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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor. Department of Anthropology, American University  
August 2007-present, Washington, DC

Public Anthropologist in Residence. Department of Anthropology, American University  
September 2006-August 2007, Washington, DC

## EDUCATION

Graduate Center, City University of New York

Ph.D. in Anthropology, October 2006

Dissertation: Empire's Footprint: Expulsion and the U.S. Military Base on Diego Garcia

Specialization: U.S. Foreign Policy and Human Rights; Militarization; Forced Displacement; Indigenous Peoples' Rights; Race/Ethnicity; Gentrification; Urban Anthropology; Ethnographic Writing

M.A. in Anthropology, January 2003

Thesis: Gentrifying Fort Greene: How Race, Politics, & Globalization Are Transforming a Neighborhood

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

B.A. in Sociology (High Honors, Phi Beta Kappa), May 1997

Thesis with High Honors: "Community and Identity in a Washington, DC Summer Basketball League"

School for International Training, College Semester Abroad, Durban, South Africa, Fall 1995

## BOOKS

2009 *Island of Shame: The Secret History of the U.S. Military Base on Diego Garcia*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

2009 *The Counter-Counterinsurgency Manual, or Notes on Demilitarizing American Society*.  
Network of Concerned Anthropologists Steering Committee, eds. Pp. 153-169. Chicago: Prickly Paradigm Press.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

2009 Proposals for a Humanpolitik: Building a New Human-Centered Foreign Policy. *In* The

Counter-Counterinsurgency Manual, or Notes on Demilitarizing American Society, Network of Concerned Anthropologists Steering Committee, eds. Pp. 153-169. Chicago: Prickly Paradigm Press.

2008 "Give Us Back Diego": Unity and Division over a Base in the Indian Ocean. With Laura Jeffery. *In* Undermining the Bases of Empire: Social Movements against U.S. Overseas Military Installations. Catherine A. Lutz, ed. London: Pluto Press with the Transnational Institute.

2008 "We All Must Have the Same Treatment": Calculating the Damages of Human Rights Abuses for the People of Diego Garcia. With Philip Harvey and S. Wojciech Sokolowski. *In* Waging War, Making Peace—Reparations and Human Rights. Barbara Rose Johnston and Susan Slyomovics, eds. Pp. 132-151. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press.

In press Taking on Empires: Reparations, the Right of Return, and the People of Diego Garcia. *In* New Social Movements in the African Diaspora. Leith Mullings, ed. New York: Palgrave Macmillan Press.

In press The Chagossians, Diego Garcia, and Seychelles. *In* Seychelles and the Indian Ocean: A Small Island Developing State in a Globalising World, eds. Liam Campling and Michel Rosalie. New Delhi: Star Publications.

### **REFEREED ARTICLES**

2008 Taking on Empires: Reparations, the Right of Return, and the People of Diego Garcia. *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Culture, Politics, and Society* 10(4):327-343.

2008 Decolonizing Britain in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Chagos Islanders Challenge the Crown, House of Lords, 30 June-3 July 2008. *Anthropology Today* 24(4):26-28.

2004 War and Forced Migration in the Indian Ocean: The U.S. Military Base at Diego Garcia. *International Migration* 42(3):111-143.

2003 Cloning Culture in the City: Cultural Development and Gentrification in Brooklyn. *Critical Planning*, Summer:73-92.

### **OTHER ARTICLES**

2008 Homesick for Camp Justice. *Mother Jones* online, August 22. Electronic document, <http://www.motherjones.com/news/feature/2008/09/camp-justice-military-bases.html>.

2008 The Other Guantánamo. *Foreign Policy in Focus*, Washington, DC, April 3. Electronic document, <http://www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/5120>. [Simultaneously published as, The Other Guantánamo. *CommonDreams.org* News Center, April 3. Electronic document, <http://www.commondreams.org/archive/2008/04/03/8059/>. Reprinted as, Diego Garcia: The Other Guantánamo. *Antiwar.com*, April 4. Electronic document, <http://www.antiwar.com/orig/vine.php?articleid=12628>.]

