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Appointments held

Stanford University

2010: named Howard and Jessie Watkins University Professor.

2007-present: Professor of Anthropology (and Psychology, by courtesy). Courses taught: Culture and madness; Research methods in anthropology; Ethnographic writing; Glimpses of Divinity; Spirituality and healing; Other minds; and others.

University of Chicago

2000-2007. Department of Comparative Human Development; Committee on the History of Culture, member; Department of Anthropology, Associate; Committee on South Asian Studies (Chair, 2004-7); University of Chicago Press Board (member, 2004-7); Institutional Review Board (member, 2004-7). Co-director of the Clinical Ethnography program.

2004: appointed Max Palevsky Professor, Department of Comparative Human Development

University of California. San Diego

1989-2000: Full professor since 1998. Courses taught: Psychological anthropology, cultural anthropology, social anthropology, Gandhi, morality and the moral order, witchcraft, shamanism and psychiatry, psychological interviewing, morality and community. Academic Senate appointments: Privilege and Tenure, 1995-8, Chair, 1997-8; University-wide Privilege and Tenure 1997-8, Chair 1998-9; Trustee, UC Foundation, The University of California, San Diego 1999-2000

1985-9: Research Fellow, Christ's College. Four year tenure.

Education

Cambridge University

1982: M.Phil. in social anthropology.

1986: Ph.D. in social anthropology. Thesis title: 'Scions of Prospero: Ritual magic and witchcraft in present day England'. Supervisors: S.P. Hugh-Jones, E.Gellner. Examiners: J. Skorupski, G. Lewis.

Harvard University

1981: B.A. *summa cum laude* in Folklore and Mythology. Phi Beta Kappa, Iota chapter (early election).

Awards/responsibilities

1981: The Lionel deJersey Scholarship (John Harvard Fellowship) Emmanuel College

1981-5: National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship. (Not 83-4)
1983-4: Fieldwork support from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; the Wyse Fund; the Richards Fund
1987-8: Fieldwork support from the Nuffield Foundation; the British Academy; the Rotary Foundation
1989: Elected to the Society of Fellows, Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University
Declined.
1990: Fulbright Senior Research award for research in India.
1992: National Academy of Education Spencer Fellowship. Two terms of release time for research on 'the ethnography of psychiatry'.
1992: Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Funding in support of 'the ethnography of psychiatry'
1992: NIMH Grant R03 MH50002-01 for 'the ethnography of psychiatry'
1994-5: Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto
1996-8: National Science Foundation, panelist for grant reviews
1999: Executive Program Committee, American Anthropological Association
2000-3: Board member, Society for the Anthropology or Religion
2001--7: Ad hoc NIH panelist, Services Research
2001-8, 2012-on: series editor, the *Ethnography of subjectivity*, University of California Press. Eight volumes published
2001-6: Editorial Board, *Culture, medicine and psychiatry*
2001-6: Editorial Board, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Association* (incorporating *Man*).
2003: Election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
2003: Aims of Education address, University of Chicago
2004: Program Chair, American Anthropological Association
2004: John Nuveen lecture, the Divinity School, University of Chicago
2004: NIH grant 'Models of illness'. R21 MH090441
2006: Lewis Henry Morgan lectures, Rochester University.
2006: Edward Ryerson lecture, University of College: faculty-invited distinguished lecture to entire campus.
2007: John Templeton Foundation grant, 'Spiritual Disciplines and their Sensory Consequences'
2007: Distinguished Lecture, Frontiers of Science Series, American Psychiatric Association
2007-8: John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship
2007-8: Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences
2007-9: President, Society for Psychological Anthropology
2008-11: Editorial Board, American Ethnologist
2009: Participating fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Hebrew University
2009-11: National Science Foundation grant: Kataphatic Prayer Practice BCS-0924145
2011: Lemelson Conference in Psychological Anthropology: Towards an Anthropological Theory of Mind (competitively awarded conference)
2012: Keynote address, UCLA-UCSD Culture and Mind conference
2012-4: New Directions in the Study of Prayer, Social Science Research Council: grantee

Book prizes:

2001 Victor Turner Prize for Ethnographic Writing: for *Of two minds*
2001 Bryce Boyer Prize for Psychological Anthropology: for *Of two minds*
2001 Gradiva Award from the Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis: for *Of two minds*
2012 *When God Talks Back* selected as a *New York Times Notable Book of the Year*.

