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CURRENT POSITION

- **Duke University, Department of Sociology** 2007-09
Visiting Scholar

EDUCATION

- **Cornell University, Department of Development Sociology** enrolled Aug, 2002
PhD candidate Dec, 2005
Dissertation: “Autonomous Dien Bien Phu: State Formations along Vietnam’s
Northwest Frontier”
Exam fields: State, Economy, and Society Shelley Feldman, chair
Development Sociology Phil McMichael
Environmental Sociology Max Pfeffer
Southeast Asian History Eric Tagliacozzo
- Master of Science (MS) Aug, 2004
Thesis: “Seasons of Sorrow, Cycles of Change: Subsistence and Crisis in
Upland Sumba, Indonesia”
- **Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies** May, 2001
Master of Environmental Science (MESC)
Thesis: “Conflicting Interpretations of Calamity: El Niño Drought and Economic Shock”
- **Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences** May, 1997
Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*
Majors in College Scholar and in Asian Studies (Southeast Asia Concentration)
Honors Thesis: *Living on the Edge: Forest Margin Communities and Alas Purwo*
Study abroad, IKIP Malang, East Java, Indonesia Spring, 1995

GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS

Cornell University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (graduate)

- Einaudi Center Travel Grant to conduct research in France 2007
- Andrew W. Mellon Student Research Grant 2007
- Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Award for Vietnam 2006
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) for study of Vietnamese 2004-2005
- Einaudi Center Travel Grant to conduct research in Vietnam/Indonesia 2005
- Scholarship to attend VASI summer language program in Vietnamese 2004
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) for study of Vietnamese 2003-2004

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) Excellence Fellowship 2002-2003

Yale University, School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (F&ES)

- Tropical Resource Institute Research Grant Summer, 2000
- Council on Southeast Asian Studies Research Grant Summer, 2000
- John A. MacLean Endowed Scholarship 2000-2001
- F&ES and Council on Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) joint Scholarship 1999-2001

Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences (undergraduate)

- Highest honors in College Scholar (Independent Major / Honors Program) May, 1997
- Luce Foundation Grant for study abroad in Indonesia Spring, 1995
- Dean's List • Golden Key National Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

English Language Editorial Advisory Board, *Guide to the Collections of National Archives Centre III*, published by The State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam (2006).

Lentz, Christian C. 2008. Review of *Inequality, Crisis, and Social Change: The Muted Worlds of Bali*, edited by Thomas A. Reuter. *Journal of Asian Studies* 67(2): 745-747.

_____. 2006. Review of *Identity and Development: Tongan Culture, Agriculture, and the Perenniality of the Gift* by Paul Van Der Grijp. *Journal of Asian Studies* 65(1): 227-229.

_____. 2005. Review of *Women and Households in Indonesia: Cultural Notions and Social Practices* edited by Juliette Koning et al. *Journal of Asian Studies* 64(1): 252-54.

_____. 2001. "El Niño and economic crisis in rural Indonesia: A case study of collaboration in resource management problems." *TRI News* 20: 33-35.

_____, Larry Fisher, and Agus Mulyana. 1998. "Natural Resources Decision-Making in Wanggameti: A Collaborative Research and Convening Process." Presented at "Crossing Boundaries", the 7th annual conference of the International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP), Vancouver, Canada, June 10-14. Retrieved 11/4/3 from *Digital Library of the Commons* at <http://www.indiana.edu/~iascp/>

_____, Marthen Mallo, and Michele Bowe. 1998. "Environmental Management in Gunung Mutis: A Case Study from Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia." Presented at "Crossing Boundaries", the 7th annual conference of the IASCP, Vancouver, Canada, June 10-14. Retrieved 11/4/3 from *Digital Library of the Commons* at <http://www.indiana.edu/~iascp/>

