	

2013-2017	Editor, Anthropology News, Society for the Anthropology of Religion
2013-2015	Curriculum Committee, Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder
2013-2015	Faculty Associate, Department of Critical Media Practices, College of Media, Communication, and Information, University of Colorado Boulder
2013-2014	Faculty Advisor, Ethnographic Media Collective, University of Colorado Boulder
2011-2013	Visual Anthropology Program Committee, Anthropology, University of Southern California

Events Organized

2023	Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 2023
2021	Mimesis Documentary Festival, Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of Colorado Boulder
2020	Mimesis Documentary Festival, Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of Colorado Boulder
2017	J.P. Sniadecki and Ethnographic Terminalia, "Art and Anthropology Colloquium," Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of Colorado Boulder
2017	Leif Jonsson, "Asian Borderlands," Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder
2017	Catherine Allerton and Abdul Malik Mujahid, "Displaced and Stateless People in Asia," Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder
2016	Trinh T. Minh-ha and MTL Collective, Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media, University of Colorado Boulder
2016	Joshua Oppenheimer, " <i>The Look of Silence</i> : Q&A with Joshua Oppenheimer," University of Colorado Boulder
2016	Ernst Karel and Helen Mirra "Sound Ethnography: Selected Works by Ernst Karel, Helen Mirra, and the Sensory Ethnography Lab," University of Colorado Boulder

Consulting

Summer 2006	Project Manager, USC Tsunami Response Project, Aceh and Nias, Indonesia	
Summer 2005	Project Manager, USC Tsunami Response Project, Aceh and Nias, Indonesia	
2004	Director, Siberut Indigenous Media Project, Mentawai Islands, Indonesia	
2003	Field Consultant, UNESCO Education Program, Siberut Man and Biosphere Reserve, Indonesia	

Memberships

2011-present	American Anthropological Association
2011-present	Society for Cultural Anthropology
2011-present	Society for Visual Anthropology
2011-present	Society for the Anthropology of Religion

2011-present American Academy of Religion 2011-present Association for Asian Studies

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