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Academic Appointments

2014 - present Research Fellow, Department of Socio-Cultural Diversity, The Max Planck Institute for the study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.

2013-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor, African Studies Program, The Pennsylvania State University.

2013 Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of Washington.

Areas of Specialization

Critical Development Geography; Urban-Rural Relations; Africa; Migration & Displacement; Conflict and Post-Conflict Recovery; Land and Resource Rights.

Education

2012 Ph.D, Department of Geography, University of Washington.

~ Dissertation Title*: South Sudan, Oyee! A Political Economy of Refugee Return Migration to Chukudum, South Sudan*. Supervised by Dr. Katharyne Mitchell.

2006 MSc. in Forced Migration at the Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University.

~ Thesis Title*: Contesting the National Community: Exiles, Stayees and the Meaning of Home.* Supervised by Dr. Jason Hart.

2002 B.S. Environmental Economics and Policy, College of Natural Resources, University of California, Berkeley (cum laude).

~ Thesis Title: *Land Conflict Resolution in Post-Conflict Guatemala: the Tierra Santa Conflict.* Supervised by Dr. Alain de Janvry.

Publications (Peer- Reviewed)

2016 “Assembling land control after displacement: some reflections from rural Southern Sudan**”** *Journal of Peasant Studies.* Advance publication (online) issue not yet assigned. doi: 10.1080/03066150.2016.1191472

Nov 2015 *with* Patricia Lopez, Lisa Bhungalia, *‘* Geographies of Humanitarian Violence’ Introduction to theme issue on humanitarian violence in *Environment and Planning A.* doi:10.1177/0308518X15613330

Nov 2015 “More than mere survival: humanitarian governance and the material politics of alcohol production in a Kenyan refugee camp” for Geographies of Humanitarian Violence theme issue *Environment and Planning A*, V 47. doi: 10.1068/a140106p

Jul 2012 “Footing it, or why I walk” African Geographical Review, 31(1), 67-71. doi: 10.1080/19376812.2012.679461

Manuscripts In Progress

*Under review* “Uncertain Futures and Everyday Hedging in a Humanitarian City,” under review at *Transactions of the Institute for British Geographers.*

“Brewing and drinking: negotiating the gendered terrains of labor and value in South Sudan,” intended for submission to *Antipode*.

Working Papers

Jan 2012 “Urban attractions: returnee youth, mobility and the search for a future in South Sudan’s regional towns” UNHCR Policy Development and Evaluations Service (PDES), *New Issues in Refugee Research: Research Paper No 232.*

Oct 2006 “The Medium of Testimony: Testimony as Re-Presentation” *Refugee Studies Centre Working Paper No. 37*; with Kishan, Godin and Muraskin (equal contribution).

Book Reviews

Dec 2011 A review of J. Hyndman *Dual Disasters: Humanitarian Aid After the 2004 Tsunami*, Sterling VA: Kumarian Press, 2011, for *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space.* Available at [*http://societyandspace.com/reviews/reviews-archive/hyndman-jennifer-2011-dual-disasters-reviewed-by-newhouse/*](http://societyandspace.com/reviews/reviews-archive/hyndman-jennifer-2011-dual-disasters-reviewed-by-newhouse/)

Fellowships, Grants & Awards

2013 Departmental Nomination, Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Washington Graduate School.

2011-12 UNHCR Policy Development and Evaluation Service (PDES) Small Grant: “From Kakuma to Kapoeta: Returnee Youth Searching for a Future in South Sudan’s Regional Towns.” ($5,000)

2011 Gerlach Dissertation Writing Award, Department of Geography, University of Washington (stipend, tuition & health benefits).

2009-10 Bucerius Ph.D. Scholarship in Migration Studies “Settling into Motion,” ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, Hamburg, Germany: “Returning to the South: Building the New South Sudan.” (€15,600).

2009-10 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Division of Geography and Spatial Science: “Returning to the South: Building the New South Sudan.” ($ 11,400).

2009 Howard Martin Research Grant, Department of Geography, University of Washington (declined): “Returning to the South: Building the New South Sudan.” ($1,475).

2008-9 Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship (academic year) for Arabic (stipend, tuition & health benefits, approximate value $15,000).

Summer 2008 Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship (summer) for Arabic in 2008 Damascus, Syria (stipend and tuition, approximate value $8,000).

