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EDUCATION

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021–present **Assistant Professor**
Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

Faculty Affiliate

Health, Humanities, and Society Program, John J. Reilly Center for Science,
Technology, and Values
Neuroscience and Behavior (NSBH Major)

Faculty Fellow

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs
Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs

2022–2023 **Invited Professor**
Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL), Université Paris Cité, Paris,
France.

2018–2021 **Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer**
Bioethics Program, University of Virginia

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2023–present **Research Associate**
The Lundquist Institute for Biomedical Innovation

2020–2021 **Postdoctoral Research Affiliate**
Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia

2018–present **Research Associate**
Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL), Université Paris Cité, 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

medical and psychological anthropology; anthropology of ethics and morality; disaster; anthropology of care; mental health and psychic life; critical phenomenology; biopolitics; psychedelic medicine; ethnographic writing; United States and South Asia, especially Nepal Himalayas.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Published

- 2022 Devenot, Neşe, **Aidan Seale-Feldman**, Elyse Smith, Tehseen Noorani, Albert Garcia-Romeu, and Matthew W. Johnson. “Psychedelic Identity Shift: A Critical Approach to Set and Setting.” *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 32 (4): 359–399.
- 2022 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan**. “The Possibility of Translation: Turning Ghosts into Psychosomatic Disorders in Nepal,” Special Issue: Hysteria in South Asia, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 45 (1): 130–45.
- 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.

Accepted

Seale-Feldman, Aidan. “Seeing the Mother’s Face,” Special Issue: Flash Ethnography, *HIMALAYA: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*. Submitted September 2023.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

Published

- 2022 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** “What Does It Mean to Lose a World?” *Anthropology News*, <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/what-does-it-mean-to-lose-a-world>.
- 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/>
- 2015 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Nawaraj Upadhaya. "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>

(*Nepali Reprint*) **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Nawaraj Upadhaya. “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

Published

- 2023 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Luis Felipe R. Murillo. “Thomas Csordas.” In *Antropologia: ensino, pesquisa e etnografia hoje*, edited by Kleyton Rattes, Marcelo Moura Mello, and Simone Silva, 67–100. Niterói: Eduff.
- 2022 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** “The Place of Nepal in Psychological Anthropology.” In *Nepalese Psychology: Volume One*, edited by Yubaraj Adhikari, Sujana Shrestha, and Kripa Sigdel, 21–46. Chattisgarh, India: Evincepublish.

In-Press

Seale-Feldman, Aidan. “Psychological Anthropology and the Moral/Ethical Turn.” in *Cambridge Handbook of Psychological Anthropology*, edited by Edward Lowe, under contract with Cambridge University Press.

Book Reviews

Published

- 2023 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "There Is Nothing Heroic About This Text." *Somatosphere*. May 19. <http://somatosphere.net/forumpost/there-is-nothing-heroic-about-this-text/>
- 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

Published

- 2022 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Engaged Anthropology Grant: Aidan Seale-Feldman." Wenner-Gren Foundation, *News*, September 12. <https://wennergren.org/article/engaged-anthropology-grant-aidan-seale-feldman/>
- 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>
- 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>

Media Coverage

- 2023 DeStazio, Tracy. "Anthropologist Offers Blueprint for New Ways of Being and Relating to Others in Wake of Disaster." Notre Dame News, December 19.
<https://news.nd.edu/news/anthropologist-offers-blueprint-for-new-ways-of-being-and-relating-to-others-in-wake-of-disaster/>
- 2020 Summers, Lachlan. "A Sudden Shock of Care: An Interview with Aidan Seale-Feldman." Society for Cultural Anthropology: Supplementals, *Fieldsights*, August 18.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/a-sudden-shock-of-care-an-interview-with-aidan-seale-feldman>

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants and Fellowships

- 2024-2026 **John Templeton Foundation, Spiritual Yearning Research Initiative**
Principal Investigator. (Co-PI : Brian Anderson, UCSF). Funding for "Ethical Substance: Psychedelic Medicine in Times of Social and Spiritual Crisis"
- 2020–2025 **French National Research Agency (ANR)**
Main Project Partner. (Principal Investigator: Serena Bindi, Université Paris Cité/ 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
- 2014 **Social Science Research Council**
Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship [Alternate]
- 2014 **Cornell University South Asia Nepali Language Program**
Summer Tuition Fellowship
- 2013 **U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)**
Fellowship for Nepali Language Training at Cornell University
- 2013 **Cornell University South Asia Nepali Language Program**
Summer Tuition Fellowship
- 2012 **Lemelson Fellowship/ Society for Psychological Anthropology**
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship [\$5,150]

