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**(1) Academic Employment**

2016            Assistant Professor, Yale-NUS College

**(2) Education**

2016            Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Michigan

Defense: April 19, 2016

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 at the University of Michigan**

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) Articles for Refereed Journals**

2016 “The Dialogical Collective: Mediumship, Pain, and the Interactive  
Creation of Surinamese Maroon Subjectivity.”  
*Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*

Accepted “Indigenous Spirits, Pluralist Sovereignty, and the Aporia of  
Surinamese Hindu Belonging.” Forthcoming in *Ethnos*

**(b) Book Chapters**

Forthcoming “The Voice of Pain in Ndyuka Politics” in *Maroons and  
Businengees in the Guianas: Persons, Times and Places*. Olivia  
Maria Gomes da Cunha, editor

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**

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 colloquium at Trinity College, Hartford
- 2015 “The Double Bind of Pluralism in Indo-Surinamese Rituals of Settlement.” Invited talk at the *Siting Pluralism: Practices 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
- 2007 “Crisis, Democracy, and Conspiracy in Urban Haiti.” Invited talk at *Crisis in the Caribbean* Conference, University of Chicago

**(b) Panels Organized**

- in preparation “The Politics of Revelation” [co-organized w/ Brent Crossen, University of Texas, Austin]. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis
- 2015 “Afro-Atlantic Epistemologies” [co-organized w/ Karen Richman, University of Notre Dame]. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver

**(c) Conference Papers**

- 2015 “Knowing Not to Know: Afro-Surinamese Epistemic Deferral and the Problems of Ontology.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver
- 2015 “Shakti Puja in Contemporary Suriname.” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- 2014 “Animating Ndyuka: Possession, Voice and Politics in a Maroon Community.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

- 2011 “The Prophetic Voice and the Metapragmatics of Causation” Michicagoan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, Ann Arbor
- 2011 “Prophetic Voice and Ontological Efficacy in Surinamese Maroon Community” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Conference, Santa Fe
- 2010 “Epic Anxiety: the Semiotics of Race in Suriname.” University of Michigan Conference on Peircian Semiotics, Ann Arbor
- 2009 “Epic Racism: Ritual Discourse and the Practice of Race in Suriname.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007 “Agency and the Moral Imaginary in Haitian Vodou.” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Conference, Phoenix

**(6) Courses Taught**

Religion, Ritual, and Magic  
Ethnographic Methods

**(7) Professional Affiliations**

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

**(8) Research Experience**

- 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
- 2009 2 months pre-doctoral ethnographic research in Paramaribo, Suriname
- 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, and Saramaka.

*Reading Proficiency:* Dutch, French, and Portuguese.