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EDUCATION

- 2018 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Ph.D. in Anthropology
- 2012 **University of California, Los Angeles**
M.A. in Anthropology
- 2009 **Sarah Lawrence College**
B.A. in Liberal Arts

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021– **Assistant Professor**
Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
- 2018–2021 **Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer**
Bioethics Program, University of Virginia

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- 2018–present **Research Associate**
Centre d'Anthropologie Culturelle (CANTHEL), Université de Paris, Paris, France
- 2016–2017 **Visiting Doctoral Scholar**
Centre de Recherche Médecine, Sciences, Santé, Santé Mentale, Société
(CERMES3), Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Paris, France

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

psychological and medical anthropology; anthropology of ethics and morality; disaster and humanitarianism; anthropology of care; mental health and psychic life; critical phenomenology; biopolitics; experimental ethnography; South Asia, especially Nepal Himalayas.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- In-press* **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "The Possibility of Translation" for special issue "What's the Matter with Hysteria in South Asia?," *South Asia: The Journal of South Asian Studies*.
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "The Work of Disaster: Building Back Otherwise in Post-Earthquake Nepal" *Cultural Anthropology* 35 (2): 237-263.
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Historicizing the Emergence of Global Mental Health in Nepal, 1950-2019" *HIMALAYA: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies* 39 (2): 29-43.
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Relational Affliction: Reconceptualizing 'Mass Hysteria'" *Ethos* 47 (3): 307-325.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

- 2015 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Upadhaya, Nawaraj. "Mental Health after the Earthquake: Building Nepal's Mental Health System in Times of Emergency." *Fieldsights—Hot Spots*, *Cultural Anthropology* website, October 14, 2015. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/mental-health-after-the-earthquake-building-nepals-mental-health-system-in-times-of-emergency>
- 2015 *(Nepali Translation)* **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Upadhaya, Nawaraj. "भूईँचालोपछिको आपतकालीन अवस्थामा नेपालमा मानसिक स्वास्थ्यको स्थापना" (Mental Health after the Earthquake: Building Nepal's Mental Health System in Times of Emergency.) *Manosamajik Suswasthya—Psychosocial Hub for Nepal*, October 14, 2015. <http://www.manosamajik.com.np/2017-05-17-10-34-25/journals/27-mental-health-after-the-earthquake-building-nepal%E2%80%99s-mental-health-system-in-times-of-emergency>

Book Chapters

- In-press* **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and L. F. R. Murillo. "Thomas Csordas: por uma fenomenologia cultural da corporeidade." In *Antropologia: Ensino, pesquisa e etnografia hoje. Vol. 1*. Marcelo de M. Mello, Kleyton Rattes, and Simone Silva (Eds.), under contract with Niterói: EDUFF.

In-press **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Beneath the Symptoms: The Problem of Conversion Disorder in Nepal" in *Encounters with the Invisible: Revisiting Possession in the Himalayas in its Material and Narrative Aspects*, Anne de Sales and Marie Lecomte-Tilouine (Eds.), under contract with Oxford University Press.

Under review **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "The Place of Nepal in Psychological Anthropology." In *History and Advancement of Nepali Psychology*. Organized by the Department of Psychology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal (Submitted May 2021)

Book Reviews

2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Book Forum: The Blind Man." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsites*, June 4. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/book-forum-the-blind-man?fbclid=IwAR2T-w89Zgkmf2joGkyQ70hWwv8iVASQ93M-tfBGZZ4owxKQzhsE15MJgFM>

2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Cinematic Experiments and Ethical Transformations." Visual and New Media Review, *Cultural Anthropology* website, January 10, 2019. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/cinematic-experiments-and-ethical-transformations>

2017 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Jackson, Michael and Albert Piette (Eds.) 2015. What Is Existential Anthropology? Berghahn Books. 248 Pp. Hb.:\$95.00, ISBN: 9781782386360." *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* 25 (2): 256–58.

