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Curriculum Vitae

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**Current Position**

Assistant Professor, Anthropology Department  
Reed College, Portland OR

**Education**

- Ph.D.      *University of Chicago*, Anthropology, 2010. Dissertation: "Schism and Christianity: Bible Translation and The Social Organization of Denominationalism in the Waria Valley, Papua New Guinea."
- M.A.      *University of Chicago*, Anthropology, 2002. M.A. thesis: "'Pidgin's Progress' Revisited: Tok Pisin and the Language Policy Debates in Papua New Guinea's Independence."
- B.A.      *Reed College*, 1998. Linguistics with Anthropology as an allied field. B.A. thesis: "Parishioners, pastors and 'pulling' the Holy Spirit: Creativity and contextualization of sermon discourse in the Mountain Ok region of Papua New Guinea."

**Field Research**

- 2005-2007      17 months (16 months consecutively in 2005-6, with a one month follow up trip in 2007) of dissertation field research in Titio Village, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea; and at SIL PNG headquarters, Ukarumpa, Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea.

**Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

- 2007-2008      *Watkins Dissertation Year Fellowship*,  
Anthropology Department, University of Chicago
- 2006-2007      *Junior Fellow, Martin Marty Center*,  
Divinity School, University of Chicago
- 2006      *Watkins Post-Field Fellowship*,  
Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2004      *Social Science Research Council*  
International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2004      *Fulbright-Hays*  
Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad fellowship

- 2003            *Roy D. Albert prize for most distinguished Masters Paper*,  
Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2001-2004      *National Science Foundation*  
Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 1999-2003      *Century Fellowship*, University of Chicago
- 1998            *Phi Beta Kappa*, Reed College
- 1998            *Dorothy and Ted Johnson Memorial Scholarship*, Reed College

## **Publications**

### **I. Journal and Edited Volume articles**

- To appear      *The Future of Christian Critique: Lost Tribes Discourses in Papua New Guinean Publics*. IN Future Selves in the Pacific, Will Rollason, ed.      New York: Berghahn Books.
- To appear      *Mediating Denominational Disputes: Land Claims and the Sound of Christian Critique in the Waria Valley, Papua New Guinea*. IN Christianity and Politics in Oceania, Matthew Tomlinson and Debra McDougall, eds. New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2011            *Ideologies of Intimacy and Distance: Israelite Genealogies in Guhu-Samane Christian Commitment*. Anthropological Quarterly 84(3): 655-677; as part of a group submission on "Aporias of Language Ideologies"
- 2010            *Events of Translation: Intertextuality and Christian Ethno-Theologies of Change among Guhu-Samane, Papua New Guinea*. American Anthropologist 112(4): 576-588.
- 2009            *Language Ideology and Christianization*. For a special section of Language discussing the role of the Summer Institute of Linguistics in the Linguistic Society of America. Volume 84, September.
- 2007            *Access to the Soul: Native Language and Authenticity in Papua New Guinea Bible Translation*. In Consequences of Contact: Language Ideologies and Sociocultural Transformations in Pacific Societies, Miki Makihara and Bambi B. Schieffelin, eds. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 166-188.

### **II. Book reviews**

- To appear      *Book review of Words upon the Word: An Ethnography of Evangelical Group Bible Study*, by James Bielo.  
To appear in *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*
- 2011            *Book review of Mary, the Devil, and Taro: Catholicism and Women's Work in a Micronesian Society*, by Juliana Flinn. *American Anthropologist* 113(3): 517-518.
- 2009            *Book review of The Severed Snake: Matrilineages, Making Places, and a Melanesian Christianity in Southeast Solomon Islands*, by Michael W. Scott. *Anthropological Forum* 19(2):220-222.
- 2008            *Book review of Christian Moderns: Freedom and Fetish in the Mission Encounter*, by Webb Keane. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 18 (1):155-157.
- 2007            *Book review of The Limits of Meaning: Case Studies in the Anthropology of Christianity*, Matthew Engelke and Matt Tomlinson, eds. *Pacific Affairs* 80 (3): 553-554.

## Scholarly Presentations

### I. Invited Seminars, Workshops, and Discussions

- 2010 Discussant for *Media and Movement: (Re)articulating Knowledge and Identity Across Borders* panel.  
American Anthropological Association annual meetings, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 *Mediating Denominational Disputes: Land Claims and the Sound of Christian Critique*.  
Invited Workshop on Christian Politics in Oceania. Monash University, Melbourne.
- 2009 *Events of Translation: Denominational Conversion and Christian Narratives of Change among Guhu-Samane, Papua New Guinea*  
Anthropology Department, Reed College, Portland, OR
- 2008 *From the Mission Station to the Village: Schism, denominationalism, and the transformation of village sociality in a Papua New Guinea Holy Spirit revival*.  
Anthropology Department Seminar Series, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University.
- 2007 *Local Christians: Universalism, Denominationalism, and Localization in the Guhu-Samane Revival*.  
Dissertation chapter presented to the “Religion and the Social” Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2007 *Models of Translation: The New Testament, The Old Testament, and God’s “Blessings” to the Ancestors in Waria Valley Christian Denominationalism*.  
Dissertation chapter presented to the Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2006 *The Morality of “Kastom” (custom) and the History of Missionization in the Waria Valley, Papua New Guinea*.  
Seminar for the National Research Institute of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby.
- 2003 *Access to the Soul: Native Language and Authenticity in Papua New Guinea Bible Translation*.  
Paper presented to the “Interdisciplinary Christianities Workshop,” University of Chicago.

