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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley- University of California, San Francisco
Joint Medical Anthropology Program (2011)
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Anthropology (2006)
- B.A. Brown University, Religious Studies (2000)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2014 - present Assistant Professor, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Stony Brook University
Faculty Affiliate, Cultural Analysis and Theory
Faculty Affiliate, Asian American Studies
- 2011 - 2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2015 *Valuing Deaf Worlds in India* (Rutgers University Press).
- in press *It's a small world: International Deaf Spaces and Encounters*. (edited with Annelies Kusters) (Gallaudet University Press).

Articles in Refereed Journals

- submitted How the Disabled Body Unites the Body of the Nation: Disability as “feel good” diversity in urban India. *Social Text*
- forthcoming Understanding Sign Language Bibles Through Affective Audits in South India. *Ethnos*. DOI: 10.1080/00141844.2015.1031264
- 2016 Not-Understanding and Understanding: What do Epistemologies and Ontologies Do in Deaf Worlds? *Sign Language Studies*. 16(2):184-203.
- 2015 New disability mobilities and accessibilities in urban India. (with Jamie Osborne). *City & Society*. 27(1):9-29.
- 2015 Deaf Bodies and Corporate Bodies: New Regimes of Value in Bangalore's Business Process Outsourcing Sector. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. 21(2):313-329.

- 2015 On “diversity” and “inclusion”: Exploring paradigms for achieving Sign Language Peoples’ rights. With Annelies Kusters, Maartje De Meulder, and Steve Emery. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity Working Paper. (Translated into German by *Das Zeichen*).
- 2015 Deaf Uplines and Downlines: Multi-level Marketing, Fractures, and the Coerciveness of Sociality in urban India. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. 44(1-2):103-128
- 2014 Deaf Capital: An exploration of the relationship between stigma and value in deaf multi-level marketing participation in urban India. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. 28(4):202-218.
- 2014 On the limits and possibilities of “DEAF DEAF SAME:” Ethnographic Perspectives from Adamarobe (Ghana) and Bangalore and Delhi (India). With Annelies Kusters. *Disability Studies Quarterly*. 34(3).
- 2014 The Church of Deaf Sociality: Deaf Church-Going Practices and “Sign Bread and Butter” in Bangalore, India. *Anthropology and Education Quarterly*. 45:39-53.
- 2013 Producing “Workers with Disabilities”: Deaf Workers and Added Value in India’s Coffee Shops. *Anthropology of Work Review*. 34(1): 39-50.
- 2013 Audit Bodies: Embodied Participation, Disability Universalism, and Accessibility in India. With Jamie Osborne. *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. 45(1): 43-60.
- 2012 Sound Studies Meets Deaf Studies. (with Stefan Helmreich). *The Senses & Society*. 7(1): 72-86. (To be reprinted in *Sounding the Limits of Life: Essays in the Anthropology of Biology and Beyond* by Stefan Helmreich).
- 2010 Bio-Power, Biosociality, and Community Formation: How Bio-Power is Constitutive of the Deaf Community. *Sign Language Studies*. 10(3): 336-347.
- 2008 Deafness and the Black Box of Discourse Among Deaf Women in India. *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*. 15(2): 365–385.

Chapters in Edited Books

- forthcoming Transnationalism. In Gertz, Genie and Boudreault, Patrick, eds. *Encyclopedia of Deaf Studies and Deaf culture*. With Annelies Kusters and Mara Green. Sage Publications.
- forthcoming Deaf Communities in South Asia. In Gertz, Genie and Boudreault, Patrick, eds. *Encyclopedia of Deaf Studies and Deaf culture*. With Annelies Kusters and Mara Green. Sage Publications.
- forthcoming International Development Initiatives for Deaf People. In Gertz, Genie and Boudreault, Patrick, eds. *Encyclopedia of Deaf Studies and Deaf culture*. With Arlinda Boland and Annelies Kusters. Sage Publications.
- 2015 Occupying Seats, Occupying Space, Occupying Time: Deaf Young Adults in Vocational Training Centers in Bangalore, India. In Block, Pam et al., eds. *Occupying Disability: Decolonizing Identity, Community and Justice*. New York: Springer Publishers.
- 2013 Identity Formation and Transnational Discourses: Thinking Beyond Identity Politics. In Addlakha, Renu, ed. *Disability Studies in India: Global Discourses, Lived Realities*. New Delhi: Routledge India. 241-262.

