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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015- present      Assistant Professor  
Department of Anthropology  
University of Notre Dame
- 2014-2015          Assistant Professor  
Department of Anthropology  
University of New Hampshire
- 2014-2015          Associate Fellow  
Institute for Science, Innovation & Society | School of Anthropology  
University of Oxford
- 2012-2014          Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Institute for Science, Innovation & Society | School of Anthropology  
University of Oxford

## EDUCATION

- 2012                  Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Ph.D. Minor in Southeast Asian Studies
- 2006                  M.A. Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2002                  University of California Santa Barbara  
B.A. Summa Cum Laude; Double Major in Anthropology & Global and  
International Studies (regional emphasis in Southeast Asia)

## RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

Medical anthropology; science and technology studies; multispecies ethnography; biopolitics; property; Southeast Asia; Vietnam

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Publications

Porter, N. 2015. "Ferretting Things Out: Biosecurity, Pandemic Flu, and the Transformation of Experimental Systems." *BioSocieties*. Advanced Online Publication doi: 10.1057/biosoc.2015.4.

Hinterberger, A. and **N. Porter**. 2015. "Genomic and Viral Sovereignty: Tethering the Materials of Global Biomedicine." *Public Culture* 27(2): 361-386.

Lezaun, J. and N. Porter. 2014. "Containment and Competition: Transgenic Animals in the One Health Paradigm." *Social Science & Medicine* Special Issue, "One World, One Health? Social Science Engagements with the One Medicine Agenda." Eds. Steve Hinchliffe & Susan Craddock.

Porter, N. 2013. "Bird Flu Biopower: Strategies for Multispecies Coexistence in Vietnam." *American Ethnologist* 40(1): 132-148.

\*Also published in, "Virtual Issue, Ontology in *American Ethnologist*, 1980-2014." Online ISSN: 1548-1425

Porter, N. 2013. "Global Health Cadres: Avian Flu Management and Practical Statecraft in Vietnam." *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 28(1): 64-100.

Porter, N. 2012. "Risky Zoographies: The Limits of Place in Avian Flu Management." *Environmental Humanities* 1: 103-121.

### **In Preparation**

Porter, N. *Viral Economies: An Ethnography of Bird Flu in Vietnam*. Book manuscript.

Porter, N. & K. Thornton. "Virus Ontologies and the Categorical Limits of Multispecies Relations." Special Issue on Knowledge Infrastructures. *Science and Technology Studies*. Eds. Helena Karasti, Christine Hine, Florence Millerand, and Geoffrey Bowker.

### **Commissioned and Invited Publications**

Porter, N. 2015 (forthcoming). "One Health, Many Species: Toward a Multispecies Examination of Bird Flu." In *Sentient Creatures: Humans, Animals and Biopolitics*, Eds. Kristin Asdal, Tone Druglitrø and Steve Hinchliffe. London: Ashgate.

Porter, N. 2015. Animals, Incorporated. Nightstand, *Medicine, Anthropology, Theory*. medanththeory.org.

Porter, N. 2014. Review of Erik Harms. 2011. *Saigon's Edge: On the Margins of Ho Chi Minh City*. In *DiaCRITICS: Art Culture, and Politics of Vietnamese at Home and in the Diaspora*. diacritics.org

Porter, N. 2013. "Bird Flu: The Circulation of Life and Death in a Post-Species World." In *Somatosphere: Science, Medicine, and Anthropology*. Somatosphere.net.

Porter, N. & L. Hogle. 2008. "Nanotechnology Responses to Viral Infectious Outbreaks: Reconceptualizing Risk and Public Health Responses." NSF Center for Nanotechnology & Society.

## **RESEARCH SUPPORT AND AWARDS**

### **Book Writing Fellowships**

2015 Wenner-Gren Foundation Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship

2015 Brocher Foundation Visiting Research Fellowship

### **Dissertation Writing Fellowships**

2011-12 Andrew W. Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship

2010-11 Advanced Opportunity Dissertation Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Field Research Grants**

2008-9	Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Research Grant
2008-9	Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Grant
2008-9	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award
2008	Blakemore-Freeman Fellowship for Advanced Study of Asian Languages (declined)
2008	Fulbright International Institute of Education Dissertation Research Grant (declined)
2007	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Fellowship
2006	Scott Kloeck-Jensen International Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant

**Awards and Training Grants**

2012	Society for Medical Anthropology – Science, Technology & Medicine Graduate Paper Prize
2012	J.R.W. Smail Dissertation Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2011	Society for Medical Anthropology Travel Fellowship
2010	National Science Foundation Travel Grant
2010	Vilas Conference Presentation Funding Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2006-7	Center of Southeast Asian Studies Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2006	Vietnamese Advanced Summer Institute Grant, Fulbright-Hays Program Funding
2005-6	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow
2005	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, SEASSI Summer Language Program
2004-5	Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2004	Vilas Welcome Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**CONFERENCES & PAPERS****Conference Organization**

2013	“Animal Exchanges: Anthropologies Between and Beyond Species.” Co-organized with Javier Lezaun and Amy Hinterberger. University of Oxford, May 24.
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**Panel Organization**

2015	“Tethering Life: Origins of Value and Proprietary Struggles in Biological Economies.” Co-organized with Amy Hinterberger. Society for the Social Study of Science Annual Conference. Denver, CO, November 11-14.
2014	“Proprietary Struggles and Terrains of Value in Speculative Economies.” Co-organized with Sarah Grant. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., December 3-7.
2013	“Security Regimes and Topographies of Exclusion in Southeast Asia.” Co-organized with Eric Haanstad. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. San Diego, March 21-24.
2012	“Pushing Boundaries of Risk, Rights, and Responsibility: New Horizons of Choice in Biomedicine” Co-organized with Junjie Chen. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Baltimore March 27-31.

