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EDUCATION

1983-87 University of Cambridge, England. PhD, Social Anthropology.

1982-83 University of Cambridge, England. M.Phil, Social Anthropology.

1979-81 University of British Columbia. B.A. (Honours), Anthropology (Summa Cum Laude).

1977-79 Camosun College (Victoria, Canada). Associate of Arts Diploma.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political/legal anthropology

Indigenous peoples and human rights

The social study of new media

History of anthropology/social theory

Social change in Africa

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2007-2011	CIHR, team research grant, "National Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research", L. Kirmayer, Principal Investigator, with R. Niezen, N. Adelson, A. Macaulay, R. McCormick, et al. Total: $1,750,000 (2007-08: $300,000; 2008-09: $550,000; 2009-2010: $600,000; 2010-2011: $300,000).
2008	Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Aid to Scholarly Publications Programme, publication grant; $8.000
2005	Canada Foundation for Innovation, Infrastructure Fund; $450,000
2004	Nominee, Alexander von Humboldt Senior Fellowship, Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin.
1995-96	Milton Fund Research Grant, Harvard Medical School.
1995	Pedagogical Innovation Grant, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University.
1994	Clark Fund Research Grant, Harvard University.
1991	Milton Fund Small Grant, Harvard Medical School.
1984-85	IODE National Chapter of Canada, War Memorial Scholarship.
1984	Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Grant-in-Aid.
1984	Richards Fund Studentship, Dept. of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge.
1982	William Wyse Studentship in Social Anthropology, Trinity College, Cambridge.
1982	Queen Elizabeth II British Columbia Centennial Scholarship.
1979	Norman A.M. MacMillan Regional College Scholarship.

THESES

PhD. (1987) University of Cambridge.
Diverse Styles of Islamic Reform among the Songhay of Eastern Mali.
Supervisors: Jack Goody (1983-84, until retirement) and Ernest Gellner (1984-87).

M.Phil. (1983) University of Cambridge.
Literacy and Prophetism: A Comparative Study of the Sacred Value of Writing.
Supervisor: Malcom Ruel.

B.A. Honours (1981) University of British Columbia.
Theoretical Considerations of Millenarianism and Totalitarianism.
Supervisor: Kenelm Burridge.

LANGUAGES

French; German; Spanish (reading); Cree, "N" dialect (elementary speaking and syllabic literacy); Arabic (intro to Modern Standard).

RESEARCH

September 2009 – present. Research on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Residential Schools in Canada. Interviews with Aboriginal participants and Oblate priests and nuns.

November 2003; April 2004 – June 2004. Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin. Library-based research on comparative anthropology and pluralism.

December 2000 – June 2001. Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University. Research on human rights and the rise of indigenous identity, including two brief visits to Sami territory in northern Finland.

July, 1998 - June, 2000. Cross Lake, Manitoba, Canada. Ethnographic research on aboriginal self-government and indigenous activism in a Cree community.

June -July, 1996. Pikangicum, Wunnumin Lake, Moose Factory, Moosonee, Mattagami and Wahgoshig, Ontario, Canada. Research on local perceptions of mental health crises in Cree and Ojibwa communities of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation.

October, 1995; January, 1995; August-September, 1994; June-August, 1993; July-September, 1992; April, 1992. Abitibi, Québec, Canada. Research on perceptions of healing traditions and medical bureaucracy among the James Bay Cree.

November-December, 1987. Abitibi, Québec, Canada. Research on the activities and needs of the social service branch of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay.

June, 1984-April, 1985. Republic of Mali, West Africa. Doctoral dissertation research on Arabic education and Islamic Reform in Songhay Society.

EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

July 2009 – present. Chair, Department of Anthropology, McGill University.

Feb 2008 – July 2009. Professor, Department of Anthropology, McGill University.

May 2005 – Feb. 2008. Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, McGill University.

Aug 2004 – May 2005. Visiting Professor. Department of Anthropology, Mcgill University.

Nov 2003 – June 2004. Guest Researcher, Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.

Jan 2001 - June 2003 Visiting Senior Researcher, Turku Law School and the Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University, Turku/Åbo, Finland.

