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CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

2000 Ph.D., Sociocultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
1995 M.A., Sociocultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
1993 B.A., History, University of California, Berkeley, *summa cum laude*

EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern California, 2017 – present

Associate Professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Communication, University of Southern California, 2009–2014

Visiting Associate Professor, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University, 2008–2009

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Science Studies Program, University of California, San Diego, 2007–2009

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Science Studies Program, University of California, San Diego, 2002–2007

NIMH Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard University, 2000–2002

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Founding Director, USC Center on Science, Technology, and Public Life, 2020 – present

Divisional Dean for the Social Sciences, Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences,
University of Southern California, 2017 – 2020

Director, USC Dornsife Research Cluster in Science, Technology, and Society, 2010 – 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2024 *Planning for the Wrong Pandemic: Covid-19 and the Limits of Expert Knowledge*. Cambridge: Polity Press
- 2021 *The Government of Emergency: Vital Systems, Expertise, and the Politics of Security* (with Stephen J. Collier). Princeton: Princeton University Press
- 2017 *Unprepared: Global Health in a Time of Emergency*. Berkeley: University of California Press
- 2006 *Pharmaceutical Reason: Knowledge and Value in Global Psychiatry*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- French translation: *La raison pharmaceutique: un défi pour la psychanalyse*. Paris: Les Empêcheurs de penser en rond / Le Seuil (2008)

Edited Volumes

- 2010 *Disaster and the Politics of Intervention*. New York: Columbia University Press
- 2008 *Biosecurity Interventions: Global Health and Security in Question* (with Stephen J. Collier). New York: Columbia University Press
- 2006 *Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, Practices* (with Adriana Petryna and Arthur Kleinman). Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press

Journal Articles

- In preparation: "Climate Emergency and the Government of Flows in California," Special Issue of *Economy and Society* on "Governing Climate Emergencies: Beyond Anticipation and Preparedness"
- 2023 "A Visual Genealogy of Urban Resilience: From Air War Planning to Climate Adaptation" (with Stephen J. Collier). *Perspecta* 55
- 2021 "Preparedness Indicators: Making Health Security Global." *Sociologica: International Journal for Sociological Debate* 15:3: 25 – 43
- 2021 "Acting Counter to Our Time." *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 11:2: 735 – 738
- 2020 "Making Things Fungible." *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 10:3: 1078 – 1081
- 2017 "A Fragile Assemblage: Mutant Bird Flu and the Ends of Preparedness," *Social Studies of Science* 47:3: 376–397

- 2016 "The Indicator Species: Tracking Ecosystem Collapse in Arid California," *Public Culture* 28:2, 237–259
- 2015 "Real Time Biopolitics: The Actuary and the Sentinel in Global Public Health," *Economy and Society* 44:1: 40–59
- 2015 "Vital Systems Security: Reflexive Biopolitics and the Government of Emergency" (with Stephen J. Collier), *Theory, Culture and Society* 32: 2: 19–51
- 2010 "Two Regimes of Global Health," *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development*, vol. 1, no. 1 (Fall): 59–79
- 2010 "Of Risk and Pork: Urban Security and the Politics of Objectivity" (with Eric Klinenberg), *Theory and Society* 39: 503–525
- 2008 "The Generic Biothreat, or, How We Became Unprepared," *Cultural Anthropology* 23:3: 399–428
- German translation: "Nationale Sicherheit und der sich wandelnde Gegenstand der öffentlichen Gesundheit," in *Risiko Gesundheit*, edited by Bettina Paul and Henning Schmidt-Semisch. VS-Verlag (2010), 263–286
- 2008 "Distributed Preparedness: The Spatial Logic of Domestic Security in the United States" (with Stephen J. Collier), *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, vol. 26, no. 1: 7–28
- Reprinted in: *War, Citizenship, and Territory*, edited by Deborah Cowen and Emily Gilbert. New York: Routledge (2008), 119–136
- 2007 "The Right Patients for the Drug: Managing the Placebo Effect in Antidepressant Trials," *BioSocieties* 2: 1, 57–71
- 2007 "Preparing for the Next Emergency," *Public Culture* 19: 2, 247–271
- French translation (abridged): "Pour qu'un désastre ne tourne pas à la catastrophe : jusqu'où sommes-nous prêts?" *Esprit*, March-April 2008, 104–111
- 2005 "The Simulation of Madness: Buenos Aires, 1903," *Critical Inquiry* 31:4, 848–873
- 2005 "Diagnostic Liquidity: Mental Illness and the Global Trade in DNA," *Theory and Society* 34:1, 63–92
- Reprinted in: *Anthropology of Globalization: A Reader*, 2nd edition, edited by Jonathan Xavier Inda and Renato Rosaldo. Malden, MA: Blackwell (2007), 277–300
- Reprinted in: *Lively Capital: Biotechnologies, Ethics and Governance in Global Markets*, edited by Kaushik Sunder Rajan. Durham: Duke University Press (2012), 251–278
- Spanish translation: "Liquidez Diagnóstica: Enfermedad mental y comercio global de ADN," *Apuntes de investigación del CECYP* 11 (2006)

