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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. in Anthropology, 2006

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, MA
M.A.L.D. (Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy), 2002

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
B.A., Classics (Greek and Latin languages and Literature), 1994
Departmental High Honors
Women's Studies Certificate

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2012- Assistant Professor of Anthropology, George Washington University
2007-2012 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
2006-2007 Lecturer and Assistant Wing Tutor, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), Faculty Research Participation at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, May-August, 2012 (\$32,395)
- National Institutes of Health, National Human Genome Research Institute, The Ethics of Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster DNA Identification, Co-Principal Investigator (\$290,436)
- National Science Foundation, Senior Research Grant, Accounting for the Missing: Forensic Practice and Commemoration of US War Dead, Principal Investigator (\$128,509)
- National Endowment of the Humanities, Summer Stipend, 2009
- International Research & Exchange Board (IREX), Short-Term Travel Grant (with Lara Nettelfield), 2007-2008
- Mellon-MIT Inter-University Program on Non-Governmental Organizations and Forced Migration Program, June-July 2005
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellow, 2003-2004
- International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program fellowship (declined), 2003-2004
- Mellon-MIT Inter-University Program on Non-Governmental Organizations and Forced Migration Program, July 2002

SELECTED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Ashby Dialogues Grant, *Memory at Work: September 11, Ten Years Later*, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2010-11
- Ashby Dialogues Grant, *Kinship in the 21st Century: Transformations and Redefinitions*, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2009-10
- Advancement of Teaching & Learning Grant, *Reading Culture and Society* (with Sarah Daynes), University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2009
- Summer Excellence Grant, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2009
- Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2005-2006
- Graduate Student Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2005-2006
- Summer Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, 2002 and 2003
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 2001-2002
- Fainsod Prize for Russian Studies, 2001
- Leir Study Abroad Grant, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Summer 2001
- General Summer Internship Grant, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 2000

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Srebrenica in the Aftermath of Genocide. Co-authored with Lara Nettelfield (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

To Know Where He Lies: DNA Technology and the Search for Srebrenica's Missing (University of California Press, 2008).

Peer-reviewed journal articles

“A Curious Trade: The Recovery and Repatriation of Vietnam MIAs,” under review with *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.

“The Making and Unmaking of an Unknown Soldier,” *Social Studies of Science* 43(5) (2013): 631-656.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

“Usages contemporains de Marcel Mauss dans la sociologie et l’anthropologie nord-américaines” (Contemporary Uses of Marcel Mauss in North American Sociology and Anthropology). Co-authored with Sarah Daynes. In E. Dianteill (ed.), *Le travail de Marcel Mauss – Concepts et méthodes, hier et aujourd’hui*. (Paris: Editions du Sandre/ Archives Karéline, forthcoming).

Peer-reviewed book chapters cont.

“The Social Complexities of Commingled Remains,” in Bradley Adams and John Byrd, eds., *Commingled Human Remains: Methods in Recovery, Analysis and Identification* (Elsevier, forthcoming).

“The Quandaries of Partial and Commingled Remains: Srebrenica’s Missing and Korean War Casualties Compared,” in Francisco Ferrándiz and Antonius Robben, eds. *Down to Earth: Exhumations in the Contemporary World* (University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming).

“Identifying Srebrenica’s Missing: The ‘Shaky Balance’ of Universalism and Particularism,” in *Transitional Justice: Global Mechanisms and Local Realities after Genocide and Mass Violence*, ed. Alex Hinton (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2010), 25-48.

“Tabulating Loss, Entombing Memory: The Srebrenica-Potocari Memorial Centre,” in *Memory, Mourning, Landscape*, ed. Elizabeth Anderson, Avril Maddrell, Kate McLoughlin and Alana Vincent (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2010), 61-78.

Book Reviews

Places of Pain: Forced Displacement, Popular Memory and Trans-local Identities in Bosnian War-torn Communities, by Hariz Halilovich, *American Anthropologist* (forthcoming).

Additional scholarly publications in progress

Book review: *Return from the Natives: How Margaret Mead Won the Second World War and Lost the Cold War*, by Peter Mandler, *Journal of Military History* (forthcoming).

Peer-reviewed journal article: “Walking the Mat: Ritual, Symbol, and Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,” for submission to the *Journal of Military History*.

Non-refereed publications

“Srebrenica Citizens: Home and Abroad,” Working paper co-authored with Lara Nettlefield, The Europeanisation of Citizenship in the Successor States of the Former Yugoslavia (CITSEE), July 2011.

“DNA, Mladic, and the Science of Justice in former Yugoslavia,” *Baltimore Sun*, June 6, 2011. Co-authored with Lara Nettlefield.

“Mladic’s Project Thrives in Bosnia,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, June 1, 2011. Co-authored with Lara Nettlefield.

