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**Higher Education:**

- 2008            Ph.D. Joint program of University of Illinois at Chicago and Field Museum of Natural History. Departments of Anthropology  
*Dissertation: Resilience and Adaptation of Trade Networks in East African and South Asian Port Polities, 1500-1800 C.E.*  
Committee: Chapurukha M. Kusimba (Chair), Sibel B. Kusimba, Sylvia J. Vatuk, Laura L. Junker, James L. Phillips.
- 2000            B.A. (*cum laude*). Lawrence University, Appleton, WI. Anthropology and Biology.  
*Senior Honors Thesis: "These Things" in India: A Look at Gods, Ghosts, Witches, and Demons, and their Mythification in Contemporary Indian Society.*

**Research Interests:**

Economic Anthropology; Conflict, Disasters, and Commerce; Social Economy of Development; Trade and Urbanism; Migration in Current Societies; The Islamic World System, Islamic Empires, and the Early Modern Era, Refugees and Migration in Muslim Communities, Social Network Analysis and Complex Adaptive Systems, African anthropology; African Diaspora in Asia, South Asian Anthropology.

**Current Research Projects:**

- Trader networks communities in Kenya, India, and South Sudan.
- Comparative research on psychobiological resilience, social consumption, and informal exchange within refugee communities in Kenya, Bangladesh, and Serbia .
- Adaptive resilience and transformation in exchange, commercial, and business networks and other socio-economic systems in the Indian Ocean, 3000 BCE – 1900 CE.

**Current Positions:**

2018 – present    Research Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, and the Keough School for International Global studies, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

**Other Current Positions:**

2011 – present    Concurrent Professor, Department of Africana Studies, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

**Previous Positions:**

- 2010 – 2018 Ford Family Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.
- 2009-2010 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.
- 2007-2009 Adjunct Instructor/Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.
- 2003-2006 Graduate Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois Chicago.
- 2004-2005 University Fellow, Graduate College, University of Illinois Chicago.
- 2004-2005 Lester Armour Pre-Doctoral Fellow. Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago
- 2003 Teaching Assistant. Department of Geography, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2002-2003 Teaching Assistant. Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2001 Teaching Assistant. Department of History, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2000-2001 University Fellow, Graduate College, University of Illinois Chicago.
- 1999 Graduate Assistant, Art Education Department, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

**PUBLICATIONS:****Publications I: Books, Monographs, Edited Volumes/Journals:**

- 2016 *Refugee Impacts on Turkana Hosts: A Social Impact Analysis for Kakuma Town and Refugee Camp Turkana County, Kenya.* World Bank Press, Washington D.C. Varalakshmi Vemuru (World Bank Team Leader), **Rahul C. Oka (Primary Author)**, Rieti G. Gengo, Lee T. Gettler.
- 2014 *Social Economies of Greed and Excess. Economic Anthropology* Volume 1, Issue 1. **Rahul C. Oka** and Ian Kuijt (editors).
- In Copy Edits *Ecology, Economy and Culture: Human Adaptation in Tsavo, Southeastern Kenya.* Fieldiana Press. Kusimba, Chapurukha M., Sibel Kusimba, Charles Morse, and **Rahul C. Oka** (editors)

**Publications II: Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- 2020 **Rahul C. Oka**, Chapurukha M. Kusimba, Deniz Enverova, Vishwas Gogte, Abhijit Dandekar. Changing Commerce and Merchant Power in the Indian Ocean: Impacts on Afro-Asian Core and Peripheral Polities, ca. 300 BCE-1800 CE. *eTopoi. Journal for Ancient Studies* 7: 229–252
- 2020 Jankovic-Rankovic, J., **Oka, R. C.**, Meyer, J. S., & Gettler, L. T. (2020). Forced migration experiences, mental well-being, and nail cortisol among recently settled refugees in Serbia. **Social Science & Medicine** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.113070> .
- 2020 Lalla AT, Ginsbach KF, Penney N, Shamsudin A, **Oka R.** Exploring sources of insecurity for Ethiopian Oromo and Somali women who have given birth in Kakuma Refugee Camp: A Qualitative Study. **PLoS Med** 17(3): e1003066. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1003066>

- 2019 Gettler, L. T., Sarma, M. S., Gengo, R. G., **Oka, R. C.**, & McKenna, J. J. (2019). Testosterone moderates the effects of social support on cardiovascular disease risk factors among older US men. *American Journal of Human Biology*, e23248.
- 2017 **Rahul C. Oka**, Marc Kissel, Mark Golitko, Susan Guise Sheridan, Nam C. Kim, Agustin Fuentes. Population is the Primary Driver of War Group Size and Conflict Casualties. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences**.  
<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1713972114>
- 2017 Rieti G. Gengo, **Rahul C. Oka**, Varalakshmi Vemuru, Lee T. Gettler, and Mark Golitko. Positive effects of refugee presence on host community nutritional status in Turkana County, Kenya. *American Journal of Human Biology* e23060.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/ajhb.23060>
- 2017 Agustin Fuentes, Marc Kissel, Rahul Oka, Susan G. Sheridan, Nam C. Kim, & Matthew Piscatelli. The CLASH model lacks evolutionary and archeological support. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 40 <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X16001023>.
- 2017 Lee T. Gettler, Mallika Sarma, Rieti G. Gengo, **Rahul C. Oka**, and James McKenna, Adiposity, CVD risk factors, and testosterone: variation by partnering status and residence with children in U.S. men. *Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/emph/eox005>. Published: 11 February 2016
- 2016 Lee T. Gettler and **Rahul C. Oka**. Are testosterone levels and depression risk linked based on partnering and parenting? Evidence from a large population-representative study of U.S. adults. *Social Science and Medicine* 163:157-67
- 2016 Lee T. Gettler and **Rahul C. Oka**. Aging US males with multiple sources of emotional social support have low testosterone. *Hormones and Behavior* 78: 32-42.
- 2014 **Rahul C. Oka** and Ian Kuijt. Introducing an Inquiry into the Social Economies of Greed and Excess. *Economic Anthropology* Volume 1(1): 1-16.
- 2014 **Rahul C. Oka** and Ian Kuijt. Greed is Bad, Neutral, and Good: A Historical Perspective on Excessive Accumulation and Consumption. *Economic Anthropology* 1(1): 30-47.
- 2014 **Rahul C. Oka**. "Coping with the Refugee Wait: The Role of Consumption, Normalcy, and Dignity in Refugee Lives at Kakuma, Kenya." *American Anthropologist* 116(1): 1-15.
- 2011 **Rahul C. Oka**. Unlikely Cities in the Desert: The Informal Economy as causal agent for permanent 'urban' sustainability in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. *Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development* 40 (3-4): 223-262.
- 2008 **Rahul C. Oka** and Chapurukha M. Kusimba. The archaeology of trading systems, Part 1: Towards a new trade synthesis. *Journal of Archaeological Research*. 16(4): 339-395.
- 2007 Laure Dussubieux, Chapurukha Kusimba, Vishwas Gogte, Bernard Gratuze and **Rahul C. Oka**. Making and Selling of Ancient Glass: New analytical data from South Asian and East African M-Na-Al and glass beads. *Archaeometry* 50(5): 797-821.
- 2003 John E. Terrell, John P. Hart, Sibel Barut, Nico Cellinese, L. Antonio Curet, Timothy Denham, Chapurukha M. Kusimba, Kyle Latinis, **Rahul C. Oka**, Joel Palka, Mary E.D. Pohl, Kevin O. Pope, Patrick R. Williams, Helen Haines, John E. Staller.