- 2004 "The Anxieties of Globalization: Antidepressant Sales and Economic Crisis in Argentina," *Social Studies of Science* 34:2 (2004), 247–269
- Spanish translation: "Las ansiedades de la globalización: Venta de antidepresivos y crisis económica en la Argentina," *Cuadernos de Antropología Social* 18 (2003), 35–66
- 2004 "Biosecurity: Proposal for an Anthropology of the Contemporary" (with Stephen J. Collier and Paul Rabinow), *Anthropology Today* 20: 5 (2004), 3–7
- French translation: "La Biosécurité: Vers une Anthropologie du Contemporain," *Raisons Politiques* 32 (Novembre 2008), 59–75
- 2004 "Ethics and the Anthropology of Modern Reason" (with Stephen J. Collier), *Anthropological Theory* 4:4 (2004), 419–434
- 2003 "The Lacan Ward: Pharmacology and Subjectivity in Buenos Aires," *Social Analysis* 47:2, 82–101
- Reprinted in: *Illness and Irony: On the Ambiguity of Suffering in Culture*, edited by Michael Lambek and Paul Antze. New York: Berghahn (2003), 82–101
- 2000 "Adaptive Will: The Evolution of Attention Deficit Disorder," in *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 36:2, 149–169
- 1996 "Freezing Time: Margaret Mead's Diagnostic Photography," in *Visual Anthropology Review* 12:1, 1–18

Book Chapters

- 2025 "Political Rationalities of Security" (with Alli Appelbaum and Stephen J. Collier) in *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Security Studies*, edited by Thorsten Bonacker, Eckart Conze and Beatrice de Graaf. New York: Oxford University Press
- 2023 "A Regulatory State of Exception," in *The Oxford Handbook of Expertise and Democratic Politics*, edited by Gil Eyal and Thomas Medvetz. New York: Oxford University Press
- Revised version to appear in *An Anthropology of Immunization: Vaccine Politics and Realities in Ethnographic Perspective* (Bergahn Press, 2025), edited by Rebecca Irons, Sahra Gibbon, Jo Cook and Aaron Parkhurst.
- 2022 "The Supply Chain Must Continue," in *The Long Year: A 2020 Reader*, edited by Thomas Sugrue and Caitlin Zaloom. New York: Columbia University Press
- 2020 "*Limn*: Experimenting with Collaboration" (with Stephen J. Collier, Christopher Kelty, and Martin Hoyem), in *Collaborative Anthropology Today: A Collection of Exceptions*, edited by Dominic Boyer and George E. Marcus. Ithaca: Cornell University Press

- 2019 “What is an Epidemic Emergency?” in *The Anthropology of Epidemics*, edited by Ann Kelly, Frédéric Keck and Chrystos Linteros. London and New York: Routledge
- 2015 “Global Health Security and the Pathogenic Imaginary,” in *Dreamscapes of Modernity: Sociotechnical Imaginaries and the Fabrication of Power*, edited by Sheila Jasanoff and San-Hyung Kim. University of Chicago Press, 300–320
- 2012 “Epidemic Intelligence: Toward a Genealogy of Global Health Security,” in *Contagion: Health, Fear, Sovereignty*, edited by Bruce Magnussen and Zahi Zalloua. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 44–70
- 2011 “How Claims to Know the Future Are Used to Understand the Present: Techniques of Prospection in the Field of National Security” (with Grégoire Mallard), in *Social Knowledge in the Making*, edited by Charles Camic, Neil Gross and Michele Lamont. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 339–378
- 2011 “Infrastructure and Event: The Political Technology of Preparedness” (with Stephen J. Collier), in *Political Matter: Technoscience, Democracy, and Public Life*, edited by Bruce Braun and Sarah Whatmore. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 243–266
- 2010 “Health, Security, and New Biological Threats: Reconfigurations of Expertise” (with Stephen J. Collier), *Handbook of Medical Sociology*, 6th edition, edited by Chloe Bird, Peter Conrad, Allan Fremont, and Stefan Timmermans. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 363–379
- 2008 “From Population to Vital System: National Security and the Changing Object of Public Health,” in *Biosecurity Interventions: Global Health and Security in Question*, edited by Stephen J. Collier and Andrew Lakoff. New York: Columbia University Press, 33–60
- 2008 “The Vulnerability of Vital Systems: How Critical Infrastructure Became a Security Problem” (with Stephen J. Collier), in *The Politics of Securing the Homeland: Critical Infrastructure, Risk and Securitization*, edited by Myriam Dunn and Kristian Soby Kristensen, New York: Routledge, 17–39
- 2007 “The Right Patients for the Drug: Pharmaceutical Circuits and the Codification of Illness,” in Olga Amsterdamska, Edward Hackett, Michael Lynch, Judy Wacjman (eds.), *Handbook of Science and Technology Studies*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 741–760
- 2006 “Techniques of Preparedness,” in Torin Monahan, ed., *Surveillance and Security: Technological Politics and Power in Everyday Life*. New York: Routledge, 265–274
- 2005 “On Regimes of Living,” in *Global Assemblages: Technology, Politics and Ethics as Anthropological Problems*, edited by Aihwa Ong and Stephen J. Collier. Oxford and Boston: Blackwell, 22–39
- 2005 “The Private Life of Numbers: Database firms and the Government of Expertise in Argentina,” in *Global Assemblages: Technology, Politics and Ethics as Anthropological Problems*, edited by Aihwa Ong and Stephen J. Collier. Oxford and Boston: Blackwell, 194–213