- 2010 Focus on Which (Deaf) Space?: Identity and Belonging among Deaf Women in New Delhi, India. In Burch, Susan and Kafer, Alison, eds. *New Intersections in Disability Studies and Deaf Studies*. Washington: Gallaudet University Press. 48-66.

Book Reviews and Commentaries

- forthcoming Review of *Disability, Gender, and the Trajectories of Power* edited by Asha Hans. Solicited by *Contributions to Indian Sociology*.
- 2014 Reflections on the debates around the 2014 RPWD Bill: The role of deaf people. *Café Dissensus*.
- 2013 (Dis)harmonious Socialities: Deaf multi-level marketing participation in India. *Somatosphere: Medicine, Psychiatry and Anthropology*.
- 2013 From Disability Stigma to Disability Value: Notes on research in urban India. *Somatosphere: Medicine, Psychiatry, and Anthropology*.
- 2013 A review of *Embodied Marginalities: Disability, Citizenship, and Space in Highland Ecuador* by Nicholas Rattray. *Social Science Dissertation Reviews*.
- 2013 Design Meets Disability. Reviewed in *IEEE Technology and Society Magazine*
- 2009 Computers and Magical Thinking: Work and Be-longing for People with Disabilities in Bangalore. *Economic and Political Weekly* 44(26-27): 36-41.
- 2008 On Flat and Round Worlds: Deaf Communities in Bangalore. *Economic and Political Weekly*. 43(38): 17-21.

Other

- 2015 - present *Inhabitable Worlds: Troubling disability, debility, and ability narratives*. Series convener and editor. (with Emily Cohen). *Somatosphere: Science, Medicine and Anthropology*

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2015 Society for Medical Anthropology Disability Research Interest Group Travel Award
- 2015 SUNY Arts and Humanities Network of Excellence Grant (with colleagues at Stony Brook and SUNY-Buffalo in Cultural Analysis and Theory, History, English, Philosophy, and Disability Studies)
- 2014 Jawaharlal Nehru University Department of Social Sciences Visiting Fellowship
- 2011 - 14 National Science Foundation Minority Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2007 - 11 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2008 - 09 American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellowship
- 2008 - 09 UC Berkeley Deans Normative Time Fellowship
- 2007 UC Berkeley Human Rights Center Human Rights Summer Fellowship
- 2007 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship (*declined*)
- 2006 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship

- 2006 Lowie Olson Travel Grant, UC Berkeley
- 2005 - 09 UC Berkeley Regents Fellowship (*declined 2007 - 09*)
- 2000 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 From Stigma to Value: Worlding Deaf Experiences. Columbia University. New York, NY.
- 2016 Valuing Deaf Worlds in India: Rorienting Disability, Deafness, and Value. Purdue University Critical Disability Studies Symposium.
- 2015 Valuing Deaf Worlds: An Anthropological Take on Deaf Studies. Gallaudet University, Washington DC.
- 2014 An Anthropological Approach to Deaf Worlds, Deaf Socialities, and Deaf Studies. Conference on Communication, Autism, and Sign Language at Stony Brook University.
- 2014 Deafness, Technology, and Value: The case of deaf “workers with disabilities” in Indian multinational corporations. University of Jyväskylä, Finland.
- 2014 Imagining new inclusive publics: How deafness and disability function as “feel good” diversity. Symposium on the Promises and Perils of Diversity: The Case of Deaf People in Multiple Contexts. Max Planck Institute for Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Gottingen, Germany.
- 2014 Disability, Technology, Value. Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad
- 2011 The Church of Deaf Sociality. Medical Anthropology Colloquia Series, University of California, San Francisco.
- 2011 Technologically Produced Added Value: Typing, Sociality, and Affect. Tufts University Department of Anthropology Seminar Series on “ Anthropology, Technology, and the Human.”
- 2010 Normal Dreams and Futures: The Articulation of Pyramid Schemes and Deaf Communities in Urban India. Center for South Asian Studies Public Lecture, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2009 Technology to/for What Ends? Conference on “Technology, Disability, and the Developing World,” University of Washington at Seattle.
- 2008 “I am deaf, you are deaf, we are the same”: Cultivated Sameness and Present Oriented Affinities. Conference on Disability, Gender, and Society, Delhi University, New Delhi, India.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conference Panels Organized

- 2015 What does a Sensory, Sensing, and Sensual Disability Studies look like? Society for Disability Studies Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA. (Double Panel)

- 2015 Space as a Tool for Engagement: Thinking through Human Geography. Stony Brook University Converging Sciences Summit.
- 2015 It's a small world: Deaf similitude and deaf universalism. 7th Annual Deaf Academics Conference, Leuven, Belgium.
- 2012 Carving Out Space for the "Unintended:" Analytics, Methods, and Practices. (with Eunjung Kim). Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2012 Disability and Authoritative Discourse. (with Pamela Block). Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Baltimore, MD. (Double Panel)
- 2011 Negotiating Ordinary and Extraordinary Discourses: Discourse within Disability Theory and Disability Activism. Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.
- 2010 Conversion, the Ordinary, and the Extraordinary: Creating Emerging Worlds. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2008 Exploring New Frontiers in Disability Research. (with Eunjung Kim). Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2008 The Politics of Emergent Socialities in South Asia. (with Mara Green). Twenty Third Annual South Asia Conference at the University of California, Berkeley.

Conference Talks

- 2015 How the Disabled Body Unites the Body of the Nation: Disability as "feel good" diversity in urban India. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (as part of an Invited Society for Medical Anthropology Session).
- 2015 Deaf Space: Creating and Sustaining Vibrant Spaces. Converging Sciences Summit. Stony Brook University.
- 2015 It's a small world: Deaf similitude and deaf universalism. 7th Annual Deaf Academics Conference, Leuven, Belgium.
- 2012 Sign Language is the Key to Deaf Peoples' Hearts: "Understanding" as Transformation. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 1% of 3%: "The Glass is Full," the Unstable Life and Future of Disability Employment in Quotes in India. The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2012 Jesus as the Patron Saint of the Deaf. Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- 2011 Future Life How?: Pyramid Schemes, Deaf Sociality, and Middle Class Aspirations in Urban India. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2011 Claiming (Lack of) Access: A Universal Moral Sphere? Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.
- 2011 Learning How to Thread, Wax, and Make Batiks: Gendered Deaf Space Production in New Delhi, India. Graduate Consortium of Women's Studies Conference, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

- 2010 The Church of Deaf Understanding: Deaf Missionary Encounters in Bangalore, India. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 On the Limits of Technology: Notes from Fieldwork in Urban India. Workshop on Deaf Community Leadership, Institute for Sign Language and Deaf Studies, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK.
- 2009 The Production of “Added Value” by Deaf Young Adults: Typing, Praying, and Waiting for the future in Bangalore, India. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 Computers and Magical Thinking: Work as Be-longing for People with Disabilities in Bangalore. 2008 Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting, New York City, NY.
- 2008 On Flat and Round Worlds: Deafness, Deaf Communities and Discourse Circulation in Bangalore, India. 2008 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN.
- 2008 The Conflict that Wasn’t: Deafness and Difference in the City. Twenty Third Annual South Asia Conference at the University of California, Berkeley.
- 2007 The World is Not Flat: Deafness and Human Rights in Bangalore, India. 2007 Human Rights Conference at the University of California, Berkeley.
- 2007 Transnationalism and the Black Box of Discourse: Thinking about Deafness among Urban Women in India. Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Discussant

- 2015 “Stigma and Value.” Prepared Comments for Panel on Evaluating Disability: Stigma and the Anthropology of Values, American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

GUEST LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

- 2015 Stony Brook University. Guest lecturer on “Ethnography” in MA level Public Health qualitative research methods course taught by Amy Hammock.
- 2015 Stony Brook University. Guest lecturer on “Sound Studies meets Deaf Studies” in undergraduate ethnomusicology course taught by Benjamin Taussig.
- 2015 Stony Brook University. Guest lecturer on “Disability, Accessibility, and Sustainability” in undergraduate Human Settlements course taught by Donovan Finn.
- 2014 University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Guest lecturer (for three days) on “Anthropology and Deaf Studies” in mixed undergraduate and graduate Deaf Studies course taught by Danny DeWeerd.
- 2013 Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Guest lecturer on “Disability, Technology, and Ethics” in mixed undergraduate and graduate Science and Technology Studies course “Technology and Culture” taught by Kieran Downes.
- 2012 Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Guest lecturer on “Social Science Approaches to Disability” in mixed undergraduate and graduate Computer Science course “Assistive Technology” taught by Seth Teller.