Public Scholarship

2021 Fisher, Daniel, and **Aidan Seale-Feldman.** "Filmmaking and Worldmaking: An Interview with the Karrabing Film Collective." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, March 18. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/filmmaking-and-worldmaking-an-interview-with-the-karrabing-film-collective?x-craft-preview=7lcQ69Ez4d&token=tXbtVgEWHu5fSjvycDN4X224jBCwyoXJ>

2021 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Wutharr, Saltwater Dreams." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, March 18. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/wutharr-saltwater-dreams?x-craft-preview=SRnfrKeK9W&token=aguzGn9a9Wg5Y-KAG_lyd7Cs81Lj_xOz

2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Trembling Mountain." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, December 23. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/trembling-mountain>

- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**, and Andrés Romero. "Castaway Man." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, December 10.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/castaway-man>
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**. "Sunyata Cinema: An Interview with Kesang Tseten." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, November 19.
https://culanth.org/fieldsights/sunyata-cinema-an-interview-with-kesang-tseten?x-craft-preview=zFGo2h7aDf&token=RE8jphItbGD-X0EepLVdH7yA_Z2sddn4
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**, and Andrés Romero. "Who Will Be a Gurkha." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, November 19.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/who-will-be-gurkah?x-craft-preview=vFlkeKmXiP&token=MkEUflbRIJ29d-vUV7jaXfKe7rrsKq8l>
- 2020 Romero, Andrés, and **Aidan Seale-Feldman**. 2020. "Ethnocine: Get By." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 27.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ethnocine-get-by>
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**, and Andrés Romero. "Ethnocine: Nobel Nok Dah." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 13.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ethnocine-nobel-nok-dah>
- 2020 Romero, Andrés, and **Aidan Seale-Feldman**. "Swim Lesson." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, May 21. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/swim-lesson-1>
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**. "Fragments of a Transient Affliction: 'Mass Hysteria' and the Question of Subjectivity." *Somatosphere*.
<http://somatosphere.net/2020/mass-hysteria-subjectivity.html/>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**. "Thinking with Ghosts." *The Record Nepal*.
<https://www.recordnepal.com/wire/features/thinking-with-ghosts/>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Andrés Romero. "The Possibility of Spirits." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, September 26.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/the-possibility-of-spirits?x-craft-preview=MMyLVtYxOX&token=BaX1nroqL6zs6W0qLAKQfSfFozsNYwT>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**, and Andrés Romero. "Ghosts and Numbers." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 14.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ghosts-and-numbers>

- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**, and Andrés Romero. "The Screening Room." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 14.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/the-screening-room>
- 2018 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**. "Images." Correspondences, *Cultural Anthropology* website, March 2, 2018. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/images>
- 2017 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**. "Teaching Triggers with Megan Raschig." Teaching Tools, *Cultural Anthropology* website, November 17, 2017.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1248-teaching-triggers-with-megan-raschig>

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Awards

- 2018 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Degree Candidate Processional Marshal, Nominee
- 2016 **Society for Medical Anthropology**
Student Travel Award
- 2010 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Chancellor's Prize

External Grants and Fellowships

- 2020–2024 **Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)**
Main Project Partner (Principal Investigator: Serena Bindi, Université de Paris, CANTHEL). Funding for "Phantoms or Fantasies?: Somatic Disorders and Embodied Experiences of Loss in Changing Therapeutic Contexts."
- 2019 **Wenner-Gren Foundation**
Engaged Anthropology Grant
- 2015–2016 **Wenner-Gren Foundation**
Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2013 **U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)**
Fellowship for Nepali Language Training at Cornell University

- 2013, 2014 **Cornell University South Asia Nepali Language Program**
Summer Tuition Fellowship
- 2012 **Lemelson / Society for Psychological Anthropology**
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
- 2011 **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**
Honorable Mention

University Grants and Fellowships

- 2017–2018 **University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Division**
Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2017 **University of California, Los Angeles**
University of California Collegium of University Teaching Fellows [*declined*]
- 2014 **University of California, Los Angeles, Center for the Study of Women**
Jean Stone Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2014 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Department of Anthropology Research Grant
- 2013–2014 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship
- 2013, 2014 **Foundation for Psychocultural Research-UCLA Program for Culture, Brain, Development, Mental Health (CBDMH)**
Summer Fieldwork Fellowship
- 2013, 2014 **University of California, Los Angeles, International Institute**
Graduate Student Fieldwork Fellowship
- 2011–2017 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Department of Anthropology Conference Travel Grants
- 2010–2014 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Department of Anthropology Graduate Teaching Fellowship [tuition and stipend]