CONFERENCES & LECTURES

- Panelist, Association for Asian Studies, Panel on ‘Zomia’
“What Revolution? Calling for a king in Dien Bien Phu” Apr, 2008
- Invited lecture, CSEAS Seminar Series, Yale University Dec, 2007
“Waving the Flag of Dien Bien Phu: State Formation in Modern Vietnam”
- Invited lecture, CARES Seminar Series, Hanoi Agricultural University March, 2006
“Farmers, Fields, and Forests: Social and Environmental Change in Upland Vietnam”
- Invited lecture, Teacher Training Workshop, Freeman Foundation/SEAP June, 2005
“Rural Environment and Society in Southeast Asia”
- Invited lecture, International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, Columbia U. Apr, 2005
“Putting Impacts in their Place: Responses to Crisis in an Indonesian Society”
- Invited lecture, SEAP Brown Bag, Cornell University Mar, 2005
“Extraordinary Times in Sumba, Indonesia: Moral Economy, Crisis, and Subsistence”
- Presenter, 4th East-West Center International Grad Student Conference Feb, 2005
“Seasons of Sorrow, Cycles of Change: Peasant Subsistence and Crisis in Upland Sumba, Indonesia”
- Discussant, Mellon Sawyer Seminar “Integration at the Periphery,” Cornell U. Sept., 2004
Commented on “Rethinking Soft Budget Constraints in Russia” by Caleb Southworth
- Presenter, Development Sociology Mini-Conference Sept., 2004
“Living with Uncertainty and Coping with Calamity in Sumba, Indonesia”
- Panel Discussant, “Traffic” SEAP student symposium, Cornell U. April, 2004
- Co-organizer and MC, “Aceh and Papua: Human Rights and Prospects for Peace” Nov, 2003
Cornell University, SEAP / Kahin Center outreach event
- Invited lecture, MOIST / CAWG Seminar Series, Cornell U. Oct, 2003
“Agricultural and other household-level strategies for coping with crop failure”
- Co-organizer and panelist, “Transformative Moments and Movements in SEA” April, 2003
SEAP student symposium, Cornell U.
- Presenter, Agrarian Studies Graduate Student Conference, Yale U. April, 2001
“Collaborative research on resource management in Indonesia”
- Discussant, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale U. Oct, 2000
Commented on “Democracy Against All Odds: Electoral Choice and Democratization

in an Agrarian Society” by Leslie Anderson.

- International Association for the Study of Common Property Resources June, 1998
Co-authored and presented two papers at IASCP’s Conference in Vancouver, BC.
- Facilitator, workshop/seminar on Wanggameti Forest, Sumba, Indonesia July, 1997
Participatory Research on Community Based Resource Management

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Guest Lecture, “The Vietnam War from a Vietnamese Perspective” Apr, 2008
North Carolina State Univ, History 252, Prof. Katherine Mellen Charron
- Instructor, “English Language Research Skills for Agricultural Scientists” Mar/Apr, 2006
For members of HAU faculty, emphasized professional skills such as writing e-mail inquiries, critical reading, public speaking, and research methods.
- Guest lecture, “On Biography and Objects in Sumba, Indonesia” March, 2005
Cornell U, Art History 395, Prof. Kaja McGowan
- Guest lectures (2), “Southeast Asian Customs, Peoples, and Places” Feb, 2005
Cayuga Heights Elementary, 5th grade, teacher Rachel Sternquist
- Guest lecture, “Shifting Cultivation in Southeast Asia” March, 2004
Cornell U, Anthropology 365, Prof. Pam McElwee

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- **Application Reviewer**, Fulbright Program in Vietnam Spring, 2006
Read and ranked completed applications submitted to the Fulbright Program by Vietnamese students interested in studying in the US. Provided recommendations to the program.
- **Research Assistant**, Prof. Shelley Feldman, Cornell U. Summer, 2005
Worked with Prof. Feldman to study the social processes of boundary-making and frontier-formation in South and Southeast Asia. Consulted primary and secondary materials including legal texts, theoretical works, and historical cases. Also assisted in curriculum development for graduate seminar on comparative epistemologies.
- **Research Assistant**, Prof. Paul K. Gellert, Cornell U. Summer, 2003
Collaborated with Prof. Gellert to research the problem of corruption theoretically and empirically with special reference to Indonesia. Drawing on library and Indonesian language skills, combed through primary and secondary sources to investigate intrusion of private interests into public realms at both petty and grand scales.

