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Curriculum vitae

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology, Duke University, 2005  
Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, Duke University, 2005  
M.A. in Cultural Anthropology, Duke University, 2001  
B.A. (honors) in Psychology, University of Chicago, 1995

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

### Wesleyan University

Chair, Department of Anthropology	2016 – present
Associate Professor, Departments of American Studies and Anthropology	2013 – present
Affiliated Faculty, Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program	2008 – present
Assistant Professor, Departments of American Studies and Anthropology	2008 –2013

### College of William and Mary

Visiting Assistant Professor, Women's Studies Program	2007 – 2008
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### Duke University

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Anthropology	2006 –2007
Instructor, Women's Studies and Cultural Anthropology	2004

### Sweet Briar College

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology	2005-2006
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### Sonoma State University

Instructor, Department of Women's and Gender Studies	2003
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## PUBLICATIONS

### Monograph

*Techniques of Pleasure: BDSM and the Circuits of Sexuality* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2011).

Excerpted in *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*, 4th edition. M. Stompler, D. Baunach, W. Simonds, E. Windsor, and E. Burgess, eds. WW Norton (2014).

Awards: Ruth Benedict Prize for Outstanding Monograph (Association for Queer Anthropology)

Lambda Literary Foundation Award in LGBT Studies (finalist)

### Edited Fora

2016. "Correspondences: Collaboration." *Cultural Anthropology* website:  
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/958-correspondences-collaboration>
2012. "Academia and Activism." *American Quarterly* 64 (4): 787-849 (with Naomi Greyser).

### Articles and Essays

2018. "Queer Politics in Neoliberal Times (1970s-2010s)," in *Routledge History of Queer America*, Don Romesburg (ed.). New York: Routledge. pp. 107-120.
2016. "Always After: Desiring Queerness, Desiring Anthropology." *Cultural Anthropology* (Openings and Retrospectives on Queer Anthropology) 31(4): 627-638.
2016. "Discipline and Desire: Feminist Politics, Queer Studies, and New Queer Anthropology" in *Mapping Feminist Anthropology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Ellen Lewin and Leni M. Silverstein (eds.). Rutgers University Press: 168-187.
2015. "Queer Precarity and the Myth of Gay Affluence" (co-authored with Amber Hollibaugh), *New Labor Forum* 24(3): 18-27.
2015. "Queer Economic Justice: Desire, Critique, and the Practice of Knowledge," *Global Justice and Desire: Queering Economy*, Nikit Dhawan, Antke Engel, Christoph Holzhey, and Volker Woltersdorff, eds. New York: Routledge. pp. 79-95.
2015. "BDSM." *The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*. Patricia Whelehan and Anne Bolin, eds. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.
2012. "Introduction: Left Intellectuals and the Neoliberal University" (co-authored with Naomi Greyser), in "Forum on Academia and Activism," *American Quarterly* 64 (4): 787-793. Reprinted in *Trans-Scripts: An Interdisciplinary Online Journal* (2013, vol. 3, "Thinking Activism")
2009. "Rumsfeld!: Consensual BDSM and 'Sadomasochistic' Torture at Abu Ghraib," in *Out in Public: Reinventing Lesbian/Gay Anthropology in a Globalizing World*. Ellen Lewin and William Leap, eds. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers: 180-201.
2008. "Gay Shame and BDSM Pride: Neoliberalism, Privacy and Sexual Politics," *Radical History Review* 100 (Special Issue on "Queer Futures"): 87-101.
2006. "Working at Play: BDSM Sexuality in the San Francisco Bay Area," *Anthropologica* 48(2): 229-245.

2006. "Mainstreaming Kink: The Politics of BDSM Representation in U.S. Popular Media," *Journal of Homosexuality* 50(2/3): 103-130.  
Simultaneously published in *Sadomasochism: Powerful Pleasures*. Peggy Kleinplatz and Charles Moser, eds. New York: Harrington Park Press (2006).

### Review Essay

2011. "The Epistemology of Ethnography: Method in Queer Anthropology," *GLQ* 17(4): 649-664.

### Book Reviews

2015. Review of Amber Jamilla Musser's *Sensational Flesh: Race, Power, and Masochism* (New York University Press, 2014). *MELUS: Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States* 40(3): 202-204.
2013. "On Marriage Equality." Review of Jay Cee Whitehead's *The Nuptial Deal: Same-Sex Marriage and Neo-Liberal Governance* (University of Chicago Press, 2011), *GLQ* 19(2): 273-275.
2006. Review of *Butler Matters: Judith Butler's Impact on Feminist and Queer Studies*, Margaret Sonser Breen and Warren Blumenfeld, eds. *Association of Feminist Anthropology Book Reviews*.
2004. Review of *Commodifying Bodies*, Nancy Scheper-Hughes and Loïc Wacquant, eds. *Association of Feminist Anthropology Book Reviews*.

