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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2022 **Ph.D., Sociocultural + Linguistic Anthropology**
Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2017 **Master of Arts, Anthropology**
Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013 **Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, General + Departmental Honors**
The College, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2007 – 2008 **Student-at-large (non-degree), Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Program**
University of Nueva Caceres, Naga City, Philippines

Academic Appointments

- Fall 2023 – present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Anthropology, Brown University
- 2023 **Lecturer**, Mellon Mays Summer Research Training Program, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, The University of Chicago
- 2022 – 2023 **Lecturer**, Departments of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity and Linguistics, The University of Chicago
- 2022 – 2023 **Lecturer**, Department of Social Sciences, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 2019 – 2020 **Visiting Researcher**, Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore
- 2016, 2018 – 2020 **Visiting Researcher**, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology and Design

Fellowships, Awards + Honors

- 2022 – 2023 **Curricular Innovation Grant, Department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity**, The University of Chicago
- 2022 – 2023 **Associate Fellow, Center for the Study of Communication and Society**, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2021 **Society for Linguistic Anthropology Public Outreach and Community Service Award**, Society for Linguistic Anthropology
- 2021 **John Gumperz Essay Prize**, Society for Linguistic Anthropology

2021	Curricular Innovation Grant, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture , The University of Chicago
Jul - Dec 2021	Dissertation Writing Fellowship , Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago
Sep 2019 - May 2020	Ruth Landes Memorial Research Grant , The Reed Foundation
2018 - 2020 / Jun - Sep 2017	Visiting Researcher, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities , Singapore University of Technology and Design
2018 - 2019	Visiting Researcher, Department of English Language + Literature, Faculty of Arts + Social Sciences , National University of Singapore
Nov 2018 - Aug 2019	Fulbright U.S. Student Researcher , U.S. Department of State
Jun - Sep 2017	Committee on Southern Asian Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship , The University of Chicago
Jun - Sep 2017	UChicago Urban Pre-Dissertation Research + Travel Fellowship , The University of Chicago
Jan 2016 - Oct 2017	Field Trip / Field Notes / Field Guide Graduate Consortium Fellow , University of Chicago Arts, Science & Culture Initiative, Northwestern University, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and University of Illinois at Chicago
2015	Circle of Excellence Award, Gold Level: Multi-institution Collaborative Programs , Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
2014	Winner, Undergraduate Essay Prize , Society for Linguistic Anthropology
2013	Honorable Mention, Undergraduate Essay Prize , Society for Linguistic Anthropology

Peer-Reviewed + Scholarly Publications

RESEARCH ARTICLES

In preparation	“Varieties of Singlish Experience: Authority, Image-Texts, and Infrastructures of Feeling”—article . Targeted in <i>Signs & Society</i> .
In preparation	“Becoming White in Singapore: Looking At, Looking From”—article . Targeted in <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> .
Under review	“The Polyglot: Plurilingual Wonders, ‘Mother Tongue’ Hegemony, and Totalizing Images in Singapore”—article . Targeted in <i>American Anthropologist</i> (special section on “Mother Tongue as Global Politics,” guest co-edited with Jessica S. Chandras).
Forthcoming 2023	“‘Decolonial Pedagogies’: Youth-led, Open-source Learning Design as Experiential Learning and Meta-pedagogical Empowerment”—commentary . <i>Teaching and Learning Anthropology</i> 6(2).
2023	“Seeing (or Perceiving) Difference in Multiracial Singapore: Habits of Looking in a Raciolinguistic Image Economy”—article . <i>American Anthropologist</i> 125(4) (bit.ly/447hqio).
2023	“(De)coupling Positional Whiteness and White Identities through ‘Good English’ In Singapore”—article . <i>Signs & Society</i> 11(1): 23-44 (bit.ly/3QF1twx).

