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**EDUCATION**

- 2012 Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Anthropology  
2006 M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Anthropology  
2003 B.A., Connecticut College; New London, CT (Anthropology & Asian Studies)

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2015 - Charles Evans Hughes 1881 Assistant Professor of Anthropology and International and Public Affairs; Brown University, Providence, RI  
2012 - 2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and School of Natural Resources and Environment; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
2012 - 2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows

**PUBLICATIONS** (All single-authored, except where indicated)

**Books**

In preparation. *The Cost of Cheap Tea: An Ethnography of Value in India*.

In preparation. *How Nature Works*. Sarah Besky, Alex Blanchette, and Naisargi Dave, editors. Santa Fe, NM: SAR Press (manuscript submission in Spring 2017)

2014. *The Darjeeling Distinction: Labor and Justice on Fair-Trade Tea Plantations in India*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Forthcoming (2018). Chinese language edition of *The Darjeeling Distinction* under contract with Tsinghua University Press.

---- *Winner*, 2014 Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA) Book Award

---- *Finalist*, 2015 Society for Anthropology of Work Book Award

Reviewed in: *Allegra Laboratory*; *American Anthropologist*; *American Ethnologist*; *Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal*; *Gastronomica*; *Human Ecology*; *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*; *International Sociology Reviews*; *Journal of Agrarian Change*; *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*; *Mountain Research and Development*; *Pacific Affairs*; *Review of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Studies*; *Social Anthropology*; *Taiwan Journal of Anthropology* (in Chinese); "Tea for Me Please" Blog; *Work, Employment and Society*

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

- In press. "Tea as 'Hero Crop'? Embodied Algorithms and Industrial Reform in India." *Science as Culture*.
- In press. "Placing Plants in Territory" (co-authored with Jonathan Padwe). *Environment and Society: Advances in Research* 7.
2016. "The Future of Price: Communicative Infrastructures and the Financialization of Indian Tea." *Cultural Anthropology* 31(1): 4-29.
2015. "Agricultural Justice, Abnormal Justice? Fair Trade's Plantation Problem." *Antipode* 47(5): 1141-1160.
2015. "Looking for Work: Placing Labor in Food Studies" (co-authored with Sandy Brown). *Labor: Studies of Working-Class History of the Americas*. 12(1-2): 19-43.
2014. "The Labor of *Terroir* and the *Terroir* of Labor: Geographical Indication on Darjeeling Tea Plantations." *Agriculture and Human Values* 31(1): 83-96.  
---- Won the 2014 Anthropology & Environment Society Junior Scholar Award
2008. "Can a Plantation be Fair? Paradoxes and Possibilities in Fair Trade Darjeeling Tea Certification." *Anthropology of Work Review* 29(1): 1-9.

### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

2010. "Colonial Pasts and Fair Trade Futures: Changing Modes of Production and Regulation on Darjeeling Tea Plantations." In *Fair Trade and Social Justice: Global Ethnographies*. Sarah Lyon and Mark Moberg, eds. Pp. 97-122. New York: NYU Press.

### **Online Essays and Blog Posts**

2016. Response to Daniel Münster's review of *The Darjeeling Distinction* on Allegra Lab. ([www.allegralaboratory.net](http://www.allegralaboratory.net)). Posted January 25.
2015. "Inheriting the Hill Station." Essay for "Edge Effects" Blog. Center for Culture, History, and Environment, UW-Madison ([www.edgeeffects.net](http://www.edgeeffects.net)). Posted May 19.
2015. "You Can't Get There from Here? Writing Place and Moving Narratives." Essay in the "Writer's Workshop" Series on "Savage Minds" ([www.savageminds.org](http://www.savageminds.org)). Posted March 26.
2014. "The Promise of Fair Trade for Plantation Laborers." *For a Better World*. Fair World Project: Portland, Oregon. Issue 9 (Fall): 15-16. (<http://fairworldproject.org>)

### **Invited Book Reviews**

- In preparation. Review of Townsend Middleton. *The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling* (Stanford U. Press, 2015). In *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.

2016. Review of Kamran Asdar Ali. *Communism in Pakistan: Politics and Class Activism, 1947-1972* (I.B. Tauris, 2015). For Chapati Mystery book forum [www.chapatimystery.com].
2016. Review of Jeffrey Witsoe. *Democracy against Development: Lower Caste Politics and Political Modernity in Postcolonial India* (U. of Chicago Press, 2013). In *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (Online Book Reviews).
2016. Review of Andrew Willford. *Tamils and the Haunting of Justice: History and Recognition in Malaysia's Plantations* (U. of Hawaii Press, 2014). In *American Ethnologist*. 43(1): 173-174.
2015. Review of *Empire of Tea: The Asian Leaf that Conquered the World* (Reaktion Books, 2015). In *Times Literary Supplement*. 7 October.
2015. Review of Jinghong Zhang. *Puer Tea: Ancient Caravans and Urban Chic* (U. of Washington Press, 2013). In *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. 21(3): 696-697
2015. Review of David Gellner, editor. *Borderland Lives in Northern South Asia* (Duke University Press, 2013). In *American Ethnologist*. 42(1): 195-196.
2014. Review of Paige West. *From Modern Production to Imagined Primitive: The Social World of Coffee from Papua New Guinea* (Duke University Press, 2012). In *Journal of Anthropological Research*. 70(3): 457-458.
2013. Review of Jayeeta Sharma. *Empire's Garden: Assam and the Making of India* (Duke University Press, 2011). In *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture*. 13(3): 81-82.
2013. Review of Neil White. *Company Towns: Corporate Order and Community*. (University of Toronto Press, 2012). In *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 55(4): 1021-1022.

### Other Publications

2013. "Anthropology and Environment Society's Inaugural Dissertation Workshop." *Anthropology News*. 54 (2).
2013. "Fair for All? Plantations and the Future of Fair Trade." *Minpaku Anthropology Newsletter* (Issue Theme: "The Anthropological Study of Fair Trade"). Osaka, Japan: National Museum of Ethnology. No. 36. [Invited Essay]
2012. "Kolkata, India." In *The Encyclopedia of Consumption and Waste: The Social Science of Garbage*, Bill Rathje and Geoffrey J. Golson, eds. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
2012. "Dump Digging." In *The Encyclopedia of Consumption and Waste: The Social Science of Garbage*, Bill Rathje and Geoffrey J. Golson, eds. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
2008. "Indian Labor Law and the Limits of Fair Trade in Darjeeling Tea Production." *Darjeeling Times*. 1(8): 15-16.

2008. “Old Grievances.” Letter to the Editor in response to “Unrest in India’s Hill Country.” *New York Times* (Sunday Travel Section). July 13.

2007. “Rural Vulnerability and Tea Plantation Migration in Nepal and Darjeeling.” *Himalayan Research Papers*. Nepal Study Center, University of New Mexico [Research Report]

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

### *Major External Research Fellowships*

2016 - 2017 School for Advanced Research (SAR) Advanced Seminar Grant for “How Nature Works.” (co-organized with Alex Blanchette and Naisargi Dave)

2015 European Commission Marie Curie Actions Fellowship [\$225,000] [Declined]

2012 - 2015 Michigan Society of Fellows Postdoctoral Fellowship

2011 - 2012 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship

2011 - 2012 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Dissertation Fellowship [Declined]

2008 - 2009 American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellowship

2007 - 2008 Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship – India

2007 - 2008 Fulbright Institute for International Education Fellowship – India [Declined]

### *Grants from Brown University*

2016 Faculty Travel Grant (for conference travel)

2016 Watson Institute Collaboration Grant (with Elizabeth Williams)

2016 Brown India Initiative Faculty Research Grant

2016 Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistant (UTRA) Award

2016 Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) Humanities Research Grant.

2015 Faculty Travel Grant (for conference travel)

### *Grants from the University of Michigan*

2014 Conference Travel Award, College of Letters and Sciences

2014 Office of Research and Sponsored Projects Book Publication Subvention

2014 International Travel Grant, Center for South Asian Studies

2012 & 2013 Faculty Research Top-up Grant, Center for South Asian Studies

2012 - 2014 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Faculty Funding

### *Grants from the University of Wisconsin-Madison*

2011 Vilas Grant for Conference Travel, The Graduate School

2011 Center for Culture, History, and the Environment (CHE) Travel Award; Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies

2010	Vilas Grant for Conference Travel, The Graduate School
2009 - 2010	Raymond J. Penn Fellowship, Nelson Institute Land Tenure Center
2009	Vilas Travel Grant for Dissertation Research, The Graduate School
2007	Academic Year Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Hindi
2007	Summer FLAS Fellowship, Nepali
2007	Travel Award, Department of Anthropology
2006 - 2007	Academic Year FLAS Fellowship, Hindi
2006	Summer FLAS Fellowship, Nepali
2006	Travel Award, Department of Anthropology
2006	Scott Kloeck-Jenson International Internship Grant; Global Studies Program
2005 - 2006	Academic Year FLAS Fellowship, Tibetan
2005	Summer FLAS Fellowship, Nepali

### HONORS AND PRIZES

2014	Anthropology & Environment Society Junior Scholar Award
2014	Society for Economic Anthropology Book Award (awarded every 3 years)
2012	Miller-Hitchcock-Weinstein Award, Department of Anthropology, UW-Madison
2011	Dor Bahadur Bista Prize, Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies
2011	Finalist for the Early Excellence in Teaching Award, UW-Madison
2011	University Housing Honored Instructor Award, UW-Madison
2011	Honorable Mention, Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in Social Studies, Office of the Secretary of the Faculty, UW-Madison
2010	Roy A. Rappaport Graduate Student Prize Winner, Anthropology and the Environment Section of the American Anthropological Association
2003	B. June Macklin Award for Anthropology, Connecticut College

### INVITED LECTURES

2017	TBD. Annual Hunt Lecture in Economic Anthropology. Brandeis University. April 28.
2017	TBD. Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta. Spring semester date TBD.
2017	TBD. Department of Anthropology, Rice University. Spring semester date TBD.
2016	“Can a Plantation Be Fair? Fair-Trade Certification in Darjeeling Tea.” Seattle Museum of Art’s Asian Art Museum, December 3
2016	TBD. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, December 2.

- 2016 “Spaces for Labor: Inheritance, Inequality, and Infrastructure on Darjeeling Tea Plantations.” Institute for Work and Employment Research. Sloan School of Management, MIT, November 1
- Also presented at:*
- Legal History Colloquium, Brown University, October 28
  - Dept. of Anthropology, University of Freiburg, April 22, 2016
  - Department of Geography, Dartmouth College, April 18, 2016
  - Center for Asian Studies, Southern Methodist University, April 12, 2016
  - Watson Institute; Brown University, April 7, 2016
  - Department of Anthropology; UW-Madison, March 7, 2016
- 2016 “Exhaustion and Endurance in Sick Landscapes: Cheap Tea and the Work of Monoculture in India.” Advanced Seminar on “How Nature Works.” School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM, September 24-30
- 2016 Commentary on Research Program: “Moving Crops and the Scales of History.” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany, July 18-19.
- 2016 “The Land in Gorkhaland: On the Edges of Belonging in India.” Department of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology; University of Chicago, March 14
- Also presented at:*
- South Asia Center; University of Heidelberg, April 26, 2016
  - Center for South Asia; University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dec. 3, 2015
  - Brown-India Initiative; Brown University, October 16, 2015
  - Department of Geography; University of Zurich, March 3, 2015
  - Agrarian Studies Colloquium; Yale University, January 16, 2015
- 2016 Keynote roundtable participant at “E is for Environment” Symposium, Center for Culture, History, and Environment (CHE); University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 4-6.
- 2015 “Financializability: On the Changing Nature of Numbers in Kolkata’s Tea Auction.” Invited Speaker at “Transformations in the Global South -- Taking Stock.” Global South Studies Center; University of Cologne, May 26-28
- Also presented at:*
- Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, NC State University, April 17, 2015
  - Environmental Studies Department; UC-Santa Cruz, January 21, 2015
- 2015 “Can a Plantation be Fair?” Ethics of Consumerism Symposium; University of New Hampshire, April 23
- 2015 “Agriculture and Ethical Standards.” Global Economic Geographies of Agriculture and Food Systems Seminar, Department of Geography; University of Zurich, March 4
- 2015 “Fair Trade, Subnational Politics, and Environmental Justice in Darjeeling, India.” Environmental Studies Program; University of Colorado, Boulder, January 25

- 2014 “Decolonizing Tea? Industrial Reform and the Governance of Price in India.” Watson Institute for International Studies and Department of Anthropology; Brown University; December 12
- 2014 Society for Economic Anthropology Book Prize Lecture, American Anthropological Association Meetings; Washington, D.C., December 4.
- 2014 “Can a Plantation Be Fair? Fair Trade and Darjeeling Tea Production.” Peace & Justice Studies Program, Michigan State University, November 14
- 2014 “Sustainability at Industrial Scales?” Sustainable Food Initiative’s “Fast Food for Thought;” University of Michigan, October 21
- 2014 “Socially Responsible Tea: Labor Conditions, Corporate Branding, and Indian Tea Plantations.” Co-panelist with Max Bearak (*New York Times*), Ashwini Sukthankar (Columbia), and Phyllis Robison (Equal Exchange). Human Rights Institute; Columbia University Law School, March 24
- 2014 “‘Large Farms’ and the Limits of Fair Trade: Value-Added Relations on Indian Tea Plantations.” Department of Human Ecology; University of California, Davis, January 29
- 2013 “Composing Value: Brokerage and the Politics of Taste in the Indian Tea Auction.” Department of Anthropology; University of Michigan, November 25
- 2013 “Inheriting the Plantation: Tripartite Moral Economies and Gendered Understandings of Labor and Landscape in Darjeeling, India.” Department of Women’s Studies; University of Michigan, November 18
- 2012 “Fair for All? Fair Trade Plantations and the Implications of Hired Labor Standards in Indian Tea Production.” Presented at the “Global Ethical Consumption: New Dimensions of Fair Trade” Symposium. National Museum of Ethnology; Osaka, Japan, March 24-25
- 2012 “Nostalgia, Revitalization, and the Meaning of Justice on Darjeeling Tea Plantations.” Dept. of Environmental Science, Planning, and Management; UC-Berkeley, March 9
- 2012 “Labor, Tea, and Fair Trade in India.” Human Rights Institute; Columbia University Law School, New York, NY, February 29
- 2008 “Environmental Change and Tea Production in Darjeeling.” Environmental Science Department; St. Paul’s School; Darjeeling, India, August 5

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Conference Panel Organization*

- 2015 “Labor, Landscape, and (De)colonial Desires: Rethinking the Plantation as a Socio-Ecological Category.” [Co-organized with Mythri Jegathesan] American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings; Denver, CO, November 18-22.

- 2014 “Beyond the Material/Immaterial Divide: Aesthetics, Affects, and the End(s) of Work.” [Co-organized with Alex Nading] Society for Cultural Anthropology Meetings; Detroit, MI, May 9-10.
- 2014 “Categories, Difference, and In/Visibility.” [Co-organized with Reighan Gillam] American Ethnological Society Meetings; Boston, MA, April 10-12.
- 2014 “New Directions in Human-Environment Relations in the Himalayas.” [Co-organized with Shaila Seshia Galvin] Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS) Conference; New Haven, CT, March 14-16
- 2013 “Doing Justice?” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL, November 20-24
- 2012 “Enumerating Environments: Ethnographies of Brokers, Middlemen, and Analysts.” [Co-organized with Nicholas D’Avella] American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; San Francisco, CA, November 14-18
- 2011 “People, Plants, and Practice: Garden Variety Investigations of Domesticated Nature.” [Co-organized with Jonathan Padwe] American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; Montreal, QC, November 16-20
- 2011 “The Darjeeling and Sikkim Himalaya: Interfaces and Interrogations.” Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS) Conference; St. Paul, MN, October 28-30

***Paper Presentations (selected)***

- 2016 “The Land in Gorkhaland.” To be presented on the panel: “Sovereignty and the Environment” (Dana Graef, organizer). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 16-20
- 2016 “Plantation Landscapes and the Work of Abandonment.” To be presented on the panel: “Reincarnation after Ruination: The Afterlives of Technologies, Industries and Labor in South Asia” (Maura Finkelstein and Nikhil Anand, organizers). Annual Conference on South Asia, October 20-22
- 2016 “Spaces for Labor.” To be presented on the panel: “Making up Anthropology, Part One: Objects” (Matthew Wolf-Meyer, organizer). Society for Cultural Anthropology Meeting; Ithaca, NY, May 13-15.
- 2015 “Transparent Futures? Digitization, Documentation, and Tea Auction Reform in Kolkata, India.” Presented on the panel: “The Paper Life of Politics: Documents as Mediators in Political Struggles” (Aniket Aga, organizer). American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings; Denver, CO, November 18-22.
- 2015 Discussant for “Labor, Landscape, and (De)colonial Desires: Rethinking the Plantation as a Socio-Ecological Category.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings; Denver, CO, November 18-22. [*panel organizer*]



- 2015 “Tea, Territory, and Tacit Knowledge: Managing Darjeeling Tea.” Annual Conference on South Asia; Madison, WI, October 22-25.
- 2015 “The Land in Gorkhaland.” Land and Water: A Long-Term Perspective; Brown University, September 4-5
- 2015 “Postcolonial Pricing: On the Changing Nature of Numbers in Kolkata’s Tea Auction.” Society for Economic Anthropology Meeting; Lexington KY, April 9-11.
- Also presented on the panel: “The Pursuit of Quality: Distinction and Fungibility in Emergent Agro-food Regimes.” (Karen Hébert and Shaila Seshia Galvin, organizers). American Ethnological Society Meeting; San Diego, CA, March 12-14, 2015
- 2014 “Analog Relations, Digital Transparency: Taste, Price, and Value in the Indian Tea Auction.” Presented on the panel: “Sensory Politics.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings; Washington D.C., December 3-7.
- 2014 “Houses as Imperial Ruins: Infrastructure and Inheritance on Darjeeling Tea Plantations.” Presented on the panel: “Building South Asia.” Annual Conference on South Asia; Madison, WI, October 17-19.
- 2014 “Rootedness and Circulation: Tea’s Place in the Gorkhaland Agitation in Darjeeling, India.” Presented as part of “Animal, Mineral, Vegetable: Feminist Provocations” (Priti Ramamurthy and Naisargi Dave, organizers). Feminist Studies South Asia Pre-Conference; Madison, WI, October 16.
- 2014 “Narrative or Scenario: Nature and Price in the Indian Tea Auction.” Presented at the “Anthropology for Sale” workshop (Jamie Cross and Luke Heslop, organizers). University of Edinburgh, September 19.
- 2014 “The Future in Ruins: Aesthetic Legacies and Practices of Care in Darjeeling’s Tea Plantation Landscape.” Presented on the panel: “After Development: Critical Aesthetics of Past Futures” (John Manton, Wenzel Geissler, and Noemi Tousignant, Conveners). Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth; Edinburgh, UK, June 19-22.
- 2014 “The Labor of Taste.” Presented on the panel: “Beyond the Material/Immaterial Divide: Aesthetics, Affects, and the End(s) of Work.” [Co-organized with Alex Nading] Society for Cultural Anthropology Meetings; Detroit, MI, May 9-10.
- 2014 “On Rootedness and Circulation: Tea’s Invisibility and the Gorkhaland Agitation in Darjeeling, India.” Presented on the panel: “Categories, Difference, and In/Visibility.” [Co-organized with Reighan Gillam] American Ethnological Society Meetings; Boston, MA, April 10-12.

- 2014 “Brokering Taste: Meanings and Metrologies in the Indian Tea Auction.” Presented at the symposium: “When Nature and Numbers (Don’t) Meet.” Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies, UW-Madison, April 4-6, 2014
- 2014 “The Buds and Roots of Subnationalism in Darjeeling.” Presented on the panel “New Directions in Human-Environment Relations in the Himalayas.” Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Conference; New Haven, CT, March 14-16 [*panel organizer*]
- 2013 “In the Market for Justice.” Presented on the panel: “Doing Justice.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL, November 20-24 [*panel organizer and chair*]
- 2013 Roundtable Participant for “Nongovernmental Politics” (Greg Beckett, Organizer). Future of NGO Studies Conference; Chicago, IL, November 19-20.
- 2013 Discussant for the panel “Manifestations of Power through Identity: Case Studies from South, Southeast, and East Asia.” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs; East Lansing, MI, October 25-27.
- 2013 “Bureaucrats, Brokers, and the Politics of Taste: Debating the ‘Middleman’ in the Indian Tea Auction.” Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, October 8
- 2013 “‘Essentially Attributable’: Geographical Indication and the Place of Labor in the *Terroir* of Darjeeling Tea.” Presented on the panel “Value Chains, Neoliberal Regulation, and Global Restructuring” (Jennifer Bair and Marion Werner, Organizers). Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting; Los Angeles, CA, April 9-13
- 2013 “Inheriting the Plantation: Ecologies of Tea and Family in Darjeeling, India.” Society of Fellows Colloquium, University of Michigan, April 1
- 2013 “The Politics of Routine Events: The Indian Tea Auction and Technologies of Taste.” Anthro-History Symposium: “What is an Event?” University of Michigan, February 8
- 2012 “Brokering Taste: Middlemen in the Indian Tea Auction.” Presented on the panel “Enumerating Environments: Ethnographies of Brokers, Middlemen, and Analysts.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; San Francisco, CA, November 14-18 [*Panel Organizer*]
- 2012 “Analog Relations, Digital Transparency? Indian Tea Auction Reform and the Question of the ‘Middleman.’” Presented on the panel “The State’s Relations: Emergent Forms of Technology and Transparency in South Asia” (Organized by Nikhil Anand). Annual Conference on South Asia; Madison, WI, October 11-14
- 2012 “Crossings and Cultivations: Tea Production and Identity Politics in Darjeeling.” Presented on the panel “People, Plants, and Food: Transnational Flows in the Himalayas” at “Foodways: Diasporic Dinners, Transnational Tables, and Culinary Connections” (organized by Jill Didur); Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies, University of Toronto; October 4-7

- 2011 “Gardening the Tea Plantation: Human-Plant Relationships in Darjeeling, India.” Presented on the panel “People, Plants, and Practice: Garden Variety Investigations of Domesticated Nature.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; Montreal, QC, November 16-20 [*panel organizer*]
- 2011 “Land, Belonging, and Justice on Darjeeling Tea Plantations.” Presented on the panel “The Darjeeling and Sikkim Himalaya: Interfaces and Interrogations.” Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS) Conference; St. Paul, MN, October 28-30 [*panel chair and organizer*]
- 2010 “Garden Variety Kinship: Shifting Moral Economies, Nostalgia, and Relationships of Care on Darjeeling Tea Plantations.” Presented on the Roy A. Rappaport Graduate Student Prize Panel, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA, November 17-21
- 2010 “Darjeeling after Fair Trade: Moral Economies of Land, Labor, and Ownership.” Presented on the panel: “Natural Circuits: The Political Ecology of Environmental Commodities” (Organized by Paige West and Molly Doane). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA, November 17-21
- 2010 “Garden Variety Kinship: Shifting Moral Economies and Relationships of Care on Darjeeling Tea Plantations.” Workshop for the History of Environment, Agriculture, Technology, and Science (WHEATS); UW-Madison, October 8-9
- 2007 “Can a Plantation be Fair? Paradoxes and Possibilities in Fair Trade Darjeeling Tea Production.” Presented on the panel: “What’s Fair: Environmental and Social Justice Through Markets” (Organized by Sarah Lyon) American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; Washington D.C. November 28 - December 2

***Guest Lectures (selected)***

- 2016 “Anthropology and Development.” In Development 2000: “Theory and Research in Development.” Brown University, November 3.
- 2016 “Making the Most of a Postdoctoral Fellowship.” Michigan Society of Fellows, Sept. 16  
*Also presented at:*  
- Watson Institute, Brown University, October 24, 2016
- 2016 “Applying for Postdoctoral Fellowships.” Dept. of Anthropology, Brown University September 9  
*Also presented at:*  
- Department of Anthropology, Brown University, September 28, 2015
- 2016 “Ethnography.” RISD Continuing Education “Design and Public Policy Institute” for state of Rhode Island officials, August 4

