

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 1998 Ph.D. Indiana University  
Double Major in Anthropology (Sociocultural; Ecological) and Central Eurasian Studies (Tibetan Studies); Minor in Population Studies
- 1987 B.A. in Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder (Magna Cum Laude)

### Academic Employment

- 2016 - Professor, Anthropology  
Washington University in St. Louis
- 2008 - 2016 Associate Professor, Anthropology  
Washington University in St. Louis
- 2002-2008 Assistant Professor (tenure track), Anthropology  
Washington University in St. Louis
- 1999-2002 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Anthropological Demography  
Demography Program, The Australian National University
- 1999 Adjunct Assistant Visiting Professor, Hamline University, St. Paul MN

### Research Interests

Anthropological Demography; Aging in Cross-Cultural Perspective; Migration; Biocultural Anthropology; Applied Anthropology & Development; Research Methods; Biography & History; Tibet, China (Inner Asia and East Asia); Nepal (South Asia); Himalayan Region

### Recent Projects and Research in Progress

*Aging, Place, and Care: The Lives and Hopes of Himalayan Elders in an Age of Migration.* NSF funded team project that challenges major paradigms in social gerontology by documenting the variable effects that out-migration is having on family-based care systems across the Himalayan region and in migration destinations such as Kathmandu and New York City.

*The Legacy of Pema Döndrub.* Initial funding through Olin Library's Newman Exploration Travel Fund. The project involves translating and analyzing the biography of a 17<sup>th</sup>-century Buddhist lama from Nubri, Nepal, recording oral history, and documenting his legacy through monasteries and statues. It overlaps with another project, *Tibetan Songs of Spiritual Experience*, with ethnomusicologist Mason Brown that studies living expressions of *mgur*, a Tibetan verse genre that has been mainly viewed as a textual tradition.

*Milk with Altitude.* Funded by NSF (2015-18), the project with PI E.A. Quinn (Washington University in St. Louis) investigates the association between mother's milk, infant growth, and adaptation to a high-altitude environment in Nubri, Nepal. Publications are ongoing.

*Himalayan and Tibetan Demography.* Various ongoing studies documenting contemporary demographic changes in the Himalayan region and the historical demography of Tibetan populations. Topics include migration and social change, marital migration, lama longevity, and population churn.

## Publications

### Books

- 2019 Childs, Geoff and Namgyal Choedup. *From a Trickle to a Torrent: Education, Migration, and Social Change in a Himalayan Valley of Nepal*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- 2008 Childs, Geoff. *Tibetan Transitions: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Fertility, Family Planning, and Demographic Change*. Leiden: Brill.
- 2004 Childs, Geoff. *Tibetan Diary: From Birth to Death and Beyond in a Himalayan Valley of Nepal*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

### Edited Volume

- 2012 Bauer, Kenneth, Geoff Childs, Sienna Craig and Andrew Fischer (eds.) *Development Transitions: Land, Labor and Social Policy in Tibet*. Kathmandu: ANHS and Himal Books.

### Articles

- n.d. Childs, Geoff, Rebecca Kippen, and Gray Tuttle. Longevity and Life Expectancy Fluctuations among Tibetan Lamas from the Twelfth to the Twentieth Century. Submission pending.
- n.d. Childs, Geoff, Sienna Craig, Sonam Lama, Tashi Wongdi Gurung, Yungdrung Tsewang Gurung, Pamo Gurung, and Namgyal Ngodup. Diverging Migration Patterns in Nepal: Demographic Analysis and Local Reflections on Social Change. Revised and resubmitted to *Asian Population Studies*, 2/25.
- 2024 Brown, Mason, Jhangchuk Sangmo, Tsewang Sangmo, and Geoff Childs. "Do Not Even Think about Giving Me Less *Chang*": Notes on Fermented and Distilled Beverages in Tibetan Societies. 2024. *Himalaya* 43(2):97-111.
- 2023 Childs, Geoff. 2003. "I have no need for an old husband!" Resistance to Marriage and Gendered Suffering in Kyidrong, Tibet. *Himalaya*, special volume Writing with Care, eds. T. Hofer and H. Gill, 43(1):92-107.
- 2023 Burack, Sarah, Geoff Childs, Elizabeth A. Quinn, Jhangchuk Sangmo, and Jean Hunleth. Drawing Out Migration: Rural to Urban Transitions and the Re-imagined Futures of Himalayan School Children. *Educational Transformations and Avenues of Learning: Anthropological Perspectives on Education in Nepal*, eds. K. Valentin and U. Pradhan. Oxford University Press.
- 2022 Childs, Geoff. The Zurkhang (zur khang; Adjunct House) in 1950s Kyidrong. *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines* 65:5-21.
- 2022 Childs, Geoff, Melvyn C. Goldstein, and Puching Wangdui. A Tibetan Porter's View on the 1960 Chinese Everest Expedition. *Himalaya* 41(2):144-148.
- 2021 Childs, Geoff and Jhangchuk Sangmo. The Killing Month Ritual. *Crossing Boundaries: Festschrift for Toni Huber*, eds. D. Lange et al., pp.419-431. Prague: Academia.
- 2021 Childs, Geoff, Sienna Craig, Kristine Hildebrandt, and Christina Juenger. This Is the End: Earthquake Narratives and Buddhist Prophecies of Decline. *Himalaya* 41(1&2):32-49.
- 2021 Childs, Geoff, Melvyn C. Goldstein, Puchung Wangdui, and Namgyal Choedup. What Constitutes "Successful Aging" in a Tibetan Context? *In Aging across Cultures: Growing Old in the Non-Western World*, ed. H. Selin, pp. 229-244. Cham: Springer.
- 2021 Childs, Geoff. The Tibetan Stem Family in Historical Perspective. *The History of the Family* 26(3):482-505.
- 2018 Childs, Geoff, Sienna Craig, Dubi Nanda Dhakal, Mark Donohue, and Kristine Hildebrandt. Narrating Disaster through Participatory Research: Perspectives from Post-Earthquake Nepal. *Collaborative Anthropologies* 10(1-2):207-236.
- 2018 Hildebrandt, Kristine, Dubi Nanda Dhakal, Bhoj Raj Gautam, Mark Donohue, Sienna Craig, and Geoff Childs. Narrating Disaster in the Aftermath of the 2015 Nepal Earthquakes: Linguistic and Sociocultural Perspectives. Forthcoming in *Contributions to Nepalese Studies*, 1/17.