- 2022 **“Southeast Asian Island City-State, Singapore: Multi-scalar Spatial Fictions and the Hinterland Within”—book chapter.** In *New Directions in Linguistic Geography: Exploring Articulations of Space*, edited by Greg Niedt (Palgrave).
- 2022 **“Singapore, City of the Future: Visual-Aesthetic Registers and Genres of Allochronic Futurity”—article.** *MediaTropes* 8(2): 1–39 (bit.ly/3LAOJRu).
- 2022 **“Postracial Policing, ‘Mother Tongue’ Sourcing, and Images of Singlish Standard”—article.** *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 32(2): 326–344 (bit.ly/3tJJ8Tw).
- 2021 **“Destination Storytelling Singapore: *Crazy Rich Asians* (2018) and the Constructed Global Audience”—article.** Co-authored with Kenzell Huggins, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago. *Journal of Southeast Asian Media Studies* 3(3): 53–76 (bit.ly/3Kl4gp1).
- 2021 **“Legacies and Remnants of the Chicago School: Lineage-Making and Interdisciplinary Urban Research at the University of Chicago”—book chapter.** Co-authored with Pranathi Diwakar, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago. In *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Urban and Regional Studies*, edited by Anthony M. Orum, Javier Ruiz-Tagle, and Serena Vicari Haddock (Wiley-Blackwell).

GUEST EDITING

- Anticipated 2025 **“(Un)bundling Race and Ethnicity in Global Singapore”—guest-edited special section + Guest Editor’s Introduction.** In preparation for *Journal of Asian Studies*.
- Anticipated 2024 **“Mother Tongue as Global Politics”—guest-edited special section + Guest Editors’ Introduction.** In preparation for *American Anthropologist*, co-edited with Jessica S. Chandras (Department of Social Work, Sociology and Anthropology, University of North Florida).
- Forthcoming 2023 **“Linguistic Anthropology in the Wake of Coloniality: Toward a Non-binary Semiotics of Intersectionality”—guest-edited thematic collection + Guest Editors’ Introduction.** Forthcoming in the *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, co-edited with Jay Ke-Schutte (Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Zhejiang University).
- 2023 **“Toward a ‘Both-And’ Semiotics of Intersectionality: Raciolinguistics Beyond White Settler Situations”—guest-edited thematic collection + Guest Editors’ Introduction.** *Signs & Society* 11(1): 1–22, co-edited with Jay Ke-Schutte (Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Zhejiang University; bit.ly/3qnr9P).
- May 1 – Jul 3, 2020 **“Fieldwork in a Time of Coronavirus”—web series + Guest Editor’s Introduction.** 8-part guest-edited blog series published on [anthro{dendum}](https://anthro.dendum.com) (bit.ly/3cAfaXR).

Teaching, Mentoring + Training

- Autumn 2023 **Sounds and Symbols** (Instructor-of-Record, ANTH 0800). Department of Anthropology, Brown University.
- Summer 2023 **Engaged Scholarship: Foundations for Critical and Social Theory and Practice** (Instructor-of-Record, SOSC 29600). Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, University of Chicago.
- Spring 2023 **Language, Gender, and Sexuality** (Instructor-of-Record, LING 22450 / GNSE 20119). Departments of Linguistics and Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of Chicago.

Spring 2023	Global Social Movements (Instructor-of-Record, SOCSCI 3500-03S). Department of Liberal Arts—Social Sciences, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
Spring 2022 – Spring 2023	Asia-Pacific Colonizations (Instructor-of-Record, CRES 24002). The College—Program in Civilizations Studies, University of Chicago.
Autumn 2022 + Summer 2023	Global Cities (Instructor-of-Record, SOCSCI 3500-003). Department of Liberal Arts—Social Sciences, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
September 23, 2021	Understanding, Recognizing, and Dismantling White Supremacy Culture (half-day political education session). Researcher, learning-experience designer, and co-facilitator. Graduate Students United, University of Chicago.
Autumn 2021	Technologies of Language, Race, and State (Instructor-of-Record, CRES / ANTH / HIPS 27544). Program in Critical Race and Ethnicity Studies (CRES); Department of Anthropology (ANTH); and Program in History, Philosophy, and Social Study of Science (HIPS), University of Chicago.
Jul – Sep 2021	Navigating Conflict (half-day union organizer training). Researcher, learning-experience designer, and co-facilitator. Graduate Students United, University of Chicago.
July 7, 2021	Accent-based Microaggressions (half-day staff training). Researcher, learning-experience designer, and facilitator. San Mateo County Community Colleges, San Mateo, California.
Spring 2021	Ethnographic Methods (Instructor-of-Record, ANTH 21420, Spring 2021). Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
Winter 2021	Introduction to Global Studies (GLST 23102, with Co-instructor Owen Kohl). Program in Global Studies, University of Chicago.
Autumn 2020	Whose Hybridity? “Mixing” Language, Race, and Identity (Instructor-of-Record, CRES 27535 / ANTH 27445, Autumn 2020). Program in Critical Race and Ethnicity Studies and Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
Jan – Mar 2020 / Oct – Dec 2020 + Jan –May 2019	Institute of Technical Education (ITE) + United States Embassy Alumni Mentoring Program (career and personal mentoring program for Singaporean polytechnic students). U.S. Embassy Singapore, in collaboration with industry partners (including Boeing, Google, and Nike Singapore/Southeast Asia/APAC). 2020 ITE + United States Embassy Alumni Mentoring Program (career and personal mentoring program for Singaporean polytechnic students). U.S. Embassy Singapore.
November 1, 2017	PhotoShop + InDesign for Social Science Researchers (half-day software training session). Linguistic Anthropology Lab, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
Autumn 2016 – Spring 2017	Pedagogies of Writing (with Jason Riggle, Salikoko Mufwene, and Laura Casasanto, Instructors-of-Record). College Writing Program, Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago.
Jun 2013 – Sep 2015	Founder and Program Lead: Undergraduate Intern Mentorship Program Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, University of Chicago.

