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Education

1983-84	University of California at Berkeley, Institute of Human Development, postdoctoral training.
1981-83	University of California at San Diego, Anthropology and Psychiatry Departments, postdoctoral training.
1975-81	Stanford University, Anthropology, Ph.D. (Dissertation: Religious Language and Personal Ethics in a Swedish Church).
1970-74	Purdue University, Mathematics and Anthropology, B.S. and B.A.

Employment

2022-present	Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Tulsa
2019-2022	Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Tulsa
2013-2019	Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Tulsa
2008-2013	Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Tulsa
1992-2007	Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Tulsa.
1997-2000	Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Tulsa
1991-92	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Tulsa.
1987-91	Assistant Professor, Departments of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Tulsa.
1985-87	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona.
1985	Research Associate, Medical Anthropology, University of California, San Francisco.
1984	Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley.
1980 (sum)	Acting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University.

Publications

Books

2009	<i>Caught In Play: How entertainment works on you.</i> Stanford, CA:
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- Stanford University Press.
- 1993 *Language and Self-Transformation: A Study of the Christian Conversion Narrative*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
[2008] re-issued in paperback, Cambridge University Press.
- 1986 *Symbols of Community: The Cultural System of a Swedish Church*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

Journal articles and book chapters

- 2025a Ethnographic Discourse and the Mind. Paper in preparation.
- 2025b Materiality and memorials of racial violence (with Nkem Ike). Under Review, *American Anthropologist*
- 2025c Self and experience. In Edward Lowe, ed. *The Cambridge Handbook of Psychological Anthropology*. In Press, Cambridge University Press.
- 2025d Narrative Analysis. In Simon Coleman and Joel Robbins, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the Anthropology of Religion*. In Press, Oxford University Press
- 2023 Poetics and panic. *Ethos* 51: 183-197.
- 2021 Enacting Culture: The case of depictions. *Current Anthropology* 62:426-451.
- 2019 Autobiographical and Narrative Approaches to Leaving Religion. In Daniel Enstedt, Goran Larsson and Teemu T. Mantinen *Handbook of Leaving Religion*, Pp. 323-334. Boston: Brill Publishers.
- 2018a Introduction (with Naomi Quinn and Karen Sirota). In Naomi Quinn, ed., *Advances in Culture Theory from Psychological Anthropology*, Pp. 1-20. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2018b Narrative and Healing in Dynamic Psychotherapy: Implications for Culture Theory. In Naomi Quinn, ed., *Advances in Culture Theory from Psychological Anthropology*. Pp. 247-284. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2018c Conclusion (with Naomi Quinn and Karen Sirota). In Naomi Quinn, ed., *Advances in Culture Theory from Psychological Anthropology*, Pp. 285-387. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2015 Wesleyan Sanctification and the Ethic of Self-Realization. *Ethos* 43:423-443.
- 2014a The Role of Language in Religious Change and Personal Transformation. In Lewis Rambo and Charles Farhadian, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Religious Conversion*. Pp. 117-139. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2014b Christian Charismatics, Anthropologists, and Truth (A Review Essay on Tanya Luhrmann's "When God Talks Back.") *Pastoral Psychology* 63: 215-222.
- 2012 Collective Excitement and Lapse in Agency: Fostering an Appetite for Cigarettes. In Daniel Lende and Greg Downey, Eds., *The Encultured Brain: An Introduction to Neuroanthropology*. Pp.318-338. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2011a The Emotional Pleasures of Reading Twilight. In E. David Klonsky and

- Alexis Black, eds., *The Psychology of Twilight*. Pp. 215-232. Dallas, TX: BenBella Books.
- 2011b Person and Community in the Culture of Entertainment. *Pastoral Psychology* 60: 737- 744.
- 2008 Symbolic Valorization in the Culture of Entertainment: The Example of Legal Drug Use. *Anthropological Theory* 8: 431-449.
- 2007 Taking Play Seriously: Low level smoking among college students. (with Mark Nichter and Mimi Nichter). *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 31: 1-24.
- 1999 The “I” of Enthrallment. *Ethos* 27: 490-504.
- 1998 Theories of the Transcendent. *Reviews in Anthropology* 27: 303-316.
- 1997a Representation and Reality in the Study of Culture (with John Bowlin) *American Anthropologist* 99: 123-134.
- 1997b Conversion and the Center of Moral Responsibility. In Hubert A. Knoblauch, Volkhard Krech and Monika Wohlrab-Sahr, eds., *Religiose Konversion. Systematische und fallorientierte Studien in soziologischer Perspektive*. Konstanz: Kostanzer Universitätsverlag.
- 1992 Cooperative Individualism in Swedish Society. *Ethnos* 56:153-164.
- 1991 Symbols into Experience: A Case Study in the Generation of Commitment. *Ethos* 19:102-126.
- 1990a Elvis Alive? The Ideology of American Consumerism. *Journal of Popular Culture* 24,3:11-19.
- [1993] reprinted in: George Rodman, ed., *Mass Media Issues* (fourth edition).Pp. 54-62. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt.
- [1995] reprinted in: Paul Smith and Gillian Bennet, eds., *New Perspectives on Contemporary Legend*. Pp. 281-291. New York: Garland.
- 1990b Ideological Language in the Transformation of Identity. *American Anthropologist* 92:42-56.
- 1988 The Dilemma of Dependence and Independence (with Colleen Johnson) in Colleen Johnson, *Ex Familia: Grandparents, Parents and Children Adapt to Divorce*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press.
- 1985 The Impression Point: Synthesis of Symbol and Self. *Ethos* 13:56-74.
- 1983 An Anthropological Approach to a Swedish Popular Movement. *Ethnos* 48:69-84.
- 1981 Variation and Consensus in the Interpretation of Religious Symbolism: A Swedish Example. *American Ethnologist* 8:544-559.

Papers presented (selection)

- 2023 “Traumatic memory and the social impasse.” Society for Psychological Anthropology, San Diego CA
- 2017 “Revisiting the shared and the personal: Cognitive Anthropology, Pragmatics, and Narrative Discourse.” American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C.
- 2016 “Narrative, emotion, and the generation of commitment in dynamic psychotherapy.” American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis

- MN.
- 2013 a "The generation and channeling of emotional arousal in sports spectating." American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2013b "Simulation, Emotion, and Commitment in Cultural Processes: Two Contemporary Examples." Invited Lecture, Anthropology Department, Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
- 2013c "Maybe It's Just Play: Volleyball Spectating and Anthropological Analysis." Society for Psychological Anthropology, San Diego.
- 2011a "Automaticity and Imitation in the Enjoyment of Formulaic Fiction." American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 2011b "Entertainment and Shadow Values in Contemporary Culture." Invited Lecture, "Play and Politics" Series, Eastern Mennonite University.
- 2011c "A Neo-Weberian Perspective on Ecstasy, Commitment and Habitus." Plenary Address, Sixth International and Multidisciplinary Conference of the European Research Network on Pentecostalism, University of Uppsala.
- 2011d "Three Questions about Entertainment." Invited Lecture, Departments of Anthropology and Theology, University of Uppsala
- 2011e "What Ever Happened to Interpretive Anthropology?" Invited Lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Uppsala
- 2010a "Romance and the Structure of Feeling in Contemporary Society." Invited Paper presented at Conference "Imagining the Future of the Family," Marial Center, Emory University.
- 2010b "Thinking about pre-modern conversion: Anthropological considerations." Invited Paper presented at Conference "The transformation of religious identity in the Hellenistic-Roman world from AD 100-600. The significance of conversion and in the formation of religious identity," Centre for the Study of Antiquity and Christianity, Aarhus University (Denmark)
- 2009a "Collective Excitement and Compromised Agency: Fostering an Appetite for Cigarettes. Invited Paper presented at conference "The Encultured Brain" University of Notre Dame.
- 2009b "The Very Idea of Self-Transformation: A Cultural Pattern in Contemporary Society?" Society for Psychological Anthropology, Asilomar, CA.
- 2008b "Exploiting Autonomic Process to Shape Ideas: And example from early-phase tobacco use." American Anthropological Association, San Francisco
- 2008a "Entertainment, Play, and Symbolic Potency: The example of Legal Drug Use." Invited Lecture, Marial Center, Emory University.
- 2004 "Why College Youth Smoke Cigarettes." Society for Medical Anthropology, Dallas.
- 2002 "Getting Caught Up in the Smoking Game." American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2000a "Culture and Cigarette Smoking: A Theoretical Overview." American Anthropological Association, San Francisco

- 2000b "Science Fiction Role-Playing and Contemporary Social Character." Invited Lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona.
- 1997a "Indices of Identification in Science Fiction Fantasy." Society for Psychological Anthropology, San Diego.
- 1997b "The "I" of Engrossment." Invited Lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma.
- 1995 "Why is there no Anthropology of Protestantism?" American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1993a "Culture, Consensus and Commitment." American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1993b "Religious Conversion and Psychological Discourse." Society for Psychological Anthropology, Montreal.
- 1992a "Self-Referential Symbols and Identity in a Swedish Church." American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 1992b "Genre and Character." Invited Lecture, Department of Communications, University of Linköping, Sweden, and Department of Anthropology, University of Stockholm, Sweden.
- 1991 "Self, Style and Intention." Society for Psychological Anthropology, Chicago.
- 1990 "Compulsion and Meaning in a Conversion Narrative." American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.
- 1989a "The Construction of Identity in Autobiographical Narratives." American Ethnological Society, Santa Fe.
- 1989b "Cooperative Individualism in Swedish Society." American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1988 "Symbols and Self-Transformation in Evangelical Christianity." American Association for the Advancement of Science, Boston.
- 1987 "Ideological Language in the Maintenance of Identity." American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- 1986a "Religious Symbols and the Image of Manhood in Evangelical Christianity." Nordic Anthropological Association, Stockholm.
- 1986b "Images of Manhood in the Christian Conversion Experience." American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 1982 "Symbols and Stories." American Anthropological Association, Los Angeles.
- 1981 "Gender Based Variation in Religious Language: A Swedish Example." American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1980 "Disruption of Space and Time as a Ritual Technique in a Protestant Church." American Anthropological Association, Cincinnati.
- 1979 "'The Word' and the World in a Swedish Church." American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1974 "Kinship and Structure in Edgar Allan Poe." Central States Anthropological Society, Chicago.

Book reviews

2018 *A diagram for fire: Miracles and variation in an American charismatic*

- movement, by Jon Bialecki. *Ethos* 46, 3: e4-e6.
- 2004 *Global Culture/Individual identity: Searching for home in the cultural supermarket*, by Gordon Matthews. *Anthropological Forum* 14: 95-96.
- 2001 *The Power of Feelings. Personal Meaning in Psychoanalysis, Gender and Culture*, by Nancy Chodorow. *Anthropological Quarterly* 74: 153-155.
- 1998 *Cognitive Aspects of Religious Symbolism*, ed. Pascal Boyer. *Anthropological Forum* 7: 439-441.
- 1997a *Swedish Mentality* by Ake Daun. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 3: 811-812.
- 1997b *Language, Charisma, and Creativity. The Ritual Life of a Religious Movement* by Thomas J. Csordas. *Anthropological Linguistics* 39: 488-490.
- 1997c *Anthropological Other or Burmese Brother?* by Melford Spiro. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 53-241-2.
- 1997d *Literacy, emotion and authority: Reading and writing on a Polynesian atoll* by Niko Besnier. *Linguistics* 35:432-434.
- 1997e *Force of Habit: Exploring Everyday Culture* ed. Jonas Frykman and Orvar Lofgren. *American Anthropologist* 99: 668.
- 1995a *Psychological Anthropology*, ed. Phillip Bock. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 51: 281-283.
- 1995b *Responsibility and Evidence in Oral Discourse*. ed. by Jane H. Hill and Judith T. Irvine. *Language and Society* 24: 259-262.
- 1994 *Dreams and Professional Personhood* by Mary-T. B. Dombeck. *American Ethnologist* 21: 1068.
- 1993 *Best Laid Schemes: The Psychology of Emotions* by Keith Oatley. *American Anthropologist* 95: 453-454.
- 1992a *Rhetoric and Religious Experience* by Lawrence A. Palinkas. *American Ethnologist* 19: 837.
- 1992b *Lost Words and Lost Worlds: Modernity and the Language of Everyday Life in Late Nineteenth Century Stockholm* by Alan Pred. *Ethnohistory* 38:492-494.
- 1991 *Historical Role Analysis in the Study of Religious Change* by John T. Flint. *Sociological Analysis* 52:126-127.
- 1987a *Therapeutic Discourse and Socratic Dialogue* by Tullio Maranhao. *American Anthropologist* 89:1009-1010.
- 1987b *Community, A Trinity of Models* by Frank G. Kirkpatrick. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 26:128-130.
- 1984 *Swedish Kinship* by Asa Boholm. *Canberra Anthropology* 76:174-176.

Reports, academic.

- 1999 *Beyond the Savage Slot* (with Lamont Lindstrom). *Anthropology News* 40 (80): 9-10)

Reports, applied

- 2006 *Tulsa County Jail Diversion Program, Evaluation Section* (with Lamont

- Lindstrom, Kara Ryan-Johnson, and Ron Jepperson)
- 2005 CSAP Community Initiated Prevention Intervention Study, Evaluation Section. (with Lamont Lindstrom and Ronald Jepperson)
- 2003 Operation Aware Program Evaluation Report (with Lamont Lindstrom and Nelly Vanzetti). Prepared for Operation Aware, and Prevention and Peer-Influence Education Program.
- 2002 Implications for a Tulsa City-County Health Department Public Awareness Campaign (with Lamont Lindstrom and Nelly Vanzetti). Prepared for the Tulsa City-County Department of Health
- 2000 RECAP Oklahoma: Rapid Ethnographic Community Assessment Process Report (with Lamont Lindstrom et al.) Prepared for the Oklahoma State Department of Health, HIV/STD Service.

Awards, Fellowships and Grants (academic)

- 2012 Faculty Summer Course Development Fellowship, University of Tulsa. "Holiness and Wholeness."
- 2004 Henry Kendall College, University of Tulsa, Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2001 Identity Construction and the Development of Dependency in Cigarette Smoking (with Lamont Lindstrom, Mark Nichter and Mimi Nichter), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- 2005 Linking Tulsa Adolescents at Risk with Mental Health Services (with Lamont Lindstrom and Ron Jepperson) Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services.
- 1999 Outstanding Teacher Award, University of Tulsa
- 1992 University of Tulsa Faculty Summer Development Award
- 1991 National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar in the Social Sciences, University of Tulsa
- 1991 Fulbright Scholar Award (declined)
- 1990 University of Tulsa Faculty Summer Development Award
- 1989 University of Tulsa Faculty Summer Development Award
- 1986 American-Scandinavian Foundation, Research Fellowship
- 1986 Bicentennial Swedish-American Exchange Fund, Research Grant
- 1986 Nominated for Five Star Faculty Teaching Award, University of Arizona
- 1983 National Institute of Mental Health, Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California at Berkeley
- 1981 National Institute of Mental Health, Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California at San Diego
- 1979 National Institute of Mental Health, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University
- 1978 Social Science Research Council, Research Fellowship
- 1978 American-Scandinavian Foundation, Research Fellowship
- 1978 Fulbright Research Fellowship
- 1976 National Science Foundation, Graduate Fellowship

1974	Both undergraduate degrees awarded "with highest distinction," Purdue University
1974	Phi Beta Kappa, Purdue University

Grants (applied, national only)

2012	Child Trauma Center Home Based Care(with Lamont Lindstrom and Susan Scott), Family and Children's Services of Northeastern Oklahoma, Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services
2009	Enhancing Housing-Based Treatment and Services for the Chronically Homeless Evaluation (with Lamont Lindstrom and Susan Scott), Mental Health Association in Tulsa, Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services
2009	National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Community Treatment and Services Center, Child Treatment Center Evaluation (with Lamont Lindstrom and Susan Scott), Family and Children's Services of Northeastern Oklahoma, Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services
2004	Treatment for Homeless Evaluation.(with Lamont Lindstrom and Nelly Vanzetti), Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services.
2003	Oklahoma Community Treatment and Services Center" ("OCTSC"), Evaluation.(with Lamont Lindstrom and Nelly Vanzetti), Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services.
2003	Early Childhood version of the Families & Schools Together (FAST) program, Evaluation. (with Lamont Lindstrom and Nelly Vanzetti), Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.
2002	Targeted Capacity Expansion for Jail Diversion Programs, Evaluation (with Lamont Lindstrom and Nelly Vanzetti), Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services.
2001	Minority HIV Prevention Initiative, Evaluation (with Lamont Lindstrom and Nelly Vanzetti) Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.
2000	Rapid Ethnographic Community Assessment Project Analysis (with Lamont Lindstrom), Oklahoma State Department of Health, HIV/STD Service Epidemiology Division.

Courses Taught

The Development of Consumer Society, American religion, Culture and social theory, Introduction to cultural anthropology, Anthropology of religion, Introduction to cultural and linguistic anthropology, History of anthropological theory, Language, symbol and self (with Jane Hill), Introduction to sociology, History of sociological thought, Sociology of religion, Social theory, Symbol and practice, Ethnography of Europe, Self and society, Cross-Cultural psychology, Qualitative methods of anthropological research, Studies in religious conversion and experience (with John Bowlin), Anthropology and mass media, Anthropology of Contemporary Society, Society and Identity, Psychological Anthropology, Medical Anthropology.