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Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

- 2014 PhD **Cornell University** Anthropology  
Dissertation: *Localizing the Trans/Nationally 'Modern' Imaginary: Islamic 'Authenticity' on China's Peripheries*  
Committee: P. Steven Sangren (Chair), Magnus Fiskesjö, Viranjini Munasinghe
- 2010 MA **Cornell University** Anthropology
- 2007-08 **Tsinghua University, Beijing** Advanced Mandarin Language  
**Inter-University Program**  
(affiliated with U.C. Berkeley)
- 2004 BA **University of Texas, Austin** Anthropology, History  
University Honors, Departmental Honors; Liberal Arts Honors Program  
Honors Thesis: *Marketing Difference: Dai/Han Ethnic Relations in a Tourist Paradise.*
- 2003 **School for International Training, Kunming**  
(affiliated with Yunnan Normal University)

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-2017 **The University of San Francisco** Center for Asia Pacific Studies  
Kiryama Fellow
- 2014-2016 **New York University** Department of Anthropology  
Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow  
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Program for Academic Diversity

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship, Alternate Candidate
- 2014-2016 Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Program for Academic Diversity, New York University

- 2013 Bestor Prize for Most Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Society for East Asian Anthropology
- 2011-2012 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2010-2011 Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
- 2008-2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
- 2008 East Asia Program Travel Grant, Cornell University
- 2008 Lam Family Award for South China Research, Cornell University
- 2008 Taiwan Familiarization Program Fund, National Chengchi University
- 2007-2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
- 2005-2006 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2005-2006 Diversity Fellowship, Cornell University

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2018 “(Im)mobilizing the Muslim subject: “Hajj holidays,” OBOR, and trans/national sentiments.” In *China Pivots West: Ethnic Tensions and Human Security Along the ‘New Silk Road.’* Forthcoming.
- 2018 “Engendering ‘Progress’: Masculinity, Faith, and Narratives of Recovery in the Aftermath of Anti-Muslim Violence.” In *Ethnographies of Islam in China*. University of Indiana Press: Bloomington. Forthcoming.
- 2017 “Anxious States: Suspicion and Social Critique in Yunnanese Conspiracy Theories of the 3.01 Attacks.” *Asian Studies Review*. Forthcoming.
- 2016 “Localizing Transnationalism in Post-Reform China: Sino-Islamic Identities among Hui-Muslim Women in Yunnan.” In *Hui Muslims in China*. Edited by Gui Rong. K.U. Leuven Press.
- 2014 “In Pursuit of Islamic ‘Authenticity’: Localizing Muslim Identity on China’s Peripheries.” *Cross Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*. Vol. 3, No. 2.

## **PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION**

- In Review “‘Crafting’ History, Social Memory, and Sovereignty: Narratives of Yunnanese Ethno-Religious Conflicts.” *History and Anthropology*.

- In Prep *Islamic 'Authenticity' on China's Peripheries*. Book Manuscript.
- In Prep "The Gift of the Hajj: A Tale of Chinese Bureaucracy, Gratitude, and Self-Production." To be submitted to *Cultural Anthropology* in April 2018.
- In Prep "'Scattered like seeds': Crisis, Muslim Subjectivities, and Creative Renewal in Urban Southwest China."

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 "(Im)mobilizing the Muslim subject: "Hajj holidays," OBOR, and trans/national sentiments." *China Pivots West: Ethnic Tensions and Human Security Along the 'New Silk Road.'* La Trobe University. Melbourne, Australia. December 1-2.
- 2010 <<美国西南部的少数民族的情况: 双语教育>> "The Situation of Ethnic Minorities in the American Southwest: Bilingual Education." Yunnan University of Nationalities. Kunming, China. April 6.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Panels Organized

- 2017 "Mobility in Context: Localizing Transnational China." Mid-Atlantic Regional Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Drexel University, Philadelphia. October 8.
- 2014 "Conspiracy Theories in China." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. December 7. (Co-organized with Kevin Carrico).
- 2013 "Migrants, Pilgrims, and Refugees: Destabilizing Tropes of Transnational 'Mobility.'" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 20.

### Papers Presented

- 2017 "Martyrs, Sacrifice, and the Gifts of Faith: The Moral Economy of Muslim 'Rebellion' in China." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. December 2.
- 2017 "Representing the Nation, Loving the State: Chinese Bureaucracy, Transnational Islam, and the Hajj Experience." Mid-Atlantic Regional Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Drexel University, Philadelphia. October 8.
- 2017 "Representing the Nation, Loving the State: Chinese Bureaucracy, Transnational Islam, and the Hajj Experience." Chinese Studies Association of Australia