Domesticated Landscapes: The Subsistence Ecology of Plant and Animal Domestication. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*, 10(4) 323-368.

**Publications III: Book Chapters:**

- 2018 **Rahul C. Oka**, Nicholas Ames, Meredith Chesson, Ian Kuijt, Chapurukha M. Kusimba, Abhijit Dandekar, and Vishwas Gogte, Dreaming Beyond Gini: Methodological Steps Toward a Composite Archaeological Inequality Index. IN *Ten Thousand Years of Inequality: The Archaeology of Wealth Differences*, Edited by Timothy A. Kohler and Michael E. Smith. University of Arizona Press.
- 2018 Timothy A. Kohler, Michael E. Smith, Amy Bogaard, Christian E. Peterson, Alleen Betzenhauser, Gary M. Feinman, **Rahul C. Oka**, Matthew Pailes, Anna Marie Prentiss, Elizabeth C. Stone, Timothy J. Dennehy, and Laura J. Ellyson. Deep Inequality: Summary and Conclusions. IN *Ten Thousand Years of Inequality: The Archaeology of Wealth Differences*, Edited by Timothy A. Kohler and Michael E. Smith. University of Arizona Press. (In Copy Edits)
- 2018 **Rahul C. Oka**. Trade, Traders, and Trading Systems: Exchange, Trade, Commerce and the Rise/Demise of Civilizations. In Trade and Civilization, edited by Kristian Kristiansen, pp. 33-379, Cambridge University Press. (Peer Reviewed). (In Press)
- 2018 Kusimba, C. M., **Rahul C. Oka**, Vishwas Gogte, Laure Dussubieux, and Kuldeep Bhan. "East Africans Connections with South Asians: new comparative data and approaches." IN *Connections and Contributions*. Edited by Mathew David and Kevin MacDonald. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, (Peer Reviewed).
- 2018 **Rahul C. Oka**. "Global Commerce, South Asia, and the Making and Shaping of the Swahili World." IN *The Swahili World*, edited by Adria laViolette and Stephanie Wynn-Jones, pp. 419-429. Taylor and Francis, London, UK. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2018 Kusimba, C. M. Sloan R Williams, Janet Monge, Mohamed Mchula, **Rahul C. Oka**, Gilbert Oteyo, Sibel Kusimba, and Laure Dussubieux. "Mtwapa, Betwixt in Between Land and Sea: Foundings of an African City State." IN *The Swahili World*, edited by Stephanie Wynne-Jones and Adria LaViolette, Taylor and Francis, London..
- 2010 **Rahul C. Oka** and Agustin Fuentes. From reciprocity to trade: how cooperative infrastructures form the basis of human socio-economic evolution. IN *Cooperation*, edited by Robert Marshall, pp. 3-43, Monographs in Economic Anthropology, Altamira Press, Walnut Creek, CA. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2009 **Rahul C. Oka**, Laure Dussubieux, Chapurukha Kusimba and Vishwas Gogte. The impact of "imitation" industries and Imperial restrictions on Chinese ceramic commercial exports in the Indian Ocean Maritime Exchange, ca. 1200-1700 CE. IN *Proceedings of the "Fourth Forbes Symposium on Scientific Research in the Field of Asian Art,"* Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., September 27 to 29, 2007.
- 2009 Chapurukha M. Kusimba and **Rahul C. Oka**. Trade and Polity in East Africa: Re-Examining Elite Strategies for Acquiring Power. IN *Empires and Slavery in the Atlantic World: Essays in Honor of Robin Law*, edited by Toyin Falola, pp. 39-60. Indiana University Press, Bloomington, IN. (Peer Reviewed)
- 2009 **Rahul C. Oka**, Chapurukha M. Kusimba and Vishwas D. Gogte. Where others fear to Trade: Modeling adaptive resilience in ethnic trading networks to famines, maritime warfare and imperial stability in the growing Indian Ocean economy, ca. 1500-1700 CE. IN *The Political Economy of Hazards and Disasters*, edited by Arthur Murphy

and Eric Jones, pp. 201-232. Monographs in Economic Anthropology, Altamira Press, Walnut Creek, CA. (Peer Reviewed)

2008 **Rahul C. Oka** and Chapurukha M. Kusimba. Siddi as Mercenary or as African Success Story on the West Coast of India. IN *Africa in India, India in Africa*, edited by John C. Hawley, pp. 203-229 Indiana University Press. (Peer Reviewed)

In Press Rahul C. Oka, Chapurukha M. Kusimba and P.F. Thorbahn. East African Ivory and the Indian Ocean Trade Complex. IN *Ecology, Economy and Culture: Human Adaptation in Tsavo, Southeastern Kenya*, edited by C. M. Kusimba, S.B. Kusimba and R.C. Oka. Pp. 300-344. Fieldiana Press, Field Museum of Natural History. (Peer Reviewed)

#### **Publications IV: Encyclopedia Articles:**

2008 **Rahul C. Oka** and Chapurupha M. Kusimba. Africa, East: The Horn of Africa. In *Encyclopedia of Archaeology*, edited by Deborah M. Pearsall, pp. 21-25. Elsevier.

#### **Publications V: Other Publications**

2020 Policy Recommendations for Strengthening Resilience and Self-Sufficiency among Refugees in Protracted Camps and their Hosts. Report. Research Technical Assistance Center: Washington, DC

2020 Oka, R. & Gengo, R. (2020). The Political Economy of Refugee-Host Integration in Kenya. Report. Research Technical Assistance Center: Washington, DC.

2020 Oka, R., & Gengo, R. Desk Review on Resilience Building and Self-Sufficiency among Refugees and Host Communities in CRRF Countries. Washington, DC: Research Technical Assistance Center.

2019 Understanding Stakeholders' Interpretations and Use of Voucher-Based Refugee Relief Assistance. Submitted to Program on Refugees and Migration (PRM), US Department of State.  
<https://www.state.gov/prm-funded-research-and-evaluation/understanding-stakeholders-interpretations-and-use-of-voucher-based-refugee-relief-assistance-university-of-notre-dame/understanding-stakeholders-interpretations-and-use-of-voucher-based-refugee-relief-assistance/>

2019 Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis of Broader Listening Data from the Philippines: Identifying Regional Development Concerns. Submitted to USAID Philippines

2017 Social Network Analysis of Raiding, Revenge Claims, and Exchange among Dinka-Gok, South Sudan. Conducted for AVSI-USA and AVSI-South Sudan. With Yang Yang, Northwestern University.

2016 Refugee Impacts on Turkana Hosts: An Extended Social Impact Analysis for Kakuma, Turkana County, Kenya. Report Delivered to World Bank, Kenya and UNHCR, Kenya, February, 212 pp.

2016 Market Power of Traders in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kakuma Town: A Network and Ethnographic Analytical Approach. Report delivered to World Bank, Washington D.C., February, 27 pp.

- 2014 Sustainable Interactions in Northern Kenya: Building Equity in Host-Refugee Interactions within Humanitarian Spaces. Report Delivered to UNHCR Kenya, Nairobi, April, 45 pp.
- 2011 Report on Black Market Activities and Relief Food Theft at Kakuma Camp. Report Delivered to World Food Programme and Lutheran World Federation offices in Kakuma, October. 2 pp.
- 2011 Report on Al Shabbab Interactions with Relief Organizations and Operations in the Somali Crises. Delivered to United Nations Development Programme. July 2011. 6 pp.
- 2007 Ethnography of Afrasian Merchant Communities: Report delivered to Chap Kusimba, Field Museum, Chicago. 415 pp.
- 2004 Chaul-Sanjan: Survey and Geoarchaeological Reports, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, India. 296 pp.
- 2002 Excavation Report on Bungule 9, HJFs 12, Kasigau, Kenya (Field Seasons 2001 and 2002). Field Museum, Chicago. 212 pp.
- 2001 Report on Technological Analysis of Saladoid and Huecoid Ceramics from La Hueca and Punta Candelero Sites: Comparison of Porosity, Firing Temperatures and Hardness. Field Museum, Chicago. 67 pp.
- 1999 Environmental Politics and Peasant Resistance in an *Ejido* in Central Mexico. Report on ethnographic findings submitted to Patronato Pro Valle, Valle de Bravo, Mexico. 34 pp.

