

S. Eben Kirksey — Curriculum Vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

- o Visiting Assistant Professor and Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow, City University of New York, CUNY Graduate Center, 2010-2012
- o Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Pittsburgh, National Science Foundation, 2008-2010
Advisors: Geoffrey Bowker and Susan Leigh Star, School of Information Sciences

EDUCATION

- o Ph.D. March 2008, University of California, Santa Cruz.
Doctoral program in History of Consciousness (Cultural Anthropology)
Advisor: James Clifford, Committee: Anna Tsing, Donna Haraway, Don Brenneis, Benny Giay
Dissertation: “Freedom in Entangled Worlds: Experiences of Possibility in West Papua”.
- o M.Phil. June 2002, Oxford University.
Masters program in Social and Economic History.
Thesis: “From Cannibal to Terrorist: State Violence, Indigenous Resistance, and Representation in West Papua”, 107 pages. Thesis awarded the mark of distinction.
- o B.A. May 2000, New College of Florida.
Majored in Anthropology & Biology. Advisor: Maria D. Vesperi
Honors thesis: “Saya Makan Sembarang (I Eat Anything): The Changing World of the Oge Bage Mee”, 149 pages.

MAJOR GRANTS

- o National Science Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 2008-2010, \$83,000
- o University of California Chancellor’s Graduate Fellowship, 2003-2007, \$150,000 (including tuition)
- o British Marshall Scholarship, 2000-2003, \$150,000 (including tuition)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- o Costa Rica & Panama: 21 months of ethnographic and ecological fieldwork. Jan. 1996; Jan-Jun 1997; Jan-Mar 2006; Aug-Dec 2008; Feb-May 2009; Oct 2009; Feb-May 2010.
- o West Papua, Indonesia: 18 months of ethnographic fieldwork. Jun 2008; Mar 2005; Mar-May 2003; Jul-Sept, 2002; Mar-Apr, 2001; Jun 1998-Jan 1999.
- o Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History: Research Collaborator, 2000-2007.
- o University of Edinburgh, archival research at Centre for the Study of Christian Origins, Aug 2003.
- o British Library, India Office Records, London, Jan-Feb 2002.
- o International Institute of Asian Studies (IIAS), the Netherlands: Research Guest, June-Sept 2001: studied ARA archives, the KITLV library collections, and interviewed Papuan refugees.

LANGUAGES

- o Logat Papua: fluent.
- o Indonesian: fluent, formally assessed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.
- o Spanish: advanced speaking and reading abilities.
- o Dutch: elementary reading abilities.
- o Oge Bage Mee (an indigenous Papuan language): elementary speaking abilities.

BOOKS

- Kirksey, S. Eben. "Ontological Amphibians", in prep.
Kirksey, S. Eben (in production for Feb 2012). *Freedom in Entangled Worlds*, Durham: Duke University Press.

EDITED COLLECTIONS

- Kirksey, S. Eben (ed.) "The Multispecies Salon", in prep.
Kirksey, S. Eben & Stefan Helmreich. 2010 (eds.) "The Emergence of Multispecies Ethnography", *Cultural Anthropology* 25 (4).

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Kirksey, S. Eben. under review. "Ontological Amphibians", *American Anthropologist*.
Kirksey, S. Eben & Stefan Helmreich. 2010. "The Emergence of Multispecies Ethnography", *Cultural Anthropology* 25 (4): 545-576.
Kirksey, S. Eben & Andreas Harsono. 2008. "Criminal Collaborations? Antonius Wamang and the Indonesian Military" *South East Asia Research* 16 (2): 165-197.
Kirksey, S. Eben. & Kiki Van Bilsen. 2002. "The Road to Freedom: Mee Agency and the Trans-Papua Highway" *Bijdragen tot de taal-, land- en volkenkunde*. 158 (4): 837-854.
Kirksey, S. Eben & J. A. D. Roemajauw. 2002. "The Wild Terrorist Gang: The Semantics of Violence and Self-Determination in West Papua" *Oxford Development Studies*. 30 (2): 189-203.
McGlynn, Terrence P., & S. Eben Kirksey. 2000. "The Effects of Food Presentation and Microhabitat upon Resource Monopoly in a Ground-Foraging Ant (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) Community" *Revista de Biologia Tropical*. 48: 629-642.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Kirksey, S. Eben. 2009. "Don't Use Your Data as a Pillow" in Maria D. Vesperi & Alisse Waterston (eds.) *Anthropology off the Shelf* (Wiley-Blackwell), pp. 146-159.
Kirksey, S. Eben. 2004. "Rewards for Justice" in Bregje van Eekelen, Jennifer Gonzalez, Bettina Stotzer, and Anna Tsing (eds.) *Shock and Awe: War on Words* (New Pacific Press), pp. 132-4.

