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PERSONAL

Associate Professor
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EDUCATION

PhD 2010 Cornell University, Sociocultural Anthropology
MA 2006 Cornell University, Sociocultural Anthropology
MA 2002 University of Chicago, The Masters Program in Social Science
BA 1999 University of Virginia, Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018-Current Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, UNC-Chapel Hill
 **Submitting Materials for Promotion to Full Professor in 2025-26*
 Affiliations:
 Joint-Adjunct Faculty, UNC Curriculum for Global Studies
 Faculty Fellow, UNC Center for Urban and Regional Studies
 Faculty Fellow, UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities

2012 -2018 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, UNC-Chapel Hill

2023-Present Co-Editor, *Limn*, <https://limn.press/>
 President & Board of Directors Member of Limn Press—a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

2010 - 2012 Lecturing Postdoctoral Fellow, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University

HONORS

2025 J. Carlyle Sitterson Award for Teaching First Year Students, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2023 Schwab Academic Excellence Award, UNC Institute of the Arts and Humanities

BIBLIOGRAPHY (PUBLICATIONS)

Books

Middleton, Townsend. 2024. *Quinine's Remains: Empire's Medicine and the Life Thereafter*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.
 -available in print and free (open access) [online](#)

Middleton, Townsend. 2015. *The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. 278 pages

Edited Books

Middleton, Townsend and Sara Shneiderman, Eds. 2018. *Darjeeling Reconsidered: Histories, Politics, Environments*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, India. Manuscript 391 pages.

Edited Journal Special Issues

Townsend Middleton, Gökçe Günel, Ashley Carse, Eds. 2024. *Limn 11 – The Obsolescence Issue*. Online and print available at <https://limn.press/issue/obsolescence/>.

Carse, Ashley, Jason Cons, Townsend Middleton, Eds. 2019. *Limn Ten-Chokepoints*. Online and print available at <https://limn.it/issues/chokepoints/>

Middleton, Townsend and Jason Cons, Eds. 2014. *Fieldwork(ers): Research Assistants, Researchers, and the Production of Ethnographic Knowledge*. A Special Issue of *Ethnography* 15 (3). 121 pages

Refereed Articles

Middleton, Townsend. (accepted; in press). “On Political Anxiety: Dispatches from Gorkhaland”. *American Anthropologist*. (late 2025) (25-pages)

Middleton, Townsend. 2021. “Becoming-After: The Lives and Politics of Quinine’s Remains”. *Cultural Anthropology* 36 (2): 283-311

Middleton, Townsend. 2020. “Connective Insecurities: Chokepoint Pragmatics at India’s Chicken Neck.” *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00141844.2019.1705369>

Middleton, Townsend (2nd author) with Ashley Carse, Jason Cons, Jatin Dua, Elizabeth Dunn and Gabriela Valdivia. 2020. “Chokepoints: Anthropologies of the Constricted Contemporary.” *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00141844.2019.1696862>

Middleton, Townsend. 2020. “Provincializing Bengal: The View from Darjeeling.” *South Asia: Journal of South Asia Studies* 43 (1): 32-51.

Middleton, Townsend. 2018. “The Afterlives of a Killing: Assassination, Thanatos, and the Body Politic in South Asia”. *Public Culture*, 2018 30 (1): 85-112.

Carse, Ashley, Jason Cons, Townsend Middleton. 2019 Hardcopy/2018 Online. “Chokepoints: Preface.” *Limn - Chokepoints*. Ashley Carse, Jason Cons, Townsend Middleton, Eds. www.Limn.it. Article Manuscript Approx. 7 pages.).

Middleton, Townsend. 2019 Hardcopy/2018. “The Art of In/Detectability.” *Limn – Chokepoints*. Ashley, Carse, Jason Cons, Townsend Middleton, Eds. www.Limn.it. Article Approx. 7 Pages

Middleton, Townsend and Jason Cons. 2014. “Coming to Terms: Reinserting Research Assistants into Ethnography’s Past and Present.” Introduction to *Fieldwork(ers)*. Special Issue of *Ethnography* 15 (3): 279-290.