2007-8 Graduate School Top Scholar Award, University of Washington (stipend, tuition & health benefits, approximate value $15,000).

Fieldwork (\* primary field sites)

Feb—Aug 2015 Juba\* South Sudan; Goma\* Democratic Republic of Congo; Kampala, Uganda; Nairobi, Kenya.

Oct—Dec 2011 Juba, Torit\* and Kapoeta\*, South Sudan.

June—Aug 2011 Kakuma Refugee Camp\* Kenya; Juba and Chukudum\* South Sudan.

Sept ’09 – Oct. ‘10 Cairo, Egypt; Nairobi & Kakuma Refugee Camp\* Kenya; Juba, Chukudum\* Torit, and Kapoeta, South Sudan.

Dec. ’00—Jan ’01 San Lucas Toliman Guatemala.

Teaching

July 4-8, 2016 **PhD Summer School Instructor:** Re-ordering Diversity: Humanitarian Assistance in the Context of Forced Migration and Displacement, University of Tübbingen. Seminars: Social Science Research in the Humanitarian Arena; Ethical Considerations in Refugee Research.

Summer 2015 **Short Course Instructor**, Research Methodologie in Social Science, Institute Superieur de Tourisme, Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo.

**Visiting Lecturer,** Center for Peace and Development Studies, Juba University. Shared course: *Research Methodologies* (required for post-graduate diploma students in Diplomatic Studies, Strategic Studies, Humanitarian Studies and Peace & Development Studies.

2013 - 2014 **Visiting Assistant Professor,** African Studies Program, The Pennsylvania State University (2/2).

~ AFR 110: Introduction to Contemporary Africa, *residential and distance learning, 3 sections, with 50-200 students per section.*

~ AFR 209: Poverty in Africa, *residential course with combined lecture and discussion, 20 students.*

~ AFR105: African Environments, *development of materials for new distance learning course*.

2013 **Lecturer** Department of Geography, University of Washington (2/1).

~ GEOG 270: Geographies of International Development and Environmental Change, *independent instructor, for lecture course, 50 students, 1 TA, Winter 2013*

*~* GEOG 200: Introduction to Human Geography, *distance learning course, 60 students*, *Winter & Spring 2013*

2011 - 2012 **Pre-Doctoral Instructor,** Department of Geography University of Washington.

~ GEOG/JSIS 344: Migration in the Global Economy, *residential course with combined lecture and discussion, 45 students, Fall Quarter 2012.*

~ GEOG/JSIS 123: Introduction to Globalization *distance learning course, 60 students*, *Winter & Spring 2012*

~ GEOG 270: Geographies of International Development and Environmental Change, *independent instructor, for lecture course, 50 students, 1 TA, Spring 2011.*

2009 **Teaching Assistant**, Law Societies and Justice, University of Washington.

~ ANTH 324/LSJ 321: Human Rights Law in Culture and Practice, *TA responsible for 2* disucssion sections, 50 students, *Winter 2009.*

Conference Organizing

October 2016 ‘Inhabiting the Corridor: Surging Resource Economies and Urban Life in East Africa,’ (with AbdouMaliq Simone). Two and a half day conference focusing on the cultural imaginiares and practical socialities of urban life in the context of increasing volumes of inward investment in the region. Expected participation: 30. October 27-29, 2016, at the Max Planck Institute for Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.

Oct 2002 East Bay Sanctuary Covenant ‘s 20th Anniversary Conference *Speaking the Truth in a Time of Terror*, October 19 2002; Oakland, U.S. (co-organizer). Conference considering the role of the Sanctuary Movement on refugee and immigrant rights in California.

Conferences & Invited Talks

Dec 2016 Paper: “The regional option: circulations, risks and reward in East African migrant imaginaries,” in Session: Cities in Africa: Meeting the Challenges for the Future I, African Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Dec 1-3, 2016, Washington DC.

Aug 2016 Paper: “The art of the pitch and the uses of difference in urban South Sudan” in Session Mobilizing Value across Time and Space (2), RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2016, Aug 30- Sept 2, 2016, London.

March 2016 Session Convener (with Jamie Shinn, Texas A&M) “Uncertain futures and everyday hedging I & II” empirical paper session. Discussants: AbdouMaliq Simone, Alex Schafran. *Association of American Geographers Conference,* March 29-April 2, 2016, San Francisco, California.