Revised version: “High Contact: Pharmaceutical Relations in the Rio de la Plata,” in Adriana Petryna, Andrew Lakoff, and Arthur Kleinman (eds.), *Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, Practices* Durham: Duke University Press (2006)

Essays, Editorials, Interviews

- 2024 “Q&A with Andrew Lakoff, Author of *Planning for the Wrong Pandemic*,” American Sociological Association, Section on Science, Knowledge and Technology
- 2024 “Afterword” (with Christopher Kelty and Stephen J. Collier). *Limn 11*: Obsolescence
- 2024 “Crisis, psicofármacos y epidemiología privada: entrevista a Andrew Lakoff,” in *Desde Acá. Cimientos de una salud situada*, v. 1, n. 2
- 2023 Interview: “Temporal Structures of the State of Exception” (with Stephen J. Collier). *Zeitschrift für Politische Theorie* 14:2
- 2022 “Succeeding through Failure: Andrew Lakoff on Preparing for Emergencies.” *Public Books*, June
- 2022 “Una tecnologia per l'immaginazione. Preparedness, pianificazione e politiche urbane. Intervista a Frédéric Keck e Andrew Lakoff.” *Territorio*, Feb

English translation: “Preparedness as a Technology of the Imagination. Interview with Andrew Lakoff and Frédéric Keck.” In Simonetta Armondi, Alessandro Balducci, Martina Bovo, and Beatrice Galimberti, eds., *Cities Learning from a Pandemic: Towards Preparedness*. London: Routledge
- 2021 “Time of Emergency: Anthropological Perspectives on Global Health Governance. Interview with Andrew Lakoff.” *Antropologia Pubblica* 7:2: 187 – 192
- 2021 “The Routes of Viral Traffic,” *Noema* magazine, June
- 2021 “On the Search for the Origins of COVID-19: A Forum,” *Somatophere: Science, Medicine, and Anthropology*, March
- 2020 “‘The Supply Chain Must Continue’: Becoming Essential in the Pandemic Emergency. *Items: Insights from the Social Sciences*. Social Science Research Council. November
- 2020 “A Time Capsule for Future Researchers: Andrew Lakoff.” Social Science Research Council, September
- 2020 “Why the WHO, often under fire, has a tough balance to strike in its efforts to address health emergencies.” *The Conversation*, May 1
- 2020 “Coronavirus: Strategic National Stockpile was ready, but not for this.” *The Conversation*. April 2
- 2020 Featured interviews on coronavirus published in: *Le Monde*, *Folha de S. Paulo*, *Vox*, *Foreign Policy*, *Berggruen Institute Ideas*, *India-China Institute at the New School*

- 2017 “Trump’s Fictional Crises and the Real Threats to American Democracy” (with Stephen J. Collier), *The New Republic*, February 8
- 2016 “The Zone of Entrainment,” *Limn 7: Public Infrastructures/ Infrastructural Publics*. Available online at <http://limn.it/issue/07/>
- 2016 “How a Tiny Fish Made a Huge Splash in California’s Water Debate,” *Pacific Standard*, June 3
- 2016 “Diagnosing Failure: The Post-hoc Report as an Administrative Epilogue.” *Somatosphere: Science, Medicine, and Anthropology*, June 1
- 2016 “The Bombing Encyclopedia of the World” (with Stephen J. Collier), *Limn 6: The Total Archive*. Available online at <http://limn.it/issue/06/>
- 2015 “Vaccine Politics and the Management of Public Reason,” *Public Culture* 27: 3: 419–425
- 2015 “Introduction: Ebola’s Ecologies” (with Stephen J. Collier and Christopher Kelty), *Limn 5: Ebola’s Ecologies*. Available online at <http://limn.it/issue/05/>
- 2015 “Two States of Emergency: Ebola 2014,” *Limn 5: Ebola’s Ecologies*. Available online at <http://limn.it/issue/05/>
- 2013 “A Dearth of Numbers: The Actuary and the Sentinel in Global Public Health,” *Limn 3: Sentinel Devices*. Available online at <http://limn.it/issue/03/>
- 2013 “Preface: Sentinel Devices” (with Frederic Keck). *Limn 3: Sentinel Devices*. Available online at <http://limn.it/issue/03/>
- 2012 “Autism and its Milieu,” review of Gil Eyal, et al. *The Autism Matrix*, in *Biosocieties* 7: 3: 331–333
- 2012 “Ian Hacking Interviewed by Andrew Lakoff,” *Public Culture*, vol. 24, no. 1: 217–232
- 2012 “The Risks of Preparedness: Mutant Bird Flu,” *Public Culture*, vol. 24, no. 3: 457–464
- 2011 “System Vulnerability and the Problem of National Survival” (with Stephen J. Collier). *Limn 1: System Vulnerability*. Available online at <http://limn.it/issue/01/>
- 2010 “Too Big to Fail: Catastrophic Risk after the Deepwater Horizon Disaster,” in *Items and Issues*, online newsletter of the Social Science Research Council, August
- 2009 “Security: A Conversation with the Authors.” *Cultural Anthropology*. <https://journal.culanth.org/index.php/ca/security-conversation-with-the-authors>
- 2007 “Are We Prepared for the Next Disaster? An Interview with Irwin Redlener,” *Contexts* 6:3, 10–12
- 2006 “From Disaster to Catastrophe: The Limits of Preparedness.” *Understanding Katrina: Perspectives from the Social Sciences*. On-line forum, Social Science Research Council

