# AIDAN SEALE-FELDMAN

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### **EDUCATION**

2018	Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles
2012	M.A. in Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles
2009	B.A. in Liberal Arts, Sarah Lawrence College

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

### 2021-present Assistant Professor

Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

## **Faculty Fellow**

- \*Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs
- \*Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs

## **Faculty Affiliate**

- \*Health, Humanities, and Society Program, John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values
- \*Eck Institute for Global Health
- \*Neuroscience and Behavior Program (NSBH Major)

#### 2022–2023 Invited Professor

Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL), Université Paris Cité, Paris, France.

#### 2018–2021 Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer

Bioethics Program, University of Virginia

### **ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

### 2025-present Research Affiliate

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Weill Institute for Neurosciences, University of California, San Francisco

### 2024–2025 Visiting Scholar

Center for Science, Technology, Medicine & Society (CSTMS), University of California, Berkelev

### 2023–2024 Research Associate

The Lundquist Institute for Biomedical Innovation

#### 2020-2021 **Postdoctoral Research Affiliate**

Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia

### 2018-present Research Associate

Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL), Université Paris Cité, Paris, France

#### 2016-2017 **Visiting Doctoral Scholar**

Centre de Recherche Médecine, Sciences, Santé, Santé Mentale, Société (CERMES3), Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Paris, France

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

medical and psychological anthropology; anthropology of ethics and morality; disaster; anthropology of care; mental health and psychic life; critical phenomenology; biopolitics; psychedelic medicine; ethnographic writing; United States and South Asia, especially Nepal Himalayas.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

In-Press

Seale-Feldman, Aidan. The Work of Disaster: Crisis and Care along a Himalayan Fault Line (University of Chicago Press, December 2025).

#### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

Published

- Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Anxious Projections: Mass Hysteria and the Problem of Interpretation." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* e70007 (early view) https://anthrosource.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/maq.70007
- 2022 Devenot, Nese, Aidan Seale-Feldman, Elyse Smith, Tehseen Noorani, Albert Garcia-Romeu, and Matthew W. Johnson. "Psychedelic Identity Shift: A Critical Approach to Set and Setting." Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal 32 (4): 359–399.
- 2022 Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "The Possibility of Translation: Turning Ghosts into Psychosomatic Disorders in Nepal," Special Issue: Hysteria in South Asia, South Asia: *Journal of South Asian Studies* 45 (1): 130–45.
- 2020 Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "The Work of Disaster: Building Back Otherwise in Post-Earthquake Nepal" Cultural Anthropology 35 (2): 237-263.

- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Historicizing the Emergence of Global Mental Health in Nepal, 1950-2019" HIMALAYA: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies 39 (2): 29-43.
- 2019 Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Relational Affliction: Reconceptualizing 'Mass Hysteria" Ethos 47 (3): 307-325.

### **Editor-Reviewed Articles**

Published

- Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Seeing the Mother's Face," Special Issue: Flash Ethnography, HIMALAYA: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies 43(2): 20-21.
- 2022 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "What Does It Mean to Lose a World?" *Anthropology News*, https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/what-does-it-mean-to-lose-a-world.
- Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Fragments of a Transient Affliction: 'Mass Hysteria' and the Question of Subjectivity." Somatosphere. http://somatosphere.net/2020/mass-hysteriasubjectivity.html/
- **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Nawaraj Upadhaya. "Mental Health after the Earthquake: Building Nepal's Mental Health System in Times of Emergency." Fieldsights-Hot Spots, Cultural Anthropology website, October 14, 2015. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/mental-health-after-the-earthquake-building-nepals-mentalhealth-system-in-times-of-emergency

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### **Book Chapters**

In-Press

**Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Psychological Anthropology and the Moral/Ethical Turn." In Cambridge Handbook of Psychological Anthropology, edited by Edward Lowe, 483-504. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Forthcoming November 2025).

#### Published

- 2024 Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Beneath the Symptoms: The Problem of Conversion Disorder in Nepal." In Encounters with the Invisible: Revisiting Spirit Possession in the Himalayas, edited by Marie Lecomte-Tilouine and Anne de Sales, 244–58. London: Routledge India.
- 2023 Seale-Feldman, Aidan and Luis Felipe R. Murillo. "Thomas Csordas." In Antropologia: ensino, pesquisa e etnografia hoje, edited by Kleyton Rattes, Marcelo Moura Mello, and Simone Silva, 67–100. Niterói: Eduff.
- 2022 Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "The Place of Nepal in Psychological Anthropology." In Nepalese Psychology: Volume One, edited by Yubaraj Adhikari, Sujan Shrestha, and Kripa Sigdel, 21–46. Chattisgarh, India: Evincepub.