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2021 “‘The World is Like This’: Life, Loss, and the Trembling Thought of Disaster,” Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry, Culture and Community Mental Health Speaker Series–Politics of Psychic Life, McGill University, Online, April 1
- 2021 “Crisis, Care, and the Work of Disaster,” Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Online, January 25
- 2020 “Measuring Care: Humanitarian Efficacy in Post-Disaster Nepal,” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University, Online, December 4
- 2020 “Crisis, Care, and Worldbuilding in Post-Disaster Nepal,” Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, February 10
- 2019 “Psychosocial Transformations: *Chhopne*, ‘Conversion Disorder,’ and the Possibility of Translation between Psychosocial and Indigenous Worlds in the Nepal Himalayas,” Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 5
- 2017 “Transient Care: Temporalities of Suffering and Intervention after the Nepal Earthquake,” Center for Research in Medicine, Science, Health, Mental Health, and Society (CERMES3), Université Paris Descartes, Paris, France, June 22
- 2016 “*Pissat*, Counseling, and the Visibility of Suffering in Nepal,” Laboratoire d’ethnologie et de sociologie comparative (LESC), Maison Archéologie et Ethnologie René-Ginouvès, l’Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Nanterre, France, October 11
- 2015 “Adolescent Mental Health in Rural Nepal: Examining Cases of ‘Mass Hysteria’ among Girls in Government Schools,” United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Kathmandu, Nepal, December 9

Panels, Conferences, and Working Groups Chaired or Organized

- 2021 Co-organizer (with Samuele Collu): “Towards an Anthropology of Psychic Life,” Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Online, April 6-10.

- 2020 Co-organizer (with Samuele Collu): "Towards an Anthropology of Psychic Life: Affects, Therapeutics, and Psychopolitical Experiments," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, *canceled due to COVID-19*.
- 2019 Co-organizer (with Andrés Romero): "Anthropology of and through the Image," Canadian Anthropology Society/American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 20-24.
- 2016 Co-organizer (with Raphaëlle Rabanes): "Therapeutic Encounters," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20.
- 2013 Co-Organizer (with Devin Flaherty): "Imagining one Another: Towards an Anthropology of the Imagination Through Intersubjectivity," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 20-24.
- 2012 Co-Organizer: UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, March 2
- 2011–2013 Graduate Organizer: Mind, Medicine, and Culture Working Group (MMAC), Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles

Presentations

- 2021 (co-authored with Samuele Collu) "Psychic Boundaries: Therapeutic and Pedagogical Implications," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Online, April 6-10.
- 2021 "The World is Like This," Team Phenomenology Working Group, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Online, March 18.
- 2020 "Seismic Interruptions," Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) in South Asia Symposium: Interruptions and Failures, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, *postponed due to COVID-19*.
- 2019 "Screen Test: A Visual Essay on Intersubjectivity," Canadian Anthropology Society/American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 20-24.

- 2019 “Himalayan Laboratory: Nepal and the Emergence of Global Mental Health,” 4S Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, September 4-7.
- 2019 “Thinking with Ghosts: *Bhut laagyo*, Hysteria, and the Politics of Conceptualization,” Eighth Annual Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 24-26.
- 2019 “Measuring Care,” Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM, April 4-7.
- 2018 “The Phenomenology of Crisis and Intervention in Post-Disaster Nepal,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 14-18.
- 2018 “Humanitarianism as Development: Building Nepal’s Mental Health System in Times of Crisis,” NEEDS 2018 The Third Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, March 21-23.
- 2017 “*Chhopne*, Hysteria, and the Problem of 'Conversion Disorder' in Nepal,” Symposium: Encounters with the Invisible: Revisiting Possession in the Himalayas in its Material and Narrative Aspects, l'Université Paris Ouest-Nanterre La Défense and the French National Research Agency (ANR), Centre-Val de Loire, France, December 18-21.
- 2017 “Contagious Connections: Mass Hysteria and the Limits of Subjectivity,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 29-December 3.
- 2017 “Subjects of Intervention,” Himalayan Studies Conference, Boulder, CO, September 1-4.
- 2017 “Mundane Disasters of Everyday Life: The Politics of Suffering after the Nepal Earthquake,” University of California–Los Angeles/University of Amsterdam Conference on Crisis and the Everyday, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, April 5-6.
- 2017 “Fragments of a Transient Affliction,” American Ethnological Society Conference, Stanford University, CA, March 30-April 1.
- 2016 “Transient, Accidental, Improvised: Psychosocial Care in Post-Disaster Nepal,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20.