2007 Enabling the Kill Chain. *Chronicle of Higher Education*. November 30. B9-10.

- 2007 *Island of Injustice: The U.S. Has a Moral Duty to the People of Diego Garcia*. Washington Post, January 2: A17. [Reprinted in Salt Lake Tribune 2 January 2007.]
- 2006 *The Impoverishment of Forced Displacement: Models for Documenting Human Rights Abuses and the People of Diego Garcia*. Human Rights Brief 13(2): 21-24. [Reprinted as *The Epic Struggle of the Chagossian People*. Third World Resurgence 189/190 (May/June 2006): 53-55.]
- 2005 *The Other Migrants: Cause and Prevention in Involuntary Displacement and the Question of "Environmental Refugees."* In *International Migration and the Millennium Development Goals: Selected Papers of the UNFPA Expert Group Meeting, Marrakech, 11-12 May 2005*. Pp. 141-151. New York: United Nations Population Fund.
- 2003 *War and Exile in the Indian Ocean: The Secret History of Diego Garcia Island*. Advocate, March: 10-11.
- 2003 *War, Exile, and the Secret History of the U.S. Military Base at Diego Garcia*. Week End, February 16: 27.
- 2003 *Billions for Brooklyn—No Questions Asked: The Borough's New Power Brokers*. The Brooklyn Rail, Winter: 2-3. [3<sup>rd</sup> Place, New York City Independent Press Awards.]
- 2002 *Saying No to "Culture."* The Brooklyn Rail, March-April: 10.
- 2001 *From 20's Tire Plant to '01 Web Center, with Big Name Help*. New York Times, March 25: City 8.
- 2000 *"Sections" Are for Grapefruit: Call a Neighborhood a Neighborhood*. New York Times, November 26: City 17.

### **OTHER SCHOLARSHIP**

- 2005 *Dérasiné: The Expulsion and Impoverishment of the Chagossian People [Diego Garcia]*. With S. Wojciech Sokolowski and Philip Harvey. Expert report for American University Law School, Washington, DC, and Sheridans Solicitors, London, April 9.
- 2003 *The Former Inhabitants of the Chagos Archipelago as an Indigenous People: Analyzing the Evidence*. Expert report for American University Law School, Washington, DC, and Sheridans Solicitors, London.

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2005-2006 Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2004-2005 John F. Kennedy Research Grant, John F. Kennedy Library, Boston, MA
- 2004-2005 Grant-in-Aid of Research, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, Austin, TX
- 2004-2005 Research Travel Grant, Gerald R. Ford Library, Ann Arbor, MI [declined]
- 2003 Mellon Fellow in Security Studies, Inter-University Consortium on Security and Humanitarian Action,

Ralph Bunche Institute, Graduate Center, City University of New York.

2003 Third Place, New York City Independent Press Awards: “Billions for Brooklyn—No Questions Asked: The Borough’s New Power Brokers,” *The Brooklyn Rail*, Winter: 2-3.

2000-2004 Robert Gilleece Fellowship, Graduate Center, City University of New York

1997-1998 New York City Urban Fellow, Government of the City of New York

1997 Wesleyan University Hallowell Prize; Hyman Prize; Student Fellow Center for the Humanities

### **INVITED LECTURES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

2008 Island of Shame: The Secret History of the U.S. Military Base on Diego Garcia. Conference paper, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November.

2008 Development and Destruction in the Indian Ocean: A History of the Chagossians. Invited conference paper, The Fate of the Chagossians since Their Eviction from the Chagos Islands conference, VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands, August 22.

2008 The Forgotten Chagossians: Exiled in Seychelles. Invited conference paper, The Fate of the Chagossians since Their Eviction from the Chagos Islands conference, VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands, August 22.

2008 Chagossian Experiences of Forced Displacement, Relocation, and Impoverishment in Mauritius. Invited conference paper, written with and delivered by Laura Jeffery. The Fate of the Chagossians since Their Eviction from the Chagos Islands conference, VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands, August 22.

