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Education

1964-1974 University of Washington
Ph.D. (1974) Anthropology
1957-1960 Oxford University
M.A. (1964) Modern History
B.A. (1960) Modern History

Academic Employment

2004-2007 Acting Director, the South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin
1997-present Professor of Anthropology and Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
1995-2003 Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin
1982-97 Associate Professor of Anthropology and Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
1989-90 Visiting Research Fellow in Social Anthropology, School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex
1983 Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo
1979-82 Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
1978-79 Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Washington University
1971-78 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Swarthmore College

Major Grants and Awards

1990 The Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies, Joint Committee on South Asia; grant for research on images of the village community in the construction of Sinhalese nationalism.
1989-90 National Endowment for the Humanities; fellowship for research on images of the peasantry in the construction of Sinhalese nationalism.
1989-90 University of Texas at Austin, University Research Institute; Faculty Research Assignment.
1983 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; grant-in-aid for research on ideology and agrarian change in Sri Lanka.
1983 The Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies, Joint Committee on South Asia; grant for research on ideological and agricultural practice in Anuradhapura District, Sri Lanka.
1983 University of Texas at Austin, University Research Institute; Faculty Research Assignment.
1980 University of Texas at Austin, University Research Institute; Summer Research Award for the study of agricultural decision-making in Sri Lanka.

- 1975 The Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies, Joint Committee on South Asia; grant for research on the economic organization of a Vedda village.
- 1968-70 Smithsonian Institution, Foreign Currency Program; grant for research on the kinship and economic organization of the Veddas.
- 1968 National Science Foundation; dissertation improvement grant.
- 1967-71 Kent Fellowship; the Danforth Foundation.
- 1966 Carnegie Foundation, Cross-Cultural Study of Ethnocentrism; grant for research on the Shuswap Indians of British Columbia.

Publications

Books

- 1996 *Demons and Development: The Struggle for Community in a Sri Lankan Village*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press; xviii + 218 pp.
- 1992 (Senior editor, with Joe Weeramunda) *Agrarian Change in Sri Lanka*. New Delhi, Sage Publications; 445 pp.
- 1978 *Vedda Villages of Anuradhapura: The Historical Anthropology of a Community in Sri Lanka*. Seattle, University of Washington Press (Publications on Asia of the School of International Studies, No.33); xv + 268 pp.
- 1972 *The Shuswap of Canada*. New Haven, Human Relations Area Files (Ethnocentrism Series, HRAFlex Book NE-12-001); vi + 193 pp.

Articles in Refereed Journals

- 1999 (with Sandya Hewamanne) "‘If They Allow Us We Will Fight’: Strains of Consciousness Among Women Workers in the Katunayake Free Trade Zone." *Anthropology of Work Review* 19 (3): 8-13.
- 1999 "Utopia's New-Found Space: Images of the Village Community in the Early Writings of Ananda Coomaraswamy." *Modern Asian Studies* 33 (1): 68-86.
- 1990 "Notes on Community, Hegemony and the Uses of the Past." *Anthropological Quarterly* 63(1): 1-6.
- 1990 "The Incorporation of a Marginal Community Within the Sinhalese Nation." *Anthropological Quarterly* 63(1); 7-17.
- 1988 "In Pursuit of Hegemony: Representations of Authority and Justice in a Sri Lankan Village." *American Ethnologist* 15(2): 311-327.
- 1981 "Some Problems in the Analysis of Agrarian Classes in South Asia." *Peasant Studies* 9(1): 26-39.
- 1981 "Class Formation and Ideological Practice: A Case from Sri Lanka." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 40(4): 703-718.
- 1980 "The Ideology and Practice of Share-Cropping Tenancy in Kukulewa and Pul Eliya." *Ethnology* 19(1): 47-67.
- 1978 "The Changing Structure of Appropriations in Vedda Agriculture." *American Ethnologist* 5(3): 448-467.
- 1976 "The Impact of Population Growth on the Agricultural Practices and Settlement Patterns of the Anuradhapura Veddas." *Contributions to Asian Studies* 9: 80-96.

