

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. The University of Michigan, 1983, Anthropology
- M.A. The University of Michigan, 1978, Anthropology
- B.A. Bucknell University, 1975, Geology, English with Honors,
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CURRENT POSITION

Professor
Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming

RESEARCH

- 2000- 2004 with Michael Harkin, supervision of ethnohistorical research on Wyoming national forests and Powder River Basin. Funding from U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management.
- 1993- Survey of Mikea, part-time foragers of southwestern Madagascar, in collaboration
1995 with Robert L. Kelly. Funding from Wenner-Gren Foundation, Leakey Foundation, National Geographic Foundation, University of Cincinnati, Taft Memorial Fund, University of Louisville. Fieldwork in Madagascar summers of 1993 and 1994; archival research in France 1995.
- 1990- Comparative study of the ethnohistory and impact of World War II in Micronesia, funded
1991 by National Endowment for the Humanities. Five months of field research in Chuuk and Yap States, Federated States of Micronesia.
- 1989 Ethnographic documentation of cultural attributes, Maloelap Atoll, and study of cultural and historic preservation issues, Republic of the Marshall Islands; for Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation.
- 1989 Ethnohistoric research and evaluation of religious and cultural concerns, Navajo

Reservation, Mexican Springs Chapter; for Zuni Archaeology Program.

- 1986 Archival research, Honolulu, Hawaiian Mission Children's Society archives, Hamilton Library's Pacific collection; study of 19th-century missionary activity in Eastern Caroline Islands.
- 1979-1980 Sapwuahfik (formerly Ngatik Atoll), Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia; twenty months of fieldwork on social organization, ethnohistory, and cultural identity.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Books

- 2008 with Suzanne Falgout and Laurence M. Carucci
Memories of War: Micronesians in the Pacific War. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
- 2002 with A. Strathern, P. Steward, L. M. Carucci, R. Feinberg, and C. Macpherson
Oceania: An Introduction to the Cultures and Identities of Pacific Islanders. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.
- 2001 with Suzanne Falgout and Laurence M. Carucci
The Typhoon of War: Micronesian Experiences of the Pacific War. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
A Choice Outstanding Academic Title, 2001
Nominee, Ka Palapala Po'okela Award (Hawaii Book Publishers Association)
- 1993 The Ngatik Massacre: History and Identity on a Micronesian Atoll. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press.
- 1990 co-edited with Jocelyn Linnekin
Cultural Identity and Ethnicity in the Pacific. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

2. Articles and Chapters

- 2010, with Suzanne Falgout and Laurence M. Carucci, "Micronesia's Wartime Generation: Experiences and Memories." Journal of Aging, Humanities, and the Arts 4(4):1-23.
- 2008, "Chuukese Experiences in the Pacific War." Journal of Pacific History 43(2):223-238.
- 2006, with Robert L. Kelly and Bram Tucker, "Mobility and Houses in Southwestern Madagascar: Ethnoarchaeology among the Mikea and Their Neighbors. In Archaeology and Ethnoarchaeology of Mobility, R. Greaves and F. Sellet (editors), University of Florida Press, pp. 75-107.
- 2005, "An Ethnoarchaeological Study of Mobility, Architectural Investment, and Food Sharing

- among Madagascar's Mikea." American Anthropologist 107(3):403-416.
- 2004 "Dimensions of Hunger in Wartime: Chuuk Lagoon, 1943-1945." Food and Foodways 12 (2-3):137-164.
- 2003 "Revitalization in Wartime Micronesia." In Reassessing Revitalization, edited by Michael Harkin, University of Nebraska Press.
- with Suzanne Falgout and Laurence M. Carucci
- 2003 "The Impact of the Pacific War on Modern Micronesian Identity." In Victoria Lockwood, ed., Globalization and Culture Change in the Pacific Islands. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.
- 2000 "Sociocultural Anthropology." In Encyclopedia of Sociology Rev. Ed., edited by Edgar F. Borgatta and Rhonda J.V. Montgomery. MacMillan Library Reference.
- with Robert L. Kelly
- 2000 "The Mystification of the Mikea." Journal of Anthropological Research 56:163-185.
- with Robert L. Kelly
- 1999 *Comment on Salzman, "Is Inequality Universal?"* Current Anthropology 40:49.
- with Robert Kelly and Jean-Francois Rabedimy,
- 1999 "Mikea," pp. 215-219 in The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of Hunters and Gatherers, edited by Richard B. Lee and Richard Daly.
- 1999 "Ethnicity and Identity in Micronesia," pp. 197-223 in American Anthropology and Micronesia, edited by Robert C. Kiste and Mac Marshall. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
- 1995 "Yapese Experiences of the Pacific War." Isla: A Journal of Micronesian Studies 3(2), Dry Season: 223-255.
- with Suzanne Falgout and Laurence M. Carucci
- 1995 "'The Greatest Hardship': Micronesian Memories of World War II. Isla: A Journal of Micronesian Studies 3(2), Dry Season:203-221.
- 1993 "Egalitarianism in the Face of Hierarchy." Journal of Anthropological Research 49(2):111-133.
- 1992 "Defining History Across Cultures: Insider and Outsider Contrasts." Invited article, inaugural issue, Isla: A Journal of Micronesian Studies 1(1):73-89.
- 1991 "Micronesian Experiences of the War in the Pacific." In Remembering the Pacific War, ed. by G. White, University of Hawaii Center for Pacific Islands Studies Occasional Papers, pp. 79-89.
- 1991 "Maintaining Egalitarianism: Social Equality on a Micro-nesian Atoll." In Between

Bands and States, ed. by S. Gregg, Center for Archaeological Investigation, Southern Illinois University, Occasional Paper No. 9, pp. 359-375.

- 1990 "Introduction," with Jocelyn Linnekin. In Cultural Identity and Ethnicity in the Pacific, edited by J. Linnekin and L. Poyer. Honolulu: U. of Hawaii Press.
- 1990 "Being Sapwuahfik: Cultural and Ethnic Identity in a Micronesian Society." In Cultural Identity and Ethnicity in the Pacific, edited by J. Linnekin and L. Poyer. Honolulu: U. of Hawaii Press.
- 1989 "Echoes of Massacre: Recollections of World War II on Sapwuahfik." In The Pacific Theater: Island Representations of World War II, edited by M. Lindstrom and G. White. Honolulu: U. of Hawaii Press.
- 1988 "History, Identity, and Christian Evangelism: The Sapwuahfik Massacre." Ethnohistory 35(3):209-33.
- 1988 "Maintaining 'Otherness': Sapwuahfik Cultural Identity." American Ethnologist 15(3):472-85.
- 1985 "The Ngatik Massacre." The Journal of Pacific History XX 1-2(1):4-22.

3. Research Reports

- 1990 Final Report, Ethnography Component, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Micronesian Resources Study; Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation.
- 1989 "Ethnohistory," in N30/N31 Project, Navajo Reservation; Mark Sant, project director, Zuni Archaeology Program.

4. Book Reviews

- 2010 Review of Glenn Petersen, *Traditional Micronesian Societies: Adaptation, Integration, and Political Organization*. For The Contemporary Pacific 22(2):495-499.
- 2005 Review of Toon van Meijl and Jelle Miedema (eds.), *Shifting Images of Identity in the Pacific*. For Journal of Pacific Studies 28(2):366-368.
- 2003 Review of Thomas, *In Oceania: Visions, Artifacts, Histories*. Ethnohistory Fall 2003 50(4):782-783.
- 2003 Review of White, Fujitani, and Yoneyama, eds., *Perilous Memories: The Asia-Pacific War(s)*. The Contemporary Pacific Spring 2003:205-208.
- 2002 "Recent Theory in Highland New Guinea." Review Essay of Stewart and Strathern, Identity Work: Constructing Pacific Lives, Strathern and Stewart, Arrow Talk:

- Transaction, Transition, and Contradiction in New Guinea Highlands History, and Stewart and Strathern, Humors and Substances: Ideas of the Body in New Guinea. American Anthropologist 104(3):964-967.
- 2000 Review of Hanlon, Remaking Micronesia: Discourses over Development in a Pacific Territory. Pacific Studies 22(1):123-126.
- 1999 Review of Wassmann, Pacific Answers to Western Hegemony: Cultural Practices of Identity Construction. Journal of the Polynesian Society.
- 1997 Review of Finnegan and Orbell, South Pacific Oral Traditions. J. of the Royal Anthropological Institute 3 (2): 410-11.
- 1997 Review of Hezel, Strangers in their Own Land: A Century of Colonial Rule in the Caroline and Marshall Islands. The Contemporary Pacific 9(1):272-274.
- 1996 Review of White, Identity Through History: Living Stories in a Solomon Islands Society. Pacific Studies 19(1):148-156.
- 1995 Review of Damas, Bountiful Island: A Study of Land Tenure on a Micronesian Atoll. Pacific Studies 18(3):159-61.
- 1993 Review of Kelly, A Politics of Virtue: Hinduism, Sexuality, and Countercolonial Discourse in Fiji. Journal of American Folklore 106(422):507-8.
- 1989 Review of Peattie, Nan'yo: The Rise and Fall of the Japanese in Micronesia. Invited for inaugural issue, The Contemporary Pacific 1:196-98.
- 1988 Review of Borofsky, Making History. Ethnohistory 35(2):197-99.
- 1988 Review of Ushijima and Sudo, eds. Cultural Uniformity and Diversity in Micronesia. American Ethnologist 15(4):802.
- 1987 Review of Peoples, Island in Trust: Culture Change and Dependence in a Micronesian Economy. American Ethnologist 14:810-12.

5. Presented Papers

- 2005 "World War II in Micronesia," Department of Anthropology, University of Radbout, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.
- 1999 "Revitalization in Wartime Micronesia." Invited session, American Ethnological Society, "Reassessing Revitalization," organized by Michael Harkin, American Anthropological Association meetings, November 1999, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1994 "Ethnoarchaeology among the Mikea of Southwestern Madagascar," with Robert L. Kelly. Association for Africanist Archaeology, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 1993 "The Study of Ethnicity in American Micronesia." Invited paper, "Anthropology in Micronesia" conference, Pacific Islands Studies Center, University of Hawaii.

- October.
- 1993 "Report of a survey of the Mikea region/Rapport de mission chez les Mikea," with Robert L. Kelly. Institut de Civilisations, Musee d'Art et d'Archaeo-logie, Universite d'Antananarivo, Madagascar. August.
- 1993 "An historical narrative from Ngatik." Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Kona, Hawaii. March.
- 1991 "Micronesian Memories of the Pacific War." Invited speaker, East-West Center, Institute of Culture and Communication seminar, Honolulu. With Laurence Carucci and Suzanne Falgout.
- 1990 "Defining History Across Cultures: Islander and Outsider Contrasts." Invited paper, "Island Historiography," Pacific History Association, Guam.
- 1989 "The Sapwuahfik Massacre: History and Identity on a Micronesian Island," School of American Research colloquium, Santa Fe, NM.
- 1989 "Reproducing Equality and Inequality: Stable Cycles and Linear Change," Presented at the 1989 meeting of the American Ethnological Association, Santa Fe, NM.
- 1988 "Egalitarianism in the Face of Hierarchy: Social Equality on a Micronesian Atoll," Invited paper, Visiting Scholars Conference: "Between Bands and States", Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University.
- 1988 "Micronesian Experiences of the War in the Pacific." Invited paper, 1988 Conference: "Cultural Encounters in the Pacific War," East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 1987 "Identity as 'Otherness': A Micronesian Example." Presented at the 1987 meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 1985 "Being Ngatikese." Presented at the 1985 meeting, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania.
- 1985 "Echoes of Massacre." Presented at the 1985 meeting, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania.
- 1984 "The Ngatik Massacre: 'Rashomon Effect' of Historic and Oral Accounts." Presented at 1984 meeting, American Anthropological Association.
- 1984 "Ethnoethnography." Presented at 1984 meeting, Northeastern Anthropological Association.
- 1983 "On the Relevance of Ethnicity to the Pacific: A Micronesian Example." Presented at 1983 meeting, American Anthropological Association.
- 1982 "A History Formed by Christian Ideology: The Ngatik Massacre." Presented at "Translations of Christianity" symposium, American Anthropological Association.

6. Symposia Organized

- 1998-99 Co-Chair, with Amy K. Stillman (U. Of Michigan), "Love Songs," Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania.
- 1992-5 Co-Chair, with John Terrell (Field Museum), "Representations of the Past in the Pacific," Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania.
- 1985-87 Co-Chair, "Cultural Identity in Oceania" symposium, ASAO.

7. Public Outreach on Anthropological Themes

- 2005 "World War II Ethnohistory of Micronesia," Friends of the George C. Frison

- Institute and WAPA meeting, Laramie.
- 1991 Interview, "Talking History," Australian Broadcasting Company. Topic: Pacific Islanders and World War II.
- 1989 "Barbie: The Quintessential Bimbo?" Christian Science Monitor, April 14.
- 1988 "It's Racist to call them the Redskins." Baltimore Evening Sun, August 9.
- 1987 "How Word Knowledge Can Liberate." Cleveland Plain Dealer, April 7.
- 1986 "Change the Metaphor." Baltimore Sun, February 25.
- 1983 "On Teaching Anthropology." The Humanist, May/June.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND FUNDING

- 2001-03 US Forest Service, "USDA Forest Service Ethnohistorical Survey of National Forests in Wyoming," with Michael Harkin and Audrey Shalinsky, \$146,000
- 2001-03 Bureau of Land Management, "BLM Documentary Overview of Ethnohistoric and Ethnographic Resources - Powder River Basin," with Michael Harkin and Audrey Shalinsky, \$100,000
- 2000 Task Order, "Ethnohistory of the Powder River Basin," Bureau of Land Management, with Michael Harkin and Audrey Shalinsky; \$25,000
- 1996 Taft Research Grant, University of Cincinnati, \$4,800, for work on ms. "Micronesian Experiences of the Pacific War"
- 1994 University Research Council, University of Cincinnati, \$5000, for Madagascar research
- 1993 L.S.B. Leakey Foundation, with Robert L. Kelly, \$5075, for preliminary Madagascar research
- 1993 Taft Research Grant, University of Cincinnati, \$5500, for preliminary Madagascar research
- 1991 Taft Grant-in-Aid, University of Cincinnati, travel grant for archival research, \$1650
- 1990 Project Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Interpretive Research Grant, \$133,758; with Suzanne Falgout and Laurence Carucci
- 1985 Colby College Social Science Grant, \$2000
- 1979-1980 National Institute of Mental Health Predoctoral Research Fellowship, \$9000
- 1975-1978 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND PAST SERVICE

Regional Editorial Board, Identity: An International Journal of Theory and Research

Advisory Board, Journal of Baha'i Studies

American Anthropological Association

American Ethnological Society

AAA American Anthropologist Archives program (student writing to website)

Manuscript and grant proposal reviews for American Ethnologist, American Anthropologist, The Contemporary Pacific, Isla, Ethnohistory, Pacific Studies, Pacific Affairs, JRAI Food and Foodways, University of Hawaii Press, Waveland Press, Kent State University Press, Wenner-Gren Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Marsden Fund (New Zealand), National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives

Past positions:

Chair, 1996-7, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania

Board of Directors, 1995-98, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania

Advisory Board, Isla: A Journal of Micronesian Studies

1991 East-West Center Visiting Fellow, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

Member, American National Committee, Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation

Board of Editors, Ethnohistory

Member, Pacific Islands Scholars Fund Committee, Association for Social Anthropology
in Oceania

Editorial Board, Association for Social Anthropology in Micronesia Monograph Series

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Current: Professor, University of Wyoming

1997- Associate Professor, University of Wyoming

1990-1996 Assistant Professor, Associate Professor

1992-1996 Director of Graduate Studies

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

1988-90 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Louisville, Louisville KY

1985-86 Visiting Assistant Professor, Colby College, Waterville ME

1983-85 Visiting Assistant Professor, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

1979 Instructor, Community College of Micronesia, Kolonia, Pohnpei

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Anthropology

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Ethnohistory

Symbolic Anthropology

Pacific Islands Cultures

The Concept of Culture

Anthropology of Religion

Social Organization

Ethnographic Methods

Ecological Anthropology

Human Cultures and the Natural World

History of Anthropological Theory

Patterns of Subsistence

Graduate Culture Theory

Anthropology and Global Issues

Seminar: Anthropology of Elites

Highlights of service at the University of Wyoming:

Current A&S Central Committee
 International Studies Committee
 Anthropology Department Career Presentations

Highlights of past service:

College of Arts & Sciences Honors Committee
Member, Faculty Senate ad hoc hearing committee pursuant to UniReg 801,
 Procedures for Dismissal of Faculty Members (2006)
College of Arts & Sciences Tenure and Promotion committee (replacement, 2005)
University Tenure and Promotion Committee
A & S Extraordinary Merit in Advising Award (1999-2000)
International Studies Committee
Anthropology Department Career Presentations
Wind River Initiative
Wyoming Archaeological Society Fall Workshop (1999)

MA Thesis committees (University of Wyoming only):

Cara Durr (current, International Studies)
Katherine Strand (2011, cultural anthropology, chair)
Danielle Jensen (2011, cultural anthropology)
Margaret Hetzgar (current; Communication & Journalism)
Kate Maxfield (2000, cultural anthropology)
Gina Swanson (1999, sociology)
Jennifer Coltellino (cultural anthropology)

PhD committees (completed)

2006, Jason Nieusma, University of Wyoming, Department of Psychology
2005, Louise Thoonen, University of Radboud, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Community service:

Founding member, Board member, Snowy Range Academy public charter school