Essay Prizes

198 1: the Bowdoin Prize (field: Harvard undergraduates). Harvard award established c. 1800's for essay of highest merit. Title: '*Popul Vuh*: an analysis of a Mayan myth'.

1983: the Emanuel Miller Prize (field: Cambridge University members). For an essay on the philosophy of the social sciences. Title: 'Our master, our brother: Levi-Strauss' debt to Rousseau.'

1985: the Partington Prize (field: international): triennial award by the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry for an essay within that subject. Title: 'An interpretation of the Fama Fraternitatis with respect to Dee's Monas Hieroglyphica.'

1986: the Stirling Prize (field: members of the American Anthropological Association). For an essay in psychological anthropology. Title: 'The Magic of Secrecy.'

2012: Sidney Award (field: all published essays in America). Awarded by David Brooks for one of the best big-picture essays of the year. For an essay in the *Wilson Quarterly*. Title: "Beyond the brain."

Publications

Books

1989: *Persuasions of the Witch's Craft: ritual magic in modern culture*. Harvard University Press (and Basil Blackwell).

1996: *The Good Parsi: the postcolonial anxieties of an Indian colonial elite*. Harvard University Press.

2000: *Of two minds: the growing disorder in American psychiatry*. Alfred A. Knopf; paperback edition 2001, new subtitle: *Of two minds: an anthropologist looks at American psychiatry*. Vintage.

2012: *When God talks back: understanding the American evangelical relationship with God*. Knopf.

In preparation: *Case studies in culture and schizophrenia* (edited with Jocelyn Marrow). All essays written except for two.

In preparation: *Other minds: essays on the way mind understanding affects mental experience*. [The Lewis Henry Morgan lectures]. Introduction needed.

In preparation: *Uptown: living on the street with psychosis*. All data collected.

Articles

1984: 'Popul Vuh and Lacan'. *Ethos* 12(4):335-362.

1985: 'Persuasive ritual: the role of the imagination in contemporary witchcraft'. *Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions*. 60 (1): 151-170.

1985: *Audrey Richards: In memoriam*. *Cambridge Anthropology*. Special editor; testimonial; bibliography.

1986: 'Witchcraft, morality and magic in contemporary England.' *International Journal of Moral and Social Studies*. 1(1):77-94.

1986: 'An interpretation of the *Fama Fraternitatis* with respect to Dee's *Monas Hieroglyphica*.' *Ambix (Journal for the Society for the History of Chemistry and Alchemy)*. 33(1):1-10.

1989: 'The Magic of Secrecy'. *Ethos*. September 17(2):131-166.

