

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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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**

The social study of law  
Information technologies and communication  
The anthropology of organizations  
Transitional and restorative justice  
Indigenous peoples, health and human rights  
History of anthropology/social theory  
Social change in Africa

### **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**

English (native language); French (fluent); German (proficient); Italian (proficient); Spanish (reading); Dutch (reading); Cree, “N” dialect (elementary speaking and syllabic literacy); Arabic (intro to Modern Standard).

## **EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS**

June 2020 - Present. Professor of Anthropology, McGill University.

Aug. 2013 – May 2020. Katharine A. Pearson Chair in Civil Society and Public Policy. Faculty of Law and Department of Anthropology, McGill University.

July 2018 – June 2019. William Lyon Mackenzie King Visiting Professor in Canadian Studies, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University.

July 2009 – Sept. 2012. Chair, Department of Anthropology, McGill University.

Feb 2008 – Aug. 2013. 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 – 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. Course Instructor, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

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

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books:**

In progress. Ronald Niezen and Sarah Federman, eds. *Victims and/or Perpetrators: Justice and Identity in the Aftermath of Mass Atrocity*. Proposal submitted to and approved by Cambridge University Press.

In press *#HumanRights: The Technologies and Politics of Justice Claims in Practice*. Stanford University Press (to appear July 2020).

2017 *Truth and Indignation: Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools*. Second Edition. University of Toronto Press.

2017 Co-edited with Maria Sapignoli. *Palaces of Hope: The Anthropology of Global Organizations*. Cambridge University Press.

2013 *Truth and Indignation: Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools*. University of Toronto Press. 165 pages.

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:**

- Under review “The Predicament of Expertise in the Revival of Indigenous Legal Traditions.” *Law & Anthropology*. Special issue, Anthropological Expertise in Legal Practice, Marie-Claire Foblets, Brian Donahoe, and Maria Sapignoli, eds.
- 2017 “Speaking for the Dead: The Memorial Politics of Genocide in Namibia and Germany.” *International Journal of Heritage Studies*. 24(5): 547-567.
- 2017 “The Future of the Anthropology of Law,” in Rita Kesselring, Elif Babül, Mark Goodale, Tobias Kelly, Ronald Niezen, Maria Sapignoli, and Richard Ashby Wilson. *The Future of Anthropology of Law. Emergent Conversation. PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review Online*, 10 February 2017, <https://polarjournal.org/2017/02/10/emergent-conversations-part-6/>
- 2016 “Templates and Exclusions: Victim Centrist in Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools.” *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. 22: 920-938.
- 2016 “Comment” on Christine Folch, “The Nature of Sovereignty in the Anthropocene: Hydroelectric Lessons of Struggle, Otherness, and Economics from Paraguay.” *Current Anthropology*. 57(5): 565-585
- 2015 “The Durkheim-Tarde Debate and the Social Study of Aboriginal Youth Suicide.” *Transcultural Psychiatry*. 52(1): 96-114.
- 2014 “Gabriel Tarde’s Publics.” *History of the Human Sciences*. 27(2): 41-59.
- 2014 “Les connaissances stratégiques en anthropologie militante.” *Aporia*. 6(2) : 49-58.
- 2014 Ronald Niezen and Marie-Pierre Gadoua. Témoignage et histoire dans la commission de vérité et de réconciliation du Canada. *Canadian Journal of Law and Society*. 29(1) : 21-42. (Awarded the CLSA French Article Prize, 2015.)

- 2013 "Internet Suicide: Communities of Affirmation and the Lethality of Communication." *Transcultural Psychiatry*. 50(2): 303-322.
- 2009 "The *Aufklärung's* Human Discipline: Comparative Anthropology According to Kant, Herder and W. von Humboldt." *Intellectual History Review*. 19(2): 177-195.
- 2008 "Comment" in B. Donahoe and J. O. Habeck. "Size and Place in the Construction of Indigeneity in the Russian Federation." *Current Anthropology*. 49(6): 993-1020.
- 2005 "Digital Identity: The Construction of Virtual Selfhood in the Indigenous Peoples' Movement." *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 45(2): 532-551.
- 2005 "The Indigenous Claim for Recognition in the International Public Sphere." *Florida Journal of International Law*. 17(3): 583-601.
- 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.
- 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.