Public, Experimental + Participatory Projects

- April 24 – 28 2023 **“Doing Being Other in Global Singapore: A Scholar-Activist Showcase”—hybrid symposium.** Sponsored by the Committee on Southern Asian Studies, Department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity, and Ethnographic Film Salon, The University of Chicago.
- Nov 2022 – Jun 2023 **“Decolonial Pedagogies”—youth-designed learning modules for decolonial thinking and doing.** Project manager and development editor (decolonialpedagogies.space). Sponsored by the Department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity, University of Chicago.
- Oct 2022 – present **“Talking Politics 2023: Silences and Voices in Global Media”—webinar series.** Executive team; accessibility, marketing, communications, and education lead. Cosponsored by Center for the Study of Communication and Society, The University of Chicago, Program in Culture, Language, and Social Practice, University of Colorado Boulder, and the Society for Linguistic Anthropology.
- Aug 2022 – May 2023 **“Academic Hiring Rituals”—podcast.** Researcher, interviewer, and associate producer (bit.ly/3F24zVH). Sponsored by the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology.
- January 2022 **“Technologies of Language, Race, and State”—collaborative online archive.** Editor, annotator, designer. With Andrew Crane (undergraduate author-contributor, University College London); Ayomide Badmus, Astrid Braun, Jon Hoerner, Teddy Sandler, Marya Tawam, and Sofia Torriente (undergraduate author-contributors, The College at the University of Chicago) (languageandstate.space).
- December 2021 **“Banal Insurgencies: Maps, Plans and Footpaths”—book chapter.** In *Can, Cannot and Other Options: Between Defiance and Desire, Towards Fuller Lives*, edited by Wayne W. J. Lim and Soh Kay Min, A Weekend Affair, Singapore.
- Nov 8, 2021 **Anthropology News (Online).** Blog Post: [“Whiteness and Pedagogies of Language”](https://bit.ly/3D1Ibb7) (bit.ly/3D1Ibb7).
- Oct – Dec 2021 **“Collaborative Public Pedagogies”—workshop series.** Co-convenor (with Anuli Akanegbu, New York University; Nurul Huda Rashid, Cultural Studies in Asia, National University of Singapore; Vithya Subramaniam, Anthropology, Oxford University; and Yi Hui Ho, independent writer, poet, and activist).
- Sep 2020 – Jun 2023 **“Singapore, Michigan”—narrative multimedia game.** Co-hosted by soft/WALL/studs artist collective, Singapore, and the Digital Media Workshop, University of Chicago.
- June 2021 **“Anthropology at a Distance: Beyond ‘Being There’”—graduate student panel + undergraduate virtual research symposium.** Co-organizer (with Rebecca Journey, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago), panel moderator. Cosponsored by the Lichtstern Fund of the Department of Anthropology and Undergraduate Program in Anthropology, University of Chicago.
- Mar 9, 2021 **“Local Bodies, Foreign Language”—Inaugural Lecturer, AcademiaSG Singapore Studies Junior Scholar Seminar Series.** Cosponsored by AcademiaSG and the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore.