- 1990: Review article. *Ritual healing in suburban America* by M. McGuire. *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*. Summer 1990. 14:133-8.
- 1990: 'Our master, Our brother: Levi-Strauss' debt to Rousseau'. *Cultural Anthropology*. November 5(4): 396-413.
- 1991: Invited response to review essay of *Persuasions of the Witch's Craft* in *Journal of Ritual Studies*. 5(2):128.
- 1992: Entries on magic in *Who's Who of Religions* Macmillan Reference Books.
- 1992: 'The Goat and the Gazelle'. Excerpted from *Persuasions of the Witch's Craft*. In *Introduction to Social Anthropology*. Ed. W. Haviland. Reprinted three more times.
- 1993: 'The resurgence of romanticism: contemporary neopaganism, feminism and the divinity of nature.' *Anthropology and environmentalism*. Ed. K. Milton. Routledge, Kegan and Paul.
- 1994: 'Psychological anthropology as the naturalist's art'. In *The making of psychological anthropology II*. Ed. M. Suarez-Orozco and G. and L. Spindler. New York: Harcourt Brace College Publications.
- 1994: 'The Good Parsi: the postcolonial feminization of a colonial elite'. *Man* 29(2):333-357.
- 1998: 'Partial failure: the approach to postmodernist uncertainty in psychoanalysis and in anthropology.' *Psychoanalytic Quarterly* 68(3): 449-473.
- 1998: Entries on 'magic', 'cults', 'trance', 'sorcery', 'witchcraft', in *The Blackwell Dictionary of Anthropology*. Ed. Thomas Barfield. Basil Blackwell.
- 1999: 'Commentary: Alan Wolfe's *One nation after all*.' *Sociological perspectives*. 42(1).
- 2000: 'The traumatized social self. the Parsi predicament in modern Bombay.' In *Cultures under siege: collective violence and trauma in interdisciplinary perspectives*. Ed. A. Robben and M. Suarez-Orozco. Cambridge University Press.
- 2001: Commentary, 'Missionary positions: Christian, Modernist and Postmodernist,' by R.J. Priest. *Current Anthropology*. 42(1):55-56.
- 2001: Letter, *New England Journal of Medicine*. March 22.
- 2001: Commentary, 'Towards an anthropology of managed care,' in *Culture, medicine and psychiatry*.
- 2001: 'Dissociation, social technology and the spiritual domain.' In *The Best of Britain: the ethnography of Britain*. ed. N. Rapport. London: Berg.
- 2001: 'The Ugly Goddess: reflections on the role of violent images in religious experience.' *History of Religions* 41(2): 114-141.
- 2001: 'Identity in anthropology;' 'Thick description: methodology.' *The International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Ed. N. Smelser and N.P. Baltes. Pp. 7134-9; 15665-15668. New York: Elsevier. Revised for 2014 edition.
- 2002: 'Evil in the sands of time: theology and identity politics among the Zoroastrian Parsis.' *Journal of Asian Studies*. 61(3): 861-889.

- 2003: The Aims of Education Address, Chicago Record.
- 2004: 'Yearning for God: trance as a culturally specific practice and its implication for understanding dissociative disorders.' *Journal of Trauma and Dissociation*. 5(2): 101-129.
- 2004: 'Metakinesis: how God becomes intimate in contemporary US Christianity.' *American Anthropologist*. 106(3): 518-528. [reprinted in Clare Boulanger, ed. *Reflecting on America*, in press; also in Jane Adams, ed. *America's Diverse Cultures*]
- 2005: 'Witchcraft in the modern west.' In *The Encyclopedia of Shamanism*, ed. M. Walter and E. Fridman. Vol II: 519-522.
- 2005: 'An anthropological view of psychiatry.' *Kaplan and Sadock's Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry, VIII*, ed. B. Sadock and V. Sadock. Vol II: 3958-3968.
- 2005: 'The art of hearing God: absorption, dissociation and contemporary American spirituality.' *Spiritus: a Journal of Christian Spirituality* 5(2): 133-157. [pre-printed as the John Nuveen lecture 'Trauma, trance and God: how the new style in American religion might be changing the psychiatric symptoms of trauma.' *Criterion Spring 2004*: 2-12.]
- 2006: 'The Zoroastrian tradition in India.' In *Religions of South Asia*, ed. S. Mittal and G.R. Thursby. London: Routledge. Pp. 151-168
- 2006: 'Subjectivity'. *Anthropological Theory* 6(3): 345-361 (September).
- 2006: 'On spirituality.' In *Howard Gardner Under Fire: a rebel psychologist faces his critics*. Chicago: Open Court. Pp. 83-110.
- 2006: 'Anthropology' in *The Encyclopedia of Witchcraft*, ed. R. Golden.
- 2006: Ryerson Lecture. Chicago Record
- 2007: 'Social Defeat Social defeat and the culture of chronicity: or, why schizophrenia does so well over there and so badly here.' *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*. June. 31: 135-172.
- 2007: 'How do you know that it is God who talks?' In Berliner and Sarros, *Learning Religion*. [pre-printed on WebForum, Martin Marty Center, the University of Chicago, spring 2006]
- 2008: 'The street will drive you crazy:' why homeless psychotic women in the institutional circuit in the United States often say no to offers of help. *American Journal of Psychiatry* 15: 15-20; pre-printed (a mark of importance) *American Journal of Psychiatry in Advance* December 17 2007 p 1-6.
- 2009: 'Uneasy street' in *The Insecure American*, ed. Hugh Gusterson and Catherine Besterman. University of California.
- 2010: 'The Absorption hypothesis: hearing God in evangelical Christianity.' With Howard Nusbaum and Ronald Thisted. *American Anthropologist*. March. 112(1): 6-78.
2010. 'Down and Out in Chicago.' *Raritan*, Winter 2010 pp 140-166.
2010. 'Making God Real.' In *Invisible forces and Unseen Powers*, edited J. Cacioppo, authorship Templeton Social Brain Network, FT (Pearson) Press.