2008 The Right to Return: The Secret History of Exile and Empire on Diego Garcia. Invited lecture, Department of Anthropology, Colby College, April 14.

2008 Writing Ethnography for Progressive Social Change. Invited panelist, Poetry and Prose: The Politics of Writing for Social Change, American University, April 8.

2008 Diego Garcia and the Overseas Base Network. Panelist, Hitting the Empire Where It Hurts: Anti-base Movements and the US Military, Left Forum conference, New York, NY, March 15.

2008 Panelist, A Shell Game: Sexuality, Gender, and Neoliberal Rhetorical Maneuvers, Lavender Languages and Linguistics Conference, American University, February 16.

2008 Paradise Stolen: Expulsion and the U.S. Military Base on Diego Garcia. Invited lecture, Culture in Global Affairs Program, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, DC, February 15.

2008 A Who Responsible?: Environmental Refugees and Climate Change. Panelist, Focus the Nation: Teach-in on Climate Change, American University, January 31.

- 2007 A Policy to Torture. Panelist, Anthropologists Look at Interrogation, Abuse, and Human Rights: A Panel Discussion in conjunction with the exhibit "Fernando Botero: Abu Ghraib," Katzen Arts Center, American University, December 5.
- 2007 Base Power: How the U.S. Government Exiled a People and Built a Military Base on Diego Garcia. Conference paper, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 30.
- 2007 Anthropologists Find another Way in the War on Terror. Invited lecture, Washington Association of Practicing Anthropologists, November 13.
- 2007 Making Anthropology a Tool for Progressive Social Change. Invited lecture and discussion leader, Graduate Student Symposium on Engaged Anthropology. Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, October 26-27.
- 2007 Opposing War: Iraq, Afghanistan, and Beyond. Moderator, Public Anthropology Day, Department of Anthropology, American University, October 6.
- 2007 The "War on Terror" and Building Alternatives to the Assault on Liberties. Moderator, Public Anthropology Day, Department of Anthropology, American University, October 6.
- 2007 The Agents of Forgetting: The Expulsion of the People of Diego Garcia. Conference paper, Forgotten Conflicts: Permanent Catastrophes, Colgate University, April 13-14.
- 2007 On Structural Forces and the Agents of Policy: How U.S. Officials Exiled a People and Built a Military Base on Diego Garcia. Invited conference paper, Ethnographies of Foreign Policy, Watson Institute, Brown University, Providence, RI, March 22-23.
- 2007 Confronting Empires. Invited lecture, Engaged Anthropology Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, Georgetown University, March 15.
- 2006 Documenting the Damages of Human Rights Abuses: Reparations Models and the People of Diego Garcia. Invited session conference paper, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 17.
- 2006 Militarism and Violence: Diego Garcia and U.S. Foreign Policy. Workshop presentation, Exploring Public Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, American University, Washington, DC, October 28.
- 2006 Base Displacement: Diego Garcia and Forced Displacement around Overseas U.S. Military Facilities. Meeting paper, Brown University Meeting on U.S. Military Bases, Watson Institute, Providence, RI, August 24.
- 2006 An Imperial Logic: Why U.S. Officials Expelled the People of Diego Garcia. Conference paper, Society for the Anthropology of North America 2006 Conference, New York, NY, April 22.
- 2005 An Imperialist Logic: Or Why the U.S. Government Exiled an Indigenous People to Create the Military Base on Diego Garcia. Meeting paper, Thinking about Bases: A Specialist Meeting on the Global U.S. Military Base Network, Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY, September 13.
- 2005 "Who Responsible?": Cause and Prevention in Involuntary Displacement and the Question of

“Environmental Refugees.” Meeting paper, United Nations Population Fund Expert Group Meeting on International Migration and the Millennium Development Goals, Marrakech, Morocco, May 11-12.

2004 B-52s and *Lamizer*: The Lives of Chagossians since the *Déracinement*. Invited public lecture, Mauritius Council of Social Services, Port Louis, Mauritius, September 13.