- 2006 “What is a Laboratory in the Human Sciences?” (with Stephen J. Collier and Paul Rabinow), *ARC Working Paper* No. 1
- 2002 “The Mousetrap: Managing the Placebo Effect in Antidepressant Trials,” *Molecular Interventions* 2:2 (2002), 72–76

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Humanities and Humanistic Social Science Initiative Award, USC Office of Research, PI: “The City on Life Support: Los Angeles as a Laboratory for Planetary Health,” \$140,000
- 2021 Mellon Foundation, Sawyer Seminar, co-PI: “Precarious Ecologies: Science and Social Justice in the Production of Environmental Knowledge,” \$255,000
- 2020 Director, USC Berggruen Fellows Program, Center on Science, Technology, and Public Life (2020 – 2024): \$2.7 million in support for post-doctoral fellowship program
- 2018 Visiting Scholar, MaxPo Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies, Sciences-Po, Paris
- 2017 David Edge Prize for best article of the year in Science and Technology Studies, Society for the Social Studies of Science, for “Vital Systems Security: Reflexive Biopolitics and the Government of Emergency” (with Stephen J. Collier).
- 2016 2016–2017 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University
- 2014 Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Early Sabbatical award, University of Southern California
- 2012 Borchard Foundation, International Colloquium, “Ecological Risk and the Role of Sentinels,” Chateau de la Bretesche, France, \$35,000
- 2011 Distinguished Faculty Fellow, Dornsife College, University of Southern California
- 2010 National Science Foundation, Science, Technology and Society Program, co-PI, Collaborative Research (with Stephen J. Collier), “Technocratic Expertise and the Government of Catastrophic Risk in the United States, 1950 – 2010,” \$212,559
- 2010 University of Southern California, College 2020 Initiative, “Research Cluster in Science, Technology and Society,” \$251,000
- 2006 Fellow, International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University, 2006–2007
- 2006 Program Fellow, Social Science Research Council, 2006–2007
- 2005 National Science Foundation, Science, Technology and Society Program co-PI,

Collaborative Research (with Paul Rabinow and Stephen J. Collier): “The Global Bio-Politics of Security,” \$288,718

2004 Hellman Fellowship, UC San Diego

2003 Faculty Career Development Grant, UC San Diego,

2003 Hellman Fellowship, UC San Diego

Predoctoral

2000 Hewlett Foundation Dissertation Write-up Grant, Institute for International Studies, University of California, Berkeley

1999 Marion E. Koshland Fellow, Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley, 1999–2000

1999 Humanities Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley

1998 National Science Foundation, Science, Technology and Society Program, Dissertation Improvement Grant

1994 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1994–1997

1994 Mellon Foundation Humanities Graduate Fellowship (declined)

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

2025 CERMES3 (Centre de recherche médecine, sciences, santé, santé mentale, société), Paris. “Planning for the Wrong Pandemic: Covid-19 and the Limits of Expert Knowledge.”

2025 University of Sydney, Department of Anthropology. “Planning for the Wrong Pandemic: Covid-19 and the Limits of Expert Knowledge.”

2025 Deakin University (Australia), Science and Society Network. “Planning for the Wrong Pandemic: Covid-19 and the Limits of Expert Knowledge.”

2025 Stanford University, Program in Science, Technology, and Society. “The Limits of Anticipatory Knowledge: Some Lessons from Covid-19.”

2025 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Climate, People and the Environment Program. “Between Exception and Norm: Climate Emergency and the Government of Flows in California”

2025 New York University, Institute for Public Knowledge. Panel: “Polycrisis and the Problem of Preparedness.”

2025 University of Southern California, Levan Institute for the Humanities. Book Chat: “Planning for the Wrong Pandemic: Covid-19 and the Limits of Expert Knowledge.”

- 2024 LMU Munich, CRC Annual Conference. “Warding off Extinction: Endangered Species Protection as a Constellation of Vigilance.”
- 2024 Berggruen Institute. Invited workshop: Los Angeles as a Site for Planetary Health. “After Urban Metabolism: Governing Flows in a Planetary Age.”
- 2023 Columbia University, Trust Collaboratory Launch Event: “Democratic Expertise and the Problem of Mistrust in Experts.”
- 2023 Columbia University, Department of Sociology: Science, Knowledge and Technology Workshop. “The Government of Emergency: Vital Systems, Expertise, and the Politics of Security.”
- 2022 University of Cambridge, CRASSH Research Network on “Futures in Question”: “Contagious Futures.”
- 2022 Sciences Po, Paris. Invited Workshop on “After Preparedness: The Organizational Dimension.”
- 2022 University of California, Berkeley, Social Science Matrix. “Author-meets-critics: The Government of Emergency” (with Stephen J. Collier).
- 2022 University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School of Communication, Center for Advanced Research in Communication. “Roundtable: Emergency Infrastructures: The Experience of the Pandemic”
- 2022 University of Southern California, Levan Institute for the Humanities. “Forum on *The Government of Emergency: Vital Systems, Expertise, and the Politics of Security*” (with Stephen J. Collier)
- 2022 Leiden University, Institute for Security and Global Affairs, Research Seminar, “The Government of Emergency” (with Stephen J. Collier)
- 2021 Harvard University, Program on Science, Technology, and Society. “Reimagining Risk through COVID-19”
- 2021 Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Studies, Munich. “A Regulatory State of Exception”
- 2021 University of Ottawa, Chair on Urban Anthropology. “The Government of Emergency”
- 2021 University College London, Medical Anthropology Seminar: Vaccines in View. “A Regulatory State of Exception”
- 2021 Pomona College, Ethnographies of Science and Technology: “The Supply Chain Must Continue: Becoming Essential in the COVID-19 Pandemic”
- 2021 University of Delaware, Anthropology Speaker Series: “Diagram for a Pandemic: Anticipatory Knowledge and the Government of Emergency”

- 2020 Columbia University, Mellon Sawyer Seminar: Trust and Mistrust in Experts and Science. “A Regulatory State of Exception.”
- 2020 New York University, Institute for Public Knowledge. “COVID-19 and Climate Change”
- 2020 Annual Meeting of the Science and Democracy Network. Panel on “STS in a Time of Crisis.”
- 2020 Aarhus University, School of Culture and Society, Transcontinental Colloquium: Reflections on Borders in the Time of COVID. “Preparedness Indicators and the Global Extension of Health Security
- 2020 Italian Society for Applied Anthropology. “Why Preparedness Fails.”
- 2020 University of Southern California. Dornsife Dialogues. “Pandemic Preparedness: What Went Wrong.”
- 2019 UC Berkeley, Symposium in honor of Paul Rabinow. “Acting Counter to our Time”
- 2018 Northwestern University, Alice Kaplan Humanities Institute. “Requirements for Survival: On Stockpiling and the Techniques of Resilience”
- 2018 Centre Alexandre Koyré, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris. “Real-Time Biopolitics: The Actuary and the Sentinel in Global Health”
- 2018 MaxPo Institute for Coping with Instability in Market Societies, Sciences-Po, Paris. “Infrastructural Preparedness: Anticipating Climate Crisis in the American West”
- 2018 Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University. “The Technopolitics of Infrastructure Design”
- 2017 Symposium on Global Health and the Social Sciences. Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston University. “Anthropology and Global Health Governance”
- 2017 Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University. “Water and the Politics of Infrastructure in California”
- 2017 Scandinavian Consortium for Organizational Research, Stanford University. “Ebola and the Administrative Imagination of Emergency”
- 2016 Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, U.C. Berkeley. “Ebola and the Historical Ontology of Emergency”
- 2016 Royal Academy of Medicine, London. After the End of Disease, sponsored by the Wellcome Trust. “Diagnosing Failure: The Post-Hoc Report as an Administrative Epilogue”
- 2016 Institute for Science in Society, Oxford University. “A Failure of Classification: Ebola and the Administrative Imagination”

- 2016 Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University. “The Indicator Species: Tracking Ecosystem Collapse in Arid California”
- 2015 Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Workshop on Climate Change and the Social Sciences. “Times of Trouble: Climate, Security, and the Imagined Future”
- 2015 Tel Aviv University, Workshop on Loss and Preservation in Biotechnology and the Life Sciences. “The Bio-Indicator: Species Preservation and Ecosystems Collapse”
- 2015 Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris. Seminar on Santé Mondiale: Anticipations, Infrastructures, Savoirs. “Global Health in a Time of Emergency”
- 2015 King’s College, London. Department of Social Science, Health & Medicine. “Two States of Emergency: Ebola 2014”
- 2014 University of Sussex, Fourth Annual Global Health Conference, Keynote lecture: “Antimicrobial Assemblages: Global Health in a Molecular Age”
- 2014 Tel Aviv University, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics: “Real Time Biopolitics”
- 2014 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Department of Anthropology: “The Actuary and the Sentinel in Global Public Health”
- 2014 University of California, Los Angeles, Program in the History of Science: “The Risks of Preparedness: Mutant Bird Flu and the Politics of Global Public Health”
- 2014 University of California, Davis, Program in Science Studies, Workshop on Breaking Scientific Networks: “A Fragile Assemblage: Mutant Bird Flu and the Ends of Preparedness”
- 2013 Arizona State University, Institute for Humanities Research, Workshop on Telling Imaginaries: Places, History and the Global. “Real Time Biopolitics.”
- 2012 UC Santa Barbara, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Symposium on Catastrophe and Security: “The Actuary and the Sentinel in Global Health”
- 2011 ETH Zurich, Conference on Biopower Today: “Biopolitics in Real Time”
- 2011 UCLA Department of Anthropology, Workshop on Culture and Power: “The Actuary and the Sentinel in Global Health”
- 2011 Villa Gillet, Lyon, Walls and Bridges Workshop: “Catastrophe and Security”
- 2011 UC Berkeley, Department of Anthropology, Conference on “The Reinvention of Time: Articulations of the Past and Future in the Scientific Present. Keynote address: “A Dearth of Numbers: The Actuary and the Sentinel in Global Health”
- 2010 McGill University, Department of Social Studies of Medicine: “A Dearth of Numbers: Pandemic Preparedness and the Problem of Evidence.”