### **Book Reviews:**

- 2016 Rahul C. Oka, (2015). The Specter of “the People”: Urban Poverty in Northeast China by Mun Young Cho Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2013. 232 pp.
- 2003 Chapurukha M. Kusimba and **Rahul C. Oka**. Making History in Banda: Anthropological Visions of Africa's Past. By Ann B. Stahl. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2001. *African Archaeological Review* 20 (4): 203-212, December.

### **Works in Progress:**

#### **Revise and Resubmit**

- R&R **Rahul C. Oka**, Yang Yang, Ahmed Ali Abdi, and Nitesh Chawla. Rapid De-Regulation of Economies is Correlated with Predatory Competition, Cronyism, and Instability. PLoS One. Revisions to be Submitted in December 2019.
- R&R **Rahul C. Oka** and Chapurukha M. Kusimba. The Archaeology of Trading Systems 2. Journal of Archaeological Research. Revisions to be submitted in August 2020.

#### **In Review**

- In Review **Rahul C. Oka**. Towards an Archaeology of Poverty: Ethnoarchaeology of Scales of Poverty in Kakuma Refugee Camp. In “*Wither Archaeologies of Poverty*,” edited by Cameron Wesson and Rahul C. Oka, SAR Press. (Peer Reviewed)

#### **In Preparation**

- In Prep **Rahul C. Oka**, Ewoton Arumah, Varalakshmi Vemuru, Rieti Gengo, Lee Gettler. "It's our Oil and Water, but only the Others will Benefit: Complexities of Development and Extraction in Turkana County, Kenya." To be submitted to *Economic Anthropology* January 2020
- In Prep **Rahul C. Oka** Trading on Troubled Times: A diachronic comparison of the effects of conflict and exclusion on Trader-Pastoral Relationships in East Africa, ca. 1650-1850 and 1950-2010. *American Anthropologist*, June 2020.
- In Prep Rahul C. Oka, Chapurukha M. Kusimba, Vishwas D. Gogte, Laure Dussubieux, Mark Golitko, Abhijit R. Dandekar, Sibel B. Kusimba. Capturing Markets, Maintaining Markets: The Role of Skilled Labor and Entrepreneurship in Indian And Chinese Export Ceramic Production: 1100-1700 CE. To be submitted to *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* June 2020
- In Prep Rahul Oka, Rieti Gengo, Lee Gettler, and Mark Golitko. "Quality of Bonding Networks Predicts Energetic Status among Marginalized Communities: A Case Study from Turkana, Kakuma. To be submitted to *Nature: Scientific Reports* February 2020
- In Prep Rahul C. Oka, Rieti G. Gengo, Lee T. Gettler, and Mark Golitko. Understanding the Crisis of Men's Health in Turkana, Kenya. To be submitted to *Social Science and Medicine* May 2019
- In Prep Rahul C. Oka, Yang Yang, Ahmed Ali Abdi, Agustin Fuentes, and Nitesh Chawla. Cooperation is the basis for the 5000 year resilience of trader networks. To be Submitted To *Nature Communications* August 2020

#### **In Preparation Book Manuscript**

- In Prep *The "First And Only" Scramble for Africa: The Establishment of Extraction, Slavery, and Underdevelopment In Africa, 1500-1800.* In negotiations with Stefan Vranka, Oxford University Press.

#### **Grants and Sponsored Programs: External Grants \*\***

- 2020 **\*\*National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Award (BCS#1948653).** A Biocultural Approach to Evaluating Psychosocial Stress Mediators in Vulnerable Communities. With *Jelena Jankovic* and Lee T. Gettler **(\$25153)**
- 2019 **\*\* United States Agency for International Development (USAID); NORC University of Chicago and Research Technical Assistance Center.** Refugee Research Study: Socio-economic and psycho-biological resilience among refugee communities of Kakuma, Kalobeyi, and Dadaab Camps, and host communities of Turkana and Garissa Counties. **(\$149,000)**
- 2019 Notre Dame International, Asia Research Collaborative Grant, University of Notre Dame, International Collaborative Research on Exchange, Interaction, and Global Business/Commerce in the Western Indian Ocean, Mumbai Global Center. **(\$11,000)**
- 2019 Nanovic Institute for European Studies. Visit of Ivan Gerginov, Serbian Commissioner for Refugee Affairs, Republic of Serbia **(\$2000).**

- 2017 **\*\*National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Award (BCS#1732077).** Biosocial Responses to Political Invisibility in a Refugee Camp. With *Rieti Gengo* and Lee T. Gettler **(\$22050)**
- 2016 **\*\*Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), United States Department of State.** (S-PRMCO-16-CA-1073). Understanding Stakeholders' Interpretations and Use of Voucher-Based Relief Assistance. **(\$199,999)**
- 2016 **\*\*United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/localworks** (BAA-OAA-LWK-2015). local systems practice: mapping complex dynamic systems of development. Consortium Grant with LINC, ANSER, AVSI-USA, Practical Action, & University of Missouri. Grant **Total: \$1,990,000**, Notre Dame Share: **\$273,175**).
- 2015 **\*\*The World Bank.** Measuring the Social Impact of Refugees on the Turkana Host Community at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. Principal Field Investigator. **(\$35,000)**.
- 2015 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, IN. Using Biomarkers to Measure the Impact of Refugee Presence and Activities on the Psycho-Social Stress Environment of Host Communities. Principal Investigator, Co-PI: Lee Gettler (University of Notre Dame). **(\$10,000)**
- 2015 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Large Research Grant: Engaging a Research Assistant for Entry, Processing, and Analysis of Ethnographic, Economic, and Bio-Cultural Data from Field Work in Turkana County, Kenya. **(\$7,900)**.
- 2015 Small Research and Creative Work Grant. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Engaging a Research Assistant for Entry, Processing, and Analysis of Ethnographic, Economic, and Bio-Cultural Data from Field Work in Turkana County, Kenya. **(\$2500)**.
- 2015 **\*\*National Science Foundation.** Research Experience for Graduate Students (REG). Emily DeWet (Graduate Student) Project: Understanding the Social Context underlying the lack of Lateral Movement with Upwardly Mobile Families in Black Townships in Cape Town, South Africa **(\$5000)**
- 2014 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, IN. Magico-Religious Protection in Benin. Principal Investigator. Co-PI: Phillippe Le May-Boucher (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh). **(\$7,440)**.
- 2013 **\*\*National Science Foundation.** (BCS#1260638). Ethnography, Oral History, and Network Analysis of Trader Behaviors and Institutions in India, Kenya, and South Sudan. Principal Investigator, Co-PI: Nitesh Chawla (Dept. of Computer Science/Engineering). **(\$78,845)**.
- 2013 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, IN. Developing Introduction to International Development Studies as an effective gateway course for the Ford Family program Minor in International Development Studies. **(\$6000)**
- 2013 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, IN. Research Grant for Copy-Editing Support **(\$3000)**
- 2013 Small Grant for Research and Creative Works. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN **(\$2500)**