Chapters in Books

- Forthcoming "Reconstituting Village Communities: Sir William Gregory's Efforts to Renovate Village Agriculture in Ceylon's North Central Province." In *The Anthropologist and the Native: Essays for Gananath Obeyesekere*, H.L. Seneviratne, ed., pp. 123-34. Florence, Italy, Florence University Press.
- 2004 "Class Formation and Ideological Practice: A Case from Sri Lanka." In *Capitalism in Asia*, David Ludden, ed., pp. 151-67. Ann Arbor, Association for Asian Studies. (reprint of 1981 article in *The Journal of Asian Studies*)
- 1992 "Themes in Agrarian Change." In *Agrarian Change in Sri Lanka*, James Brow and Joe Weeramunda, eds., pp. 41-60. New Delhi, Sage Publications.
- 1992 "Agrarian Change and the Struggle for Community in Kukulewa, Anuradhapura District." In *Agrarian Change in Sri Lanka*, James Brow and Joe Weeramunda, eds., pp. 261-291. New Delhi, Sage Publications.
- 1991 (Senior author, with Michael Woost) "Vedda." In *The Encyclopedia of World Cultures*, Vol. III (South Asia), Paul Hockings, ed. pp. 300-303. Boston, G.K. Hall.
- 1990 "Nationalist Rhetoric and Local Practice: The Fate of the Village Community in Kukulewa." In *Sri Lanka: History and the Roots of Conflict*, Jonathan Spencer, ed., pp. 125-144. London, Routledge.

Journal Editorships

- 1990 (Senior editor, with Ted Swedenburg) Tendentious Revisions of the Past in the Construction of Community. A special issue of *Anthropological Quarterly* 63 (1).
- 1976 Population, Land, and Structural Change in Sri Lanka and Thailand. A special issue of *Contributions to Asian Studies*. .

Book Reviews

Man
Ethnic Studies Report
The Times Literary Supplement
Social Science Quarterly
The Journal of Asian Studies
Journal of Comparative Studies

Conferences and Workshops

Conference and Panel Organization

- 1988 Organizer/chair, panel on "Nationalist Discourse and the Uses of the Past in Sri Lanka," annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Phoenix.
- 1987 Organizer/co-chair, panel on "Concealing and Revealing Difference: Tendentious Revisions of the Past in the Construction of Community," annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- 1984 Co-organizer/co-chair, international conference on "Symbolic and Material Dimensions of Agrarian Change in Sri Lanka," sponsored by the Joint Committee on South Asia of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council, and by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for

- Anthropological Research, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka.
- 1981 Organizer, panel on "Aspects of Agrarian Social Structure in South Asia," annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto.
- 1974 Organizer, panel on "Population, Land and Structural Change in Sri Lanka and Thailand," annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Mexico City.

Conference and Workshop Participation

- 1995 5th Sri Lanka Conference, Durham, New Hampshire.
- 1984 Conference on "Symbolic and Material Dimensions of Agrarian Change in Sri Lanka," Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka.
- 1983 Conference on "Rural Education and Cultural Change in Southeast Asia," sponsored by the Joint Committee on Southeast Asia of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council.
- 1982 Interdisciplinary conference on "Peasant Production and the Evolution of Social Systems," University of Iowa.
- 1978 Workshop on "Post-peasant society in Southeast Asia," sponsored by the Social Science Research Council.
- 1974 Summer Institute in Population, sponsored by the Center for Population Research, National Institutes of Health.