- 2010 Stanford University, Center for Work, Technology and Organization (with Eric Klinenberg). “Urban Security and the Politics of Risk Assessment”
- 2010 UC Berkeley, Berkeley Workshop on Environmental Politics: “The Technopolitics of Global Health”
- 2010 University of Southern California, Department of Sociology: “Experts in Emergency: The Rise of ‘Preparedness’ in Public Health”
- 2010 Whitman College, Global Studies Symposium on Contagion: “Epidemic Intelligence: Toward a Genealogy of Global Health Security”
- 2009 Keele University, UK, Seminar on Conceptualizing Biosecurity Politics: The Case of Swine Flu: “Swine Flu and the Preparedness Apparatus”
- 2009 University of Southern California, Annenberg School of Communication: “The Generic Biothreat, or, How We Became Unprepared”
- 2009 Harvard University, Kennedy School, Science and Technology Studies Circle: “Systems in Crisis: Mapping Vulnerability from Civil Defense to Pandemic Preparedness”
- 2009 Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Social and Cultural Analysis Workshop, Frontier Research in Cultural Sociology, “Styles of Reasoning in Global Health”
- 2009 Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Neurocultures Workshop: “Memory of the Future: Object Sorting and the Neural Science of Decision”
- 2008 Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Workshop on Sociotechnical Imaginaries “Two Regimes of Global Health”
- 2008 University of Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies: “On Vital Systems Security” (with Stephen Collier)
- 2008 Sciences Po, Paris, Forum around the publication of the French translation of *Pharmaceutical Reason: Knowledge and Value in Global Psychiatry* (with Michel Callon, Nicolas Dodier, Bruno Latour, and Philippe Pignarre)
- 2008 UCLA Department of Sociology: “Diagnostic Liquidity: Mental Illness and the Global Trade in DNA”
- 2008: Harvard University, Department of the History of Science: “Diagnostic Liquidity: Mental Illness and the Global Trade in DNA”
- 2008 University of Southern California, Department of Anthropology: “The Lacan Ward: Pharmacology and Subjectivity in Buenos Aires”
- 2007 New York University, International Center for Advanced Studies: “The Generic Biothreat, or, How We Became Unprepared.” Also presented to UCSF, Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine; City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Anthropology; UC Davis, Department of Anthropology, Graduate

- Students' Invited Speaker; Cornell University, Invited Workshop: Futures of Life; UCSD, Invited Workshop, Healthscapes and Body-States
- 2006 "The Political Technology of Preparedness." Invited Workshop: The Stuff of Politics. Oxford University, Center for the Environment. December. Also presented to the New School University, Department of Anthropology, November
- 2006 "Infrastructure and Event: Toward a History of Vital Systems Security," University of Michigan, Science Studies Colloquium, October
- 2006 "The Private Life of Numbers," UCLA, Mind, Medicine, and Culture Seminar, October
- 2006 "Forms of Security Rationality in the United States," Harvard University. Conference: Acting Within Reason: Cultural Perspectives on Modern Rationality, May
- 2006 "Spatial Knowledge as Technique: Security Expertise and the Concept of Infrastructure," University College, London. Keynote address: ESRC Seminar, Making Space for Science, April
- 2006 "Threats without Enemies: An Anatomy of Contemporary Security," Rice University Department of Anthropology, March
- 2005 "Preparing for the Next Emergency," International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University, December
- 2005 "Mental Illness and the Global Trade in DNA," UC Irvine Department of Anthropology, October, Psyences Group, NYU, November 2005; University of Pennsylvania, Department of History and Sociology of Science, January 2006; U.C. Berkeley Department of Anthropology, March 2006
- 2004 "Diagnostic Liquidity," Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, March 2005; NYU Department of Sociology, December 2004
- 2004 "The Simulation of Delusion: Madness and Contagion in Belle Epoque Buenos Aires," Forgetting Freud? Conference at the Sigmund Freud Museum, Vienna, December
- 2004 "Generating Value in the Life Sciences Industry," Lively Capital Conference, U.C. Irvine, October 2004
- 2004 "The Private Life of Numbers," Conference on Re-thinking 'the Public' in Public Health, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, U.C. San Diego, April
- 2003 "The Pursued: Madness and Contagion in Belle Epoque Buenos Aires," UCLA Humanities Consortium, May
- 2002 "The Therapeutic Trial," McGill University, Department of Social Studies of Medicine November
- 2002 "Pharmaceutical Relations," Harvard Department of Social Medicine, Workshop on Globalization and Pharmaceuticals, June