- 2010: 'The problem of proclivity.' In *Emotions in the Field*, eds. James Davies and Dimitrina Spencer. Stanford University Press. Preprinted in *The Vision Thing*, workshop proceedings, Collegium Budapest.
- 2011: 'Medication on the street.' *The Anthropology of psychopharmacology*, ed. Janis Jenkins. Santa Fe: School of American Research.
- 2011: 'Hallucinations and sensory overrides.' *Annual Review of Anthropology*. Vol. 40:71-85.
- 2012: Julia Cassaniti and T.M. Luhrmann, 'Encountering the supernatural: A phenomenological account of mind.' *Religion and Society*. 2: 37-53.
- 2012: Jocelyn Marrow and T.M. Luhrmann, 'The Zone of Social Abandonment in Cultural Geography: On the Street in the United States, inside the Family in India.' *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*. 36: 493-513.
- 2012: Towards an Anthropological Theory of Mind. Position papers from the Lemelson Conference. Includes introduction, individual essay and edited collection. *Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Association*. 36(4): 5-69.
- 2012: 'Living with Voices.' *American Scholar*. Summer: 49-60. [reprinted in *Current—Required Reading Recommended by Leading Opinion Makers*]
- 2012: 'Beyond the brain.' *Wilson Quarterly* Summer: 28-34. Sidney Award for best magazine articles, awarded by David Brooks and announced in the *New York Times* OpEd, December 28, 2012 [reprinted in *Utne Reader*, and *Current—Required Reading Recommended by Leading Opinion Makers*]
- 2012: 'A hyper-real God and modern belief: towards an anthropological theory of mind.' *Current Anthropology* 53(4): 371-395.
- 2012: 'Touching the divine.' *Reviews in Anthropology*. Vol. 41(2): 136-150.
- 2012: T.M. Luhrmann, and Rachel Morgain 'Prayer as inner sense cultivation.' *Ethos*.
- 2013: "Blinded by the right? How the hippie Christians begat the evangelical movement." *Harpers Magazine*. April. Pp. 39-44.
- 2013: 'Lord, teach us to pray: prayer affects cognitive processing.' With Howard Nusbaum and Ron Thisted. 13: 159-177.
- 2013: *Spiritus* Response to panel on *When God Talks Back*. 127-40; my contribution 137-140.
- In press: 'On William James.' *Mental culture: towards a cognitive science of religion*. Ed. Lee McCorkle and Dmitri Xygalatas. London: Equinox Press. Religion, Cognition and Culture Series.
- In press: 'Some mechanisms through which prayer may contribute to healing.' *Transcultural Psychiatry*
- In press: "Knowing God, attentional learning and the local theory of mind." Response to panel of critics. *Religion, Brain and Behavior*.
- In press: "What anthropology should learn from G.E.R. Lloyd" *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*.