Response to “Deleuze and an Anthropology of Becoming,” by João Biehl and Peter Locke, *Current Anthropology* 51(3) (2010): 344-45.

“Dismantling a National Icon: Genetic Testing and the Tomb of the Unknowns,” *Anthropology News* 50(5) (2009): 7-9. Co-authored with Conrad Quintyn.

“Justice Has Become a Normal Thing,” *Vancouver Sun*, July 24, 2008. Co-authored with Lara Nettlefield.

Non-refereed publications cont.

“DNA Identification: Checking Expectations of Truth and Justice,” *Anthropology News*, 48(5) (2007): 35. Co-authored with Lindsay Smith.

“Bosnia’s Muslims Still Cry Out for Justice,” *The Globe and Mail*, July 12, 2005. Co-authored with Lara Nettelfield.

“For the Bosniaks, the US Ideal is in Ruins,” *LA Times*, Sept. 19, 2004. Co-authored with Lara Nettelfield

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

2014

Invited key speaker for the 15th annual international symposium, “Technologies of Identification and Community Recovery,” hosted by the Policy, Ethics and Life Sciences (PEALS) research centre, Newcastle University, UK (March/April 2014)

2013

Participant in roundtable, “Sacred & Secular Technologies,” at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Chicago (November 2013)

“Srebrenica’s Legacies of Loss and Remembrance”

Invited keynote speaker: Holocaust Memorial Lecture, Washington University (November 5, 2013)

Discussant for the panel, “Issues in Policy Studies: The Cold War and After,” Southern Conference of Slavic Studies, Greensboro, NC (March 2013)

“Memorializing the Srebrenica Genocide: The Social Effects of Scientific Intervention,” presented at the Society for Military History annual meeting, New Orleans (March 2013)

“Identifying Partial Remains: Srebrenica’s Missing and Korean War Casualties Compared,” presented at the Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights Symposium, University of Tennessee Knoxville (February 2013)

Invited commentary for the Luncheon Reading Seminar with Dubravka Zarkov, Gender, War, and Violence: Remembering the 1990s Balkan Wars, Duke-UNC Gender, War and Culture series, Chapel Hill (January 2013)

2012

“Walking the Mat: Ritual, Symbol, and Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,” presented at the “Languages and Cultures of Conflicts and Atrocities,” Winnipeg, Canada (October 2012)

“Grave Politics: Memory and the Work of Post-Conflict Repair,” presented at the following:

Invited talk: Appalachian State University (March 2012)

Invited talk: Binghamton University (February 2012)

Invited talk: George Washington University (January 2012)

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS CONT.

2011

Discussant for the panel, “Martial Reckonings and Returns,” at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Montreal (November 2011)

“Partial Remains, Incomplete Truths: Ethical Dilemmas of Identification in Postwar Bosnia and Herzegovina,” presented at the Executive Session (“Down to Earth: Exhumations in the Contemporary World”), American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Montreal (November 2011)

“Making and Unmaking an Unknown Soldier: A View into the Political Life of Forensic Evidence,” presented at the Society of Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Cleveland (November 2011)

Guest speaker for the panel, “Social Reconstruction in the Aftermath of International War Crimes: Legal, Political, and Cultural Forces Shaping the Bosniak Community since the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” Elon University School of Law (January 2011)

2010

“Identifying Bosnia’s Missing: The ‘Shaky Balance’ of Universalism and Particularism,” presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, New Orleans (November 2010)

Discussant for the panel, “Implementing Orthodoxies through War,” at the 2009-2010 Andrew Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar international conference, “Nationalists and Salafis,” University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (February 2010)

“The Social Effects of Recognizing Srebrenica’s Missing,” presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences annual meeting, Seattle, Washington (February 2010)

2009

“Examining the Practice and Rhetoric of Repair,” presented at the Society of Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Washington D.C. (October 2009)

Guest lecturer in “Cultures of Science and Technology,” Washington University (October 2009)

“Srebrenica’s Fathers, Sons, and Husbands: Examining the Social Experience of DNA Identification,” presented at the Missing Persons Workshop, a pre-conference session of the International Society for Forensic Genetics annual meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina (October 2009)

Discussant for the panel, “Forensics and Publics: The Social and Cultural Dimensions of DNA Testing,” at the Society of Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Washington D.C. (October 2009)

Discussant for the panel, “Bosnia Reconsidered: Identity and Politics” at the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies annual meeting, Charlottesville, VA (March 2009)

Discussant for the panel, “Author Meets Critics: Sudhir Venkatesh’s *Gang Leader for a Day*,” Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Baltimore (March 2009)

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS CONT.