*Also presented at:*

- RISD Design and Public Policy Institute (for State of Rhode Island), June 6, 2016
- RISD Design and Public Policy Institute (for State Department and CIA), August 4, 2015

- 2016 “Slow Violence in Shadow Places.” Guest lecture for graduate seminar in environmental anthropology, University of Heidelberg, April 25
- 2015 “How to Write a Journal Article.” Department of Anthropology, Brown University, December 14
- 2015 “The Death of the Indian Tea Auction.” Brown Club of New Hampshire and Vermont; Claremont, NH, November 18

*Also presented at:*

- Brown Club of Wisconsin; Madison, WI, Oct. 23, 2015

- 2014 “After Anthropology?” Connecticut College, October 11

***Invited Discussions of The Darjeeling Distinction in Colleagues’ Classes:***

- 2016 In “Anthropology of Natural Wealth,” Amherst College (Skype), October 5
- 2016 In “Political Ecology,” University of Texas, Austin (Skype); April 22
- 2016 In “Moral Economies of Development,” Dartmouth College; April 19
- 2016 In “Environmental Anthropology,” University of Hawaii (Skype); January 23
- 2015 In “Anthropology of Food,” Connecticut College; November 5
- 2015 In “The Anthropology of Good Intentions,” Oberlin College; April 21
- 2015 In “The Global Intimate,” Dartmouth College (Skype); January 28
- 2014 In “Sociology of Food and Agriculture,” NC State (Skype); November 5
- 2014 In “Environmental Anthropology,” U. Michigan; October 30
- 2014 In “Environmental Anthropology,” Florida International U. (Skype); March 20
- 2014 In “Culture and Global Environment,” U. of Oklahoma (Skype); February 19
- 2013 In “Global Environmental Justice,” U. of Oklahoma (via Skype); October 10
- 2012 In “Environmental Anthropology,” U. of Michigan; October 13

**COURSES TAUGHT**

***At Brown University***

“Anthropology and Global Social Problems” [introductory undergraduate class]

“Research Design and Methods in Anthropology.” [graduate seminar]

“Labor and Social Life.” [graduate seminar]

***At the University of Michigan***

“Food, Politics, and Environment:” a mixed graduate and advanced undergraduate seminar [taught in Fall 2013 and cross-listed in Anthropology and Natural Resources]

“Social and Environmental Justice in South Asia:” an upper-level area studies course [taught in Winter 2014 and cross-listed in Anthropology and Natural Resources]

***At the University of Wisconsin-Madison***

“Introduction to East Asian Civilizations:” intermediate area studies course in East Asian Studies and Political Science. (*Associate Lecturer, Fall 2007*)

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

***Service to the Profession***

Grant Reviewer for:

National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology Program (2014)

Manuscript Reviewer for:

*Agriculture and Human Values; American Ethnologist; Anthropology of Work Review; Antipode; Comparative Studies in Society and History; Culture, Agriculture, Food, and Environment (Culture & Agriculture); Gender and Society; Global Networks: A Journal of Transnational Affairs; Himalaya: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies; Human Organization; Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute; Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR); Studies in Nepali History and Society; University of Washington Press*

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| 2016        | Rappaport Prize Panel; Anthropology and Environment Society  |
| 2016        | Junior Scholar Award Judge; Anthropology and Environment Society   |
| 2016        | Co-Chair, Society for Economic Anthropology Book Prize Committee   |
| 2015 - 2018 | Board Member; Society for Economic Anthropology (section of the American Anthropological Association)  |
| 2014        | Faculty Mentor, Anthropology and Environment Society Dissertation Workshop, American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington D.C., December 6 |
| 2011 - 2013 | Board Member, Anthropology and Environment Society (section of the American Anthropological Association)   |
| 2011 - 2013 | Organizer, Anthropology and Environment Society Dissertation Workshop  |

***At Brown University***

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| 2016 - | Food Studies Working Group, American Studies Department                          |
| 2016 - | Graduate Program in Development Executive Committee, Watson Institute            |
| 2016   | Co-convener, Article Writing Workshop (for grad students), Dept. of Anthropology |

Student Committees (graduate):

Hannah Marshall (Anthropology, Masters thesis committee member)

Student Committees (undergraduate):

Isabelle Thenor-Louis (Anthropology, thesis second reader, 2016)

Laura Durand (Development Studies, thesis second reader, 2016)

**At the University of Michigan**

- 2012 - 2015 Reviewer for Postdoctoral Applications to the Michigan Society of Fellows
- 2012 - 2015 ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award Reviewer
- 2012 - 2015 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Sponsor
- 2015, 2014 Center for South Asian Studies Summer in South Asia Fellowship Committee
- 2014 Fulbright IIE Application Review Committee
- 2014 Lectured on “Using Twitter in the Classroom” for Center for Research on Teaching and Learning’s (CRLT) New Faculty Workshop, May 15.
- 2014 Planning Committee Member, Michigan Meeting on Food Sovereignty
- 2014 Center for South Asian Studies M.A. Admissions Committee
- 2013 Panelist on “Applying for Postdocs;” part of the four-field graduate-organized Professionalization and Job Skills Series, Dept. of Anthropology, February 19

**At Franklin & Marshall College**

- 2012 Honors Thesis Committee Member, International Studies Program

**At the University of Wisconsin-Madison**

- 2006 - 2007 Organizer, Graduate Student Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology

**MEDIA, INTERVIEWS, AND CONSULTATIONS** (archived online at [www.sarahbesky.com](http://www.sarahbesky.com))

My research has been covered in Indian print media: *The Times of India* (2014), *The Economic Times* (2014), *The Business Standard* (2014), *The Darjeeling Times* (2014)

- 2016 Interviewed for *Rhein Neckar Zeitung* (Heidelberg, Germany), April 27
- 2016 Interviewed for Asia Experts Forum (Claremont McKenna College), April 6
- 2016 Interviewed for CNN Freedom Project, April 7
- 2016 Interviewed on Edge Effects Blog, March 29
- 2015 Interviewed for a BBC article on labor conditions in Indian tea, August 19
- 2015 Interviewed for the “New Books in South Asia” podcast series. January 14
- 2014 Interviewed on BBC Radio 4 “Thinking Allowed.” Airdate: October 22
- 2014 Interviewed for an article in *The Guardian* on smallholder tea. August 9
- 2014 Interviewed for forthcoming documentary on fair trade for BBC Dispatches
- 2014 Interviewed on “The Farm Report.” Heritage Radio News. Airdate: May 22
- 2014 Interviewed on “It’s Hot in Here.” WCBN Ann Arbor. Airdate: January 17
- 2013 Interviewed for Friends of the Earth UK “Make it Better Campaign.” October 17
- 2010 Interviewed on “Against the Grain,” on “Fair Trade’s Impact.” KPFA Berkeley, CA. Airdate: November 22
- 2010 Consultant for International Union of Foodworkers (IUF) for a study on the effects of fair trade certification on unionization; Darjeeling, India
- 2009 Consultant on Plantation Social Welfare, Community Health and Advancement in India (CHAI) Project, Mercy Corps (US NGO); Darjeeling, India

## REFUGEE ADVOCACY AND INTERPRETATION

- 2012 Led “Cultural Workshop” on Bhutanese Refugees for Health and Educational Service Providers at “It Takes a Community: Optimizing Refugee Resettlement in Southeastern Pennsylvania;” Lancaster, PA, March 30
- 2010 - 2011 Nepali Interpreter for Bhutanese Refugees and Nepali Immigrants at: University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics • Public Health Madison Dane County • Madison Metropolitan School District • St. Mary’s Hospital • Meriter Hospital • Dean Health System • Imagine a Child’s Capacity (non-profit) • Wisconsin Disability Determination Board (Social Security Administration) [*all in Madison, WI*]

## LANGUAGES

*Nepali*: Excellent (speaking, writing, and reading) *See above for interpreting experience*

*Hindi*: Proficient (speaking, writing, and reading)

*Tibetan*: Elementary (speaking, reading, and writing)

*Bengali*: Elementary (comprehension and speaking)

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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