OTHER ARTICLES

- Kirksey, S. Eben. in press. "Thneeds Reseeds: A Figure of Biocultural Hope," *Rachel Carson Center Perspectives*.
Kirksey, S. Eben, Craig Schuetze, & Nick Shapiro. 2011. "Poaching at the Multispecies Salon", *Kroeber Anthropological Society*. 100(1): 129-153.
Kirksey, S. Eben. 2010. President Obama: What Would Your Mother Say? *CounterPunch*, June 24, <http://www.counterpunch.org/kirksey06242010.html> (reprinted from anthropologyworks.com)
Kirksey, S. Eben. 2002. Anthropology and Colonial Violence in West Papua. *Cultural Survival Quarterly*. Fall 2002: 34-8.
Kirksey, S. Eben. 2002b. Spirited Fight. *The Guardian* (London). 29 May 2002, Society, p. 9.
Kirksey, S. Eben. 2002c. Playing up the Primitive. *New Internationalist*. 344: 20-1.
Kirksey, S. Eben. 2001. Washed Away. *The Guardian* (London). 1 August, 2001. G2: 13.
Kirksey, S. Eben. 1999. Anthropophagous Stick Insects Among Entomophagous People. *Phasmid Study Group Newsletter*. 78: 6-7.
Kirksey, S. Eben. 1998 Cover Story: A Humane Society at Large. *The Humanist*. May/June: 9-13.
Kirksey, S. Eben & Jack Grimston. 2003. Indonesian troops for BP gas project, *The Sunday Times* (London), Back-page lead story, 20 July 2003.
Kirksey, S. Eben & Theo Sitokdana. 2003. Addicted to Conflict: Indonesian Military Resist: 'Zone of Peace'. *New Internationalist*. 354.

TEACHING POSITIONS

- o “The Anthropology of Science”, Visiting Assistant Professor, CUNY Graduate Center, Spring Semester 2012
- o “Ethnographies of Nature”, Alumnae Teaching Fellow, New College of Florida, Spring Semester 2008
- o “Special Topics in Medical Anthropology”, Teaching Associate, UC Santa Cruz, Winter Quarter 2007
- o “Hybridity” Visiting Professor, Deep Springs College, Fall 2006
- o “Introduction to Medical Anthropology”, Teaching Associate, UC Santa Cruz, Summer Session 2006
- o “Post-Colonial Theory” Graduate Program, Walter Post Theological College, West Papua: Spring 2003
- o “Ethnobotany” Anthropology Program, Cenderawasih University, West Papua: Spring 2000

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

University of California, Santa Cruz

Spring 2006, “Culture and Society”, with Guillermo Delgado.

Spring 2005, “Body Art in Oceania”, with Stacy Kamehiro.

Fall 2004 & 2005, “Intro to Latin American and Latino/a Studies”, with Guillermo Delgado.

BOOK REVIEWS

Pigeon Trouble by Hoon Song and *Wild Dog Dreaming* by Deborah Bird Rose. *Cultural Anthropology* (in press for February 2012).

Conservation is Our Government Now by Paige West. Reviewed in *Kroeber Anthropological Society*. 100(1): 129-153.

Reflections on Violence in Melanesia edited by Sinclair Dinnen & Allison Ley. Reviewed in *Journal of Biosocial Science*, July 2003, 35 (3): 478.