- 2013 Copy-Editing Grant. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN **(\$1200)**
- 2011 International Travel Grant. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN **(\$2250)**
- 2011 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Small Research and Creative Work Grant. Undergraduate Research and Teaching in Methods in Social Network Analysis/Simulation. **(\$2500).**
- 2011 **\*\* Seng Foundation Endowment for Market-Based Programs and Catholic Values.** Understanding the History and Structure of Pastoral-Trader Relationships for enhancing equitable market access among the Turkana pastoralists of Northern Kenya. **(\$15,000)** (Principal Investigator)
- 2011 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Understanding the History and Structure of Pastoral-Trader Relationships for enhancing equitable market access among the Turkana pastoralists of Northern Kenya. **(\$7,900)** (Principal Investigator).
- 2011 Small Research and Creative Work Grant. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. LA-ICP-MS Analysis of Trade Ceramics at the Field Museum of Natural History. **(\$2500).**
- 2011 Teaching Beyond the Classroom Grant. Office of Dean for Undergraduate Studies, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame. Supporting 7 students present their research at the Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meetings, 2011, Notre Dame. **(\$1500)**
- 2010 Henkels Grant. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Sponsoring Keynote Speaker, Mr. James Surowiecki (New Yorker) at the Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meetings, 2011, Notre Dame. **(\$5000)**
- 2010 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Local Trade Networks and Regional Disasters: Incorporating Values-Driven and Market-Based Approaches into Humanitarian Relief Operations. **(\$10,000)** (Principal Investigator).
- 2010 International Travel Grant. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN **(\$2250)**
- 2009 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Local Trade Networks and Regional Disasters: Incorporating Values-Driven and Market-Based Approaches into Humanitarian Relief Operations. **(\$15,000)** (Principal Investigator)
- 2009 **\*\* Seng Foundation Endowment for Market-Based Programs and Catholic Values.** Local Trade Networks and Regional Disasters: Incorporating Values-Driven and Market-Based Approaches into Humanitarian Relief Operations. **(\$20,000)** (Principal Investigator)
- 2008 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Adjunct Professional Development Grant. **(\$1000).**
- 2008 **\*\* Council for Africa, Field Museum of Natural History.** Network Resilience and Crises: Trader-Pastoralist Interactions in Western Kenya. **(\$6,000).** (Principal Investigator)
- 2007 Learning Beyond the Classroom Grant of the College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame. Indian Ocean Interactions in 21<sup>st</sup> century Chicago **(\$850).**

- 2003      **\*\*National Science Foundation (#0320903)**, “Acquisition of LA-ICPMS and SEM-EDS for an Elemental Analysis Facility at The Field Museum” PI: Ryan Williams. (\$494,295). Graduate Assistant, participated in writing, funding share **(\$5000)**
- 2003      Provost Award for Dissertation Research. Graduate College, University of Illinois at Chicago. “Trader Strategies and their effects on urbanism: Ethnographic and Archival Research on South Asian trading communities.” **(\$3,995)**. (Principal Investigator)
- 2002, 2006      Travel Award. University of Illinois at Chicago Graduate Student Council.
- 2002, 2006      Travel Award. Graduate College, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2002-2003      Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Traveling Scholar Award. Swahili Studies. Northwestern University.

### **Grants in Progress:**

- The Emergence, Resilience, and Robustness of Cartels and Crony Capitalism. National Science Foundation. (Amount \$220,000). August 2020
- Commerce, Environment, and Fates of Trading Centers. National Science Foundation, (Targeted Amount TBD).
- The Origins, Developments, and Complexities of Markets and Market Behaviors: Are they part of being human? Templeton Foundation. (Targeted Amount TBD).

### **Scholarships and Fellowships:**

- 2004 – 2005      University Fellowship. University of Illinois at Chicago (\$26,000).
- 2005 – 2005      Lester Armour Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago (\$21,000)
- 2000 – 2001      University Fellowship. University of Illinois at Chicago (\$23,000).
- 1993 – 1998      Lawrence University Merit Scholarship. Lawrence University, Appleton, WI. (\$15000/year).
- 1990 – 1992      Singapore International Airlines Scholarship, Singapore. (\$10000/year).

### **Professional Memberships:**

American Anthropological Association  
 Society for Economic Anthropology  
 Society for Applied Anthropology  
 African Studies Association  
 Society for American Archaeology  
 Society for African Archaeology  
 Indian Society for Quaternary and Pre-Historic Studies

### **Invited Lectures and Workshops (Paid by Host):**

- 2018 In Defense of Capitalism: Realist-Empiricist Views from the Ethnography and Archaeology of Trade, Exchange, and Markets. University of Pennsylvania, Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series. Capitalism(s). October 8, 2018. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAZS\\_213iUk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAZS_213iUk)
- 2017 Credit, Capital, and 'Moral Hazards': Market Dynamics in South and East Asian, and East African Economies 1500-1800 CE. Weights and Marketplaces: Seminar für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Georg-August Universität/University of Göttingen, 19th-21st Oct, 2017.
- 2017 From Peripheral “Rats Clinging to Driftwood” to Global Masters: Afrasian Perspectives on Europeans in the Western Indian Ocean, 1500-1900 CE. Fernand Braudel Center Colloquium “Power, Political Economy, and Historical Landscapes of the Modern World: Interdisciplinary Perspectives” at Binghamton University, 28-29 April 2017.
- 2017 Caveats and the Good News in the Informal Economy. Panelist and discussant for Harnessing Africa’s Informal Economies. School of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK. 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.
- 2017 Landscapes of Trade, Conflict, Inequality, and Poverty at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya: Re-Programming a Boasian/Integrative Anthropology. Global Colloquium Series Lecture, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017
- 2016 Dreaming Beyond GINI. Methodological Steps Towards a Composite Archaeological Inequality Index. With Nicholas Ames, Meredith Chesson, Ian Kuijt, Benjamin Porter, Chapurukha M. Kusimba, Vishas Gogte, Abhijit Dandekar. Amerind Foundation Advanced Seminar, Santa Fe New Mexico, 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.
- 2016 Towards Resilience, Dignity, and Hope: A Social Impact Analysis for Refugee Impacts on Turkana Hosts at Kakuma, Turkana County, Kenya. Presented to the World Bank, UNHCR, and the Government of Kenya, Lodwar, Turkana County, Kenya, February.
- 2015 New Directions in Economic Archaeology: Trade, Commerce, and Interactions in the Indian Ocean World Complex, 500 BCE – 1700 CE. Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, India, January 2015.
- 2014 Sustainable Interactions in Northern Kenya: Building Equity in Host-Refugee Interactions within Humanitarian Spaces. Presented at “UNHCR Turkana Roundtable: Integrating Refugee and Host Community Economies,” Lodwar, Kenya, November, 2014.
- 2014 Changing Commerce and Merchant Power in the Indian Ocean: Impacts on Afro-Asian Core and Peripheral Polities, ca. 300 BCE - 1800 CE. Presented at “Economic And Political Interaction On The Edges Of The Ancient Empires,” TOPOI, Berlin, July 2014
- 2013 Trade, Traders, and Trading Systems: Exchange, Trade, Commerce and the Rise/Demise of Civilizations. Presented at “Trade and Civilization,” University of Gothenburg, Sweden, May 2013
- 2013 Partners, Kingmakers, And Scapegoats: The Changing Role Of South Asian Merchants In East African Economies From 1500 C.E. - The Present. Department of Anthropology and the Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison, WI. February 1, 2013.