2008

“Naming First Lieutenant Michael Blassie: The Advent of DNA Identification and the Disinterred Tomb of an Unknown Soldier,” presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, San Francisco (November 2008)

Invited talk: “Mass Graves and Missing Persons: Reflections on Forensic Practice and Social Reconstruction in Postwar Bosnia and Herzegovina,” School of International Studies, Centre for Forensic Research and Department of Archaeology, Simon Fraser University (November 2008)

Invited talk: “An Anthropology of Violence: Genocide and its Aftermath in the UN ‘Safe Area’ of Srebrenica,” at Minot State University (April 2007)

2007

“Bosnia’s Forensic Innovation: DNA Testing and the Pursuit of Truth and Justice” presented as Co-organizer of the session, “Technologies of Repair,” at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, DC (November 2007)

“Piecing Them Back Together: International Interventionism and Identification of Bosnia’s Missing Persons” presented at the Society for Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Montreal, Canada (October 2007)

“Burying Srebrenica’s Victims: Theology, Technology, and Questions of Absence,” presented at the Seventh Biennial Conference of the International Association of Genocide Scholars, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina (July 2007)

“Telling Their Stories: DNA Technology and the Identification of Srebrenica’s Missing,” presented at the following:

Invited talk: Department of Anthropology, Colby College (February 2007)

Invited talk: Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (February 2007)

Invited talk: Department of Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (January 2007)

2006

“Generational Gaps: The Roles of Mothers and Wives of Srebrenica’s Missing,” presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, San Jose, CA (November 2006)

Invited talk: “Fieldwork and Ethics in Genetics and Society,” Science and Technology Studies Circle at Harvard University (November 2006)

“Limits of Science: Truth, Justice, and the Identification of Srebrenica’s Missing” presented at the symposium, “Local Justice: Global Mechanisms and Local Meanings in the Aftermath of Mass Atrocity,” Rutgers University (April 2006)

2005

“Representations of the Missing,” presented at the conference, “Politics and Society 10 Years after Dayton,” Human Rights Centre, University of Sarajevo (November 2005)

“Assessing the Identification of Srebrenica’s Missing,” presented at the University of Sarajevo conference, “Genocide against the Bosniaks of the UN Safe Area Srebrenica in July 1995 – Lessons for the Future” (July 2005)

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS CONT.

“Memory and the Identification of Srebrenica’s Missing,” presented at the Graduate Association for the Anthropology of Europe Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst (May 2005)

“Critical Contributions: The Diaspora’s Role in the Identification of Former Yugoslavia’s Missing,” presented at the Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, Concordia University (March 2005)

“Putting Refugees on the Map Hollywood Style: Angelina Jolie as UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador,” presented at the American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting (April 2003)

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZED

Workshop: The Ethics of DNA Testing in Post-conflict and Post-disaster Societies. Supported by NIH, and organized with Co-Principal Investigator, Jay Aronson; held at Carnegie Mellon University, September 22-24, 2011.

Memory at Work: September 11, Ten Years Later. Ashby dialogue series, including three workshop sessions, keynote address, and film screening and roundtable discussion. Supported by an Ashby Dialogues Grant, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (2010-2011).

Harriet Elliott Lecture Series, “Our Genetic Past and Genomic Future: Connecting the Science of Human Origins to Contemporary Life.” Included roundtable discussion and keynote address, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, March 23, 2011.

Kinship in the 21st Century: Transformations and Redefinitions. Ashby dialogue series, including six workshop meetings and three public conferences. Supported by an Ashby Dialogues Grant, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (2009-2010).

William Kornblum’s Robin M. Williams lecture. Sponsored by the Eastern Sociological Society and co-organized by the Anthropology and Sociology departments. University of North Carolina at Greensboro, October 8, 2009.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Courses at George Washington University (undergraduate and graduate)

Foundations in Anthropological Thought

Ethnographic Research Methods (undergraduate and graduate sections)

Undergraduate courses at University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Violent Conflict and Its Aftermath, (500-level, graduate students enrolled)

Reading Culture and Society, co-taught with Sarah Daynes (Sociology)

History of Anthropological Theory

World Ethnographies

Brave New Worlds: Biotechnology and Society

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Introduction to Anthropology

TEACHING AND MENTORING CONT.

Independent study at University of North Carolina at Greensboro

War, post-conflict societies, and memory (Spring 2012); readings in political and social theory (Fall 2011); anthropology of humanitarianism and development (Fall 2011).

