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EDUCATION

2025 (anticipated)	Ph.D. Washington University in St. Louis (Anthropology) CO-ADVISORS: SHANTI PARIKH (ANTHROPOLOGY), IVER BERNSTEIN (HISTORY) ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: TALIA DAN-COHEN, JOHN BOWEN, NATALIE MUELLER
2021	M.A. Washington University in St. Louis (Anthropology) ADVISOR: GLENN DAVIS STONE (ANTHROPOLOGY)
2015	M.A. University of Virginia (Public Policy) Thesis Title: Improving Access to Public Goods and Services for Market Vendors in Ghana
2014	B.A. with distinction, University of Virginia (Global Development Studies) ADVISOR: RICHARD HANDLER Thesis Title: The Logic of Economics and Its Presence in American Culture

RESEARCH INTERESTS SUMMARY

Anthropology of agriculture, history of plantation systems, race studies, memory studies, politics of agricultural technology and practices, economic anthropology, science and technology studies, environmental anthropology, kinship, climate change, United States South

RESEARCH DETAIL

Current dissertation research is supported in by the Wenner-Gren Foundation and the Washington University in St. Louis Center for Humanities. It focuses on legacies of the plantation persistent in industrial agriculture; how historical legacies of racial discrimination permeate farming practices in white and non-white farmers in the American South; and the lingering effects and memories of the 1795 Pointe Coupée slave conspiracy (Louisiana).

2022-2023 (anticipated)	Anthropological and historical dissertation research, primarily Louisiana, USA <i>16-month (September 2022 – December 2023) ethnographic and archival research with farmers in Louisiana. Conduct interviews and participant observation with farmers representative of different race, class, and gender. Conduct archival research to unpack the stories of key farm families from the plantation era to the present. Conduct survey of approximately 61,000 farmers in counties along the Mississippi River, from Missouri to Louisiana, to contextualize and interrogate plantation legacies spatially. Develop a digital archive to communicate findings with the communities engaged, academic audiences, non-academic audiences, policymakers, advocacy groups, and others. This is an ongoing project.</i>
2021	Anthropological research, Louisiana, USA <i>Two-month ethnographic research with industrial row-crop farmers in Parishes across Louisiana, including unstructured interviews with farmers, farm managers, technologists, technology support staff, landowners, downstream commodity processors (for example, sugar cane millers), historians, and others.</i>
2020	Anthropological research, St. Louis Missouri, USA <i>Three-month exploratory ethnographic research into industrial agriculture technology developers, marketers, and farmers. This stage of research was interrupted by the Coronavirus Pandemic.</i>
2013	Anthropological research, Banjul, The Gambia <i>One-month ethnographic research with market managers and vendors in Serrekunda and Bakau Markets in Banjul.</i>

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

2015-present	Management Consultant, Accenture Federal Services, Washington, D.C.
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Clients included U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency; USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service; USDA, Rural Development. Subject matter expert on Farm Service Agency organizational structure and programs.

2015 Sapin Research Fellow, Global Fairness Initiative, Washington, D.C.
Developed policy approach for GFI to support marketers' access to public goods and services.

2014 Intern, U.S. Department of State, Economics Bureau, Office of Multilateral Trade Affairs, Washington, D.C.
Supported planning and coordination for international economic forum for State Department Economics Bureau

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

2022 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$18,586)

2020 Researcher/collaborator on NSF grant "EAGER: Pilot Comparative Research on Adoption of Digital Agricultural Technologies" (PI, Glenn Stone)

2013 Researcher on NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates Grant (PI, Niklas Hultin)
Field site: Serrekunda and Bakau Markets, The Gambia

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

2023 (Spring) Washington University Center for the Humanities Graduate Student Fellowship (\$5,000)

2019-present Harvey Graduate Fellow, American Culture Studies

2019-present Graduate Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

AWARDS

2019 USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator Award for Service to Agriculture

2019 USDA Farm Production and Conservation Undersecretary Award

PROFESSIONAL ROLES & SERVICE

2022 Coordinator and Moderator, Americanist Dinner Forum: A Discussion about "The Neutral Ground" with filmmaker C.J. Hunt

2021-present Intern Coordinator, The Commonwealth Project in St. Louis

2021-present Peer Mentor, Washington University Department of Anthropology

2021 Conference Coordinator, "Landscapes of Value/Economies of Place", Society for Economic Anthropology and Culture and Agriculture

2020-present Student Representative, Culture and Agriculture

2020-21 Co-Lead, Culture Club, Washington University Department of Anthropology

2020-present Member, Anti-Racist Action Steering Committee, Washington University Department of Anthropology

2019-present Member, Washington University Climate Change Graduate and Postdoc Group

2019-present Member, Washington University Graduate Workers Union

2016-18 Co-Lead, CleanTech Products Development, Accenture Federal Services, Washington, D.C.

2012-15 Program Director, Beyond the Bars Tutoring Program, Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022 Assistant in Instruction to Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Profs. Talia Dan-Cohen, Andrea Murray

2021 Assistant in Instruction to Introduction to Climate Change, Prof. T.R. Kidder

2021 March Visiting Lecturer, "Extraction", for Prof. Carolyn Barnes' Cyborg Anthropology

2021 March Visiting Lecturer, "Advances in Agriculture: Digital Agriculture in the Context of Industrial Agriculture Today", given to Brad Jones' Culture and Agriculture course

2021 Assistant in Instruction to Cyborg Anthropology, Prof. Carolyn Barnes

2020 November Visiting Lecturer, "Digital Agriculture", given to Prof. Glenn Stone's Culture & Environment course

2020 Assistant in Instruction to Culture & Environment, Prof. Glenn Stone

PUBLICATIONS

2020 September

“Book Review of Cultivating Knowledge: Biotechnology, Sustainability, and the Human Cost of Cotton Capitalism in South India by Andrew Flachs (The University of Arizona Press: 2019).”
Human Ecology

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association

Culture and Agriculture Section (American Anthropological Association)

Society for Economic Anthropology

LANGUAGES

Proficient – French; Native – English