- Biennial Conference. Macquarie University, Sydney. July 10-12.
- 2017 “Anxious States: Suspicion and Social Critique in Yunnanese Conspiracy Theories of the 3.01 Attacks.” Conspiracy Theories in China. Center on China in the World, Australia National University, Canberra. July 21-22.
- 2017 “Engendering ‘Progress’: Masculinity, Faith, and Narratives of Recovery in the Aftermath of Anti-Muslim Violence.” Ethnographies of Islam in China Conference. SOAS, London. March 27.
- 2016 “Love in the time of nation-states: ‘Patriotic Piety’ and Chinese Muslim Nationalism.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. November 19.
- 2015 "Scattered like seeds": Crisis, Muslim Subjectivities, and Creative Renewal in Urban Southwest China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 19.
- 2014 “Anxious States: Suspicion and Social Critique in Yunnanese Conspiracy Theories of the 3.01 Attacks.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. December 7.
- 2014 “Localizing Transnationalism in Post-Reform China: Sino-Islamic Identities among Hui-Muslim Women in Yunnan.” Workshop on Developing a Sense of Belonging: Muslims in Europe and Hui-Muslims in China. Leuven, Belgium. May 14.
- 2013 “‘Crafting’ History, Social Memory, and Sovereignty: Narratives of Yunnanese Ethno-Religious Conflicts.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November 25.
- 2013 “Engendering Nationalist Sentiment Through Transnational ‘Mobility’: The Hajj Application Process in Yunnan, China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 20.
- 2012 "Kowtowing to Chinese Sovereignty, Embracing the Umma: The Contemporary Complexities of Chinese Hui-Muslim Nationalisms." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 18.
- 2012 “On the Ambiguity of “Authenticity”: Constructing Hui-Muslim Identity through Space and Place.” Islam of the Everyday: Focus on Islam in China. Cornell University. Ithaca, NY. April 27.
- 2008 <<人类学早期历史丛谈: 人类学与殖民主义的关系>> “Talks on the Early History of Anthropology: The Links Between Anthropology and Colonialism.” Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. Tsinghua University. Beijing,

China. May 23.

### **INVITED CAMPUS TALKS**

- 2016 “What’s ”love” got to do with it: “Patriotic Piety” and Chinese Muslim Nationalism. University of San Francisco. November 12.
- 2016 “Love in the Time of Secularism: "Patriotic Piety" and Muslim Nationalism in China.” Department of Anthropology. New York University. March 24.
- 2015 Discussant. “Transnational Islamic Pedagogical Networks.” Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University. March 9.
- 2014 “Conflict Narratives, Conflicting Narratives: Hui-Muslim Interpretations of Violence and its Aftermath in Yunnan.” Cornell University East Asia Program. March 20.
- 2013 “Localizing Transnationalism in Post-Reform China: Sino-Islamic Identities among Hui-Muslim Women in Yunnan.” Global Islam: Borders, Boundaries and Belonging(s). Cornell Educational Resources for International Studies (CERIS) Workshop for Community College Faculty. Cornell University. November 16.
- 2013 “Post-revolutionary China and Its Internal Uncertainty: Peripheral Muslim Minorities and Beijing.” History and Myth: The Rise of China. Department of History. Cornell University. November 15.
- 2011 “Transnational Connections and Ethno-religious Identity Formation in a Yunnanese Hui-Muslim Enclave.” Lindenwood University Summer Abroad Program. Kunming, China. May 28.
- 2010-2011 “Anthropological Field Methods and Ethics in Conducting Field Research.” School for International Training. Kunming, China.
- 2010 “Anthropological Field Methods and Ethics in Conducting Field Research.” Duke in China Program. Kunming, China.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2009-2011 Dissertation Field and Textual Research in Yunnan Province, China.
- 2008 Preliminary Winter and Summer Field Research in Yunnan Province, China.
- 2006 Preliminary Summer Field Research in Xi’an and Kunming, China.
- 2005 Summer Follow-up Field Research in Yunnan Province, China.

2003            Field Research on Dai/Han Ethnic Relations in Yunnan Province, China.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor of Record**

#### University of San Francisco

Religion and Globalization: Politics and Religion in China and East Asia Today (2017)

#### New York University

Immigration, the Nation, and Belonging (2016)

Anthropology of China: Postgraduate Reading Course (2016)

Anthropology of China and Japan (2015)

Anthropology and Transnationalism: Culture on the Move (2015)

Ethnicity and Religion in Post-Reform China (2014)

#### Cornell University

The Power of Narrative: History, Rumor, and Storytelling (2012, 2013)

#### Hunan Agricultural University

English Language for Non-Native Speakers (2004)

### **Teaching Assistant**

#### Cornell University

Cultural Diversity and Contemporary Issues (2013)

Comparison of Cultures (2007)

Human Evolution (2006)

## **LANGUAGES**

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|----------------------------|--|
| English                    | Native speaker   |
| Mandarin Chinese           | Advanced skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing        |
| Classical Chinese          | Advanced skills in reading   |
| Yunnan Dialect             | Intermediate skills in speaking and listening                      |
| Sichuan and Hunan Dialects | Basic skills in speaking and listening                             |
| French                     | Intermediate skills in reading, listening; basic speaking, writing |
| Turkish                    | Intermediate skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing       |
| Spanish                    | Basic skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing              |

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association  
American Academy of Religion  
Association for Asian Studies  
Society for East Asian Anthropology  
Society for Urban, National and Transnational/Global Anthropology  
Society for the Anthropology of Religion

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATIONS**

- 2010           “Lectures on A Century of Chinese Artistic Thought --The Eighties: From the Aftermath of the Cultural Revolution to the Post-1989 Era.” Li Xianting.
- 2010           “Artistic Innovation and Stylistic Diversity: Three Decades of Contemporary Chinese Art Development, An Introduction.” Shao Dazhen.
- 2010           “Three Decades of Contemporary Chinese Art: Painting (1979- 2009).” Minsheng Art Museum.
- 2009           “Artists, Archives and Diagnoses of an Era.” Guo Xiaoyan.
- 2009           “A Prelude to Anti-Aesthetics.” Wang Min’an.
- 2009           “Detachment: The Historical and Political Narratives of Wang Jianwei.” Huang Zhuan.
- 2009           “Collecting is the Fountain of Our Happiness.” Li Feng.
- 2009           “Fang Lijun: Thread of Time.” Guangdong Museum of Art.

## REFERENCES

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