Undergraduate courses at Harvard University

Introduction to Social Anthropology

Forced to Flee: Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and the Borders They Cross

Biotechnology and the State

Independent study at Harvard University

Anthropology of technology and virtual ethnography (Spring 2007); gender and migration (Spring 2007)

Advising

Academic advising for majors in anthropology (2007-2011), UNCG

Advisor for multiple senior capstone course research projects (2008-2011), UNCG

PhD committees:

Laura Shannonhouse, "The Relationships between Multicultural Counseling Competence, Cultural Immersion, and Cognitive / Emotional Developmental Styles: Implications for Multicultural Counseling Training," Department of Counseling and Educational Development, January 2013

MA thesis advising:

Julia Buchmann, "The Centre for Arab Genomic Studies (CAGS): At the Crossroads Between Science and Society," The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 2007

BA honors thesis advising:

Edna Choi, "North Korean Refugees: Problems with Adaptation in South Korea," Harvard University, 2007

Mentored research:

Ivan Gilbert, Recipient of Undergraduate Research Assistantship (2009-2010), UNCG

Served as mentor for multiple fellowship applications, including Fulbright, National Science Foundation, and Ford Foundation programs.

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

United States

On-going field research on the US government's efforts to recover, identify, and commemorate missing soldiers from World War II, the Korean War, Cold War, and the Vietnam War; sites of research include the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, and the Defense Prisoner of War Missing Personnel Office; Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknowns, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Fieldwork with JPAC included participating in a recovery mission (archaeological excavation of helicopter crash site) in Vietnam [May and June 2012].

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Conducted doctoral dissertation fieldwork in Srebrenica (Republika Srpska) and Tuzla (the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina) on the identification of missing persons of the July 1995 genocide at Srebrenica [June 2003-October 2004; June-July 2005; November 2005]; on-going research on postwar Srebrenica.

Conducted preliminary dissertation fieldwork in Tuzla on the return of internally displaced persons (Bosnian Serb and Bosniak/Bosnian Muslim) to their pre-war residences [June-July 2002]

South Africa

Conducted fieldwork and interviews of Congolese refugees living in Johannesburg as part of a collaborative, multi-sited study on refugee rights and transnational social networks [August 2002]

Hungary

Conducted research for master's thesis, interviewing ethnic Hungarian Serbs seeking asylum in Hungary as conscientious objectors to the Kosovo conflict at the Debrecen refugee camp and in Budapest [July 2000]

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

George Washington University

Search committee, cultural anthropology position, Honors Program (2012-2013)
Hart Committee, Anthropology Department (2012-2013)

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Search committee, biological anthropology and archaeology positions (2009-2010)
Search committee, archaeology position (2009-2010)
Search committee, biological anthropology position (2009-2009)
Search committee, archaeology position (2007-2008)
Curriculum committee, Anthropology Department (2007-2011)
Harriet Elliot Lecture Series, chair, organizing committee for the Anthropology Department (2010-2011)
Harriet Elliot Lecture Series, steering committee member (2009-2010)
Co-chair, Ashby Dialogue, "Memory at Work: September 11, Ten Years Later" (Anthropology and Sociology), 2010-2011
Co-chair, Ashby Dialogue, "Kinship in the 21st Century" (Anthropology and Sociology Departments), 2009-2010
MERGE (formerly Center for Critical Inquiry), Advisory Board member, College of Arts and Sciences (2008-2010)
Zamni UNCG, Faculty Advisor, Haiti relief fundraiser (January 2010)
Division for Continual Learning, contributor to online course development (Anthropology Department) (2008, 2010)
Division for Continual Learning, Emeritus Society instructor (2009)

Harvard University

Assistant wing tutor, Anthropology Department, 2006-2007
Professionalization seminar, contributor and presenter, Anthropology Department, 2006-2007
Tutor, Women and Gender Studies, Spring 2003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Grant reviewer, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants (DDRIG) Panel II, Cultural Anthropology, National Science Foundation (2013)

Grant reviewer, National Science Foundation (2008)

Book manuscript reviewer, Harvard University Press (2012)

Article manuscripts refereed for *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*; *Current Anthropology*; *American Anthropologist*; and *International Journal of Transitional Justice*

PUBLIC SPEAKING/OUTREACH

Presenter at Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, forensic anthropology journal club, April 2013

Moderator for panel, "CSI in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Forensic Methods, Obstacles, and the Social Effects of Identifying Victims of Mass Fatalities," held in Chicago, IL on May 9, 2011 and St. Louis, MO, May 11, 2011

PUBLIC SPEAKING/OUTREACH CONT.

Guest appearance, on Radio Behar St. Louis, WEW Radio 770, March 13, 2011

Human Rights Research Network, International Human Rights Film Series discussant (Fall 2009 and 2010)

"Srebrenica's Story: Internally Displaced Persons and UNHCR's Mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina," presented at the Harvard Model United Nations in Boston, MA, December 2006

MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association, Society for the Social Studies of Science, Society for Military History, Southern Conference of Slavic Studies

Appointed an advisory member of the Ethics Committee for the Scientific Working Group on Disaster Victim Identification (SWGIDVI) - April 2013

Appointed a board member of the Advisory Council for Bosnia and Herzegovina - March 2013

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Advanced skills in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian and Latin; intermediate Italian; basic Hungarian.