

Curriculum vitae

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Academic Employment

Professor

Anthropology Department, Grinnell College, May 2016-present.

Associate Professor

Anthropology Department, Grinnell College, June 2011-May 2016.

Chair, Anthropology Department, July 2014-2016

Chair, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, August 2009-July 2019.

Assistant Professor

Anthropology Department, Grinnell College, August 2005-May 2011.

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow

Anthropology Department, Grinnell College, July 2003-July 2005.

Visiting Assistant Professor

Anthropology Department and Women's Studies, University of Iowa, August 2001-May 2003.

Visiting Appointments

Affiliated Scholar

USC Shoah Foundation and Advanced Center for Genocide Research, University of Southern California, FA 2019.

Fulbright Scholar

School of Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies, Dublin City University, FA 2012.

Education

Ph.D. in anthropology, University of Iowa, May 2001.

Dissertation title: Language Ideologies and Collective Identities in Post-Conflict Guatemala.

Post-graduate study, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, University of New Mexico, Summer 1995.

M.A. in anthropology, University of Iowa, 1995.

Thesis title: Women in Guatemalan Markets: Language Use and Social Hierarchy.

B.A. with honors in anthropology, University of Iowa, 1993.

Areas of Focus

Linguistic anthropology, violent language, nationalism, post-war states, testimony, discourse analysis, history of anthropological theory, collective memory, gender, indigenous movements, Guatemala, Latin America, Republic of Ireland

Publications

Books

- 2020 Anthropological Lives: An Introduction to the Profession of Anthropology. Virginia Dominguez and Briggittine French. Newark, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, forthcoming.
- 2018 Narratives of Conflict, Belonging and the State: Discourse and Social Life in Post-War Ireland. New York: Routledge.
- 2010 Maya Ethnolinguistic Identity: Violence, Cultural Rights, and Modernity in Highland Guatemala. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

Articles

- 2015 "Cartographies of Communicability and the Anthropological Archive: Civil War Executions and the Harvard Irish Study," (n)5.9 (i)-2.4 (v)10.6 (e)6.4 (l)i(Tw 11.011-1.7 (3.3 (no (i)8.4 .Fh)3)-

- 2017 “The Anthropology of Language and Discourse,” Ethnology, Ethnography, and Cultural Anthropology, Volume 28, Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS). Edited by Paolo Barbaro, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, published on-line as e-book.
- 2015 “Gendered Speech and Engendering Citizenship in the Irish Free State: Ordinary Women and County Clare District Courts 1932-1934,” Women, Reform, and Resistance in Ireland 1850-1950: Ordinary and Outcast. Edited by Cara Delay and Christina Brophy, Palgrave MacMillan, 139-161.

" Disciplining Future Irish Citizens: Ordinary and Extraordinary Punishment in Post-Colonial National Education," Central States Anthropological Association, Bloomington, Indiana, April, 19-21 2018.

"Remembering Tammy Zywicki: The Specter of Femicide in the Americas," Central States Anthropological Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 4-6, 2017.

“Critical Departures from the

