

## A&S ACADEMIC PERSONNEL CURRICULUM VITAE

### NAME

Ruth Toulson

### ADDRESS

University of Wyoming

### PHONE

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### EDUCATION

- 2009      Ph.D Social Anthropology  
University of Cambridge. Newnham College  
Pockets in Shrouds: Death and Desire in Contemporary Singapore
- 2001      M.Phil Social Anthropology  
University of Cambridge, Newnham College
- 2000      BA Social Anthropology  
University of Cambridge. Newnham College

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- (2010— )    Assistant Professor, Cultural Anthropology, Department of  
Anthropology, University of Wyoming
- (2007—2010) Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of  
Sociology/Anthropology, Denison University, Granville, Ohio.
- (2005—2007) Visiting Instructor, Department of Anthropology. Brigham Young  
University, Utah
- (2004)      Visiting Summer Lecturer, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- (2003—2004) Graduate Supervisor, University of Cambridge
- (2002—2003) National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute  
Visiting Scholar

### CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION

60 % Teaching 30 % Research 5 % Service   % Admin 5 % Advising

### TEACHING

<u>Year</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Course No./Title</u>	<u>Cr. Hrs.</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
2010	Fall	2000 - Intro. to Linguistic Anthropology	3	35
2010_	Fall	4020/5005 Childhood in Cross Cultural	3	13

## PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

### **In Preparation:**

Toulson, R. E. "Necessary Mistakes: Reconciling the Unsettled Dead and the Imagined State in Singapore. In *Reconceptualizing Power in Southeast Asia*. Chua, Cook and Long, eds. London: Routledge (Refereed)

## PUBLISHED WORKS

### **Other:**

Toulson, R. E. "Book Review of 'The Anthropology of Childhood,' by David Lancy. *Ethos: Journal of Psychological Anthropology*. (To appear 2011, 39:2 edition)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### **Memberships in professional societies**

Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute (Elected)

Member of the American Anthropological Association

### **Manuscript Refereeing**

Reviewer – *Ethos: The Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2010 **Basic Research Grant**, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Wyoming. \$2,500 for Ethnographic Research in Singapore in 2010.
- 2009 **Mellon Foundation** grant for professional development (advanced language study).
- 2005 **Ling Roth Studentship**, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge.
- 2001 - 2004 **William Wyse Scholarship**, Trinity College, Cambridge. Full Fees, Field Work and Maintenance.
- 2001 - 2004 **Domestic Research Studentship**, University of Cambridge. Full Fees and Maintenance (Declined in favor of William Wyse Scholarship).
- 2000 - 2004 **Royalton Kisch Scholarship**, Newnham College, Cambridge, (Declined fees and maintenance in favor of William Wyse Scholarship; retained honorarium).

- 2002 - 2003 Field Work Funding: **Evans Scholarships, Smuts Memorial Scholarship, Richards Fund Studentship.**
- 2000 - 2001 Full Studentship, **Economic and Social Science Research Council.**

**PAPERS PRESENTED/SYMPOSIA/INVITED**  
**LECTURES/PROFESSIONALMEETINGS/WORKSHOPS**

- 2010 "A Culturally Particular Trauma: The Circulation of Psychiatric Diagnostic Categories in Singapore." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2010
- 2009 "The Anthropology of a Necessary Mistake." Invited paper, Re-conceptualizing Power in Southeast Asia. University of Cambridge, Cambridge Research Series in Social Sciences and Humanities, March 2009.
- 2008 "Stealing the Food of the Gods: Madness, Kinship and Cake in Singapore." Chowder Hour, Denison University, September 2008.
- 2008 "Vampire Children and the Unsettled Spirits in Contemporary Singapore." Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness Spring Meeting, New Haven, March 2008.
- 2007 "The Troubling Dead: Ancestors and Anxiety in the Air-conditioned Nation." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 2007.
- 2007 "Chinese Vampires and the Haunting Child." Global Studies Seminar Series, Denison University, November 2007.
- 2006 "If the Bank of Hell had a Monetary Policy, what would it be?" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, November 2006. Session Chair.
- 2006 "Teen Angst and The Ancestors: Teenage Girls, Their Mothers and the Battle for the Dead in Contemporary Singapore." Women's Speaker Series, invited lecture. Women's Research Institute, Brigham Young University, Utah, November 2006.
- 2005 "Anthropology of a Rumor. Brigham Young University Anthropology Club. November 2005.
- 2005 "Taking it with you: Mercedes Benz, Chinese Funeral Goods and the Dollar." Regional Schools Conference, Sussex, March 2005.
- 2004 "Taking it with you: Mercedes Benz, Chinese Funeral Goods and the Dollar" Newnham College, 'Pudding Seminar' March 2004.

2003 Magic and Myth in Contemporary Singapore: Anthropologically Familiar Themes for an Unexpectedly Enchanted Ethnography”, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Convention of Asia Scholars, Singapore, 19-22 August.

### COMMITTEES

Faculty Senate (2010 – ongoing)

Wyoming Anthropology Association (Student Club), Faculty Mentor