- 2018 Childs, Geoff and Namgyal Choedup. Tibetan Obligation Contracts (*gan rgya*) from Nubri, Nepal. In *Language, Society, and Religion in the World of the Turks: Festschrift for Larry Clark at Seventy-Five*, ed. Zsuzsanna Gulácsi, pp.177-188. Turnhout: Brepols.
- 2018 Gulácsi, Zsuzsanna, with Geoff Childs and Johan Elverskog. Larry Clark as Teacher and Mentor. In *Language, Society, and Religion in the World of the Turks: Festschrift for Larry Clark at Seventy-Five*, ed. Zsuzsanna Gulácsi, pp.17-19. Turnhout: Brepols.
- 2016 Craig, Sienna, Geoff Childs and Cynthia M. Beall. 2016. Closing the Womb Door: Contraception Use and Fertility Transition Among Culturally Tibetan Women in Highland Nepal. *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 20(12):2437–2450.
- 2015 Childs, Geoff and Alyssa A. Kaelin. Where the Yak Became One with the Soil: Reflections on Life and Research in a Himalayan Village. *Himalaya* 35(2):139-150.
- 2015 Childs, Geoff and Namgyal Choedup. From Servant (g.yog mo) to Disciple (slob ma): Modernity, Migration, and Evolving Life Course Options for Buddhist Nuns. In *From Bhakti to Bon: Festschrift for Per Kvaerne*, eds. H. Havnevik and C. Ramble, pp.171-184. Oslo: Novus.
- 2015 Childs, Geoff. Renouncing the World, Renouncing the Family: The Social Consequences of Spiritual Aspirations. In *The Buddhist World*, ed. John Powers, pp.453-469. Taylor and Francis/Routledge.
- 2014 Childs, Geoff, Sienna Craig, Cynthia M. Beall and Buddha Basnyat. Depopulating the Himalayan Highlands: Education and Outmigration from Ethnically Tibetan Communities of Nepal. *Mountain Research and Development* 34(2):85-94.
- 2014 Childs, Geoff and Namgyal Choedup. Indigenous Management Strategies and Socioeconomic Impacts of Yartsa Gunbu (*Ophiocordyceps sinensis*) Harvesting in Nubri and Tsum, Nepal. *Himalaya* 34(1):8-22.
- 2014 Childs, Geoff. Hunger, Hard Work, and Uncertainty: Tashi Döndrup Reminisces on Life and Death in a Tibetan Village. In *Buddhists: Understanding Buddhism through the Lives of Practitioners*, ed. Todd Lewis, pp.228-235. Malden: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2013 Goldstein, Melvyn C., Geoff Childs, Puchung Wandui and Cynthia Beall. Modernization and the Status of the Rural Elderly: Continuity under Conditions of Rapid Change in China's Tibet Autonomous Region. *Journal of the Tibet Academy of Social Sciences* 93-110.
- 2012 Childs, Geoff, Melvyn C. Goldstein, and Puchung Wangdui. Balancing People, Policies, and Resources in Rural Tibet. In *Human-Environment Interactions: Current and Future Directions*, eds. Eduardo Brondizio and Emilio F. Moran, pp.53-78. New York: Springer.
- 2012 Childs, Geoff. Trans-Himalayan Migrations as Processes, Not Events. In *Origins and Migrations among Tibeto-Burman Speakers of the Extended Eastern Himalaya*, eds. T. Huber and S. Blackburn, pp.11-32. Leiden: Brill.
- 2012 Childs, Geoff, Melvyn C. Goldstein and Puchung Wangdui. What to Do with Unmarried Daughters? Modern Solutions to a Traditional Dilemma in a Polyandrous Tibetan Society. In *Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective* (6<sup>th</sup> Edition), eds. Caroline B. Brettel and Carolyn F. Sargent, pp.283-290. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.
- 2012 Childs, Geoff and Andrew Quintman. Marriage, Kinship, and Inheritance in Zhi byed ri pa's Account of Mi la ras pa's Early Life. *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines* 23:43-49.
- 2011 Childs, Geoff, Melvyn C. Goldstein, and Puchung Wangdui. Externally-resident Daughters, Social Capital, and Support for the Elderly in Rural Tibet. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* 26(1):1-22.
- 2011 Covey, Alan R., Geoff Childs, and Rebecca Kippin. Dynamics of Indigenous Demographic Fluctuations in Sixteenth-century Cusco, Peru. *Current Anthropology* 52(3):335-360.
- 2010 Childs, Geoff, Melvyn C. Goldstein. and Puchung Wangdui. An Entrepreneurial Transition? Development and Economic Mobility in Rural Tibet. *Himalaya: Special Volume on Development in Tibet* 30:51-62.

