

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

PhD Cultural Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2001
Areas: Thailand, Southeast Asia, Pacific
Specializations: gender & feminist theory, development, NGOs, social movements, globalization, identity, cultural politics, ethnographic methods & writing

MA Cultural Anthropology, New York University, 1993

BA Sociology, University of California, San Diego, 1989
Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interim Director, Women's Studies Program Hollins University, Summer 2004 – Spring 2005,
Spring 2003

Assistant Professor, Hollins University, Anthropology and Women's Studies, Fall 2001 - Present

CMSDI Fellowship Lecturer, Kalamazoo College Exchange Program in Sustainable Development
Studies, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, Fall 2000

Graduate Assistant & Research Intern, International Cultural Studies Program, East-West
Center/University of Hawai'i, 1999-2000

Editor/Translator, Administrative Assistant, Women's Studies Center, Faculty of Social
Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, 1997-1999

Teaching Assistant, Anthropology, New York University, 1992-1993

Film Programming Intern, Margaret Mead Film Festival, 1991-1992

Instructor, ESL, Thailand, 1989-1990, 1997-1999

Teaching Assistant, Sociology, UC San Diego, 1989

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Group, Faculty Development, Pedagogy, and Programming

- 2005 President's Academic Enhancement Fund, Hollins University, Hollins Women Making Change: Past, Present and Future
- 2004 Sowell Grant, Hollins University, Faculty Development Research, Global Food and Hunger: Interdisciplinary Perspectives (with Hollins colleagues)
- 2003 Experiential Education Enhancement Grant, VPAA's Office, Hollins University
- 2003 Academic Support Grant, VPAA's Office, Hollins University, Faculty Workshop and Campus Program on Sexual Assault
- 2002 Course Development Grant, Hollins University, Hollins-duPont Diversity Initiative; Eating Identities: Food, Diversity and US Culture(s) (with colleagues, Drucilla Barker and Darla Schumm)
- 2002 Sowell Grant, Hollins University, Faculty Development Research; Transformative Pedagogy: Integrating the principles of feminist and critical pedagogies across the Hollins curriculum (with colleague, Drucilla Barker)
- 2001 Hobbie Trust Grant, Hollins University (with colleague, Darla Schumm)

Individual, Research and Educational

- 2005 President's Academic Enhancement Fund, Hollins University, Hollins Women Making Change: Past, Present and Future
- 2004 Hollins University Faculty Research Grant
- 2004 Hollins University Faculty Travel Grant
- 2003 Hollins University Faculty Research Grant
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- 2001 Hollins University Faculty Research Grant
- 2001 Hollins University Faculty Travel Grant
- 2001 Luce Foundation Doctoral Fellowship in Southeast Asian Studies, Faculty of Asian Studies, Australian National University
- 2000-2001 Soroptimist International, Founder Region Fellowship
- 2000-2001 East-West Center Graduate Fellowship (*Declined*)
- 2000 University of Hawai'i School of Arts and Sciences Advisory Council Award
- 1999-2000 Foreign Language and Area Study Fellowship, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- 1999 Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- 1998 Pan-Pacific and Southeast Asian Women's Association Grant
- 1998-1999 Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Award
- 1998 Pacific Fellowship, American Association of University Women, Honolulu
- 1997 Office of International Affairs, International Agreements Fund Grant, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- 1996-1997 Foreign Language and Area Study Fellowship, University of Hawai'i, Manoa

- 1996-1997 Pacific Asian Scholarship, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
 1995-1996 Foreign Language and Area Study Fellowship, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
 1995-1996 Pacific Asian Scholarship, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
 1996 SEASSI Foreign Language and Area Study Fellowship, Arizona State University
 1996 University of Hawai'i School of Arts and Sciences Advisory Council Award
 1995 SEASSI Foreign Language and Area Study Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison (*Declined*)
 1991-1993 New York University Tuition Fellowship
 1991-1992 New York University Graduate Scholarship