OpEds, short pieces and reviews in the popular media

1990: Review of J. Boddy *Wombs and Alien Spirits*. *New York Times Book Review*. March 25, 1990.

1992: Review of F.A. Wolf *The Eagle's Quest*. *The Times Literary Supplement* February 28.

1996: Review of S. Ortner *Making Gender*. *New York Times Book Review*. November 24.

1997: 'Witches, magic and ordinary folk: why entering a cult is comfortable and feels a lot like joining a religion.' Cover article. *U.S. News and World Report*. April 7.

1997: Review of D. Deacon *Elsie Clews Parsons* *New York Time Book Reviews*. May 29.

1998: Op-ed piece, *San Diego Union Tribune*, May 13

1999: Review of M. Warner *No go the bogeyman*. *New York Times. Book Review* March 14.

2000: Review of R. Hutton, *The triumph of the moon*. *Times Literary Supplement*. May 19.

2001: Review of G. Hornstein *To Redeem One Person is to Redeem the World: the life of Frieda Fromm-Reichmann* *The New York Times Book Review*. January 7.

2001: Review essay of C. Geertz, *Available Light*; S. Ortner *The Fate of 'Culture'*; F. Inglis, *Clifford Geertz*. 'Returning the Gaze' (cover). *The Times Literary Supplement*. January 12.

2001: Review of J. Richards *Angles of Reflection*. *New York Times Book Review*. January 2 1.

2001: Review of J. Hazelgrove, *Spiritualism and British Society between the Wars* M. Jakobsen, *Shamanism*. *The Times Literary Supplement*. February 23.

2001: Review of A. Phillips *Promises, Promises*. *The New York Observer*.

2001: Review of N. Bernstein, *The Lost Children of Wilder*. 'A Perfect Test Case. *New York Times Book Review* March 25 (cover)

2001: 'Team care is a better way for the mentally ill.' *Los Angeles Times* Op-ed piece, by request. May 21.

2001: Review of M. Sahlins *Culture in Practice* and A. Kuper *Culture*. *Times Literary Supplement*. June

2002: Review of M. Newton *Savage Girls and Wild Boys: a history of feral children*. *Times Literary Supplement*. January 25.

2002: Review of R. Whitaker *Mad in America*. *Times Literary Supplement*. May 17.

2003: Review of A. LeBlanc *Random Family*. *New York Observer*. February 3.

2004: 'Learning from Prozac: will New Warning Shift Old Views?' *Science Times*. *New York Times*. March 30.

2004: 'Drugs send the wrong message' *Los Angeles Times* OpEd page. June 1.

2005: Review of R. Webster *The Secret of Bryn Estyn*. *Times Literary Supplement*. November 11.

2010: 'What students can teach us about iphones.' Salon May 30.

2011-12: Five short pieces for Clarion, a blog for fiction writers (my assignment: what social scientists know about magic, religion and psychosis)

2012: ongoing blog for Psychology Today: "Imagining God," "Air dense with words," "Thought as substance," "Prayer failure," "Magic and the mind," "When God becomes a therapist."

2012: Huffington Post: "When God Talks Back." March 27.

2012: 'When the Almighty Talks Back.' *Wall Street Journal*. April 6.

2012: 'Do as I do, not as I say.' *New York Times* Op-Ed, May 7. On the top ten most emailed list all day.

2012: Christianity Today: "Why women hear God more than men do." June 12.

2012: 'Hark, the Herald Angels Didn't Sing.' *New York Times* Op-Ed, December 14. On the most emailed list; reprinted in the International Herald Tribune.

2012: My take: "If you can hear God speak audibly, you (usually) aren't crazy." CNN Belief Blog. 7000 comments and over 400 "likes;" well over 200k hits. December 30.

2013: Review of Oliver Sacks *Hallucinations*. "Fantastic visions." *American Scholar* Winter. Pp 111-12.

2013: "Talking to God." *Daily Beast* January 13.