Papers Delivered

Since 1992

- 1996 Reinventing the Veddas Yet Again. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco.
- 1995 Reconstituting Village Communities: Sir William Gregory's Efforts to Renovate Village Agriculture in the North Central Province. 5th Sri Lanka Conference, Durham, New Hampshire.
- 1993 Representations of the Village Community in Sri Lanka. South Asia Seminar, University of Texas at Austin.
- 1993 From Wilderness to Garden: The Discourse of Development in the 1870s. Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. San Antonio.
- 1992 Images of the Peasantry in the Early Writings of Ananda Coomaraswamy. Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C.
- 1992 The Education of Desire: Images of the Village Community in the Early Writings of Ananda Coomaraswamy. Seminar Series, Center for South Asian Studies and Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia.

Prior to 1992

- American Anthropological Association, annual meetings, 1988, 1987, 1986, 1981, 1974.
- Association for Asian Studies, annual meetings, 1986, 1982, 1981.
- Conference on "Peasant Production and the Evolution of Social Systems," University of Iowa, 1980.
- Conference on "Symbolic and Material Dimensions of Agrarian Change," Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, 1984.
- Stanford University, Anthropology Department Colloquium, 1979, 1977.

University of Pennsylvania, Departments of Anthropology and South Asian Studies, Joint Colloquium, 1976.

University of Peradeniya, South Asian Studies Seminar, 1983.

University of Sussex, Anthropology Seminar, 1990.

University of Texas at Austin, Anthropology Department Colloquium, 1984, 1979.

University of Texas at Austin, South Asia Seminar, 1987, 1984.

Washington University, Anthropology Department Colloquium, 1978.

Academic and Professional Service

University of Texas, South Asia Institute

Acting Director, 2004-2007; Advisory Committee, 2006-present

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Anthropology

Chairman, 1995-2003; Executive Committee, 1981-82, 1984-86, 1988-89, 1991-1995, 2003-2006; Graduate Studies Committee, Steering Committee, 1981-82, 1984-89, 1992-94 (Chair 1984-89, 1992-94); Graduate Adviser, 1984-87; Course Planning Committee (chair), 2001-07); African-American & Mexican-American Diasporas Committee, 1990-91; Committee to Evaluate the Chairmanship, 1991; Undergraduate Studies Committee, 1990-92, 1994-1995, 1999-2003; Faculty Recruitment Committee (Co-Chair), 1992-93, 1993-94, 2002-03; Faculty Recruitment Committee (Member), 1997-98, 2000-01.

University of Texas, Center for Asian Studies

Executive Committee, 1980-81, 1987-89, 1992-1995; 1999-2001; Graduate Studies Committee, 1987-88, 1992-1994; Undergraduate Committee, 1994-1995; South Asia Seminar Committee, 1985-1993, (Chair, 1988-89; Co-Chair, 1992); Committee on Excellence, 1983; Directorship Search Committee, 1999-2000.

University of Texas, Department of Asian Studies

Executive Committee, 2004-2006.

University of Texas at Austin

University Research Institute, Faculty Review Committee, 1990-92. Fulbright Campus Review Committee, 1992, 1993, 1994.

Association for Asian Studies

Sri Lanka Studies Group, Steering Committee, 1986-89.

American Institute of Indian Studies

Member, Board of Trustees, 2004-2007.

American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies

Member, Board of Trustees, 2004-2007.

Manuscript Reviews

American Ethnologist; Comparative Studies in Society and History; South Asia; Human Organization; Anthropology and Education; Cultural Dynamics; University of California Press; Benjamin Cummings Publishing Company; Rutgers University Press; University of Texas Press; Cambridge University Press; Blackwell Publishers; University of Pennsylvania Press.

Tenure and Promotion Reviews

Stanford University; Syracuse University; Duke University; University of Edinburgh; Hartwick College; University of Sussex; Columbia University.

Faculty Appointment Consultancy

Harvard University.

Grant Proposal Reviews

National Science Foundation; National Endowment for the Humanities; Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies.

Consultancies

Philadelphia Ecology Project; New Transcendy Foundation; American Institute for Indian Studies, Ad Hoc Committee on Research Access.