- Nov 21, 2020 **“City Sounds Part 2: A Machine to Live In”—film screening + Q&A** (30 synchronous attendees, 104 waitlisted registrants). Organizer and co-host (with Shawn Chua Ming Ren, LASALLE College of the Arts, Singapore, and Shayus Sharif, The Learning Studio Asia). Bras Basah Open: School of Theory and Philosophy, Singapore.
- Oct 16, 2020 **“City Sounds Part 1: An Experiment in Multimodality”—listening party + guided reading group** (84 asynchronous attendees, 26 in live audience). Co-organizer and co-host (with Pranathi Diwakar, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago); curator: non-musical pairings; writer: pairing notes (bit.ly/2li6lXw). Hosted by Notes on Notes: A Listening Exchange Series, sponsored by the Anthropology Students Association Ethnographic and Documentary Film Group, Arts, Science + Culture Initiative, Department of Anthropology, Center for Latin American Studies, + Sound and Society Workshop at the University of Chicago.
- Oct 2020 – Jan 2021 **Talking Politics: Anthropologists and Linguists Analyze the 2020 Election—online webinar series.** Lead, digital design and email marketing; member, student organizing committee. University of Chicago Center for the Study of Communication and Society and Linguistic Anthropology Lab, Chicago, Illinois and University of Colorado Program in Culture, Language, and Social Practice, Boulder, Colorado.
- Jun – Oct 2020 **Notes on Notes: A Listening Exchange Series.** Lead: design, editing, and strategy; co-organizer and convener (with Pranathi Diwakar, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago). (notesonnotesonnotesonnotes.medium.com; Instagram: @notesonnotesonnotes).
- Jun 6, 2020 **“Love Letter: The New Normal”—Instagram essay and curated readings.** Part of *A Weekend Monthly* social newsletter series (with Wayne W. J. Lim, visual art practitioner, and Soh Kay Min, Nanyang Technological University Centre for Contemporary Art) (bit.ly/3mRpdwe). A Weekend Affair artist collective, Singapore.
- May 1 + 8, 2020 **“Fieldwork in a Time of Coronavirus,” anthro{dendum} (Online).** “The Nation Under Threat: Rethinking Critique, Recentering Relationships” (May 8, 2020; bit.ly/2GhERQw) and “Introduction: Fieldwork in a Time of Coronavirus” (May 1, 2020; bit.ly/3cAfaXR).
- May 19, 2020 **UCL Medical Anthropology, Consciously Quarantined Series (Online).** Blog Post: “[Memes, Migrants, and the Epidemiological Imagination](https://bit.ly/335wgcV)” (bit.ly/335wgcV).
- Apr 20, 2020 **Anthropology News, Pandemic Insights Column (Online).** Blog Post: “[Poetry over Panic in Singapore](https://bit.ly/2S7R7Gs)” (bit.ly/2S7R7Gs).
- Apr 4, 2020 **Society for Linguistic Anthropology Blog (Online).** Blog Post: “[‘Code-switching’ and Standardizing Singlish](https://linguisticanthropology.org/code-switching-standardizing-singlish)” (linguisticanthropology.org/code-switching-standardizing-singlish).
- Sep 3, 2019 **“Singapore, City of the Future”—public lecture** (264 RSVPs, live audience limited to 50). soft/WALL/studs artist collective, Singapore.
- May 2018 **Hyde Park Walking Tour.** Co-organizer (with Pranathi Diwakar, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago), researcher. Presented through the UChicago Urban Workshop, Chicago, Illinois.