Anatomy of Betrayal by John Saltford. Review in *International Institute of Asian Studies (IIAS) Newsletter*, November 2003, no. 32, p. 38.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

- o “The Emergence of Multispecies Ethnography”, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, February 16th-20th, 2012.
- o “The Multispecies Familiars of a Common Ant”, Agrarian Studies Colloquium, Yale University, October 21st, 2011.
- o “Making, Meaning, and Context: A Radical Reconsideration of Art’s Work”, Goddard College, Vermont, October 14th-16th, 2011.
- o “Anti-Rabbit Art”, The Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts (SLSA), Ontario, September 22-25th, 2011.
- o “Rethinking the Species Interface”, Arcus Foundation Apes and Ethics Roundtable, Desmond Tutu Center, New York City, August 10th-12th, 2011.
- o “Biocultural Diversity in Global Context”, Rachel Carson Center Interdisciplinary Workshop, Munich, Germany, June 4th-5th, 2011.
- o “Multispecies Intra-Actions in the Anthropocene”, Archaeology Forum Special Lecture, Leiden University, The Netherlands, May 24th, 2011.
- o “Freedom in Entangled Worlds”, Yale University Seminar on West Papua. April 15th & 16th, 2011; International House of New York City, March 31st, 2011.
- o “The Tactics of Swarming”, at an Invited Session of the AAA Executive Program Committee, “The Multispecies Salon 3: SWARM,” at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans (20 November 2009).
- o Discussant at “Art Spill” an Innovent reviewed by the AAA Executive Program Committee, at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans (20 November 2009).
- o “The Umwelt of an Uncommon Ant *Ectatomma ruidum*, Through Multispecies Commodities and Spectacles, Society of Cultural Anthropology Annual Meeting: “NatureCulture”, May 7, 2010.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES (CONT'D)

- o “The NaturalCultural History of Palo Verde, Costa Rica”, Presented at: “Where Natural and Social Systems Meet: Confluence of Nature and Non-nature in a Globalizing World,” Kyoto University International Symposium, Japan (15-17 December 2009); Special Invited Lecture, the Anthropology Club, University of South Florida, Saint Petersburg Campus (12 April 2009); “Global Change and Tropical Ecosystems,” NSF Seminar on Long-Term Data, Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica (10 May 2009).
- o “Amnesty International Prisoners of Conscience: Filep Karma and Yusak Pakage,” Amnesty International Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, October 24, 2009 Richmond, Virginia.
- o “Waiting for the King to Leave the Palace—Java, May 1998” and “SF Borderlands: Between Science Fiction and Science Fact”, in “The Promise of the Messianic,” American Ethnological Society Session at the 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia (5 December 2009).
- o “SF Borderlands Parasite”, California Science and Technology Studies (STS) Workshop on “Translation and Innovation,” Marin Headlands Institute, California (27 June 2009).
- o “Figures of Hope in West Papua,” in “Melanesian Movements”, Invited Session, Association for the Anthropology of Oceania Annual Meeting (ASAO), Santa Cruz, California (11 February 2009).
- o “The Multispecies Salon,” Colloquium Series, Center for Cultural Studies, UC Santa Cruz (26 November 2008).
- o “Interessement and Generative Disinterest in the Cloud Forests of Costa Rica”, presented at “The Multispecies Salon II”, an AES and SCA Invited Session at the 107th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (20 November 2008).
- o “Technologies and Topologies of Nationalism”, in “Including Nationalist-Minorities in Exclusive Nationalist-Discourse”, American Ethnological Society session, American Anthropological Association, 106th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California (19 November 2008).
- o “Don’t Use Your Data as a Pillow,” Special Invited Lecture, the Anthropology Club, University of South Florida, Saint Petersburg Campus (12 April 2008).
- o “Foam Frogs and Ecotectors: Voices from a Neotropical Swamp”, in “Speaking with/for Nature: Conversations with Biologists and their Non-human Others”, Presidential Session, American Anthropological Association, 104th Annual Meeting in San Jose, California (16 November 2006). Also presented at “Thinking Through Nature: Philosophy for an Endangered World”, University of Oregon, 20 June 2008.
- o “Translating Merdeka: Justice, Alterity, Possibility”, in “Just Words”, Presidential Session, American Anthropological Association, 105th Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. (November 2007).
- o “Cutting the Network of Antonius Wamang” in “The State and Illegality in Indonesia”, EuroSEAS annual meeting, 15 September 2007, Naples, Italy. (presented by co-author Andreas Harsono).
- o “Exploring the Limits of Ambiguity: Encounters with Thaddius Yogi”, Informal Session on West Papua, Association for the Anthropology of Oceania Annual Meeting (ASAO), Kauai (3 February 2005).
- o “Rethinking National and Scholarly Boundaries: The Case of West Papua.” Invited Session, American Anthropological Association, 101st Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois (20 November 2003).
- o “Anthropology Off the Shelf for the 21st Century.” Invited Session, American Anthropological Association, 100th Annual Meeting in New Orleans (22 November 2002).
- o “From Cannibal to Terrorist”, Plenary Session, 10th Annual Graduate Conference in Economic and Social History, All Souls College, University of Oxford (11 May 2002).
- o “Words Can Never Hurt Me: On Naming Terrorists”, Invited Lecture, University of Ulster, Belfast, Northern Ireland (13 March 2002).
- o “The Wild Terrorist Movement: Media and the Semiotics of Violence in West Papua.” International Institute of Asian Studies Lecture, Leiden University, the Netherlands (20 September 2001).
- o “Eating to Create the Self: Food and Identity Among the Oge Bage Mee.” American Anthropological Association, 98th Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois (17 November 1999).

STUDENT ADVISING

- o Ph.D. External examiner. Camellia Bell Webb. "Birds of a Feather: Conflict and Unity within West Papua's Independence Movement", The University of Sydney, August 2011.
- o B.A. honors thesis Committee Member. Brooke Denmark. "Love in the Time of GMOs: Feminist Theologies and the Ethics of Transgenic Organisms", New College of Florida, May 2008.

EDITORIAL AND PEER REVIEW SERVICE

- o Peer reviewed articles for *Cultural Anthropology*; *American Anthropologist*; *Anthropological Quarterly*, *American Ethnologist*; *Culture, Theory, and Critique*; *Emotion, Space, and Society*; *Science, Technology and Human Values*
- o Peer reviewed grants for The National Science Foundation and the Austrian Science Fund (FWF).

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011 The Multispecies Salon. CUNY Graduate Center, New York City.
- 2010 The Multispecies Salon. Three galleries in the St. Claude Arts District of New Orleans: The Front, Kawliga Studios, and the Ironworks.
- 2008 The Multispecies Salon. PLAYSPACE Gallery, California College of Arts, San Francisco.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

- o Committee on Planning and Budget, Graduate Student Rep, Academic Senate, UC Santa Cruz (2007)
- o New College Foundation, Board of Trustees (2000-2003)

EXPERT TESTIMONY

- o Amnesty International (AI-USA), Indonesia Country Expert (2011-present).
- o Testimony at a hearing of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment in the U.S. House of Representatives entitled "Crimes Against Humanity: When Will Indonesia's Military Be Held Accountable for Deliberate and Systematic Abuses in West Papua?" (September 22, 2010)
- o Amnesty International, pro-bono consultant (2008-present)
- o Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights, West Papua Advocacy Team (2003-6)

OTHER GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- o Institute of Humanities Research, UC Santa Cruz, Dissertation Finishing Grant, Fall 2007
- o Pacific Rim Mini Grant. Funding to visit Organization of Tropical Studies in Costa Rica (2006)
- o Graduate Fellow, University of California, Washington Campus (UCDC), Winter 2005
- o For oral history research in West Papua, Mar-May 2003:
 - . Sir John Hicks Fund 2003. Travel Grant
 - . United States-Indonesia Society. Travel Grant
- o Scatcherd European Scholar 2001. Funding for 3 months of research in the Netherlands
- o For oral history research in West Papua, Mar-April 2001:
 - . Wolfson College. Travel Grant
 - . University of Oxford. Committee for Graduate Studies, Grant for Special Research Expenses
 - . Faculty of Modern History. Travel Grant
- o WWF-US Conservation Grant, 2000. To form the Mamberamo Conservation Group at UNCEN
- o For "I Eat Anything: The Changing World of the Oge Bage Mee", 1998:
 - . United States-Indonesia Society. Travel Grant
 - . The Explorers Club. Youth Activity Fund Research Grant
 - . New College Foundation. Travel Grant
 - . New College Anthropology Fund. B. H. White Award in Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- o American Anthropological Association (AAA), 1998-present
- o Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), 2006-present
- o Association for the Anthropology of Oceania (ASAO), 2004-present
- o Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA), 2009-present
- o Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts (SLSA), 2011-present.