Paper: Seeking the uncertain: possible futures and everyday hedging in Juba, South Sudan. *Association of American Geographers Conference,* March 29-April 2, 2016, San Francisco, California.

November 2015 “Considering Humanitarianisms: temporality, enrollment and the human.” Invited Panelist: Forum on Humanitarian Interventions and New Wars. Conference: *Migration - Peace - Human Security*, November 20-22, 2015, University of Göttingen, Germany.

October 2015 Institute Round Table on the Refugee ‘Crisis’ in Germany (panelist), Max Plank Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.

April 2015 Academy of Urban Superdiversity, Berlin, Germany. Junior researcher participant.

November 2014 “Because of Women’s Rights: Negotiating gender and politics in South Sudan” Paper Session: Gendering state and society: Making meaning of gender advocacy and female political participation in Sub-Saharan Africa, National Women’s Studies Association Conference, November 13-16, 2014, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

April 2014 “Brewing and drinking: negotiating the gendered terrain of labor and value in rural South Sudan” Paper Session: Reinventing the Rural: Gender, Development, and Contested Landscapes, *Association of American Geographers Conference,* April 8-12, 2014, Tampa, Florida.

March 31, 2014 Democracy Roundtable panelist ‘A wider look at Democracy in Africa,’ Democracy Institute, the Pennsylvania State University, State College PA.

February 2014 “ ‘Going to the Bush’—Landscapes of local knowledge, power and resistance in South Sudan.” Paper Session: Rebel Landscapes, *Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference,* Feb 27-March 3, 2014, Lexington Kentucky.

October 11, 2013 Coffee Hour Talk, “Can my mother forget about me? Land, authority and belonging in post-conflict South Sudan” Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University.

April 2013 Session Convener (with Jesse McClelland) “Post-colonial Urbanisms: African Connections and Innovations I, II, & III.” Two empirial paper session, and a panel discussion on African Urbanism with Martin Murray and Garth Meyers. *Association of American Geographers Conference,* April 9-13, Los Angeles, California, USA.

April 2013 “Materializing Difference: The Socio-spatial Legacy of Refugee Camps” Paper Session: On the Question of Violence in the Humanitarian Present II. *Association of* American Geographers Conference, April 9-13, Los Angeles, California, USA.

November 2012 “Land, Labor and Return Migration: Thinking through work in post-conflict South Sudan,” University of Washington’s Department of Geography Colloquium Series, November 30, 2012, Seattle Washington, USA.

February 2012 “A new life at the end of the food chain: food aid caring across distance, and shifting practices in the ‘global domestic’ ” Association of American Geographers Conference, Feb 24-28, 2012, New York City, New York. Session title: Dis/articulations: Commodity circuits and the uneven geographies of capitalism.

April 2011 Session Convener “Interrogating Humanitarian Practice: Panel Discussion,” *Association of American Geographers Conference,* April 12-16, 2011, Seattle, Washington, USA.

April 2010 “Emerging sovereignties: return migration and the post-conflict state in Southern Sudan” *Settling into Motion* Scholars Conference, April 28-30, Berlin, Germany.

April 2010 “Remembering place: return migration and the politics of place in South Sudan” at the *Association of American Geographers Conference,* April 14-18, 2010, Washington D.C., USA.

(panelist) “Fieldwork in an African Setting” *Association of American Geographers Conference,* April 14-18, 2010, Washington D.C., USA.

October 2009 “Beyond Safety and Dignity: Geographic Perspectives on Refugee Return Migration” Wednesday Seminars, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo, October 2009, Cairo Egypt.

August 2008 “Social Imaginaries: Gender, Islam and Asylum” at *Image and Imagination- Portraying Mobility in the Mediterranean*, August 29-31, 2008, Damascus, Syria.

April 2008 “Feminism or Islamophobia? Gender, Islam and Asylum in Europe” at the *Association of American Geographers Conference,* April 15-19, 2008; Boston, USA.

March 2002 (panelist) “What’s Happening to Asylum” at *Think Twice,* March 22, 2002; Trinity College, Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

Guest Lectures & Service Learning

Winter 2013 **Guest Lecturer** Department of Law Societies and Justice, University of Washington. Course: *Human Rights Law in Culture and Practice* (LSJ 321/ ANTH 232) “The Law & Politics of Genocide: Naming, shaming and justice in the Darfur debate.”

Winter 2013 **Guest Lecturer** Department of Law, Societies and Justice, University of Washington. Course: *Global Poverty and Human Rights*  (LSJ 381) “Youth, Urban Unemployment and Rights Talk: examples from South Sudan”

Winter 2012 **Guest Lecturer*,*** School of Law, University of Washington. Course: *Climate Justice Seminar* (B576).

Fall 2009 **Guest Lecturer*,*** Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo. Course: *Migration and Refugee Issues in the Middle East and North Africa.*

Winter 2009 **Guest Lecturer** Department of Law Societies and Justice, University of Washington. Course: *Human Rights Law in Culture and Practice* (LSJ 321/ ANTH 232) “The Law & Politics of Genocide: Darfur, Bashir and the ICC,” with Milli Lake.

Fall 2007 **Guest Lecturer**, Department of Geography, University of Washington. Course: *Immigration and Multiculturalism in Europe* (GEOG 403)*.*

2001-2005 **Guest Lecturer**, Democratic Education at Cal, University of California, Berkeley. Course: *Unseen America* (PS 176).

**Service Learning Liaison** East Bay Sanctuary Covenant with the Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

Pedagogy & Professional Development

2015-2016 Post-Doctoral Mentee, Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Program. University of Göttingen, Germany.

November 2013 “Workshop on Online Instructional Design,” Digital Media and Pedagogy Unit, College of the Liberal Arts Undergraduate Studies, The Pennsylvania State University.

March 2013 Panel Member “Designing Your Own Course” Department of Geography Graduate Student Association Workshops on Pedagogy Series.

Summer 2012 Participant/Collaborator “Fostering Future Faculty: Faculty and Professional Learning Community,” Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Washington.

Professional Service

Summer 2016 African Diversities Colloquium Convenor, Summer Term, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity.

January 2016 Workshop Discussant “The Entrepreneur and the Broker: mediating transregional flow, scale & belonging” CETREN Transregional Research Network, Georg August University,Göttingen, Germany.

2015 Search Committee Member, for Refugee Research Group (4 hires), Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity.

2015 *Annals of the American Association of Geographers,* Reviewer.

2014 *African Geographical Review*, Reviewer.

2013 Member, Ottenberg-Winans Fellowship Selection Committee, African Studies Program, University of Washington.

2013 Member, African Studies Colloquium Committee, University of Washington.

2012-14 *Social and Cultural Geography*, Reviewer.

2008-2009 Member, Colloquium Committee, Department of Geography, University of Washington.

May 2008 Public Symposium and Workshop: "Education and Society in the Contemporary Era" with David Harvey, Cindi Katz, Jean Lave and Paul Willis, May 1, 2008; Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington (organizational support).

2007-2008 (Coordinator) Coffee Hour, Dept. of Geography, University of Washington.

Professional Societies

2007- present American Association of Geographers, *(Africa Specialty Group, Political Geography Specialty Group, Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, Development Studies Specialty Group, Urban Geography Specialty Group).*

2013- present International Association for the Study of Forced Migration.

2014 National Women’s Studies Association.

2014- present African Studies Association.

Relevant Professional Experience

1999-2005 Program Coordinator/Refugee Rights Advocate, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, a drop-in immigration law clinic providing pro-bono assistance to asylum seekers and other low-income immigrants. In association with the San Francisco Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, and U.C. Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law.

Community Service

2011 Volunteer Tutor, Refugee Women’s Alliance, Seattle Washington.

2003-2007 Volunteer interpreter (Spanish) for political asylum hearings, San Francisco Asylum Office, Citizenship and Immigration Services.

2003-2007 Volunteer interpreter (Spanish) for residency and citizenship hearings, San Francisco Adjustment Office, Citizenship and Immigration Services.

2001-2004 Editor: *Exodu*s bi-monthly newsletter for East Bay Sanctuary Covenant.

Oct 2002 20th EBSC Anniversary Conference *Speaking the Truth in a Time of Terror*, October 19 2002; Oakland, U.S. (co-organizer).

Short Courses & Trainings

Nov 2006 The Alien Tort Statute: Litigating International Human Rights Cases in U.S. Courts; Center for Constitutional Rights, at UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco CA.

2001 Advanced VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Training: Immigration Relief for Battered Immigrants; Immigration Legal Resource Center, San Francisco, CA.

Language Skills

English (native), Spanish (fluent, when in frequent use), French (proficient), Arabic/Juba Arabic (basic), Didinga (basic).