- 2011 Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Guest lecturer on “Qualitative Research Methods” with Heather Paxson and Graham Jones in mixed undergraduate and graduate D-lab course “D-lab: Development” taught by Amy Smith and Bish Sanyal.
- 2011 Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Guest lecturer on “Deafness, Technology, and Development” in mixed undergraduate and graduate anthropology course “Cross Cultural Investigations: Methodological and Practical Issues” taught by Heather Paxson.
- 2011 New York University. Guest lecturer on “Deafness, Media, and Affect” in undergraduate media studies course “Media and Disability” taught by Mara Mills.
- 2010 Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Guest lecturer on “Deafness, Sound, and Silence” in anthropology course “Anthropology of Sound” taught by Stefan Helmreich.
- 2010 UC Berkeley. Guest lecturer on “Deafness and Development in India” in upper division anthropology course on “Medical Anthropology” taught by James Battle.
- 2009 Indira Gandhi Open University, New Delhi. Guest lecturer on “Uses and Abuses of Culture” in the Bachelor of Arts Program in Applied Sign Language Linguistics.
- 2008 UC Berkeley. Guest lecturer on “Deafness, Medical Anthropology, India” in upper division anthropology course on “Anthropology of Disability” taught by Devva Kasnitz.
- 2008 UC Berkeley. Guest lecturer on “Developmentally Disabled Artists, Commodities, and the State” with Gerone Spruill in upper division art course on “Art, Medicine, and Disability” taught by Katherine Sherwood.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Disability, Participation, and Justice
Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral Seminar (on thematic of Translations)
Disability Language, Rhetoric, and Narrative
- 2015 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods
Health and Disability in Local and Global Contexts
Disability Language, Rhetoric, and Narrative
- 2014 Frameworks, Models, and Classification Systems in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Biomedical spaces and Encounters: The Clinic and Beyond
- 2012 Disability in Local and Global Contexts (MIT)
- 2007 Anthropology of Public Health (reader, lecturer and grader under Clara Mantini Briggs, UC Berkeley)

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2015 - present Faculty EEO Committee, Stony Brook University School of Medicine
- 2015 Program Committee, National Womens Studies Association Annual Conference
- 2014 Academic Committee, Deaf Academics Conference

- 2014 - present Advisory Committee on Disability Studies Undergraduate Curriculum, Stony Brook University School of Health, Technology, and Management
- 2014 - present Editorial Collaborative Member. Somatosphere
- 2013 Advisor, Symposium on Disability, Technology and Rehabilitation in Low and Middle Income Countries at University of Washington, Seattle (June 2013)
- 2012 Lecturer, Workshop on Social Science Methods for Sign Language Interpreters at Boston University
- 2012 - 13 Reviewer, Society for Disability Studies Senior Scholar Award
- 2011 - 14 Editorial Board Member and Reviewer, *Disability Studies Quarterly*
- 2011 Organizer, Workshop on Race and Disability at Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, San Jose CA
- 2009 - 10 Reviewer, Society for Disability Studies Zola Award for Emerging Disability Studies Research
- 2007 - 10 Board Member, Society for Disability Studies Board of Directors
- 2007 Consultant, Association of People with Disability, Bangalore, India
- 2005 - 10 Consultant, San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency Accessible Services
- 2005 Organizer, Sixth Annual Indian Deaf Women's Leadership and Cultural Conference, New Delhi, India
- 2003 - 05 Member, San Francisco Deaf Gay and Lesbian Advisory Committee
- 1999 - 00 Meiklejohn Peer Advisor, Brown University

JOURNAL PEER REVIEW

Antipode: A Journal of Radical Geography; Anthropology of Work Review; Disability Studies Quarterly; Space and Culture; Senses & Society; American Ethnologist

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Anthropological Association

Member, Society for Disability Studies

LANGUAGES

Hindi: Beginning - Intermediate proficiency

American Sign Language: Working fluency

Indian Sign Language: Intermediate proficiency

GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Gregory Clinton, PhD Candidate in Cultural Analysis and Theory

Michelle Ho, PhD Candidate in Cultural Analysis and Theory

Laura Abbasi-Lemon, MA Candidate in Cultural Analysis and Theory

Maria Milazzo, PhD Candidate in Disability Studies/Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Chris-Mike Agbelie, PhD Student in Disability Studies/Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (primary advisor)

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