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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2016 – Present **Assistant Professor** Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz. (On leave Fall 2016 – Spring 2017)
- 2015 – Present **Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow** Department of Science and Technology Studies, University of California, Davis. [About](#).

## DEGREES

- 2008 - 2015 **PhD** Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley.  
*PhD Thesis*: States of the Wind: Dust Storms and a Political Meteorology of Contemporary China.  
Committee: Aihwa Ong (Chair), Cori Hayden, and Jake Kosek.  
GPA: 4.00. [About](#).
- 2006 - 2007 **MA** Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology (CASA), Stanford University.  
*Thesis*: Value and the Speaking Body on the Brink of the 'Chinese Century': Mandarin and the Making of a Global Workforce in San Francisco." GPA: 3.85.
- 2003 - 2007 **BA** Linguistics, **Minor** Cultural and Social Anthropology (CASA), Stanford University. Graduated with Distinction. GPA: 3.90.

## OTHER EDUCATION

- 2011 - 2012 **Visiting Scholar** Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of Sociology, Division of Anthropology. Beijing, China.
- 2009 **Student** Inter-University Program (IUP) for Chinese Language Studies. Beijing, China.
- 2007 **Participant/Teaching Assistant** Linguistics Society of America Linguistic Institute. Stanford, Ca.

## PUBLICATIONS

- In contract Book chapter: "Groundwork in the Margins: Symbiotic Governance in a Chinese Dust-Shed." In *Frontier Assemblages*, eds. Jason Cons & Michael Eilenberg. Antipode Press
- In review Book chapter: "City of Chambers: Life and Breath in Beijing." In *The Quotidian Anthropocene: Reconfiguring Environments in Urbanizing Asia*, under review in University of Pennsylvania Press's series "Critical Studies on Risk and Disasters." Edited by Eli Elinoff and Tyson Vaughan.
- In preparation Article: "Workshop of the Planet: Three Chinese Machines for the Anthropocene." For submission to positions: asia critique.
- In preparation Digital essay: "Downwind." *Cultural Anthropology* online.
- In preparation Book chapter: "Airforms." In *Speaking Volumes: Sovereign Spaces, Material Boundaries, and the Territorial Imagination*, ed. Franck Billé.
- Forthcoming Essay: "Alien Earth." Jerry Zee, Nicholas Shapiro, and PIAO Group.

- 2017 Article: "Holding Patterns: Earthly and Political Time at China's Desert Shores." *Cultural Anthropology* 32(2).
- 2015 Article: "Breathing in the City: Beijing and the Architecture of Air." *Scapegoat: Architecture/Landscape/ Political Economy* (08), Special Issue: "Weather": 46-57. [www.scapegoatjournal.org](http://www.scapegoatjournal.org)
- 2015 Article: "Condition-Suspension." Written with Tim Choy. *Cultural Anthropology* 30(2): 210-223.
- 2012 Contributor: "In a Strange Wood." *Anthropologies: a collaborative online project* 14, 'Political Ecology.' [www.anthropologiesproject.org/2012/09/issue-14.html](http://www.anthropologiesproject.org/2012/09/issue-14.html)

## SELECTED MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

(see other grants, fellowships, and awards below)

- 2014 - 2015 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship. American Council of Learned Societies. New York, NY.
- 2014 Roy A. Rappaport Student Prize Competition, Winner. American Anthropological Association, Anthropology and Environment Section. Announced December 6, 2014 at the AAA Meetings in Washington, D.C. [About.](#)
- 2012 - 2014 Elvera Kwang Siam Lim Fellowship in Chinese Studies. Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2011 - 2012 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. Wenner-Gren Foundation, New York.
- 2011 - 2012 Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship (Fieldwork Grant). University of California Pacific Rim Research Program, University of California.
- 2011 - 2012 Dissertation Research Grant (Declined). Institute for East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2008 - 2010 East Asian Studies Graduate Student Fellowship. Institute for East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2008 - 2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Program. Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship. UC Berkeley.
- 2006 Michelle Zimbalist Rosaldo Grant for Undergraduate Summer Field Research. Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University.