- 2010 Goldstein, Melvyn C., Geoff Childs, and Puchung Wangdui. Beijing's "People First" Development Initiative for the Tibet Autonomous Region's Rural Sector—A Case Study from the Shigatse Area. *The China Journal* 63(1):57-75.
- 2008 Goldstein, Melvyn C., Geoff Childs, and Puchung Wangdui. "Going for Income": A Longitudinal Analysis of Change in Farming Tibet, 1997-98 to 2006-07. *Asian Survey* 48(3):514-534.
- 2008 Bauer, Kenneth and Geoff Childs. Demographics, Development, and the Environment in Tibetan Areas. *Journal of the International Association of Tibetan Studies* 4:1-8.
- 2008 Childs, Geoff. 2008. Tibetan Fertility Transitions: Comparisons with Europe, China, and India. *Journal of the International Association of Tibetan Studies* 4:1-21.
- 2008 Magnusson, Jan, S. Nagarajao, and Geoff Childs. 2008. South Indian Tibetans: Development Dynamics in the Early Stages of the Refugee Settlement Lugs zung bsam grub gling, Bylakuppe. *Journal of the International Association of Tibetan Studies* 4:1-31.
- 2006 Childs, Geoff and Gareth Barkin. Reproducing Identity: Using Images to Promote Pronatalism and Endogamy among Tibetan Exiles in South Asia. *Visual Anthropology Review* 22(2):34-52.
- 2006 Childs, Geoff. Namas (mna' ma) and Nyelus (nyal bu): Marriage, Fertility, and Illegitimacy in Tibetan Societies. In *Tibetan Borderlands*, ed. P. Christiaan Klieger, pp.89-113. Leiden: Brill.
- 2005 Childs, Geoff, Melvyn C. Goldstein, Ben Jiao and Cynthia M. Beall. Tibetan Fertility Transitions in China and South Asia. *Population and Development Review* 31(2):337-349.
- 2005 Childs, Geoff. Methods, Meanings, and Representations in the Study of Past Tibetan Societies. *Journal of the International Association for Tibetan Studies* 1(1):1-13.
- 2005 Childs, Geoff. How to Fund a Ritual: Notes on the Social Usage of the Kanjur (bKa' -'gyur) in a Tibetan Village. *Tibet Journal* 30(2):41-48.
- 2005 Childs, Geoff. A Rejoinder to Mills. *Himalaya* 25(1-2):72-74.
- 2004 Childs, Geoff. Culture Change in the Name of Cultural Preservation. *Himalaya* 24(1-2):31-42, Special Issue—Tibetan Peoples and Landscapes.
- 2004 Childs, Geoff. Demographic Analysis of Small Populations Using the Own-Children Method. *Field Methods* 16(4):379-395.
- 2003 Childs, Geoff. Polyandry and Population Growth in a Historical Tibetan Society. *The History of the Family* 8(3):423-444.
- 2003 Childs, Geoff. Names and Nicknames in Kyirong. *Tibet Journal* 28(3):17-28.
- 2002 Childs, Geoff. Economics 1, Nationalism 0: A Comment on the Low Birth Rate among Tibetan Exiles. *Tibetan Review* 37(5):23-25.
- 2001 Childs, Geoff. Demographic Dimensions of an Inter-Village Land Dispute in Nubri, Nepal. *American Anthropologist* 103(4):1096-1113.
- 2001 Childs, Geoff. Old-Age Security, Religious Celibacy, and Aggregate Fertility in a Tibetan Population. *Journal of Population Research* 18(1):52-66.
- 2001 Childs, Geoff. A Brief History of Nub-ri: Ethnic Interface, Sacred Geography, and Historical Migrations in a Himalayan Locality. *Zentralasiatische Studien* 31:7-29.
- 2001 Childs, Geoff. Perceptions of Relative Wealth in a Tibetan Community: A Note on Research Methodology. *Tibet Journal* 26(2):26-38.
- 2001 Childs, Geoff. When Conjecture Becomes Fact: Tibet's Vanishing Population Before "Liberation". *Tibetan Review* 36(8):20-22.
- 2000 Childs, Geoff. Claiming the Frontier: A Note on the Incorporation of Nubri within the Borders of Nepal. *Studies in Nepali History and Society* 5(2):217-226.
- 2000 Childs, Geoff. The 1958 sKyid grong Census: Implications for the Study of Tibetan Historical Demography. *Tibet Journal* 25(2): 29-41.
- 2000 Childs, Geoff and Michael Walter. Tibetan Natal Horoscopes. *Tibet Journal* 25(1): 51-62.
- 1999 Childs, Geoff. Refuge and Revitalization: Hidden Himalayan Sanctuaries (*Sbas-yul*) and the Preservation of Tibet's Imperial Lineage. *Acta Orientalia* 60:126-158.

- 1998 Childs, Geoff. A Cultural and Historical Analysis of Demographic Trends and Family Management Strategies among the Tibetans of Nubri, Nepal. Unpublished Ph.D. Dissertation, Depts. of Anthropology and Central Eurasian Studies. Indiana University, Bloomington.
- 1997 Childs, Geoff. A Note on the Tibetan Origins of the Sherpa Serwa (Gser-ba) Clan. *Himalayan Research Bulletin* 17(2): 23-25.
- 1997 Childs, Geoff. Householder Lamas and the Persistence of Tradition: Animal Sacrifice in Himalayan Buddhist Communities. In *Tibetan Studies*, ed. Helmut Krasser, 141-155. Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften.
- 1993 Childs, Geoff. Journey to the hidden valley (sbas yul) of Gnam-sgo Zla-gam: perspectives on the Tibetan concept of Himalayan refugees. Unpublished MA Thesis, Dept. of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University.

### **Collaborative Publications with Biological Anthropologists**

- 2023 Quinn, E.A., Jhangchuk Sangmo, Sarah Burack, and Geoff Childs. Childhood Growth and Education Migration among Ethnic Tibetan Children from Nepal. *American Journal of Biological Anthropology*.
- 2022 Beall, Cynthia M., Geoff Childs, Sienna R. Craig, Kingman P. Strohl, Elizabeth Quinn, and Buddha Basnyat. Repeatability of Adaptive Traits among Ethnic Tibetan Highlanders. *American Journal of Human Biology* 34(4).
- 2020 Quinn, E.A., and Geoff Childs. Trekking and Toddlers: Towards a Biocultural Analysis of Growth among Infants and Young Children in a Rural Region of the Himalayas. *American Journal of Human Biology* 32(4) <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ajhb.23475>.
- 2018 Jeong, Choongwon, David B. Witonsky, Buddha Basnyat, Maniraj Neupane, Cynthia M. Beall, Geoff Childs, Sienna R. Craig, John Novembre, and Anna Di Rienzo. Detecting Past and Ongoing Natural Selection among Ethnically Tibetan Women at High Altitude in Nepal. *PLOS Genetics*.
- 2018 Sarma, Malika S., Lee T. Gettler, Geoff Childs, and Elizabeth A. Quinn. When Women Work: Endocrine Reactivity in Women during Everyday Physical Activity at High Altitude. *American Journal of Human Biology* <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajhb.23154>.
- 2017 Jeong, Choongwon, Benjamin M. Peter, Buddha Basnyat, Maniraj Neupane, Cynthia M. Beall, Geoff Childs, Sienna R. Craig, John Novembre, and Anna Di Rienzo. A Longitudinal Cline Characterizes the Genetic Structure of Human Populations in the Tibetan Plateau. *PLoS ONE* 12(4): e0175885. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0175885>.
- 2017 Cho, Jang Ik, Buddha Basnyat, Choongwon Jeong, Anna Di Rienzo, Geoff Childs, Sienna R. Craig, Jiayang Sun, and Cynthia M. Beall. Ethnically Tibetan Women in Nepal with Low Hemoglobin Concentration Have Better Reproductive Outcomes. *Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health* 1:82-96.
- 2017 Quinn, EA and Geoff Childs. Ecological Pressures and Milk Metabolic Hormones of Ethnic Tibetans Living at Different Altitudes. *Annals of Human Biology* 44(1):34-45.
- 2016 Quinn, Elizabeth, Kesang Diki Bista and Geoff Childs. Milk at Altitude: Human Milk Macronutrient Composition in a High-Altitude Adapted Population of Tibetans. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 159:233–243.
- 2008 Fourier, Marc, Robert W. Sussman, Rebecca Kippen and Geoff Childs. Demographic Modeling of a Predator-Prey System and Its Implication for the Gombe Red Colobus (*Procolobus Badius*) Population. *International Journal of Primatology* 29:497-508.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2020 Ramble, Charles in collaboration with Nyima Drandul. *Tibetan Sources for a Social History of Mustang, Nepal. Vol. 3: The Archives of Kun bzang chos gling Convent*. Monumenta Tibetica Historica Abteilung III, Band 19. Andiast: International Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, 2019. Reviewed in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*.