- 2016 "Temporalities of Affliction and Care Before and After the Nepal Earthquakes," Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 20-23.
- 2015 "Adolescent 'Mass Hysteria' in Post-Disaster Nepal: Ethnographic Impressions," Annual Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 22-24.
- 2014 "Adolescent 'Mass Hysteria' in Rural Nepal: A Case of Intercorporeality?," UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind, Department of Anthropology, University of California-San Diego, San Diego, CA, April 19.
- 2013 "Absence, Presence, Virtuality: On the Intersubjective Dimensions of Imaginative Experience among Yolmo-Buddhist Migrants and their Families in Kathmandu," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 20-24.
- 2013 "Excavating the Imagination: Dreaming and Reverie among Yolmo-Nepali Buddhists in New York City and Kathmandu," 5th Annual Anthropology in Transit Graduate Student Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA, April 26.
- 2013 "Excavating the Imagination: Dreaming and Reverie among Yolmo-Nepali Buddhists in New York City," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 4-7.
- 2012 "Imagining America: Notes on a Nepali Dreamscape," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 13-18.
- 2012 "On the Wandering Mind: Everyday Imaginings among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants to New York City," UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, March 2.
- 2011 "Tracing Migrant Dreams: Imagining and the Self among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants in New York City", American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 15-20.
- 2011 "Queens Limbo: Betweenness, Separation, and Suspended Lives among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants to the United States," 3rd Annual Anthropology in Transit Graduate Student Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA, April 8.

2010 (Co-authored with Robert Desjarlais) "Queens Limbo: Betweenness, Separation, and Suspended Lives among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants to the United States" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21.

Invited Discussant

2020 "Anthropologies of Lived Experience in the Nepal Himalayas," French National Research Agency (ANR) Seminar, Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological Perspectives, University of Paris, Online, November 19.

2020 "World Anthropology Day," Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, February 20.

2019 "Children's Needs: Moving Beyond Rights," Discussant, Eighth Annual Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 24-26.

Campus Talks

2019 "Thinking with Ghosts," Virginia Anthropology Society's Death and Dinner Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 23

2019 "Thinking with Ghosts: *Bhut laagyo*, Hysteria, and the Politics of Conceptualization," Tibet Center, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 29

2018 "Psychosocial Transformations in Post-Disaster Nepal," Friday Speaker Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, December 7

2013 "On the Ethics of Photoethnography: Exploring the Aesthetics and Politics of Representing Others," Mind, Medicine, and Culture Working Group (MMAC), Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, April 1

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Courses Designed and Taught:

University of Virginia, Bioethics Program / Department of Anthropology

“Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political” [upper division undergraduate lecture: Spring 2019; Spring 2020*; Spring 2021]

**Nominated by the Jefferson Scholars Foundation to be included on a list of recommended classes used to recruit visiting outstanding high school students to attend UVA (Spring 2020)*

“Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition” [upper division undergraduate lecture: Fall 2018; Spring 2019**; Fall 2019; Fall 2020]

***Nominated by the Jefferson Scholars Foundation to be included on a list of recommended classes used to recruit visiting outstanding high school students to attend UVA (Spring 2019)*

“Anthropology of Psychic Life” [upper division undergraduate lecture: Fall 2020]

“Moral Experience” [upper division undergraduate lecture: Spring 2020]

University of California-Los Angeles, Department of Anthropology

“Culture and Society” [lower division undergraduate lecture: Summer 2016]

“Deviance and Abnormality” [upper division undergraduate lecture: Summer 2016]

Graduate Student Instructor Teaching Experience:

University of California-Los Angeles, Department of Anthropology

“Methods in Cultural Anthropology” [undergraduate discussion sections: Spring 2013]

“Introduction to Psychological Anthropology: Historical Development” [undergraduate discussion sections: Winter 2013]

“Culture and Communication” [undergraduate discussion sections: Fall 2012]

“Introduction to Psychological Anthropology: Current Topics/Research” [undergraduate discussion sections: Spring 2012]