### II. Conference Presentations

- 2011 *Cheap Grace: Confession and Problems of Publicity in Colonial Lutheran New Guinea*.  
Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Montreal, QC.
- 2010 *Text Messaging in Tok Pisin: Etymologies, Orthographies, and Phonologies in the Formation of Creole Papua New Guinea*.  
Paper presented at the Georgetown University Roundtable in Linguistics, Washington, DC.
- 2010 *Moral Diasporas: Lost Tribes of Israel in Papua New Guinea Publics*.  
Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 *Transparently International: Etymologies, Orthographies, and Phonologies in the Formation of Creole Papua New Guinea*.  
Paper presented to the European Society for Oceanists bi-annual meetings, St. Andrews, Scotland.

- 2010 *Lost Tribes: Finding common ground in Papua New Guinea's Christian publics.*  
Paper presented to the European Society for Oceanists bi-annual meetings, St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 2009 *The Christianity of Denominationalism: Ambivalent Sociality in a Papua New Guinea Pentecostal Schism*  
For an Invited Session on "Christian Politics in Oceania: Denominationalism and Circulation." American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 *The Space of Conflict: Interaction, Desire, and Fission in Guhu-Samane Villages.*  
For the session "Villages and Their Alters in Melanesian Social Worlds." Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania annual meetings, Santa Cruz, CA.
- 2008 *Denominational Conversion in Christian Histories: Continuities and Gaps in Serial Conversion among the Guhu-Samane, Papua New Guinea.*  
For an Invited Session on "The Cultures of Christian Conversion." American Anthropological Association annual meetings, San Francisco.
- 2008 *The Space of Christian Practice and the Politics of Locality: Denominational Schism in the Waria Valley, Papua New Guinea.* Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania annual meetings, Canberra, Australia.
- 2007 *Overcoming the Savage: Christian models of Cultural Denunciation among the Guhu-Samane, Papua New Guinea.*  
American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC.
- 2007 *Ideologies of Intimacy and Distance: The Moral Values of Genealogies in Christian Commitment among the Guhu-Samane, Papua New Guinea.*  
Society for the Anthropology of Religion annual meetings, Phoenix, AZ
- 2007 *Language Ideology and Christianization.*  
Linguistic Society of America annual meetings, Anaheim, CA
- 2003 *Authority and Access in Bible Translation in Papua New Guinea.*  
American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL
- 2003 *'Pidgin's Progress' Revisited: Tok Pisin and the Language Policy Debates in Papua New Guinea's Independence.*  
Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea annual meetings, Lae, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea
- 2003 *'We Have a Very Big Debt': The Missionized as the Missionaries in Papua New Guinea and Beyond.*  
Society for the Anthropology of Religion annual meetings, Providence, RI
- 2003 *Tok (Ples) Bilong God: 'Native' Language and the Construction of Authority in Bible Translation Projects in Papua New Guinea.*  
Association for Social Anthropology of Oceania annual meetings, Vancouver, B.C.
- 2001 *Language Planning in the Era of Development.*  
Michicagooan Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Michigan

### Teaching Experience

- present *Assistant Professor, Reed College.* Teaching "Introduction to Anthropology," "Ethnographies of Global Christianities," "Translation and the Boundaries of Difference," "The Anthropology of Melanesia," "Media/Materiality/Religion."
- 2009 *Starr Lecturer, "The Anthropology of Christianity,"* University of Chicago

	Anthropology Department
2009	<i>Lecturer</i> , “Power, Identity, and Resistance III: Twentieth Century Responses to Liberalism,” University of Chicago Social Science Core.
2009	<i>Lecturer</i> , “Power, Identity, and Resistance II: Liberalism and Its Critics,” University of Chicago Social Science Core.
2007	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “Anthropological Methods” for Judith Farquhar (graduate level class), University of Chicago Anthropology Department
2007	<i>Teaching Intern</i> , “Power, Identity, and Resistance, II” for Rochona Majumdar, University of Chicago Social Science Core
2007	<i>Writing Intern</i> , “Greek Thought and Literature,” for Robert Von Hallberg, University of Chicago Humanities Core
2006	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “Language in Culture, I” for Robin Shoaps (graduate level class), University of Chicago Anthropology Department
2006	<i>Teaching Intern</i> , “Power, Identity, Resistance, I” for James Leitzel, University of Chicago Social Science Core
2004	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “Development of Social and Cultural Theory II” for Manuela Carniero da Cunha (graduate level class), University of Chicago Anthropology Department

### Professional Service

Ongoing	Peer reviewer for <i>Comparative Studies in Society and History</i> , <i>Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute</i> , <i>Journal of Linguistic Anthropology</i> , <i>The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology</i> , and <i>The Journal of the Polynesian Society</i> .
2010	Organized (with Heath Cabot) “Materializing Transductions: Transformations across Ethnographic Scales” panel, American Anthropological Association annual meetings, New Orleans, LA.
2009-2011	Organized (with Rupert Stasch) an ongoing workshop “Villages and Their Alters in Melanesian Social Worlds” panel, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania annual meetings, Santa Cruz, CA; Alexandria, VA; and Las Vegas, NV
2003	Organized (with Alejandro Paz) “The Interpretation of Boundaries: Text and the Construction of Religious Communities” panel, Society for the Anthropology of Religion annual meetings, Providence, RI
2002-2003	Organized (with Adi Hastings) the Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago
2002	Organized (with Alejandro Paz) “Semiotics of Anxiety/Anxiety about Semiosis” Conference, University of Chicago, March 1-2
2001-2002	Organized (with Alejandro Paz) the Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago

### Professional Affiliations

Member of American Anthropological Association, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Society for Linguistic Anthropology, American Ethnological Association, Melanesian Interest Group, Association for the Social Anthropology of Oceania.

### **Language Proficiencies**

French	intermediate reading
Tok Pisin	fluent speaking, reading, writing
Guhu-Samane	intermediate reading

### **References**

Michael Silverstein  
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