### **Book Reviews**

#### Published

- Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "There Is Nothing Heroic About This Text." Somatosphere. May 19. http://somatosphere.net/forumpost/there-is-nothing-heroic-about-this-text/
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Book Forum: The Blind Man." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsites, June 4. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/book-forum-the-blindman?fbclid=IwAR2T-w89Zgkmf2joGkyQ70hWwv8iVASQ93MtfBGZZ4owxKQzhsE15MJgFM
- Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Cinematic Experiments and Ethical Transformations." Visual and New Media Review, Cultural Anthropology website, January 10, 2019. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/cinematic-experiments-and-ethical-transformations
- 2017 Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Jackson, Michael and Albert Piette (Eds.) 2015. What Is Existential Anthropology? Berghahn Books. 248 Pp. Hb.:\$95.00, ISBN: 9781782386360." Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale 25 (2): 256–58.

### **Public Scholarship**

#### Published

- Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Engaged Anthropology Grant: Aidan Seale-Feldman." Wenner-2022 Gren Foundation, News, September 12. https://wennergren.org/article/engagedanthropology-grant-aidan-seale-feldman/
- Fisher, Daniel, and Aidan Seale-Feldman. "Filmmaking and Worldmaking: An 2021 Interview with the Karrabing Film Collective." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, March 18. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/filmmaking-and-

- worldmaking-an-interview-with-the-karrabing-film-collective?x-craftpreview=7lcQ69Ez4d&token=tXbtVgEWHu5fSjvycDN4X224jBCwyoXJ
- 2021 Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Wutharr, Saltwater Dreams." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, March 18. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/wutharr-saltwaterdreams?x-craft-preview=SRnfrKeK9W&token=aguzGn9a9Wg5Y-KAG lyd7Cs81Lj xOz
- 2020 Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Trembling Mountain." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, December 23. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/tremblingmountain
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**, and Andrés Romero. "Castaway Man." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, December 10. <a href="https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/castaway-man">https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/castaway-man</a>
- Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Sunyata Cinema: An Interview with Kesang Tseten." Visual 2020 and New Media Review, Fieldsights, November 19. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/sunyata-cinema-an-interview-with-kesan-tseten?x-craftpreview=zFGo2h7aDf&token=RE8jphItbGD-X0EepLVdH7yA Z2sddn4
- Seale-Feldman, Aidan, and Andrés Romero. "Who Will Be a Gurkha." Visual and New 2020 Media Review, Fieldsights, November 19. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/who-willbe-gurkah?x-craft-preview=vFIkeKmXiP&token=MkEUflbRlJ29dvUV7jaXfKe7rrsKq81
- 2020 Romero, Andrés, and Aidan Seale-Feldman. 2020. "Ethnocine: Get By." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, August 27. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ethnocine-get-by
- 2020 Seale-Feldman, Aidan, and Andrés Romero. "Ethnocine: Nobel Nok Dah." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, August 13. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ethnocine-nobel-nok-dah
- 2020 Romero, Andrés, and Aidan Seale-Feldman. "Swim Lesson." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, May 21. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/swim-lesson-1
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**. "Thinking with Ghosts." *The Record Nepal*. https://www.recordnepal.com/wire/features/thinking-with-ghosts/
- 2019 Seale-Feldman, Aidan and Andrés Romero. "The Possibility of Spirits." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, September 26. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/thepossibility-of-spirits?x-craft preview=MMyLVtYxOX&token=BaX1nroqL6zs6W0qLAkQfSfIFozsNYwT

- Seale-Feldman, Aidan, and Andrés Romero. "Ghosts and Numbers." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, August 14. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ghosts-andnumbers
- Seale-Feldman, Aidan, and Andrés Romero. "The Screening Room." Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights, August 14. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/thescreening-room
- Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Images." Correspondences, Cultural Anthropology website, 2018 March 2, 2018. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/images
- Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Teaching Triggers with Megan Raschig." Teaching Tools, 2017 Cultural Anthropology website, November 17, 2017. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1248teaching-triggers-with-megan-raschig

### **Media Coverage**

- 2025 Em Sandberg. "Dr. Aidan Seale-Feldman." Psychedelics in Social Work (Podcast). Crown Family School for Social Work, Policy, and Practice, University of Chicago. May 26. https://open.spotify.com/episode/2B0xbujxo7Q93ecuD5sOtZ?si=3OCczMdST9uxAxSFMFavA
- 2025 Jane Hu. "Spiritual Crisis and Psychedelics: 5 Questions for anthropologist Aidan Seale-Feldman." The Microdose. February 10. https://themicrodose.substack.com/p/spiritualcrisis-and-psychedelics
- 2024 Shayla Love. "The Horseshoe Theory of Psychedelics: Donald Trump's Campaign Has Cemented the Right's Romance with Psychedelics." The Atlantic. November 1. https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2024/11/psychedelics-maga-kennedytrump/680479/?gift=vaU BsG0tnmqKgTvTtvqWu6ISO7w2fi-8Iad3FNeHHo&utm source=copy-link&utm medium=social&utm campaign=share
- Kinney, Mary. "The border between the secular and sacred': Anthropologist Receives 2024 Templeton Grant for Research on Psychedelics, Mental Health, and Spiritual Yearning." University of Notre Dame College of Arts and Letters News, March 27. https://al.nd.edu/news/latest-news/the-border-between-the-secular-and-sacredanthropologist-receives-templeton-grant-for-research-on-psychedelics-mental-health-andspiritual-yearning/
- DeStazio, Tracy. "Anthropologist Offers Blueprint for New Ways of Being and Relating 2023 to Others in Wake of Disaster." Notre Dame News, December 19. https://news.nd.edu/news/anthropologist-offers-blueprint-for-new-ways-of-being-andrelating-to-others-in-wake-of-disaster/