January 2018

Contested Spaces: A Field Guide, Volume II—Field Trip / Field Notes / Field Guide 2016–17 Graduate Consortium Fellows culminating publication. Lead: editor, graphic design, and publication layout; contributor: “Coordinating Contestations: Publics, Spaces, Interactions” (bit.ly/3j1tQS5). The University of Chicago, Northwestern University, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

Invited Talks, Conferences + Workshops

INVITED TALKS

- May 19, 2023 **“How Does the State Ignore? The Contested Case of U.S. School Boards, From the Screen to the Meeting Hall”—virtual keynote (with Ilana Gershon, Rice University).** *Talking Politics 2023: Silences + Voices in Global Media* webinar series, University of Chicago and University of Colorado Boulder.
- Mar 11, 2022 **“Authoritative Images: Technologies of Language, Race, and State”—Stanford Center for Global Ethnography Speaker Series.** Stanford University, Stanford, California.
- Oct 15, 2020 **“Local Bodies, Foreign Language”—Nanyang Technological University Sociology Webinar Series.** Nanyang Technological University Department of Sociology, Singapore.
- Aug 20, 2020 **“Image and the Total Utopia: Scaling Raciolinguistic Belonging in Singapore”—Brown Bag Lunch Talks.** Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore.
- Nov 30, 2018 **“Contradictions of City Branding”—guest lecture.** Urban Science Planning, Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore.

CONFERENCES

- Nov 11 – 13, 2023 **“Identity Imperialism”—discussant and session co-organizer (with Jay Ke-Schutte, Zhejiang University).** *122nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Seattle, Washington.
- Nov 8 – 11, 2023 **“Theory in the Field”—paper presentation.** Session co-organizer (with Yukun Zeng, University of Chicago): “Dreaming Accountability: Beyond Citizen Science, Folk/Ethno Divides, and Afterthoughts of Engagement.” *Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Conference*, Honolulu, Hawai‘i.
- Mar 24, 2023 **“Singapore’s Multi-scalar Fiction”—ethnographic fiction salon.** *Indeterminacy, 2023* Spring Conference of the American Ethnological Society, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, and Council on Anthropology and Education, Princeton University.

- Mar 23 – 25, 2023 **“The State Ignoring Subject: Ideologies of Substantive and Procedural Listening in U.S. School Board Meetings”—co-authored paper presentation (with Ilana Gershon, Rice University).** Session: “The Political Uses of Semiotic Indeterminacy.” *Indeterminacy*, 2023 Spring Conference of the American Ethnological Society, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, and Council on Anthropology and Education, Princeton University.
- Nov 9 – 13, 2022 **“‘More Singaporean Than You’: Ideologies of Interactivity and Raciolinguistic (Non)belonging across Transmedial Publics”—paper presentation.** Session: “Revisiting Methods In The Study Of Language And Social Life.” *121st Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Seattle, Washington.
- Nov 23 – 26, 2022 **“The Polyglot: Making Fluency, Virtuosity, and ‘Mother Tongue’ Anxieties Public in Singapore”—paper presentation.** Session co-organizer (with Jessica Chandras, University of Northern Florida): “Motherless Tongues, Tongueless Mothers, and Other Modern Maladies.” *2022 Australian Anthropology Society Annual Conference*, Melbourne, Australia.
- Apr 5 – 7, 2022 **“Local Bodies, Foreign Language: Singaporean Colloquial English, ‘Good English,’ and Aspirational Investments in Malleable Whiteness”—paper presentation.** Session co-organizer (with Jay Ke-Schutte, Zhejiang University): “Toward a ‘Both-And’ Semiotics of Intersectionality: Raciolinguistics Beyond White Settler-Colonial Situations.” *2022 Meeting of the Society for Linguistic Anthropology*, Denver, Colorado.
- Nov 26 – 30, 2021 **“Postracial Policing, ‘Mother Tongue’ Sourcing, and Images of Singlish Standard”—paper presentation.** *120th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Jul 26 – 30, 2021 **“Race, Language or Culture? Pandemic Crises and Contested Identities in Singapore”—paper presentation.** *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society Annual Conference*. National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- Aug 3 – 7, 2020 **“Voicing and Visualizing Community: Seeing (or Perceiving) Race in Multiracial Singapore”—paper presentation.** *15th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies*. Session: “Voicing Narratives and Tongues” (Naoko Shimazu, discussant, Yale-NUS College, Singapore). Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- Jun 21 – 22, 2019 **“‘English as It Is Broken’: Voicing the Singaporean as Failed (Linguistic) Subject”—paper presentation.** *Asia as Action: Scaling Ethnography of the Everyday*. Session: “Mediating Asianism” (Jenny Miao Hua, discussant, University of Chicago). University of Chicago Center in Beijing.
- Jan 23 – 25, 2019 **“‘This Image of Themselves’: Unity from Plurality in the ‘Merlion Poem’ as Singapore National Literature”—paper presentation.** *Conference on Asian Linguistic Anthropology*. Session: “Asia from the Sign’s Eye View: Imaginability, Scalability, and Revitalizability.” Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia, Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- Aug 29 – Sep 1, 2018 **“The Indexicality of the Index: Governing by Rank in Global Singapore”—paper presentation.** *Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Conference*. Session co-organizer (with Zeng Yukun, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago): “Quality, Quantity, and Transnational Expertise” (Terry Woronov, discussant, University of Sydney). Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Conference, Sydney, Australia.