2013: 'How skeptics and believers can connect.' *New York Times* Op-Ed, April 14

2013: 'When God is your therapist.' *New York Times* Op-Ed, April 20.

2013: 'Why going to church is good for you.' *New York Times* Op-Ed, April 20.

2013: 'Is that God talking?.' *New York Times* Op-Ed, May 2.

2013: 'Belief is the least part of faith.' *New York Times* Op-Ed, May 30. All NYT OpEds on most emailed list; this #1 for the better part of the day.

Professional reviews

1987: Review: I.M. Lewis. *Religion in context: cults and charisma*. In *American Anthropologist* June 89(2): 477-8.

1991: Review of P. Stoller *The Taste of Ethnographic Things*. *Man*. June 26(2): 374-375.

1991: Review of S.J. Tambiah *Magic, science, religion and the scope of rationality* *Man*. September 26(3): 579-80.

1992: Review of L. Siegel *The Net of Magic*. *Journal of Ritual Studies* Winter 6(1): 193-4.

1993: Review of V. Crapanzano *Hermes' dilemma and Hamlets desire: on the epistemology of interpretation*. *American Anthropologist* December. 25(4): 1058-9.

- 1993: Review of M. Dobkin de Rios *Amazon Healer: the life and times of an urban shaman*. *Man* September 18(3): 621.
- 1994: Review of H. Nutini and J. Roberts *Bloodsucking witchcraft: an epistemological study of anthropomorphic supernaturalism in rural Tlaxcala*. *Transcultural Psychiatric Research Review* 31: 311-313
- 1994: Review of A. Dundes (ed.) *The blood libel legend: a casebook in anti-semitic folklore*. *Man* 29 (2): 483-4.
- 1994: Review of R. Horton *Patterns of thought in Africa and the West*. *Man* 29(4): 1017-18.
- 1995: Review of H. Stein *American Medicine as Culture*. *Transcultural Psychiatric Research Review*. 32(4): 435-437.
- 1996: Review of V. Das *Critical Events: an anthropological Perspective on contemporary India*. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute(incorporating Man)*. 2(2): 381-2
- 1996: Review of L. Orion *Never Again the Burning Times* and A. Scarborough, N. Campbell and S. Stave *Living Witchcraft*. *Journal of Anthropological Research*. 52(2): 225-7.
- 1996: Review of L. Rosen (ed.) *Other Intentions*. *American Anthropologist*. 98(3): 674-5.
- 2002: Review of Janet Wirth-Cauchon *Women and borderline personality: symptoms and stories*. *American Journal of Sociology*. 108: 259-61.
- 2009: review of Harvey Whitehouse. *Modes of Religiosity*. *Journal of Religion*.
- 2009: Review of Sarah Pike. *New Age Neopagan Religions in America*. *History of Religions*.
- 2010: Review of Jonathan Metzl, *Protest Psychosis*, *American Journal of Psychiatry*.
- 2010: Review of Dider Fassin and Richard Rechtman, *Empire of Trauma*, *American Journal of Psychiatry*.
- 2010: Immanent Frame, discussion of Webb Keane, *Christian Moderns*.
- 2011: Review of Henrietta Moore, *The Subject of Anthropology*. *American Ethnologist*.
- 2013: Review of Jason Throop, *Suffering and Sentiment*. *American Ethnologist*.

PhD students: committee chair or co-chair (partial list)

Stanford University

Damien Droney
Johanna Bard Richlin
Giulia Mazza
Robert Rollings
Hantian Zhang
Aisha Ghani

University of Chicago

Johanne Eliacin
Amy Sousa
Suzanne Pelka
Stephanie Sosa
Guy Fricano
Deanna Barenboim
Elizabeth Nickrenz
Neely Laurenzo Myers
Matthew Bird
Amy Cooper
Christine Nutter

University of California San Diego

Rebecca Lester
Cage Hall
Thomas Brown
Jason James
Andrew Brown
Julia Offen
Bambi Chapin
Ashidara Das