Summers, Lachlan. "A Sudden Shock of Care: An Interview with Aidan Seale-Feldman." 2020 Society for Cultural Anthropology: Supplementals, Fieldsights, August 18. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/a-sudden-shock-of-care-an-interview-with-aidan-sealefeldman

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

<b>External Grants and Fello</b>	owsnips
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2024-2026	<b>John Templeton Foundation, Spiritual Yearning Research Initiative</b> Principal Investigator. (Co-PI: Brian Anderson, MD, UCSF). Funding for "Ethical Substance: Psychedelic Medicine in Times of Social and Spiritual Crisis." [\$369,087]
2020–2025	French National Research Agency (ANR) Main Project Partner. (PI: Serena Bindi, Université Paris Cité/ CANTHEL). Funding for "Phantoms or Fantasies?: Somatic Disorders and Embodied Experiences of Loss in Changing Therapeutic Contexts." [240,000 Euros]
2019	Wenner-Gren Foundation Engaged Anthropology Grant. "Dialogue as Care: Co-creating Theory through Community Forums, Open Seminars, and Collaborative Filmmaking in Nepal." [\$5000]
2015–2016	Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. "Adolescent 'Mass Hysteria' in Rural Nepal: Subjectivity, Experience, and Social Change." [\$18,000]
2014	Social Science Research Council Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship [Alternate]
2014	Cornell University South Asia Nepali Language Program Summer Tuition Fellowship [\$3,630]
2013	U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Nepali Language Training at Cornell University [\$5,000]
2013	Cornell University South Asia Nepali Language Program Summer Tuition Fellowship [\$1,930]
2012	Lemelson Fellowship/ Society for Psychological Anthropology Pre-Dissertation Fellowship [\$5,150]
2011	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program [Honorable Mention]

# **University Grants and Fellowships**

2024	University of Notre Dame, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Publication Subvention Grant for <i>The Work of Disaster: Crisis and Care along a Himalayan Fault Line</i> (University of Chicago Press) [\$2,000]
2024	University of Notre Dame, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies Faculty Research Grant [\$3,000]
2022	University of Notre Dame, John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values Health, Humanities, and Society Course Development Grant [\$2,500]
2022	University of Notre Dame, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Annual Research Theme: A Time to Heal [\$5,000]
2017–2018	University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship [\$20,000]
2017	University of California, Los Angeles University of California Collegium of University Teaching Fellows [declined]
2014	University of California, Los Angeles, Center for the Study of Women Jean Stone Dissertation Research Fellowship [\$3,000]
2014	University of California, Los Angeles Department of Anthropology Research Grant [\$3,000]
2014	Foundation for Psychocultural Research-UCLA Program for Culture, Brain, Development, Mental Health (CBDMH) Summer Fieldwork Fellowship [\$7,500]
2014	University of California, Los Angeles, International Institute Graduate Student Fieldwork Fellowship [declined]
2013–2014	University of California, Los Angeles Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship [\$34,810]
2013	Foundation for Psychocultural Research-UCLA Program for Culture, Brain, Development, Mental Health (CBDMH) Summer Fieldwork Fellowship [\$6,110]
2013	University of California, Los Angeles, International Institute Graduate Student Fieldwork Fellowship [\$4,000]

#### 2011-2017 **University of California, Los Angeles**

Department of Anthropology Conference Travel Grants [\$1,488]

#### 2010-2014 University of California, Los Angeles

Department of Anthropology Graduate Teaching Fellowship [tuition and stipend]

#### **Awards and Honors**

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2018	Univer	SITV OF	Califor	mıa.	LOS	Angeles

Degree Candidate Processional Marshal, Nominee

#### 2016 **Society for Medical Anthropology**

Student Travel Award [\$500]

#### 2010 University of California, Los Angeles

Chancellor's Prize [\$10,000]

### **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks and Keynotes**

#### Invited

Panel Participant, "Psychedelics and Spirituality in Light of the Religious Leaders Study," Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, June 11, 2025.

- 2025 Symposium Participant, "Towards Re-Enchantment: Psychedelics, Mysticism, Reimagining Critical Theory Symposium," UC Berkeley Center for the Science of Psychedelics/Program in Critical Theory, University of California—Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, May 4.
- Keynote: "Rupture and Repair: Towards a Critical Phenomenology of Disaster," 2025 Disasters in and of the Middle East: Event, Space, Intensity conference. Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 30.
- 2024 "The Work of Disaster: Crisis and Care along a Himalayan Fault Line," CHD Departmental Colloquium, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 12.
- 2024 "Ethical Substance: Psychedelic Medicine in Times of Social and Spiritual Crisis," Psychological and Medical Anthropology Seminar, Department of Anthropology, University of California-San Diego, online, May 6.
- 2022 (with Serena Bindi) "Experiences of Loss and Grief in Changing Himalayan Landscapes," Center for Himalayan Studies (CEH) Workshop, Centre d'études himalayennes, CNRS, Campus Condorcet, Paris, France, December 15.