**Conference Presentations**

2015	“Ferretting Things Out: Biosecurity, Pandemic Flu, and the Transformation of Experimental Systems.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, November 18-22.
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- 2015 “How to Own a Virus: Towards an Anthropology of Non-Emergence.” Social Science and Zoonotic Disease: Emergence, Ecologies, Ethnography. Durham University, UK September 17-8.
- 2015 “Markets, Morals, and the Articulation of Value in Vietnam’s Bird Flu Interventions.” Anthropology of Zoonoses Conference. Collège de France, Paris February 26-7.
- 2014 “Commerce or Containment: Avian Flu and the Politics of Poultry Market Closures in Hanoi.” Epidemic Entanglements. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt Germany. July 24-25.
- 2014 “Pandemic Possessions: Veterinary Labor and the Appropriation of Care in Vietnam.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., December 3-7.
- 2013 “The Transgenic Inscription of Human-Animal Connections.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, November 20-24.
- 2013 “Animal Experimentation and the Structuring of Security in Pandemic Flu Research.” Institute for Technology, Innovation, and Culture – University of Oslo. Oslo, November 6-7.
- 2013 “Viral Sovereignty: Global Health Security and the Ownership of Asian Entities.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. San Diego, March 21-24.
- 2013 “Circulating Pandemic Flu in Animal Models.” Data Matters Workshop. University of Oxford, September 20.
- 2012 “Bird Flu Brokers: Avian Appropriation and the Commensuration of Life.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, November 14-18.
- 2012 “Ferretting Things Out: Designing Pandemic Flu in Animal Models.” Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting. Copenhagen, October 14-17.
- 2012 With A. Hinterberger. “Claiming Sovereignty over Viruses and Genomes: Acts of Owning and Appropriating in Life Science.” Creativity of Property. University College London, June 26.
- 2011 “Everything in Place: Spatial Ontologies in Pandemic Management.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, November 16-20.
- 2010 “We’ve Got to Make Bird Flu Sexy’: Selling Biosecurity in Vietnam.” Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting. Tokyo, August 26-29.
- 2010 “Bird Flu Counter-Conduct in Vietnam.” Sentient Creatures: Transforming Biopolitics and Life Matters Conference. University of Oslo, September 16-17.
- 2007 “Constructing the Vietnamese Long-Haired Warrior.” 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Wisconsin Women Studies Conference. University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 21.
- 2006 “How the Gun Became her Husband: Understanding Revolutionary Mobilization through Women’s Memoirs.” Graduate Student Conference on Vietnamese Studies. University of California Berkeley, February 10.

#### **Invited Lectures**

- 2013 “Viral Economies: Farming Bird Flu in Vietnam.” Laboratoire d’anthropologie Sociale. Collège de France, Paris, December 5.
- 2013 “Legal and Tacit Regulations on Select Agent Research.” Biosafety Training Course. Howard T. Ricketts Laboratory. University of Chicago, November 19.

- 2013 “Commoditizing Viruses in Vietnam.” Southeast Asia Seminar Series, St. Anthony’s College. University of Oxford, November 13.
- 2013 “Securitizing Pathogens in Policy and Practice.” Center for Pathogen Evolution. University of Cambridge, October 24.
- 2012 “‘Write it down and the Chicken Dies’: Regulating Life in Vietnamese Bird Flu Management.” Center for Southeast Asian Studies Friday Forum. University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 24.
- 2011 “Hearts, Minds, and Hand-Washing: Global Health and the Politics of Bird Flu in Vietnam.” University of Freiburg, Germany, March 12.
- 2009 “Một số nhận xét về việc kiểm soát dịch cúm gia cầm ở Việt Nam.” [“Reflections on Avian Flu Management in Vietnam”]. Anthropology Department. Hanoi National University, December 1.
- 2009 “The Political Economy of Avian Influenza in Southeast Asia.” *Anthropology of Mainland Southeast Asia*. Center for Khmer Studies, Cambodia, May 30.
- 2007 “Nanotechnology Developments for Avian Flu: Reconfiguring Risk and the Body.” Anthropology Colloquium. University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 23.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014-2015 Assistant Professor, Anthropology | University of New Hampshire  
 2011 Lecturer, Anthropology | University of Freiburg - Germany  
 2008 Teaching Assistant, Anthropology | University of Wisconsin-Madison

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- 2012-14 Six months of post-doctoral field research in the United States and United Kingdom  
 2012 One month of research for book manuscript in Vietnam  
 2009-10 Fourteen months of field research for dissertation in Vietnam  
 2007 One month of pre-dissertation field research in Vietnam  
 2006 Two month pilot study in Vietnam  
 2003-4 Sixteen months of working and language study in Vietnam

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2009 Qualitative researcher, Avian Influenza Division | UNICEF-Vietnam.  
 2009 Qualitative researcher, Avian Influenza Communications | Abt Associates-Vietnam.  
 2008-9 Visiting Researcher, Anthropology Department | Hanoi National University  
 2007 Research Assistant, Center for Nanotechnology & Society | University of Wisconsin

## LANGUAGES

Vietnamese- Fluent; Spanish- Advanced; German- Intermediate

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association  
 Society for Social Studies of Science  
 Association for Asian Studies

**Committees**

Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Grant Selection Committee  
Swiss National Science Foundation Grant Selection Committee  
AAA Society for Technology & Medicine Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee  
Rhodes & Marshall Scholars Review Committee (University of New Hampshire)

**Reviewer**

*American Ethnologist*  
*Anthropology Quarterly*  
*BioSocieties*  
*Cultural Anthropology*  
*Environmental Humanities*  
*Environment and Society Review*  
*Medical Anthropology*  
*Medical Anthropology Quarterly*  
*SAGE Open*