- Mar 8 – 10, 2018 **“Making a Local Hybrid: Critical Literary Technologies and the Ambivalent ‘Failure’ of Mid-Century ‘Engmalchin’ Poetry”—paper presentation.** *Inaugural Conference of the Society for Linguistic Anthropology.* Session co-organizer (with Velda Khoo, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder, and Jay Schutte, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago): “English’s Others: Problems with ‘Complexity’ and ‘Hybridity’” (Lisa Mitchell, discussant, South Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Dec 11 – 15, 2017 **“Mapping Utopia: Exceptional States, States of Exception, and the Visualization of Non-Place”—cartographic portfolio presentation.** *Annual Meeting of the Australian Anthropological Society.* Session: “States Beyond States” (co-discussants: Damien Bright and Roy Kimney, University of Chicago). University of Adelaide, Australia.
- Nov 29 – Dec 2, 2017 **“Seeing Gerrymanders, Legislating Reality: Expert Narratives and the Circulation of Carto-graphic Images”—paper presentation.** Co-authored paper (with Robert Gelles, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago). *116th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.* Session co-organizer (with Robert Gelles): “Reality” (Danilyn Rutherford, discussant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research). Washington, D.C.
- May 5 – 6, 2017 **“Visualizing Expert Futures: The Making of Singapore’s Strategic Urban Plan”—paper presentation.** *19th Annual Michigan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology.* Session: “The Imminence of Expertise and Authority” (Michael Silverstein, discussant, University of Chicago). University of Michigan Ann Arbor.
- Apr 28 – 29, 2017 **“Planning Futures: Expert Enactments and Institutional Antagonisms in Making the Singapore Concept Plan 1971”—paper presentation.** *Anthropology in Transit 9th Annual Anthropology Graduate Student Conference.* Session: “Contested Futures and Antagonistic Infrastructures” (Keith Murphy, discussant, University of California Irvine). University of California Irvine.
- Nov 16 – 20, 2016 **“Technologies of Visualization, Technologies of Scale: Maps and Merlions in Voicing the Singapore Nation”—paper presentation.** *115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.* Session co-organizer (with Jessica Pouchet, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University): “Voicing and Visualizing Community” (Shalini Shankar, discussant, Northwestern University; Debra Spitulnik Vidali, chair, Emory University). Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- May 6 – 7, 2016 **“Technologies of Visualization, Technologies of Scale: Maps and Crisis Management in Singapore Urban Planning”—paper presentation.** *18th Annual Michigan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology.* Session: “Quantification and Qualification” (Michael Lempert, discussant, University of Michigan Ann Arbor). University of Chicago.
- Nov 18 – 22, 2015 **“Styling ‘Self-Regulating Artists’: Entextualization and the Legitimation Work of Neoliberalism in Singapore”—paper presentation.** *114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.* Session: “Neoliberal Styles: Peculiar, Familiar, and Otherwise.” Denver, Colorado.
- Jun 13 – 15, 2015 **“Trends in Southeast Asian Arts Regulation: Perspectives from Singapore, the Philippines, and Malaysia”—paper presentation.** *Americans for the Arts Annual Convention.* Chicago, Illinois.