## INVITED PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 "Earthly Interphases: China across Aerosol Thresholds." Engineered Worlds II Workshop, University of Chicago. 12-14 May.
- 2017 "Desert/Storm: Aerosol Politics in China and the US." Invited talk and workshop at University of Oslo, "Airborne" Research Group, Center for Advanced Study. 3 May.
- 2017 "Airborne Dust Event: Experiments on a Chinese Airstream". Invited talk and workshop at The Ohio State University, sponsored by OSU Humanities Center, Environmental Humanities, Center for Chinese Studies, Institute for East Asian Studies. Anthropocene Working Group. 20-21 March.
- 2017 "Downwind of the Chinese Continent." Invited paper on panel "The Anthropocene Viewed from China and Inner Asia – Sponsored by AAS China and Inner Asia Council (CIAC)." Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies. Toronto, Canada. 17 March.
- 2016 "Airborne Dust Event: Experiments on a Chinese Airstream." Talk at Mongolia and Inner Asian Studies Unit (MIASU), Cambridge University. Cambridge, United Kingdom. 31 May.
- 2016 "Political Economies of Margins and Resource Frontiers in Asia." Talk and workshop at Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in Daejeon, South Korea. 26 April.

- 2016 "The Untimely Desert: Sand and Political Time in China." Talk at UC Riverside Department of Anthropology and STS Working Group. 20 January.
- 2015 "Patterns in the Sand: Earthy and Political Time at China's Desert Shores." Talk at UC Santa Cruz Department of Anthropology. Santa Cruz, Ca. 28 October.
- 2015 "The Untimely Desert: Sand and Political Time in China." Talk at UC Davis Program in Science and Technology Studies. Davis, Ca. 26 October.

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND SESSIONS ORGANIZED

- 2017 Double Session Co-Convener with Ralph Litzinger: "Dust." Paper, "Gradients of Dust, or, From the Sky, with Diamonds." American Ethnological Society meetings, Stanford, Ca. 31 March.
- 2017 Discussant on Panel: "America Exposed!" American Ethnological Society meetings, Stanford, Ca. 31 March.
- 2017 Roundtable presenter: "Engineering Virtuality." On "Exposing Infrastructures: Vulnerabilities, Breakdowns, and Futures." American Ethnological Society Meetings, Stanford, Ca. 31 March.
- 2016 "Aerosol Forms: Rising and Falling on a Chinese Airstream." Presented on panel "More-Than-Human World Systems." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, Minnesota. November.
- 2016 Discussant. Atmospherics workshop with Rune Flikke. UC Santa Cruz Department of Anthropology, 14 October.
- 2016 Session Co-Convener, P44 Four-Panel Session: "Atmospheric Futures." Royal Anthropological Institute Major Conference: Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change 2016. 27-29 May. Paper Title: "Intake." London, United Kingdom. 27-29 May.
- 2015 Session Co-Convener, "End Times and Chronopolitics in East Asia." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Denver, Co. Paper Title: "Engineering Against Time: Ecology as Activation in Inner Mongolia." 13 November.
- 2015 "Slow Tide: Waiting for the End in Sandy China." Presented on panel "Slow Disaster" at the Annual Meeting of the 4S: Society for Social Studies of Science. Denver, Co. 18 November.
- 2015 Panel Convener, and Paper Presenter for UC Berkeley Haas Young Scholars of East Asia Annual Conference: Future/Now: Rethinking Modernity in East Asia. Berkeley, Ca. Panel: Engineering the Future. Paper Title: "The Untimely Desert: Chronotopes of Sand and State in China." 7 November.
- 2015 UC Berkeley Anthropology Department Colloquium Series (290 Lecture Series)  
**Interviewer** "*Fungible Life: Uncertainty in the Asian City of Life*. An Interview with Aihwa Ong." 19 October.
- 2014 Chaired AAA Session, "Silt, Sand, and Soil: Earthy Engagements Between the Bio and Geo." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. December 5.
- 2014 "Out of Sand: Economy as Ecology in Desertifying China." Presented on and co-winner of the Roy. A. Rappaport Prize Panel at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. December 5.
- 2014 "Particulate Exposures: Life and Breath in Urban North China." Presented at UC Santa Cruz Anthropology Graduate Conference, "Matters Out of Place." Santa Cruz, Ca., April 12.
- 2014 "The Desert Beyond Ecology: Mineral Openings." Paper on co-organized panel session "Ecological Dispositions." Presented at 2014 UC Irvine Comparative Literature Graduate Conference: "Attachment." March 14.
- 2013 Co-organized AAA Session, "Ethnographies of Exposure: Re-Thinking Body/Environment Relation." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago. November 24. Paper title: "Particulate Exposures: Life and Breath in Urban North China."

- 2013 “Heaps of Loose Sand: Environments and Construction in Desert China.” Presentation at Stanford University Anthropology Brown Bag Forum. May 13.
- 2012 “Exposed to the Wind: Airflow and Environmental Management in Northwest China.” Presented on the panel *Bottlenecking Borders: Situated Reflections on the Anthropological Concept of Flow*, at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco. November 16.
- 2011 “Building on Sand: The Dangerous Landscape and Ecological Construction in Northwest China.” Presented on the panel *Culture, Nature, and Cities in China’s Northwest*, at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Seattle. April 13.
- 2010 “Reactive Certainty: ‘Anthropogenic’ Environmental Change and the Un-Limiting of Power.” Presented at the Stanford University Anthropology Graduate Student Conference. Stanford, Ca. April 24.
- 2010 Panelist on “Invited Discussion Form: Perspectives on the Global Lives Project.” Spoke at Global Lives Project Forum. Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley. February 17.
- 2009 “Crises of Stability: Temporality and Human Species-Action.” Presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Comparative Literature Graduate Conference, UC Irvine. Irvine, Ca. April 3.
- 2009 “Citizen and Civilization: Reflections on National Unity at the Barbarian Fringe.” Presented at the Graduate Student Conference on the Anthropology of Contemporary China, UC Berkeley. March 13.
- 2007 “大学生环保民间组织与社会环保民间组织的合作探索” (“Exploring Ways Student and Civil Society Environmental Protection Groups Can Collaborate”). Presentation given with Zhong Zhenxi and Cheng Ting at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Chinese Environmental Civil Society Organizations on Sustainable Development. Beijing, China. October 30.
- 2007 “Global Futures and Ethnolinguistic Flexibility: Chinese Dialectal Ambiguity in San Francisco.” Presented at SALSA: Symposium About Language and Society – Austin.
- 2006 “Language Acquisition and the Political Economic Imagination.” Presentation at the Stanford Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology Brownbag Series. 22 January.

## ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2017 – Present Advisory Board, *Scapegoat: Architecture / Landscape / Political Economy*.
- 2017 Reviewer, *BioSocieties*.
- 2016, 2017 Reviewer, *Cultural Anthropology*.
- 2016 Anthropology and Environment Society Dissertation Workshop Mentor, Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, MN. 17 November.
- 2015 Conference Organizing Committee, “Future/Now: Rethinking Modernity in East Asia.” UC Berkeley Haas Young Scholars of East Asia Annual Conference. 6-7 November.
- 2009 – 2010 Co-organizer, Mobilities Working Group. UC Berkeley Townsend Center for the Humanities.
- 2008 – 2009 ‘Big Sib,’ Cal Queer & Asian. UC Berkeley.

## COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

- 2016 – Present [PIAO Interdisciplinary Atmospheric Observatory](#).  
**Member, Webmaster.**
- 2016 - Present Social Science Research Council InterAsian Connections V: Seoul

**Workshop Participant** Thematic Workshop: [Frontier Assemblages: Political Economies of Margins and Resource Frontiers in Asia.](#)

- 2014 - 2015 Institute for East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.  
Haas Junior Scholars Program for Doctoral Candidates.  
**Member** Working Group “Unfolding Modernity in East Asia: Pathways of Transmission and Transfiguration.”
- 2010, 2011  
2014, 2017 CalSTS Summer Retreat  
California Science and Technology Studies Network. Marin Headlands, California.  
**Participant**
- 2013 Top University Strategic Alliance and University of California, Berkeley Doctoral Workshop on Asian Studies.  
National Chengchi University. Taipei, Taiwan.  
**Presenter and Discussant** “Building on Sand: Infrastructure and Exposure in Chinese Anti Desertification Interventions. January 13-18.
- 2011 Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Anthropology Summer Camp. Inner Mongolia, China.  
**Participant and Presenter** Desertification Science as Culture, or, The Story of Kulun’s Watermelon Festival. August 5-10.
- 2009 - 2011 Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley.  
**Working Group Participant** Mediating Natures Working Group.
- 2010 Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley.  
**Participant and Panelist** Inner Mongolia: Grassland, Desert, City, People.”
- 2009 - 2010 Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley.  
**Co-Founder and Co-Coordinator** Mobilities Working Group.
- 2008 United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Volvo Adventure Competition. Goteborg, Sweden.  
**Team Leader** Jane Goodall Institute Shanghai.
- 2007 Linguistic Society of America, Linguistics Institute, Stanford University.  
**Teaching Assistant** Language and Social Theory.  
**Student** Sociolinguistic Variation
- 2006 - 2007 Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University.  
**Co-Founder and Co-Editor** *Problematics* Undergraduate Writing Project.  
**Contributor** “Excitable Accents: On Talking ‘Gay’.”  
<https://web.stanford.edu/dept/anthropology/cgi-bin/web/?q=view/problematics>