July 1998 - June 2000. Researcher; Health Consultant; Education Consultant, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, Cross Lake, Manitoba.

June 1998 - August 2000. Research Scholar, Department of History, University of Winnipeg.

June – August 1999. Instructor, Brandon University, Inter-Universities North program, Cross Lake, Manitoba.

July 1997 - June 1998. Associate Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University.

July 1994 - June 1997. Associate Professor of Anthropology and of Social Studies, Harvard University.

July 1989 - June 1994 Assistant Professor of Anthropology and of Social Studies, Harvard University.

January 1988 - April 1989. Part-time Lecturer, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

October 1987 - March 1988. Research Consultant, Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay.

COURSES TAUGHT

McGill University
The Anthropology of Law (Faculty of Law, McGill University, Winter 2011)
Theory 1, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2008, 2010, 2011)
Theory 2, Graduate Seminar (Winter 2010)
Legal Anthropology (Winter 2008, Winter 2009)
The History of Anthropological Thought (Fall, 2004, Fall 2006, Fall 2008)
Globalization and Cultural Identity (Winter 2005, Fall 2006)
North American Native Peoples (Winter 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
Special Topic: Indigenous Peoples (Winter 2009)
Social Change in Modern Africa (Winter 2006, 2007)
Law, Identity and Aboriginal Peoples (McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, Fall 2004)

Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University/Turku Law School, Finland.
Anthropological Approaches to the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Spring 2001).

Thule Institute, University of Oulu, Finland.
Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples (April, 2001).

Norwegian Institute of Human Rights, University of Oslo.
Culture, Identity and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (May, 200l).

Brandon University (Inter-Universities North, Cross Lake, Manitoba)
BU 68.362(3) The Fourth World: Aboriginal Peoples and Modern Nations (Summer,1999).

Harvard University
Anth. 161, Native Peoples of North America (Spring 1994, 1995; Fall 1995, 1996, 1997).
Anth. 227, Field Methods in Social Anthropology (Fall 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994; Spring 1996, 1997, 1998).
Anth. 110, Introduction to Social Anthropology (Spring 1991, 1992).
Anth. 252, African Ritual and Belief (Spring 1990).
Anth. 175r, Political Anthropology (Spring 1990).

Social Studies 98. Seminars taught under this course heading were: Autonomy without Nationhood (Spring 1997); Prophecy, Scripturalism, and Violence in the contemporary World (Spring1996; Fall 1996); Comparative Studies of Native Peoples and the State (Fall 1995); Tribe, Religion and Politics in Africa (Spring 1990); Scholars, Saints and Magicians (Fall 1989).

Social Studies 10 (Fall-Spring 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994). A lecture and seminar course for sophomores in the Social Studies concentration that involves in-depth study of some major social theorists of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and a consideration of some historical problems to which their thought can be applied.

Concordia University
Anth. 310, The Making and Unmaking of Anthropological Theory (Fall-Spring 1989).
Anth. 304, Native Peoples Today (Fall 1988).
Anth. 202, Introduction to Culture (Summer 1988).
Anth. 325, Magic, Science and Religion (Spring 1988).

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

June 2009 – present. Chair, Department of Anthropology, McGill University.

September 2007 – June 2009. Graduate Program Director, Department of Anthropology, McGill University.

October 2005 – October 2008. Research Ethics Board, McGill University.

September 2006 – Sept 2007. Acting Director, Society for Technology and Development (STANDD), McGill University.

August, 1996 - June, 1998. Social Anthropology Undergraduate Advisor, Harvard University.

July, 1989 - June, 1998. Faculty Board, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University.

July, 1996 - June, 1998. Faculty Advisor, Native American Program, Harvard University.

July, 1996 - June, 1998. Evaluation Task Force, Harvard Project on Schooling and Children.

EXPERT TESTIMONY

Massachusetts State Legislature
Harvard Law School Immigration and Refugee Clinic.
Immigration Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations, Geneva.
World Health Organization, Geneva

REFEREE FOR :

American Ethnologist
Comparative Studies in Society and History
Canadian Journal of Native Studies
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Association
Journal of Human Rights
Political and Legal Anthropology Review (POLAR)
Recherches amérindienne au Québec
The Sociological Quarterly
McGill-Queen's University Press
The University of British Columbia Press
The University of Toronto Press
The University of California Press
SUNY Press
Harvard University Press
Stanford University Press
Blackwell Publishers
The National Science Foundation
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Canada Research Chairs Program

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

In progress *Truth, Reconciliation, and Testimony: Overcoming the Legacy of Indian Residential Schools in Canada.* Under contract with the University of Toronto Press.