### Other Publications

2016. "Collaboration: Introduction." Correspondences, *Cultural Anthropology* website. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/958-correspondences-collaboration>
2016. "Collaboration: Integration." Correspondences, *Cultural Anthropology* website. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/975-collaboration-integration>
2012. "Intellectual Inquiry Otherwise: An Interview with Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore" in "Forum on Academia and Activism," *American Quarterly* 64 (4): 833-836.
2012. "'Reinvigorating the Queer Political Imagination': A Roundtable with Ryan Conrad, Yasmin Nair, and Karma Chávez of Against Equality" in "Forum on Academia and Activism," *American Quarterly* 64 (4): 845-849.
2012. "[BDSM and Feminism: Notes on an Impasse](#)," *Tenured Radical Blog* on *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.
2005. "Who was St. Clair Drake?," *Society for the Anthropology of North America Newsletter*.

## **In Preparation**

*Queer Otherwise: Making Knowledge at the Boundaries of Academia and Activism.* Book on queer left activism and imagination in precarious times.

“Queering Intimacy: Entanglement, Complicity, and Solidarity in the Ethnographic Project.”  
Collection on “Overwhelmed by Proximity” for *Anthropological Quarterly* (under review).

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2012. Association for Queer Anthropology, Ruth Benedict Book Prize for Outstanding Monograph for *Techniques of Pleasure*
- 2012. Lambda Literary Foundation Award in LGBT Studies for *Techniques of Pleasure* (finalist)
- 2011-12. Wenner-Gren, Osmundsen Initiative Award for *Visions of Sexual Justice*
- 2005. Society for the Anthropology of North America, St. Clair Drake Award
- 2002-03. Duke University, Ernestine Friedl Research Award for Feminist Anthropology
- 2001. CLAGS (Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies) Award for *Techniques of Pleasure, Scenes of Play* (honorable mention)
- 2000. Duke University, Women’s Studies Graduate Scholar

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2011-12. Wenner-Gren, Post-Ph.D. Research Grant for *Visions of Sexual Justice*
- 2011-12. CLAGS (Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies), Joan Heller-Diane Bernard Senior Fellowship in Lesbian and Gay Studies for *Visions of Sexual Justice*
- 2011-12. AAUW (American Association of University Women) American Fellowship (alternate)

## **Internal**

- 2017. Wesleyan University, Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life University Lecture for Anthropology Series, “Anthropology Now”
- 2016, 2017. Wesleyan University, Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life Collaborative Project Grant and University Lecture Grant, Queer Studies Research Collective
- 2015. Wesleyan University, Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life Collaborative Project Grant, “Contesting Disposability” (declined)
- 2012, 2013, 2014. Wesleyan University, Project Grant, “Visions of Sexual Justice”
- 2013. Wesleyan University, Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life Project Grant, “Criminal Justice, Queer Justice: Queer/Trans Activism, Prison Abolition, and LGBT Hate Crimes Legislation”
- 2012. Wesleyan University, Center for the Humanities, Faculty Fellowship
- 2008, 2009, 2011. Wesleyan University, Project Grant, “Cultural Trauma, National Memory”
- 2010-11. Wesleyan University, Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life Collaborative Project Grant, *Academia and Activism*

2009. Wesleyan University, Pedagogical Grant, “Teaching Trans Studies”  
2007-08. College of William and Mary, The Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies International Travel Grant  
2005. Duke University, Program in Women’s Studies Travel Grant  
2004. Duke University, Institute for Critical U.S. Studies Grant  
2003-04. Duke University, Women’s Studies Graduate Research Fellowship  
2000. Duke University, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Summer Fieldwork Grant  
1998-02. Duke University, James B. Duke Fellowship for Graduate Studies

### **INVITED LECTURES and KEYNOTES**

2018. “Queer Otherwise: Making Knowledge at the Boundaries of Academia and Activism,” Keynote Lecture for Lavender Languages 25, at Rhode Island College. April 22.
2017. “Toward Complicity: Making Queer Left Activist and Academic Knowledge,” University of Connecticut. Keynote Lecture for Borderlands: A Critical Symposium. April 21.
2017. “Making Suffering Visible: Critique in Queer Left Activism and Anthropology.” Wheaton College Institute for the Interdisciplinary Humanities. March 9.
2016. “Making Suffering Visible: Critique in Queer Left Activism and Anthropology.” SUNY New Paltz. October 20.
2016. “Visions of Sexual Justice.” Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Amherst, MA. February 23.
2015. “Critical Desires / Queer Anthropology.” Anthropology Program, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY. October 16.
2015. “Sex Wars, Redux,” *Pleasure and Danger: Sexual Freedom and Feminism Now* symposium. Northeastern University. Boston, MA. March 20.
2015. “Critical Desires: Queer Studies after Anti-Normativity,” *Queering Anthropology* symposium. Yale University. New Haven, CT. February 13.
2014. “Visions of Sexual Justice.” Critical Sexuality Studies, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. April 3.
2014. “Consent and Desire,” *Power/Sex: Consent, Coercion, Context* symposium. Yale University. New Haven, CT. February 28.
2013. Introduction to Martin Manalansan, “Queer Dwellings: Migrancy, Precarity, and Fabulosity,” Feminist Theory Workshop. Duke University, Durham, NC. March 23.
2012. “The Queer Politics of Sex.” Program in Women’s and Gender Studies, Middlebury