- 2022 "Psychogeographies: Counseling in a Himalayan Disaster Zone," General Seminar, Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL), Université Paris Cité, Paris, France, December 13.
- 2022 "Psychogeographies: Counseling in a Himalayan Disaster Zone," Friday Seminar, Department of Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong Kong, *online*, November 4.
- 2022 "Psychic Intervention: The Crisis of Mental Health in Times of Disaster," Research Seminar Series, Martin Chautari, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 10.
- "The World is Like This': Life, Loss, and the Trembling Thought of Disaster." French National Research Agency (ANR) Seminar—Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological Perspectives, Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL), Université Paris Cité, *online*, November 18.
- 2021 "The World is Like This': Life, Loss, and the Trembling Thought of Disaster." Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry, Culture and Community Mental Health Speaker Series–Politics of Psychic Life, McGill University, *online*, April 1.
- 2021 "The World is Like This." Team Phenomenology Working Group, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, *online*, March 18.
- 2021 "Crisis, Care, and the Work of Disaster." Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, *online*, January 25.
- 2020 "Measuring Care: Humanitarian Efficacy in Post-Disaster Nepal." Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University, *online*, December 4.
- 2020 "Crisis, Care, and Worldbuilding in Post-Disaster Nepal." Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, February 10.
- 2019 "Thinking with Ghosts." Virginia Anthropology Society's Death and Dinner Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 23.
- 2019 "Psychosocial Transformations: *Chhopne*, 'Conversion Disorder,' and the Possibility of Translation between Psychosocial and Indigenous Worlds in the Nepal Himalayas." Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 5.
- 2019 "Thinking with Ghosts: *Bhut laagyo*, Hysteria, and the Politics of Conceptualization." Tibet Center, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 29.
- 2018 "Psychosocial Transformations in Post-Disaster Nepal." Friday Speaker Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, December 7.

- 2017 "Transient Care: Temporalities of Suffering and Intervention after the Nepal Earthquake." Center for Research in Medicine, Science, Health, Mental Health, and Society (CERMES3), Université Paris Descartes, Paris, France, June 22.
- 2016 "*Pissat*, Counseling, and the Visibility of Suffering in Nepal." Laboratoire d'ethnologie et de sociologie comparative (LESC), Maison Archéologie et Ethnologie René-Ginouvès, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Nanterre, France, October 11.
- 2015 "Adolescent Mental Health in Rural Nepal: Examining Cases of 'Mass Hysteria' among Girls in Government Schools." United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Kathmandu, Nepal, December 9.
- 2013 "On the Ethics of Photoethnography: Exploring the Aesthetics and Politics of Representing Others." Mind, Medicine, and Culture Working Group (MMAC), Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, April 1.

## **Conferences Organized**

- 2024 Co-organizer (with Serena Bindi): International Conference on "Experiencing Loss in Contemporary Worlds: Toward an Anthropology of Grief," Institute d'études avancées de Paris (IEA)/Université Paris Cité, Paris, France, December 16-18.
- 2012 Co-Organizer (with Devin Flaherty and Kathryn Hale): UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, March 2.

### Panels and Roundtables Chaired or Organized

- 2025 Organizer and Co-Chair (with Brian Anderson): Roundtable on "Spiritual Emergencies," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo, April 3-6, 2025.
- 2023 Chair: Roundtable on "Ecologizing Therapeutic Practices," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 15-19.
- 2023 Co-Organizer (with Samuele Collu): Roundtable on "Ecologies of Psychic Life," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 27-30.
- 2022 Co-Organizer (with Sandra Hyde): Panel on "Psychogeography: Rethinking the Psychotherapeutic and Affliction," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, November 9-13.
- 2021 Co-organizer (with Samuele Collu): Panel on "Towards an Anthropology of Psychic Life," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Online, April 6-10.

- 2020 Co-organizer (with Samuele Collu): Panel on "Towards an Anthropology of Psychic Life: Affects, Therapeutics, and Psychopolitical Experiments," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, *canceled due to COVID-19*.
- 2019 Co-organizer (with Andrés Romero): Panel on "Anthropology of and through the Image," Canadian Anthropology Society/American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 20-24.
- 2016 Co-organizer (with Raphäelle Rabanes): Panel on "Therapeutic Encounters," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20.
- 2013 Co-Organizer (with Devin Flaherty): Panel on "Imagining one Another: Towards an Anthropology of the Imagination Through Intersubjectivity," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 20-24.