- **Research Assistant**, Prof. Michael R. Dove, Yale U. 1999-2001
Assisted Prof. Dove with course development, document translation, and supported his efforts on search committees. Also contributed to his research by identifying and locating primary and secondary texts, cataloging and organizing material, and assessing relevance of texts to research projects.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

- Co-chair, SEAP Graduate Student Committee, Cornell U. 2002-03; 2003-04
Responsible for a number of program activities: to identify, invite, and introduce speakers for weekly seminar series; to organize annual graduate student symposium; to facilitate community outreach through annual banquet and occasional workshops.
- Co-organizer, Polson Reading Group, Cornell U. 2003-present
Meet several times a semester to read and critique “key texts” in the field of sociology and social science. Works include those by P. Bourdieu, E. Said, R. Williams.
- Co-founder, Social and Community Oriented Research (SCORE) 1999-2001
SCORE seeks to broaden scope of education at Yale F& ES to include fora for applied social ecology through workshops and trainings covering topics such as grant proposal writing, participatory research methods, preparing for field research, and conflict management.
- Member, Student Council, Council on Southeast Asian Studies, Yale U. 1999-2001
Aid director in selecting and drawing speakers to campus to lecture in seminar series.
- Participant, Protected Area Management Working Group, Cornell U. Jan-Dec, 1996
Forum for study of strategies and theoretical approaches to protected area management.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Project Consultant** *Renewable Resources, Ltd.* August, 2001
Consulted on the social and economic feasibility of a community forestry project in Flores, Indonesia. Conducted an independent review and led a team of foresters to assess forest certification, growing, milling, and marketing of teak financed through a public / private venture.
- **Researcher in Agrarian Economics** Summer, 2000
Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
Conducted research in collaboration with CIFOR into impacts and responses to El Niño drought and economic shock among smallholder farmers in eastern Indonesia. Collaborated with international, regional, and local organizations. Field work was funded by Yale University’s Tropical Resource Institute and Council on Southeast Asian Studies.
- **Seminar Interpreter** Feb., 1998 - present
Contractor, US Department of State

Guide and interpret for distinguished Southeast Asian visitors as they travel in US under auspices of the State Department's International Visitor Program. Month long assignments require intensive, continuous planning, monitoring, funding management, and written evaluation. Communicate between national agencies, local partners, and participating interlocutors.

- **Facilitator in Participatory Research** 1997
Cornell Program on Environmental Conflict Management (CPECM)
Cornell International Institute for Food and Agriculture Development (CIIFAD)
 Documented and participated in broadly participative research efforts in protected areas of Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. Worked with teams to facilitate stakeholder coalition to collaboratively address issues of community based natural resource management in upland areas of high cultural / biological diversity. Co-authored two papers presented at IASCP Conference (see above).
- **Administrative Supervisor / On-Campus Programs Coordinator** June-Jan, '96
Program on Community and Environment (formerly CPECM), Ithaca, NY
 Coordinated a fall seminar series with 14 speakers. Organized a Basic Skills Training in Dispute Resolution with budget of \$4,200 and attendance of 40. Responded independently to inquiries; planned, implemented, evaluated initiatives; designed & operated databases. Edited drafts (in English and Indonesian) of papers for publication by colleagues.
- **Southeast Asia Assistant** 1996-97
Echols Collection on Southeast Asia, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
 Initiated and maintained contact with NGO's in Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia with the goal of augmenting library's collection on the environment, democratization, and sustainable development. Corresponded in English and Indonesian.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Training in Multi-Party Collaborative Problem Solving, Cornell U. Mar, 2000
 Studied methods of conflict management applied to the environmental context.
- Training in Interpretation, Office of Language Services, US State Dep't. March, 1999
 Following week long course, gained qualification as seminar level interpreter for Indo.
- Training in Participatory Research Methodology, Sumba, Indonesia Feb, 1997
 Week long course offered by Nusa Tenggara Uplands Development Consortium.
- Training in mediation, CPECM Nov., 1996
 Received a certificate for 21 hours of training in skills and practice of mediation.
- Independent research in Alas Purwo National Park, East Java April, 1995
 Field work for undergraduate college scholar honors thesis.

- Instructor, Cornell Outdoor Education, Ithaca, NY
Designed and taught courses in mountain-biking, nordic and telemark skiing.

1994-96

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Asian Studies, American Sociological Association

SKILLS

- Fluency in Indonesian; fluency in Vietnamese; proficiency in French
- Certified Seminar Interpreter (Indo) • Certified Mediator