Middleton, Townsend and Eklavya Pradhan. 2014. “Dynamic Duos: On Partnership and the Possibilities of Postcolonial Ethnography.” in *Fieldwork(ers)*. Special Issue of *Ethnography* 15 (3): 355-374.

Middleton, Townsend. 2013. “Anxious Belongings: Anxiety and the Politics of Belonging in Subnationalist Darjeeling.” *American Anthropologist* 115 (4): 608-621

Middleton, Townsend. 2013. “States of Difference: Refiguring Ethnicity and its ‘Crisis’ at India’s Borders.” *Political Geography* 35. (Special Issue: Geographies at the Margins: Interrogating Borders in South Asia): 14-24.

Middleton, Townsend. 2013. "Scheduling Tribes: A View from Inside India's 'Ethnographic State'." *FOCAAL: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology* 65. (Special Issue: Affirmative Action in South Asia): 13-22.

Middleton, Townsend. 2011. "Across the Interface of State Ethnography: Rethinking Ethnology and its Subjects in Multicultural India." *American Ethnologist* 38 (2): 249-266.

Refereed Book Chapters

Middleton, Townsend. 2021. "Borders, Difference, Recognition: On the Cause(s) of Gorkhaland." In *South Asian Borderlands: History, Mobility, Affect*. Farhana Ibrahim & Tanuja Kothiyal, Eds. Cambridge University Press, India. 80-101.

Middleton, Townsend. 2019. "Frontier 2.0: The Recursive Lives and Death of Cinchona in Darjeeling, India" in *Frontier Assemblages*. Michael Eilenberg & Jason Cons, Eds. London: Wiley Blackwell. Antipode Book Series: Antipode Book Series. 195-212.

Shneiderman, Sara and Townsend Middleton. 2018. "Reconsidering Darjeeling: An Introduction" in *Darjeeling Reconsidered: Histories, Politics, Environments*. Townsend Middleton & Sara Shneiderman, Eds. New Delhi: Oxford University Books, India. 1-26

Middleton, Townsend. 2018. "Unwritten Histories: Difference, Capital, and the Darjeeling Exception" in *Darjeeling Reconsidered: Histories, Politics, Environments*. Townsend Middleton & Sara Shneiderman, Eds. New Delhi: Oxford University Books, India. 27-52

Middleton, Townsend. 2015. "Ethnography and Social Theory: A Dialectic to Hang Our Hats On." In *Theory Can Be More Than It Used To Be: Learning Anthropology's Method in a Time of Transition*. Dominic Boyer, James Faubion, & George Marcus, Eds. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. 197-203

Middleton, Townsend. 2011 "Ethno-logics: Paradigms of Modern Identity" in *Modern Makeovers: A Handbook of Modernity in South Asia*. Saurabh Dube, Ed. Oxford University Press. 200-213

Engaged Scholarship

The Darjeeling Studies Collective (12+ scholars). 2017. "Op-Ed: What's Brewing in Darjeeling." *The Hindu*, July 25, 2017. (a collective scholarly response to ongoing crisis in Darjeeling, India).

Middleton, Townsend and Sara Shneiderman. 2008 "Reservations, Federalism, and the Politics of Recognition in Nepal." *Economic and Political Weekly*. May 10, 2008: 39-45

Middleton, Townsend. 2003. "Ruminations From/Against the Ivory-Tower." *American Anthropology Association News Letter*. February 2003.

Book Reviews

Middleton, Townsend. 2025. Review of *The Politics of Ethnic Renewal in Darjeeling: Gorkhas and the Struggle for Tribal Recognition*. In *The European Bulletin of Himalayan Research* 63 (5-pages). Published 4.3.25.

Middleton, Townsend. 2019. Review of *Malarial Subjects: Empire, Medicine and Nonhumans in British India, 1820–1909* (Rohan Deb Roy). *Somatosphere* September 6, 2019.
<https://somatosphere.com/2019/malarial-subjects-empire-medicine-and-nonhumans-in-british-india-1820-1909.html/>

Middleton, Townsend. 2012. Review of *The Politics of Belonging in the Himalayas*. (Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka & Gerard Toffin, Eds.) *Himalaya* 31: 70-71.

Middleton, Townsend. 2007. "In Search of 'Postcolonial Subjectivity'." Review of *The Insurrection of the Little Selves* by Aditya Nigam. *Economic and Political Weekly*. October 20, 2007: 4232-4233.

Other

Townsend Middleton, Gökçe Günel, Ashley Carse. 2024. Preface. *Limn 11 – The Obsolescence Issue*.
<https://limn.press/article/preface-obsolescence/>

New Books Network Podcast Interview. 2024. *Quinine's Remains* with host Rounak Bose. October 28.
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/quinines-remains>

Hepburn, Michelle Hak & Townsend Middleton. 2021. "On the Politics and Ethics of What-Comes-After: An Interview with Townsend Middleton". *Cultural Anthropology*. Fieldsites. September 21.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/on-the-politics-and-ethics-of-what-comes-after-an-interview-with-townsend-middleton>

Cons, Jason & Middleton, Townsend. 2019. "Research Assistants & Ethnographic Fieldwork". In *Sage Research Methods Foundations*. Paul Atkinson, Sara Delamont, Alexandru Cernat, Joseph W. Sakshaug & Richard A. Williams, Eds. New York: Sage.

Dissertations and Theses

Middleton, Townsend. 2010. "Beyond Recognition: Ethnology, Belonging, and the Refashioning of the Ethnic Subject in Darjeeling, India." Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University.

Middleton, Townsend. 2002. "Belief, Practice, and Analytic Mediums: A Study of Spirit-Mediumship Amongst the Matwali Chettri of North-West Nepal." M.A. Thesis, Masters Program in Social Sciences, *University of Chicago*, 2002.

Published Reviews of My Scholarship

Mark, Nesbit. 2025. Review of *Quinine's Remains: Empire's Medicine and the Life Thereafter* by Townsend Middleton. *Pharmaceutical Historian* 55/2: 64.

Goss, Andrew. 2024. Review of *Quinine's Remains: Empire's Medicine and the Life Thereafter* by Townsend Middleton. *Social History of Medicine*. November 2024.

Besky, Sarah. 2017. Review of *The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling* by Townsend Middleton. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (N.S.)* 23: 432-433

Chhetri, Nilamber. 2017. Review of *The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling* by Townsend Middleton. *Asian Ethnology* 76 (1): 178-180

Dasgupta, Rohit Kumar. 2017. Review of *The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling* by Townsend Middleton. *Asian Affairs* 48 (1): 163-166

Hebbar, Ritambhara. 2017. Review of *The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling* by Townsend Middleton. *Journal of Indian Sociology* 51 (2): 270-273

Sen, Debarati. 2017. Review of *The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling* by Townsend Middleton. *American Anthropologist* 119 (1): 164-165

Uday Chandra. 2017. Review of *The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling* by Townsend Middleton. *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 44 (2): 499-502

Sarkar, Swatahsiddha. 2016. Review of *The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling* by Townsend Middleton. *HIMALAYA, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies* 36 (2): 151-153

BIBLIOGRAPHY (PRESENTATIONS)

Refereed Unpublished Oral Presentations

- 2024 Presenter. Anthropology in/of the World of Scholar-Led Publishing Roundtable. American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings. Tampa, FL. November 21
- 2023 Presenter. Topologies of Sovereignty Roundtable. American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings. Toronto, Canada. November 18.
- 2022 Presenter. "On Political Anxiety: Dispatches from Gorkhaland. American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. November 10.
- 2019 Presenter. "After Quinine: Alkaloid Anthropology in the Darjeeling Hills." American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC. November 24
- 2019 Participant: "Cinchona and the Un/Makings of Empire" *Anthroposcene Palaver Roundtable*. American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC. November 22.
- 2016. Discussant. "Commentary on the Affective Economies of Recognition." American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis. November.
- 2016 Presenter. "The Work of Traffic: Circulation and Regulation in India's Chicken Neck". American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis. November.
- 2015 Presenter. "Locating Darjeeling: The Hills as Exceptional Space". Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison. November.
- 2015 Presenter "Wasted Lands? Cinchona and the Politics of Repurposing in Post-Plantation Darjeeling." Association of American Geographers Annual Conference. Chicago. April.
- 2014 Discussant. "Commentary on Model Villages and Communities" Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference. Philadelphia. March.
- 2013 Presenter. "Gorkhaland 2.0: Resurrection, Agitation, and the Politics of the Uncanny." *American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings*. Chicago. November.
- 2012 Presenter. "The Affects of Autonomy: Notes on the Political Contemporary in Darjeeling." *American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings*. San Francisco. November.
- 2011 Presenter. "Dynamic Duos: Exchanges on the Researcher-Assistant Partnership in Contemporary Ethnography." *American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings*. Montreal. November.
- 2010 Presenter. "Born-Again Ethnics: Auto-ethnology and Its Reformations in Darjeeling, India." *American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings*. New Orleans. November.

- 2010 Presenter. "Across the Interface of 'Tribal' Recognition: Notes on the Problems and Possibilities of State Ethnography." *European Conference on Modern South Asia*. Bonn, Germany. July.
- 2009 Presenter. "Found Anthropology: Reflections on Research Encounters with the Uncanny." *American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings*. Philadelphia. December.
- 2008 Presenter. "Anxious Belongings: History and Affect in the Darjeeling Hills." *Annual Conference on South Asia*. University of Wisconsin-Madison. October.
- 2008 Presenter. "Anxious Belongings: History and Affect in the Darjeeling Hills." *New Perspectives on South Asian Research*. University of Chicago. April.
- 2006 Presenter. "The Temple of Secularism: Reading the Indian Nation and Nepali-Indians' Place Within It Through Village Temple Construction in Darjeeling." *Society of Anthropology and Sociology of Nepal International Conference*. Kathmandu, December.
- 2005 Presenter. "Between Hybridity and 'Hybridity': Ethnicity and its Undoing in the Darjeeling Hills." *American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC. November.
- 2005 Presenter. "The Birth of the Political: Excavating the Political [Imagi]nation of Nepal." *Annual Conference on South Asia--Madison, WI*. October.
- 2004 Presenter. "Performative Convergence: Masta, Mao, and the Matwali Chetri." *American Academy of Religions Regional Conference, Cornell University*. April.

Invited Unpublished Oral Presentations

- 2026 (scheduled) Title of Talk tbd. Anthropology Colloquium. Rice University. Houston, TX. February 6th.
- 2025 Book Talk. *Quinine's Remains*. North Bengal University. Siliguri, India. January 17.
- 2025 Roundtable with Graduate Students and Faculty. "Darjeeling as a Field." North Bengal University. Siliguri, India. January 17.
- 2025 Meet the Author, *Quinine's Remains*. The Twins Café, Salbari, West Bengal, India. January 18.
- 2025 Book Talk. *Quinine's Remains*. Center for Study of Social Sciences, Calcutta. Kolkata, India. January 3.
- 2024 Book Talk. *Quinine's Remains*. Cornell University South Asia Program. Ithaca, NY. Sep 16.
- 2023 Presenter. "Operative Paradox: Protection and Passage at India's Chicken Neck" Flows, Infrastructure, Citizenship in India and China Dialogue Series. The India-China Institute. The New School. New York. February 27.
- 2022 Presentations of Revised "On Political Anxiety: Dispatches from Gorkhaland." The Anthropology of Anxiety Workshop Participant, Wenner-Gren Foundation. October 8.
- 2022 "On Political Anxiety: Dispatches from Gorkhaland." The Anthropology of Anxiety Workshop Participant, Wenner-Gren Foundation. January 15-16.
- 2022 The Anthropology of Anxiety Workshop, Participant, Wenner-Gren Foundation. March 19-20.

- 2021 The Anthropology of Anxiety Workshop Participant, Wenner-Gren Foundation. September 10-11
- 2021 “The Remarkable History—and Afterlives of Quinine”; UNC Institute for the Arts & Humanities Bay Area Salon. April 20.
- 2019 “Connective Insecurities: Choekpoint Pragmatics at India’s Chicken Neck.” *Logistics: Rethinking Economies of Circulation*. Stockholm University, Sweden. October 9-10
- 2018 “Connective Insecurities: Traffic and Trepidation at India’s Chicken Neck”. NSF Collaborative Research – Choekpoints Workshop. Asheville NC. May 9-14
- 2017 “The Afterlives of a Killing: Assassination, Thanatos, and the Body Politic in South Asia”. University of Texas – Austin, South Asia Institute. September.
- 2017 “Anthropology on the Move: Some Disciplinary Reflections (on) *After Ethnos*.” ‘?-Graphy’—Conference. Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology (CUSO). Ueberstorf, Switzerland. June.
- 2017 “The Afterlives of a Killing: Toward an Anthropology of Assassination.” Shiv Nadar University. New Delhi/Greater Noida. April.
- 2016 “Readings from *The Demands of Recognition*.” Book Launch Event. Stanford University. January.
- 2015 “Commentary on *Provincial Hinduism*”. National Humanities Center. Raleigh. April.
- 2014 “Ethnology’s Second Coming.” Institute for the Art and Humanities, New Faculty Micro-Talks. UNC. March.
- 2013 “Politics and Belonging in India: A Volatile Nexus.” UNC Program in the Humanities. *Adventures in Ideas Public Seminar Series*. November.
- 2013 “States of Difference: Refiguring Ethnicity and its ‘Crisis’ at India’s Borders.” Conference. *Negotiating Ethnicity: The Politics and Display of Cultural Identities in Northeast India*. University of Vienna, Austria. July.
- 2013 “Recognition, Autonomy, and Other Facets of the Political Contemporary in India.” New Faculty Micro-Talks Series at the Institute for Arts and Humanities. UNC. Chapel Hill. April.
- 2012 “Anxious Belongings: Subnationalism and the Ethnological Uncanny in Darjeeling, India.” Department of Anthropology; UNC-Chapel Hill. February.
- 2012 “Anxious Belonging: On Affect and Its Politics in the Darjeeling Hills”. Colloquium. The North Carolina Consortium of South Asia Studies. Raleigh. January.
- 2008 "Anthropo-logics: Paradigms of Modern Identity.” *The Other Side of Modernity Conference*. El Colegio De Mexico. Mexico City. August.
- 2007 "Presentation of Current Research." *Ethnographies of Sikkim and Darjeeling*. International Trust for Traditional Medicine. Kalimpong, West Bengal. January.

Organized Panels & Symposiums

- 2025 (pending) Roundtable Organizer: *Ghostwriters: The Limn Roundtable*. American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans. Date tbd.

- 2020 Workshop Organizer. Book Proposal Workshop for Visiting Faculty, Tracie Canada. Sept. 22.
- 2019 Panel Organizer. “Material Temporalities: Things, Times, Anthropologies.” American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings. Vancouver, BC. November 24th.
- 2018 Workshop Organizer. “NSF Collaborative Research – Chokepoints”. Asheville NC. May 9-14
- 2018 Speaker Series Event Coordinator. UNC South Asia Speaker Series, Saiba Varma, April 6th
- 2015/6 Speaker Series Co-Coordinator. New Directions in South Asia Studies Speaker Series. UNC-CH
- 2015 Pre-Conference Organizer (with Sara Shneiderman). “Darjeeling Histories, Environment, Politics.” Pre-Conference at the Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison. November.
- 2014/5 Speaker Series Co-Coordinator. New Directions in South Asia Studies Speaker Series. UNC-CH.
- 2013/4 Speaker Series Co-Coordinator. New Directions in South Asia Studies Speaker Series. UNC-CH.
- 2012 Panel Organizer (with Mara Kaufman). “Autonomy and Anthropology: Critical Engagements”. *American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings*. San Francisco. November.
- 2011 Panel Organizer. “Fieldwork(ers): Research Assistants, Researchers, and the Production of Ethnographic Knowledge. *American Anthropology Association Annual Meetings*. Montreal. November.
- 2008 Panel Organizer (with Jason Cons). “Uncomfortable Belongings: Rethinking Inclusions and Exclusions in Bengal.” Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison. October.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught (Past 3Years)

Fall 2025

ANTH 142: Local Cultures/Global Forces (tbd# students)
DGS Course Release

Spring 2025

On Research and Study Assignment (RSA) Leave

Fall 2024

ANTH 361: Community in India and South Asia (23 students)
ANTH 706: The Practice of Anthropology: Professionalization Seminar (18 students)

Spring 2024

ANTH 898: Ruins, Remains, Aftermaths. Graduate Seminar. (3 students)
DGS Course Release

Fall 2023

ANTH 142: Local Cultures/Global Forces (113 students)
ANTH 361: Community in India and South Asia (26 students)

Spring 2023

ANTH 142: Local Cultures/Global Forces (106 students)
ANTH 461: Colonialism & Postcolonialism (32 students)

Fall 2022

ANTH 361: Community in India and South Asia (27 students)
ANTH 691H: Honors Thesis Project Seminar (12 students)

Spring 2022

On Parental Leave.

Supervision

Graduate Supervision - Chair

Emily Scolaro, Co-Chair, Anthropology, Currently Preparing for Exams

Parag Saikia, Chair, Anthropology, Dissertation Title TBD, Currently ABD

Lauren Nareau, Chair. Anthropology, Proposed Dissertation, “Thriving in Ruins: Marabu and its Entanglement with Cuba’s Colonial Past”. Successfully Defended May 17, 2021.

Graduate Supervision – Committee

Sugandh Gupta, Committee Member, Anthropology, Dissertation Title TBD, PhD Defense Scheduled for July 2025.

Chu-Wen Hsieh, Committee Member, Anthropology, Dissertation Title TBD

Sean Taylor, PhD Committee Member, Anthropology, Dissertation Title TBD, Advanced to Candidacy 2025

Kayla McManus-Viana, Global Studies Capstone Project Committee Member. Completed 2024

Julio Villa-Palomino, PhD Committee Member, Anthropology, “Mental Health, Care, and Suspicion in a Peruvian Community”, PhD Completed, Spring 2024.

Anusha Hariharan, PhD Committee Member. Anthropology, "In Solidarity": Feminist Friendship, Ethical Life and Care in Southern India”, PhD Completed, Spring 2024.

Danielle Dalton, Global Studies, First-Year Master’s Program Mentor, 2022-2023

Francesca Sorbara, MA Committee Member, Anthropology, “Human Rights in Disagreement. Affective Encounters and Onto-epistemic Conflicts in the Cracks of the Colombian Post-Accord”, MA Completed, Fall 2018

Marwa Koheji, Committee Member, Anthropology, “Staying Cool in Bahrain: Heat, Air-Conditioning and Everyday Comfort,” PhD completed, Spring 2022

Aaron Delgaty, Committee Member, Anthropology, “Heart and Matter: Fermentation in a Time of Crisis”, PhD Completed, Spring 2020.

Paolo Bocci, Committee Member, Anthropology, “Invasive Life: Illegal Immigrants and Invasive Species on the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador,” PhD Completed 2017

Jonathan Espitia, Committee Member, Anthropology, “The Soul of the Festival: Order, Rituals, Street Food, and State Power,” MA completed 2017

Eleanor (Lisl) Hampton, Committee Member, Anthropology, “The Creative Merge: At the Intersection of Creativity and Capitalism in a UNESCO City of Literature,” MA completed 2016

Vincent Joos, Committee Member, Anthropology, “Urban Dwellings, Haitian Citizenships: Housing, Daily Life and Memory in Port-au-Prince, Haiti,” PhD Completed 2015

Rachel Dotson, Committee Member, Anthropology, "Mobility in Crisis: Violence, Rights, and Responsibility on Guatemala City Buses," MA Completed 2014

Undergraduate Supervision – Chair

Newton Wainscott, Co-Chair, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "Constructing and Destructing Identity: Transness Online." Spring 2025

Christine Stammey, Chair, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "(Un)Seen and (Un)Spoken: An Unorthodox Object Biography of The Crist Collection." Spring 2024

Bashi Hariharan, Co-Chair, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "Cooking up Identities: The Experiences of South Asian Women in N.C.'s Triangle Area." Spring 2024

Victoria Jackson, Committee Member, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "Title TBD", Spring 2024

Ava Erfani, Interdisciplinary Studies Major, Senior Honors Thesis, "Project Kosovo: Disaster Colonialism in Kosovo Since 1999," Completed 2021

Courtney Shepard, Chair, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "Going Against the Grain: Exploring Possibilities of Refashioning Secondhand Clothing through Place, Practice, and Community," Honors Thesis Completed 2015

Farrell Murphy, Chair, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, Anthropology, "Unfreezing Bosnia: An Anthropological Evaluation of the Role of Internationals," Honors Thesis Completed 2014

Undergraduate Supervision – Committee Member

Victoria Jackson, Committee Member, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "How Medical Authority is Created in Black Families: An Examination of the Avenues Taken to Create Health Knowledge." Spring 2024

Cameron Myers Milne. Committee Member. Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "Beyond Difference: An Ethnography of Families in North Carolina". Completed Spring 2023.

Peter Brown. Committee Member. Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "Blood Pressure Variation in the Northern Ecuadorian Amazon: A review of significance, risk, and broader application." Completed Spring 2023

Blake Hite, Committee Member, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "Navigating Modern Indigeneity: Cultural Exchanges between Urban Indian Centers and Tribal Communities in North Carolina"

Sequoia Wright, Committee Member, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "The 'Southern Way of Life': North Carolina's Ku Klux Klan of the 1960s and 1970s", Honors Thesis Completed Spring 2020

Laura Grant, Committee Member, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "United States of Cosplay: Interactions Based on Narratives of Authenticity and Community." Honors Thesis Completed 2014

Eli McCrain, Committee Member, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "Manipulating International

Justice: Applying the State of Exception in Two Cases of International Criminal Law,"
Honors Thesis Completed 2014

Sean Fernandes, Committee Member, Anthropology, Honors Thesis, "'We Never Stay the Same':
Comparing Portuguese Identity in Hawaii and New England," Honors Thesis Completed
2013

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023	Faculty Grant. UNC Modern India Studies Initiative. \$3000
2023	Publication Support Grant. UNC Institute of the Arts and Humanities. \$2500.
2020-2023	Wenner-Gren Post-Ph.D. Research Grant. "Quinine's Remains: The Lives and Afterlives of a World-Historical Substance." \$17,108
2020-2022	American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Short-Term Research Fellowship. "Quinine's Remains: The Lives and Afterlives of a World-Historical Substance." \$7,000
2021	UNC Institute of the Arts and Humanities Fellowship. Spring Writing Leave. \$42,500
2016-2019	National Science Foundation, "Collaborative Research ChokePoints: A Comparative Global Ethnography," (PI, \$60,721 UNC, [\$136,290 Multi-Institutional Total], 100%, NSF)
2017	Cox Asia Initiative Award - Carolina Asia Center, "Imperial Bark: An Ethno-History of Quinine" (PI, \$5000, 100%, UNC-Chapel Hill)
2016-7	UNC Junior Faculty Development Award, "Imperial Bark: An Ethno-History of Quinine," (PI, \$7500, 100%, UNC-Chapel Hill)
2014-15	Center for Faculty Excellence, 100+ Large Course Redesign Grant, "ANTH 142: Local Cultures/Global Forces," (Co-PI; \$5000, 100%, UNC-Chapel Hill)
2014 (fall)	D. Earl Pardue Faculty Fellow, UNC - Institute for the Arts and Humanities, "Beyond Recognition: Tribes and Politics of the Indian Ethno-Contemporary," (PI, \$29,621.82, 100%, UNC-Chapel Hill)
2012-14	American Council of Learned Societies - New Faculty Fellows (declined, by rule)
2011	Summer Research Grant, Thompson Writing Program, "Fundamentalist Regimes: Ethnicity, Autonomy, and Politics at the Margins of India," (PI, \$2281, 100%, Duke University)
2009-10	American Council of Learned Societies/Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship (PI, \$30,285, 100%, ACLS-Mellon)
2008-9	Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, (PI, \$26,619; 100%, Cornell University)
2007	Fulbright Scholar (PI, \$7,900 100%, Institute of International Education-India)
2007	Summer Research Grant, The Graduate School, (PI, \$3425, 100%, Cornell University)
2006	Summer Research Grant, The Graduate School (PI, \$3225, 100%, Cornell University)