## TEACHING

*TEACHING DOSSIER AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST*

### COURSE DESIGN AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Program in Science & Technology Studies, UC Davis  
*Instructor (with Tim Choy)* (Spring). STS 180: Topics in the History and Philosophy of Science. “Air-Craft: Atmosphere, Art, Apparatus.”  
Upper division seminar and workshop. 12 students.
- 2013 Department of Anthropology, UC Davis.  
*Visiting Associate Instructor* (Fall). Anth 143A: Ethnology of Southeast Asia. “Thresholds of the Modern: Power, Economy, and Life in Southeast Asia.”  
Lecture/discussion course. 49 students, 1 TA.
- 2013 Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley.  
*Graduate Student Acting Instructor* (Summer Session D). Anth R5B: Reading and Composition. “Strange Weather: Anthropologies of Environment and Exposure.”  
Lecture/discussion/writing workshop course. 13 students.

## GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR (GSI) TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013 Department of Anthropology & Blum Center for Developing Economies Global Poverty and Practice (GPP) Minor, UC Berkeley.  
*Graduate Student Instructor* (Spring). Anth 189A: Special Topics in Social/Cultural Anthropology: "Asian Capitalism: Land, Labor, and Life in an Emerging Region."
- 2012 Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley.  
*Graduate Student Instructor* (Fall). Anth 3AC: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology. Fulfilled UC Berkeley's American Cultures Breadth Requirement. Lecture course with sections. Taught 4 sections, 60 students total, of a total of 475.
- 2011 Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley.  
*Graduate Student Instructor* (Spring): Anth 3AC: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology. Fulfilled UC Berkeley's American Cultures Breadth Requirement. Lecture course with sections. Taught 4 sections, 60 students total, of a total of 475.
- 2010 Department of Anthropology & Blum Center for Developing Economies Global Poverty and Practice (GPP) Minor, UC Berkeley.  
*Graduate Student Instructor* (Fall): Anth 189a: Special Topics in Social/Cultural Anthropology. "Culture, Poverty, and Rights in the Asia Pacific."

## TRAININGS

- 2015 Attended "Creating Theory from Qualitative Data" Workshop. Qualitative Methods Group, UC Berkeley D-Lab, 16 April.
- 2015 Attended UC Berkeley GSI Center Workshop on Teaching. "Preparing Future Faculty: How to Teach a Large Course." UC Berkeley. 14 April.
- 2015 Attended "Public Life Research Corps Public Space/Life Research Training." Gehl Studios/Yerba Buena Center for Arts, San Francisco. 31 March.
- 2015 Presented on Wenner-Gren Fieldwork Grant Application Workshop. UC Berkeley Department of Anthropology. 9 March.
- 2014 Attended UC Berkeley GSI Center Workshop on Teaching. "Teaching and the Academic Job Market." 25 April.
- 2010 Earned Certificate of Completion, UC Berkeley Fall 2010 Teaching Conference. GSI Teaching and Resource Center, UC Berkeley.
- 2010 Completed Anthropology 300: Graduate Pedagogy Seminar, Professor Sabrina Agrawal.