- 2002 “The Private Life of Numbers,” SSRC Workshop on Global Anthropology, Prague, June
- 2002 “Pharmaceutical Relations in Neoliberal Argentina,” Harvard Medical Anthropology Seminar, April
- 2000 “Pharmaceuticals and the Arts of Government: A Case from Buenos Aires,” University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology, October; University of California, San Diego, Department of Sociology, November 2000
- 2000 “Pharmaceutical Reason,” Townsend Center, U.C. Berkeley, May
- 2000 “The Well–Armed Spaceman: Towards an Anthropology of the Psychopharmaceutical,” Department of Anthropology, Princeton University, March; Department of Anthropology, U. C. Irvine, March
- 1999 “¿Es la neurociencia un nuevo paradigma para la psiquiatría?,” Guest lecture, Resident Training Program, Hospital Parmenio Piñero, Buenos Aires, June

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2024 “Climate Emergency and the Government of Flows in California,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Tampa.
- 2024 “From Preparedness to Adaptive Management: Governing Water Volatility in California.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, Amsterdam.
- 2022 “The Government of Flows in California’s Megadrought.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, Puebla.
- 2021 “A Regulatory State of Exception.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Via zoom, November.
- 2021 “The Threshold of Fungibility.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Via zoom, October.
- 2019 “Resource Crises, Climate Change, and Vital Systems Security” (with Stephen J. Collier), Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver
- 2019 “The Hinterlands of Urban Resilience,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, New Orleans, September
- 2018 “Making Things Fungible,” Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November
- 2017 “An Infrastructural Fish Story: Water and Reflexive Modernity in California.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Boston, November
- 2015 “Vaccine Politics and the Management of Public Reason.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Denver, November

- 2014 “The Risks of Preparedness: Mutant Bird Flu and the Infrastructure of Global Health,” Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November
- 2014 “Waiting for the Next Pandemic,” American Sociological Association, mini-conference on Conflict, War, and Security, Berkeley, CA.
- 2010 “Pathogenic Circulation and the Future of Infectious Disease,” Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November
- 2010 “Vaccine Scandals and the Normative Orders of Global Health,” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August; Annual Meetings of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, Tokyo, August
- 2009 “The Vulnerability of Vital Systems” (with Stephen Collier), Society for the Social Studies of Science, Washington, DC, October
- 2008 “Of Risk and Pork: Urban Security and the Politics of Rationality” (with Eric Klinenberg), Meetings of the American Sociological Association, July
- 2007 “Techniques of Preparedness,” Organization of American Historians, Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, March; also presented at the Society for the Social Studies of Science, Pasadena, October 2005
- 2007 “Concept work, Collaboration, and Pedagogy,” co-session organizer, American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Jose, November
- 2006 “Infrastructure and Event,” Society for the Social Studies of Science, Annual Meetings, Vancouver, November
- 2006 “The Right Patients for the Drug,” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August
- 2005 “Biosecurity Scenarios,” American Ethnological Society Meetings, San Diego, April
- 2004 “The End of Psychoanalysis? An Argentine Requiem,” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, October
- 2004 “Memory of the Future,” Panel on Psychiatry at the Intersection of Science and the Market, Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meetings, Paris, August
- 2004 “The Technological Animal” (co-organizer), Poster Session, Society for the Social Studies of Science, Annual Meetings, Paris, August
- 2004 “The Value of Uncertain Knowledge,” Roundtable session, section on Science, Knowledge and Technology, American Sociological Association meetings, San Francisco, August
- 2003 “The ‘Future’ of Personalized Medicine,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, November

- 2003 “Analytic Virtuosity,” Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meetings, Atlanta, October
- 2003 “Diagnostic ‘Truing’: Pharmacogenomics and the Specificity Model,” Vital Politics Conference, London School of Economics and Political Science, September
- 2002 “Material Humanity,” American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago
- 2001 “Technologies of the Human” (with Stephen Collier) American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., November
- 2001 “Global DSM: Standardization and Disenchantment in the Argentine *Mundo-Psi*,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., November
- 2001 “Signal and Noise: Managing the Placebo Effect in Antidepressant Trials,” Society for the Social Studies of Science, Annual Meetings, Cambridge, MA., October
- 2000 “The Agency of the Psychotrope,” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meetings, San Francisco, November
- 2000 “Object and Method in Contemporary Anthropology” (with Stephen Collier), American Anthropological Association, Annual Meetings, San Francisco, November
- 2000 “Neurogenomics: Mental Illness as a Market Segment,” Society for the Social Studies of Science, Vienna, October
- 2000 “Neuroscience and Psychiatry,” Post–Genomics Conference, École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, May
- 1999 “From Biotype to Genotype: Mapping Behavior in Buenos Aires,” Society for the Social Studies of Science, Annual Meetings, San Diego, October

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Senior Editor, *Public Culture*, 2010–2017

Founding and General Editor, *Limn*, 2011–2020

Associate Editor, *BioSocieties*, 2009–2016

Editorial Board member: *Social Studies of Science*; *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development*; *Apuntes de Investigacion de CECYP*

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*; *Social Science and Medicine*; *Theory and Society*; *Cultural Anthropology*; *Theory, Culture and Society*; *Current Anthropology*; *Social Studies of Science*; *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*; *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*; *Anthropological Quarterly*; *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*; *Environment and Planning A*; *Public Culture*, *BioSocieties*; *History of the Human Sciences*; *European Journal of International Relations*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *American Ethnologist*; Duke University Press;

Cambridge University Press; Routledge Press, Polity Press, Stanford University Press, University of California Press, Polity Press

Proposal Reviewer: National Science Foundation; European Research Council

Council member, Science, Knowledge and Technology Section, American Sociological Association, 2006–2008

Council member, Society for the Social Studies of Science, 2008–2010

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

At the University of Southern California

2024-2025	Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Anthropology
2023-2025	Chair, Dornsife Committee on Advancement, Promotion, and Tenure
2023-2025	Chair, Awards Committee, Department of Sociology
2021-2023	Dornsife Committee on Advancement, Promotion, and Tenure
2022-2023	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Anthropology
2021-2022	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Anthropology
2020-2021	Chair, Search Committee, Interdisciplinary Search in Latin American Studies
2019-2020	President's Working Group on Sustainability
2015-2016	Co-Chair, Provost's Committee on Redesigning Residential Life
2014-2015	Chair, Committee on Teaching and Academic Programs
2013-2014	Chair, Committee on Teaching and Academic Programs
2012-2013	Co-Chair, Committee on Teaching and Academic Programs
2012-2013	Member, Academic Senate
2011-2013	Member (elected), Faculty Council
2011-2012	Member, Committee on Teaching and Academic Programs
2011-2012	Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology
2010-2011	Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology
2010-2011	Chair, Postdoctoral Fellow Recruitment Committee, Research Cluster in Science, Technology and Society

At UC San Diego

2004-2007	Co-organizer, Sociology of Culture Workshop, Department of Sociology
2004-2005	Member, Graduate admissions committee, Department of Sociology and Science Studies Program
2004-2005	Graduate curriculum committee, Science Studies Program
2004-2005	Awards committee, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies
2003-2004	Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology
2002-2003	Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology

COURSES TAUGHT

Histories of the Future, upper division undergraduate lecture
 Science, Technology and Society, lower division undergraduate lecture
 Sociology of the Environment, upper division undergraduate lecture
 Culture, Medicine and Politics, lower division undergraduate lecture

Ethnographic Methods, upper division undergraduate seminar
 Global Security after 9/11, upper division undergraduate seminar
 Risk and the Future, freshman seminar
 The Culture of New Technologies, graduate seminar
 Introduction to the Risk Society, graduate seminar
 Global Biopolitics, graduate seminar
 Introduction to Science Studies, graduate seminar
 Technology and the Human, graduate seminar
 Classical Social Theory, graduate seminar
 Contemporary Social Theory, graduate seminar
 Sociology of Risk and Disaster, undergraduate seminar

MENTORSHIP AND GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

At the University of Southern California

Postdoctoral Fellows mentored: Brady Potts (2011–2013), Mihir Pandya (2012–2014), Luisa Reis Castro (2021-2), Eduardo Romero Dianderas (2022-23), James Bradley (2025-26)

Dissertation chair or co-chair: Joel Farrell (2023 – present), Maggie Davis (PhD, 2022 – present), April Hovav (PhD, 2019), Melina Sherman (PhD, 2018), Yasuhito Abe (PhD 2015)

Dissertation/ Qualifying exam committee: Maria Labourt, Garrett Broad, Paul Strait, Tyler Curley, Nicolas DeZamocry, Melina Sherman, Nicholas Busalacchi, Lana Swartz, Pablo Mondal, Mike Dickerson, Nic Ramos, Joel Lemuel, Caitlin Myers, Laura Alberti, Anthony DiMario, Nicholas Derda, Quinn Anex-Reis, Maria Labourt, Gianne Sheena Sabio, Elana Simon

At UC San Diego

Dissertation Co-chair: Anat Leibler (Ph.D 2007), Eric Van Rite (PhD 2010)

Dissertation/ Qualifying exam committee: Anthony Burr (Ph.D. 2003), Kathleen Casey (Ph. D 2004), Gustavo Aguilar (Ph.D. 2005), Mark Jones (Ph.D. 2005), Steven Jackson (Ph.D 2005), David Ribes (Ph.D. 2006), Olga Kuchinskaya (Ph.D. 2007), Zara Mirmalek (Ph. D 2008), Matthew Crawford (Ph.D. 2009), Tom Waidzunus (PhD 2011), Minakshi Menon (PhD 2012), Kevin Moseby (PhD 2012), Martha Poon (PhD 2012), Brian Lindseth (Ph.D. 2012), Cynthia Schairer (Ph.D. 2014), Lyn Headley (PhD 2014), Katherine Kenny (Ph.D 2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association; American Sociological Association; Society for the Social Studies of Science

LANGUAGES

Spanish and French: Reading fluency, oral and written proficiency