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2004, 2005 Who's Who Among America's Teachers
 2002 Hometown Heroes Award, Hollins University
 2002 Above and Beyond Award, Intercultural Programs, Hollins University
 1997 Comprehensive Exams, Passed with Distinction, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Hawai'i, Manoa

THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

- 2001** Developing Identities: The Production of Gender, Culture and Modernity in a Northern Thai Non-governmental Organization. (PhD Dissertation, University of Hawai'i)
 Chair: Geoffrey M. White
- 1993** "Taro-Roots" Organizing: The Politics of the Sovereignty Movement in Contemporary Hawai'i. (MA Thesis, New York University) Chair: Constance Sutton
- 1989** Conversion and the Religious Experience: Challenging Traditional Sociology in the Construction of a Paradigm (BA Honor's Thesis, UC San Diego) Chair: Bennetta Jules-Rosette

BOOKS

- Forthcoming* *Male Bodies, Women's Souls: Personal Narratives of Thailand's Transgendered Youth.* Co-authored with Andrew Matzner. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2005 “Narrative Lessons: teaching epistemology and difference through narrative methodology.” *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy* 27(1).
- 2004 “Abusing Images: Domestic Violence in Thai Cartoon Books” Co-authored with Andrew Matzner. Reprinted in *A Collection of Articles on Domestic Violence in Thailand*, Virada Somswasdi and Kathleen Corrigan, eds. Chiang Mai, Thailand: Foundation for Women, Law and Rural Development (FORWARD) and Women’s Studies Center, Chiang Mai University.
- 2003 “Thailand.” In *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women’s Issues Worldwide: Asia and Oceania*. Manisha Desai, ed. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.
- 2002 “Abusing Images: Domestic Violence in Thai Cartoon Books” Co-authored with Andrew Matzner. *Intersections*, Issue 8.
- 2001 “Working with and for the Public: Lessons from Northern Thailand” *Public Anthropology Graduate Journal*,
[http://www.publicanthropology.org/Journals/Grad-J/\(2\)Hawaii/Costa.htm](http://www.publicanthropology.org/Journals/Grad-J/(2)Hawaii/Costa.htm)
- 2000 “In Sisterhood? Women’s Studies and Activism” Comment along with nine other contributors. *Women’s Studies Quarterly* 27(3-4):259-269.
- 1999 “Globalization and Local Impacts: Asian women ‘Speak out!’” Conference Report. *Journal of the Association of Woman for Action and Research*, Volume 6.
- 1997 “Exploring the History of Women’s Education and Activism in Thailand” in *Explorations in Southeast Asian Studies* 1(2).
- 1996 “Women, Gender and Sex in Thailand: A Review and Redress” Paper presented at The Fifth Annual East-West Center Participant Conference, February 6, 1996. Published in the *Proceedings from the Conference, East-West Center*.

