

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 1986 Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology; Univ. of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093.
- 1982 Master of Arts in Anthropology; Univ. of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093.
- 1979 Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, *cum laude* and “With Distinction in Anthropology”; Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2005-present Professor of Anthropology
Eastern University, St. Davids, PA 19087.
- 1998-2005 Associate Professor of Anthropology
Eastern University, St. Davids, PA 19087.
- 1992-1998 Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Eastern University, St. Davids, PA 19087.
- 1988-1991 Adjunct Professor and Faculty Associate
Arizona State Univ. West, Phoenix, AZ 85069.
- 1986-1991 Adjunct Professor
Phoenix College, 1202 W. Thomas, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

Courses Taught:

1. Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
2. Human Origins and the Development of Culture
3. Social Anthropology
4. The Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity
5. Comparative Religions
6. Christianity, Anthropology and Economic Systems
7. Urban Anthropology
8. The Anthropology of Women's Experience
9. Heritage of India
10. Ideas in Anthropology
11. Language and Culture
12. Contemporary Issues in Missions and Anthropology
13. Cross-Cultural Skills and Understanding (graduate)
14. On Knowing Humanity colloquium (graduate)
15. Integrated Theory in Anthropology II (graduate)
16. Faith-Based Ethnographic Methods (graduate)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Faith and science, global economic systems, India, women's experience, race and ethnicity, comparative religions, international development, Christian missions.

MEMBERSHIP IN LEARNED SOCIETIES

American Anthropological Association
International Association for Mission Studies
Network of Christian Anthropologists
American Society of Missiology

PUBLICATIONS AND SCHOLARLY WORK

Books Authored:

- 2007 *Love and Revolutions: Market Women and Social Change in India.*
Lanham, MD: University Press of America.
- 1995 *Incarnational Ministry: Planting Churches in Band, Tribal, Peasant, and Urban Societies.* Second author to Paul G. Hiebert. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

Books Edited:

- 2015 *Christian Mission and Economic Systems: a Critical Survey of the Cultural and Religious Dimensions of Economies*. Edited with John Cheong. William Carey Press.
- 2009 *The Gospel in Human Contexts*. By Paul G. Hiebert. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

- 2014 “Engaging the Religiously Committed Other: Anthropologists and Theologians in Dialogue. With Lindy Backues, David Bronkema, Eric Flett, and Ben Hartley. *Current Anthropology* 55(1):82-104.
- 2012 “Transnational Identities and the Church: Examining Contemporary Ethnicity and Place.” *Mission Studies*, 29:62-78.
- 2009 “Birds of the Air: the Christian Challenge to Culture in Defending the Marginalized.” *Missiology*, XXXVII (3):369-384.
- 2000 “Defeating the Baals: Balanced Christian Living in Different Cultural Systems.” Co-authored with John E. Stapleford. *The Christian Scholar’s Review*, XXX(1):83-106.
- 2000 “No Other Foundation: Establishing a Christian Anthropology.” *The Christian Scholar’s Review*, XXIX(3):531-549.
- 1994 “Race and Ethnicity; an Anthropological Perspective.” *Race, Sex and Class*, 1(2):137-146.
- 1987 “Traders and Marginality in a Complex Social System.” *Ethnology*, 26(4): 231-244.

Chapters in Books:

- 2015 “Exchange, Relationships, and Reciprocity: Living as a Christian in a Capitalist World” in *Christian Mission and Economic Systems: a Critical Survey of the Cultural and Religious Dimensions of Economies*. Edited with John Cheong. William Carey Press.

- 2014 Four articles on Hinduism in *Handbook of Religion: A Christian Engagement with Traditions, Teachings, and Practices*. Edited by Terry C. Muck, Harold A. Netland, and Gerald R. McDermott. Baker Academic.
- 2006 “Science and the Myth of Biological Race” in *This Side of Heaven: Race, Ethnicity, and Christian Faith*, edited by Robert J. Priest and Alvaro L. Nieves. Oxford University Press.
- 2006 “Bearing Witness in Rome with Theology from the Whole Church” in *Global Theologizing: Belief and Practice in an Era of World Christianity*, edited by Craig Ott and Harold A. Netland. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, pp. 231-249.
(Identified as one of the fifteen outstanding books of 2006 by the International Bulletin of Missionary Research.)
- 2004 “The Meaning of Mennonite” in *The Measure of My Days*, edited by Joe Miller and Reuben Miller. Telford, PA: Cascadia Publishing House, pp. 108-121.

Book Reviews:

- 2015 *The Slain God: Anthropologists and Christian Faith*. By Timothy Larsen. Oxford Univ. Press, 2014. *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*,
- 2009 *Power and Identity in the Global Church: Six Contemporary Cases*. Edited by Brian M. Howell and Edwin Zehner. William Carey Library, 2009. Reviewed in *Missiology*, XXXVI (4, Oct.): 583.
- 1998 *Symbol and Ceremony: Making Disciples Across Cultures*. By A.H. Mathias Zahniser. MARC, 1997. Reviewed in *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, 22 (4, Oct.):176.

Journal Editing:

- 2011-2013 Associate Editor for the journal, *Missiology*.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

- 2015 “Ethnography as Committed Witness: A Post-critical and Biblical Epistemology for Anthropology.” Presented at the *On Knowing Humanity* conference, Eastern University, 5/28-30.