- 2008 Trader Networks and Disaster Commerce in Northern Kenya and Southern Sudan. Given to the Council for Africa and the Women's Board, The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- 2008 The impact of "imitation ceramic industries" and internal political restrictions of on Chinese commercial ceramic exports in the Indian Ocean Maritime Exchange, ca. 1200-1700 CE. Given at the "LA-ICP-MS Lectures Series, Laboratory of Archaeological Sciences," Field Museum, Chicago, IL, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2008..
- 2007 Rahul C. Oka, Laure Dussubieux, Chapurukha Kusimba and Vishwas Gogte. The impact of imitation celadon and porcelain industries on Chinese ceramic exports in the Indian Ocean Maritime Exchange, ca. 1200-1700 C.E. Lecture given at the "Fourth Forbes Symposium on Scientific Research in the Field of Asian Art," Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., September 27 - 29, 2007.
- 2005 Hearing the Voiceless Colonial Subject in India and Kenya: Towards a broader understanding of colonial process at the interface of archaeology, history and ethnography. Paper presented at the Comparing Colonialisms Symposium, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, November 17-18, 2005
- 2005 Indian Ocean Interactions and Chinese Ceramics. Given at the Newberry Library, Chicago, IL. 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.
- 2000 The Historical Archaeology of East Africa. Lecture given at the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, India. 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2000.

### **Other Notable Contributions:**

#### **Conference Presentations:**

- 2019 Turning Away from Ontological Irrelevance: Re-Engaging with Public Discourses and Policy Making through Comparative Analysis and Structural Approaches. To be presented at 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24, 2019.
- 2019 The Role of the Estuary in Harbor Formation and Port Development on South Asian and East African Coastal Urbanism. Presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Lapita Conference, Port Moresby, New Guinea, October 15-18, 2019.
- 2018 Markets Before, Beyond, and After Markets: Understanding the role of Scale in the Organization of Market Behaviors and Processes. Presented at 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 20-24, 2019.
- 2018 It's Our Water, but We'll Remain Thirsty: The Social Economies of Subsistence, Development, Conflict, and Water Extraction at Lotikipi Aquifer, Turkana County, Kenya. Annual Meetings of the Society for Economic Anthropology, Tucson, Arizona, March 1.
- 2016 Beyond "Anecdotes as Stories": A complex analysis of refugee-host interactions, violence, and co-existence at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. With Rieti Gengo, Varalakshmi Vemuru, and Lee Gettler. Presented at 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 20-24, 2016.
- 2016 The Inclusion of Ethnographic Data Leads to Robust Modeling in Archaeology. Presented at the 81<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL, April, 2016.

- 2016 Complex but Equal: Developing an Archaeological Inequality Index to Investigate Social Inequality at the Bronze Age III site of Numayra, Jordan. Nicholas Ames, Meredith Chesson, Ian Kuijt. Presented at the 81<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL, April, 2016.
- 2015 The “Six Blind Men” Can Talk about the Elephant: Partnering with the World Bank and the UN for Ethnographically Grounded Humanitarian Relief. Presented at 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, Colorado, November, 2015.
- 2015 Predatory Commerce, Elite Competition: Economic Conflict and the Downfall of Elite Communitas in the port of Mtwapa, Kenya, 1600-1750. Presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, CA, April 3-7, 2015.
- 2013 That’s Heartwarming But, ...: The Possibilities and Parameters of Scientific Research in Anthropological Archaeology. Presented at 112nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Illinois, November 20-24, 2013.
- 2013 Reclaiming Poverty for Anthropology: How Archaeology can form the basis for understanding the evolution, endurance, and ubiquity of global poverty. Presented at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Honolulu, HI, April 3-7, 2013
- 2012 Abandoning Typologies but not Morgan: Stages/Types as Recurring Emergent Properties in the Indian Ocean Interaction Complex. Presented at the 77th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, TN, April 18-22, 2012
- 2011 Trading on Troubled Times: A diachronic comparison of the effects of conflict and exclusion on Trader-Pastoral Relationships in East Africa, ca. 1650-1850 and 1950-2010. Presented at 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Canada, November 16-20, 2011.
- 2011 Trade Wars and Refugees: Network analysis of emerging commercial competition in the informal economy of Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. Presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology 2011 Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington, March 29-April 2, 2011.
- 2010 Debt And Commercial Transactions In The Indian Ocean Economy: An Ethno-Archaeological Approach. Presented at 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21, 2010.
- 2010 Merchants, Builders, and Profiteers: The role of Somali and Bari entrepreneurs in conflict trade and peace-time commerce in South Sudan. Co-Authored with Joella Bitter. Presented at 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21, 2010.
- 2010 From Elemental Chemistry To Global Exchange: Inferring Social Economies And Interactions In Belgium, New Guinea, And The Indian Ocean-South China Sea. Co-authored with Mark Golitko, Chapurukha Kusimba, John Terrell, and Patrick Williams. Presented at 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21, 2010.
- 2010 Predatory Commerce And Economic Disaster: A Cautionary Tale From The 17th Century Indian Ocean Economy. Co authored with Chapurukha M. Kusimba. Presented at 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21, 2010.

- 2010 From "Need" to Hatred Turned: A Historical Look at Traders as Socio-Political Scapegoats and the Impossibility of Becoming "Native." Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> European Social Science History Conference, Ghent, Belgium, 13 - 16 April 2010
- 2009 "Trading" Lightly in Danger: Violence and Trade in Refugee Camps Economies in Kenya and Uganda, Co-Authored with Joella Bitter. Presented at 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6, 2009
- 2009 Producing and Exporting "South Asian" Islamic Monochrome Glazed Wares: Import Substitution and Market Capture in the 16th and 17th centuries CE? Co-authored with Chapurukha Kusimba. Presented at 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6, 2009
- 2009 Stable trade, violent borders: How can refugees and conflict zones have multimillion dollar commerce? Presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology 2009 Annual Meeting Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 17-21.
- 2009 Ties without Tyranny: A Historical Argument for an Enduring Asia-Africa Educational and Commercial Interaction. Presented at (the second) World Universities Forum, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, India, January 16-18.
- 2008 Reciprocity, Trade and Cooperation: Modeling the basis of human socio-economic evolution. Paper Presented at the Invited Session: Cooperation in Economic and Social Life (Sponsored by AAA Executive Program Committee) at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November 19-23, 2008.
- 2008 Ottoman Economic Integration and the Indian Ocean Commercial Boom: A Look from South Asia and East Africa. To be read at Annual Meeting of the American Society for Oriental Research, Boston, MA, November 20-24.
- 2008 Imperial Détente and Political Parity: Effects of Ottoman, Safavid, Mughal and European Interactions on Indian Ocean Commerce, c. 1500-1700 C.E. Paper Presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Great Lakes Working Groups in Ottoman Studies, Notre Dame, IN, April 11-13, 2008.
- 2008 Rahul C. Oka and Agustin Fuentes. From reciprocity to trade: How cooperative infrastructures form the basis of human socio-economic evolution. Paper Presented at the 2008 Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting on Cooperation, Cincinnati, OH, April 3-5, 2008.
- 2008 At the intersection of archaeology, ethnography and economics: Modeling Trading Systems in the Indian Ocean, ca. 1500-1700 C.E. Paper Presented at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, Canada, March 26-30, 2008.
- 2007 Rahul C. Oka, Chapurukha M. Kusimba and Vishwas D. Gogte. Where others fear to trade: Modeling adaptive resilience in ethnic trading networks to famines, maritime warfare and imperial stability in the growing Indian Ocean economy, ca. 1500-1700 CE. Paper presented at the 2007 Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting on The Political Economy of Hazards and Disasters, Greensboro, North Carolina, April 12 - 14, 2007.
- 2006 Network Or Bust: Network Stability Through Co-Operation For Trade Continuity Among Merchant Communities of Afrasia. Paper Presented at the Annual Conference

- of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, November 15 – 19, 2006.
- 2005 Challenging the Classic “Colonial” Landscape: Pre-Colonial Urban Transitions in coastal East Africa and South Asia, AD 1500-1800. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, November 30 – December 4, 2005
- 2004 Rahul C. Oka, Chapurukha M. Kusimba, and Sibel Kusimba. Leadership in East African societies: Technology, interaction and political economy. Paper presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Canada, March 30-April 4, 2004.
- 2002 Trade and traders in East Africa, 1500-1800 AD. Paper Presented at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 20-24, 2002.
- 1999 C.M. Kusimba, Rahul C. Oka, and Vania Smith. Wither Elderhood? Changing perceptions of elderhood in Kenya. Paper presented at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 17 - 21, 1999.

**Meetings and Conferences Organized:**

- 2020 Convenience as a Driver, Mediator, and Moderator of Social Economies. 2020 Annual Meetings of the Society for Economic Anthropology. To be held at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, April 30-May2, 2020.
- 2011 Social Economies of Greed and Excess: Lessons for Recessions, Past and Present. 2011 Annual Meetings of the Society for Economic Anthropology. (Co-organized with Ian Kuijt). Held at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, March 10-12, 2011.

**Sessions Organized:**

- 2013 You And What Army? Papers In Honor Of Lawrence H. Keeley. (Co-organized with Mark Golitko, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL). 112<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, 2013.
- 2011 Traces of Violence and Legacies of Conflict: Combining Material Evidence and Narrative Exchange for an Anthropology of Violent Encounters. (Co-organized with Nerina Weiss, Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims, Denmark). 111<sup>st</sup> Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Canada, 2011.
- 2010 Social Economies of Greed and Excess: Roundtable Discussion on the anthropological insight into global economic disasters at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Economic Anthropology, Tampa, FL, April 8-11, 2010.
- 2009 Violence as a Structuring Mechanism: Moving beyond the framework of Structural Violence to an Anthropology of Violence for the 21st Century. 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, Dec 2-6 2009.
- 2009 Violence in Structure and Structure in Violence (Co-organized with Vania Smith-Oka, U. Notre Dame). Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009.

**Field Work:**

- 2019 Socio-economic and psycho-biological resilience among refugee communities of Kakuma, Kalobeyei, and Dadaab Camps, and host communities of Turkana and Garissa Counties, Kenya (July – October 2019)
- 2019 Archaeological Survey in Mandad, West Coast of India (June – July 2019).
- 2017-2018 Ethnography of Refugee Voucher Use and Interpretations in Kakuma, Kenya, Cox’s Bazaar, Bangladesh, and Belgrade, Serbia (December 2017 – February 2018)  
Broad Listening and Local Stakeholder Perspectives in Morocco (November 2017) and Philippines (January 2018).
- 2017 Archaeological surveys of Manda (Kenya) and Harihareshwar (India) – January 2017
- 2016 Ethnography of trade and social organization in Mumbai and Pune (India) – June 2016  
Ethnography of Refugee Voucher Use and Interpretations in Cox’s Bazaar, Bangladesh – October 2016
- 2015 Ethnography of Refugee Host Interactions in Kakuma, Kenya, May-June 2015
- 2014 Ethnography of trade and social organization in Mumbai and Pune (India) – May – July 2014, December 2014 – January 2015.
- 2013 Ethnography of trade and social organization in Nairobi, Mombasa, and Lodwar (Kenya) – July-August, October 2012, and Mumbai and Pune (India) – May and October 2013.
- 2012 Archaeology and Ethnography of trade and social organization in Nairobi and Lamu, Kenya, December – January 2012.
- 2011 Ethnography of conflict and trade in Central and Turkana province, Northern Kenya, and Southern Sudan. June – August 2011, October 2011
- 2010 Ethnography of conflict and trade in Pokot and Turkana provinces, Northern Kenya, and Southern Sudan. March 2010, June – August 2010.
- 2009 Ethnography of conflict and trade in Pokot and Turkana provinces, Northern Kenya, and Southern Sudan. October 2009.
- 2008 Ethnography of conflict and trade in Pokot and Turkana provinces, Northern Kenya. May – August 2008.
- 2007 Ethno-archaeology of trade in Kimilili, Bungoma District, Western Kenya. May – July 2007.
- 2003 – 2004 Ethnographic and Archaeological research (Survey and Excavation) on trading practices in Chaul, Sanjan and Janjira, Western India. October 2003 - May 2004.
- 2002 Ethnographic and Archaeological research (Survey and Excavation) on trading practices in Kasigau, Tsavo and Mtwapa, Kenya. June - August 2002.
- 2001 Ethnographic and Archaeological research (Survey and Excavation) on trading practices in Kasigau, Tsavo and Mtwapa, Southeastern Kenya, Kenya. June - August 2002.
- 2000 Ethnographic research on Chicago Tibetan groups for Ethnographic Documentary: Chicago Tibetan Diasporas: Politics and Posterity. Producer and Director: Drea



Howenstein. Betty Rymer Gallery, Art Institute of Chicago. October – December 2000.

1998 Ethnographic research on ecological conflicts in Valle de Bravo, Mexico. Patronato ProValle, August – December 1998.

### Teaching:

#### Courses Taught:

2006 to present: University of Notre Dame

Perspectives in Anthropological Analysis (Spring 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017 and Fall 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017);

Introduction to International Development Studies (Fall 2010, 2011, 2014);

Anthropology of Poverty (Fall 2008, 2012, 2016, 2017; Spring 2010, 2012, 2015)

Disasters, Relief, and Development (Spring 2015, 2016)

Trade and Globalization Ca. 100000 B.C. (Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2015)

Introduction to Anthropology (Fall 2010, 2015, 2017)

Societies and Cultures of Africa (Fall 2009)

Business, Economics, and Culture (Spring 2009)

Anthropology of Africa (Spring 2008)

Witchcraft and Magic in Contemporary Societies (Fall 2007)

Indian Ocean: Trade and Interactions (Spring 2007).

Nasty, Brutish, and Short: The Archaeology of Warfare (Fall 2018).

2003-2005: University of Illinois at Chicago (Instructor)

Introduction to Anthropology (Fall 2005)

Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (Spring 2005, Summer 2003, 2005)

#### Student Research/Grants Mentored: External Grants \*\*

- 2020 **\*\* National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Award (BCS#1732077).**  
Jelena Jankovic Rankovic. "Doctoral Dissertation Research: A Biocultural Approach to Evaluating Psychosocial Stress Mediators in Vulnerable Communities. Supervised by Rahul Oka and Lee T. Gettler (\$25153)
- 2019 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts and the Liu Institute for Asian Studies. University of Notre Dame. Samantha Zepponi. Cultural Construction of Convenience in CellPhone Use: Comparing US and India. Anthropology Senior Thesis. (\$2100).
- 2019 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts and the Liu Institute for Asian Studies. University of Notre Dame. Charles Filip. Patterns of Ceramic Production in Medieval South Asian port city of Mandad. Anthropology Senior Thesis. (\$2500).

