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Academic History

- 1971-72 Postdoctoral Research, Yale Law School
- 1964-70 Graduate student in the Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley. Ph.D. received in June 1970. Dissertation title: Decision-Making and Dispute Settlement in a Swedish Fishing Village: An Ethnography of Law.
- 1959-62 Student at Barnard College, New York, New York. B.A. degree received with departmental honors in Religion.
- 1958-59 Student at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

Appointments

- 2011- Professor Emerita of Anthropology, Hampshire College
- 2005 - 2008 Dean of Social Science, Hampshire College
- 2003 - 2008 Director, Program in Culture, Brain, & Development, Hampshire College
- 2003 (Spring quarter) Chancellor's Distinguished Fellow, University of California, Irvine
- 2000 (S) Master's Program faculty, International Institute for Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain
- 1982 - 2011 Professor of Anthropology, Hampshire College
- 1975-1982 Associate Professor of Anthropology, Hampshire College
- 1970-1975 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Hampshire College

Fellowships, Grants, Honors and Awards

Chancellor's Distinguished Fellow, University of California, Irvine, Spring 2003.

Law and Society Association Article Prize (2003) for "In the Mirror: The Legitimation Work of Globalization" (co-authored with Susan Coutin and Bill Maurer).

Law and Society Association Book Prize (1996), for Law and Community in Three American Towns (co-authored with Carol Greenhouse and David Engel).

NSF Research Grant #SBR-9511937, Blood, Belonging and the Market in Children: Reconstructing Adoption as a Global Sociolegal Practice, 1995-1999.

NSF Conference Grant #SBR9113838, Conference on Law and Society in Southeast Asia, 1991-94 (with Jane Collier and David Engel); also funded by the Ford Foundation and the Wenner-Gren Foundation.

NSF Research Grant #SES-9113894, Local and Transnational Processes in the Making of Adoption Law, 1991-92.

NSF Research Grant #SES-8122066, Transformation of Disputes in a Lower Court, 1982.

NILECJ Research Grant #78-NI-AX-0138, Courts and Conflict Management (with Lynn M. Mather), 1979-80.

NIMH Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1970-71.

University of California Fellowship in Anthropology, 1968-69.

Research Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, 1966-67 for dissertation research in Scandinavia).

Robert H. Lowie Fellowship in Anthropology, 1965-66.

Publications

Books

Belonging in an Adopted World: Race, Identity, and Transnational Adoption. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010.

Law and Community in Three American Towns (with Carol Greenhouse and David Engel), Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1994.

Virtuous Citizens, Disruptive Subjects: Order and Complaint in a New England Court.
New York: Routledge, 1993.

Edited Work

“Fixity and Fluidity: Circulations, Children, and Childhood.” Rachael Stryker and Barbara Yngvesson, Special Issue Editors, Childhood: A Journal of Global Child Research 20(3), August 2013.

“Symposium: Law, Ethnography, and the Limits of Explanation.” Susan Coutin and Barbara Yngvesson, Symposium editors, Political and Legal Anthropology Review 31(1), 2008.

“Law and Society in Southeast Asia.” Jane Collier, David Engel, and Barbara Yngvesson, Special Issue Editors, Law & Society Review 28(3), 1994.

Selected Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“The Child Who Was Left Behind: ‘Dynamic Temporality and Interpretations of History in Transnational Adoption,” Childhood 20(3): 354-367 (Special Issue: Fixity and Fluidity—Circulations, Children, and Childhood, eds. Rachael Stryker and Barbara Yngvesson), August, 2013.

“Border Politics,” in James G. Carrier and Deborah Gewertz (eds.), Handbook of Sociocultural Anthropology. Berg, 2013.

“Transnational Adoption and European Immigration Politics: Producing the National Body in Sweden,” Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies 19(1): 327-345, 2012

“Reflections on Feminism, Adoption, and Globalised Motherhood,” in Laura Briggs et al., “Feminism and Transnational Adoption: Poverty, Precarity, and the Politics of Raising (Other People’s) Children.” *Feminist Theory* (13):1, April 2012.

“Colocando al Niño/a Regalo en la Adopción Internacional,” trans. Miguel Gaggiotti, *Scripta Nova*, Special Issue on “El principio del ‘interés superior’ de la niñez: Adopción, políticas de acogimiento y otras intervenciones. Perspectivas espaciales y disciplinares comparativas,” February 2012. Translation of “Placing the Gift Child in Transnational Adoption,” originally published in *Law & Society Review*, 36(2): 227-256, 2002.

“Transnational Adoption, Technologies of Exclusion, and the Promise of ‘Home,’” Suomen Antropologi 4: 56-62, 2010.

"Transnational Adoption and the Transnationalization of Motherhood: Rethinking Abandonment, Adoption, and Return," in Wendy Chavkin and JaneMaree Maher (eds.), Globalized Motherhood. New York: Routledge, 2010.

"Technologies of Knowledge Production: Law, Ethnography, and the Limits of Explanation," "Introduction" to *Symposium Issue on Law, Ethnography, and the Limits of Explanation*, PoLAR (Political and Legal Anthropology Review), May 2008, pp. 1-7 (with Susan Coutin).

"Schrödinger's Cat and the Ethnography of Law," in PoLAR Symposium Issue on Technologies of Knowledge Production, May 2008, pp. 61-78 (with Susan Coutin).

"Figuring Kinship in the Space of Adoption," Anthropological Quarterly 80(2):561-579, 2007.

"Backed by Papers: Undoing Persons, Histories, and Return," American Ethnologist 33(2): 177-190, 2006 (with Susan Coutin).

"National Bodies and the Body of the Child: 'Completing' Families through International Adoption," in Fiona Bowie (ed.), Cross-Cultural Approaches to Adoption, pp. 211-226. London: Routledge , 2004.

"Going 'Home': Adoption, Loss of Bearings, and the Mythology of Roots," Social Text 21(1): 7-27, Spring 2003, *Special Issue on Transnational Kinship* . Reprinted in Janelle Taylor, Linda Layne, and Danielle Wozniak (eds.), Consuming Motherhood, pp. 168-186. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2004; and in Toby Volkman (ed.), Cultures of Transnational Adoption, pp. 25-48. Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.

"Placing the 'Gift' Child in Transnational Adoption," Law and Society Review 36(2):227-256, *Special Issue on Non-Biological Parenting*, 2002.

"In the Mirror: The Legitimation Work of Globalization," Law and Social Inquiry 27(3), 2002 (with Susan Coutin and Bill Maurer).

"'Un Niño de Cualquier Color': Race and Nation in Intercountry Adoption," in Jane Jenson and Boaventura de Sousa Santos (eds.) Globalizing Institutions: Case Studies of Regulation and Innovation, pp. 169-204. Ashcroft, England: Ashgate, 2000.

"'As One Should, Ought, and Wants to Be': Authenticity and Belonging in Identity Narratives," (with Maureen Mahoney), Theory, Culture and Society, 17(6):77-110, 2000.

"Negotiating Motherhood: Identity and Difference in 'Open' Adoptions," Law and Society Review 31(1): 31-80, 1997.

"'Kidstuff' and Complaint: Interpreting Resistance in a New England Court." In: M. Lazarus-

Black and S. F. Hirsch (eds.) Contested States: Law, Hegemony, and Resistance, pp. 138-152. New York: Routledge, 1994.

“Local People, Local Problems, and Neighborhood Justice: The Discourse of ‘Community’ in San Francisco Community Boards.” In: S. Merry and N. Milner (eds.) The Possibility of Popular Justice, pp. 379-400. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 1993.

“The Construction of Subjectivity and the Paradox of Resistance: Reintegrating Feminist Anthropology and Psychology” Signs 18: 44-73 (with Maureen Mahoney), 1992.

“Contextualizing the Court: Comments on the Cultural Study of Litigation.” Law and Society Review 24: 467-475, 1990.

“Inventing Law in Local Settings: Rethinking Popular Legal Culture.” Yale Law Journal 98(8): 1689-1709, 1989.

“Making Law at the Doorway: The Clerk, the Court, and the Construction of Community in a New England Town.” Law and Society Review 22(3): 409-448, 1988.

“Re-examining Continuing Relations and the Law.” Wisconsin Law Review 3: 623-646, 1985.

“What is a Dispute About?” In: D. Black (ed.) Toward a General Theory of Social Control, vol. 2, pp. 235-260. New York, NY: Academic Press, 1984.

“Mapping Difficult Terrain: ‘Legal Culture,’ ‘Legal Consciousness,’ and Other Hazards for the Intrepid Explorer.” Law and Policy 6: 299-307 (with David Engel and J.H. Schegel), 1984.

“Language, Audience, and the Transformation of Disputes.” Law and Society Review 15: 775-821 (with Lynn Mather), 1981.

“Responses to Grievance Behavior: Extended Cases in a Fishing Community.” American Ethnologist 3(2): 353-373, 1976.

“Scarcity and Disputing: Zeroing-in on Compromise Decisions.” American Ethnologist 2(3): 553-566 (with June Starr), 1976.

Invited Lectures and Symposia (2003-13)

“Open adoption: More than thirty years between the personal and the professional,” AFIN, 5th International Congress, Barcelona, Spain, November 25-26, 2011.

“Living in Debt: Transnational Adoption and the Politics of Belonging,” International Conference on Korean Adoption Studies, Seoul, Korea, October 15-16, 2011.

“Swedish Adoptions in a Global Perspective: Integration and/or Discrimination?” Nordic Adoption Council, Stockholm, Sweden, September 29, 2011.

“Transnational Adoption and European Immigration Politics: Producing the National Body in Sweden,” *Symposium: Globalization and Migration*, Indiana University, Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, April 7, 2011.

“Natural Resources, Ambiguous Belongings: Transnational Adoption in the 21st Century,” Center for Research on International and Global Studies, UC Irvine, October 21, 2010.

“Race, Identity, and the Pull to Origins,” Annual Conference, Irish International Adoptive Parents Association, Dublin, October 9, 2010.

“Belonging in an Adopted World: Transnational Adoption in the 21st Century,” Adoption Summit, Stratford, Ontario, September 25, 2010.

“Open Adoption and the Opening of Adoption,” Keynote Address, 4th International AFIN Congress, Autonomous University of Barcelona, May 7, 2010.

“Ambiguous Belongings,” Princeton University, Department of Anthropology, February 18, 2010.

“Remittances and Returns in Transnational Adoption,” Globalization of Motherhood Symposium, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Monash, London, October 14-17, 2008.

“Gifts and Returns: Transnationalizing the Family of Transnational Adoption,” invited address, Encountering New Worlds of Adoption, Conference organized by the Alliance for the Study of Adoption, Identity, & Kinship, Pittsburgh, PA, October 11-14, 2007.

“‘Traveling Home in Both Directions’: Rethinking ‘Family’ in an Adopted World,” First International Forum on Childhood and Families, Barcelona, Spain, September 29-30, 2006.

“Globalization and Belonging: Adoption in the 21st Century,” Stockholm University, Institute of Ethnography, May 9, 2006.

“Roots and Returns in an Adopted World,” Keynote Address, First Global Adoption Research

Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 9-11, 2005.

“Rethinking ‘Returns’ in Transnational Adoption,” Conference on Developing Anthropology of Law in a Transnational World, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, June 17-19, 2004.

Transnational Subjects in Transitional Spaces,” Rauma, Finland, September 4, 2003.

“The Body Within the Body of Transnational Adoption,” Departmental Colloquium, Department of Criminology, Law, and Society, University of California, Irvine, May 12, 2003.

“Rights and Returns in Transnational Adoptions,” Departmental Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, Duke University, April 23, 2003.

Transnational Families, Transitional Spaces, and the Space of Law,” Chancellor’s Distinguished Lecture, University of California, Irvine, California, April 8, 2003.

“Rethinking Identity Rights in Adoption,” Distinguished Lecture in Family Law, Law School, University of Wisconsin, Madison, March 7, 2003.

Professional Activities

Member, Law and Society Association; American Anthropological Association.

Reviewer for American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Current Anthropology, Journal of Latin American Anthropology, Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness, Law and Society Review, Law and Social Inquiry, NYU Press, Duke University Press, National Science Foundation (Anthropology; Law and Social Sciences), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada).

Associate Editor, American Anthropologist, 2008--2012.

Co-Chair of Program Committee, Joint International Conference co-sponsored by Law & Society Association, Research Committee on the Sociology of Law, Japanese Association for Law and Society, Honolulu, Hawai’i, June 5-8, 2012.

Board of Trustees, Law and Society Association, 2001-2003; 1983-86; 1977-1980.

Executive Committee, Law and Society Association, 2001-2003; 1983-86.

President, Association of Political and Legal Anthropologists, 2000-2003.

Book Review Editor, Law and Society Review, 1992-1995.

Law and Social Science Advisory Committee, National Science Foundation 1990, 1978-81.

Program Chair, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Berkeley, California, June, 1990.

Secretary, Law and Society Association, 1988-89.

American Bar Foundation Review Committee, 1984-85.

National Research Council, Committee on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, 1988-1996.

National Academy of Sciences, Panel on Taxpayer Compliance, 1984-86.

Languages

English, native speaker

Spanish, native speaker fluency, good writing ability

Swedish, excellent speaking and reading ability, good writing ability

French, German, Portuguese, Norwegian, Danish: reading ability