2010 *Public Justice and the Anthropology of Law.* Cambridge University Press. 230 pages.

2009 *The Rediscovered Self: Indigenous Identity and Cultural Justice.* Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press. 280 pages.

2008 *Defending the Land; Sovereignty and Forest Life in James Bay Cree Society*. Second edition. New York: Prentice Hall. 122 pages.

2004 *A World Beyond Difference: Cultural Identity in the Age of Globalization.* Malden, MA: Blackwell. 225 pages.

2003 *The Origins of Indigenism: Human Rights and the Politics of Identity*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press. 272 pages.

2000 *Spirit Wars: Native North American Religions in the Age of Nation Building*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press. 256 pages.

1998 *Defending the Land; Sovereignty and Forest Life in James Bay Cree Society*. Needham Heights, MA: Allyn and Bacon. 148 pages.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters:

Submitted "Gabriel Tarde's Public." *Revue d'Histoire des Sciences Humaines.*

Accepted "Internet Suicide: Communities of Affirmation and the Lethality of Communication." *Transcultural Psychiatry.*

In press "The Law's Legal Anthropology" in *Human Rights at the Crossroads*, edited by Mark Goodale. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

2011 "Human Rights and Indigenous Religions," in *Religion and Human Rights*, edited by John Witte and M. Christian Green. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

2009 "The *Aufklärung's* Human Discipline: Comparative Anthropology According to Kant, Herder and W. von Humboldt." *Intellectual History Review*. 19 (2): 177-195.

2009 "Self-Destruction as a Way of Belonging: Understanding Cluster Suicides among Aboriginal Youth in Canada." In *Healing Traditions: The Mental Health of Aboriginal Peoples*, edited by Lawrence Kirmayer and Gail Valaskakis. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.

2008 "The Global Indigenous Movement." In *Handbook of North American Indians: Indians in Contemporary Society*, edited by Garrick Bailey. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution.

2008 "Postcolonialism and the Utopian Imagination." In *Postcolonial Theory and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, edited by Philip Salzman and Donna Robinson. New York: Routledge.

2005 "Digital Identity: The Construction of Virtual Selfhood in the Indigenous Peoples' Movement." *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 45 (2): 532-551.

2003 "Culture and the Judiciary: The Meaning of the Culture Concept as a Source of Aboriginal Rights in Canada." *Canadian Journal of Law and Society*. 18 (2): 1-26.

2000 "Recognizing Indigenism: Canadian Unity and the International Movement of Indigenous Peoples". *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 40 (1): 119-148.

1997 "Healing and Conversion; Medical Evangelism in James Bay Cree Society." *Ethnohistory*. 44 (3): 463-491.

1995 R.W. Niezen and Barbro Bankson. "Women of the Jama'a Ansar al-Sunna; Female Participation in a West African Islamic Reform Movement." *Canadian Journal of African Studies*. 29 (3): 26-51.

1993 "Power and Dignity; The Social Consequences of Hydro-Electric Development for the James Bay Cree." *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology*. 30 (4): 510-529.

1993 "Telling a Message; Cree Perceptions of Custom and Administration." *Canadian Journal of Native Studies*. 13 (2): 221-250.

1991 "Hot Literacy in Cold Societies; A Comparative Study of the Sacred Value of Writing." *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 33 (2): 225-254.

1990 "The Community of Helpers of the Sunna; Islamic Reform among the Songhay of Gao (Mali)." *Africa*. 60 (3): 399-424

Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters:

2012 "Identities," in *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*, edited by George Ritzer, Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.

2011 "The Social Study of Human Rights: A Review Article." *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 53(3): 682-91.