- 2012 “Exchange, Relationships, and Reciprocity: Living as a Christian in a Capitalist World.” Evangelical Society of Missiologists, Chicago, April 19-22, 2012.
- 2009 “Engaging the Religiously Committed Other: Cross-Border Conversations in Anthropology.” With Lindy Backues, David Bronkema, Eric Flett, and Ben Hartley. American Anthropological Association.
- 2008 “If You Belong to Christ: Ethnicity and the Global Church.” International Association for Mission Studies, Budapest.
- 2003 “Negotiating Agendas: Liberal Capitalism and Hindutva for Untouchable Women of South India.” American Anthropological Association.
- 2000 “Like a Mustard Seed: Quiet Revolution for India’s Dalit Women.” Society for Economic Anthropology.
- 1995 “Customers, Friends and Daughters; the Market and Home Arenas of South Indian Trading Women.” Society for Economic Anthropology.
- 1991 “Mother-Daughter Cooperation at the Edge of Survival.” and, co-chair of symposium, entitled “Mothers and Daughters: Strategic Relations of Power and Survival” American Anthropological Association.

Other Papers and Publications:

- 2007 “Faithful Witness: Postcritical Epistemology for Christians.” *Direction*, 36(2): 129-143.
- 2002 “Declaring the Mystery of Christ.” *Courier* 17 (3): 10-11. (Given as the plenary address at the Global Anabaptist Missions Consultation in Guatemala, 2000.)
- 2001 “The Virtues and Vices of the ‘Mennonite’ Culture” *The Mennonite*, Oct. 30, pp. 4-6.
- 1998 “Doing our Best: An Informal Analysis of the Cultural Context of Mennonite Central Committee.” Consultation for Mennonite Central Committee.
- 1995 “Reciprocity and Relationships among South Indian Market Women.” Presented to a colloquium of the Eastern College Graduate Business Dept.
- 1995 “The Role of Relationships in Business.” The Eastern College Economic Development Program Review Book.

- 1995 “Understanding American Paper Writing.”
Written for Eastern College’s international students and disseminated at several other institutions.
- 1994 “Spirituality in a Comprehensive Institution.”
Written as a position paper for Eastern College’s strategic planning.
- 1994 “The Anthropological Context.”
Written for an Eastern College Economic Development program publication.

Works in Progress:

- *On Knowing Humanity: The Science of Anthropology and Christian Thought.*
Edited book, to include chapters from the “On Knowing Humanity” conference at Eastern University, 5/28-30/15.
- *Studying the Image: Critical Issues in Anthropology for Christians.* Book manuscript in progress, to be submitted to Eerdmans.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Grant from the John Templeton Foundation. \$217,000 over two years to support the MA in Theological and Cultural Anthropology, to fund student scholarships for “Ethnography Through the Eyes of Faith,” and to found an online journal entitled, *On Knowing Humanity*.
- 2013 Grant from The John Templeton Foundation. \$200,000 over two years to found the MA in Theological and Cultural Anthropology, and to sponsor the *On Knowing Humanity* research project, including an edited volume.
- 2010 Provost’s Fellowship for research in Christian Anthropology.
Eastern University, St. Davids, PA 19087.
- 1996 The Lindback Award for Excellence in Teaching.
Eastern University, St. Davids, PA 19087.
- 1994 An Indo-American Fellowship Grant for field research in India.
Fulbright-Hays Scholarships and National Science Foundation.
- 1988 Finalist, The George P. Murdock Prize for Excellence in Ethnology.
Given by the journal, *Ethnology*, for the article, “Traders and Marginality...”.
- 1983 Fulbright-Hays Scholarship to do doctoral field research in India.

SERVICE WORK

- 2015 Conference Organizer: The *On Knowing Humanity* conference, held on 5/28-30/15. Sponsored by Eastern University and funded by the John Templeton Foundation. Dr. Douglas Davies, of the Univ. of Durham (UK) was the keynote speaker. 40 people attended and 18 papers were presented.
- 2011 Program Evaluator, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.
- 1987-1997 Board Member, Mennonite Central Committee
A relief and development agency of the Mennonite Church.
- 1996 Program Evaluator, Mennonite Conciliation Services
A reconciliation program of Mennonite Central Committee.
- 1994-1996 Task Force Member, Racial Reconciliation Group
Franconia Mennonite Conference.

Invited Workshops and Lectures:

- 2009-present Workshop leader, Eastern Mennonite Missions, World Mission Institute.
- 2005 Plenary Speaker, Eastern Mennonite Missions, School for the Apostles.
- 2004 Respondent to paper by Vinoth Ramachandra entitled, "Globalization, Nationalism and Religious Resurgence," at "Doing Theology in a Globalizing World" conference, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.
- 2001-2003 Plenary Speaker, Mennonite Brethren Missions and Services, orientation and training for new and returning missionaries.
- 1996-1999 Plenary Speaker, Eastern Mennonite Missions, Black Rock Retreat orientation and training for new and returning missionaries.
- 2/97 Workshop Leader, "Leadership and Reciprocity."
Mennonite Central Committee, Overseas Personnel Retreat.
- 11/96 Workshop Leader, "No Such Thing as Race."
Franconia Mennonite Assembly.
- 11/96 Panel Discussion Member, "Race and the Bible."
Windows Lecture Series, Eastern University.

- 9/96 Lecturer, “Customers, Friends and Daughters; Market and Home Arenas of South Indian Trading Women,” Windows Lecture Series, Eastern University.
- 12/95 Lecturer, “Race and Ethnicity,” CADCOM, a Montgomery County development agency.
- 9/95 Lecturer, “Shaking Foundations: Relativism and Renewal” Windows Lecture Series, Eastern University.

References available upon request.

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