- 2019 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts and the Liu Institute for Asian Studies. University of Notre Dame. Frederick Lockie: Patterns of Ceramic Production in Early Common Era South Asian port city of Mandad. Anthropology Senior Thesis (\$2500).
- 2019 **\*\* Open Society Foundation Fellowship.** Jelena Jankovic. Routinized Social Practices as Mediators of Stress and Shock among Afghan Asylum Seekers in Serbia, Supervised by Rahul Oka and Lee T. Gettler (\$24000)
- 2017 **\*\* National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Award (BCS#1732077).** Rieti Gengo. Biosocial Responses to Political Invisibility in a Refugee Camp. Supervised by Rahul Oka and Lee T. Gettler (\$22050)
- 2017 **\*\* Wenner Gren Foundation.** Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. Rieti Gengo. 'Biosocial Correlates of Political Invisibility Among Asylum Seekers at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya,' supervised by Dr. Rahul C. Oka (**\$18,000**).
- 2017 **\*\* United States Agency for International Development (USAID).** Global Development Fellowship. Kristina Hook. Understanding Holodomor and the Complexities of Genocide in 21<sup>st</sup> century Nation building. (**\$23,500**).
- 2017 Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Excellence, University of Notre Dame. (Francesca Patti). Complementarity, Redundancy, and Unmet Gaps in Public Health Services among informal recycling workers at Nezhualc6yotl garbage dump, Mexico City. (\$2800)
- 2017 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Experiencing the World Fellowship, University of Notre Dame. (Francesca Patti). Complementarity, Redundancy, and Unmet Gaps in Public Health Services among informal recycling workers at Nezhualc6yotl garbage dump, Mexico City. (\$1500)
- 2016 **\*\* National Science Foundation Graduate Research fellowship.** Kristina Hook.
- 2016 Kellogg Graduate Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies (Rieti Gengo). "Biosocial Impacts of Long-Term Encampment/"Warehousing" of Refugees: A Case Study from Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya (\$7,000)
- 2016 Travel to Academic Conferences, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. (Mark Brahier), Presented Paper: "Going Green: Unintended Consequences in Informal Sector Recycling," at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Economic Anthropology (\$1180).
- 2016 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. (Emma Cooper), "The Role of Social Support Networks in Determining Accessibility and Utilization of Autism Resources and the Impact of Diagnosis in LAO PDR," (\$3500).
- 2016 Kellogg/Kroc Undergraduate Research Award. Kellogg Institute for International Studies (Madeline Van Zuylen). An analysis of human trafficking community education in villages impacted by The Rural Infrastructure Program in Laos. Declined. (\$3500).
- 2015 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. (Mariel Kennedy) The Social Implications Of Debt: An Ethnography Of a Debt House in Pune, India (\$4500).
- 2015 Kellogg Institute for International Studies (Mark Brahier). Health and Economic Outcomes of Communities living in close proximity to garbage dumps in Nicaragua. (\$ 3500).

- 2015 Kellogg Institute for International Studies (Emma Cooper). Does Identifying Autism Lead to a Change in Quality of Life? Analysis of Autism Spectrum Disorder Identification in Vientiane, Laos. (\$3500).
- 2014 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. (Nuohan Zhang) "Does Gender Affect Trader Responses to Political Stability and Regulation?" (\$2250).
- 2012 Kellogg Institute for International Studies (Kristen Kelly). Food Insecurity and External Intervention: A Ugandan Case Study. (\$ 2760).
- 2012 Nanovic Institute for European Studies. (Morgan Iddings). Spending for Status: Conspicuous Consumption and Gift Exchange in Bulgaria. (\$3768)
- 2011 Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Excellence, University of Notre Dame (John Villecco). An Obedient Citizenry: Implications of NGO Saturation and Development Rhetoric in a Rural Ugandan Community. (\$2000).
- 2011 Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Excellence, University of Notre Dame (Morgan Iddings). Changes in Household Consumption Practices in Post-Communist Bulgaria. (\$2000).
- 2009 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Experience the World Fellowship, University of Notre Dame (Kristen Kelly). Oral History of Development in Nnindye, Uganda. (\$4000).
- 2011 Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Excellence, University of Notre Dame (John Villecco). NGO Saturation in Rural Uganda. (\$1000).
- 2011 Nanovic Institute for European Studies. (Morgan Iddings). Changes in Household Consumption Practices in Post-Communist Bulgaria. (\$ 3880)
- 2010 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. (Morgan Iddings) Changes in Household Consumption Practices in Post-Communist Bulgaria. (\$1750).
- 2010 Nanovic Institute for European Studies. (Morgan Iddings). Changes in Household Consumption Practices in Post-Communist Bulgaria. (\$ 500)
- 2010 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (with Peter Levi) to fund activities of the Development Studies Working Group (\$5000)
- 2009 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (John Villecco). Poverty, Adolescence and Development in Uganda. (\$4000).
- 2009 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (with Jessica Weaver) to fund activities of the Development Studies Working Group (\$5000)
- 2008 Learning Beyond the Classroom and Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, University of Notre Dame (Joella Bitter). Informal Economies in Refugee Camps in Uganda (\$3500).
- 2008 Learning Beyond the Classroom and the Office of the President, University of Notre Dame, (Jessica Hagemann) Ethnographic field research on witchcraft narratives in India (\$2900).
- 2008 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, University of Notre Dame (K. Sawyer Negro) Field work on Hindu philosophy in Western India (\$3500)

- 2007      **\*\* National Science Foundation – Research Experience for Undergraduates.**  
(Kimberly Schoemaker – University of Notre Dame). Summer Field School in  
Kimilili, Kenya (\$2800).

**Undergraduate/Senior Thesis and Related Professional Presentations:**

- 2020      Samantha Zepponi. Cultural Construction of Convenience in CellPhone Use:  
Comparing US and India. Anthropology Senior Thesis.
- Charles Filip. Patterns of Ceramic Production in Medieval South Asian port city of  
Mandad. Anthropology Senior Thesis.
- Frederick Lockie: Patterns of Ceramic Production in Early Common Era South Asian  
port city of Mandad. Anthropology Senior Thesis
- 2018      **Nicholas Furnari.** Towards The Synthesis of Economics and Anthropology: A  
Critical Review. Anthropology Senior Thesis.
- Francesca Patti.** Complementarity, Redundancy, and Unmet Gaps in Public Health  
Services among informal recycling workers at Nezhualc6yotl garbage dump, Mexico  
City. IDS Capstone and Senior Thesis.
- Francesco Tassi.** Social-Economies of Autonomous Refugee Settlements in Southern  
Algeria.
- 2017      **Emma Cooper.** The Role of Social Support Networks in Determining Accessibility  
and Utilization of Autism Resources and the Impact of Diagnosis in LAO PDR. IDS  
Capstone and Anthropology Senior Thesis .
- 2016      **Marriel Kennedy.** Understanding the Social and Financial Embedding of Debt in  
India: Ethnography of Debt Recovery and Management in Pune, India. Senior Thesis  
in the Department of Anthropology. Submitted for Undergraduate Research Paper  
Prize, Harold K. Schneider Award in Economic Anthropology, June 15, 2016.
- Mark Brahier.** “Going Green: Unintended Consequences in Informal Sector  
Recycling.” Senior Thesis in the Department of Anthropology. Selection for  
presentation at the Annual Meeting for the Society for Economic Anthropology in  
Athens, GA in April 2016.
- 2015      **Nuohan Zhang.** “Does Gender Affect Trader Responses to Political Stability and  
Regulation?” Paper presented at UNEP Workshop of Gender and Business,  
Washington DC, December 2015.
- 2013      **Morgan Iddings.** Mind Games: The Interplay of Memory and Socioeconomic Status  
in Post-Socialist Bulgaria. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the *American  
Anthropological Association*, Montreal, Canada, November 2011, and the Annual  
Meetings of the *American Anthropological Association*, Chicago, IL, November 2013.
- Melissa Jordan.** A Pint of Plain is Your Only Man: Public Houses as Social  
Networks, Their Decline, and the Subsequent Rise in Home Drinking and Mental  
Health Issues.
- Kristen Kelly.** Participatory Development for Women: An Anthropological Quest for  
Equitable Development.
- John Gibbons.** Migration as a Strategy of Development in Pune, India. IDS Capstone  
Thesis and Anthropology Senior Thesis.

- 2012 **John Villecco.** An Obedient Citizenry: Implications of NGO Saturation and Development Rhetoric in a Rural Ugandan Community. Presented at the *Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings* in Merida, Mexico, March 2010, in Seattle Washington, March 2011, and Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Canada, November 2011.
- Hanna O'Brien.** Quality of Life for the Sick and Dying: Perspectives of Health Disparities, Challenges in Ugandan Palliative Care and its Relation to Disease-Modifying Services. Presented at the *Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings* in Baltimore, March 2012, and Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Canada, November 2011.
- Megan Carey.** The American Dream, College, and Emerging Inequalities. Glynn Family Honors Program.
- 2010 **Elizabeth Grace.** Mandated Corporate Social Work: The role of the Community Reinvestment Act in Commercial Social Consciousness. Presented at the *Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings*, Merida, Mexico, March 2010.
- Andrew Gray.** Networks That Work: Poverty, Social Capital, and the American Dream. Glynn Family Honors Program.
- 2009 **Sean Malin.** Perspectives on Rebuilding a 'New' New Orleans: Ethnographic Study on the Aftermath of Katrina. Results presented at *Innovation in the Service of Human Dignity: A Human Development Conference* at the University of Notre Dame, the *Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, November 2008 and *Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings*, Santa Fe, April 2009.
- Joella Bitter.** Exclusion and Survival: Comparative ethnographies of informal economies in Chile and Uganda. Results presented at *Innovation in the Service of Human Dignity: A Human Development Conference* at the University of Notre Dame. Presented at *Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings*, Santa Fe, April 2009.
- 2008 **Pamela Wyrowski.** Gender Based Development in Ghana: Empowerment or Social Stagnation? Results presented at *Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings*, Memphis, TN, April 2008.
- 2007 **Dmitri Martinez.** Representations of the Maya: The Ethnographic Present and the growing pan-Maya Movement. McNair Research Scholar Program, University of Notre Dame. Results presented at final colloquium, July 2007.

### Graduate Students Mentored:

#### Chair/Supervisor

#### PhD Students

- 2014 Reiti Gengo (Anthropology/Kroc PhD Expected 2019)
- 2015 Kristina Hook (Anthropology/Kroc PhD Expected 2020)
- 2016 Jelena Rankovic (Anthropology PhD Expected 2021)
- Charles Morse (Anthropology PhD Expected 2021)
- 2017 Helal Mohammed Khan (Anthropology PhD Expected 2022)

2018 Elizabeth Adeyemo (Anthropology PhD Expected 2023)

### **MA Students**

2016 Adrien Niyongabo (Kroc Institute MA)  
Kata Fodor (Kroc Institute MA)  
Amber Lalla (Eck Institute for Global Health MGPH)

### **Committee Membership**

2015-present Maryam Rokideh  
2017-present Patricia Rodrigues, Lauren Finnigan  
2019-present Ivoline Budji-Kefen

### **Grant Development and Mentorship:**

2016-present Charles Morse, Patricia Rodrigues,  
2015-present Rieti Gengo, Jelena Jankovic Rankovic, Kristina Hook, Adrien Niyongabo  
2014-present Emily DeWet and Amanda Cortez  
2011-present John Villecco (University of Illinois, Chicago and American University)  
2009-present Sean Mallin (University of California, Irvine)  
2011-present Joella Bitter (Duke University)  
2008-2009 Kiran Bains (Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame).

### **Professional Service:**

#### **External Service:**

2015-present Peer Reviewer, World Bank, UNHCR, Refugee Studies Quarterly, Journal of Refugee Studies  
2013 – 2014 SEA Contributing Editor, Section News, *Anthropology News*  
2012 – present Peer Reviewer for *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*, *Urban Anthropology*, *Archaeopress*, *Oxford University Press*  
2011 – present Executive Board Member, Society for Economic Anthropology.  
2010-2011 Organizer for 2011 Annual Meetings, Society for Economic Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. (with Ian Kuijt)  
2009-present Peer Reviewer for National Science Foundation  
2009-present Peer Reviewer for publisher Bentham Science Publishers  
Peer Reviewer for journal *American Anthropologist*  
2008- present Peer Reviewer for journal *Asian Perspectives*

#### **University Service:**

- 2010 – 2011 Ford Family Program's Community Engagement Advisory Committee.
- 2010 – 2012 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Minor in International Development Studies and Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame.
- 2009 – present Committee on Minor in International Development Studies at Ford Family Program, University of Notre Dame.
- 2009 – present Faculty Supervisor and Co-Chair of Development Working Group, for inter-disciplinary dialogue within development research, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame
- 2009 - present Peer Reviewer of Applications for the Visiting Fellowship program at the Kellogg Institute

**Departmental Service:**

- 2010 – 2012 Undergraduate Museum Internship Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
- 2009 – 2010 Undergraduate Prizes Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

**Consultancy:**

Corporate

- 2013 – present Brighthouse LLC, Atlanta, GA. Provide analysis and strategy for consumer behavior and market trends to clients.
- 2012 – present ARMEKA Consultants, India, UAE, London. Provide analysis and strategy for consumer behavior and market trends to clients.

Civic Body

- 2016 – present Advisor to UNHCR and International Financial Consortium on Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Program (KISED), plans for the new refugee camp in Kakuma, Kenya
- 2015 – present World Bank, Washington DC. Completed and presented results of ethnographic and survey on the impacts of refugees of Kakuma on the Turkana host community.  
AVSI USA. Working in partnership with AVSI on projects in Morocco, Philippines, and South Sudan.
- 2014 – present UNHCR Kenya. Presented results of research at Turkana Roundtable and facilitated discussion on integrating host – refugee economies with representatives from Government of Kenya, World Bank, UNDP, FAO, SADC, UNICEF, WFP, DFID. Working with UNHCR and World Bank to generate better solutions for long-term sustainable management of refugee settlements.
- 2014 – present World Bank. Coordinating with World Bank Nairobi and UNHCR Kenya to conduct assessment of host-refugee interactions in northern Kenya to aid social and economic development interventions.

**Technological Expertise:**

Modeling/Analytical Software: VISON, UCINET, SPSS, MS-Excel, Mathematica, R (beginning).

Materials Analysis: provenience analysis using LA-ICP-MS, XRD, XRF, ED-XRF, technological analysis for thermal expansion/stress and hardness using Orton Dilatometer and Hardness Tester

**Languages Spoken:**

Native Languages: English, Marathi, Hindi

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Working Knowledge: Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Somali

**Institutional Affiliations:**

2016 – present	Eck Institute for Global Health, University of Notre Dame
2011 – present	Inter-Disciplinary Center for Network Science and Applications (iCeNSA), Liu Institute for Asian Studies, University of Notre Dame
2009 – present	Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, and Kroc Institute International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
2008 – present	Research Associate, Field Museum, Chicago
2001 – present	Researcher. National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya.
1999 – 2008	Research Intern, Field Museum, Chicago.
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