2011 **National Science Foundation**
Graduate Research Fellowship Program [Honorable Mention]

University Grants and Fellowships

2022 **University of Notre Dame, John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology,
and Values**
Health, Humanities, and Society Course Development Grant

2022 **University of Notre Dame, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts**
Annual Research Theme: A Time to Heal

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

2014 **Foundation for Psychocultural Research-UCLA Program for Culture, Brain,
Development, Mental Health (CBDMH)**
Summer Fieldwork Fellowship

2014 **University of California, Los Angeles, International Institute**
Graduate Student Fieldwork Fellowship [*declined*]

2013–2014 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship

2013 **Foundation for Psychocultural Research-UCLA Program for Culture, Brain,
Development, Mental Health (CBDMH)**
Summer Fieldwork Fellowship

2013 **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]

Awards and Honors

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

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

Invited

“Ethical Substance: Psychedelic Medicine in Times of Social and Spiritual Crisis,”
Psychological and Medical Anthropology Seminar, Department of Anthropology,
University of California–San Diego, May 6, 2024.

2022 (with Serena Bindi) “Experiences of Loss and Grief in Changing Himalayan
Landscapes,” Center for Himalayan Studies (CEH) Workshop, Centre d'études
himalayennes, CNRS, Campus Condorcet, Paris, France, December 15, 2022.

2022 “Psychogeographies: Counseling in a Himalayan Disaster Zone,” General Seminar,
Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL), Université Paris Cité, Paris, France,
December 13.

2022 “Psychogeographies: Counseling in a Himalayan Disaster Zone,” Friday Seminar,
Department of Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong Kong, November 4.

2022 “Psychic Intervention: The Crisis of Mental Health in Times of Disaster,” Research
Seminar Series, Martin Chautari, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 10.

2021 “‘The World is Like This’: Life, Loss, and the Trembling Thought of Disaster.” French
National Research Agency (ANR) Seminar–Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological
Perspectives, Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL), Université Paris Cité, Paris,
France, November 18.

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, Montreal, Quebec, April 1.

- 2021 “The World is Like This.” Team Phenomenology Working Group, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, March 18.
- 2021 “Crisis, Care, and the Work of Disaster.” Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, January 25.
- 2020 “Measuring Care: Humanitarian Efficacy in Post-Disaster Nepal.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, 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 “Thinking with Ghosts.” Virginia Anthropology Society’s Death and Dinner Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 23.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, 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.
- 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.

Panels, Roundtables, Talks, and Conferences Chaired or Organized

- 2023 Chair: "Ecologizing Therapeutic Practices," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 15-19.
- 2023 Organizer/Moderator: "Mobility, Infrastructure, and Affective Worlds in and out of the Himalayas" with Dr. Sienna Craig and Dr. Sara Shneiderman, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, October 6.
- 2023 Co-Organizer (with Samuele Collu): "Ecologies of Psychic Life," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 27-30.
- 2023 Organizer/Moderator: "Intimate Technologies: Dr. Hannah Zeavin and Dr. Samuele Collu in Conversation," Health, Humanities and Society Program/ Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, March 30.
- 2022 Co-Organizer (with Sandra Hyde): "Psychogeography: Rethinking the Psychotherapeutic and Affliction," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, November 9-13.
- 2022 Organizer/Moderator: "'The Great Groundwater Swindle,'" with Dr. Lucas Bessire, Department of Anthropology Speaker Series, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, October 28.
- 2022 Co-organizer (with Serena Bindi): Research Seminar on "Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological Perspectives—Year 3," Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL)/Université Paris Cité, Paris, France and online, October-December.
- 2021 Co-organizer (with Samuele Collu): "Towards an Anthropology of Psychic Life," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Online, April 6-10.
- 2021 Co-organizer (with Serena Bindi): Research Seminar on "Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological Perspectives—Year 2," Centre d'anthropologie culturelle (CANTHEL)/Université Paris Cité, Paris, France and online, October-December.
- 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 (with Devin Flaherty and Kathryn Hale): UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, March 2.

