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Education

- 2008 – 2015 Yale University PhD Program in Anthropology
Dissertation (awarded with Distinction): *The City Electric: Infrastructure and Ingenuity in Postsocialist Tanzania.*
Adviser: Michael McGovern
- 2006 – 2008 University of Florida, MA, Department of Anthropology
Exam Fields: Political Economy, Urban Anthropology, Critical Theory
Adviser: Brenda Chalfin
- 2001 – 2005 Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College at Florida Atlantic University
BA Anthropology and Philosophy

Research and Teaching

African Studies, Urbanism, Energy and Infrastructure, Socialism and Postsocialism, China-Africa Relations, Anthropology of the State, Design.

Publications

- 2017 “Shock Humor: Swahili Precarity and the Infrastructural Zany in Dar es Salaam.” *Cultural Anthropology*, under review.
- 2017 “A Grid of Three Colors: Race and the Political Economy of Electricity in Postsocialist Tanzania.” *Afrique Contemporaine*, under review.
- 2017 “Modal Reasoning in Dar es Salaam’s Power Network.” *American Ethnologist*, 44 (forthcoming).
- 2014 “Political Economy Analysis of the Energy Sector in Tanzania.” International Law and Policy Institute. Research report, co-contributor.
- 2013 “Emergency Power: Time, Ethics, and Electricity in Postsocialist Tanzania.” In *Cultures of Energy: Power, Practices, Technologies*. Sarah Strauss, Stephanie Rupp and Thomas Love, eds. Left Coast Press.

Awards and Fellowships

- 2014 Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Writing Fellowship

2011	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
2011	Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
2011	Wenner Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
2011	U.S Student Fulbright Program, Alternate
2011	MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant [declined]
2010	Yale Agrarian Studies Summer Research Fellowship
2010	Council on African Studies Lindsay Theme Group Collaborations Grant Youth and Conflict in Africa
2009	Yale Macmillan Pre-Dissertation Grant
2009	Yale Lindsay Fellowship for Research in Africa
2008	Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad for Intensive Advanced Kiswahili in Tanzania
2007 / 2008	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship Kiswahili, University of Florida [Declined 2008]
2006 / 2007	Grinter Fellowship, University of Florida

Invited Talks

Oct 2016	Modality and Stupidity Across Dar es Salaam's Electricity Network. Presented at History and Sociology of Science Workshop, University of Pennsylvania
March 2016	Hatchets, Thresholds, and the Moral Economy of Infrastructure in Peri-Urban Tanzania. Presented at George Washington University Anthropology Colloquium
March 2016	Of Meters and Metis: The Politics of Electricity in Urban Tanzania. Presented at Florida Atlantic University, Wilkes Honors College Anthropology Speaker Series

Presentations

March 2017	Panel Discussant, "Biomedical Objects in Africa: Production, Testing, and Distribution." Biomedical Objects in Africa workshop at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
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- Nov 2016 Hatchets, Networks and Precarity in Dar es Salaam's Electricity Grid. Presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings
- Aug 2016 On and Off the Grid: An Ethnography of Tanesco Field Patrols. Presented at Rethinking Infrastructure Systems in East Africa, Ardhi University, Dar es Salaam
- March 2016 A Grid of Three Colors: 'Asian' Finance as Emergency Power in Tanzania's Postsocialist Electricity Reforms. Presented at Inhabiting the Corridor Conference in Max Planck Institute for Religious Studies, Göttingen Germany
- Nov 2015 Emergency Power: A Recent History of the Tanzanian Energy Sector. Presented at American Anthropology Association Meetings
- April 2014 Of Meters and Metis: Negotiating the Tanzanian Power Grid Presented at Yale Council for African Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series
- March 2014 From Commodity to Social Infrastructure: *Vishoka* and Self Realization Presented at Infrastructural Worlds conference, Duke University
- Nov 2013 Blackouts and the Hermeneutics of Suspicion in Tanzania Presented at American Anthropology Association Meetings
- April 2013 Bodaboda: Some Notes on Motorcycles and Youth in Dar es Salaam Presented at Agrarian Studies Spring Series; Association of American Geographers Meetings
- July 2012 Bodaboda: China/Africa Objects at Different Scales Presented at the Yale China Africa Diasporas Research Group Conference
- Dec 2011 The Moral Economy of Electricity in Dar es Salaam Presented at the University of Dar es Salaam Sociology and Anthropology Department
- April 2011 The City Electric: Infrastructure and Ingenuity in Postsocialist Tanzania. Presented at Yale Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium
- April 2011 Commentator, "Modernity and Its Alternative: Colonial and National Identities in 20th Century Kenya" by Timothy Parsons. Transitions to Modernity Colloquium at Yale University
- Nov 2010 Bricks, Bikes and Batteries: Part-time Infrastructure in Peri-Urban Tanzania. Presented at American Anthropology Association Meetings
- Oct 2010 Electricity, Infrastructure, and Peri-Urbanism in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Presented at Agrarian Studies Research Fellows Panel
- Oct 2010 Commentator, "The White Men Bought the Forests: Conservation and Contestation in a Guinea- Bissau Park" by Marina Temudos. Agrarian Studies Colloquium, October 2010
- Dec 2009 Ethics and Energy Consumption in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Presented at American Anthropology Association Meetings

- Nov 2009 Postsocialist Ethics and Energy Consumption in Dar es Salaam
Presented Yale Council for African Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series
- March 2009 Panel Discussant, “Discourses on Neo-Imperialism: Globalization, Development and Debt.” Neo-Imperialism in Post-Independence Africa: Definitions, Case Studies and Human Impacts Conference at Yale University

Fieldwork

- May 2014 Dar es Salaam: Interviewed government officials and donors on Power Sector reform.
- Aug 2012 Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar and Morogoro: Organized Yale China-Africa Diasporas Group research trip on Chinese commercial and agricultural initiatives in Africa.
- Dec 2012 – June 2011 Dar es Salaam: Dissertation research on electricity infrastructure. Participant-observation with national power utility Tanesco, contractors and electricians. Household surveys and energy diaries with power consumers. Preliminary research on motorcycle taxi drivers.
- Aug 2010 Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Yi Wu: Yale China-Africa Diasporas field research on diasporic African communities
- July 2010 – June 2010 Chanika ward, Dar es Salaam: Research on peri-urban settlements and infrastructure.
- Aug 2009 – June 2009 Kariakoo market, Dar es Salaam: Pilot research on urban electricity consumption.

Other Scholarly Activities

- 2017 Reviewer; *Cultural Anthropology*; *American Ethnologist*
- 2015 Reviewer; *Environment and Planning A*; *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Journal of East African Studies*.
- 2014 Analyst at the International Law and Policy Institute.
- 2010 – 2014 Yale and Hong Institute for Social Research: China Africa Diaspora Research Group.

Languages

Kiswahili – Fluent
French – Elementary