## Peer Reviewed Chapters

- In press Maria Sapignoli and Ronald Niezen. Global Legal Institutions. In *The Oxford Handbook of Law and Anthropology*, Marie-Claire Foblets, Mark Goodale, Maria Sapignoli, and Olaf Zenker, eds. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- In press Human Rights as Therapy: The Healing Paradigms of Transitional Justice. In *The Subject of Human Rights*. Danielle Celermajer and Alexandre Lefebvre (eds.) Stanford University Press.
- 2019 “Street Justice: Grievance and Claims-Making in Urban Public Space,” In *Everyday Justice*. Sandra Brunnegger, ed. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- 2018 Power, Anthropological Approaches. *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- 2017 Internet Suicide and Communities of Affirmation,” in *Cybercrime and its Victims*, Elena Martellozzo and Daniel Nehring, eds. New York: Routledge.
- 2017 “Il volto pubblico dell’ingiustizia: attivismo indigeno e insurrezioni Tuareg in Mali.” *Popoli Indigeni in Africa: Articolazioni Globali, Locali e Nazionali*, Maria Sapignoli and Robert K. Hitchcock, eds. Milan: UNICOPLI.
- 2017 “Collective Rights and the Construction of Heritage.” In *Archaeologies of ‘us’ and ‘them’ – debating the ethics and politics of ethnicity and indigeneity in archaeology and heritage discourse*, Charlotta Hillerdal, Anna Karlström, Carl-Gösta Ojala, eds. New York: Routledge.
- 2017 “Foreword.” In *Indian Residential Schools in the Age of Reconciliation in Canada*. Brieg Capitaine and Karine Vanthuyne, eds. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.
- 2012 “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 "Suicide 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.

#### **Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters:**

- 2017 Is the United Nations Broken? Anthropologists turned the U.N. into a field site. Their studies highlight the U.N.'s fragility, but we shouldn't give up on the organization just yet. *SAPIENS*. 1 November. Wenner Gren Foundation. <http://www.sapiens.org>.
- 2016 Taking a Wide View on Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools: What the survivors of human rights abuses can (and can't) tell us about the violence committed by states. *SAPIENS*. Wenner Gren Foundation. <http://www.sapiens.org>.
- 2015 Inquiry into violence against indigenous women needs teeth. *Toronto Star*. Wednesday, December 23. <http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2015/12/23/inquiry-into-violence-against-indigenous-women-needs-teeth.html>.
- 2015 "The Limits of Truth Telling: Victim-Centrism in Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools." *Allegra Lab*. <http://allegralaboratory.net/the-limits-of-truth-telling-victim-centrism-in-canadas-truth-and-reconciliation-commission-on-indian-residential-schools-transitionaljustice/>.
- 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*.
- 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:**

- 2013 Violence and Un-Civil Society in Côte d'Ivoire: A Review Essay. *Anthropologica*. 55: 227-240.
- 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 Shepard 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.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2020-2023 SSHRC Insight Grant, “The International Criminal Court and the Advent of Open Source Intelligence.” Total: \$79,500.
- 2020-2022 Reference Group member, Expectations, Truth and Reconciliation in a Democratic Welfare State: The Indigenous Sami and the Kven/Norwegian Finns Minority in Norway (TRUCOM). Elin Skaar (PI), Hans-Kristian Hernes, Eva Josefsen, Else Grete Broderstad, Research Council of Norway, 6,000,000 kr (\$718,800 CDN).
- 2012 -2019 Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in the Anthropology of Law.
- 2011-2016 SSHRC Insight Grant. “A Longitudinal Study of Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools. Total: \$111,000
- 2016 Award for Distinction in Research, Faculty of Arts, McGill University.
- 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

- 2005-2012 Tier 1 Canada Research Chair on the Comparative Study of Indigenous Rights and Identity.
- 2005 Canada Foundation for Innovation, Infrastructure Fund; \$450,000
- 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.

## **RESEARCH**

July 2019 – present. Online and institutional ethnography of new information technologies in international criminal law.