#### **Presentations**

- "Codebook," Unwriting in the Himalayas: Reflections on Collaborative Craft and Authorship, 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore: Unwriting, Aberdeen, Scotland, June 3-6.
- 2025 Roundtable Participant, "Spiritual Emergencies," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo, April 3-6, 2025.
- 2025 (Co-authored with Maha Mian) "Psychedelic Churches and Secular Forces," Psychedelic Intersections Conference, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, February 15.
- 2024 "Lost Objects: Dreams in the Endlessness of Grief," Experiencing Loss in Contemporary Worlds: Toward an Anthropology of Grief, International Conference, Institute d'études avancées de Paris (IEA), Paris, France, December 16-18.
- 2024 "Paranoid and Reparative Readings of Care in Times of Disaster," American Ethnological Society Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 4-6.
- 2023 Roundtable Participant, "Curating Transformative Experiences from Research to Pedagogy: Consciousness, Embodiment, and Transitions," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 15-19.
- 2023 "Between Disability Activism and Disability-Adjusted Life Years," Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) Symposium: South Asian Disability Futures, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, October 18, 2023.

- 2023 Roundtable Participant, "Ecologies of Psychic Life," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 27-30.
- 2022 "Psychogeographies: Movement, Solidarity, Risk," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, November 9-13.
- 2022 Symposium Participant, Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) Symposium: Decolonizing STM, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, October 19-22.
- 2022 "Seeing the Mother's Face," Flash Ethnography Workshop: Himalayan Conversations, Himalayan Studies Conference, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, October 13-16.
- 2021 "Seismic Interruptions," Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) Symposium: Interruptions and Failures, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, October 20-24.
- 2021 (Co-authored with Samuele Collu) "Psychic Boundaries: Therapeutic and Pedagogical Implications," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Online, April 6-10.
- 2019 "Screen Test: A Visual Essay on Intersubjectivity," Canadian Anthropology Society/American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24.
- 2019 "Himalayan Laboratory: Nepal and the Emergence of Global Mental Health,"4S Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, September 4-7.
- 2019 "Thinking with Ghosts: *Bhut laagyo*, Hysteria, and the Politics of Conceptualization," Eighth Annual Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 24-26.
- 2019 "Measuring Care," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM, April 4-7.
- 2018 "The Phenomenology of Crisis and Intervention in Post-Disaster Nepal," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 14-18.
- 2018 "Humanitarianism as Development: Building Nepal's Mental Health System in Times of Crisis," NEEDS 2018 The Third Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, March 21-23.
- 2017 "Chhopne, Hysteria, and the Problem of 'Conversion Disorder' in Nepal," Symposium: Encounters with the Invisible: Revisiting Possession in the Himalayas in its Material and Narrative Aspects, l'Université Paris Ouest-Nanterre La Défense and the French National Research Agency (ANR), Centre-Val de Loire, France, December 18-21.

- 2017 "Contagious Connections: Mass Hysteria and the Limits of Subjectivity," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 29-December 3.
- "Subjects of Intervention," Himalayan Studies Conference, University of Colorado-2017 Boulder, Boulder, CO, September 1-4.
- 2017 "Mundane Disasters of Everyday Life: The Politics of Suffering after the Nepal Earthquake," University of California-Los Angeles/University of Amsterdam Conference on Crisis and the Everyday, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, April 5-6.
- "Fragments of a Transient Affliction," American Ethnological Society Conference, 2017 Stanford University, CA, March 30-April 1.
- "Transient, Accidental, Improvised: Psychosocial Care in Post-Disaster Nepal," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20.
- 2016 "Temporalities of Affliction and Care Before and After the Nepal Earthquakes," Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 20-23.
- "Adolescent 'Mass Hysteria' in Post-Disaster Nepal: Ethnographic Impressions," Annual 2015 Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 22-24.
- 2014 "Adolescent 'Mass Hysteria' in Rural Nepal: A Case of Intercorporeality?," UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind, Department of Anthropology, University of California-San Diego, San Diego, CA, April 19.
- 2013 "Absence, Presence, Virtuality: On the Intersubjective Dimensions of Imaginative Experience among Yolmo-Buddhist Migrants and their Families in Kathmandu," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 20-24.
- 2013 "Excavating the Imagination: Dreaming and Reverie among Yolmo-Nepali Buddhists in New York City and Kathmandu," 5th Annual Anthropology in Transit Graduate Student Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA, April 26.
- 2013 "Excavating the Imagination: Dreaming and Reverie among Yolmo-Nepali Buddhists in New York City," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 4-7.
- 2012 "Imagining America: Notes on a Nepali Dreamscape," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 13-18.
- 2012 "On the Wandering Mind: Everyday Imaginings among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants to New York City," UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind,

- Department of Anthropology, University of California–Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, March 2.
- 2011 "Tracing Migrant Dreams: Imagining and the Self among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants in New York City", American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 15-20.
- 2011 "Queens Limbo: Betweenness, Separation, and Suspended Lives among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants to the United States," 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Anthropology in Transit Graduate Student Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of California–Irvine, Irvine, CA, April 8.
- 2010 (Co-authored with Robert Desjarlais) "Queens Limbo: Betweenness, Separation, and Suspended Lives among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants to the United States" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21.