WORKSHOPS

- Mar 10, 2023 **“Becoming White in Singapore: Looking At, Looking From”—working paper presentation.** University of Chicago Race and Racial Ideologies Working Group.
- Nov 13, 2022 **“Urgent Ethnography: Bridging Journalistic and Ethnographic Methods”—participatory workshop.** Co-organizer (with Yukun Zeng, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago). Linguistic Anthropology Lab, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
- Jan 13, 2022 **“Seeing (or Perceiving) Difference in Multiracial Singapore: Toward a Semiotics of the Look”—working paper presentation.** University of Chicago Theory and Practice of South Asia Workshop.
- Nov 4, 2021 **“Southeast Asian Island City State, Singapore: Multi-scalar Urban Fictions and the Hinterland Within”—working paper presentation.** University of Chicago Semiotics: Culture in Context Workshop.
- Apr 1, 2021 **“Institutionalizing the Raciolanguage Community”—working paper presentation.** University of Chicago Race and Racial Ideologies Working Group.
- Mar 12, 2021 **“Entextualizing Elite Literary Singlish”—working paper presentation.** Data & Methods Working Series, University of Chicago Linguistic Anthropology Lab.
- Feb 11, 2021 **“Theory in the Field”—working paper presentation.** University of Chicago Ethnographic Methods and Innovations Working Group.
- Dec 3, 2020 **“Seeing (or Perceiving) Race in Multiracial Singapore”—working paper presentation.** University of Chicago Semiotics: Culture in Context Workshop.
- Oct 29, 2020 **Discussant: “Being Seen: The Virgin Mary in the Concrete.”** Working paper by Gregory A. Thompson, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Brigham Young University. University of Chicago Semiotics: Culture in Context Workshop.
- Oct 15, 2020 **“Local Bodies, Foreign Language: ‘Good English,’ the Raciolanguage Community, and Covert Whiteness in Singapore”—working paper presentation.** University of Chicago Race and Ethnicity Working Group.
- Oct 9, 2020 **“Singapore, City of the Future: Registers and Genres of Allochronic Futurity”—working paper presentation.** University of Chicago Mass Culture workshop.
- Jun 4, 2020 **“‘Code-Switching,’ Community, and Standardizing Singlish”—working paper presentation.** University of Chicago Semiotics: Culture in Context workshop and National University of Singapore Sociolinguistics Reading Group.
- Oct 25, 2018 **Discussant: “Coherent Incoherence: A Genealogy of Deliberate Nonsense.”** Working paper by Elise Kramer, Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. University of Chicago Semiotics: Culture in Context workshop.
- Oct 11, 2018 **“Lineage-Making and the Chicago School: Changing Orientations to the City, Department, and Discipline”—working paper presentation.** Co-authored manuscript (with Pranathi Diwakar, Sociology, University of Chicago). University of Chicago Urban Workshop.

- Apr 12, 2018 **Discussant: “Real Fake Skin: Semiotics of Skin Lightening in the Philippines.”**
Working paper by Angela Reyes, Professor, Department of English, Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY), and Doctoral Faculty, Program in Anthropology, The Graduate Center, CUNY. University of Chicago Semiotics: Culture in Context workshop.
- Feb 1, 2018 **“Space, Sound, History: Developing a Hyde Park Audio Walking Tour”—working group session.** Conversation moderator, co-convener (with Pranathi Diwakar, Ph.D. student, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago). UChicago Urban Workshop.
- Apr 4, 2017 **“Unfolding Dimensionality”—respondent.** Storyboard presentation by Zeng Yukun (Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago), Yu Ji (Department of Psychology, University of Chicago), and Siamack Hajimohammad (Visual and Critical Studies, School of the Art Institute of Chicago). University of Chicago Arts, Science & Culture Graduate Collaboration Grant Project Student Critique Sessions.
- Mar 7, 2017 **“Planning Futures: Expert Enactments and Coordinated Excesses in Making the Singapore Concept Plan 1971”—working paper presentation.** UChicago Urban Workshop.
- Mar 8, 2016 **Discussant: “Face-to-Face Marketing and the Two-Faced Brand: Localization and the Instabilities of Mediation in South African Advertising.”** Working paper by Mary Robertson, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago. University of Chicago African Studies Workshop.

