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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** Washington, DC
- current* Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology
Dissertation: Networks of Protection in Congo
- 2018 M.A. in Anthropology
- YALE UNIVERSITY** New Haven, CT
- 2014 M.A. in African Studies
Thesis: The Role of Radio in Reducing LRA Violence and the Effects of Humanitarian Intervention
- ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY** Tempe, AZ
- 2011 B.A. in Global Studies (concentration in Violence, Conflict, and Human Rights)
B.A.E. in Secondary Education
B.A. in History

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

- Accepted "Remoteness and Connection on a Congolese Humanitarian Radio Network." *Anthropological Quarterly*. [Part of a special issue edited by Victoria Bernal and Katrien Pype].
- 2019 "Being Real on Fake Instagram: Likes, Images, and Media Ideologies of Value." *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*. 29 (3): 359-374. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jola.12224>
- 2016 "Encouraging Rebel Demobilization by Radio in Uganda and the D.R. Congo: The Case of 'Come Home' Messaging." *African Studies Review* 59 (1): 33-55. <https://doi.org/10.1017/asr.2016.8>

Book Reviews and Review Essays

- 2018 *After Rape: Violence, Justice, and Social Harmony in Uganda* by Holly Porter, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 56 (2): 365-6.
- "Violence, Intervention, and the State in Central Africa." *Anthropological Quarterly* 91 (1): 401-7. (Review of *Living by the Gun in Chad: Combatants, Impunity, and State Formation* by Marielle Debos and *State of Rebellion: Violence and Intervention in the Central African Republic* by Louisa Lombard.)

Public Scholarship, Journalism, and Other Publications

- 2020 "Against Class-As-Usual." In "Pandemic Diaries" series, Gabriela Manley, Bryan M. Dougan, and Carole McGranahan, eds. *American Ethnologist* website. May 16. <https://americanethnologist.org/features/pandemic-diaries/teaching-right-now/against-class-as-usual>

- “Teaching Ethnography in the Heart of Government.” Teaching Tools, *Fieldsights*. January 15. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/teaching-ethnography-in-the-heart-of-government>
- 2019 “The Anthropologist as Con Artist: An Interview with Sasha Newell.” Supplementals, *Fieldsights*. December 19. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/the-anthropologist-as-con-artist-an-interview-with-sasha-newell>
- “Belgium and Northeastern Congo.” In “Research Postcards” series, *Contingent Magazine*. August 15. <https://contingentmagazine.org/2019/08/15/a-postcard-from-belgium-and-northeastern-congo/>
- “Making Violence Visible: An Interview with Samuel Mark Anderson.” Supplementals, *Fieldsights*. August 13. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/making-violence-visible-an-interview-with-samuel-mark-anderson>
- 2018 “Being Infrastructural: An Interview with Michael Degani.” Supplementals, *Fieldsights*. October 25. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/becoming-infrastructural-an-interview-with-michael-degani>
- 2017 “Southwest Archaeology and ‘The Time of Vietnam.’” *Smithsonian Collections* (blog). Part one: November 29. <http://si-siris.blogspot.com/2017/11/southwest-archaeology-and-time-of.html> and part two: December 1. <http://si-siris.blogspot.com/2017/12/southwest-archaeology-and-time-of.html>
- “Writing and Research in a Conflict Zone.” In “Ethnographer as Activist” series, eds. Haley Bryant and Emily Cain. *Anthropology News*. February 17. <https://doi.org/10.1111/AN.327>
- “ICC Justice and the Trial Narrative.” *Warscapes*. January 17. <http://www.warscapes.com/opinion/icc-justice-and-trial-narrative>
- 2016 “Dominic Ongwen and the Search for Justice.” *Warscapes*. March 2. <http://www.warscapes.com/opinion/dominic-ongwen-and-search-justice>
- 2013 “Looking for Africa.” *Yale Daily News Magazine*. December 1. <http://yaledailynews.com/magazine/2013/12/01/looking-for-africa/>
- “Can Radios Stop the Lord’s Resistance Army in Congo?” *African Arguments* (blog). October 10. <http://africanarguments.org/2013/10/10/can-radios-stop-the-lords-resistance-army-in-congo-by-scott-ross/>
- “A Rebel’s Escape – An LRA Commander Tells His Story.” *Justice in Conflict* (blog). July 31. <http://justiceinconflict.org/2013/07/31/a-rebels-escape-an-lra-commander-tells-his-story/>
- “Kony 2013.” *Guernica*. March 4. <http://www.guernicamag.com/daily/scott-ross-kony2013/>

WORKS IN PROGRESS

In preparation. “Demobilization as Defection: Militarized Peacebuilding on FM Radio in a Ugandan Counterinsurgency.” Editing for submission to *African Affairs*.

Review essay of *Rebel Lives* by Kristof Titeca. For submission to *Visual Anthropology Review*.

“Anthropocinema, Online: From Film Screenings to Virtual Conviviality.” For submission to the “Member Voices” section of *Fieldsights*. Coauthored with Sarah Richardson.

“Empty Buildings and Aid Animosities: Tracing NGO-NGO Relations in D.R. Congo.” Drafting for submission to *Journal of Modern African Studies*.

“Locating Radios through Signal and Noise in Central Africa.” Drafting for submission to *Environment and Planning D: Space and Society*.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Papers Presented

- Forthcoming “Static and Interference on the Congolese Radiophonie: Managing Speech and Connection on Suspended Infrastructure.” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 2021 “Access, Ownership, and Politics on a Humanitarian Two-Way Radio Network in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” European Association of Social Anthropologists’ Anthropology of Humanitarianism Network online symposium.
- 2019 “The Morning Round: Connectivity, Protection, and Breakdown in a Congolese Radio Network.” Communicative (Dis)Orders workshop. KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2018 “The Promise of Early Warning: Radio, Protection, and Political Demands in Northeastern Congo.” American Ethnological Society annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, and George Washington University Anthropology Symposium
- 2017 “‘Come Home Messaging’ in a Counterinsurgency: Demobilization and Militarization in and around Northern Uganda.” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, DC
- “The Early Warning Radio Network: Securitization in Central Africa.” African Studies Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL
- “Anthropology at the Barricades.” Public Anthropology Conference, American University
- “The Militarization of Demobilization: Coming Home in a Central African Counterinsurgency.” George Washington University Anthropology Symposium
- 2016 “Negotiating the Radio: Sensitization, Militarization, and Media Interventions in the D.R. Congo.” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- “Demobilization as Defection in Interventions against the Lord’s Resistance Army.” African Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC

“Ethnography and Advocacy across Categories.” Roundtable. Public Anthropology Conference, American University

“Between Justice and Forgiveness: Accountability across Borders in the LRA Conflict.” George Washington University Anthropology Symposium and American Ethnological Society annual meeting, Washington, DC.

2015 “Encouraging Rebel Demobilization in Uganda and the D.R. Congo: The Case of Come Home Messaging.” African Studies Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA

2014 “Invisible Children and Acholi Notions of Reconciliation in the DRC.” African Studies Association annual meeting, Indianapolis, IN

2013 “The ICC and Amnesty in Uganda.” African Studies Association annual meeting, Baltimore, MD

“Amnesty versus Prosecutions in Uganda.” Midwest Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Panels Organized

2017 “Direct Action Gets The Goods: Protest, Theory, Practice.” Public Anthropology Conference, American University.

Other Conference Participation

2017 Chair and discussant. “Sex and War.” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, DC

2015 Chair. “Accounting for Violence.” African Studies Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA

2014 Moderator. “Defining African Governance: Leadership, Civil Society, and Ongoing Challenges.” Sankofa54 African Youth Empowerment Conference, Yale Association for African Peace & Development, Yale University

AWARDS AND HONORS

External Awards

2018-2019 International Dissertation Research Fellowship (Social Science Research Council)

Dissertation Research Grant (Wenner-Gren Foundation, #9675)

Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (National Science Foundation #1823687)

2016 Royal Air Maroc-ASA Student Travel Award (ASA)

2013-2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship (U.S. Department of Education)