Presentations

Submitted

- “Paranoid and Reparative Readings of Care in Times of Disaster,” American Ethnological Society Conference, University of Pittsburgh, April 4-6, 2024.
- 2023 Roundtable Participant, “Curating Transformative Experiences from Research to Pedagogy: Consciousness, Embodiment, and Transitions,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 15-19.
- 2023 “Between Disability Activism and Disability-Adjusted Life Years,” Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) Symposium: South Asian Disability Futures, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, October 18, 2023.
- 2023 Roundtable Participant, “Ecologies of Psychic Life,” Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 27-30.
- 2022 “Psychogeographies: Movement, Solidarity, Risk,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, November 9-13.
- 2022 Symposium Participant, Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) Symposium: Decolonizing STM, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, October 19-22.
- 2022 “Seeing the Mother’s Face,” Flash Ethnography Workshop: Himalayan Conversations, Himalayan Studies Conference, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, October 13-16.
- 2021 “Seismic Interruptions,” Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) Symposium: Interruptions and Failures, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, October 20-24.
- 2021 (Co-authored with Samuele Collu) “Psychic Boundaries: Therapeutic and Pedagogical Implications,” Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Online, April 6-10.
- 2019 “Screen Test: A Visual Essay on Intersubjectivity,” Canadian Anthropology Society/American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, 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, University of Colorado–Boulder, 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, Université de 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.

Guest Lectures

- 2022 “Anthropology and Consulting,” Invited speaker for “Journée métier anthropologue,” MA Ethnologie et Anthropologie Program, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France, December 9.
- 2022 “Phenomenological Anthropology,” Invited speaker for “Anthropologie de la Santé: du lointain au proche” graduate course, MA Ethnologie et Anthropologie Program, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France, October 26.
- 2022 “What is Phenomenology?” Invited speaker for “Anthropologie de la Santé: du lointain au proche” graduate course, MA Ethnologie et Anthropologie Program, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France, October 12.
- 2021 “Crisis, Care, and Building Back Otherwise.” Invited speaker for “Global Health” undergraduate lecture course. Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon, October 28.
- 2021 “The Work of Disaster.” Invited speaker for “Social Politics of Disaster” undergraduate lecture course, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, March 9.
- 2020 “The Work of Disaster.” Invited speaker for “Medical Anthropology” undergraduate lecture course, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, September 3.
- 2020 “Relational Affliction.” Invited speaker for “Medical Anthropology” undergraduate lecture course, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, February 19.
- 2019 “Psychosocial Transformations in Post-Disaster Nepal.” Invited speaker for “Medical Anthropology” undergraduate lecture course, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 21.

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Courses Designed and Taught:

University of Notre Dame, Department of Anthropology

Undergraduate Courses:

- Health and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Spring 2024, 23 students)
 Anthropology of Psychic Life (Fall 2023, 12 students)
 Anthropology of Psychic Life (Spring 2023, 16 students)

Perspectives in Anthropological Analysis (Spring 2023, 12 students)
Health and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Spring 2022, 23 students)
Health and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Fall 2021–section 2, 20 students)
Health and Culture: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Fall 2021–section 1, 21 students)

Graduate Courses:

Biopolitics (Spring 2022, 9 students)

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology/Bioethics Program

Undergraduate Courses:

Moral Experience (Spring 2020, 32 students)
Anthropology of Psychic Life (Fall 2020, 24 students)
Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political (Spring 2021, 59 students)
Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political (Spring 2020, 60 students) *
Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political (Spring 2019, 58 students)
Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition (Fall 2020, 29 students)
Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition (Fall 2019, 29 students)
Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition (Spring 2019, 28 students) **
Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition (Fall 2018, 26 students)

**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)*

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University of California–Los Angeles, Department of Anthropology

Undergraduate Courses (Instructor of Record):

Culture and Society (Summer 2016, 49 students)
Deviance and Abnormality (Summer 2016, 30 students)

Undergraduate Courses (Teaching Assistant):

Methods in Cultural Anthropology (Spring 2013)
Introduction to Psychological Anthropology: Historical Development (Winter 2013)
Culture and Communication (Fall 2012)
Introduction to Psychological Anthropology: Current Topics/Research (Spring 2012)
Human Evolution (Winter 2012)
Culture and Society (Fall 2011)

Independent Studies:

Directed Reading: Medical Anthropology (Spring 2024)
Supervised directed reading for graduate student in Anthropology (University of Notre Dame)

Directed Reading: Biopolitics (Spring 2019)
Supervised directed reading for graduate student in Anthropology (University of Virginia)

Public Seminars Designed and Taught:

Martin Chautari (Kathmandu, Nepal)

Medical Anthropology: From the Human to the Planetary (Summer 2022)

Advising:

Ph.D. Committee Chair

Prakash B.K. (University of Notre Dame, Department of Anthropology)

Ph.D. Committee Member

Kayla Hurd (University of Notre Dame, Department of Anthropology)
Dissertation: “Beyond Nourishment: A Biocultural Analysis of Meaning Making, Dietary Practices, and Insect Eating in the Times of Covid-19” (PhD 2023)
George Azcárate (University of Notre Dame, Department of Romance Languages)

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor

Chris Hernandez (University of Notre Dame, Anthropology)
Liza Cathcart (University of Virginia, Political Philosophy, Policy & Law)
Thesis: “Captivity Disguised as Care” (2021)

Undergraduate Research Advisor

Jake Harris (University of Notre Dame, Anthropology and Global Affairs, Health Humanities and Society Minor/Kellogg International Scholar)
Ella Gaul (University of Notre Dame, Neuroscience and Behavior)
Aidan Rezner (University of Notre Dame, Neuroscience and Behavior/Compassionate Care in Medicine/Cathy & Jack Brennan Family Scholar)
Smritee Thapa (University of Virginia, Anthropology/Global Environments & Sustainability)

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2023	Kellogg International Scholars Screening Committee, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
2021-present	Speaker Series Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
2021	Team Member: Rev. John S. Dunne, CSC., Environmental Humanities Center, Moment to See, Courage to Act (MSCA) Initiative, University of Notre Dame
2012–2013	Graduate Student Representative, Diversity Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles

2011–2013 Graduate Coordinator: Mind, Medicine, and Culture Working Group (MMAC),
Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2023–present Member-At-Large, Board of the Society for Psychological Anthropology

2019–2021 Co-Editor, “The Screening Room,” *Visual and New Media Review*, Society for
Cultural Anthropology

2016–2018 Contributing Editor, Society for Cultural Anthropology

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

APPLIED WORK

2022-present **Qualitative Research Lead**

“Pragmatic Trial of Psilocybin in Palliative Care (PT2PC): A Multicenter Triple-
blind Phase 2 Randomized Controlled Trial of Psilocybin Therapy for Demoralized
Adults Near the End of Life.” PI: Charles Grob, M.D., Lundquist Institute for
Biomedical Innovation at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

2020 **Project Manager**

“Wikipedia + Open Knowledge Nepal: Documenting COVID-19.” PI: Lane
Raspberry, 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

2022 **Faculty Success Program**

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (semester program funded
by the Office of the Provost, University of Notre Dame)

2013–2014 **Graduate Fellow**

Culture, Brain, Development, Mental Health (CBDMH) Training Program–
Foundation for Psychocultural Research

- 2009–2010 **Editorial Assistant**
Cabinet Magazine, Brooklyn, NY
- 2008 **Globalization and Community Health Summer Field School**
University of South Florida, Monteverde, Costa Rica
- 2007 **Research Assistant: Mexico, Trade, and Migration Program**
Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA
- 2006–2009 **Research Assistant to Dr. Robert Desjarlais**
Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022 United States (San Francisco Bay Area, CA): Ethnographic research on healing and the politics of psychedelic medicine. *Interviews, participant observation.*
- 2019 Nepal (Kathmandu, Central and Eastern Hills): Ethnographic research on therapeutic efficacy of humanitarian psychosocial interventions. *Interviews, participant observation.*
- 2016 United States (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 United States (Queens, NY): Ethnographic research on dreams, imagination, and migration among the Hyolmo community. *Interviews, participant observation.*
- 2009–2010 United States (Queens, NY): Ethnographic research (with Robert Desjarlais) on the phenomenology of migration among the Hyolmo community. *Interviews, participant observation.*

2008 Costa Rica (Monteverde): Globalization and Community Health Summer Field School (with University of South Florida) *Interviews, surveys, focus groups, food recall interviews.*

LANGUAGES

Nepali highly proficient speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (2 summers of intensive study at Cornell University, 30 months in Nepal)
French advanced-intermediate speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (Cours de Civilisation Française de la Sorbonne, B1/B2)
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

REFERENCES

References available upon request.