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Education

Ph.D. candidate, UIC Department of Anthropology, Aug. 2013—
MA student, UIC Department of History, 2015—
M.A., UIC Department of Anthropology (via Ph.D. track), awarded May 2015
M.A., Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, August 2013
A.B., *cum laude*, Anthropology, Princeton University, June 2006

Awards and Honors

2017 Center for Khmer Studies/CAORC Fellow \$11,000
2014 Center for Khmer Studies Summer Fellowship, \$3,500 tuition waiver for intensive language training course, Phnom Penh. *Completed language course in Intermediate Khmer.*
2013 Chancellor's Award for Graduate Research, UIC, \$8,000 funding for two summer fieldwork seasons. **2013-2016** University Fellowship status and funding, UIC.
2012 Viravan Thai Studies Endowment, University of Michigan. \$5,500 for MA thesis research in Thailand.
Outstanding Vietnamese-Language Student of the Year, University of Michigan. *Completed language course in Advanced Vietnamese, Spring 2013, translated "The Wandering Motorbike" by Nguyen Truong Quy into English*
2011 CSEAS Promising Student Award, University of Michigan. Received \$1,000 in support of future research
Usha Maha Jani Award for Excellence in the Study of Language: SEASSI intensive language program, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$500 prize is awarded to one student each summer from among all of the languages offered at SEASSI.
2007-2008 Princeton in Asia Fellowship. One year posting in journalism, Hanoi, Vietnam, 2007-
2005 Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, Princeton University.

Field Research Experience

Survivor Testimony Interviewer and Archivist, *National Cambodian Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, Chicago, Sep. 18- ongoing*

Primary dissertation research follows Cambodian fieldwork, recording the life histories of Lhmer Rouge regime survivors living in Chicago for use as a research archive and in nascent NCHM public exhibits.

Independent Observer *Chicago Ideas Week Youth Kickoff, October 2018*

Selected to act as immersed observer within guided conversations among Chicago Public High School students concerning the meaning of digital citizenship in the 21st century. Also conversed with platform innovators in online activism organizing, educational content sharing and delivery. Submitted report on my findings to CIW organizers.

Extended field research of Khmer and co-indigenous minorities along Cambodia's dwindling forest arc (funded by CKS see above)

Cambodia. October 2017- January 2018

Combined: participant-observation of forest and forest-edge subsistence and extraction-for-trade practices, particularly in non monetary contexts; long form interviews relating to oral histories at multiple scales, explanation of social ideals and realities, war trauma an often surprising conflict roles etc.; GPS data; organic and ceramic sampling from landscape survey...

Excavation at Tonle Bak Iron Production/Settlement Zone, Cambodia January 24-February 24th, 2017

Participated in all phases/types of excavation at this astoundingly abundant site. Simultaneous excavations of iron furnaces, settlement layers, and potential religious structure. Diversity and volume of pottery + number of metal objects found intact + intact furnace architecture + elephant teeth = dream come true!

Dissertation research with the Kuay ethnic group, second season, June 21-July 6 2015

Returned to southern Preah Vihear province to continue field research related to traditional ethno-botanical knowledge, complex dynamics of ethnicity and state projects, oral history, folklore, Kuay language...

Dissertation research with the Kuay ethnic group/CKS Language Program, June-July 2014

Acquired funding, assembled team, lead field expedition of several weeks following intensive language school in Phnom Penh, Summer 2014

Industries of Angkor Project (INDAP), Cambodia, May 15-June 25 2013.

Assisted Professor Mitch Hendrickson in his field season in north-central Cambodia.

Princeton Program in Human Origins, University of Bordeaux/Les Pradelles (site), France, June-August 2005

Selected to participate in this program at University Bordeaux and the Les Pradelles excavation site. Received special training in archeological fieldwork methods, forensic analysis, science writing.

Teaching Experience

2018: *ACT/SAT prep and academic subject tutor*, iAchieve Learning LLC, Chicago IL Aug 4 2018- Present

2018: *Graduate Teaching and Discussion Section Appointment*, Accelerated Summer Semester, Intro to Anthropology (Bio/Archaeology/Cultural/Linguistic). Five hours/day, 5 days/week, May-July.

2016: *Graduate Lab Instructor*, Introduction to Archaeology. University of Illinois-Chicago. Aug-December (Fall Term).