May – July 2018; June – Aug 2019. Paris, France. Archival and ethnographic research on claims and communications technologies of expatriate Tuareg human rights activists from Mali and Niger.

August 2016; June – September 2017. Berlin, Germany. Archival and ethnographic research on justice claims of Herero and Nama descendants of survivors of genocide in German Southwest Africa, 1904-1908. Exploration of repatriation to Namibia of human remains from German research institutions. Interviews with activists advocating for reparations and other forms of redress relating to atrocities committed in German Southwest Africa.

July – September 2015. Namibia. Research on justice claims of Herero and Nama descendants of survivors of genocide in German Southwest Africa, 1904-1908.

September 2009 – May 2016. Canada. Research on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Residential Schools in Canada. Ethnography of seven Commission events; interviews with Aboriginal participants and Oblate priests and nuns; online research on TRC media outreach and “Survivor” activism.

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.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **McGill University**

Foundations of Law (Faculty of Law, Fall 2017-Winter 2018; Fall-Winter 2019-2020)

Legal Anthropology (Winter 2008, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

Restorative Justice (Faculty of Law, Fall 2014, Winter 2016, 2017, 2018)

The Anthropology of Organizations, graduate seminar (Dept. of Anthropology Winter, Fall 2016)

The Anthropology of Law (Faculty of Law, McGill University, Winter 2011, 2014, 2016)

Indigenous Peoples and the Anthropology of Law (Faculty of Law, Department of Anthropology, Winter 2014)

Theory 1, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2008, 2010, 2011)

Theory 2, Graduate Seminar (Winter 2010)

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, 2001).

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

**Harvard University**

Anthro 1634, Indigeneity, Rights, and the Politics of Identity (Spring 2019)  
Anthro 1604, The Anthropology of Law (Fall 2018)  
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 (Spring 1996; 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 AND ACTIVITIES**

May 2017 – present. University Senate, Faculty of Arts representative, McGill University. Elected appointment.

July 2016 – present. With Sébastien Jodoin, Social Study of Law Workshop, Faculties of Law and of Arts, McGill University.

June 2013 – present. University Tenure Committee, McGill University.

September 2016 – July 2017 Task Force on Indigenous Peoples, Faculty of Law, McGill University.

August 2015 – 2016; 2017-2018; 2019-2020. Admissions Committee, Faculty of Law, McGill University.

June 2013 – August 2019 Scientific Review Board, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.

June 2013 – August 2015. Graduate Committee, Faculty of Law, McGill University.

June 2009 – Sept. 2012. 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  
United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York  
World Health Organization, Geneva

## **REFEREE FOR (inter alia):**

*American Anthropologist*  
*American Ethnologist*  
*American Journal of Comparative Law*  
*Comparative Studies in Society and History*  
*Canadian Journal of Native Studies*  
*International Journal of Heritage Studies*  
*International Journal of Transitional Justice*  
*Journal of the Royal Anthropological Association*  
*Journal of Human Rights*  
*Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)*  
*Recherches amérindienne au Québec*  
*The Sociological Quarterly*  
*Transcultural Psychiatry*

Duke University Press  
McGill-Queen's University Press  
New York 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

## **Invited lectures and conference papers (2013-2019)**

### **2019**

Belling the Cat: The Ethnography of War Crimes Investigation in an Age of Surveillance Capitalism and Misinformation. Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, 21 October 2019.

Prosecuting War Crimes Through Open Source Intelligence. Sciences Po Lille Summer School, 17 July 2019.

Media War: Tuareg Insurgency and Human Rights Activism in Mali. University of Baltimore. 6 March 2019.

Tracking Herero and Nama Justice Claims from Namibia to Germany. Harvard University. African Studies Workshop. 25 March 2019.

Media War: Insurgency and Justice Claims in the Central Sahara. Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs; Cultural Politics: Interdisciplinary Perspectives. 8 April 2019.

Emotions of Persuasion: The Politics of Truth Commissions in Canada and Tunisia. Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs; Victims and Perpetrators in the Aftermath of Mass Atrocity. 6 May 2019.

Speaking for the Dead: Herero and Nama Repatriation Claims. Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. 1 June 2019.