## GUEST LECTURES

- 2016 Anthropology 170A: Multispecies Ethnography: Human, Animal, Plant, Mineral, and Microbe. Dr. Ruth E. Goldstein. Stanford University.  
"Becomings With: Deleuze & Guattari, and Haraway's Multispecies Worldings."
- 2015 Anthropology 189: Special Topics: Transnational Asia. Professor Aihwa Ong. UC Berkeley.  
"Embodiments of Value: Human Quality in Market China."
- 2015 Anthropology 162: Topics in Folklore, Posthuman Ontologies and Folk Ecologies, Instructor Dr. Ruth Goldstein. UC Berkeley.  
"The Anthropocene and Anthropologies in Suspension."
- 2015 Asia Pacific Studies 620-01 International Politics of the Asia Pacific, Instructor Jean Yen-chun Lin University of San Francisco Master's in Asia Pacific Studies (MAPS).  
"Cultural Identity, or, Becoming Asia"

- 2014 Anthropology 141: Transnational Asia, Professor Aihwa Ong  
UC Berkeley.  
"Queer Diasporas: Problems with Kinship and Capital"
- 2013 Anthropology 189A: Asian Capitalism, Professor Aihwa Ong  
UC Berkeley.  
"Sustainable Futures: 'Green' Urbanism and the Rural Problem in China"  
"Queer China: Desire, Kinship, and Economy"
- 2012 Anthropology 3AC: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, Professor Cori Hayden  
UC Berkeley.  
"Appropriative Heritage and Photographic Nationalism: Edward Curtis's *The North American Indian*"  
"Turtles and Cocks: Clifford Geertz's Interpretative Science"
- 2012 ENVST-UA 9450: Chinese Environmental Governance, Professor Dan Guttman  
NYU Shanghai – East China Normal University. Shanghai, China.  
"Environment as Infrastructure in Desertifying China."
- 2010 Anthropology 189A: Culture, Poverty, and Rights in the Asia Pacific, Professor Aihwa Ong  
UC Berkeley  
"Technologies of Citizenship: Aihwa Ong's *Buddha is Hiding*."

## OTHER GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2013 - 2014 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship. Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2014 Conference Travel Grant. Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2014 Lowie Olsen Award. Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley.
- 2013 Block Grant. Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley.
- 2012 - 2013 Department Fellowship. Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley.
- 2010 - 2011 Department Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley.
- 2010 Summer Research Grant. Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Program. Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Language Training Fellowship. UC Berkeley.
- 2007 Cultural and Social Anthropology Award for Undergraduate Academic Achievement. Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology (CASA), Stanford University.
- 2007 Stanford Class of 2007 Award of Excellence. Stanford University.
- 2007 Community Building Award. Stanford University Asian American Activities Center (A3C) Asian American Awards.
- 2006 Queer Asian and Pacific Islander Pride Scholarship, Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center. San Francisco, California.
- 2006 Stanford Undergraduate Research Programs (SURP) Major Grant Recipient. Stanford University.

## AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association  
*American Ethnological Society*  
*Anthropology and Environment Society*  
*Society for Cultural Anthropology*  
*Society for East Asian Anthropology*

Asia Society of Northern California

Association for Asian Studies

Association of American Geographers

California STS Network

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Linguistic Society of America

Public Life Research Corps (San Francisco Market Street Prototyping Festival/Gehl Studio)

San Francisco Bicycle Coalition

Society for Social Studies of Science

UC Berkeley AGORA: Anthropology Graduate Students Organized for Research and Action

UAW Local 2865: UC Student-Workers Union

UAW Local 2810: UC Postdoc Union

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 – 2015     **Manuscript Editor** Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley.

2014            **Consultant, Mandarin Language Focus Group Leader** Illume Advising LLC. Oakland, Ca.

2007 – 2008    **Program Manager** The Jane Goodall Institute – Shanghai Roots & Shoots. Shanghai, China.

2006 – 2007    **Undergraduate Peer Advisor** Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University.

2004 – 2005    **Research Assistant** Culture and Emotion Lab, under Professor Jeanne Tsai, Department of Psychology, Stanford University.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

2005 - 2007    **Co-Founder and Co-Chair, 'Big Sib'** Queer and Questioning Asian and Pacific Islander Students (Q&A) at Stanford University. Stanford University.

2004 - 2007    **Dancer, Equipment Manager** Kayumanggi Pilipino Dance Troupe. Stanford University.

2005 - 2006    **Co-Chair** Asian American Students' Association (AASA). Stanford University.

2005 – 2006    **Board Member** Stanford University Asian American Advisory Board. Stanford University.

2005 - 2006    **Community Representative** Students of Color Coalition (SOCC). Stanford University.

2004            **Performer** Okada House Presents *F.O.B.* by David Henry Hwang. Stanford University.

2003 - 2005    **Social Chair** Taiwanese Cultural Society. Stanford University.