#### **Invited Discussant**

- 2020 "Anthropologies of Lived Experience in the Nepal Himalayas," French National Research Agency (ANR) Seminar–Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological Perspectives, Université de Paris, Online, November 19.
- 2020 "World Anthropology Day," Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, February 20.
- 2019 "Children's Needs: Moving Beyond Rights," Discussant, Eighth Annual Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 24-26.

#### **Guest Lectures**

- 2024 "Ethical Substance: Psychedelic Medicine in Times of Social and Spiritual Crisis," Invited speaker for "Ethnography for Theologians" graduate seminar, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame. October 14.
- 2024 "Globalizing Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy?: Lessons from Psychological Anthropology and Critical Global Health," Invited speaker for MAPS Psychedelic Ecosystem Digest, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, online, September 20.
- 2022 "Anthropology and Consulting," Invited speaker for "Journée métier anthropologue," MA Ethnologie et Anthropologie Program, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France, December 9.
- 2022 "Phenomenological Anthropology," Invited speaker for "Anthropologie de la Santé: du lointain au proche" graduate course, MA Ethnologie et Anthropologie Program, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France, October 26.

- 2022 "What is Phenomenology?" Invited speaker for "Anthropologie de la Santé: du lointain au proche" graduate course, MA Ethnologie et Anthropologie Program, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France, October 12.
- 2021 "Crisis, Care, and Building Back Otherwise." Invited speaker for "Global Health" undergraduate lecture course. Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon, October 28.
- 2021 "The Work of Disaster." Invited speaker for "Social Politics of Disaster" undergraduate lecture course, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, March 9.
- 2020 "The Work of Disaster." Invited speaker for "Medical Anthropology" undergraduate lecture course, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, September 3.
- "Relational Affliction." Invited speaker for "Medical Anthropology" undergraduate 2020 lecture course, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, February 19.
- 2019 "Psychosocial Transformations in Post-Disaster Nepal." Invited speaker for "Medical Anthropology" undergraduate lecture course, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 21.

### TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

### **Courses Designed and Taught:**

## University of Notre Dame, Department of Anthropology

### **Undergraduate Courses:**

Health and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Spring 2024, 23 students)

Anthropology of Psychic Life (Fall 2023, 12 students)

Anthropology of Psychic Life (Spring 2023, 16 students)

Perspectives in Anthropological Analysis (Spring 2023, 12 students)

Health and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Spring 2022, 23 students)

Health and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Fall 2021–section 2, 20 students) Health and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Fall 2021–section 1, 21 students)

### **Graduate Courses:**

Biopolitics (Spring 2022, 9 students)

### University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology/Bioethics Program

### **Undergraduate Courses:**

Moral Experience (Spring 2020, 32 students)

Anthropology of Psychic Life (Fall 2020, 24 students)

Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political (Spring 2021, 59 students)

Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political (Spring 2020, 60 students) \*

Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political (Spring 2019, 58 students)

Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition (Fall 2020, 29 students) Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition (Fall 2019, 29 students) Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition (Spring 2019, 28 students) \*\* Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition (Fall 2018, 26 students)

### University of California-Los Angeles, Department of Anthropology

## **Undergraduate Courses (Instructor of Record):**

Culture and Society (Summer 2016, 49 students)
Deviance and Abnormality (Summer 2016, 30 students)

### **Undergraduate Courses (Teaching Assistant):**

Methods in Cultural Anthropology (Spring 2013)

Introduction to Psychological Anthropology: Historical Development (Winter 2013)

Culture and Communication (Fall 2012)

Introduction to Psychological Anthropology: Current Topics/Research (Spring 2012)

Human Evolution (Winter 2012) Culture and Society (Fall 2011)

### **Independent Studies:**

Directed Reading: Medical Anthropology (Spring 2024)

Supervised directed reading for graduate student in Anthropology (University of Notre Dame)

Directed Reading: Biopolitics (Spring 2019)

Supervised directed reading for graduate student in Anthropology (University of Virginia)

### **Public Seminars:**

### Martin Chautari (Kathmandu, Nepal)

Medical Anthropology: From the Human to the Planetary (Summer 2022, 10 students)

### **Advising:**

#### Ph.D. Committee Chair

Prakash B.K. University of Notre Dame, Department of Anthropology

Dissertation: "Caste in the Clinic: Dalit Experiences in Nepal's Psychiatric

System"

\*ISLA Graduate Student Research Award

<sup>\*</sup>Nominated by the Jefferson Scholars Foundation to be included on a list of recommended classes used to recruit visiting outstanding high school students to attend UVA (Spring 2020) \*\*Nominated by the Jefferson Scholars Foundation to be included on a list of recommended classes used to recruit visiting outstanding high school students to attend UVA (Spring 2019)

\*The Franco Family Institute for Liberal Arts and the Public Good

Graduate Student Research Award

\*Global Health Fellowship, Eck Institute for Global Health

(EIGH)

Melis Gemalmaz University of Notre Dame, Department of Anthropology

Dissertation: "Rebuilding the Spirit: Trauma, Spirituality, and Secular

Experience in Post-Earthquake Turkey"

\*Notebaert Fellowship

### Ph.D. Committee Member

George Azcárate University of Notre Dame, Department of Romance Languages

Dissertation: "Scenes of Healing: Mexico, Medicine, and the Nation

Form" (PhD 2025)

Kayla Hurd University of Notre Dame, Department of Anthropology

Dissertation: "Beyond Nourishment: A Biocultural Analysis of Meaning Making, Dietary Practices, and Insect Eating in the Times of Covid-19"

(PhD 2023)

### Undergraduate Thesis Advisor

Jake Harris University of Notre Dame, Anthropology

Thesis: "Holding Crisis: Projects of Work and Care Amidst the American

Mental Health Crisis (BA 2025)

\*ISLA Summer Comprehensive Award

\*Kellogg International Scholar \*Kellogg Conference Grant \*ISLA Conference Grant

Aidan Rezner University of Notre Dame, Neuroscience & Behavior

Thesis: "Hospice Care as Personhood Maintenance: Age, Belief, and

Aesthetics at Life's Threshold" (BA 2025)

Chris Hernandez University of Notre Dame, Anthropology

Thesis: "Creating Self and Nominalizing Verbs: Linguistic Ideologies in

Chuj Territory" (BA 2024)

\*ISLA Summer Comprehensive Award \*Fulbright Scholar (ETA Program–Mexico)

Liza Cathcart University of Virginia, Political Philosophy, Policy & Law

Thesis: "Captivity Disguised as Care" (BA 2021)

### Undergraduate Research Advisor

Jake Harris University of Notre Dame, Anthropology and Global Affairs, Health

Humanities and Society Minor/Kellogg International Scholar (2022-2025)

Ella Gaul University of Notre Dame, Neuroscience and Behavior (2022-2025)
Aidan Rezner University of Notre Dame, Neuroscience and Behavior/Compassionate

Care in Medicine/Cathy & Jack Brennan Family Scholar (2022-2023)

Smritee Thapa University of Virginia, Anthropology/Global Environments &

Sustainability (2021)

# DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### **Committees:**

2023	Kellogg International Scholars Screening Committee, Kellogg Institute for
	International Studies, University of Notre Dame
2021-present	Speaker Series Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre
	Dame
2012-2013	Graduate Student Representative, Diversity Committee, Department of
	Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles

# **Working Groups:**

2022-2024	Co-Founder and Organizer: Relationalities: A Medical Anthropology Working
	Group, University of Notre Dame
2021	Team Member: Rev. John S. Dunne, CSC., Environmental Humanities Center,
	Moment to See, Courage to Act (MSCA) Initiative, University of Notre Dame
2011–2013	Graduate Coordinator: Mind, Medicine, and Culture Working Group (MMAC),
	Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles

# **University Events Organized/Moderated:**

2024	Moderator: "The Incarcerations: BK-16 and the Fight for Justice and Democracy in Modern India" with Dr. Alpa Shah (Oxford University), Justice and Asia
	Distinguished Lecture, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, University of
	Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, April 29.
2023	Organizer/Moderator: "Disalienation: Politics, Philosophy, & Radical Psychiatry
	in Postwar France" with Dr. Camille Robcis (Columbia University), Health,
	Humanities and Society Program/ Department of Anthropology, University of
	Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, November 7.
2023	Organizer/Moderator: "Making Better Numbers: Ten Years of Collaboration
	Between Ethnography and Epidemiology" with Dr. Elizabeth Roberts (University
	of Michigan), Department of Anthropology Speaker Series, University of Notre
	Dame, Notre Dame, IN, November 3.
2023	Organizer/Moderator: "Mobility, Infrastructure, and Affective Worlds in and out
	of the Himalayas" with Dr. Sienna Craig (Dartmouth College) and Dr. Sara
	Shneiderman (University of British Columbia), Liu Institute for Asia and Asian
	Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, October 6.
2023	Organizer/Moderator: "Intimate Technologies" with Dr. Hannah Zeavin
	(University of Indiana, Bloomington) and Dr. Samuele Collu (McGill University)
	in Conversation, Health, Humanities and Society Program/ Department of
	Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, March 30.
2022	Organizer/Moderator: "The Great Groundwater Swindle" with Dr. Lucas Bessire
	(University of Oklahoma), Department of Anthropology Speaker Series,
	University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, October 28.

#### SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2025	Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) Section Program Chair, American
	Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
2023-present	Member-At-Large, Board of the Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA)
2019–2021	Co-Editor, "The Screening Room," Visual and New Media Review, Society for
	Cultural Anthropology
2016–2018	Contributing Editor, Society for Cultural Anthropology

### Manuscript Reviewer for:

American Ethnologist; BioSocieties; Cultural Anthropology; Current Anthropology; Ethnos; Ethos; HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory; Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (JRAI); Medical Anthropology Theory; Social Science and Medicine—Mental Health; Studies in Nepali History and Society (SINHAS); Transcultural Psychiatry.