2004 Power and *Lamizer*: The Lives of Chagossians since the *Déracinement*. Invited public lecture, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka, Mauritius, September 7.

2001 Development or Displacement?: The Brooklyn Academy of Music and Gentrification in Fort Greene. Conference paper, Gotham History Festival, Graduate Center, City University of New York, October 7.

2001 Radical How? Radical for Whom?: Resisting Gentrification and Putting Together a Politically-Active Ethnographic Toolkit. Conference paper, Off the Grid: Urban Ethnography and Radical Politics, New York University, New York, NY, March 31.

### **GUEST LECTURES**

2008 Perspectives in Cultural Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, American University, December.

2008 Telling Stories and the Law, Duke University Law School, October 7.

2008 Sociology of the City, Department of Sociology, American University, October 3.

2008 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Georgetown University, September 11.

2008 Anthropology for the Public, Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, City University of New York Graduate Center, March 12.

2008 Language and Culture, Department of Anthropology, American University, February.

2007 Global Sociology, Department of Sociology, American University, April.

2007 Anthropology of the United States (America and Empire), Department of Anthropology, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, February.

2007 “Violence and Exclusion,” Department of Anthropology, American University, February.

2006 Anthropology for the Public, Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, Graduate Center, City University of New York, April.

2004 Department of Social Studies, University of Mauritius, Réduit, Mauritius, October.

2002, 2003 Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Marymount Manhattan College, NY, October; April.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

The “Footprint of Freedom”: How the U.S. Government Exiled a People and Built a Base on Diego Garcia. Article for submission to *Current Anthropology* as a special issue on the ethnography of foreign policy.

Calculating the Damages of Expulsion for the People of Diego Garcia: The Human Rights Standard Damage Model. With Philip Harvey and S. Wojciech Sokolowski. Article for submission to *Human Rights Quarterly*.

Development and Destruction in the Indian Ocean: A History of the Chagossians. Book chapter for *The Fate of the Chagossians since Their Eviction from the Chagos Islands*, Sandra Evers, ed. To be reviewed by Brill publishers, Netherlands, summer 2009.

The Forgotten Chagossians: Exiled in Seychelles. Book chapter for *The Fate of the Chagossians since Their Eviction from the Chagos Islands*, Sandra Evers, ed. To be reviewed by Brill publishers, Netherlands, 2009.

Chagossian Experiences of Forced Displacement, Relocation, and Impoverishment in Mauritius. With Laura Jeffery. Book chapter for *The Fate of the Chagossians since Their Eviction from the Chagos Islands*, Sandra Evers, ed. To be reviewed by Brill publishers, Netherlands, 2009.

Base Nation: Research on the U.S. Overseas Military Base Network. Planned Fall 2009 research for new book and articles.

## **MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SESSIONS ORGANIZED**

2009 Conference organizing committee and host. Saying No to Bases Abroad National Conference, American University, February 27-March 1.

2008 Meeting coordinator. Network of Concerned Anthropologists Open Meeting, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 21.

2008 Event coordinator. Supporting Social Movements: The Fifth Annual Public Anthropology Conference, Department of Anthropology, American University, October 31-November 1.

2008 Tour organizing committee. No Bases for Empire Speaking Tour, East Coast tour, April 10-19.

2008 Event co-organizer. Freedom Seder for the Exiled People of Diego Garcia. No Bases for Empire Speaking Tour, Busboys and Poets, Washington, DC, April 18.

2008 Event co-organizer. David vs. Goliath: Opposing U.S. Military Bases Abroad. No Bases for Empire Speaking Tour, American University, April 18.

2008 Event co-organizer. David vs. Goliath: Opposing U.S. Military Bases Abroad. No Bases for Empire Speaking Tour, City University of New York Graduate Center, April 16.

2007 Panel co-organizer. Against the Weaponization of Anthropology: Critical Perspectives on the Military, War, and U.S. Foreign Policy, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 30.