Volunteer + Service Activities

- 2023 – present **Advisory Board, “Language and Race in Global Perspective.”** Book Series. Rowman & Littlefield, an imprint of Lexington Books.
- 2023 – 2025 **Communications Officer, General Anthropology Division.** American Anthropological Association.
- May 2021 – Apr 2022 **2022 Society for Linguistic Anthropology Conference.** Virtual Track Co-Chair. Denver, Colorado.
- Sep 24, 2021 **“Hearing One Another”: Diversity + Inclusion Initiative Training Series.** Facilitator. Center for Identity + Inclusion, University of Chicago.
- Jan – Jun 2021 **Peer Professionalization Series.** Co-organizer (with Nicole Grigg and Ellen Richmond, Ph.D. students, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago). Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
- Oct 2020 – Oct 2021 **Graduate Students United.** Financial Secretary (2020–21), Anti-Racism Working Group Member (2020–21), Grievance Committee Co-chair (Winter 2021). Graduate Students United, University of Chicago.
- Jan – Mar 2020 **Revisiting Circulation: Poetics/Politics of Images—22nd Annual Michigagoan Graduate Student Conference** (canceled due to COVID-19). Co-organizer (with Robert Gelles, Ph.D. student, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, and Patrick Lewis, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago). Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.

- Feb 22 – 23, 2018 **Undergraduate Extended Learning Forum—Anthropological Approaches to the Current U.S. Job Market.** Co-organizer (with Owen Kohl, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago). Featuring Ilana Gershon, Indiana University. Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
- Sep 2017 – Jun 2018 **Chair—Social Science Graduate Student Activities Committee.** Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.
- Jun 2017 – May 2018 **“Significations of Modality and Value”—20th Annual Michicagoan Graduate Student Conference.** Co-organizer (with Rachel Howard, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago). Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
- Jun 2017 – May 2018 **Semiotics: Culture in Context Workshop.** Co-coordinator (with Rachel Howard, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago). Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
- Jun 2017 – May 2018 **UChicago Urban Workshop.** Co-coordinator (with Pranathi Diwakar, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago). Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago.
- Apr 4, 2017 **Undergraduate Extended Learning Forum—What Next? Values-Driven Careers with Social Science & Humanities Degrees.** Co-organizer (with Owen Kohl, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago). University of Chicago Departments of Anthropology, Comparative Human Development, and Program in Global Studies.
- Oct 2016 – Jun 2018 **Deans’ Advisory Council.** Council Member. Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.
- Apr 12, 2016 **Undergraduate Extended Learning Forum—Careers Outside the Academy.** Panelist. Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- Nov 3, 2015 **Undergraduate Information Session—Graduate School Applications.** Panelist. Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
- Sep 2015 – Oct 2021 **Member, Anthropology Students Association.** Student Member; 2016-17 co-chair (with Rachel Howard and Janet Connor, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago). Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
- 2015 – 2021 **Campus Interviewer, Fulbright U.S. Student Program.** College Center for Scholarly Advancement, University of Chicago.

Professional Experience

- Dec 2021 – Aug 2022 **Brand Director.** Active Minds, Washington, D.C.
- Jul – Dec 2021 **Content and Project Manager, Website Relaunch.** Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago.
- Oct 2020 – Mar 2021 **Consulting + Strategic Planning Manager.** Michicagoan Conference, Graduate Global Impact Program, UChicagoGRAD, University of Chicago and Boston Consulting Group.

- Dec 2018 – present **Graphic Designer + Print Production Manager.** Pearson Global Forum and Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Annual Lecture Series. Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts, University of Chicago.
- Oct 2019 – Mar 2020 **Marketing + Media Planning Intern.** soft/WALL/studs Artist Collective. Graduate Global Impact Program, UChicagoGRAD, University of Chicago.
- Jan – Jun 2018 **Web Content Developer + Project Manager.** Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.
- Apr – Oct 2016 **Marketing + Communications Strategic Planner.** Ear Taxi Chicago Festival of New Music (Oct 5-10, 2016), Chicago, Illinois.
- Sep 2015 – present **Graphic Design + Marketing.** UChicago Arts Initiative, Office of the Provost, University of Chicago.
- Oct 2013 – Sep 2015 **Interim Assistant Director for Arts Communications (Apr – Sep 2015) + Marketing Manager (Oct 2013 – Apr 2015).** Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, University of Chicago.
- Jun 2013 – Sep 2016 **Marketing Coordinator + Graphic Designer.** Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, University of Chicago.