2008 "Aboriginal and Indigenous Peoples, Treatment of." In *Encyclopedia of Law and Society*, edited by David S. Clark. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

2008 "Mali," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, edited by John Esposito. Second edition (revised). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2007 "Revival of Aboriginal culture and practices key to suicide intervention programs" *Canadian Psychiatry Aujourd'hui*. 3(1): 11,19.

2006 "The New Politics of Resistance," in *The Indigenous Experience: Global Perspectives,* edited by Roger Maaka and Chris Andersen. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press. Reprinted chapter from *The Origins of Indigenism.*

2005 "The Indigenous Claim for Recognition in the International Public Sphere." *Florida Journal of International Law.* 17(3): 583-601.

2004 "Indigenous Peoples in a Global Era." In *Globalization and Community: Canadian Perspectives on Diversity and Vitality,* edited by J.L. Chodkiewicz and R.E. Wiest. University of Manitoba Anthropology Papers 34, pp. 77-86. Winnipeg, MB: University of Manitoba, Department of Anthropology.

2000 "With the Health of a River Goes the Health of a People." *Native Americas.* Summer. Akwe:kon Press, Cornell University.

1999 "Treaty Violations and the Hydro-Payment Rebellion of Cross Lake, Manitoba." *Cultural Survival Quarterly*. Spring: 18-21.

1995 "Mali," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*., edited by John Esposito. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Reviews:

2010 Stuart Kirsch, *Reverse Anthropology: Indigenous Analysis of Social and Environmental Relations in New Guinea.* Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute.

2008 Marcel Fournier. *Marcel Mauss: A Biography.* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. American Anthropologist.

2002 Philip Deloria. *Playing Indian.* New Haven: Yale University Press. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute.

1998 Douglas Foley. *The Heartland Chronicles*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. American Ethnologist.

1997 Ernest Gellner. *Muslim Society*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Journal of Asian and African Studies. 30 (1).

1995 Elizabeth Grobsmith. *Indians in Prison; Incarcerated Native Americans in Nebraska*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press. American Ethnologist. 22 (4): 1058.

1995 Antonia Mills and Richard Slobodin (eds.). *Amerindian Rebirth; Reincarnation Belief among North American Indians and Inuit*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. American Ethnologist. 22 (4): 1058.

1995 Lee Irwin. *The Dream Seekers; Native American Visionary Traditions of the Great Plains*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press. American Ethnologist. 22 (4): 1055.

1995 Frank Speck. *Midwinter Rites of the Cayuga Longhouse*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press. American Ethnologist. 22 (4) 1057.

1995 Menno Boldt. *Surviving as Indians; The Challenge of Self-Government*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. American Ethnologist. 22 (4): 1056.

1995 Joan Mark. *The King of the World in the Land of the Pygmies*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press. Ethnohistory.

1995 Leonardo Villalon. *Islamic Society and State Power in Senegal: Disciples and Citizens in Fatick*. Cambridge: University of Cambridge Press. American Ethnologist. 22 (4): 1039.

1995 Sehepard Krech III. *Native Canadian Anthropology and History; A Selected Bibliography*. American Ethnologist. 22 (4): 1040.

1995 David Rich Lewis. *Neither Wolf Nor Dog: American Indians, Environment, and Agrarian Change*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. American Ethnologist. 22 (4): 1039.

1992 Thomas A. Hale. *Scribe, Griot, and Novelist; Narrative Interpreters of the Songhay Empire*. University of Florida Press. Journal of Religion in Africa. 22 (2): 184-186.

Reports

2011 Introduction to the Human Rights Gallery. Peer review report submitted to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

2001 Culture and the Judiciary: The Meaning of the Culture Concept as a Source of Aboriginal Rights in Canada. Report submitted to the Assembly of First Nations and the Grand Council of the Crees.

2000 Cross Lake Crisis Intervention Program; Proposal for Suicide Prevention and Intervention.

1996 Working Paper for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Mental Health Policy Development.

1995 Healing Narratives of the James Bay Cree. Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (CBHSSJB).

1993 Traditional Helping Systems and Social Services among the James Bay Cree. CBHSSJB.

1988 Ronald Niezen and Richard Saint-Jean. Le Clientèle et les Services Sociaux dans la Région 10-B. CBHSSJB.