Graduate Teaching Appmnt., Human Adventure (ANTH101). University of Illinois-Chicago. Jan-May (Spring Term)

2015: *Graduate Lab Instructor*, Introduction to Archaeology. University of Illinois-Chicago. Aug-December (Fall Term).

Graduate Teaching Appointment, Human Geography. University of Illinois, Chicago

Service

2018 Researcher in Residence, Life Histories Project, National Cambodian Heritage Museum and Memorial, Sep. 6-present.

2016 (Summer) Partnership Development, Grant Writing, Public Outreach, **Cure Violence** May-August.

Helped build the capacity of this international NGO, run as an initiative of the UIC School of Public Health committed to breaking cycles of conflict by treating violence as an epidemic disease

Published Material

Nguyen Truong Quy (2014) *The Wandering Motorbike*. Essay collection. Original title: Xe máy tiểu ngạo. **Translated by Jacob O. Gold**, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Ann Arbor. Nha Xuot Ban Tre [Youth Publishing House]: Hanoi

Southeast Asia Journalism Experience

Reporter, *The Phnom Penh Post*, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Sept. '09 – Mar. '10

Reported on national, business and cultural news for Cambodia's largest English and Khmer daily paper.

Writer, *"Upside Down" [TV series]*, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Sept. '09 – Jan. '10

One of four writers for Cambodia's first sketch comedy series, now airs prime-time on the national CTN Network.

Staff Writer, *Vietnam Financial Review*, Hanoi, Vietnam

April-July 2008

Wrote numerous articles for monthly publication, focused on business, economy, and public policy in

Vietnam.

Editorial Consultant, *East & West Magazine*, Hanoi, Vietnam. May-July 2008
Used graphic design and publishing software to create pages and generate content for this luxury travel magazine.

Princeton in Asia Fellow *Viet Nam News*, Hanoi, Vietnam Sept. '07- Jul. '08
Awarded Princeton in Asia Fellowship to write and copy-edit at this major English-language daily in Vietnam.

US Workplace/Writing Experience

Writing & Design Consultant, *Latham & Watkins LLP*, Chicago May 2016-August 2016

Teaching Assistant, *University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Anthropology* Sept. 2014- May 2016

Assistant Programs Coordinator, *Our Place of New Trier Township*, Chicago Oct. '10-May '11
Ran programs and wrote grant/fundraising materials for this non-profit that works with young adults with developmental disabilities transitioning from high school to work settings and group living.

Tutor, *Northwestern Education Company*, Chicago October '10-May '11
Tutored students individually and in small groups on the SAT, ACT and academic subjects.

Editorial Intern, *Us Weekly Magazine* New York City, NY Spring 2009
Covered events, conducted interviews, prepared research, assisted writers and editors.

Marketing Consultant, *TradeForecaster LLC*, Chicago IL June-September 2007
Member of marketing and PR team for this start-up futures trading firm specializing in the development of innovative algorithmic trading platforms.

Presentations and Conference Participation

2016 "One Foot in the Field and the Other in the Forest: Indigenous 'State Hedging' in Cambodia and Beyond."
SAA 81st Annual Meeting, April 6-10. Orlando, FL.

2015 "The Negotiated Wild: Khmer-Kuy Relations and the Politics of Habitat before 1970." SAA 80th Annual Meeting, April 15-19. San Francisco, CA.

2014 "Masters of a Fading Forest: Trade, Agency and Traditional Medicine Among the Kuay People of Cambodia."
Michigan Anthropology Graduate Association Four-Field Conference ("Ebbs & Flows"), March 21-22.

2012 Contemporary Dimensions of the Isan Dialect: Traditions, Aspirations, Evolutions"
Presentation delivered at the Amnuay-Samonsri Viravan Thai Studies Endowment Benefactor's Symposium, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Sept. 14 2012.

Professional Associations

American Anthropological Association, February 2016- Present
Society for American Archaeology, August 2015- Present

Foreign Languages

Fluent: French **Intermediate:** Hebrew, Vietnamese, Khmer **Beginning:** Thai

Reading Only: Spanish, Portuguese (via Research Assistantship, Dr. Brian Zottoli, University of Michigan, 2012-2013)