- College, Middlebury, VT. October 11.
2012. "Techniques of Pleasure." The Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. April 25.
2012. "Cultural Trauma, National Memory: BDSM Play with Slavery and Fascism." *The Event Before Sex* symposium, Haverford College, Haverford, PA. March 30.
2011. "Techniques of Pleasure." Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven, CT. March 28.
2011. Commentary, "The Feminist Ethnographer's Dilemma: Reconciling Progressive Research Agendas with Fieldwork Realities." *Activism and the Academy: Celebrating 40 Years of Feminist Scholarship and Action*, Barnard Center for Research on Women, New York, NY. September 23.
2011. "Queer Anthropology: Sexual Cultures and Politics." Queer Studies Lecture Series, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. September 14.
2010. "Unpacking the Toy Bag: Commodity and Power Exchange in BDSM Communities." *Desiring Just Economies/Just Economies of Desire* Conference, Berlin, Germany. June 25.
2008. "Sex Play and Social Power: Race, Gender and the Politics of SM." Sweet Briar College Annual Women's Studies Lecture. Sweet Briar, VA. March 28.
2007. "Capitalism / SM / Performance: Technologies of Pleasure and Power in BDSM Communities." Women's Studies/Black Studies Lecture, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA. October 26.
2007. "Rumsfeld!: The Performative Efficacy of 'Sadomasochism.'" *Performing and Queering Sadomasochism* Symposium, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany. February 10.
2006. "Space and Time in SM Sexuality." Honors Colloquium, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA. March 29.
2005. "'SM is High-Technology Sex': Toys, Bodies and Cyborg Sociality." *Erogenous Fields: Anthropology of Sexuality in the 21st Century* Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC. October 16.

## CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

### Invited Discussant and Panel Chair

2017. Discussant and Panel Chair, “Con/Di-vergent Queeries?: The histories of North American and European queer anthropology.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. November 29-December 3.
2016. Discussant. “Global Action: New Paradigms for Social and Political Movements.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN. November 16-20.
2016. Discussant. “Connection and Contestation in Queer Anthropology.” European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Biennial Conference. University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy. July 20-23.
2014. Discussant and Panel Chair, “Digital (De)Colonialism.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Los Angeles, CA. November 6-9.
2009. Discussant: “Neoliberalism and Sex Work.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA. December 2-6.
1999. Panel Chair, “Queer Theories,” Annual Southeast LGBT Conference, Durham, NC. March.

### **Invited Seminars and Workshops**

2013. Seminar Leader, Feminist Theory Workshop. Duke University, Durham, NC. March 22-23.
2012. Research Workshop: “Queer Ethnographic Method and Writing.” Project on Rhetoric of Inquiry, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. April 26.
2010. Seminar: “Techniques of Pleasure: Subjectivity and the Socioeconomics of BDSM.” Queer Commodity Cultures, Annual Meeting of the Cultural Studies Association, Berkeley, CA. March 18-20.
2008. Workshop: “On Fieldwork.” Duke Conversations, Duke University, Durham, NC. March 21.
2001. Workshop: “San Francisco's SM Subculture: Constructing and Contesting American Sexuality.” Dartmouth Institute for American Studies, Hanover, NH. June.

### **Papers Presented**

2017. “Queer Otherwise: Activist Visions of Sexual and Economic Justice.” AQA Invited Panel: “Labour/Affect/Queerness.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. November 29-December 3.
2017. “Toward Complicity: Queer Left Activist and Academic Knowledge Making.” Annual

- Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, Baltimore, MD. November 16 – 19.
2016. "Making Suffering Visible: Critique and the Optimism of Queer Left Activism and Anthropology." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN. November 16-20.
2016. "Collaboration and Complicity: Desire's Limitations in Queer Left Activism/Academia." Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA) biennial conference, Ithaca, NY. May 13-14.
2015. "Epistemological Entanglements: Proximity and Desire for Knowledge," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO. November 17-22.
2014. "Activist Anthropology / Queer Left Critique." AQA Invited Roundtable: "Queer Left Activism / Queer Left Method," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. December 2-7.
2014. "Historicizing Queer Politics." Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Toronto, Ontario. May 22-25.
2014. "Seeing is Believing? Queer Surveillance/Queer Critique," American Ethnological Society/Society for Visual Anthropology Spring Meeting. Boston, MA. April 10-12.
2013. "Coming Around Again: Is Gender to Sexuality As Feminism Is to Queer Studies?" AFA Invited Panel: "Anthropologies and Feminisms: Our History, Our Present, Our Past," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. November 19-24.
2012. "What's Queer Now? Pansexual BDSM in San Francisco." AQA and AFA Invited Panel: "Queer TransFrancisco: Pasts, Presents, and Futures of the 'Sodom by the Bay,'" Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA. November 13-18.
2009. "Queer/Ethnography: Social Norms, Social Relations and the Case of SM." AAA Presidential Invited Panel: "Framing the End/s of Queer Anthropology," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA. December 2-6.
2008. "Sexual Rights and Neoliberalism: Contemporary Queer Activisms in the US." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA. November 19-23.
2007. "Performing Interrogation/Interrogating Spectacle: Abu Ghraib and Consensual SM." Annual Meeting of Performance Studies International, New York, NY. November 7-11.
2006. "Ruling Pleasures: Discipline and the Practice of SM." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA. November 15-19.



2006. "Performative Politics of Sexual Activism: Gay Shame and the NCSF." Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, Oakland, CA. June 15-18.
2006. "Slaves to the Market?: Neoliberalism and SM Community in San Francisco." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of North America, New York, NY. April 20-22.
2005. "Kink at Denny's: BDSM, Repurposed Space and Public Sexual Culture." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of North America, Merida, Mexico. May 3-8.
2005. "Consensual BDSM and 'Sadomasochistic' Torture at Abu Ghraib." Trans/Positions: A Conference on Feminist Inquiry in Transit, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. April 7-9.
2005. "Racial Performativity and the Politics of SM Play." Annual Meeting of Performance Studies International, Providence, RI. March 30-April 3.
2004. "Proprietous Deployments: Public Discourses of Privacy in SM Activism." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of North America/The American Ethnologist Society, Atlanta, GA. April 20-22.
2003. "Out of the Dungeon: SM Political Practice in the New Millennium." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. November 19-23.
2002. "Authenticity-a-Go-Go: Playing at SM in Public Places." Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV. June 15-18.
2001. "Queering Race and Sex/uality: SM and the (Im)possibilities of Queer Anthropology." SOLGA Invited Panel: "Coming to Terms with an Anthropology of Sex," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. November 28-December 2.
2001. "Performance and Performativity: Race, Gender and Sexuality at an SM Auction." Duke University Graduate School Research Conference, Durham, NC. April.

### **Conferences and Symposia Organized**

2013. Symposium Organizer: *Criminal Justice, Queer Justice: Queer/Trans Activism, Prison Abolition, and LGBT Hate Crimes Legislation* with Eric Stanley, Reina Gossett, and Ryan Conrad. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. April 25-26.
2011. Symposium Organizer (with Naomi Greyser): *Academia and Activism*. On "Intellectuals as Activists/Activists as Intellectuals" and "The Politics of the (Neoliberal) Academy" with Karen Brodtkin, Aimee Carrillo Rowe, Matthew Garrett, Mara Kaufman, Scott

Morgensen, Purnima Bose, Janet Jakobsen, Jeff Maskovsky, and Dylan Rodríguez.  
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. February 11-12.

2009. Symposium Organizer (with Natasha Korda): *TRANSforming Institutions: Transgender Studies, Rights, and Health*. Symposium with pedagogical workshop facilitated by Susan Stryker and papers by Paisley Currah, Ben Singer, and Susan Stryker. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. October 2.
2005. Conference Steering Committee: International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society Conference, San Francisco, CA. June 21-24.
2000. Conference Co-organizer: *Disciplinary Diagrams, Political Fields*. Duke University, Durham, NC. March 30- April 2.

### **Panels and Roundtables Organized**

2017. Panel Co-Organizer, “Con/Di-vergent Queeries?: The histories of North American and European queer anthropology.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. November 29-December 3.
2017. Panel Co-Organizer (with Naomi Greyser), “Complicity, Collaboration and Appropriation: Knowledge Politics and Desire between Activism and the Academy.” Annual Meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association, Baltimore, MD. November 16 – 19.
2016. Chair and Panel Organizer: “Fraught Relations: Unsettling Common Grounds in the Anthropology of/as Social Justice.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN. November 16-20.
2016. Chair and Panel Organizer (with Shaka McGlotten): “Connection and Contestation in Queer Anthropology.” European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Biennial Conference. University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy. July 20-23.
2016. Chair and Panel Organizer: “Hope and Failure: The Limits of Collaboration as Political Solidarity.” Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA) biennial conference, Ithaca, NY. May 13-14.
2014. Chair and Roundtable Organizer (with Christina Hanhardt): “Queer Left Activism / Queer Left Method.” AQA Invited Session. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. December 2-7.
2013. Chair and Roundtable Organizer (with Yasmin Nair): “Queer Left Activism in Chicago: Radical Knowledge and Social Justice.” AQA Invited Session. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. November 19-24.
2012. Panel Organizer (with Chris Roebuck): “Queer TransFrancisco: Pasts, Presents, and Futures of the ‘Sodom by the Bay.’” AQA and AFA Invited Panel. Annual Meeting of

