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(1) Academic Employment

2016 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Yale-NUS College

(2) Education

2016 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Michigan

Dissertation: *Suspected Gods: Spirit Possession and the Performance of Relations in Multi-Ethnic Suriname*

Webb Keane (Chair), Paul Christopher Johnson (Chair), Aisha Khan, Matthew Hull, Michael Lempert

2011 M.A., Anthropology, University of Michigan

2007 M.A., Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Thesis: *Magical Manuals, Mystical Agency, and Morality in the Caribbean*

Stephan Palmié (Advisor)

2004 B.A., Anthropology and Sociology, Mary Washington College, *summa cum laude*, Honors in Anthropology

(3) Grants and Awards

(a) External Research Awards and Grants

2016-18 Max Planck Center for the Study of Ethnic and Religious Diversity Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Göttingen, Germany (declined)

2015-16 Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

2012-13 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant

2012-13 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Research Grant

2012-13 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship

(b) Other Positions and Awards

- 2018- Asia Research Institute Fellow
- 2014-15 Mischa Titiev Library Fellowship
- 2012 Rackham Humanities Research Fellowship
- 2013-14 Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Anthropology
2009-11
- 2008-09 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Hindi)

(4) Publications and Presentations

(a) Books

- 2021 *Suspect Others: Revelation, Race, and Self-Knowledge in Multiethnic Suriname*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press

(b) Single Authored Articles for Refereed Journals

- 2021 “Vengeful Animals, Involuntary Mourning, and the Ethics of Ndyuka Autonomy.” *Cultural Anthropology* 36(1)
- 2019 “Indigenous Spirits, Pluralist Sovereignty, and the Aporia of Surinamese Hindu Belonging.” *Ethnos* 84(4): 642-659
- 2018 “It’s your Mother’s Family that Kills you: Responsibility and Evidence of Misfortune in the making of Ndyuka History.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 60(3): 1–30
- 2016 “The Dialogical Collective: Mediumship, Pain, and the Interactive Creation of Surinamese Maroon Subjectivity.” *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 22(3): 516-533

(c) Co-Authored Articles for Refereed Journals

- 2019 Geoffrey Hughes, Megnaa Mehta, Chiara Bresciani, and **Stuart Strange**. “Introduction: Ugly Emotions and the Politics of Accusation” *Cambridge Anthropology* 37(20): 1-20.
- 2018 (Rogério Brites Pires, **Stuart Strange**, and Marcelo Moura Mello) “The Bakru Speaks: Money-Making Demons and Racial Stereotypes in Multiethnic Suriname and Guyana.” *New West India Guide* 92(1-2):1–34.

(d) Book Chapters

- 2019 “The Voice of Pain in Ndyuka Politics.” In *Maroon Cosmopolitics: Personhood, Creativity and Incorporation*. Olivia Maria Gomes da Cunha, editor. Leiden: Brill.
- 2018 “Hinduism in Suriname” in *Handbook of Religion in Latin America*, Henri Gooren, chief editor. New York: Springer

(c) Book Reviews

- 2015 Review of *The Cooking of History* by Stephan Palmié in *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 57(1): 274-275
- 2011 Review of *Travels with Tooy* by Richard Price in *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 53(2): 442-443

(5) Presentations

(a) Invited Talks

- 2018 “Ironies of Envy and the ‘Literalness’ of Surinamese Racism.” Invited Talk at *Envy and Greed: A Political Economy of Accusation and Critique* Workshop at the Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom
- 2015 “Afro-Surinamese and Indo-Surinamese Modes of Ethical Subjectivity and their Intersections.” Invited talk at the *Reshaping (G)local Dynamics of the Caribbean: Relations and Disconnections* Conference, Leibniz Universität, Hannover, Germany
- 2015 “On the Subject of Possession: The Interactive Creation of Ndyuka Subjective Multiplicity.” Invited lecture at Trinity College, Hartford, CT, USA
- 2015 “The Double Bind of Pluralism in Indo-Surinamese Rituals of Settlement.” Invited talk at the *Siting Pluralism: Practices of Religious Difference* Conference, CETREN Transregional Network, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany
- 2014 “The Invisible Materials of Guyanese Gods.” Invited colloquium at Laboratório de Antropologia e História, PPGAS Museu Nacional and Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2014 “Oracles of Pain in the Making of Ndyuka Politics.” Invited talk at *Maroons and Businengees in the Guianas: Persons, Times and Places* Conference at the Laboratório de Antropologia e História, PPGAS Museu Nacional and Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- 2007 “Occult Texts and the Moral Imagination in Urban Haiti.” Invited talk at Haiti Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA
- 2007 “Crisis, Democracy, and Conspiracy in Urban Haiti.” Invited talk at *Crisis in the Caribbean* Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, USA