### **2018**

Global Legal Institutions. 1 December, 2018. Oxford Handbook of Law & Anthropology Conference, Berlin. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology.

Street Justice: Graffiti and Claims Making in Urban Public Space. 18 October 2018. University of Baltimore.

Human Rights as Therapy: The Healing Paradigms of Transitional Justice in Canada. 3 October 2018. WeatherHead Center For International Affairs, Harvard University.

State Centrism and the Ethnography of the United Nations. 18-20 June 2018. Keynote, Researching the United Nations, University of Geneva.

Speaking for the Dead: Transnational Activism and Herero/Nama Genocide Claims. 5 July 2018. 6<sup>th</sup> INOGS Global Conference on Genocide, Aix-Marseille Université, Faculté de Médecine.



Testimony and Trauma in Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools. 7 March 2018. University of Baltimore.

Speaking for the Dead: The Memorial Politics of Genocide in Namibia and Germany. University of Essex, 19 January 2018.

## **2017**

Speaking for the Dead: Public Claims-Making and Recognition of the Herero/Nama Genocide. 2 December 2017. American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

Indigenous Peoples in Global Organizations: Human Rights and the Politics of Difference. 29 November 2017. Lampert Institute for Human Rights, Colgate University.

The Spoils of Empire and NAGPRA: Lessons from US Repatriation Struggles Prussian Colonial Heritage. 14 October 2017. NGO Conference, Prussian Colonial Heritage: Sacred Objects and Human Remains in Berlin Museums., Berlin.

Indigenous Legal Traditions: The Dilemmas of Legibility. 30 March 2017. CREOR, McGill Centre for Research on Religion.

## **2016**

Templates and Exclusions in Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools. 9 February 2016. Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.

Representing History in Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools. 19 March 2016. Keynote address, iSchool Student Conference, Defying Conventions: Innovative Perspectives in the Information Field, University of Toronto.

Truth and Reconciliation: Challenges Facing the University. 30 March 2016. Faculty of Law, McGill University.

Inherent Jurisdiction Lawmaking in Northern Canada. 22 June 2016. Anthropological Expertise in Legal Practice, Max Plack Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.

Responding to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools. 19 August 2016. Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico.

## **2015**

Liberation from the Past: Victim Centrism in Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools. 19 January 2015. Ronning Centre, University of Alberta.

Justice Claims in the Everyday: Indignation and Outreach in the Era of Humanity. 7 February 2015. Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities (CRASSH) Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK.

The Other Anthropology of Law: Legal Knowledge and the UN's Ethnological Imagination. 30 April 2015. Workshop, Palaces of Hope: The Anthropology Global Institutions, Department of Anthropology and the Faculty of Law, McGill University.

Inherent Jurisdiction Law Making and Hunting Societies. 10 September 2015. Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS). Vienna, Austria.

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Gabriel Tarde's Publics and the Ethnography of Human Rights. 6 December 2014. AAA Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

The Limits of Truth-Telling: Reflections on a Victim-Centered Truth and Reconciliation Commission. 8 December 2014. Institut des sciences sociales, Laboratoire d'anthropologie, Université de Lausanne, Switzerland.

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## **2013**

Rights Claims and the Construction of Heritage. 15 January 2013. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual World Archaeology Conference (WAC7), Amman Jordan.

Human Rights NGOs and Strategies of Public Justice in Sub-Saharan Africa. 21 January 2013. Department of Anthropology, University of Tokyo.

Public Justice and the Comparative Study of Indigenous Rights and Identity. 23 January 2013. Department of Anthropology, University of Kyoto.

Justice Lobbying and the Politics of Indigenous Identity in Africa and the Americas. 11 April 2013. Philosophische Fakultät, University of Cologne, Germany.

Human Rights Confessionals: Configurations of Injustice and Identity in Apologies and Truth Commissions. 19 April 2013. Native Residential Schools in Quebec: Legacies for Research, Université de Montréal.

The Reverse Epistemology of Human Rights Activism. 2 June 2013. Law and Society Association Meeting, Boston.

Collective Rights and the Construction of Heritage. 25 October 2013. Keynote address. International Workshop, Archaeologies of 'Us' and 'Them', University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden.