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Monographs and Edited Volumes


Ethnographic Films


2007 Bethel: Community and Schizophrenia in Northern Japan. Color NTSC DVD and online streaming. 41 minutes. Distributed by CreateSpace.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles


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## Book Chapters and Other Journal Articles

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Review Essays


Book and Film Reviews


Other Publications


2002b "Deafness, Ethnicity, and Minority Politics in Modern Malaysia." Macalester International


Publications in Progress


Selected Awards

2011 Society for East Asian Anthropology David Plath Media Award for A Japanese Funeral
2011 University of British Columbia Ethnographic Film Festival Jury Prize (2nd Runner up) for A Japanese Funeral
2010 Best Short Film Media Award from the Society for Visual Anthropology awarded for A Japanese Funeral (Manic Films 2010).
2008 John Whitney Hall Book Prize from the Association for Asian Studies awarded to Deaf in Japan: Signing and the Politics of Identity (Cornell University Press 2006).
2006 Journal article “Resistance and Co-optation” selected as one of 100 Seminal Papers in the Oxford University Press Centenary of Publishing.
2003 Tokyo University Institute of Social Science / Oxford University Award for Modern Japanese Studies.
1993 Cornell University: Phi Beta Kappa & Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Selected Grants and Fellowships

2011 Yale University Senior Faculty Fellowship.
2011 Association for Asian Studies NEAC Short-Term Travel Fellowship. PI. $3000.
2011 Waseda University / Yale University 125th Anniversary Asakawa Kanichi Fellowship. PI. JPY1,200,000 + USD $1200 + rent-free accommodation and use of research facilities for six months (Sept 1, 2011 to Feb 29, 2012).
2007 Yale University Junior Faculty Fellowship.
2004-05 Abe Fellow, Social Science Research Council and Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership. PI. $83,000.
2004 East-West Center China-U.S.A. Asian Studies Development Program.
2002-03 Macalester Faculty Research and Teaching Grants (College Co-Mentoring Fellowship; Freeman Fund China Travel Grant; Mellon Summer Research Fellowship; Bush Course Development Grant; International Seminar, Penang, Malaysia).
1999-00 Yale University Council on East Asian Studies Prize Fellowship.
1999 SSRC Japan Dissertation Workshop Fellowship.
1997-9 Wenner-Gren Foundation Small Grant for Dissertation Research. PI. $18,000.
Exhibitions and Film Screenings

Mar 10, 2015  Film Screening and Discussion with Filmmaker: Bethel: Community and Schizophrenia in Northern Japan. Disability Incarcerated symposium at University of California Berkeley.

Mar 7, 2015  Film Screening: Bethel: Community and Schizophrenia in Northern Japan. Mental Health in Japan symposium at University of Pittsburgh.

May 11, 2014  Film Screening and Discussion with Filmmaker: Bethel: Community and Schizophrenia in Northern Japan. Mad in America Film Festival.


March 22, 2013  Film screening: A Japanese Funeral. Association for Asian Studies Film Expo at the AAS Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.

April 30, 2011  Film screening: A Japanese Funeral. University of British Columbia Ethnographic Film Festival.


Feb 26, 2009  Film screening: Bethel: Community and Schizophrenia in Northern Japan. Oberlin College (Oberlin, Ohio).


Oct 11, 2006  Film screening: Bethel: Community and Schizophrenia in Northern Japan (rough cut). Margaret Mead Ethnographic Film Festival at Yale University, New Haven.


Conference Presentations and Lecture Series (Past 5 Years)


Feb 12-14, 2015  Organizer, Keynote Respondent, Panel Chair. Yale LGBT Studies Conference on Queering Anthropology. Yale University.


on “Paradise” organized by Christine Yano. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

March 21, 2014

March 13, 2014
Conference paper on *Ethical Dimensions in Ethnographic Mental Health Research: Who is Protecting Who?* Conference on “New Directions in Social Studies of Medicine, Science and Ethics” held in honor of Margaret Lock. Princeton University.

Nov 24, 2013

Nov 24, 2013

Oct 31, 2013
Lecture on *A Disability of the Soul*. Mellon Lecture Series. University of Missouri at Saint Louis, Tarragona, Spain.

June 13, 2013
Workshop on *Negotiating Access and IRBs* for the Society for Medical Anthropology / European Association for Social Anthropology Joint Conference. Tarragona, Spain.

Apr 19, 2013

Apr 5, 2013

Mar 18, 2013

Nov 20, 2011

Nov 17, 2011

March 15, 2010

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**Public and Guest Lectures and Presentations (Past 5 Years)**

Feb 17, 2015
Guest Speaker. Yale University School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry Elective Course on “Religion, Spirituality and Worldview in Psychiatry”

Dec 2, 2014

Oct 28, 2014
Open Lecture: *Studying Disability and Mental Illness at Yale*. Working Women’s Network, Yale University.

April 14, 2014
Open Lecture: *Schizophrenia and a Life in Decline in Japan: An Anthropology of Mental Illness*. Department of Anthropology, University of California Berkeley.

Jan 22, 2014

Oct 2, 2013
Open Lecture: *Disability Studies in Japan*. A Pechakucha Presentation. WGSS, Yale University.

May 8, 2013
May 11, 2012  Open Lecture: *A Disability of the Soul: Japan, Schizophrenia, Psychotourism, and Bethel House*. Asia Center, University of Utah.


Jan 19, 2012  Open Lecture: トランス／ディサビリティ：比較人類学の視点から見る障害、クィア、性同一性障害の現代的運動 Trans/Disability: Disability, Queer Sexualities, and Transsexuality from a Comparative Ethnographic Perspective. Barrier Free Education Center Lecture Series, University of Tokyo.


April 12, 2010  Lecture: *A Disability of the Soul: Community-based Mental Health Care in Japan*. Yale Global Mental Health Program, Department of Psychiatry. Yale University.

Feb 8, 2010  Lecture: *Call Girls for Crips: Intersections of disability and sexuality*. Diversity Week. Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Sciences.

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**Higher Education**


1998  M.Phil. in Sociocultural Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Yale University.


**Current and Previous Academic Positions**

2016.1 ~  Robert and Colleen Haas Distinguished Chair in Disability Studies and Professor of Anthropology. University of California, Berkeley, CA.

2016.1.1 ~ 2016.6.30  Research Scholar. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

2013.7 ~ 2015.12  Associate Professor of Anthropology and East Asian Studies with Tenure. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

2011.7 ~ 2013.6  Associate Professor of Anthropology and East Asian Studies on Term. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

2005.8 ~ 2011.6  Assistant Professor of Anthropology and East Asian Studies. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

2001.8 ~ 2005.8  Assistant Professor of Anthropology. Macalester College, St. Paul MN.

2000.8 ~ 2001.7  Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Asian Studies. Bowdoin College, Brunswick Maine.
Volunteer and Service Positions

2016-2018  
Member, Advisory Board, Journal of Diversity and Gender Studies (DiGeSt)

2015-2018  
Member, Editorial Board, Amerasia Journal.

2014-2015  
Chair, LGBT Studies Committee, Yale University.

2014-15, 15-16  
Member, AAUW International Fellowship Selection Panel (Social-Sciences).

2013-2015  
Chair, Association Operations Committee, American Anthropological Association.

2012-2015  
Executive Board member, American Anthropological Association (Elected Section Assembly Representative).

2013-2016  
Member, Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies.

2015-2016  
Chair, Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies.

2014-2015  
Vice-Chair, Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies.

2013-15, 2009-11  

2014  
Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan Review Board.

2013-2014  
Jury Member, SVA Film Festival.

2012  
SVA Film Festival Czarista, Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival.

2011  
SVA Film Festival Czarista and Co-Coordinator, Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival.

2010~  
Member, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Council, Yale University.

2009-2011  
Member, Yale University Human Subjects Committee.

