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## Current Position

2014- Lecturer IV, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
2010-2013 Lecturer III, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
2008- Faculty Associate with the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
2011-2012 Undergraduate Advisor, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
2006-2010 Lecturer I, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
2004-2006 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for the Study of Cultures, Rice University, Houston, Texas

## Education

2004 **Ph.D., Anthropology**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  
1994 **B.A., Anthropology and Psychology**, University of California at Santa Cruz.

## Research Interests

Anthropology of policing; Politics of Knowledge; Anthropological Method, Theory and Undergraduate Teaching; Awareness, Risk and Technology; Violence, Gender, and Security; North America and Poland

## Publications

2010 The Politics of Awareness: Making Domestic Violence Visible in Poland. *Violence Against Women in Post-Communist Europe and Eurasia: Global Forces, Local Activism, and Domestic Policy*, Katalin Fabian (ed.) Indiana University Press: 171-194

2007 Płeć a Interwencja [Intervening Gender]. *Gender: Perspektywa antropologiczna*, Agnieszka Koscińska and Renata Ewa Hryciuk (eds.), Warsaw: University of Warsaw Press. (Trans. Karolina Szmagałska-Follis): 171-192

2005 After Post-socialism? Transition's Obscured Inevitability. *The Anthropology of East Europe Review*. 23 (2) Fall 2005: 26-30

2000 Excessive States. (with Catherine A. Lutz) *Real: Yearbook of Research in English and American Literature*. Volume 16. Representations of Emotional Excess Jurgen Schlaeger (ed.): 53-69

## Awards and Fellowships

2014 Excellence in Concentration Advising Award, College of Literature, Science and the Arts, University of Michigan

2004-2006 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Rice University

2004 Honigman Dissertation Award in Cultural Anthropology, UNC Chapel Hill

2003 Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Award

2002	Woodrow Wilson Junior Scholars Program
2002	American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Fellowship
2000	Fulbright Fellowship
2000	Foreign Language Area Studies Grant
1999	National Science Foundation Traineeship in Democracy Fellowship
1999	Foreign Language Area Studies Research Fellowship

### Courses Taught

Fall 2014	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Summer 2014	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Winter 2014	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Summer 2013	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Fall 2012	Malinowski's Other Worlds (University of Michigan)
Winter 2012	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Spring 2011	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Winter 2011	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Summer 2010	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Winter 2010	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Spring 2009	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Winter 2009	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Winter 2009	The Politics and Poetics of Security (University of Michigan)
Spring 2008	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Winter 2008	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Winter 2007	Introduction to Anthropology (University of Michigan)
Spring 2006	Culture, Security, and Human Rights (Rice University)
Fall 2005	Postsocialism and Europeanization (Rice University)
Spring 2005	Culture, Security and Human Rights (Rice University)
Fall 2004	Gender in Postsocialist Eastern Europe (Rice University)
Spring 2002	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (UNC Chapel Hill)

### Conference Papers

2011	Routing and Reading Violence: Fragile Referrals, Ethnographic Reflexivity, and the Exile of Method. Paper presentation for the American Anthropology Association Meetings, Montreal, Canada
2010	What Goes Around. Paper presentation for the American Anthropology Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA.
2008	Technologies of Awareness. Presented at the American Anthropology Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
2007	Auto-Ethnographic Asphyxiation. Presented at the American Anthropology Association Meeting, Washington D.C.
2006	Intervening Gender. European Presented at the Association of Social Anthropology Meeting, Bristol, England
2006	The Circulation of Interventions. Presented at the Society for Cultural Anthropology Meeting, Milwaukee, WI.

- 2005 Policy in Transit: Designating Post-socialist Uncertainties. Presented at the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C.
- 2005 Security's Displace: On the Measuring of Domestic Space in Poland. American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2005 Still in Transit? Post-socialism and the Future of Uncertainty. Soyuz Cultural Studies of Post-socialism working group, Bloomington, IN.
- 2005 Civil Society's Fine Print: Trafficking in Organs of Non-Government and the Policing of Domestic Violence in Postcommunist Poland, Rice University
- 2005 Postsocialist Transitions. A Joint Presentation with Dr. Zoe Knox at the Center for the Study of Cultures, Rice University
- 2004 Notes on Circulating and Intervening. Brownbag presentation to the Department of Anthropology, Rice University
- 2002 Security's Embrace: Bearing life at the limits of family violence in Poland. American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 2001 Przemoc Domowa i Międzynarodowe Przeciwdziałania: Ale co to znaczy być policjantem w Polsce? [International Responses to Domestic Violence: But what does it mean to be a police officer in Poland?] Paper delivered to the Anthropology faculty at the University of Warsaw
- 2001 Anthropologist on the Beat. Paper delivered to Fulbright faculty, researchers and students in Warsaw, Poland
- 1998 Witnessing Victims: Popular Photography and Private Violence. American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

#### Panel Organization

- 2012 Afflictions, Ongoings, Otherings. Panel Chair, for 20th Annual Symposium of Soyuz: The Research Network for Postsocialist Cultural Studies, University of Michigan
- 2011 Ethnographic Traces: Writing, Routes, and Reflexivity. Chair and Panel Organizer with Blai Guarne at the American Anthropology Association Meetings, Montreal, Canada
- 2010 Reflections on Ethnography. Panel Chair at the American Anthropology Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 Travelling. Panel Chair for 3rd International Conference on Polish Studies, University of Michigan

- 2008 Questioning Expertise. Chair and Panel Organizer with Victor Braitberg at the American Anthropology Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 2007 Governing Children, Producing Citizens. Panel Discussant. Organized by Terry Woronov, University of Arizona for the American Anthropology Association Meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2005 Non-Post-Socialism: Socialism, Presentness and the Naming of the Past. Panel co-organized with Kenneth McGill, Presented at the American Anthropological Association Meeting, Washington D.C.

### Research Experience

- 2000-2001 Eighteen month ethnographic and archival research on the policing of domestic violence in Poland, June 2000 to December 2001
- 2000 Research Assistant for Arturo Escobar University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1999 Center for Urban and Regional Studies: NC Governor's Commission on Crime, Project to Evaluate Domestic Violence Police Units University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1997 Research Assistant for Domestic Violence Project, Catherine Lutz University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1997/1998 Research Assistant for Identities and Environmental Action Project, Dorothy Holland, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### Recent Service

- Copernicus Endowment Steering Committee (2012- )
- Department of Anthropology, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2010-)
- Council on Excellence in Advising, University of Michigan (2010- )
- Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies Curriculum Committee (2011- 2012)
- Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies Executive Committee (2011-2012)
- PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Reviewer (2010)
- Cultural Anthropology, Journal Reviewer (2009)
- ICP mentoring of Edmund Zagorin (2008-2011)
- Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, Meyer Prize Reviewer (2010)
- Guest Lecturer, REES 396 (2007-2009)
- Rackham International Research Awards Reviewer (2009)
- National Science Foundation Grant Reviewer (2009)
- Fulbright Fellowship Reviewer (2002)

### Long Term Association Membership

- American Anthropological Association
- American Ethnological Society
- Polish Studies
- Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Soyuz Post-Communist Cultural Studies Interest Group