- 2020 Sulek, Emilia. 2019. Trading Caterpillar Fungus in Tibet: When Economic Boom Hits Rural Areas. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press. Reviewed in *Himalaya* 40(1).
- 2013 Gerke, Barbara. 2012. *Long Lives and Untimely Deaths: Life-Span Concepts and Longevity Practices among Tibetans in the Darjeeling Hills, India*. Leiden: Brill. Reviewed in *Journal of Asian Studies* 72(3).
- 2011 Barnett, Robert and Ronald Schwartz (eds.). 2008. *Tibetan Modernities: Notes from the Field on Cultural and Social Change*. Leiden: Brill. Reviewed in *Himalaya* 30(1).
- 2010 Ramble, Charles. 2008. *The Navel of the Demoness: Tibetan Buddhism and Civil Religion in Highland Nepal*. Reviewed in *Himalaya* 28(1).
- 2009 Thargyal, Rinzin. 2007. *Nomads of Eastern Tibet: Social Organization and Economy of a Pastoral Estate in the Kingdom of Dege*. Leiden: Brill. Reviewed in *Journal of Asian Studies* 68(3).
- 2005 Bernstorff, Dagmar and von Welk, Hubertus. 2004. *Exile as Challenge: The Tibetan Diaspora*. New Delhi: Orient Longman. Reviewed in *Tibet Journal* 30/31(4/1).
- 2005 Butler, Alex. 2003. *Feminism, Nationalism and Exiled Tibetan Women*. Delhi: Kali for Women. Reviewed in *Tibet Journal* 30/31(4/1).
- 2004 Blezer, Henk (ed.). 2002. *Tibet, Past and Present*. Leiden: Brill. Reviewed in *Tibet Journal* 29(1).
- 2000 Goldstein, Melvyn and Matthew Kapstein. 1998. *Buddhism in Contemporary Tibet: Religious Revival and Cultural Identity*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Reviewed in *American Ethnologist* 27(1).
- 2000 van Spengen, Wim. 2000. *Tibetan Border Worlds. A Geohistorical Analysis of Trade and Traders*. London: Kegan Paul International. Reviewed in *Tibet Journal* 25(4).
- 2000 Farrer-Halls, G. 1998. *The World of the Dalai Lama*. Wheaton: Quest Books. Reviewed in *Tibet Journal* 25(3).
- 2000 van Beek, M., K. Bertelsen and P. Pedersen (eds.). 1999. *Ladakh: Culture, History, and Development between Himalaya and Karakoram*. Aarhus: Aarhus University. Reviewed in *Tibet Journal* 25(2).

## Awards and Grants

2024-2027	\$378,000	Aging, Place, and Care: The Lives and Hopes of Himalayan Elders in an Age of Migration. PI w/co-PI Sienna Craig (Dartmouth). National Science Foundation
2021	\$9,500	Aging and Architecture in the Highlands of Nepal. Humphrey Alumni Impact Award, Co-PI with PI Sonam Lotyo
2021	\$14,322	Washington University Center for the Humanities, Faculty Research Grant Tibetan Songs of Spiritual Experience ( <i>mgur</i> ): Exploring the Musical Dimensions of a Textual Tradition
2019	\$6,130	Newman Exploration Travel Fund, Washington University Tracing the Legacy of Pema Döndrub: A Himalayan Buddhist Master
2017		David Hadas Teaching Award, Washington University
2015-20	\$350,000	National Science Foundation Milk with Altitude: Infant Growth, Milk Composition, and Maternal Energetics in High Altitude Tibetans. Co-PI w/E.A. Quinn (Washington University)
2015-19	\$70,300	National Science Foundation Narrating Disaster: Calibrating Causality and Responses to the 2015 Earthquakes in Nepal Co-PI with PI Kristine Hildebrandt (SIUE) and Co-PI Sienna Craig (Dartmouth)
2015	\$5,000	Washington University Center for the Humanities, Summer Seed Grant Education and the Culture of Migration in Nubri, Nepal
2014	\$5,075	The Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation Child Migration and Depopulation in the High Himalaya

2013	\$20,000	The Wenner-Gren Foundation Milk with Altitude Co-PI w/E.A. Quinn (Washington University)
2013	\$20,000	The Leakey Foundation Milk with Altitude Co-PI w/E.A. Quinn (Washington University)
2012	\$6,000	Momentum Himalaya Project, BBVA Bank Social Entrepreneurs in Nubri, Nepal Co-PI with Valentin Giro (ESADE, Barcelona)
2012-16	\$400,000	National Science Foundation Genes and Fertility of Tibetan Women at High Altitude in Nepal Co-PI w/Cynthia Beall (Case Western) and Sienna Craig (Dartmouth)
2011	\$7,000	Washington University Faculty Research Grant Migration and Family Management in Nubri, Nepal
2010	\$7,750	World Oral Literature Project Oral History of Nubri's Ngadag Lama Lineage
2006-09	\$460,000	National Science Foundation Economic Modernization and Intergenerational Relations in the Tibet Autonomous Region, China Co-PI w/Melvyn Goldstein, Case Western Reserve University
1999-02	\$120,000	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Anthropological Demography Demography Program, The Australian National University Salary plus research budget for fieldwork in Nepal and India
1995-97	\$8,000	Fulbright Hays Dissertation Research Fellowship Dissertation fieldwork in Nepal.
1995-97	\$10,000	Wenner-Gren Dissertation Research Fellowship Dissertation fieldwork in Nepal.

### Invited Lectures and Outreach

2025	Discussant, Unwriting the Himalayas. Panel at the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore annual congress, June 3-6, Aberdeen UK.
2025	How to Age Well in Nepal. Society of Retired Professors and Administrators, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2025.
2025	Tibetan Perspectives on Mindfulness of Death. Mindfulness Cluster Journal Club, Washington University in St. Louis, February 2025.
2025	Discussant of Places in Knots book by Martin Saxer. Conversations on South Asia webinar series, Dartmouth University, January 2025.
2024	Q & A session about <i>Tibetan Diary</i> (Childs 2004) with students at Macalester College.
2024	Overpopulation, Depopulation, Repopulation, or What? Past and Future Demographic Prospects in Highland Nepal. Keynote Lecture, Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Annual Meeting, October 2024.
2023	Aging, Place and Care: The Lives and Hopes of Himalayan Elders in an Age of Migration. Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging, Washington University in St. Louis. November 2023.
2023	Having Crossed the River Do Not Forget the Bridge: Aging and Migration in Nubri, Nepal. Sponsored by Depts. of Central Eurasian Studies, Anthropology, and East Asian Studies, Indiana University Bloomington. February 2023.
2020	What Happens When All the Young People Leave? Global Issues Colloquium, Truman State University. October 2020.
2019	Researching Migration: Methods, Meanings, and Social Change in Nepal's Highlands. School for International Training, Tibetan Studies Program. Kathmandu, Nepal, November 2019.

- 2019 Does Outmigration Threaten Retirement in Rural Nepal? Intensive Nepali Language Program, Cornell University. June 2019
- 2018 How Do Current Demographic Trends Affect Aging in Rural Nepal? Martin Chautari Research Seminar Series, Kathmandu, Nepal, May 2018.
- 2018 Milk with Altitude: Integrating Biological and Ethnographic Approaches to Study Human Adaptation (w/E.A. Quinn). Science on Tap, Schlafly Bottleworks.
- 2018 Better a Pen in Hand than a Rope across the Forehead: Education, Outmigration, and Social Change in Highland Nepal. Centennial Endowed Scholarship Luncheon 2018, The Woman's Club of Washington University, Jan. 2017.
- 2017 Fracturing the Iron Ring and Loosening the Silken Knot: Social and Cultural Consequences of Education and Migration in Nubri, Nepal. Dept. of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, Oct. 2017.
- 2017 Better a Pen in Hand than a Rope across the Forehead: Education, Outmigration, and Social Change in Highland Nepal. Speakers Series for the Center of International and Global Studies at Lindenwood University, Oct. 2017.
- 2017 The Spatial Turn: A Multi-Disciplinary Perspective. Plenary Panel of the 2017 Graduate History Association Conference. Washington University, March 2017.
- 2016 Narrating Disaster: Causality and Responses to the 2015 Earthquakes in Nepal. Panel discussion at Nepal Earthquake Summit: The 2016 Straus Symposium focused on the April 2015 earthquake in Nepal. Dartmouth University, Feb. 2016.
- 2015 From a Trickle to a Torrent: Education, Migration, and Social Change in the Highlands of Nepal. Working Group on Anthropology and Population Seminar Series, Brown University, Oct. 2015.
- 2015 Demographic and Social Change in Nubri, Nepal. Workshop on Tibetan Plateau and the Bronze Age Globalization. Washington University, April 2015.
- 2014 Migration and Development. Lecture for the course Poverty, Inequality and Economic Policies. Master in International Cooperation and Development, Mid-Western University, Nepal.
- 2013 Practical Issues and Methodological Guidelines for Conducting Research on Migration in Nepal. Nepal Studies Program, Cornell University, July 2013.
- 2013 Mobility and Identity in the Highlands of Nepal. Himalayan Connections: Disciplines, Geographies, Trajectories. Yale University, March 2013.
- 2013 Family Planning, Tibetan Style: Population Trends and Social Transformations in the Highlands of China and Nepal. Center for International Studies Global Speakers Series. Lindenwood University, Feb. 2013.
- 2012 Economic Development, Migration, and Family Change in Tibetan Societies. Invited lecture, IGERT Program, University of Wisconsin, Madison, March 2012.

## **Selected Conference Papers**

- 2022 Migration and the Future of Aging in Place (with Sonam Lotyo Lama). Himalayan Studies Conference 6, the University of Toronto, October 13–16, 2022.
- 2022 “I have no need for an old husband”: Resistance to Marriage and Gendered Suffering in 1950s Kyirong, Tibet. Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Prague, July 2022. Panel: Ordinary Lives and Ethnographies of the Everyday in Tibet and the Himalayas.
- 2022 Discussant, panel on Ordinary Lives and Ethnographies of the Everyday in Tibet and the Himalayas. Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Prague, July 2022.
- 2019 What Constitutes “Successful Aging” in a Tibetan Context? 15<sup>th</sup> Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Paris, France, July 2019.
- 2019 Discussant, panel on economic change in Tibetan societies. 15<sup>th</sup> Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Paris, France, July 2019.
- 2017 Why Is Nubri a Peripheral Realm of Darkness? Himalayan Studies Conference, University of Colorado, Sept. 2017.



- 2015 Youth Migration, Earthquake Relief Efforts, and the Intensification of Rural to Urban Interactions. Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Washington University in STL, Oct. 2015
- 2014 Receiving a Nama or Selecting a Bride: Migration and Marital Change in Highland Nepal. Co-authored with Sienna Craig and Cynthia M. Beall. Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin. October, 2014.
- 2014 Migration and Population Decline in the High Himalaya: Implications for Human-Environmental Relationships. ANHS Third Himalayan Studies Conference. Yale University, April 2014.
- 2014 Weaving the Himalayan Region into the Large Lecture Class. ANHS Third Himalayan Studies Conference. Yale University, April 2014.
- 2013 Perpetuating Inequality through Education? Relative Wealth and School Sponsorships in Highland Nepal. Society for Economic Anthropology's Annual Meeting, Washington University, April 2013.
- 2012 Monasteries as Life Phase Spaces: Educating the Future *Kyimdag* in Nubri, Nepal. ANHS Second Himalayan Studies Conference. Western Michigan University, Sept. 2012.
- 2012 Co-organizer and co-chair (with Charlene Makley) of roundtable sponsored by China and Inner Asia Council of AAS: A Quarter Century of Fieldwork in Tibet: A Panel in Honor of Melvyn Goldstein. Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto, March 2012.
- 2011 Migration, Family Change, and Elderly Care. Roundtable on Migration, Transnationalism, and Diaspora. First ANHS Himalayan Studies Conference, Macalester College, Oct. 2011.
- 2010 An Entrepreneurial Transition? Development and Economic Mobility in Rural Tibet. Twelfth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Vancouver, Canada. August 2010.
- 2010 High Fertility in Highland Nepal? The Global Context of Reproductive Change. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison Wisconsin. October 2010.
- 2008 Political Dimensions of Family Planning and Demographic Change among Tibetans in China and in Exile. Invited lecture: Dept. of Anthropology, Indiana University. November, 2008.
- 2008 Patterns of Non-Farm Income Earning Opportunities for Women in Contemporary Tibet. Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin. October 2008.
- 2008 Economic Development and Intergenerational Relations in Tibet, China. Anthropological Perspectives on Central Asia: New Developments in the Field. University of Zurich. May 2008.
- 2008 Trans-Himalayan Migration as Process, Not Event. Origins and Migrations among Tibeto-Burman-Speakers of the Extended Eastern Himalaya. Humboldt University, Berlin. May 2008.
- 2006 Tibetan Transitions: Fertility Declines and Their Implications. Eleventh Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Bonn, Germany. September, 2006.
- 2005 Political Discourse, Reproductive Ideals, and Public Culture among Tibetan Exiles in South Asia (with Gareth Barkin). American Anthropological Association's Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. November, 2008.
- 2003 Linking Ethnographic and Demographic Data in the Study of a Historical Tibetan Population. Social Science History Association's Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. October, 2003.
- 2003 mNa'-mas and Nyal-bus: Tibetan Marriage, Fertility, and Illegitimacy through Time and Space. Ninth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Oxford University, U.K. September, 2003.
- 2002 Situating Fertility in a Historical Tibetan Population. Social Science History Association's Annual Meeting. St. Louis, Missouri. October 2002.
- 2001 Reconstructing Households: Socio-Cultural and Demographic Processes in a Historical Tibetan Population. Poster Presentation: American Anthropological Association's Annual Meeting. Washington D.C. November, 2001.

## Fieldwork Experience

- 2024 Tsum & Nubri, Oct-Nov, 5 weeks. NSF funded project on aging and migration.
- 2023 Nubri, Nepal. April-May, 5 weeks. Pilot study on aging.
- 2022 Nubri, Nepal. April-May, 5 weeks. Follow-up to aging and built environment pilot project plus

	research on <i>mgur</i> and folk songs with Mason Brown.
2019	Nubri, Nepal. Nov-Dec, 6 weeks. Fieldwork tracing the life and legacy of a lama from Kutang, Pema Döndrub (1668 – 1720s?).
2018	Nubri, Nepal. May-June, 1 month. Preliminary ethnographic research on aging plus final collection of biometric data and mother's milk for NSF funded project Milk with Altitude.
2017	Nubri, Nepal. May-June, 1 month. November-December, 1 month. Ethnographic research plus collection of biometric data and mother's milk. NSF funded project Milk with Altitude.
2016	Nubri, Nepal. May-June, 1 month. Ethnographic research plus collection of biometric data and mother's milk. NSF funded project Milk with Altitude.
2015	Nubri, Nepal. November-December, 1.5 months. Ethnographic research plus collection of biometric data and mother's milk. NSF funded project Milk with Altitude.
2015	Nubri and Kathmandu, Nepal. May-June, 1 month. Oral history interviews, breastfeeding interviews, collection of demographic and anthropometric data on mothers and children. NSF funded project Milk with Altitude.
2014	Nubri and Kathmandu, Nepal. 1.5 months. Child Migration and Depopulation in the Himalayas. Funded by the Rubin Foundation.
2013	Nubri, Nepal. 1.5 months. Household, reproductive, and breastfeeding surveys, collection of biometric data and mother's milk. Wenner-Gren funded project Milk with Altitude.
2012	Nubri, Nepal. November, 1 month. Exploring income generating opportunities to support local schools. Momentum Himalaya funded project Social Entrepreneurs in Nubri, Nepal.
2012	Nubri and Tsum, Nepal. May-June, 1.5 months. Household and reproductive history surveys. NSF funded project: Genes and Fertility of Tibetan Women at High Altitude in Nepal.
2011	Nubri, Nepal. 1 month. Household survey and interviews on migration and family management.
2010	Nubri, Nepal. 1 month. Oral histories of the Ngadag lineage of lamas.
2006-09	Tibet Autonomous Region, China. 8 months. NSF funded project: Economic Development and Intergenerational Relations in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China.
2005	Nubri, Nepal. 1 month. Interviews on religious dimensions of fertility and family planning.
2004	Dharamsala, India. 1.5 months. Analysis of demographic data gathered by the Planning Commission, a branch of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile; in-depth interviewing on family planning and reproduction.
2000-01	Kathmandu, Nubri/Tsum, and Shebrubensi, Nepal; Dharamsala and Pandoh, India. 7 months. Postdoctoral research (continuation of projects on historical demography and refugee fertility, new project on maternal health in Nubri).
1999-00	Kathmandu, Nepal; Dharamsala, India. 3 months. Postdoctoral research (commencement of new projects on historical demography and refugee fertility).
1998	Nubri, Nepal. 2 months. Post-dissertation research (follow-up survey work).
1997	Nubri, Nepal. 6 months. Resumption of dissertation research.
1995	Nubri, Nepal. 6 months. Dissertation research (culture, history and demography in an ethnically Tibetan enclave of Nepal; discontinued due to severe illness).
1994	Kathmandu, Nepal. 3 months. Pre-dissertation research.

## Service

### Professional: Associations, Projects, and Journals

2022-2023	National Science Foundation (NSF) Panelist
2018-2020	Consultant, Treasury of Lives ( <a href="https://treasuryoflives.org/about">https://treasuryoflives.org/about</a> ) a peer-reviewed biographical encyclopedia of Tibet, Inner Asia, and the Himalaya.
2018 -	Board of Advisors, Community Gonpa Education Initiative Nepal (CGEIN).
2010-12	President, Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies
2009-10	Treasurer, Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies

- 2007-14 Executive Council Member, Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies
- 2008-11 Associate Editor of *Himalaya*
- 2007-14 Editorial board of *Tibet Journal*

#### **Professional: Peer Review**

Peer reviewed article manuscripts for the following journals: *American Anthropologist*, *Anthropology Today*, *Asian Highland Perspectives*, *Asian Ethnography*, *Asian Women*, *Continuity and Change*, *Demography*, *Development and Change*, *Ethnobiology Letters*, *Etudes Mongoles et Sibériennes*, *Centrasiatiques et Tibétaines*, *Himalaya*, *Journal of Aging Studies*, *Journal of Asian Population Studies*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, *Mountain Research and Development*, *Population*, *Population Studies*, *Religion Compass*, *Social Science and Medicine*, and *Visual Anthropology Review*.

Peer reviewed book manuscripts for the following publishers: Berghahn Books, Brill, International Institute for Asian Studies (Leiden), Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rutgers University Press, and University of California Press.

Peer reviewed research proposals for the National Science Foundation, Trace Foundation, National Geographic, the Austrian Academy of Sciences, and the Velux Foundation of Denmark.

#### **Professional: Conference Panel Organizing**

- 2015 Organizer and Chair, roundtable on Nepal's 2015 earthquake  
Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Washington University in STL, Oct. 2015.
- 2012 Co-organizer and chair, panel on Migrations in the Himalayan Region. ANHS Second Himalayan Studies Conference, Western Michigan University, Sept. 2012.
- 2012 Panel chair and discussant, panel on Mobility and Frontiers. Migrations and Conflict Conference, Washington University, March 2012.
- 2012 Organizer and Chair, A Quarter Century of Fieldwork in Tibet: A Panel in Honor of Melvyn Goldstein. Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, March 2012.
- 2011 Co-editor of special volume in *Himalaya* on Development in Tibet.
- 2008 Co-Organizer (with Sienna Craig) of conference panel Labor Migration and Social Change in South Asia. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2006 Co-Organizer (with Kunchok Tsundue) of conference panel Tibetan Populations: Past, Present, and Future. The Eleventh Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Bonn, Germany.
- 2003 Co-Organizer (with James Lee) of conference panel New Directions in Linking Historical Demographic Data Sources. Social Science History Association's Annual Meeting, Baltimore.
- 1999 Co-Organizer (with Kimber Haddix) of conference panel Patterns of Marriage, Family, and Reproduction in Tibet and the Himalayas. American Anthropological Association's Annual Meeting, Chicago.

#### **Professional: Community Service at Research Sites**

- 1998 - Board of Directors of SEEDS (Social, Educational, Environmental, Development Services). Agency dedicated to funding small-scale development initiatives that are proposed and implemented by Nepali citizens. Focus on maternal health, fostering indigenous healing traditions, and promoting cultural continuity through education in native languages.
- 2012 - Foreign board member, Nubri Youth and Cultural Development Association (Nepal).
- 2017 - Consultant, Manaslu Education and Environment Development (MEED) Foundation.
- 2018 - Advisory Board, Community Gonpa Education Initiative Nepal (CGEIN).

**Washington University: University Service**

2025 -	Proposal Reviewer, Summer Undergraduate Research Guided Experience, Office of Undergraduate Research
2024-2025	Consultant for new faculty hiring, Global Studies Program.
2023 -	Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging, Executive Advisory Committee
2021-2022	External member of search committee for Race Cluster hire, Dept. of Biology
2021-2022	IRB International Research Advisory Committee
2020-2022	Instructional Planning Task Force (in response to COVID-19)
2020 -	Faculty Chair, Campus Fulbright Committee
2008-2019	Campus Fulbright Committee
2015-2019	Danforth IRB Advisory Committee
2014	Faculty Facilitator for Interdisciplinary Studies 123, When I'm Sixty-Four
2011-12	Faculty Travel Grant Award Committee
2010-13	Special Majors and Minors Committee
2009-10	Pre-Graduate School Faculty Advisory Committee
2008 -	Washington University's Fulbright Fellowship Review Committee
2008-09	Search committee, International and Area Studies position in Chinese Studies
2005-06	Instructor for January Scholars Program (J-Prog)

**Washington University: Department of Anthropology Service**

2024 -	Advisory board member, Experiential Ethnography Studio
2024 -	Organizer and convener, Research Ethics and Risk Assessment Workshop for 3 <sup>rd</sup> year graduate students (sociocultural subfield requirement)
2024 -	Senior faculty mentor for Assistant Professor A. J. Jones
2024-2025	Strategic Planning Committee
2023-2024	Chair, search committee for Assistant Professor position in Medical Anthropology
2023-2024	Chair, ad hoc committee on Fieldwork and Post-Fieldwork PhD Mentoring
2023-2024	Tenure advisory committee for archaeologist Helina Woldekiros
2022-2023	Organizer and Convener, Ethnographic Theory Workshop
2022-2023	Search committee, Assistant Professor position in Medical Anthropology (hired M. Canna)
2022-2023	Search committee member, Selina Okin Kim Conner Professorship in Arts and Sciences for Medical Anthropology (no hire made)
2021-2025	Senior faculty mentor for Assistant Professor Emily Wroblewski
2021-2022	Promotion committee chair, Anna Jacobsen case for promotion to Senior Lecturer
2021-2022	Search committee member, Selina Okin Kim Conner Professorship in Arts and Sciences for Medical Anthropology (no hire made)
2021	Led sociocultural faculty group in developing strategic hiring plan for 2022-2024
2020-2021	Departmental anti-racism initiative, supervised development of guidelines for conducting ethical research (published on departmental website)
2020-2021	Faculty sponsor, Culture Club (graduate student professional training activity)
2020	Head of search committee for two lecturers in Global Health and Environment (hired C. Barnes and D. Ansari)
2018	Ad hoc committee on improving departmental culture
2018	Collaborated with Emily Wroblewski (Wash U Anth), Martha Jones (HRPO Executive Director) and Andrea Morris (Human Research Quality Assurance Manager) to revise IRB protocols so they do not hinder anthropological research
2016 -	Departmental point person for IRB screening and submission, undergraduate and graduate students and faculty members
2015 -	Judge, Graduate and Undergraduate Annual Photography Contests
2013-2014	Search Committee, position in Sociocultural Anthropology (Science and Technology

	Studies)
2010-2011	Search Committee, position in Biological Anthropology
2008-2009	Search Committee, position in Sociocultural Anthropology (China focus)
2004-2013	Graduate Coordinator, Sociocultural Anthropology, Dept. of Anthropology

### **Special Events, Lectures, and Workshops**

2024	Introduction for keynote speaker Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche. WashU Mindfulness Week September 2024.
2024	Guest lecture for class When I'm 64. Oct. 2024.
2020 (Fall)	The Downside of Education. Faculty Spotlights, freshman orientation.
2018 (Fall)	Freshman Orientation, Meet the Faculty
2017 (Fall)	What to Do When All the Children Leave? Faculty Spotlights, freshman orientation.
2016, 17, 18	Guest lecture, What Can We Learn from Ethnography? Business School, Markus Baer's course B66 OB 530 Creative Thinking and Leading the Creative Organization.
2017 (Spring)	International Relationships: A Multicultural Perspective on Life. The Last Lecture", Council of the South Forty.
2017 (Spring)	How to Manage the Large Classroom. Culture Club, Dept. of Anthropology.
2016	Guest lectures (2), Reproductive History Survey Methodology, E.A. Quinn's Biomarkers course, Dept. of Anthropology.
2017	Guest lecture, What Can We Learn from Ethnography? Business School, Markus Baer's course B66 OB 530 Creative Thinking and Leading the Creative Organization.
2016	Navigating IRB. Culture Club, Dept. of Anthropology.
2015	Field Photography and Digital Ethics Workshop. Culture Club, Dept. of Anthropology.
2014	Effective Powerpoint Presentations. Teaching Workshop, Dept. of Anthropology.
2014	Integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Methods. Guest Lecture in Gautam Yadama's course SWDT 6820 Seminar in Social Work Theory and Knowledge, Sept. 2014.
2014	Studying Aging and Social Change in Rural Tibet. Presentation at Global Aging Happy Hour, Sept. 2014.
2013	Tips on Applying for Academic Positions. Graduate Student Workshop on Job Materials, Dept. of Anthropology.
2013	How to Manage a Large Classroom. Teaching Workshop, Dept. of Anthropology.
2013	Photographing and Filming in the Field. Culture Club, Dept. of Anthropology.
2013	Exploring Online Teaching. Culture Club, Dept. of Anthropology.
2012	Training graduate students from across campus in management of large classes
2011	Faculty Spotlight Presentation, New Student Orientation
2011	What is Success? "The Last Lecture", Council of the South Forty
2011	Effective Powerpoint Presentations. Teaching Workshop, Dept. of Anthropology.

### **PhD Supervisor**

Tsering Wangmo. Visual anthropology and Tibetan exile identity (2022 - ).  
 Eva Hoffman (co-chair). Challenges to reproductive health in a time of uncertainty (2021 - 2025).  
 Seok Joo Youn. Aging and palliative care in South Korea (2020 - ).  
 Tashi Ghale. Road construction and inequality in Nepal (2018 - 2025).  
 Namgyal Choedup. From Tibetan Refugees to Transmigrants: Negotiating Cultural Continuity and Economic Mobility through Migration (2007-2015).  
 Aaron Hames. Aging and community interventions in Japan (2020-2021).  
 Carolyn Barnes. Rural-urban migration, gender, and youth culture in Bhutan (2013-2015).

### **Dissertation Defense Committees (year defended)**

Zoe Geyman (2025); Jaqueline Wagner (2024); Alaina Schneider (Biological Anthropology, 2023); Dala Duo (Int'l Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2023); Xinzhou Chen (Archaeology,

2023); Kate Farley (2022), Yiqi Zhu (School of Social Work, 2021); Sarah Speck (University of Zurich Geography, 2020); Guillermo Martin-Saiz (2020); Oguz Alyanak (2018); Mason Brown (Univ. of Colorado Ethnomusicology, 2018); Nadine Platchta (Bern University Religious Studies, 2018); Hollee McGinnis (School of Social Work, 2017); Sherria Ayuandini (2017); Xu Jing (2014); Chithprabha Kudlu (2013); Jennifer Wistrand (2011); Sarah Kendzior (2011); Gyanesh Lama (School of Social Work, 2011); Baris Isci (2010); Anna Jacobsen (2010); Hyeon Jung Lee (2009); Vanessa Hildebrand (2009); Katherine Laird (2006)

#### **Ph.D. Student Committees (not yet defended)**

Kunsang Choden (Univ. of Washington, Information Science), John Daniel Ibembe, Karen Chura Cussi, Annalise Mangone

#### **Post-Doctoral Supervisor**

Lihong Shi, ACLS Post-Doctoral Fellow, Dept. of Anthropology (2011-13).

#### **Undergraduate Research Supervising**

Yue Ma, Undergraduate Research Grant, Aging in Japan (2024)  
Nikhil Sekar, Undergraduate Research Grant, Nutritional intervention in Uganda (2021).  
Kunsang Choeden, Undergraduate Research Grant, COVID-19 anticipation in Nubri, Nepal (2020).  
Helen Li, Merle Kling Undergraduate Honors Fellowship Mentor (2017-2019).  
Joselyn Walsh, Undergraduate Research Grant to study urban food issues (2015).  
Sammita Satyanarayan and Yamini Krishnamurthy, Gephardt Inst. Social Change Grant (2011).  
Bobbie Bigby, Mellon Mays Mentor (2008-2009).

#### **Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervisor in Anthropology and International and Area Studies**

Yue Ma (2025); Tully Liu (2022); Isabel An (2021, Capstone); Larkin Levine (2021); Madison Wrobley\* (2019); Joanna Kim\* (2018); Helen Li (2018); Amrutha Kumaran (2015); Dena Birkenkamp (2010); Bobbie Bigby (2009); Lindsey Buchanan (2009); Jessica Farrell (2009); Trisha Wolf (2009); Kristyna Solawetz (2008); Emily Schlickman (2007); Sarah Katz (2006); Debra Silberschatz (2005); Lisa Frankel (2003)

\* Recipient of John Bennet Award for best thesis in Anthropology.

#### **Courses Taught at Washington University**

500-Level	Research Methods in Anthropology Proposal Writing
400-Level	Aging in Cross-Cultural Perspective Researching Fertility, Mortality, and Migration In the Field: Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Methods
300-Level	Population and Society Anthropology of Tibet and the Himalayas
100-Level	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology Global Population Issues (January Program) Ethnicity, Culture, and Politics: The Case of Tibet