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EDUCATION:

Harvard University PhD in Social Anthropology Dissertation: <i>American Individualisms: Culture, Class and the Social Construction of the Self</i>	Cambridge, MA 1996
Harvard Divinity School M.A. - Comparative Religion/ Anthropology of Religion	Cambridge, MA 1990
Amherst College B.A., <i>magna cum laude</i> , Religion/English Elected to Phi Beta Kappa	Amherst, MA 1988
School for International Training Studied Tibetan Buddhism and Culture	Kathmandu, Nepal Fall/Winter 1985
Bread Loaf School of English Middlebury College Graduate study in poetry	Middlebury, VT Summer 1991, 1995

TEACHING PRIZES:

2006 Finalist, Excellence in Teaching Award, Vermont Campus Compact
2002/2003 CASE Carnegie Professor of the Year Competition
sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation National Education Association

BOOKS PUBLISHED:

American Individualisms: Child Rearing and Social Class in Three Neighborhoods
Culture, Mind and Society (The Book Series of the Society for
Psychological Anthropology) Palgrave Macmillan, September 2004

Hunting Down the Monk, a book of ethnographic poems
BOA Editions, Limited *New American Poets Series*, November, 2002

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Ethnographies of Childhood and Childrearing (American Individualisms by Adrie Kusserow reviewed by Peggy Froerer) in Reviews in Anthropology, 38:3-27, 2009

“Skull Trees, South Sudan” in *The Best American Poetry 2008*
Charles Wright, David Lehman Editors, Scribner, New York

Ethnographic Poetry – The Use of Art in Teaching Anthropology
Arts-Based Inquiry in Diverse Learning Communities: Foundations for Practice,
edited by Melisa Cahnmann and Richard Siegesmund: Routledge, 2008.

“Poetry and Anthropology” in *Deep Travel: Contemporary American Poets Abroad*,
Anthology Edited by Sandra Meek, Ninebark Press, September 2007

“The Workings of Class: How subtle understandings of class can promote equality in the classroom and beyond” in
Stanford Social Innovation Review, Volume 3, No. 3, Fall 2005

“Lost Boy: Portrait of a Lost Boy in Burlington, VT” in
Anthropology and Humanism, Volume 30, Number 1, June 2005

“21st Century Religio-Tropic; What Thaws Us; The Fall of God the Father; The Bird Cage; When the Old God Leaves” (series of ethnographic poems)
Anthropology and Humanism, December 2001

“Crossing the Great Divide: Anthropological Theories of the Western Self” *Journal of Anthropological Research*, Winter, 2000.

“De-Homogenizing the American Self: Socializing Hard and Soft Individualism in Manhattan and Queens” in
ETHOS: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology,
Fall, 1999

PAPERS GIVEN/CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

Understanding Survivors of Trauma and Torture
University of Vermont
Burlington, VT September 25-26, 2009

Fostering Global Citizenship in Higher Education
School for International Training

Brattleboro, VT October 5-6 2009

“Coming Close: Literary Ethnographies, Selections from Current Anthropologists”

American Anthropological Association Meetings

Philadelphia, PA December 3-6, 2009

Paper Given: Collection of ethnographic poems on Sudan

Educating for Gross National Happiness

Workshop of Prime Minister and Royal Education Council

Thimphu, Bhutan, December 2009

Fourth International Conference on Gross National Happiness,

Thimphu, Bhutan, November 2008

Paper given: “Western Education, Socialization, Individualism”

Fostering Global Citizenship in Higher Education

University of Vermont, November 10-11, 2008

Paper Given: “Fostering Global Citizenship through Anthropology at St. Michael’s College”

Paper given on Spirituality and the Intellectual Life Panel on

Mindfulness and Contemplative Practice at St. Michael’s College

With Joe Kroger, Molly Milwood, Toni Messuri

October 30, 2007

Cultural Anthropology and Ethnographic Writing – A Workshop

Co-Lead with Renato Rosaldo

American Anthropological Association Meetings

Washington, DC November 29, 2007

“Theology and Poetry of South Sudan”

Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday Service

Burlington, VT 05401

June 24th, 2007

“Hunting Down Meaning in Higher Ed”

Professor Robert Nash - Religion and Higher Education

University of Vermont

Thursday November 1, 2007

New Sudan Education Initiative – 2nd Annual Meeting

St. Michael’s College

Colchester, VT

August 1-3, 2007

Learning From Genocide: Reflection to Action
One of three panelists speaking on Genocide and Service Learning
Middlebury College, Dana Auditorium
March 20, 2007

New Sudan Education Initiative, First Annual Meeting,
George Washington University, Washington, DC
August 3-5, 2006

*Interviewing for Anthropology/Gender studies tenure track
Judge/Ethnographic Fiction Contest*
Society for Humanistic Anthropology
American Anthropological Association Meetings
Washington, DC
December 1-4, 2005

Poetic Writing for Anthropologists
Society for Humanistic Anthropology
American Anthropological Association Meetings
December 1-4, 2005

Faculty Fellowship for Service Learning
Sponsored by Campus Compact, MOVE and the Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice
St. Michael's College, Fall 2005

Integrating Spirituality/Religion/Ethics into my Teaching at St.
Michael's College
with Nathaniel Lewis and Aostre Johnson
Committee on Spirituality and the Intellectual Life
St. Michael's College December 3, 2002

"Intersubjective Ethnography as Storytelling, Poetry and Performance"
American Anthropological Association Meetings
Chicago, IL November 17th, 1999

American Anthropological Association
Philadelphia, PA December 3-6, 1998
Paper Given: "Culture, Self and Subjectivity"

Culture and Human Development Symposium:
Reflections on 45 Years of Research in the Field of Culture and Human Development
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

October 24, 1998

“Crossing the Great Divide: Individualistic vs. Sociocentric Conceptions of Self Revisited.”
American Anthropological Association Meetings
Philadelphia, PA December 5, 1998

“Hunting Down the Monk”
Poems read at the American Anthropological Association Meetings
Readings in Humanistic Anthropology – 1998 Poetry Prize Reading
Philadelphia, PA December 4, 1998

American Anthropological Association
Washington D.C., November 23, 1997
Paper Given: “Culture, Language and Self-Concept”

Vermont College Post Graduate Writer’s Conference
Vermont College, Montpelier Vermont
Summer, 1997

“Culture, Class and American Metaphors of the Self”
American Anthropological Association Meetings,
Washington, D.C. November 23rd, 1997

"Metaphors for the Self in Manhattan and Queens"
St. Michael's College Social Science Research Seminar
January 18, 1997

"Culture, Community and Identity: *Hard* and *Soft* Individualism in Manhattan and Queens"
St. Michael's College Faculty Seminar on "Culture, Community and Identity"
October 10, 1996

"De-Homogenizing American Individualism:
Preschool Socialization in Manhattan and Queens"
Harvard Graduate School of Education International
Forum on "The Many Cultures of Childhood: Interdisciplinary
Perspectives on Socialization and Schooling"
Cambridge, MA February 10, 1996

“Individualism Reconsidered: Social
Class and Socialization in Manhattan and Queens”
Yale Developmental Psychology Forum,
New Haven, CT November 29, 1995

"Independence vs. Interdependence: How Useful for Cross-Cultural Analysis?"
Boston Area Cultural Psychology Conference,
Boston, MA May 5, 1995

PRIZES/PUBLICATIONS IN ETHNOGRAPHIC POETRY:

“Skull Trees, South Sudan” in *The Best American Poetry*, 2008

American Anthropological Association Meetings
Society for Humanistic Anthropology
2001 Poetry Prize Winner
Washington, D.C. – December 5, 2001

American Anthropological Association Meetings
Society for Humanistic Anthropology
1998 Poetry Prize Winner
Philadelphia, PA – December 5, 1998

“American Religious Nomads” Series of ethnographic poems that won the
1998 Anthropology and Humanism award in *Anthropology and Humanism:*
Journal of the Society for Humanistic Anthropology, June 1999
Sponsored by the American Anthropological Association

“Holy Ghost People” Ethnographic poem in *Anthropology and Humanism:*
Journal of the Society for Humanistic Anthropology, December, 1998
Sponsored by the American Anthropological Association

ANTHROPOLOGICAL FIELD WORK:

Thimphu, Butan (Fall, 2008) Fourth International Conference on Gross National Happiness, Interviews on Home/School Tensions in Bhutanese K-12 curriculum with directors from the Center for Bhutan Studies

Kampala, Uganda (Spring 2005) Along with five St. Michael’s students, I interviewed Sudanese Refugees now living in Kampala on their life histories, in particular the relatives of some of Lost Boys of Sudan that I have worked with in Burlington, Vermont

Arua, Uganda (Spring 2005) Imvepi Settlement Camp (took nine students from St. Michael’s College to work in Imvepi Camp doing teacher training for secondary school teachers.

Dharamsala, India (February/March 2005) Preliminary trip to explore the possibility of creating an academic service trip for St. Michael’s College Students to study Tibetan Buddhism and work at the Tibetan Children’s Village, Upper Dharamsala, India

Winooski, Vermont (Summer 2001, 2002)

Interviews, life histories, participant observation “Lost Boys” of Sudan, 30 male Sudanese Refugees now resettled in the Burlington/Winooski area of Vermont

Kathmandu, Nepal (Summer, 1998) –

Interviews, Participant Observation of Tibetan monks and nuns on how they are adapting Tibetan Buddhism for Western audiences. Also, interviews with Western Buddhists on the reasons they took up Tibetan Buddhism, what they like about it, what components/concepts they use and practice, what they use Buddhism for, etc.

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Anthropological Association
Society for Psychological Anthropology
Society for Humanistic Anthropology
New Sudan Education Initiative

FELLOWSHIPS WON:

Campus Compact Faculty Service Learning Fellowship, 2004
Davis Grant Foundation Teaching Fellowship, 2004
St. Michael’s College Faculty Development Fellowship, 2002
St. Michael’s College Faculty Development Fellowship, 2001
Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Completion – Harvard University, 1996
Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Research – Harvard University, 1994
Mellon Fellowship for Predissertation Research – Harvard University, 1992
Radcliffe Graduate Grant for Women, 1995
Amherst College Memorial Fellowship, 1991-1993
Leopold Schepp Foundation Award, 1990-1993
Amherst College George Stebbins Moses Fellowship, 1991-1992
Amherst College Benjamin Goodall Symon Fellowship, 1991-1992