Internal Awards

2022 Dean’s Graduate Instructorship Award (GWU)

2020, 2021 Lewis N. Cotlow Research Fund (GWU)

- 2020-2021 Diversity Graduate Assistantship (GWU)
- 2015-2021 University Fellowship (GWU) [*declined 2018-2019*]
- 2015-2020 Provost's Graduate Assistantship (GWU) [*declined 2018-2019*]
- 2016, 2017 Lewis N. Cotlow Research Fund (GWU)
- 2013 Lindsay Fellowship for Research in Africa (Yale)
- Coca-Cola World Fund Fellowship (Yale)
- 2010 Hardt Scholarship in Religion, Conflict, and Peace Studies (ASU)
- 2009 Hardt Undergraduate Fellowship in Religion and Conflict (ASU)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015— The George Washington University, Washington, DC
- Instructor: Anthropology of Africa (Spring 2020), Politics of Infrastructure (Spring 2022)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology (Fall 2015, Richard Grinker; Spring 2016, Hugh Gusterson); Anthropology of Development (Fall 2016, Robert Shepherd); Language in Culture and Society (Spring 2017, Alex Dent); Foundations in Anthropology (Fall 2017, Syed Mohammad Ali)
- Grader: Anthropology of Development (Spring 2018, Steve Lubkemann), Anthropology of Africa (Fall 2020, Steve Lubkemann)
- 2014-2015 Darien High School, Darien, CT
- Teacher: Western Civilization, World Studies (2014-2015 AY)
- 2014 Yale University, New Haven, CT
- Teaching Fellow: American Economic History (Spring 2014)
- 2011-2012 Higley High School, Gilbert, AZ
- Teacher: U.S. History, American Government (Spring 2011)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Research assistance conducting archival research on kinesics at the National Museum of Natural History's Human Studies Film Archives and the University of Maryland's Special Collections in Performing Arts
- 2017-2019 Conducted over eleven months of ethnographic field research, archival research, and eighty interviews and focus groups in Haut Uele, DR Congo for dissertation project on humanitarian technology and early warning in conflict

- 2019 Conducted two months of archival research in Belgium at the Archives Africaines in Brussels, the Musée Royal de l’Afrique Centrale in Tervuren, and the KADOC Documentation and Research Center on Religion, Culture, and Society in Leuven
- 2016-2017 Completed a research project on social media use among college students in Washington, DC, involving over a dozen interviews and resulting in a peer-reviewed article
- 2013-2017 Conducted seven months of qualitative research (initially for an MA thesis, continued into doctoral study) in northern Uganda and northeastern DR Congo on the role of FM radio in peacebuilding and counterinsurgency

SERVICE

Department

- 2020— Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, GWU Anthropology Department
- 2016— Co-organizer, GWU Anthropology Department “Anthropocinema” Visual Anthropology Series [*on leave 2018-2019*]
- 2017-2018 Co-organizer, GWU Anthropology Department Reading Group
- 2017, 2018 Co-organizer, GWU Anthropology Department Symposium
- 2016 Co-organizer, GWU Anthropology Department Colloquium
- Discussant, “Hunting Game: Politics in the Central African Interior,” workshop of book manuscript by Louisa Lombard, GWU Anthropology and African Studies
- 2013 Co-organizer, “Popular Protest in Africa,” workshop of book manuscript by Adam Branch and Zachariah Mampilly, Yale University Council for African Studies

University

- 2016 Mentor, Elliott School Undergraduate Scholar program

Discipline

- 2020— Section Editor, Society for Cultural Anthropology, Social Media Section
- 2020— Reviewer, *Critical Times*, *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*
- 2017-2019 Contributing Editor, Society for Cultural Anthropology, Social Media Section
- 2017 Monitor (Rapporteur), Wenner-Gren Foundation Symposium on “Cultures of Militarism”
- 2016-2017 Social Media Editor, *Anthropological Quarterly*
- 2016 Local Arrangements Committee, African Studies Association annual meeting
- 2012-2014 Managing Editor, *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, online edition