2008~  
Member, LGBT Studies Committee, Yale University.

2008-2012  

2008-2010  

2008-2009  
Member, Yale College Course of Study Committee.

2008-2009  
Academic Mentor, Yale Mellon-Bouchet Undergraduate Fellowship Program.

2005-2008  
Elected member, Committee on Minority Affairs in Anthropology, American Anthropological Association.

2004-2005  
Nominated Member, American Anthropological Association SOLGA /

2002-2005  
Elected member (Minority Seat), Long-Range Planning Committee, American Anthropological Association.

2002-2004  
Academic Mentor, Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program. Macalester College.

2002-2004  
Nominated member, American Anthropological Association SOLGA Payne Student Research Prize Committee.

2000-2005  
SOLGA Liaison (AAA Board nominated position), Committee on Ethics, American Anthropological Association.

1993-1994  
Board of Directors; Educational Representative; Board Secretary; Executive Committee Member; Co-chair, Recruitment Committee. Board of Directors. Ithaca Rape Crisis, Inc. Ithaca NY. Also, Educator 1991-1994.
Engineering and Systems Development Background

  GPS/GIS Macintosh mapping and navigation systems development.
  Shipping products: GPSy for MacOS, GPS portion of DeLorme StreetAtlas 4 for Macintosh.

1993 – 1996 Macintosh systems and network developer, Yale University. Responsible for development of Macintosh PPP/ARA end-user solutions.
  Shipping Products: Network Starter Kit, misc. CGI scripts. for network access


  Shipping Products: SCSI Suite; SCSI SpeedGun; SCSI Formatter. Internal Release Only: Sony V-BOX controller.

1992–1993 Co-publisher and Technical Editor, NeXTWATCH, then the largest commercial newsletter for the NeXTSTEP system.

1990–1991 External Consultant / Developer, Canon Information Systems, Palo Alto, USA. Developed the Canon IX-Scans software package, the kernel for the Canon Still Video Floppy drive system, and the driver software for the Canon Magneto Optical SCSI system.
  Shipping Product: IX-SCANS. Internal Release Only SVVideo Controller; MO-Controller.


1989 Senior Consultant and Programmer, Focal Point Computer Inc., Tokyo Japan. Worked closely with large corporations to assist in networking and optimizing their shared computing environments. Clients included the Tokyo offices of Dentsu Burson Marsteller, Peat Marwick, and Merrill Lynch.

Doctoral Dissertations Supervised

H. Sheikholeslami 6th year (ABD), Sociocultural Anthropology, Yale U.
  “Publishers, Translators, and the Circulation of Western Texts in Iran”
    • NSF Doctoral Dissertation Grant #1226303 awarded.
    • SSRC IDRF Fellowship awarded.

Elizabeth Miles 5th year (ABD), Sociocultural Anthropology, Yale U.
  “Heterosexual Masculinity in Postmainstream Japan”
    • Fulbright IIE Dissertation Grant awarded.

Doctoral Dissertations Committees Served or Dissertations Examined

Laura Harrison (UC Santa Cruz; Sociology; entering class of 2012). Dissertation committee member.


Sarah LeBaron von Baeyer (Yale University, Sociocultural Anthropology 2015) – “National Worlds, Transnational Lives: Nikkei-Brazilian Migrants in and of Japan and Brazil.” Chair: William
Karen Nakamura - Curriculum Vitae

Kelly. Dissertation committee member.
Nathaniel Smith (Yale Sociocultural Anthropology 2011) – “Right Wing Activism in Japan and the Politics of Futility.” Chair: William Kelly.

Post-Doctoral and Visiting Assistants in Research Students Supervised

Professional Memberships
American Anthropological Association (Life Member; Executive Board Member)
Society for East Asian Anthropology
Society for Medical Anthropology
Society for Linguistic Anthropology (Life Member)
Association for Queer Anthropology (Past Co-Chair)
Society for Visual Anthropology (Board Member)
Association for Asian Studies (member)
North East Asia Council (Chair)

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