(b) Panels Organized

- 2019 “The politics of death and the anthropology of mourning,” [co-organized w/ Kristina Wirtz, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- 2018 “Emotional States, Envy, and the Politics of Accusation” [co-organized w/ Megnaa Mehta and Geoffrey Hughes, LSE, UK]. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, California, USA
- 2016 “The Politics of Revelation” [co-organized w/ Brent Crossen, University of Texas, Austin]. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
- 2015 “Afro-Atlantic Epistemologies” [co-organized w/ Karen Richman, University of Notre Dame]. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, USA

(c) Conference Papers

- 2019 “Vengeful Animals, Involuntary Mourning and the Ethics of Ndyuka Autonomy” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2018 “Envious Ironies: Racial and Spirit Perspectives in Contemporary Suriname.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, California, USA
- 2018 “Witnessing and the Revelation of Responsibility in Urban Suriname” Royal Anthropological Institute Conference, Art, Materiality and Representation, London, UK.
- 2017 “Unspeakable Landscapes: Hindu Ritual Performance, the Sentient Land, and the Failure of Language.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA
- 2016 “Dreams and the politics of Ndyuka and Hindu revelation.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

- 2015 “Knowing Not to Know: Afro-Surinamese Epistemic Deferral and the Problems of Ontology.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, USA
- 2015 “Shakti Puja in Contemporary Suriname.” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
- 2014 “Animating Ndyuka: Possession, Voice and Politics in a Maroon Community.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA
- 2011 “The Prophetic Voice and the Metapragmatics of Causation” Michicagoan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
- 2011 “Prophetic Voice and Ontological Efficacy in Surinamese Maroon Community” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
- 2010 “Epic Anxiety: the Semiotics of Race in Suriname.” University of Michigan Conference on Peircian Semiotics, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
- 2009 “Epic Racism: Ritual Discourse and the Practice of Race in Suriname.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin, USA
- 2007 “Agency and the Moral Imaginary in Haitian Vodou.” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, USA

(6) Courses Taught

African Atlantic Perspectives
Anarchy, Order, and Control
Religion, Ritual, and Magic
Ethnographic Methods
The Anthropology of Sleep and Dreams
Person, Subject, Self
Multispecies Ethnography

(7) Service

2019 Search Committee, Anthropology Yale-NUS College
2017-19 Admissions Committee, Yale-NUS College

(8) Professional Affiliations

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR)
Caribbean Studies Association

Caribbean Philosophical Association

(9) Professional Reviewer

Articles:

- (1x) American Ethnologist
- (2x) Comparative Studies in Society and History
- (5x) Ethnos
- (2X) Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences

Books:

- (1x) University of California Press

(8) Research Experience

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| 2019 | 5 months of research in Singapore |
| 2012-2013 | 11 months of doctoral research in Paramaribo, Suriname |
| 2012 | 7 months of doctoral research in Paramaribo, Suriname |
| 2010 | 2 months pre-doctoral ethnographic research in Paramaribo, Suriname |
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| 2007 | 2 months of preliminary research in Paramaribo, Suriname |
| 2004-05 | 11 months ethnographic research in upcountry Sri Lanka |
| 2002 | Undergraduate Ethnographic Research in Afife, Ghana |
| 2001-04 | 3 summers of ethnographic research in Carrefour, Haiti |

(9) Languages

Native Command: English

Proficiency: Ndyuka Tongo, Sranan Tongo, Haitian Kreyol

Conversational: Sarnami Hindi, Dutch, French, Saamaka Tongo

Basic: Mandarin Chinese

Reading Proficiency: Dutch, French, Spanish, and Portuguese