

# AIDAN SEALE-FELDMAN

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## EDUCATION

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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

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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

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2025–2027    **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, Berkeley

2023–2024    **Research Associate**  
The Lundquist Institute for Biomedical Innovation

- 2020–2021 **Postdoctoral Research Affiliate**  
Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia
- 2018–2025 **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

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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

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### Books

#### *Published*

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

#### *Under Contract*

Bindi, Serena and **Aidan Seale-Feldman** (eds.). *Experiencing Loss: Toward an Anthropology of Grief* (Routledge)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

#### *Published*

- 2026 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** “Secular Mysticism: Entanglements of Science and Religion in Psychedelic Medicine.” *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 50 (30).
- 2025 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** “Anxious Projections: Mass Hysteria and the Problem of Interpretation.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 39 (4): e70007.
- 2022 Devenot, Neşe, **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*

- 2024 **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>.
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** “Fragments of a Transient Affliction: ‘Mass Hysteria’ and the Question of Subjectivity.” *Somatosphere*. <http://somatosphere.net/2020/mass-hysteria-subjectivity.html/>
- 2015 **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-mental-health-system-in-times-of-emergency>
- (*Nepali Reprint*) **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Nawaraj Upadhaya. “भूईँचालोपछिको आपतकालीन अवस्थामा नेपालमा मानसिक स्वास्थ्यको स्थापना” (Mental Health after the Earthquake: Building Nepal’s Mental Health System in Times of Emergency). *Manosamajik Suswasthya—Psychosocial Hub for Nepal*, October 14, 2015. <http://www.manosamajik.com.np/2017-05-17-10-34-25/journals/27-mental-health-after-the-earthquake-building-nepal%E2%80%99s-mental-health-system-in-times-of-emergency>

## Book Chapters

### *Published*

- 2025 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** “Psychological Anthropology and the Moral/Ethical Turn.” In *The Cambridge Handbook of Psychological Anthropology*, edited by Edward Lowe, 483–504. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 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: Evincepublish.

## Book Reviews

### *Published*

- 2023 **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-blind-man?fbclid=IwAR2T-w89Zgkmf2joGkyQ70hWwv8iVASQ93M-tfBGZZ4owxKQzhsE15MJgFM>
- 2019 **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 and Digital Media

### *Published*

- 2026 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Aidan Seale-Feldman's 'The Work of Disaster.'" *The Page 99 Test, Campaign for the American Reader* (blog), March 6. <https://page99test.blogspot.com/2026/03/aidan-seale-feldmans-work-of-disaster.html>
- 2022 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Engaged Anthropology Grant: Aidan Seale-Feldman." Wenner-Gren Foundation, *News*, September 12. <https://wennergren.org/article/engaged-anthropology-grant-aidan-seale-feldman/>
- 2021 Fisher, Daniel, and **Aidan Seale-Feldman.** "Filmmaking and Worldmaking: An 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-craft-preview=7lcQ69Ez4d&token=tXbtVgEWHu5fSjvycDN4X224jBCwyoXJ>
- 2021 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Wutharr, Saltwater Dreams." *Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights*, March 18. [https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/wutharr-saltwater-dreams?x-craft-preview=SRnfrKeK9W&token=aguzGn9a9Wg5Y-KAG\\_lyd7Cs81Lj\\_xOz](https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/wutharr-saltwater-dreams?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/trembling-mountain>
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan,** and Andrés Romero. "Castaway Man." *Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights*, December 10. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/castaway-man>
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Sunyata Cinema: An Interview with Kesang Tseten." *Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights*, November 19. [https://culanth.org/fieldsights/sunyata-cinema-an-interview-with-kesan-tseten?x-craft-preview=zFGo2h7aDf&token=RE8jphItbGD-X0EepLVdH7yA\\_Z2sddn4](https://culanth.org/fieldsights/sunyata-cinema-an-interview-with-kesan-tseten?x-craft-preview=zFGo2h7aDf&token=RE8jphItbGD-X0EepLVdH7yA_Z2sddn4)
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan,** and Andrés Romero. "Who Will Be a Gurkha." *Visual and New Media Review, Fieldsights*, November 19. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/who-will-be-gurkah?x-craft-preview=vFIkeKmXiP&token=MkEUflbRIJ29d-vUV7jaXfKe7rrsKq8l>
- 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/the-possibility-of-spirits?x-craft-preview=MMyLVtYxOX&token=BaX1nroqL6zs6W0qLAkQfSffFozsNYwT>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**, and Andrés Romero. "Ghosts and Numbers." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 14. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ghosts-and-numbers>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**, and Andrés Romero. "The Screening Room." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 14. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/the-screening-room>
- 2018 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**. "Images." Correspondences, *Cultural Anthropology* website, March 2, 2018. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/images>
- 2017 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**. "Teaching Triggers with Megan Raschig." Teaching Tools, *Cultural Anthropology* website, November 17, 2017. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1248-teaching-triggers-with-megan-raschig>

## Media Coverage

- 2026 Elena Sobrino. "The Work of Disaster: Crisis and Care Along a Himalayan Fault Line." *New Books Network*. February 23. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/the-work-of-disaster>
- 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=3OCczMdST9-uxAxSFMFavA>
- 2025 Jane Hu. "Spiritual Crisis and Psychedelics: 5 Questions for anthropologist Aidan Seale-Feldman." *The Microdose*. February 10. <https://themicrodose.substack.com/p/spiritual-crisis-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-kennedy-trump/680479/?gift=vaU\\_BsG0tnmqKgTvTtvqWu6ISO7w2fi-8Iad3FNeHHo&utm\\_source=copy-link&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=share](https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2024/11/psychedelics-maga-kennedy-trump/680479/?gift=vaU_BsG0tnmqKgTvTtvqWu6ISO7w2fi-8Iad3FNeHHo&utm_source=copy-link&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=share)
- 2024 Kinney, Mary. “‘The border between the secular and sacred’: Anthropologist Receives 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-sacred-anthropologist-receives-templeton-grant-for-research-on-psychedelics-mental-health-and-spiritual-yearning/>
- 2023 DeStazio, Tracy. “Anthropologist Offers Blueprint for New Ways of Being and Relating to Others in Wake of Disaster.” Notre Dame News, December 19. <https://news.nd.edu/news/anthropologist-offers-blueprint-for-new-ways-of-being-and-relating-to-others-in-wake-of-disaster/>
- 2020 Summers, Lachlan. "A Sudden Shock of Care: An Interview with Aidan Seale-Feldman." Society for Cultural Anthropology: Supplementals, *Fieldsights*, August 18. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/a-sudden-shock-of-care-an-interview-with-aidan-seale-feldman>

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### External Grants and Fellowships

- 2024-2026 **John Templeton Foundation, Spiritual Yearning Research Initiative**  
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 *The Work of Disaster: Crisis and Care along a Himalayan Fault Line* (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**

- 2018 **University of California, 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**

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#### **Invited Talks and Keynotes**

##### *Invited*

- “The Work of Disaster: Crisis and Care along a Himalayan Fault Line,” Mind, Medicine, and Culture (MMAC), Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, *online*. May 11, 2026.
- 2025 “Secular Mysticism: Entanglements of Science and Religion in Psychedelic Medicine,” Psychedelic Science Seminar, UC Berkeley Center for Psychedelic Science (BCSP), University of California—Berkeley, Berkeley, California, July 15.

- 2025 Panel Participant, “Psychedelics and Spirituality in Light of the Religious Leaders Study,” Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, June 11.
- 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.
- 2025 **Keynote:** “Rupture and Repair: Towards a Critical Phenomenology of Disaster,” 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 “Globalizing Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy?: Lessons from Psychological Anthropology and Critical Global Health,” MAPS Psychedelic Ecosystem Digest, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, *online*, September 20.
- 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.
- 2021 “‘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 Raphaëlle 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

### *Submitted*

- Discussion Session Participant, “At the Edge of the Abyss: Ethnographic Encounters with Absence, Loss, and Lack,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 18-22.
- 2025 “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. (online)
- 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.
- 2017 “Subjects of Intervention,” Himalayan Studies Conference, University of Colorado–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.

- 2017 “Fragments of a Transient Affliction,” American Ethnological Society Conference, Stanford University, CA, March 30-April 1.
- 2016 “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.
- 2015 “Adolescent 'Mass Hysteria' in Post-Disaster Nepal: Ethnographic Impressions,” Annual 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,” 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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.
- 2020 “Relational Affliction.” Invited speaker for “Medical Anthropology” undergraduate 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**

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

#### **University of Notre Dame, Department of Anthropology**

##### **Undergraduate Courses:**

Health and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Spring 2026, 25 students)  
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)

*\*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)*

**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

\*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

\*Franco Institute Annual Theme Grant

### ***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***

- Rachel Setlik University of Notre Dame, Anthropology (2026)
- 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**

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### **Committees:**

- 2023 Kellogg International Scholars Screening Committee, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2021-2024 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:**

- 2024-present Co-Founder: Critical Mental Health Working Group, University of Notre Dame
- 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**

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- 2025 Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) Section Program Chair, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
- 2023–2027 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**

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- 2022-present **Qualitative Research Lead**  
“Pragmatic Trial of Psilocybin in Palliative Care (PT2PC): A Multicenter Triple-blind 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**  
“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**

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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**  
Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA

2006–2009 **Research Assistant to Dr. Robert Desjarlais**  
Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2024-2025 United States (California, Colorado, online): Ethnographic research on  
psychedelic medicine and the incorporation of mystical experience into the lives  
of secular Americans and their therapeutic practices. *Interviews, participant  
observation.*

2022 United States (San Francisco Bay Area, CA): Ethnographic research on healing  
and the politics of psychedelic medicine. *Interviews, participant observation.*

2019 Nepal (Kathmandu, Central and Eastern Hills): Ethnographic research on  
therapeutic efficacy of humanitarian psychosocial interventions. *Interviews,  
participant observation.*

2016 United States (New Haven, CT): Archival research at Yale Divinity School  
Special Collections on community mental health programs in Nepal. *Archival  
research.*

2014–2016 Nepal (Kathmandu, Eastern Hills, Mid-Western Terai): Ethnographic research on  
global mental health, psychosocial interventions, and concepts of affliction.  
*Interviews, participant observation, focus groups, surveys, document analysis.*

- 2013 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

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- Nepali** highly proficient speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (2 summers of intensive study at Cornell University, 30 months in Nepal)
- French** advanced-intermediate speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (Cours de Civilisation Française de la Sorbonne, B1/B2)
- Spanish** advanced speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (2 years coursework at Sarah Lawrence College; intensive summer program in Cuernavaca, Mexico; semester abroad in Havana, Cuba)
- Portuguese** advanced speaking, comprehension, and reading

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

## REFERENCES

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*References available upon request.*