NGO PUBLICATIONS

- 2002 “Activist Intellectuals: Scholar-NGO interfaces in Thailand’s civil society.” Asian Social Issues Program, *Asia Source Website*, Asia Society. August.
<http://www.asiasource.org/asip/costa.cfm>
- 2001 “Domestic Violence in Thai Comic Books” in *APWLD Forum News*, 14(2), August.
- 2000 “Closing Down the WTO: The People March on Seattle” and “Women and the WTO: Clarifying the Problem and Taking on the Challenge” in *APWLD Forum News*, 13(1), April.
- 1999 *Women and Decision Making in South Asia*. APWLD Summary Report from the Conference held in Kathmandu, Nepal, October 28-30, 1998. Rapporteur.
- 1999 *Feminist Legal Theory and Practice Workshop*. APWLD Summary Report from the Conference held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, September 25-28, 1998. Rapporteur.
- 1999 *Women speak out on the impact of globalization*. APWLD Summary Report from the Conference held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, May 22-25, 1998. Rapporteur.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2004 “Professors Argue for Women’s Rights”, co-authored with Drucilla Barker, *Hollins Columns*, May 3.
- 2004 Op Ed piece: “Reproductive Rights are Human Rights”, co-authored with Drucilla Barker, *Roanoke Times*, April 23.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2005 Book Review of *Tales from the Trenches: Politics and Practice in Feminist Service Organizations*, Diane Kravetz (2004) in *CHOICE*.
- 2005 Book Review of *Toms and Dees: Transgender Identity and Female Same-Sex Relationships in Thailand*, Megan J. Sinnott (2004) in *CHOICE* 42(6).
- 2004 Book Review of *Intimate Economies of Bangkok: Tomboys, Tycoons and Avon Ladies in the Global City*, Ara Wilson (2004) in *CHOICE* 42(4).
- 2002 Book Review of *Postcolonial and Queer Theories: Intersections and Essays*, John C. Hawley, Ed. (2001) in *Journal of Asian Studies* 61(1).
- 2002 Book Review of *Materializing Thailand*, Penny Van Esterik (2000) in *Intersections*, Issue 7. http://www.she.murdoch.edu.au/intersections/issue7/costa_review.html
- 2001 Book Review of *Intimate Knowledge: Women and their Health in North-East Thailand*, by Andrea Whittaker (2000) in *Crossroads* 15(1).
- 2001 Book Review of *Genders and Sexualities in Modern Thailand*, Peter A. Jackson and Nerida M. Cook, Eds. (1999) in *Journal of Asian Studies* 60(1).
- 2001 Book Review of *Lady Boys, Tom Boys, Rent Boys: Male & Female Homosexualities in Contemporary Thailand*, Peter A. Jackson and Gerard Sullivan, Eds. (1999) in *Journal of Asian Studies* 60(1).

PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2005 *Five-Hundred Carts of Tricks: Activism, Politics, and Thai Women*. Ninth International Conference on Thai Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, April 3-6.
- 2003 Invited Session: *Sex/Work: Contested Discourses, Contesting Subjects*. 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 19-23. Co-organized with Ida Fadzillah. (Sponsored by the Association of Feminist Anthropology and the Association for the Anthropology of Work)
- 2002 *NGO Research: Methodological and Ethical Challenges*. 101st Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 20-24. Co-organized with Nathalie Lebon and Donna Murdock.

- 2002 *NGOs, Power and Local-Global Tensions: Contextualizations from/in Thailand*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, April 4 - 7. Co-organized with Vincent Del Casino, Jr. (Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Council)
- 2001 *Local/Global Perspectives on Women's Activism at the End of Millennium: Critical Explorations into NGOs, Civil Society and Feminism(s)*. 100th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 28 – December 2. Co-organized with Irina Carlota Silber.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2004 “Thai Women’s Activism: misconceptions, strategies and lessons”, California State University, Fullerton, Women’s Studies Program, February 3.
- 2001 “Developing National Difference: NGO Practices, Female Bodies and Cultural Identity in a Globalizing Thailand”, The Australian National University, RSPAS, Dept. of Anthropology, June 13.
- 2001 “Culture/Nation/Gender: Global Provocations and Local Articulations in a Northern Thai NGO”, University of Waikato, New Zealand, Interdepartmental Feminist Scholarship Series, May 16.
- 2001 “Developing National Difference: NGO Practices, Female Bodies and Cultural Identity in a Globalizing Thailand”, SUNY Buffalo, Dept. of Anthropology, March 17.
- 2001 “NGOs (non-governmental organizations): A new arena for the anthropological study of culture and identity”, Hollins University, Dept. of Sociology and Women’s Studies Program, March 13.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2005 “Situating Rural Women’s Activism: Difference, Discourse and Dissent”, Ninth International Conference on Thai Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb IL, April 3-6.
- 2004 “Strength of the Nation?: Disciplining Female Youth and Sexuality in a Northern Thai NGO”, Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Diego, March 4-7.
- 2003 “Positioning ‘the Prostitute’:” NGO Discourses on Sex/Work in Northern Thailand, 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 19-23.
- 2002 “The Anti-Politics of Anthropological Practices: Ethical and Representational Dilemmas in Thailand’s Project for Tomorrow,” 101st Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 20-24.
- 2002 “Particularizing NGO Development Practice and Outcomes: A case from Northern Thailand,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Council, Washington D.C., April 4-7.

- 2002 "Culture, Development, and Identity in a Northern Thai NGO," Hollins Faculty Lunch Series, March 29.
- 2001 "Scholars, 'Feminism' and Identity in the Networking of Thai Women's NGOS," 100th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 28 – December 2.
- 2001 "Globalizing Education: Ideas for the Hollins Community," Hollins Faculty Lunch Series, November 16.
- 2000 "Culture and the Development of Identity in a Thai NGO" Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Hawai'i, Manoa, April 14.
- 1999 "Discourses of Invisibility: Gender, Epistemology and Thai NGOs." Presented at the Seventh International Conference on Thai Studies, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. July 4-8.
- 1999 "Women and NGOs in Northern Thailand: Activities, Challenges and Implications." Public Lecture presented at the Informal Northern Thai Group, Chiang Mai, Thailand. February 9.
- 1998 "Qualitative Research Methods" Presentation in the Department of Education, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, in Thai. July 1.
- 1998 "Women and Organizing in Thailand" Presentation to Antioch Exchange Students, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand. February 25.
- 1997 "Phuchai nok jie mia, ja dong sia arai?" ("The man who cheats on his wife, what must he suffer?") in Thai. Paper presented at the Tenth Annual AST Student Conference, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, August 15.
- 1996 "Women's NGOs in Thailand: Negotiating Gender and Working for Change" Paper presented at The SEASSI Graduate Student Conference, Arizona State University, July 13.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2004 Guest Speaker: Take Back The Night, Hollins University, The Center, April 26.
- 2002 Panelist for Hollins University Open House for prospective students, November 17.
- 2002 Guest Speaker: "Study Abroad: Culture Shock & Adaptation," Hollins University, International Programs, April 3.
- 2001 Guest Speaker: Take Back The Night, Hollins University, Women's Collective, November 8.
- 2001 Guest Speaker: Meeting of M1 (May Day) organized by Socialist Worker and Resistance Canberra, Australia. April 26.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Academic Policy Committee, Fall 2005 -
 Affiliated Faculty, Environmental Studies, Spring 2005 – present
 Clean Slate Athletic Review Committee Member, Fall 2003-Spring 2004
 Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Study Abroad Programs, Fall 2003
 Sociology Dept. Search Committee, Summer 2002 – Spring 2003; Fall 2003
 Student Life Council, Hollins University, Fall 2002 – Spring 2005
 Faculty Lunch Coordinator, Hollins University, Fall 2002 – Spring 2003
 Curriculum Committee, Women's Studies Program, Hollins University, 2001-present

Events Committee, Women's Studies Program, Hollins University, 2001-present
Affiliated Faculty and Member of Steering Committee, International Studies, Hollins University, 2002-present
Advisory Board, The Center (Student-run sexual assault center) 2003 - present
Advisory Board, Black Student Alliance (BSA), Hollins University, 2002 - 2003
Advisory Board, VOICE, Hollins University, 2002 - present
Advisory Board, Women's Collective, Hollins University, 2001-2002
MC for OUTLOUD's Drag King Show fundraiser, Spring 2004

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
 Association for Cultural Anthropology
 Association for Feminist Anthropology
 Federation of Small Anthropology Programs (FOSAP)
Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
 Thailand/Laos/Cambodia Studies Group
National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Manuscript Reviewer
 Ethnography, 2003
 Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy, 2002
 University of Minnesota Press, 2001
 Journal of Women's History, 2001

Participant, Feminist Reading Group, Hollins University, 2001 – present
Participant, Faculty Writing Workshop, Hollins University, Spring 2004
Graduate Student Representative, UH Anthropology Department, Spring 2000
Organizer, Anthropology Colloquia Series, UH Anthropology Department, Spring 2000
Committee Member, Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant Fund, Fall 1999
Organizer, Ethics in Anthropology course, UH Anthropology Department, Spring 1997
Participant, Critical Theory Study Group, UH Manoa, 1996
Organizer, Southeast Asian Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series, UH Manoa, 1995 – 1997