2005-6	Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies Grantee, Cornell University (PI, \$600, 100%, Cornell University)
2005	Summer Research Grant, The Graduate School (PI, \$3100, 100%, Cornell University)
2004-5	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Cornell University. (PI, \$26,000, 100%, Cornell University)
2003-4	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Cornell University (PI, \$26,000, 100%, Cornell University)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To Discipline

Journal/Book/Grant Proposal Reviewer:

American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Anthropological Quarterly, Cultural Anthropology, Contemporary South Asia, Contributions to Indian Sociology, Ethnography, Himalaya, National Science Foundation, Political and Legal Anthropology Review (POLAR), University of Washington Press, South Asia: Journal of South Asia Studies

Departmental and Internal Service to the University

2024 (fall)	UNC Modern Indian Studies Initiative Fellowship Application Reviewer
2024 (fall)	Graduate Studies Committee
2024 (fall)	Lead Author, Department Self-Study Chapter on the Graduate Program
2023-2024	Director of Graduate Studies, Anthropology -with service to resume Fall 2025, following my RSA leave
2023-24	Investigative Team Service, UNC Office of Research Integrity
2024	Carolina Asia Center, FLAS Fellowship Review
2023-24	Chair, Graduate Studies Committee
2022-23	Chair, Graduate Program Initiative -a year-long program to study and revise our Anthropology Graduate Program
2021	Anthropology Graduate Program Committee
2021	Anthropology Department Undergraduate Career Advisor
2018-2021	Modern Indian Studies Faculty Advisor Board
2020-21	Department of Anthropology IRB Coordinator
2020-21	Department of Anthropology Senior Honors Thesis Program Coordinator
2020	Anthropology Department Undergraduate Career Advisor

2019-20	Department of Anthropology Awards Committee
2019-20	Department of Anthropology Senior Honors Thesis Program Coordinator
2019-20	Global Engagement and Heritage Concentration Coordinator
2019-20	Anthropology Department Undergraduate Career Advisor
2018-19	Department of Anthropology Senior Honors Thesis Program Coordinator
2019-2020	Faculty Advisor, UNC Society of Undergraduate Anthropologists
2018-19	Department of Anthropology Curriculum Committee
2018	Tenure Review Committee
2018	Anthropology Department Undergraduate Career Advisor
2018	Faculty Advisor, UNC Society of Undergraduate Anthropologists
2018-19	Global Engagement and Heritage Concentration Coordinator
2017-2018	Department of Anthropology Senior Honors Thesis Program Coordinator
2017-18	Global Engagement and Heritage Concentration Coordinator -co-developer of Global Engagement and Heritage Minor
2017-18	Anthropology Department Undergraduate Career Advisor
2017-18	Faculty Advisor, UNC Society of Undergraduate Anthropologists
2016	Anthropology Department Undergraduate Career Advisor
2016	Graduate Studies Committee Member
2016	Global Engagement and Heritage Concentration Coordinator
2015-2016	Search Committee Member—Anthropology & Global Studies Migration Hire
2015-2016	Anthropology External Review Self-Study Report—Undergraduate Committee
2015-2016	Anthropology Department Undergraduate Career Advisor
2015-2016	Faculty Advisor, UNC Society of Undergraduate Anthropologists
2015-2016	New Directions in South Asia Studies Committee Member
2015	Anthropology Department Student Prize Committee
2014-2015	Global Engagement Concentration Organizer
2014-2015	New Directions in South Asia Studies Committee Member

2013-2014	Anthropology Department Undergraduate Career Advisor
2013-2014	Faculty Advisor, UNC Society of Undergraduate Anthropologists
2013-2014	New Directions in South Asia Studies Committee Member
2012-2013	Anthropology Departmental Life Committee Member
2012-2013	Faculty Organizer/Founder UNC Society of Undergraduate Anthropologists
2012-2013	New Directions in South Asia Studies Working Group Member and Organizer

Service to Social Sciences & Humanities

2023-Present	Co-editor, <i>Limn: a</i> scholar-led, open access journal in 2023. https://limn.press/ President & Board of Directors Member of Limn Press—a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. *please see overview of these editorial activities and attending Open Access and scholar-led publishing advocacy work, discussed in my Service statement.
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REFERENCES

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