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- Goodman, Amy. “Declassified Docs Implicate Indonesian President Yudhoyono in Cover-Up of 2002 Murders of American Teachers in West Papua” *DemocracyNow! The War and Peace Report*. Broadcast July 8, 2009.
- Findings from the co-authored article, “Criminal Collaborations”, were reported in a variety of international print and broadcast media: *BBC Indonesia, Agence France-Presse, ABC Radio Australia, Algemeen Dagblad, Radio Netherlands, The Age, Koran Tempo, Kompas, The Western Australian, NineMSN.com, Metro TVI, Koran Radar Sorong, Timika Pos, Cenderawasih Pos*.
- Gelling, Peter. “New Report Sheds Light on 2002 Papua Shooting”, *International Herald Tribune*, (8 April 2007). *Featured in American Anthropological Association Members in the News*.
- Firdaus, Irwan. “Indonesian Gets Life Sentence After Slaying of U.S. Teachers”, *Associated Press* (7 November 2006).
- Bonner, Raymond “New Twist in Deaths of Americans in Indonesia”, *The New York Times* (13 January 2006).
- Pura, Raphael and Murray Hiebert “Arrest Helps U.S.-Indonesian Ties: Bilateral Efforts Lead to 12 Suspects Held”, *The Wall Street Journal* (13 January 2006).
- Nakashima, Ellen “FBI Said Involved in Arrest of 8 Indonesians”, *Washington Post* (14 January 2006).
- Interviewed About BP Tangguh Project in West Papua. *BBC East Asia Today* (17 September 2003).
- “West Papua’s International Solidarity Movement”, Elsham Strategy Planning Conference, Jayapura, West Papua (25 July 2002). Televised on Indonesian National Television (TVRI).
- Interviewed About the Mamberamo Mega-Project by Oliver Scott. *BBC World Service* (1 August 2001).

EVENTS ORGANIZED

- The Multispecies Salon Wednesday talk series, CUNY Graduate Center, Spring and Fall 2011.
- Cosmopolitics—an International Symposium on the work of Isabelle Stengers. CUNY Graduate Center, New York. Additional speakers: Cary Wolfe, Natasha Myers, Eben Kirksey, Matei Candea, Steven Meyer, Lina Dib, Joan Richardson, and Dorion Sagan. April 9th, 2011.
- Multispecies Salon 3: SWARM. An Innovent (Reviewed by the Executive Program Committee) at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 20 November, 2010.
- The Multispecies Salon II, an AES and SCA Invited Session at the 107th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 20 November 2008.
- “Speaking With/For Nature: Conversations with Biologists and their Non-human Others”, Presidential Session, American Anthropological Association, 104th Annual Meeting in San Jose (16 November 2006). “The Multispecies Salon”, Special Off-Site Event, American Anthropological Association, 104th Annual Meeting (18 November 2006), hosted by the Center for Cultural Studies, UC Santa Cruz. Presenters: Donna Haraway (UC Santa Cruz), Susan Harding (UC Santa Cruz), Rusten Hogness (California Bird Talk), Eduardo Kohn (Cornell), Jacob Metcalf (UC Santa Cruz), Timothy Choy (Ohio State University), Shiho Satsuka (Toronto), Astrid Schrader (UC Santa Cruz), and Heather Swanson (UC Santa Cruz).
- Friday Forum, Co-Organizer, weekly graduate student interdisciplinary seminar, UC Santa Cruz (2006-7).