- the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA. November 13-18.
2006. Panel Organizer (with Naomi Greyser): "Politics and Performance in an Age of Control." Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, Oakland, CA. June 15-18.
2005. Panel Organizer and Chair: "Intimate Imperialisms: Sex, Bodies and Romance in U.S. Empire." Trans/Positions: A Conference on Feminist Inquiry in Transit, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. April 7-9.
2002. Panel Organizer: "Performing the Authentic Body," Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV. June 15-18.
2000. Panel Chair: "Queer Concealments." Disciplinary Diagrams, Political Fields. Duke University, Durham, NC. March 30- April 2.

## **CAMPUS LECTURES AND EVENTS**

### **Wesleyan Lectures and Salons**

2018. WESEMINAR, "Expanding Access with the Center for Prison Education," Reunion and Commencement. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. Friday May 25.
2018. *Queer Otherwise: Making Knowledge at the Boundaries of Academia and Activism*. FGSS Faculty Work-in-Progress Salon. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. May 3.
2018. "Desiring: Envisioning a Queer World," American Studies Work-in-Progress Workshop. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. April 12.
2017. Public conversation with Chelsea Manning. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. November 15.
2015. "Critical Desires: Excess and Scarcity in Queer Left Politics," *Queer/Art/Poetics Conference: The Art of Queer Theory*. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. April 24.
2015. "Queer Necropolitics." Panel on *Social Death and Survival*. Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program Series. February 26.
2014. Response, "Queer Activism and Academia." "Activism in Queer Times: Reina Gossett and Amber Hollibaugh" Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program Symposium. October 31.
2014. "Visions of Sexual Justice." Division II Lunchtime lecture. May 1.
2013. "Introducing: Queer Theory." Center for the Humanities, *In Theory Lecture Series*.

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. April 24.

2013. "Introduction to Judith Butler," *In Theory Lecture Series*. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. February 13.
2012. "Cultural Trauma, National Memory: BDSM Play with Slavery and Fascism." Center for the Humanities "Temporality" Lecture series. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. September 24.
2010. Response, "Janet Halley and Queer Theory." *Collateral Damage: Civilians and Civil Culture in War* Conference, Center for the Humanities. October 8.
2010. Workshop: "Beyond Vanilla: Public Politics and Private Selves." Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Salon. April 29.

### **Wesleyan Events Organized**

2018. "What Can You Do with a Degree in Anthropology?" Anthropology Department alumni panel (organized with Anthropology Majors Committee). May 12.
2018. Sierra Bell, "'This Is Gonna Sound Like a Conspiracy Thing': An Ethnographic Perspective on Tea Party Theories of Power." Anthropology Department Lunchtime Lecture. April 19.
2018. Jeffrey Juris, "Mexican Free Radio and the Challenges of Militant Ethnography." Anthropology Department Lecture. March 27.
2017. C. Riley Snorton, "Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity." Queer Studies Research Collective Lecture. December 5.
2017. Heather Levi, "From Embodied Experience to the Printed Page: What an Anthropologist Learned by Becoming a Professional Wrestler." Anthropology Department Lunchtime Lecture. November 21.
- 2017: David Vine, "Political and Public Anthropology/Ethnography of the US Military." Anthropology Department Lunchtime Lecture. November 9.
2017. "Feminist Activist Ethnography Now." Anthropology Department panel with Christa Craven and Dana-Ain Davis. April 12.
2017. "What Can You Do with a Degree in Anthropology?" Anthropology Department panel with alumni Promiti Islam, Michele Ko, Mariama Eversley, and Katie McConnell. Feb 17.
2016. "Anthropology and #BlackLivesMatter." Anthropology Department panel with Bianca Williams, Dawn-Elissa Fischer, and Gina Ulysse. November 1.

2016. Annual Disability Studies Lecture: Eli Clare, *Brilliant Imperfection*. Disability Studies Course Cluster. February 13.
2015. Workshop-Performance, Elizabeth Chin, “The Jefferson-Hemings Complex: Affect and the Creation of Race Relations at Monticello.” Anthropology Department. March 25.
2014. First Annual Disability Studies Lecture: Robert McRuer, “Queer/Crip Displacements: Disability, Austerity, and Resistance.” Disability Studies and Queer Studies Course Clusters. October 2.
2013. Symposium: *Criminal Justice, Queer Justice: Queer/Trans Activism, Prison Abolition, and LGBT Hate Crimes Legislation*. American Studies/Queer Studies. April 25-26.
2013. Screening and Discussion: *Sins Invalid*, Disability Studies Course Cluster. December 4.
2013. Reading by Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore: *The End of San Francisco*. American Studies/Queer Studies. November 19.
2011. Symposium: *Academia and Activism*. American Studies and Anthropology. February 11-12.
2010. Talk by Jennifer Boylan on writing, transgender memoir, and *She’s Not There*. American Studies/Queer Studies. March 4.
2009. Symposium: *TRANSforming Institutions: Transgender Studies, Rights, and Health*. American Studies and Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. October 2.

### **Presentations to Student Groups**

2015. “Queer Wes.” Open House.
2013. “Queers and Russia.” Open House and Russian House.
2012. “Justice and Queers.” Open House.
2011. “What Makes Sex Feminist?” Feminist Network.
2010. Panel Discussant, April Queer Awareness Month Faculty Panel.

### **COMMUNITY TALKS AND OUTREACH**

2016. “Appropriation and the Politics of Visibility in *Paris is Burning*.” Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford, CT. February 19.
2012. *Techniques of Pleasure* readings:  
LGBT Center on Halsted, Chicago, IL. Lambda Literary Award finalists. May 24.  
The Black Dog Café, St. Paul, MN. Lambda Literary Award finalists. April 30.  
Bluestockings Bookstore, Café, and Activist Center, New York, NY. March 8.
2009. Speaking About the Unspoken workshop, *Leather Archives and Museum*, Chicago, IL. February 6-8.

2006. Seminar: “Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality,” Butner Federal Correctional Facility, North Carolina.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

[Interview with Margot Weiss](#). *The Critical Lede* (Podcast, Episode 130), 2013.

“[Margot Weiss Talks BDSM and Sexuality](#).” Interview by Yasmin Nair. *Windy City Times*, 2013.

“BDSM and Barbecue: An Interview with Margot Weiss,” *Method Magazine*, 2011.

“[Neoliberalism at Play: An Interview with Margot D. Weiss](#),” *Trikster: Nordic Queer Journal*, 2010.

[Interview with Margot Weiss](#), *Kink On Tap* (Podcast: “School of Hard Knocks”), 2010.

*Techniques of Pleasure* reviewed in: *American Ethnologist*; *Genre, Sexualite & Societe*; *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*; *Current Anthropology*; *International Social Science Review*; *Peitho: Journal of the Coalition of Women Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition*; *The Library Journal*; *Electronic Journal of Human Sexuality*; *Society and Space*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *Liminalities: A Journal of Performance Studies*; *Contemporary Sociology*; *new formations*, *Revista Estudos Feministas*; *Sexualities*; *Chronicle of Higher Education*; *Salon.com*; *Bitch Magazine*; *The Brooklyn Rail*; *Singapore Review of Books*; and *Windy City Times*.

## **FIELD RESEARCH**

**Visions of Sexual Justice:** Summer 2004 and 2006; November 2011-2015. Multisited ethnographic fieldwork with queer left activists in New York City, Chicago, and Montreal.

**Cultural Trauma, National Memory:** February 2007, Summer 2009, 2010, and 2011. Ethnographic fieldwork with BDSM practitioners in Berlin, Germany.

**Techniques of Pleasure:** Summer 2000, May 2001-May 2003. Ethnographic fieldwork with BDSM communities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth Project:** October 1994-August 1998. Compilation, research, and analysis with Gilbert Herdt at the University of Chicago for an update to *Children of Horizons: How Gay and Lesbian Teens Are Leading a New Way Out of the Closet* (Gilbert Herdt and Andrew Boxer, 1993).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Wesleyan University

#### American Studies

- “Social Norms/Social Power: Reading ‘Difference’ in American Culture” (AMST 118/FGSS 119: Spring 2009, Fall 2010).
- “Junior Colloquium: Critical Queer Studies” (AMST 201/FGSS 201: Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2018).
- “Introduction to Trans Studies: Interdisciplinary Approaches” (AMST 265/FGSS 263: Spring 2010).
- “Future Visions: Temporality and the Politics of Change,” co-taught with Amy Tang (AMST 266/ENGL 265/ANTH 205/FGSS 266: Spring 2014, Fall 2012).
- “Queer Activism and Radical Scholarship: Beyond ‘Theory vs. Practice’” (AMST 286/FGSS 286/ANTH 286: Fall 2016).
- “Politics of the Body” (AMST 293/FGSS 294: Fall 2013, Spring 2015).

#### Anthropology

- “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology” (ANTH 101: Fall 2009, Fall 2010).
- “Sex, Money and Power: Anthropology of Intimacy and Exchange.” (ANTH 203/FGSS 223: Spring 2009, Spring 2011, Fall 2014, Fall 2017).
- “Crafting Ethnography” (ANTH 208: Spring 2014, Spring 2017).
- “Transnational Sexualities.” (ANTH 228/FGSS 241: Fall 2008, Spring 2013).
- “Theory I: Anthropology of Affect” (ANTH 296: Spring 2015).
- “Queer/Anthropology: Ethnographic Approaches to Queer Studies.” (ANTH 398/FGSS 398: Spring 2010, Fall 2013).
- “Cultural Analysis: Senior Seminar” (ANTH 400: Fall 2017).

#### Other Teaching:

- “Anthropology of Sexuality” (SOC 601: Summer 2015). Wesleyan Graduate Liberal Studies Program (MA in Liberal Studies).
- “Politics of the Body” (AMST 293: Spring 2015) Wesleyan Center for Prison Education, York Correctional Institute, Niantic, CT.

#### Student Fora:

- “Critical University Studies.” Anthropology, Fall 2014.
- “Signing and Spatial Cognition.” American Studies. Fall 2013.
- “Intimate Partner Violence, Intersectionality, and the State.” Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Spring 2013.

#### Undergraduate Theses and Essays:

- 2017-18. Christine Clarke, “Negotiating the Jezebel: Representations of Black Women in New Media.” Anthropology Thesis (honors).
- 2017-18. Paige Hutton, “Queering Wake Work: Mediating Anti-Queer and Trans Sentiment Through Online Tumblr Archives.” American Studies Thesis (honors).

- \* Awarded the GLASS Prize in gay, lesbian, and sexuality studies
- 2017. José Luis Sánchez, "Oral Histories of Displacement, Emotion and Memory in San Francisco's Mission District." Anthropology Essay.
- 2016-17. Sofi Goode, "In the Name of Protection: A Queer Abolitionist Critique of Reform." Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Thesis (high honors).
  - \* Awarded University Honors
  - \* Awarded the GLASS Prize in gay, lesbian, and sexuality studies
  - \* Awarded the Carol B. Ohmann Memorial Prize in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies for best thesis.
- 2016-17. Julia Morrison, "Pedagogies of Consent: What Consent teaches us about Contemporary American Sexual Politics" Anthropology and Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Thesis (honors).
- 2014-15. Miranda Orbach, "Monstrous Form: The Ballerina and the Freak." American Studies Thesis (high honors)
  - \* Awarded the Marni Goldstein White Prize for best thesis in American studies.
- 2014-15. Sophia Massey, "Leaving the Nest: Life at the Neoliberal University." Anthropology Thesis (high honors).
- 2014. Virgil Taylor, "What is *Grindr*?" American Studies essay.
- 2013-14. Aileen McGrory, "Queer Killjoys: Individuality, Niceness, and the Failure of Current Ally Culture". Anthropology and Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Thesis (honors).
  - \* Awarded the GLASS Prize in gay, lesbian, and sexuality studies
  - \* Awarded the Carol B. Ohmann Memorial Prize in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies for best thesis.
- 2013-14. Isabelle Gauthier, "Authenticity and Artifice: Burlesque Dancing in New Orleans. Anthropology and Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Thesis (honors).
- 2012-13. S. Lamming, "Queer Horizons: An/Other World without Walls." American Studies Thesis (high honors).
  - \* Awarded the GLASS Prize in gay, lesbian, and sexuality studies
  - \* Awarded the Marni Goldstein White Prize for best thesis in American studies.
- 2013. Joseph Cribb, "Virtual, Liminal, Magical, Queer: Pathways and Potentials of the Virtual Witch." American Studies essay.
- 2012. Christina Ermilio, "Lost in Space: An Examination of the Varied Valuation of Space within Boston's South End." Anthropology essay (honors).
- 2010-11. Katherine Nilson, "Queer Time, Affective Binds: An Erotichistory of Butch/Femme." Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Thesis (honors).
- 2010-11. Nora Hansel, "Rethinking Relations: Queer Intimacies and Practices of Care." American Studies and Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Thesis (high honors).
  - \* Awarded the GLASS Prize in gay, lesbian, and sexuality studies
- 2010. Stephanie Lee, "Witnesses of Trauma: Memory of 'Comfort Women.'" Anthropology essay.
- 2009-10. Max Lavine, "Theorizing With and Against: Practices of Postanarchist Theory and the Politics of Knowledge Production under Neoliberalism." American Studies Thesis (high honors).
  - \* Awarded the Marni Goldstein White Prize for best thesis in American studies.



- 2008-09. Trent Grassian, "Achieving 'Gender Parity' at Wesleyan University: Admitting Women, Maintaining Patriarchy, 1969-1989." Anthropology and Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Thesis (honors).
2008. Grace Wallace, "Is Fragmented Feminism a Failure? Recent Texts' Attempts to Transform Feminism and Represent History and Conflict." American Studies and Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies essay.

**PhD Students (outside Wesleyan)**

External Examiner: Deww Zhang, University of Auckland (New Zealand). Ph.D. in Psychology. "Kiwi Kinksters: BDSM in Auckland, New Zealand," June 2017.

External Examiner: Michael Connors Jackman, York University (Canada). Ph.D. in Social Anthropology. "Bawdy Politics: Remembering Sexual Liberation," May 2013.

**Previous Teaching**

**College of William and Mary, Women's Studies (2007-2008)**

Introduction to Women's Studies  
Introduction to Performance Studies  
Critical Queer Studies  
Transnational Feminism  
Global Sex and Gender

**Duke University, Cultural Anthropology and Women's Studies (2004, 2006-2007)**

Hook-Up Culture at Duke (co-taught with Anne Allison)  
Theoretical Foundations of Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality  
American Culture and Sexuality  
Race, Gender, Sexuality: Transnational Feminism/Anthropology

**Sweet Briar College, Anthropology (2005-2006)**

Transnational Sexualities  
Family and Society  
Ethnography: Methods in Cultural Anthropology  
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
American Culture

**Sonoma State University, Women's and Gender Studies (2003)**

Gender, Sexuality, Family: Introduction to Gender Studies

**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

**National Committee Service**

Grant Review Panelist, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, 2017-present.  
Editorial Board Member, *Cultural Anthropology*, 2018-present.  
Chair, Association for Queer Anthropology Distinguished Achievement Award committee,

2017-present.

Co-Chair (President), Association for Queer Anthropology, 2015-2017.

Executive Board, Association for Queer Anthropology, 2006-2009, 2013-present.

Chair, Ruth Benedict Book Prize Committee, Association for Queer Anthropology, 2013-2015.

Member, Association for Queer Anthropology Journal Planning Committee, 2012-2013.

Member, Payne Prize Committee, Association for Queer Anthropology, 2010-2013.

Chair, Zora Neale Hurston Travel Award Committee, Association for Feminist Anthropology, 2011-2012.

Executive Board, Association for Feminist Anthropology, 2009-2012.

Member, Zora Neale Hurston Travel Award Committee, Association for Feminist Anthropology, 2009-2011.

Member, Nominations Committee, Association for Feminist Anthropology, 2009-2012.

Co-chair, Program Committee, Association for Queer Anthropology, 2006-2009.

Member, Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists Name Change Committee, 2007-2008.

Member, Program Committee, Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists, 2004-2006.

### **Tenure Review**

2015, The George Washington University

2016, Washington University in St. Louis

### **Manuscript Review**

Duke University Press

New York University Press

Routledge / Taylor and Francis

Oxford University Press

Bloomsbury Academic

Journals: *American Ethnologist*; *Anthropological Quarterly*; *Cultural Anthropology*; *Ethnography*; *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*; *POLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*; *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*; *Journal of the History of Sexuality*; *Porn Studies*; *Sexualities*; *Sexuality and Culture*

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **Positions**

Chair, Department of Anthropology. 2016-present.

Director (and founder), Queer Studies Course Cluster. 2014-present.

Co-Director (and founder), Disability Studies Course Cluster. 2010-present.

### **Boards and Committees**

Review and Appeals Board (RAB) member, 2018-present.

Advisory Board, Center for Prison Education. 2016-present.

Chair, GLASS: Gay, Lesbian, and Sexuality Studies Undergraduate Prize. 2011-present.

Co-Director, Queer Studies Research Collective. 2016-2017.

Advisory Board, Center for the Humanities. 2014-2017.

Advisory Board, Center for the Americas. 2013-15.

Member, Educational Policy Committee (EPC). 2012-14.  
Member, 20<sup>th</sup>-Century U.S. Cultural History Search Committee (American Studies). 2012-13.  
Advisory Board, Social, Cultural and Critical Theory Certificate. 2010-2013.  
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching for Tenure and Promotion. 2010-2011.  
Member, Faculty Happy Hour Committee. 2008-2011.  
Member, Critical Studies Faculty Working Group. 2008-2010.  
Member, Transnational Asian American Studies Search Committee (American Studies and English). 2008-09.

**Student Group Advising**

Faculty Advisor, Open House. 2014-15.  
Faculty Advisor, QueerWes. 2013-15.  
Faculty Advisor, University Organizing Center. 2012-13.

**Other activities**

Faculty Marshall, Commencement. 2010, 2011, 2013.  
Discussion Leader, First Year Matters, Freshman Orientation. 2010.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Anthropological Association

*Sections:* Association for Queer Anthropology, Association for Feminist Anthropology, Society for the Anthropology of North America, and Society for Cultural Anthropology

American Studies Association

National Women's Studies Association