- 2007 Meeting organizer. Thinking about Bases III: A Specialist Meeting on the Global U.S. Military Base Network, American University, November 27-28.
- 2007 Event coordinator. organizer for three panels, Public Anthropology Day, Department of Anthropology, American University, October 5-6.
- 2006 Session organizer. Militarism and Violence, Exploring Public Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, American University, October 28.
- 2006 Session organizer. Interrogating the Vulcans: Anthropologists Approach the Policies and Policymakers of Empire, Society for the Anthropology of North America 2006 Conference, New York, April 22.
- 2005 Event organizer. Stealing a Nation, Graduate Center, City University of New York, September 13. [Screening of documentary and presentation by Olivier Bancoult, President, Chagos Refugees Group.]
- 2005 Meeting organizer. Thinking about Bases: A Specialist Meeting on the Global U.S. Military Base Network, Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY, September 13.
- 2002 Event organizing committee. Concerned Citizens Committee Town Hall Meeting, Brooklyn, NY, October 8. [Discussion of the Brooklyn Academy of Music's plans to redevelop Fort Greene, Brooklyn.]
- 2001 Event co-organizer. FortGreeneTogether Community Speak Out, Brooklyn, NY, June 27. [Discussion of gentrification and displacement in Fort Greene, Brooklyn.]

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- 2008 Radio Netherlands, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Interviewed about the exiled people of Diego Garcia; scheduled to air in October.
- 2008 Fox Special Report with Britt Hume, Fox News Network, September 8, 6:00 p.m. EST. Interview clip.
- 2008 The Kojo Nnamdi Show, WAMU 88.5 FM, Washington, D.C., Social Science and the Pentagon, August 6. Guest.
- 2008 Washington Post, Military's Social Science Grants Raise Alarm, Maria Glod, August 3, p. A5. Quoted.
- 2007 Inside HigherEd, Questions, Anger and Dissent on Ethics Study, Scott Jaschik, November 30. Electronic document, <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2007/11/30/anthro>. Quoted.
- 2007 The Wide Angle, Newstalk Radio Ireland, Dublin, Ireland, October 21. Interviewed.
- 2007 CultureTube Segment 1: Human Terrain System and War In Iraq. YouTube video, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnj9D5pr8f8>. Interviewed.
- 2007 Time, "Postcard: Diego Garcia," Massimo Calabresi, September 13. Quoted.



## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Expert Witness. The Harms of Expulsion: Research with Chagossians in Mauritius and Seychelles.

August 2001-Present, Mauritius; Seychelles; Washington, DC; London, UK.

Research conducted for US and UK lawsuits brought for Chagossians by attorneys Michael Tigar (Duke University) and Richard Gifford (London).

Ethnographer. Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research.

June-December 2001; September 1999-September 2000, New York, NY.

Worked for Drs. Kim Hopper and Sue Barrow studying housing for mentally ill homeless.

Program Coordinator. Employment Assistance and Social Services Center, Citizens Advice Bureau.

June 1998-July 1999, Bronx, NY.

Special Assistant to First Deputy Commissioner. New York City Human Resources Administration.

September 1997-May 1998, New York, NY.

Bases Working Group, co-founder and member, 2005-present.

National Project on U.S. Military Bases, organizing committee member, 2008-present.

Network of Concerned Anthropologists, steering committee member, 2007-present.

Reviewer: UK Economic and Social Research Council; Duke University Press; Anthropology Today; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies.

## **CLASSES TAUGHT**

Graduate: Foundations of Sociocultural Anthropology; Thesis and Dissertation Writing Seminar; Writing Ethnography for Social Change; Human Movement: Migration, Displacement, Diaspora, and Community Creation

Graduate/Undergraduate: Understanding War, Building Peace; Reinventing Applied Anthropology: Anthropology to What End?; Ethnicity and Nationalism: War, Violence, and the Development of Difference

Undergraduate: Culture: The Human Mirror: Anthropological Approaches to Today's Critical Issues

## **LANGUAGES**

French: proficient reading and writing; conversational speaking.

Mauritius Kreol, Seselwa [Seychelles Creole]: proficient reading and writing; conversational speaking.