### **Grant Proposal Reviewer for:**

The John Templeton Foundation

## **External Events Organized/Moderated:**

- 2024 Co-organizer (with Serena Bindi): Research Seminar Speaker Series on "Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological Perspectives—Year 4," Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL)/Université Paris Cité, Paris, France and online, October—December.
- 2022 Co-organizer (with Serena Bindi): Research Seminar Speaker Series on "Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological Perspectives—Year 3," Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL)/Université Paris Cité, Paris, France and online, October—December.
- 2021 Co-organizer (with Serena Bindi): Research Seminar Speaker Series on "Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological Perspectives—Year 2," Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL)/Université Paris Cité, Paris, France and online, October—December.

### APPLIED WORK

#### 2022-present **Qualitative Research Lead**

"Pragmatic Trial of Psilocybin in Palliative Care (PT2PC): A Multicenter Tripleblind Phase 2 Randomized Controlled Trial of Psilocybin Therapy for Demoralized Adults Near the End of Life." PI: Charles Grob, M.D., Lundquist Institute for Biomedical Innovation at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

### 2020 **Project Manager**

"Wikipedia + Open Knowledge Nepal: Documenting COVID-19." PI: Lane Rasberry, School of Data Science, University of Virginia

Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Implemented by Open Knowledge Nepal (OKN)

## 2015–2016 Ethnographic Consultant

2022

"Psychosocial Intervention for Earthquake Survivors in Nepal," Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Implemented by the Centre for Mental Health and Counselling-Nepal (CMC)

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Faculty Success Program

2022	Faculty Success Program
	National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (semester program funded
	by the Office of the Provost, University of Notre Dame)
2013-2014	Graduate Fellow
	Culture, Brain, Development, Mental Health (CBDMH) Training Program-
	Foundation for Psychocultural Research
2009-2010	Editorial Assistant
	Cabinet Magazine, Brooklyn, NY
2008	Globalization and Community Health Summer Field School
	University of South Florida, Monteverde, Costa Rica
2007	Research Assistant: Mexico, Trade, and Migration Program
2007	Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA
2006–2009	Research Assistant to Dr. Robert Desjarlais
2000 2009	Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY
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RESEARCE	I EXPERIENCE
2024-2025	United States (California, Colorado, Oregon): Ethnographic research on
20212023	psychedelic medicine and the incorporation of mystical experience into the lives
	of secular Americans and their therapeutic practices. <i>Interviews, participant</i>
	observation.
	observation.
2022	United States (San Francisco Bay Area, CA): Ethnographic research on healing
2022	and the politics of psychedelic medicine. <i>Interviews, participant observation</i> .
	and the pointes of psychodene medicine. The views, participant observation.
2019	Nepal (Kathmandu, Central and Eastern Hills): Ethnographic research on
2017	therapeutic efficacy of humanitarian psychosocial interventions. <i>Interviews</i> ,
	participant observation.
	participant observation.
2016	United States (New Haven, CT): Archival research at Yale Divinity School
2010	Special Collections on community mental health programs in Nepal. Archival
	research.
	researen.
2014–2016	Nepal (Kathmandu, Eastern Hills, Mid-Western Terai): Ethnographic research on
2017-2010	global mental health, psychosocial interventions, and concepts of affliction.
	Interviews, participant observation, focus groups, surveys, document analysis.
	mierviews, participant observation, jocus groups, surveys, document analysis.

Nepal (Kathmandu, Central Hills, Mid-Western Terai): Ethnographic research on global mental health interventions, psychosomatic disorders, and adolescent "mass hysteria." *Interviews, participant observation.* 2012 Nepal (Kathmandu, Central Hills): Ethnographic research on dreams, imagination, and migration among the Hyolmo community. Interviews, participant observation. 2011 United States (Queens, NY): Ethnographic research on dreams, imagination, and migration among the Hyolmo community. *Interviews, participant observation*. 2009-2010 United States (Queens, NY): Ethnographic research (with Robert Desjarlais) on

the phenomenology of migration among the Hyolmo community. *Interviews*, participant observation.

2008 Costa Rica (Monteverde): Globalization and Community Health Summer Field School (with University of South Florida) Interviews, surveys, focus groups, food recall interviews.

### **LANGUAGES**

2013

highly proficient speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (2 summers of Nepali

intensive study at Cornell University, 30 months in Nepal)

advanced-intermediate speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (Cours de French

Civilisation Française de la Sorbonne, B1/B2)

advanced speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (2 years coursework at **Spanish** 

Sarah Lawrence College; intensive summer program in Cuernavaca, Mexico;

semester abroad in Havana, Cuba)

advanced speaking, comprehension, and reading **Portuguese** 

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association Society for Cultural Anthropology Society for Psychological Anthropology Society for Medical Anthropology Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies

#### REFERENCES

References available upon request.