“Human Evolution” [undergraduate discussion sections: Winter 2012]

“Culture and Society” [undergraduate discussion sections: Fall 2011]

Independent Studies:

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

Directed Reading: Biopolitics [Spring 2019]

Supervised a directed reading for Uzma Zafar, graduate student in Anthropology

Mentorship and Advising:

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor

Liza Cathcart (University of Virginia, BA Political Philosophy, Policy & Law)

Thesis: “Captivity Disguised as Care” [2021]

Undergraduate Research Advisor

Smritee Thapa (University of Virginia, BA Anthropology/Global Environments & Sustainability)

Project: “Wikipedia + Open Knowledge Nepal: Documenting COVID-19” [Summer 2021]

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor

Smritee Thapa (University of Virginia, BA Anthropology/Global Environments & Sustainability)

UVA Religion, Race and Democracy Lab Project: “Hinduism and Ecofeminism in South Asia” [Summer 2021]

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committees:

2012–2013 Graduate Student Representative, Diversity Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Review:

2016– Manuscript Reviewer for: *American Ethnologist*; *BioSocieties*; *Cultural Anthropology*; *Ethos*; *Medical Anthropology Theory*; *Studies in Nepali History and Society*; *Transcultural Psychiatry*

Editorial:

2019–2021 Co-Editor, The Screening Room, Visual and New Media Review, *Cultural Anthropology* online

2016–2018 Contributing Editor, *Cultural Anthropology* online

APPLIED WORK

2020 **Project Manager**
“Wikipedia + Open Knowledge Nepal: Documenting COVID-19”
PI: Lane Rasberry, School of Data Science, University of Virginia
Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Implemented by Open Knowledge Nepal (OKN)

2015–2016 **Ethnographic Consultant**
“Psychosocial Intervention for Earthquake Survivors in Nepal,”
Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Implemented by the Centre for Mental Health and Counselling-Nepal (CMC)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

2013–2014 **Culture, Brain, Development, Mental Health (CBDMH) Training Program**
Graduate Fellow: “Cultural Psychiatry: Integrating Ethnography and Neuroscience in Global Mental Health Research”
PI: Laurence Kirmayer, Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill University, Funded by the Foundation for Psychocultural Research

2009–2010 **Cabinet Magazine, Brooklyn, NY**
Editorial Assistant

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Nepal (Kathmandu, central and eastern hills): Ethnographic research on therapeutic efficacy of humanitarian psychosocial interventions.
Interviews, participant observation
- 2016 New Haven, CT: Archival research at Yale Divinity School Special Collections on community mental health programs in Nepal.
Archival research
- 2014–2016 Nepal (Kathmandu, eastern hills, mid-western Tarai): Ethnographic research on global mental health, psychosocial interventions, and concepts of affliction.
Interviews, participant observation, focus groups, surveys, document analysis
- 2013 Nepal (Kathmandu, central hills, mid-western Tarai): Ethnographic research on global mental health interventions, psychosomatic disorders, and adolescent “mass hysteria”.
Interviews, participant observation
- 2012 Nepal (Kathmandu, central hills): Ethnographic research on dreams, imagination, and migration among the Hyolmo community.
Interviews, participant observation
- 2011 Queens, NY: Ethnographic research on dreams, imagination, and migration among the Hyolmo community.
Interviews, participant observation
- 2009–2010 Queens, NY: Ethnographic research (with Robert Desjarlais) on the phenomenology of migration among the Hyolmo community.
Interviews, participant observation

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2020 Interviewed for Society for Cultural Anthropology: Summers, Lachlan. "A Sudden Shock of Care: An Interview with Aidan Seale-Feldman." Supplementals, *Fieldsights*, August 18. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/a-sudden-shock-of-care-an-interview-with-aidan-seale-feldman>

LANGUAGES

- Nepali** highly proficient speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (2 summers of intensive study at Cornell University, 30 months fieldwork in Nepal)
- French** advanced speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (Cours de Civilisation Française de la Sorbonne, B1 Certificate)
- Spanish** advanced speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (2 years coursework at Sarah Lawrence College; intensive summer program in Cuernavaca, Mexico; semester abroad in Havana, Cuba)
- Portuguese** advanced speaking, comprehension, and reading

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Society for Psychological Anthropology
Society for Medical Anthropology
Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies