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expertise

Environmental anthropology	Agribusiness and global supply chains
Anthropology of the Pacific	Food, health, and nutrition
Environmental humanities	Plantation capitalism
Interdisciplinary & applied research	Multispecies justice

education

Doctor of Philosophy (Cum Laude)

Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University, 2019

Master of Science in Social Anthropology

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford, 2010

Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Studies, Chinese and Tibetan (Honours) (First Class)

Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, 2009

employment

Senior Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2025–present)

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2022–24)

Discovery Early Career Research Award Fellow, University of Sydney (2022–25)

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of History, University of Sydney (2019–21)

Sessional Academic Staff, Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University (2015–19)

Research Consultant, Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalization (2018)

Research Consultant, UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (2016)

Project Officer, Forest Peoples Programme, United Kingdom (2011–15)

Research Consultant, Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) (2015)

Research Consultant, The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) (2013)

Research Consultant, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (2013–14)

awards & prizes

2024 [Paul Bourke Award for Early Career Research](#)

Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

2024 [Early Career Book Prize](#)

Asian Studies Association of Australia

Chao, 2022, *In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua* (Duke University Press)

2024	<u>Nautilus Book Award Winner - Gold</u> Category 06: Ecology & Environment Chao, 2022, <i>In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua</i> (Duke University Press)
2024	<u>Nautilus Book Award Winner - Special Honors: Best in Large Press</u> Chao, 2022, <i>In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua</i> (Duke University Press)
2024	<u>Runner-Up – Best Special Issue Award</u> Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ) Celermajer and Chao, eds. 2023, “Multispecies Justice,” <i>Cultural Politics</i>
2023	<u>Sharon Stephens Prize</u> American Ethnological Association (AES) Chao, 2022, <i>In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua</i> (Duke University Press)
2023	<u>Honorable Mention – Book Prize in Critical Anthropology</u> Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA) Chao, 2022, <i>In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua</i> (Duke University Press)
2022	<u>FASS Early Career Research Excellence Award</u> University of Sydney
2021	<u>Duke University Press Scholars of Color First Book Award</u> Duke University Press Chao, 2022, <i>In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua</i> (Duke University Press)
2020	<u>John Legge Prize for Best Thesis in Asian Studies</u> Asian Studies Association of Australia Chao, 2019, <i>In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua</i> (PhD thesis, Macquarie University)
2019	<u>PhD Thesis Prize</u> Australian Anthropological Society Chao, 2019, <i>In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua</i> (PhD thesis, Macquarie University)
2019	Vice-Chancellor’s Commendation for Academic Excellence Macquarie University Chao, 2019, <i>In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua</i> (PhD thesis, Macquarie University)
2009	College Prize for First in the Final Honour School Examinations St Anne’s College, University of Oxford
2009	College Scholarship St Anne’s College, University of Oxford
2008	College Scholarship St Anne’s College, University of Oxford
2007	Dudbridge Prize for Outstanding Performance in Moderations Chinese Institute, University of Oxford
2007	College Prize for a Distinction in the First Public Exam (FPE) St Anne’s College, University of Oxford

2007	College Scholarship St Anne's College, University of Oxford
2006	College Exhibition for a Distinction in Exams St Anne's College, University of Oxford
2006	College half prize for a Distinction in the Qualifying Exam St Anne's College, University of Oxford

grants & scholarships	
2024	Workshop Grant (20,000 USD) "Metabolic (In)justice: Toward a Biosocial Anthropology of Nourishment in an Era of Ecological Unraveling." Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. With Emily Yates-Doerr and Jessica Hardin.
2024	Strategic Research Fund (6,500 AUD) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney.
2023	<u>SSEAC EMCR Seed Grant</u> (10,000 AUD) "Waste Management in Timor-Leste: A Case Study of Women's Livelihoods, Environmental Health, and Sustainable Development at the Tibar Landfill." Sydney Southeast Asia Centre. With Li-Li Chen and Mica Soares.
2022	<u>Ultimate Peer Review Award</u> (7,500 AUD) "Hunger: An Indigenous Theory from West Papua." Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre.
2022 – 2025	<u>Discovery Early Career Researcher Award</u> (436,250 AUD) "Human-Kangaroo Relations: Reconciling Knowledges, Perceptions, and Practices." Australian Research Council (DE220100025).
2020 – 2023	<u>Discovery Project</u> (173,000 AUD) "The Promise of Justice." Australian Research Council. With Anna Tsing (University of California Santa Cruz), Eben Kirksey (Deakin University), and Benny Giay (KINGMI) (DP200102763).
2022	Support Grant , ASAA 2022 Conference (2,552 AUD) Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, University of Sydney.
2021	<u>Workshop Grant</u> (9,000 AUD) "From Theory to Practice: Leveraging Feminist Approaches to Care at a Time of Crisis." Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. With Megan Warin and Chris Beasley.
2019 – 2021	Postdoctoral Startup Allowance (15,000 AUD) Charles Perkins Centre, University of Sydney.
2020	Research Allowance (3,000 AUD) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney.
2019 – 2021	<u>Post-PhD Research Grant</u> (Ref: Gr. 9942) (26,375 AUD) "Capitalism Beyond the Human: The Multispecies World of Oil Palm." Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.
2019	Conference Fund (2,000 AUD) American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting 2019. Sydney Southeast Asia Centre.

2019 – 2020	Faculty Research Support Scheme (5,000 AUD) “Eating or Being Eaten: The Politics of Hunger in West Papua.” Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney.
2018 – 2019	Engaged Anthropology Grant (Ref: Gr. EAG-136) (6,705 AUD) “Oil Palm Expansion in West Papua: Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on Sustainability in the Agribusiness Sector.” Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.
2015 – 2018	Endeavour International Postgraduate Scholarship (PhD) Australian Ministry of Education and Training
2015 – 2018	Tuition Gap International Research Excellence Scholarship Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University
2017	Biennial Conference Postgraduate Award (190 AUD) Asian Studies Association of Australia
2015 – 2016	Fieldwork Research Grant (10,000 AUD) “Agribusiness Land Grabs and Transforming Indigenous Foodways: Towards a Theory of Hunger and Satiety in West Papua.” Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University
2015 – 2016	Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (Ref: Gr. 9196) (13,355 AUD) “Agribusiness Land Grabs and Transforming Indigenous Foodways: Towards a Theory of Hunger and Satiety in West Papua.” Wenner- Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.
2015 (decl.)	Postgraduate Travel Grant (250 AUD) Australian Anthropological Society
2014 (decl.)	International Research Excellence Scholarship (IMQRES) Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University

publications

peer reviewed books

(under contract) **Chao, Sophie**. *Plantations: Lifeworlds and Afterlives*. Elements in the Environmental Humanities. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Chao, Sophie. 2025. *Land of Famished Beings: West Papuan Theories of Hunger*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Chao, Sophie. 2022. *In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. Trailer available [online](#).

peer reviewed edited volumes

(under contract) **Chao, Sophie**, Christine Winter, and David Schlosberg, eds. *Beyond Bios: The Life of Matter and the Matter of Life*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Chao, Sophie, Karin Bolender, and Eben Kirksey, eds. 2022. *The Promise of Multispecies Justice*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

peer reviewed journal articles

(in review) Münster, Ursula, Thom van Dooren, Pierre du Plessis, Zachary Adam Caple, Sara Asu Schroer, and **Sophie Chao**. “Multispecies Landscapes: An Introduction.” *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*.

- (forth) **Chao, Sophie**. "Captivating Intimacies: Care, Creativity, and Coercion in Plant-human Relations." *The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*.
- (forth) Bubandt, Nils, **Sophie Chao**, Marianne Lien, Heather Paxson, Pirjo Kristiina Virtanen, with Karin Ahlberg and Tomas Cole. "Anthropologists Are Talking about Ecography." *Ethnos*.
- (forth) **Chao, Sophie**. "Mapping Memory and Movement: Absences, Interstices, Erosions." *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2025. "Dreams and Dispossession in West Papua: A Response." *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*. DOI:10.1080/14442213.2025.2509041.
- Chao, Sophie**, and Gregg Hetherington. 2024. "Storying Monocrop Infrastructure: A Conversation on Governance, Scale, and Failure." *Engaging Science, Technology, and Society* 10(1–2): 69–87. DOI:10.17351/ests2024.2987. (republished in [Environment & Society Portal](#)).
- Warin, Megan, Chris Beasley, and **Sophie Chao**. 2024. "Leveraging Feminist Approaches to Care." *Thesis Eleven: Critical Theory and Historical Sociology* 183(1): 3–11. DOI:10.1177/07255136241287236.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2024. "Hunger as More-Than-Human Communicative Modality on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." *American Anthropologist* 126(4): 679–681. DOI:10.1111/aman.28001.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2024. "Dreams." In *The Open Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (formerly Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology), edited by Hanna Nieber. DOI:10.29164/24dreams.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2024. "People, Plants, and Plantations: Responses and Reflections." *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 14(1): 249–256. DOI:10.1086/730135.
- Chao, Sophie**, Chris Krupa, and Tania Murray Li. 2024. "Anthropologists are Talking – About Contemporary Plantations. Technologies, Violence, and Vulnerability across Geographies and Genealogies." *Ethnos* 89(1): 158–187. DOI:10.1080/00141844.2024.2305881.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2024. "To Write or Not to Write? Towards a Hesitant Anthropology." *American Ethnologist* 51(1): 63–71. DOI:10.1111/amet.13240.
- Chao, Sophie**, Wendy Wolford, Andrew Ofstehage, Shalmali Guttal, Euclides Gonçalves, and Fernanda Ayala. 2024. "The Plantationocene as Analytical Concept: A Forum for Dialogue and Reflection." *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 51(3): 541–563. DOI:10.1080/03066150.2023.2228212.
- Chao, Sophie**, Catherine Price, Alejandro Ponce de León, and Daniel Ruíz Serna. 2023. "Multiespecie, Más-que-humano, No-humano, Otro-que-humano: Reinventando los Lenguajes de lo Animado en la Era de Destrucción Planetaria." *Tekoporá: Revista Latinoamericana de Humanidades Ambientales y Estudios Territoriales* 5(1): 109–125. Available at <https://revistatekopora.cure.edu.uy/index.php/reet/article/view/201>.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2023. "Spent Earth." *Critical Times* 6(2): 179–188. DOI:10.1215/26410478-10436987. (republished in [Environment & Society Portal](#)).
- Lundberg, Anita, Hannah Regis, Gregory Luke Chwala, Stephen Ogheneruro Okpadah, Ashton Sinamai, R. Benedito Ferrão, and **Sophie Chao**. 2023. "Decolonizing the Tropics: Part Two." *eTropic: electronic journal of studies in the tropics* 22 (2): 1–32. DOI:10.25120/etropic.22.2.2023.4005.
- Lundberg, Anita, **Sophie Chao**, R. Benedito Ferrão, Ashton Sinamai, Stephen Ogheneruro Okpadah, Hannah Regis, and Gregory Luke Chwala. 2023. "Decolonizing the Tropics: Part

- One." *eTropic: electronic journal of studies in the tropics* 22 (1): 1–28.
DOI:10.25120/etropic.22.1.2023.3998.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2023. "Health, Harm, and Habitus: Revisiting Techniques of the Body in COVID-19." *Thesis Eleven: Critical Theory and Historical Sociology* 177(1): 103–116.
DOI:10.1177/07255136231186642.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2023. "Multispecies Violence, Ontological Murk, Epistemic Resistance: Insights from the West Papuan Plantation Frontier." *The Australian Journal of Anthropology* 34(1): 39–44. DOI:10.1111/taja.12468.
- Chao, Sophie,** and Danielle Celermajer. 2023. "Multispecies Justice: Introduction." *Cultural Politics* 19(1): 1–17. DOI:10.1215/17432197-10232431.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2023. "The Colonial Roots of the Kangaroo Controversy." *Environment & Society Portal, Arcadia: Explorations in Environmental History* (Spring 2023), no. 7. Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society. DOI:10.5282/rcc/9608.
- Chao, Sophie,** and Giovanni Aloï. 2023. "In the Shadow of the Palms." *Antennae: The Journal of Nature in Visual Culture* 60 (Spring): 89–108. Available [online](#).
- Price, Catherine, and **Sophie Chao.** 2023. "Multispecies, More-than-human, Non-human, Other-than-human: Reimagining Idioms of Animacy in an Age of Planetary Unmaking." *Exchanges: The Interdisciplinary Research Journal* 10(2): 177–193.
DOI:10.31273/eirj.v10i2.1166. ([most downloaded](#) *Exchanges* paper in 2023; republished in [Environment & Society Portal](#); republished in Spanish in [Tekoporá: Revista Latinoamericana de Humanidades Ambientales y Estudios Territoriales](#)).
- Chao, Sophie.** 2023. "Bouncing Back? Kangaroo-Human Resistance in Contemporary Australia." *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 6(1): 331–354.
DOI:10.1177/25148486221084194.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2023. "Multispecies Mourning: Grieving as Resistance on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." *Cultural Studies* 37(4): 553–579. DOI:10.1080/09502386.2022.2052920.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2022. "Plantation." *Environmental Humanities* 14(2): 361–366.
DOI:10.1215/22011919-9712423. (republished in [Environment & Society Portal](#); translated to French by Paul Fabie, republished in [Terrestres](#); translated to Portuguese by Sílvia Maria Poletti, republished in *Cadernos de Campo*).
- Chao, Sophie.** 2022. "(Un)Worlding the Plantationocene: Extraction, Extinction, Emergence." *eTropic: electronic journal of studies in the tropics* 21(1): 165–191.
DOI:10.25120/etropic.21.1.2022.3838. (republished in [Environment & Society Portal](#)).
- Chao, Sophie.** 2022. "Gastrocolonialism: The Intersections of Race, Food, and Development in West Papua." *The International Journal of Human Rights* 26(5): 811–832.
DOI:10.1080/13642987.2021.1968378.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2021. "Can There be Justice Here? Indigenous Experiences from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." *Borderlands* 20(1): 11–48. DOI:10.21307/borderlands-2021-002.
- Chao, Sophie,** and Dion Enari. 2021. "Decolonising Climate Change: A Call for Beyond-Human Imaginaries and Knowledge Generation." *eTropic: electronic journal of studies in the tropics* 20(2): 32–54. DOI:10.25120/etropic.20.2.2021.3796. (republished in [Environment & Society Portal](#)).
- Chao, Sophie.** 2021. "We Are (Not) Monkeys: Contested Cosmopolitical Symbols in West Papua." *American Ethnologist* 48(3): 225–230. DOI:10.1111/amet.13023. (republished in the Virtual Issue ["Uprisings: Unsettling Landscapes/Activist Struggles"](#)).

- Chao, Sophie.** 2021. "The Beetle or the Bug? Multispecies Politics in a West Papuan Oil Palm Plantation." *American Anthropologist* 123(3): 476–489. DOI:10.1111/aman.13592. (republished in the Virtual Issue "["Multispecies Anthropology"](#)").
- Chao, Sophie.** 2021. "Eating and Being Eaten: The Meanings of Hunger among Marind." *Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness* 40(7): 682–697. DOI:10.1080/01459740.2021.1916013.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2021. "Children of the Palms: Growing Plants and Growing People in a Papuan Plantationocene." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 27(2): 245–264. DOI:10.1111/1467-9655.13489.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2021. "Wetness." *Art + Australia*. 8(57.1): 94–97.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2020. "A Tree of Many Lives: Vegetal Teleontologies in West Papua." *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 10(2): 514–529. DOI:10.1086/709505.
- Eickelkamp, Ute, and **Sophie Chao.** 2020. "Introducing Oceanic Societies in COVID-19." *Oceania* 90(S1): 1–3. DOI:10.1002/ocae.5257.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2019. "Wrathful Ancestors, Corporate Sorcerers: Rituals Gone Rogue in Merauke, West Papua." *Oceania* 89(3): 266–283. DOI:10.1002/ocae.5229.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2019. "The Plastic Cassowary: Problematic "Pets" in West Papua." *Ethnos* 84 (5): 828–848. DOI:10.1080/00141844.2018.1502798.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2018. "In the Shadow of the Palm: Dispersed Ontologies among Marind, West Papua." *Cultural Anthropology* 33(4): 621–649. DOI:10.14506/ca33.4.08. (translated to Japanese by Wei Zhang and Shuhei Tashiro, republished in *Ibunsha* 以文社, 2023, [アブラヤシの影の中で—西パプア・マリンドにおける分散する諸存在論](#)).
- Chao, Sophie.** 2018. "Seed Care in the Oil Palm Sector." *Environmental Humanities* 10(2): 421–446. DOI:10.1215/22011919-7156816.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2017. "There Are No Straight Lines in Nature": Making Living Maps in West Papua." *Anthropology Now* 9(1): 16–33. DOI:10.1080/19428200.2017.1291014.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2016. "Elusive Caimans and the Anthropologist as Devil." *Anthropology Now* 8(1): 132–138. DOI:10.1080/19428200.2016.1154775.

scholarly book chapters

- (in prep) **Chao, Sophie.** "Multispecies Methods and the Question of Justice." In Celermajer, Danielle, Claire Jean Kim, David Schlosberg, and Christine Winter, eds. *Oxford Handbook of Multispecies Justice*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- (in prep) **Chao, Sophie.** "Environment, Ecology, and the More Than Human World." In Wardell, Susan, Nomi Stone, and Christine Weeber, eds. *Poems Were Strangers: An Anthology of Ethnographic and Anthropological Poetry*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- (in review) **Chao, Sophie.** "Skinship, Scarship: Multispecies Vulnerabilities and the Violence of Plantation Capitalism." In Kulick, Don, and Michel Naepels, eds. *Analytics of Vulnerability*. Santa Fe: School of Advanced Research Press.
- (under contract) **Chao, Sophie.** "Thinking Beyond Bios in an Age of Planetary Undoing." In Chao, Sophie, Christine Winter, and David Schlosberg, eds. *Beyond Bios: The Life of Matter and the Matter of Life*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- (under contract) **Chao, Sophie.** "Spent Earth." In Chao, Sophie, Christine Winter, and David Schlosberg, eds. *Beyond Bios: The Life of Matter and the Matter of Life*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

- (forth) **Chao, Sophie.** "Afterword." In Lutz, Paul-David, and Rosalie Stoltz, eds. *Being Present: Emerging Ethnographic Perspectives and the Study of Laos*. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press.
- (forth) **Chao, Sophie.** 2026. "Extraction, Extinction, Emergence: The Plantation as Critical Zone." In Eadie, Jennifer, and Stephen Muecke, eds. *Living in Critical Zones: Environmental Humanities in South Asia*. New Delhi: Routledge.
- (forth) **Chao, Sophie.** "Forest Foodways in West Papua." In Aranda, Julieta, Kaye Cain-Nielsen, Anton Vidokle, and Brian Kuan Wood, eds. *E-flux Food and Agriculture Reader*. New York: Sternberg Press.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2024. "The Truth about "Sustainable" Palm Oil." In Shandy, Dianna, David McCurdy, and James Spradley, eds. *Conformity and Conflict: Readings in Cultural Anthropology*. Sixteenth Edition. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press. Pp. 81–84.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2023. "The Multispecies World of Oil Palm: Indigenous Marind Perspectives on Plantation Ecologies in West Papua." In Le Petitcorps, Colette, Macedo, Marta, and Irene Peano, eds. *Global Plantations in the Modern World: Sovereignties, Ecologies, Afterlives*. Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan. Pp. 315–338.
- Kirksey, Eben, and **Sophie Chao.** 2022. "Introduction: Who Benefits from Multispecies Justice?" In Chao, Sophie, Karin Bolender, and Eben Kirksey, eds. *The Promise of Multispecies Justice*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. Pp. 1–21.
- Chao, Sophie,** and Eben Kirksey. 2022. "Species of Justice." In Chao, Sophie, Karin Bolender, and Eben Kirksey, eds. *The Promise of Multispecies Justice*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. Pp. 23–27.
- Bolender, Karin, **Sophie Chao,** and Eben Kirksey. 2022. "Afterword: Fugitive Jurisdictions." In Chao, Sophie, Karin Bolender, and Eben Kirksey, eds. 2022. *The Promise of Multispecies Justice*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. Pp. 229–238.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2021. "Sago: A Storied Species of West Papua." In Vieira, Patricia, Monica Gagliano, and John C. Ryan, eds. *The Mind of Plants: Narratives on Vegetal Intelligence*. Santa Fe, NM: Synergetic Press. Pp. 317–325.
- Chao, Sophie.** 2021. "Indigenous Perspectives on Palm Oil Expansion in West Papua." In Pountney, Laura, and Tomislav Maric, eds. *Introducing Anthropology: What Makes Us Human?* Cambridge, MA: Polity Press. Second edition. Pp. 176–177.

edited special issues, forums, and collections

- (in prep) Porter, Jayson, **Sophie Chao,** and Pilar Eguez Guevara, eds. "Global More-Than-Human Histories of Palms." *Plant Perspectives*.
- (in review) Münster, Ursula, Thom van Dooren, Pierre du Plessis, Zachary Adam Caple, Sara Asu Schroer, and **Sophie Chao.** "Multispecies Landscapes." *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*.
- Chao, Sophie,** Darmanto, Samira Homerang-Saunders, Michael Dunford, Patrick Guinness, Hatib Kadir, and Paul Sperneac-Wolfer. 2025. "Book Forum – In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." *The Asia-Pacific Journal of Anthropology*.
- Wolford, Wendy, Andrew Ofstehage, and **Sophie Chao,** eds. 2024. "Forum on the Plantationocene." *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 51(3): 541–650.

- Warin, Megan, Chris Beasley, and **Sophie Chao**, eds. 2024. "From Theory to Practice: Leveraging Feminist Approaches to Care at a Time of Crisis." *Thesis Eleven: Critical Theory and Historical Sociology* 183(1): 3–129.
- Chao, Sophie**, Marilyn Strathern, Sarah Besky, Shaila Seshia Galvin, Rosa Vieira, Alice Rudge, and Rupert Stasch. 2024. "Book Symposium – In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 41(1): 220–256.
- Paredes, Alyssa, **Sophie Chao**, and Andrés Leon Araya, eds. 2024. "Plantation Methodologies: Questioning Scale, Space, and Subjecthood." *Antipode Online*. Available [online](#).
- Lundberg, Anita, Hannah Regis, Gregory Luke Chwala, Stephen Ogheneruro Okpadah, Ashton Sinamai, R. Benedito Ferrão, and **Sophie Chao**, eds. 2023. "Decolonizing the Tropics: Part Two." *eTropic: electronic journal of studies in the tropics* 22 (2): 1–268.
- Lundberg, Anita, **Sophie Chao**, R Benedito Ferrão, Ashton Sinamai, Stephen Ogheneruro Okpadah, Hannah Regis, and Gregory Luke Chwala, eds. 2023. "Decolonizing the Tropics: Part One." *eTropic: Electronic Journal of Studies in the Tropics* 22 (1): 1–269.
- Chao, Sophie**, ed. 2023. "In the Shadow of the Palms: More-than-human Becomings in West Papua, by Sophie Chao, Durham, NC: Duke University Press. 2022." *The Australian Journal of Anthropology* 34(1): 29–44.
- Celermajer, Danielle, and **Sophie Chao**, eds. 2023. "Multispecies Justice." *Cultural Politics* 19(1): 1–158.
- Eickelkamp, Ute, and **Sophie Chao**, eds. 2020. "Oceanic Societies in COVID-19." *Oceania* Volume 90(S1): 1–140.

[scholarly book reviews](#)

- (forth) **Chao, Sophie**. 2024. "Volcanos and their Experts: Reading Geology Against the Grain." *Current Anthropology*.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2023. "Asylum and Extraction in the Republic of Nauru. By Julia Caroline Morris. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2023. 308 pp." *American Anthropologist* 125(4): 902–903. DOI:10.1111/aman.13895.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2022. "Tik Merauke: An Epidemic Like No Other, by John Richens." *Bijdragen tot de Land-, Taal- en Volkenkunde/Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia* 178(4): 524–526. DOI:10.1163/22134379-17804008.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2022. "Kirsch, Stuart. *Engaged Anthropology: Politics Beyond the Text*. xvi, 306 pp., maps, illus., bibliogr. Oakland: Univ. of California Press, 2018. £24.95." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 28(2): 684 – 685. DOI:10.1111/1467-9655.13717.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2021. "Gardens of Gold: Place-Making in Papua New Guinea. By Jamon Alex Halvaksz. Seattle, NJ: University of Washington Press. 2020. Pp: xv + 226. Price: US\$ 30.00." *Oceania* 91(3): 77. DOI:10.1002/ocea.5319.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2020. "Matters of Care: Speculative Ethics in More Than Human Worlds, by María Puig de la Bellacasa (Minnesota University Press, 2017)." *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 6(2): 1–5. DOI:10.28968/cftt.v6i2.34034.
- Chao, Sophie**. 2019. "Palma Africana, by Michael Taussig." *American Anthropologist* 121(3): 784–785. DOI:10.1111/aman.13280.

Chao, Sophie. 2016. "From "Stone Age" to "Real-Time": Exploring Papuan Temporalities, Mobilities and Religiosities." *The Australian Journal of Anthropology* 27(3): 410–411. DOI:10.1111/taja.12214.

research commentaries

(in prep) **Chao, Sophie.** "Plantation Anthropologies: Three Turning Points." Theorizing the Contemporary, *Fieldsights*.

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| 13 Nov 2025 | Northwestern University. Illinois. |
| 30 Sep 2025 | "Rethinking Struggles over "Resources" through the Lens of Multispecies Justice: Insights from Indigenous Communities in the West Papuan Plantation Nexus." La Trobe University. |
| 2025 | "More-Than-Human Research in an Age of Ecological Undoing." University of Greenwich. |
| 31 May – 6 Jun 2025 | "Intensive Writing Seminar." School of Advanced Research. Santa Fe, New Mexico. |
| 31 Mar 2025 | "Plantation Anthropologies: Three Turning Points." Environmental Anthropologies: Pasts, Presents, Futures. Yale University. New Haven. |

- 28 Mar 2025 "Skinship, Scarship: Multispecies Vulnerabilities and Plantation Violence in West Papua." Agrarian Studies Colloquium. **Yale University**. New Haven.
- 7 Feb 2025 "Air: Climate Change, Atmospheric and the Unseen in India and West Papua." Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life. **Columbia University**. With Nikita Simpson.
- 23 Aug 2024 "Time has Come to a Stop: Pacific Historicities on a Plantation Frontier." Plenary: Environmental History, Environmental Humanities, and More-than-human Approaches from the Pacific. **4th World Congress of Environmental History**. Oulu.
- 11 Jul 2024 "Activist-Research as Method: Possibilities and Challenges." Messing with Methods – HDR Workshop. **University of Western Sydney and University of Sydney**.
- 4 Jul 2024 "Book Launch: *Hedgehogs, Killing and Kindness* and *After Eating*." Gleebooks. Discussant.
- 4 Jul 2024 "Leveraging Feminist Approaches to Care in Times of Crisis." Information session: Workshops Program 2025. **Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia**.
- 2 Jul 2024 "Re-Imagining the Laws of Nature - Storying Rules of Hyperconnected Futures." Workshop with Michelle Lim. **The Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law and the Sydney Environment Institute**. Discussant.
- 2 Jul 2024 "Re-Imagining the Laws of Nature - Storying Rules of Hyperconnected Futures." Public Seminar by Michelle Lim. **The Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law and the Sydney Environment Institute**. Discussant.
- 6 Jun 2024 "The Promise of Multispecies Justice." Go-Just Webinars. **University of Athens and Norwegian University of Science and Technology**. Available [online](#).
- 24 May 2024 "In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." Groupe des Humanités Environnementales (HUMEN) et Groupe d'Etudes Constructivistes (GECe). **Université Saint-Louis and Université Libre de Bruxelles**. Brussels.
- 21 May 2024 "Multispecies Mourning: Grief and Resistance in an Age of Ecological Unmaking." **Institute of Ethnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences**. Prague.
- 13 May 2024 "More-Than-Human Entanglements on the Papuan Plantation Frontier." Department of Social Anthropology and Environmental Humanities Hub. **The University of Edinburgh**.
- 9 May 2024 "From Skinship to Scarship: More-Than-Human Ecological Distress in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus." Ecological Distress Workshop. **School of Oriental and African Studies**. London.
- 8 May 2024 "Metabolic In/Justice: Hunger, Ecology, and Nourishment on a Papuan Plantation Frontier." Department of Anthropology and Center for Food Studies. **School of Oriental and African Studies**. London.

- 6 May 2024 "Skinship, Scarship: Plantation Violence and Multispecies Vulnerabilities in West Papua." Department of Anthropology. **École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales**. Paris.
- 24 Apr 2024 "Plantations as Naturecultures: A View from West Papua." Hybridity: Unravelling the Nexus of Domestication and Wild. **Australian National University**.
- 12 Apr 2024 "What Does it Mean to Eat Well in the Anthropocene?." Walking Seminar. **University of Amsterdam**. (read the blog [here](#)).
- 11 Apr 2024 "Multispecies Mourning: Grief and Resistance on a Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." Department of Anthropology. **University of Amsterdam**.
- 8 Apr 2024 "Socio-Legal Subjects in Global and 'Anthropocene' Contexts." Constitutionalizing in the Anthropocene. **Tilburg University**.
- 9 Apr 2024 "Closing Comments - Law and the Inhuman." Constitutionalizing in the Anthropocene. **Tilburg University**.
- 11 Mar 2024 "Multispecies Mourning - Grief and Resistance in an Age of Ecological Undoing." Iain MacCalman Lecture. **Sydney Environment Institute**. Keynote. (podcast version available [online](#)).
- 1 Mar 2024 "Metabolic Justice in West Papua: Relations of Eating and Being Eaten in the Teeth of Racial Colonial Capitalism." **Plataforma Latinoamericana de Humanidades Ambientales**.
- 6 – 10 Jan 2024 "Analytics of Vulnerability." School of Advanced Research. Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 15 Dec 2023 "The Promise of Multispecies Justice." Constitutionalizing the Anthropocene. **Tilburg University**.
- 24 Nov 2023 "Cartografías de Resistencia: Representaciones Indígenas de Mundos Más-que-humanos en la Era de los Monocultivos." **IX Reunión de Antropología da Ciência e Tecnologia (IX ReACT)**. Keynote. Available [online](#).
- 26 Oct 2023 "Dump Diplomacy: Thinking Across Waste and Worlds." Terrestrial Politics in Uncertain Times. **Western Sydney University**. With Stephen Muecke and Dipesh Chakrabarty. Keynote. Available [online](#).
- 20 Oct 2023 "The Oceania Observatory – Humanities for the Environment." Indigenizing Oceanic Commons. **Taiwan Council of Indigenous Peoples**. With Thom van Dooren and Craig Santos Perez. Guest speaker.
- 29 Sep 2023 "Social Justice and Environmental Change in West Papua: A Social Science Perspective." Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. **Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e**. Dili. Guest speaker.
- 26 Sep 2023 "In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." **Movimentu Letras**. Dili. Guest speaker.
- 8 Sep 2023 "Mapping Value: Cartographic Conundrums on the Papuan Plantation Frontier." Value Frontiers Across Locations and Landscapes: Anthropological Perspectives. **University of Helsinki**. Keynote.

21 Aug 2023	"Multispecies Mourning: Grieving as Resistance on the West Papuan Plantation Frontier." Department of Anthropology. Australian National University . Guest speaker.
3 Aug 2023	"The Body as Method." Sydney Staff and Student Workshop on Anthropological Research Methods (SSSWARM). University of Sydney . Guest speaker.
13 Jul 2023	"Mourning Biodiversity Loss: Grief and/as Resistance in West Papua." On Biodiversity: History, Heritage, and Research in Asia. Asia Research Institute . Guest speaker.
10 Jul 2023	"Eating and Being Eaten: The Meanings of Hunger among Marind, West Papua." Tsinghua University . Guest speaker.
3 Jul 2023	"Patchy Artfulness." Multispecies Studies and Artistic Methods (MEAM) Conference. University of Liège . Keynote.
4 May 2023	"In the Shadow of the Palms: Industrial Plantations as Zones of More-Than-Human Extinction, Extraction, and Emergence." Erasmus University Rotterdam . Guest speaker.
3 May 2023	"Multispecies Mourning: Grieving as Resistance on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." Wageningen University . Guest speaker.
2 May 2023	"Extinction, Extraction, Emergence: Plantation Necrobiopolitics on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." Leiden University . Guest speaker.
1 May 2023	"More-than-human Entanglements in the Plantationocene: Insights from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam . The Hague. Guest speaker.
26 Apr 2023	"In the Shadow of the Palms: Industrial Plantations as Zones of More-Than-Human Extinction, Extraction, and Emergence." Università degli Studi di Milano . Guest speaker.
19 Apr 2023	"Mourning Waste." Materials in Flux Symposium . Prada Frames/Formafantasma. Milan. Guest speaker. Available online .
10 Apr 2023	"Peliputan Lingkungan: Membahas Gastrocolonialism." Rainforest Journalism Fund. Pulitzer Center . Guest panelist. Available online .
29 Mar 2023	"Time has Come to a Stop: Temporalities of Loss and Resistance on the West Papuan Plantation Frontier." The Pacific Circle . Guest speaker. Available online .
24 Mar 2023	"Extinction, Extraction, and Emergence: More-Than-Human Entanglements in the Plantation Nexus." Critical Anthropocene Speaker Series. Concordia University . Guest speaker.
16–17 Mar 2023	"Multispecies Constitution Project." Berggruen Institute . Los Angeles. Workshop participant.
13 Feb 2023	"Gastrocolonialism: Race, Diet and Sovereignty in West Papua." Sydney Centre for Healthy Societies .
9 Feb 2023	"We are (not) Monkeys: Raciality, Animality, and Cosmopolitical Struggles in Indonesian West Papua." Ronald and Janette Gatty Lecture Series. Cornell University . Guest speaker.
11 Dec 2022	"Author Meets Critics: 4S Carson Prize Panel with Kregg Heatherington." Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) and

Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios Sociales (ESOCITE) Conference. Cholula. Discussant.

- 5 Dec 2022 “Time has Come to a Stop: Temporalities of Loss and Resistance on the West Papuan Plantation Frontier.” Department of Anthropology. **University of Pennsylvania.** Guest speaker.
- 1 Dec 2022 “From Plantation Logic to Beyond-Human Imaginaries – Insights from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier.” More-Than-Human Seminar Series. Department of Geography. **University of Oxford.** Guest speaker.
- 29 Nov 2022 “Human-Vegetal Childhoods: Insights from a Papuan Plantationocene.” **Université Libre de Bruxelles.** Guest speaker.
- 21 Nov 2022 “In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua.” Department of Anthropology. **University of California Santa Cruz.** Guest speaker.
- 18 Nov 2022 “Time has Come to a Stop: Indigenous Lifeworlds, Socio-Environmental Change, and Plantation Temporalities on the West Papuan Resource Frontier.” Department of Anthropology. **Purdue University.** Guest speaker.
- 15 Nov 2022 “In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua.” Southeast Asia Centre, Comparative History of Ideas Department, and Department of Anthropology. **University of Washington.** Guest speaker.
- 2 Nov 2022 “In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua.” Unsettling Political Ecologies Occasional Seminar Series. Centre for Political Theory. **Cardiff University.** Guest speaker.
- 28 Oct 2022 “Indigenous Standpoints and Beyond-Human Imaginaries: Insights from the Pacific in an Age of Ecological Unravelling.” **Cambridge University Social Anthropology Society.** Guest speaker.
- 27 Oct 2022 “From Plantation Logic to Beyond-Human Imaginaries: Insights from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier.” Joel Kahn Anthropology Lecture. **La Trobe University.** Guest speaker.
- 25 Oct 2022 “Crafting Humanimal Histories: Anticipatory Reflections on Some Methodological, Conceptual, and Ethical Stakes.” Deep Conversations. Centre for Environmental History. **The Australian National University.** Guest speaker. Available [online](#).
- 20 Oct 2022 “Methods, Challenges, and Ways of Knowing in Metabolic and Food-Related Research.” Metabolic Matterings. **Deakin University.** Roundtable participant.
- 19 Oct 2022 “Eating and Being Eaten: More-Than-Human Metabolisms on the West Papuan Agribusiness Frontier.” Metabolic Matterings. **Deakin University.** Keynote speaker. Available [online](#).
- 28 Sep 2022 “In the Shadow of the Palms – Sophie Chao in Conversation with Giovanni Aloï.” **Botanical Speculations.** Guest speaker.
- 28 Sep 2022 “Discourses of Development.” Luce Southeast Asia in Transition Webinar Series. **Centre for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa.** Guest panelist.

26 Sep 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." Greenhouse Environmental Humanities Book Talks. The University of Stavanger . Guest speaker. Available online .
13 Sep 2022	"Thinkfeeling our Way through the Climate Crisis: A Reflection on Coalitional Strategies in an Age of Planetary Unmaking." Climate Distress Dialogue. Headspace Camperdown. University of Sydney . Guest speaker.
11 Sep 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." West Papua Open Day. Federal Republic of West Papua Women's Office . Guest speaker.
2 Sep 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings on the West Papuan Plantation Frontier." Southeast Asian Studies Cluster. School of Humanities. Nanyang Technological University . Guest speaker. Available online.
18 Aug 2022	"Nourishing Labor: Dietary Practices during Pregnancy among the Marind-Anim of Indonesian New Guinea." Diets in Pregnancy of First Nation Peoples: What can we Learn? Charles Perkins Centre . Guest speaker.
5 Aug 2022	"Book Launch: In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." Sydney Environment Institute and Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney. Gleebooks, Sydney.
28 Jul 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings on the West Papuan Plantation Frontier." Department of Anthropology. University of Queensland . Guest speaker.
27 Jul 2022	"Worlds of Gray and Green: Mineral Extraction as Ecological Practice." with Sebastián Ureta. Occasional Talks Series. Sydney Environment Institute. Discussant. Available online .
21 Jul 2022	"Practices of Care in the Contemporary World." From Theory to Practice: Leveraging Feminist Approaches to Care at a Time of Crisis. The Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender, University of Adelaide . Panelist.
6 Jun 2022	"Plants as Persons, Forests as Kin: Indigenous Philosophies of Vegetal Coexistence." On Forest: Symposium . Prada Frames/Formafantasma. Milan. Guest speaker. Available online .
19 May 2022	"Plantations: Political Ecologies of Extraction and Resistance." Inaugural Roundtable. Plantations Working Group. Birkbeck College, University of London . Guest speaker.
13 May 2022	"Blackness, Indigeneity, Ecology: Perspectives from the West Papuan Plantation Frontier." The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH). University of Oxford . Guest speaker.
13 May 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography. University of Oxford . Guest speaker.
11 May 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings on the West Papuan Plantation Frontier." The Global Lives of the Orangutan (Department of Social Anthropology), Tunku/Malay

	World Studies (St Catharine's College), and Centre for South Asian Studies. University of Cambridge . Guest speaker.
10 May 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." Stockholm Centre for Global Asia and Department of Anthropology. Stockholm University . Guest speaker.
6 May 2022	"Anthropologists Are Talking – About Ecography." Eco-graphy – Anthropology Roundtable . Stockholm University. Guest panelist.
5 May 2022	"Relational Methods & Theory." Eco-graphy – Anthropology Roundtable . Stockholm University. Guest panelist.
29 Apr 2022	"Extraction, Extinction, Emergence: Insights from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." Plantation After/Lives: The Roots, Routes, and Relations of Plantation Ecologies. Program in Native American & Indigenous Studies. The University of Texas at Austin . Guest speaker.
28 Apr 2022	"The Promise of Multispecies Justice – A Collaboration and Conversation Across Disciplines." Animal Studies Working Group. Stanford University . Guest speaker.
21 Apr 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." Department of Anthropology. University of Sydney . Guest speaker.
5 Apr 2022	"Decolonizing the Field(s): Insights from the Pacific in an Age of Planetary Unraveling." Building Bridges: An Interdisciplinary Conference. Postcolonial Studies Centre. Nottingham Trent University . Keynote speaker. Available online .
31 Mar 2022	"Eating and Being Eaten: Ecologies of Hunger in West Papua and the Non-Innocence of Writing Violence." Sydney Environment Institute Research Seminar Series . Guest speaker.
17 Mar 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." Department of Anthropology. School of People, Environment and Planning. Massey University . Guest speaker.
11 Mar 2022	"We are (Not) Monkeys: A Conversation on Race, Ecology, and Cosmopolitics in West Papua." Indian Animal Studies Collective . Guest speaker. Available online .
10 Mar 2022	"Between Parasitism and Mutuality: Multispecies Ethnography in Plantation Ecologies." Multispecies Ethnography: A Speaker Series & Collective. University of Toronto Ethnography Lab . Guest speaker.
9 Mar 2022	"Multispecies Studies: A Conversation on Methods." School of Social and Cultural Studies Research Seminar Series. Victoria University of Wellington . Guest speaker.
8 Mar 2022	"The Promise of Multispecies Justice." The Anthropocene and More-Than-Human World Seminar Series. Nottingham University . Guest speaker.
24 Feb 2022	"Lab 1: Ethnographic Fieldwork – Participant Observation." Methods Lab . Sydney Environment Institute.
23 Feb 2022	"In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings on the West Papuan Plantation Frontier." AMOR MUNDI Multispecies

	Ecological Worldmaking Lab. Faculty of Social Sciences. Chiang Mai University . Guest speaker. Available online .
11 Feb 2022	"The Promise of Multispecies Justice." 8th Frontiers in Environmental Law Colloquium . Centre for Environmental Law (Macquarie University) and New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law (University of Auckland). Guest panelist. Available online .
7 Dec 2021	"Book Launch: Subjects of Intergenerational Justice – Philosophy, the Environment and Relationships." Sydney Environment Institute . Discussant. Available online .
24 Nov 2021	"The Promise of Multispecies Justice." Care, Sacrifice, and Justice in Multispecies Worlds: Rethinking Connections in a Time of Crises. Environmental Humanities Research Stream and Shadow Places Network . Guest panelist. Available online .
19 Nov 2021	"(Un)Worlding the Plantationocene: Insights from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." 52 nd Annual Academy Symposium: Culture, Nature, Climate: Humanities & the Environmental Crisis. Australian Academy of the Humanities . Guest panelist. Available online .
17 Nov 2021	"Normative Eco-Relations: A Debate on Capitalism, Environment, and Disciplinary Exclusions." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting . Discussant.
12 Nov 2021	"Multispecies Mourning: Grieving as Resistance on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." Department of Anthropology Seminar Series. New York University . Guest speaker. Available online .
26/28 Oct 2021	"Living with Diversity in a More-Than-Human World." RAI2021: Anthropology and Conservation. Royal Anthropological Institute . Discussant.
26 Oct 2021	"Can There be Justice Here? Indigenous Perspectives from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Change: Issues, Challenges, and Coping Mechanisms. Department of Folkloristics and Tribal Studies. Central University of Karnataka . Keynote speaker. Available online .
24 Sep 2021	"Food, Work, and Radical Care." Hi'ilei Julia Kawehipuaakahaopulani Hobart. Food Matters and Materialities: Critical Understandings of Food Cultures. Carleton University . Keynote discussant.
16 Sep 2021	"Culture, Environment, Diet: Indigenous Food-Based Identities, Ecologies, and Socialities in West Papua." Sydney Health Ethics Conversation . University of Sydney. Guest speaker.
24 Jun 2021	"Food, Foodways, and the Culture of Relatedness in Indonesia." AIFIS-MSU Conference on Indonesian Studies. The American Institute for Indonesian Studies & Michigan State University . Discussant.
1 Jun 2021	"Multispecies Studies: An Introduction." Skepseis Distinguished Lecture Series. Royal Thimphu College. Royal University of Bhutan . Guest speaker. Available online .

25 May 2021	"Palm Oil Nightmares, Empathy Dreaming." Reworlding: Assembling (Fragments of) a Politics of Wholeness. HeartPolitics . Guest speaker. Available online .
16 Apr 2021	"Children of the Palms: Growing Plants and Growing People in a Papuan Plantationocene." A Conversation on the Plantationocene. Cornell University . Guest panelist. Available online .
9 Apr 2021	"Sago: A Storied Species of West Papua." The Mind of Plants Symposium . Panelist. Available online .
31 Mar 2021	"Mapping Plantation Soundscapes: Insights from the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus." Listening to the Anthropocene through the Sounds of Plantations. Acts of Listening Lab. Concordia University . Guest speaker. Available online .
31 Mar 2021	"Flora, Fauna, and Fieldwork: Insights from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." Tea & Chat. Guest speaker. Forest Peoples Programme .
20 Mar 2021	"'Patchy Places' and Ecologies of Capitalism." Placing: New Engagements with the 'Environment'. EnviroLab. University of Pennsylvania . Discussant.
13 Mar 2021	"Environmental Justice and Sustainability in West Papua." Student Environmental Resource Centre. University of California Berkeley . Guest panelist. Available online .
11 Mar 2021	" The Promise of Multispecies Justice ." Launch Event. With Eben Kirksey, Karin Bolender, and Craig Santos Perez. Guest speaker. Available online .
5 Mar 2021	"Eating and Being Eaten: The Changing Meanings of Hunger among Marind, West Papua." Centre for Southeast Asian Studies Lecture Series. University of Wisconsin-Madison . Guest speaker. Available online .
24 Jan 2021	"Entanglements." Requiem: Sydney Festival . Sydney. Guest panelist.
22 Jan 2021	"An Endangered Menagerie." Requiem: Sydney Festival . Sydney. Guest panelist.
24 Nov 2020	"From PhD to Book. Recent Experiences in the Publishing Industry." Asian Studies Association of Australia . Guest panelist. Available online (password: zfG7FHRY!=3y).
10 Nov 2020	"Taking Plants and People Seriously: Multispecies Entanglements in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus." 4A_Lab: Art Histories, Archaeologies, Anthropologies, Aesthetics. Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz – Max-Planck-Institut . Guest speaker. Available online .
6 Nov 2020	"Making and Maintaining a Public Research Profile." Multispecies Justice HDR Collective . Guest panelist.
2 Oct 2020	"The Beetle or the Bug? Multispecies Biopolitics in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus." Department of Anthropology Seminar Series. London School of Economics . Guest speaker.
25 Sep 2020	"Land Use Change and Impacts on Health and Livelihoods: Experiences from West Papua." Social Public Health Round #1:

- Planetary Health. **Universitas Udayana**, Bali. Guest speaker. Available [online](#).
- 21 Sep 2020 “West Papua – Depths of Loss and Heights of Resistance.” Webinar: International Day of Struggle Against Monoculture Tree Plantations. **Global Forest Coalition**. Guest panelist. Available [online](#).
- 16 Sep 2020 “Plants as Kin, Plants as Foe: Vegetal Ontologies in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus.” Department of Anthropology Seminar Series. **University of Melbourne**. Guest speaker.
- 24 Aug 2020 “The Beetle or the Bug? Multispecies Resistance and Collaboration in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus.” History and Philosophy of Science Seminar Series. **University of Sydney**. Guest speaker.
- 30 Jul 2020 “The Beetle or the Bug? Multispecies Resistance and Collaboration in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus.” Department of Anthropology Seminar Series. **University of Waikato**. Aotearoa/New Zealand. Guest speaker. Available [online](#).
- 14 Jul 2020 “The Promise of Multispecies Justice: Thinking across Sites, Scales, and Species.” Environmental Justice, Climate Justice, Multispecies Justice: Virtual Symposium. **Sydney Environment Institute**. Panelist.
- 25 Jun 2020 “There are no Straight Lines in Nature: Mapping Multispecies Worlds in West Papua.” **Territorial Agency: Oceans in Transformation**. Guest panelist. Available [online](#).
- 18 Feb 2020 “Invasives or Allies? The Multispecies Biopolitics of Oil Palm Ecologies in West Papua, Indonesia.” When Species Travel: On the Rise and Consequence of Invasive Ecologies in Asia and the West Pacific. **Asia Research Institute and Yale–NUS College**. Singapore. Panelist.
- 28 Jan 2020 “Plants as Kin, Plants as Foe: Sago and Oil Palm Ontologies in Indonesian West Papua.” **Oriental Society of Australia Lunchtime Seminar Series**. Guest speaker.
- 2 Dec 2019 “Applied Anthropology: Roundtable of the Australian Network of Student Anthropologists.” **Australian Anthropological Society Conference**, Canberra. Guest panelist. (podcast version available [online](#)).
- 28 Nov 2019 “Development, Deforestation, Dispossession – Experiences in Merauke, West Papua.” Insights into West Papua: Public Forum. Pacific Institute, **Australian National University**. Guest panelist. Available [online](#).
- 10 Oct 2019 “Budaya, Lingkungan, dan Perkembangan di Papua Barat.” Department of Indonesian Studies. Guest speaker. **University of Sydney**.
- 19 Sep 2019 “More-Than-Human Environmental Subjects in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus.” Tomorrow’s Country: Environmentality after “Recognition.” **Alfred Deakin Institute**.
- 13 Sep 2019 “The Plastic Cassowary: Problematic Pets in West Papua.” Gender and Cultural Studies Seminar Series. **University of Sydney**. Guest speaker.

- 26 Aug 2019 "Wrathful Ancestors, Corporate Sorcerers: Rituals Gone Rogue in Merauke, West Papua." School of Languages and Cultures and Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Seminar. **University of Sydney**. Guest speaker. Available [online](#).
- 22 Aug 2019 "Maps That Won't Sit Still: Cartographic Conundrums in a West Papuan Village." Department of Anthropology Seminar Series. **University of Sydney**. Guest speaker.
- 7 Aug 2019 "Pressure Points: Topographies of Violence in West Papua." Thinking Space Seminar Series. School of Geosciences. **University of Sydney**. Guest speaker.
- 6 Aug 2019 "Children of the Palms: Growing Plants and Growing People in Merauke, West Papua." **Sydney Pacific Studies Network Seminar Series**.
- 12 Jul 2019 "Mapping More-Than-Human Worlds in an Age of Mass Extinction: Indigenous Cartography in West Papua." The (Re)Emergence of Nature in Culture II. **Sydney Environment Institute**. Guest panelist.
- 8 Jul 2019 "Culture in Conversation: Creating Inclusive Food Communities." **Sydney Environment Institute, FoodLab Sydney, YARN Australia, and University of Sydney Union**. Guest speaker.
- 19 Jun 2019 "Biodiversity and Extinction: Indigenous Perspectives on Multispecies Justice in West Papua." Sydney Ideas: Biodiversity and Extinction – Can we Achieve Justice for All? **University of Sydney**. Guest panelist. Available [online](#).
- 17 Jun 2019 "The Moral, Legal, and Political Status of Humans, Animals, and the Environment." Multispecies Justice Symposium. **Sydney Environment Institute**. Discussant.
- 13 Jun 2019 "Economies After Plantationocene Capitalism: Lessons Towards Multispecies Justice from the West Papuan Oil Palm Sector" Economies after Anthropocene Roundtable. **University of Sydney**.
- 4 Jun 2019 "Food, Culture, Hunger: Towards a Field in Ethnonutrition?" Charles Perkins Centre Seminar Series. **University of Sydney**. Guest speaker.
- 31 May 2019 "Strange Flesh, Strange Fluids: Transforming Bodies and Selves in a West Papuan Agro-Industrial Zone." Meeting the Human Halfway. Biopolitics of Science Research Network. **University of Sydney**. Guest speaker.
- 17 May 2019 "Mana Wahine, Hawaiian Feminism, and Decoloniality in Hawai'i." Brandy Nālani McDougall. Gender and Cultural Studies Seminar Series. **University of Sydney**. Discussant.
- 23 Apr 2019 "Keamanan Pangan dan Budaya Sagu di Merauke, Papua: Penilaian Metodologi dan Teori Anthropologis." Dialog Selasa Siang. Department of Indonesian Studies. **University of Sydney**. Guest speaker.
- 17 Apr 2019 "Eating and Being Eaten: Gastro-Politics in a West Papuan Village." Department of History Seminar Series. **University of Sydney**. Guest speaker.

13 Mar 2019	"Human Rights in the Palm Oil Sector." National Training Course: Non-Knowledge: Vectors of Inventiveness. Institut des Hautes Études pour la Science et la Technologie . Guest speaker.
12 Oct 2017	"The Plastic Cassowary: Problematic Pets in West Papua." Anthropology Colloquium. Macquarie University . Guest speaker.
28 Apr 2015	"Gastro-Politics in a Marind Village, West Papua." Pacific Research Cluster Talanoa. Macquarie University . Guest speaker.
5 Dec 2013	"Free, Prior and Informed Consent and the Palm Oil Sector: Experiences, Challenges and Advances in Policy and Practice." Institut International pour les Etudes Comparatives . Paris. Guest speaker.
18 Mar 2013	"Securing Rights through Commodity Roundtables? A Comparative Review." Centre for International Forestry Research . Guest speaker.
6 Mar 2013	"Oil Palm Expansion and the Rights of Forest Peoples in Southeast Asia." Rethinking Policy and Legal Frameworks for Inclusive and Sustainable Investments in Agriculture in Southeast Asia. Focus on the Global South and United Nations Development Programme . Chulalongkorn University . Bangkok. Guest speaker.
12 Dec 2012	"Free, Prior and Informed Consent and Oil Palm Expansion in Indonesia: Experiences in Human Rights Advocacy with the Palm Oil Sector." South East Asia Consultation on Land Grabbing and Oil Palm Plantations. University of Darma Agung . Medan. Guest speaker.
5 Nov 2012	"Securing Rights through Commodity Roundtables? A Comparative Review." Sustainable Agriculture through Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives. Agricultural Research for Development . Montpellier. Guest speaker.

conference papers

Nov 2025	American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting . New Orleans.
20 Nov 2024	"Breast is Best? Embryonic Reflections on Matrescence and Nourishment." Executive Roundtable/Townhall. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting . Tampa.
29 Nov 2023	"To Write or Not to Write: Towards a Hesitant Anthropology." Australian Anthropological Society Conference . Sydney.
17 Nov 2023	"Transforming The Role of the Fieldworker for Environmental Justice." Roundtable. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting . Toronto.
17 Nov 2023	"Interspecies Edges of the Global South: Comparing Critical Transitions of Multispecies Life Across South America and Southeast Asia." Roundtable. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting . Toronto.
16 Nov 2023	"Metabolic (In)justice: Perspectives from West Papua." Roundtable. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting . Toronto.

- 11 Nov 2023 "Plantationscapes in West Papua: More-than-human Agencies on a Settler-Colonized Extractive Frontier." **Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Conference**. Honolulu.
- 29 Jun 2023 "Spent e/Earth: Plantationocene Violence and the Pursuit of the Pure." **Beyond Bios: An Interdisciplinary Symposium**. Sydney Environment Institute.
- 28 Apr 2023 "When Everywhere Becomes Nowhere: The Affective Infrastructures of Plantations on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." Emotions, Justice, and the Politics of Emotions Symposium. **University of California, Riverside**.
- 9 Dec 2022 "When Everywhere Becomes Nowhere: Plantations as More-than-human Landscapes of Loss." **Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) and Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios Sociales (ESOCITE) Conference**. Cholula.
- 11 Nov 2022 "Plantations Today: Race, Coloniality and Corporate Agriculture Beyond the Black Atlantic." Conversation/debate with Tania Murray Li and Christopher Krupa. **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**. Seattle.
- 7 Jul 2022 "Can There be Justice Here? Indigenous Perspectives from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." **Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia**.
- 7 Jul 2022 "Bridging the Gap between Academia and the Real World: Insights from Podcasting Experts." Roundtable. **Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia**.
- 27 Jan 2022 "Plantation Temporalities and Historicities." **Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania Conference**.
- 27 Jan 2022 "In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua." **Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania Conference**.
- 1 Dec 2021 "Multispecies Mourning: Grief as Resistance on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." **Australian Anthropological Society Conference**.
- 17 Nov 2021 "Forest Lives, Deaths, and Afterlives: Multispecies Biopolitics in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus." **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**.
- 16 Nov 2021 "Eating and Being Eaten: Food, Nourishment, and Health as Multispecies Praxis in an Indigenous Papuan Society." **Healthy Societies 2021**. Sydney Centre for Healthy Societies. Available [online](#).
- 6 Oct 2021 "Children of the Palms: Sago-Human Convivialities in West Papua." **Conviviality**. Political Ecology Research Network. Available [online](#).
- 24 Sep 2021 "Sharing Skin, Tasting Wetness: Sago Palm as Food, Matter, and Kin in West Papua." **Food Matters and Materialities Conference**.
- 10 Jun 2021 "Multispecies Foodscapes and Hungerscapes in West Papua." **2021 Joint Conference of the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society, Canadian Association for Food Studies, and Society for the Anthropology of Food & Nutrition**.

- 3 Jun 2021 "Multispecies Mourning: Grieving as Resistance in West Papua." **Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference.**
- 22 Mar 2021 "Can There be Justice Here? Indigenous Experiences in the Papuan Plantationocene." **Association for Asian Studies Conference.**
- 16 Mar 2021 "Time has Come to a Stop: Indigenous Temporalities of Resistance in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus." **The Material Life of Time: 2nd International Conference of the Temporal Belongings Network.**
- 4 Feb 2021 "Gastrocolonialism: Food Sovereignty, Race, and Development in West Papua." **Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania Conference.**
- 9 Oct 2020 "We Are (Not) Monkeys: Contested Cosmopolitical Symbols in West Papua." **Political Symbols: Forms, Functions, Usages.** Department of Anthropology Symposium. University of Sydney.
- 25 Sep 2020 "The Beetle or the Bug: Multispecies politics in a West Papuan Oil Palm Plantation." **Plantations and their Afterlives: Materialities, Durabilities, Struggles.** Instituto de Ciências Sociais, Universidade de Lisboa.
- 23 Jul 2020 "Taking Plants and People Seriously: Reconciling Multispecies Ethnography and Ontological Anthropology in the Study of More-Than-Human Worlds." **European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference.** Available [online](#).
- 1 Jul 2020 "Theorizing the Plantationocene: Perspectives from West Papua." **Extraction: Tracing the Veins.** Political Ecology Research Network. Available [online](#).
- 5 Dec 2019 "Storying the Forest: Mapping Sounds and Species in the Papuan Plantationocene." **Australian Anthropological Society Conference.** Canberra.
- 4 Dec 2019 "Wrathful Ancestors, Corporate Shamans: Rituals Gone Rogue in West Papua." **Australian Anthropological Society Conference.** Canberra.
- 24 Nov 2019 "Mapping More-Than-Human Worlds: Cartographic Conundrums in an Indigenous West Papuan Community." **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting.** Vancouver.
- 15 Nov 2019 "Species, Stories, Senses: Indigenous Food Pedagogies in Papua." **Annual Symposium of the Australian Food, Society, and Culture Network.** Sydney.
- 27 Sep 2019 "Ethnonutrition: An Interdisciplinary Pathway to Solving Malnutrition." **Real World Impact: Identifying and Implementing Solutions.** Charles Perkins Centre. Sydney.
- 5 Sep 2019 "The (Plastic) Bird's-Eye View: Indigenous Critiques of Drone Mapping Technologies in Merauke, West Papua." **Society for Social Studies of Science Conference.** New Orleans.
- 25 Jun 2019 "Skin and Wetness: Bodily Ecologies in the West Papuan Oil Palm Nexus." **Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Research Conference.** Sydney.

19 Jun 2019	"Can There be Justice Here? Indigenous Experiences of Agro-Industrial Development on a West Papuan Frontier." Multispecies Justice Symposium . Sydney. Available online .
6 Dec 2018	"Deadly Life: The Ontology of Oil Palm from Marind Perspectives." Panel: Surviving Entanglements in West Papua. Australian Anthropological Society Annual Conference . Cairns.
1 Aug 2018	"Flora and Fieldwork: Methodological and Theoretical Challenges in the Study of Plant Ontologies." Panel: Messing with Methods in More-than-Human Worlds. Society for Social Studies of Science Conference . Sydney.
4 Jul 2018	"There are No Straight Lines in Nature: Maps as Cultural Resource and Tool for Advocacy in West Papua." Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia . Sydney.
18 Jun 2018	"There are No Straight Lines in Nature: Maps as Cultural Resource and Tool for Advocacy in West Papua." Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Postgraduate Conference . Sydney.
8 Apr 2013	"Conflict or Consent? Oil Palm and Community Rights." Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty . Washington, D.C.

committees & boards

Review Editor, *Frontiers in Nutrition* (Nutritional Ecology and Anthropology) (2023–)

Editorial Committee, *Oceania* (2024–)

Editorial Board, *Cultural Anthropology* (2022–2025)

Editorial Board, *American Ethnologist* (2022–2026)

Advisory Board, *Open Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (2023–2025)

Editorial Board, *Suomen Antropologi* (2022–)

Editorial Board, *Plant Perspectives* (2022–)

Editorial Board, *Retorik: Jurnal Ilmu Humaniora* (2022–)

Institutional Representative, Australian Anthropological Society (2021–)

Director, Australia Pacific Observatory, Humanities for the Environment (2022–)

Steering Committee Member, Pacific And Regional Archive for Digital Sources in Endangered Cultures (PARADISEC) (2022–)

Member, Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (2024–2027)

Ordinary Director, Executive Committee, Australian Anthropological Society (2024–2026)

Secretary, Executive Committee, Australian Anthropological Society (2020–2023)

Lead, Biocultural Diversities Research Cluster, Sydney Environment Institute (2022–2024)

Research Training Advisor, Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Executive Committee (2022–25)

Convener, Australian Food, Society, and Culture Network (2019–present)

Convener, Multispecies Justice Higher Degree/Early Career Collective (2019–2021)

Convener, Biopolitics of Science Research Network, University of Sydney (2020–2021)

Coordinator, Sydney Staff and Student Workshops on Anthropological Research Methods ([SSSWARM](#)), Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2022 – 2023)

Racial Justice and the Curriculum Working Group, University of Sydney (2022–)

Secretary, Charles Perkins Centre Early & Mid-Career Researcher Committee (2019–2020)

Organizer, Un/Worlding Reading Group, Sydney Environment Institute (2022 –)

Organizer, Biopolitics of Science Reading Group (2020 – 2021)

Grant Reviewer, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (2021–2023)
Grant Reviewer, Australian Research Council (Discovery, DECRA) (2021–2022)
Grant Reviewer, European Research Council (Seed) (2024)
Judge, Harry J. Benda Prize, Association for Asian Studies (2025)
Judge, Pattana Kitiarsa Paper Prize, Association for Asian Studies (2024)
Judge, Critical Anthropology Book Prize, Political&Legal Anthropology Association (2024)
Judge, John Legge Prize, Asian Studies Association of Australia (2022)
Judge, Engaged Anthropology Grant, Australian Anthropological Society (2021, 2022, 2023)
Judge, Visual Anthropology, Australian Network of Student Anthropologists (2020, 2023)
Judge, “What is Anthropology?” Competition, Australian Anthropological Society (2020)
Judge, Cultural Horizons Prize, American Anthropological Association (2015)
Curator, morethanhumanworlds interview series (2018–)

supervision

- **Associate Supervisor** (with Robbie Peters), Kevin Abimanyu Jatmiko, PhD, “Building Sovereign Food and Nutrition Resilience through Indigenous Knowledge in the Midst of the Global Pandemic: Experiences of Boti Indigenous Communities in South-Central Timor, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia,” Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2024–)
- **Associate Supervisor** (with Warwick Anderson and Jakelyn Troy), Victoria Bonilla-Baez, PhD, “Invisibilized Beings: Healing from National Myths of Whiteness and Reconnecting with our Invisibilized Indigenous and Afro-ancestors,” Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2023–)
- **Associate Supervisor** (with Thom van Dooren), Emily Crawford, PhD, “Mapping Middle Grounds in Climate Change-Impacted Food Security and Sovereignty: Intersectionality, Indigenous Knowledges, and Vernacular Rights across the Pacific Ocean,” Department of Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney (2021–)
- **Associate Supervisor** (with Thom van Dooren and Warwick Anderson), Sam Widin, PhD, “Cockatoo Cultures and Edge Effects in Tropical Science,” Department of History, University of Sydney (2020–)
- **Associate Supervisor** (with Robbie Peters), Misty Shan-e-alam, PhD, “Water Access and Governance Failures in Dhaka, Bangladesh,” Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2021–2025)
- **Associate Supervisor** (with Thom van Dooren), Myles Oakey, PhD, “The Death of a Songbird: Listening to Worlds in their (Un)Making,” Department of Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney (2021–2025)
- **Dissertation Committee** (with Sunaura Taylor, Mel Y. Chen, and Youjin Chung), Andrés Julian Caicedo Salcedo, PhD, “Caring for Palm Trees: The Gendered Politics of Plant Reproduction and Assisted Pollination in Colombian Oil Palm Plantations,” Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, University of California Berkeley (2023–)
- **Associate Supervisor** (with Linda Connor and Anjalee Cohen), Meherose Borthwick, PhD, “Materially Indian: Fashioning Class and Gender in a Rajasthani Textile Printing Town,” Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2019–2025, thesis passed without corrections)

- **Adjunct Supervisor** (with Jaap Timmer and Eve Vincent), Daniel Tranter-Santoso, PhD, “Time, Work, Stone: Protecting History Among Heritage Stonemasons in a Sydney Necropolis,” Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University (2020–2024, Cum Laude)
- **Adjunct Supervisor** (with Chris Vasantkumar), Ben Robin Dean, Masters by Research, “An Ethos of Flavour: Keeping Seeds Alive at Pun Pun Organic Farm,” Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University (2019–2021, 89% - High Distinction, awarded the 2022 Australian Anthropological Society Best Masters Thesis Prize)
- **Primary Supervisor**, Victoria Bonilla-Baez, Honours thesis, “Stepping in to Self-Recognition: Understanding Uruguay as a Multi-racial and Multi-ethnic Nation,” Discipline of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2022, 82% - First Class Honours)
- **Primary Supervisor**, Hannah Kingsmill, Honours thesis, “Food Security in Timor-Leste: Policy to Practice,” Department of International and Global Studies, University of Sydney (2022, 86% - First Class Honours)
- **Primary Supervisor**, Sabine Pyne, Honours thesis, “Making and Unmaking Resource Frontiers in Australia,” Department of History, University of Sydney (2019–2021, 87% - First Class Honours)

teaching

course coordination

- Anthropology in the World (ANTH1002), University of Sydney, 2023
- The Anthropocene (ANTH3604), University of Sydney, 2022, 2023
- Social Change in the Anthropocene (DVST6908), University of Sydney, 2022
- Interdisciplinary Impact (FASS3999) (Case Study Lead: Diet and Nutrition in an Age of Troubled Food Systems), University of Sydney, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Medical Science Interdisciplinary Project (MEDS3888) (Case Study Lead: Health, Harm, and Habitus – Rethinking the Body in Covid-19), University of Sydney, 2020
- Ecological Anthropology (ANTH304), Macquarie University, 2018

masterclasses and workshops

- “Environmental Humanities Masterclass: Doing Research in an Epoch of Ecological Unraveling,” Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, 22 May 2024
- “Multispecies Methods: Ontological Openings, Epistemic Challenges,” The University of Edinburgh, 14 May 2024
- “Postgraduate Masterclass: Ethnography and Theory, Anthropology and Activism, Fieldwork and Ethics.” School of Oriental and African Studies, 9 May 2024
- “Leveraging Unit of Study Surveys.” School of Social and Political Sciences Teaching Innovation Day, University of Sydney, 6 March 2024
- “Anthropologies of Development in the Twenty-First Century,” Tsinghua University, 10 Jul 2023
- “Multispecies Methods – Ontological Openings and Epistemic Challenges.” Wageningen University, 3 May 2023
- “Multispecies Methods – Ontological Openings and Epistemic Challenges.” University of Milan, 26 April 2023
- “In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua.” Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of

Michigan, 14 Dec 2022

- “Multi-Modal Anthropology.” EnviroLab, University of Pennsylvania, 5 Dec 2022
- “In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua.” Graduate Seminar, SEACoast, University of California Santa Cruz, 22 Nov 2022
- “In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua.” Graduate Seminar, Department of Anthropology, University of California Santa Cruz, 2 Nov 2022
- “Beyond-Human Imaginaries and Collaborative Knowledge Generation.” Postgraduate seminar, Department of Anthropology, Purdue University, 18 Nov 2022
- “In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua.” Graduate Seminar, Department of Geography, University of Hawai’i, 17 Nov 2022
- “Worlding: Anthropological Perspectives and Possibilities.” Postgraduate Masterclass, La Trobe University, 27 Oct 2022.
- “Rethinking Methods in More-Than-Human Worlds.” Graduate Seminar, University of California Davis, 26 Oct 2022
- “In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua.” Anthropology Masters Research Seminar, Stockholm University, 12 May 2022
- “Getting Sh*t Done – With Sophie Chao.” PhD and Higher Degree Research Seminar, Macquarie University, Jun 2020. Available [online](#).

guest lectures

- Environmental Anthropology Graduate Seminar, University of Michigan 2025
- Human and Political Ecology, Masters Seminar, Université de Mons, 2025
- PhD and Advanced Masters Seminar, Central European University, 2024
- Ethnography of Eastern Indonesia (A4000), Universitas Brawijaya, 2023
- History of Anthropological Thought (ANTH400A), University of British Columbia, 2023
- Ecologies of Belonging (ANTH 3595), University of Pennsylvania, 2023
- Multispecies Ethnography (YSS4241), Yale-NUS College, 2022
- Modern Social Thought (YCC2121), Yale-NUS College, 2022
- Development Practice (GEOG5002), University of Western Australia, 2022
- Living in the Anthropocene (FOAR7005), Macquarie University, 2021
- Food Across Cultures (ANTH203), Macquarie University, 2021
- Anthropology and the Animal (ANTH343), McGill University, 2021
- Development Practice (GEOG5002), University of Western Australia, 2021
- Fundamentals of Regulation (LAWS6330), University of Sydney, 2020
- History & Historians (HSTY3903), University of Sydney, 2020
- Sustainable Development & Population Health (SUST5004), University of Sydney, 2020
- Culture, Myth, and Religion (ANTH2010), Macquarie University, 2020
- International and Global Studies (INGS1003), University of Sydney, 2020
- Posthumanism (FOAR 702), Macquarie University, 2019
- Science, Ethics, and Society (HPSC2011), University of Sydney, 2019
- Ethnology of the Pacific (ANTH391), University of Victoria, 2019
- Research Paradigms (FOAR701), Macquarie University, 2019

tutoring

- Medical Anthropology (ANTH202) (Head Tutor), Macquarie University, 2018
- Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH150), Macquarie University, 2018

- Anthropology of Law (ANTH330), Macquarie University, 2018
- Psychological Anthropology (ANTH207), Macquarie University, 2018
- Research Paradigms (FOAR701), Macquarie University, 2017
- Ecological Anthropology (ANTH304), Macquarie University, 2016

external examinations

- Examiner, “The Asian Girl “Fantasy”, Alienation, and Isolation: Asian-Australian and Asian Diasporic Women’s Narratives of Dating and Romantic Love,” Honours thesis by Katya Dharmananda, School of Social Sciences/Anthropology, University of Western Australia. November 2023.
- PhD Progress Review Assessor (R1), “The End of the World(s): The Whole Environment of the Degredo Quilombola Community Living with the Mariana Dam ‘Disaster’ in Brazil,” Nathália Dothling Reis, Department of Anthropology, University of Queensland. May 2023.
- Examiner, Darmanto, PhD dissertation defence, “Hunger and Culture in Siberut, Indonesia,” Department of Anthropology, Leiden University. 26 November 2020.
- Examiner, Susan Braun, Masters of Research thesis, “Ethnographic Analysis of the Representation of the ‘Asmat Health Crisis’, Papua Province, Indonesia,” School of Archaeology and Anthropology, Australian National University. December 2019.

event organization	
23 Aug 2024	“Plenary: Environmental History, Environmental Humanities, and More-than-human Approaches from the Pacific.” 4th World Congress of Environmental History . Oulo. With Emily O’Gorman.
31 Jul 2024	“Biodiversity, Conservation, and Culture Workshop.” Sydney Environment Institute . With Carolyn Hogg and Catherine Price.
11 Jul 2024	“Messing with Methods: A Social Sciences HDR Workshop.” Discipline of Anthropology (University of Sydney) and Institute for Culture and Society (University of Western Sydney) . Sydney. With Malini Sur.
25 Mar 2024	“Biodiversity, Conservation, and Culture Meet and Greet.” Sydney Environment Institute. With Thom van Dooren and Carolyn Hogg.
16 Nov 2023	“Metabolic In/Justice.” Roundtable. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting . Toronto. With Emily Yates-Doerr and Jessica Hardin.
11 Nov 2023	“More-Than-Human Landscapes.” Panel. Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) . Honolulu. With Thom van Dooren, Pierre du Plessis, and Zachary Caple.
27 – 29 Jun 2023	Beyond bios: an interdisciplinary symposium . Sydney Environment Institute. With David Schlosberg and Christine Winter.
6 Jun 2023	Capitalism, Colonialism, and Multispecies Justice . Sydney Environment Institute. With Danielle Celermajer.
2 Dec 2022	“Plantations and Epistemic Imperialism: Between Ecological Form and Enduring Logic.” Panel. Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) and Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios Sociales (ESOCITE) Conference . Cholula. With Kregg Hetherington and Alyssa Paredes.

12 Nov 2022	"Plantations Today: Race, Coloniality, and Corporate Agriculture Beyond the Black Atlantic." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle. With Tania Murray Li and Chris Krupa.
15 Sep 2022	"Hunger: An Indigenous Theory from West Papua." Ultimate Peer Review with Craig Santos Perez. Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre. University of Sydney.
20 – 21 Jul 2022	From Theory to Practice: Leveraging Feminist Approaches to Care at a Time of Crisis. The Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender, University of Adelaide and the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.
15 Jul 2022	Nourishing Futures: Food, Health, and Diet in Times of Crisis. Annual Symposium of the Australian Food, Society, and Culture Network, Sydney Business School, Charles Perkins Centre, and Department of Anthropology. University of Sydney.
22 Mar 2021	"Plantationocene in Southeast Asia." Panel. Association for Asian Studies Conference. With Aida Arosoaie.
1 Dec 2021	"Multispecies Relations: Care and Creativity in Times of Crisis." Panel. Australian Anthropological Society Conference. With Anne Galloway and Laura MacLauchlan.
24 Nov – 1 Dec 2020	Visual Media Program. Australian Anthropological Society Annual Conference.
6 – 7 Aug 2020	Interdisciplinarity in a More-Than-Human World. Sydney Environment Institute. Available online (Part 1 and Part II).
5 Dec 2019	"Life and Death, Sacred and Secular: Thinking With and Beyond Species in a More-Than-Human World." Panel. Australian Anthropological Society Conference. Canberra. With Laura MacLauchlan.
15 Nov 2019	Data, Diets, Digitalism: Emergent Food Research Methodologies. Annual Symposium of the Australian Food, Society, and Culture Network. University of Sydney.
12 Jun 2019	Public Speaking Workshop. Sydney Southeast Asia Centre.
3 – 7 Feb 2019	Field-Working, Field-Building Retreat for HDR Students. Sydney Environment Institute.
26 – 27 Sep 2019	Real-World Impact: Identifying and Implementing Solutions. Charles Perkins EMCR Symposium. University of Sydney.
29 Nov 2018	Trans-Papua: Across and Beyond West Papua's Sociocultural Landscape. Macquarie University Art Gallery.
12 – 13 Nov 2014	International Human Rights Instruments and Mechanisms: A Training for the Indigenous Peoples Alliance of the Indonesian Archipelago. Forest Peoples Programme and AMAN. Jakarta.
4 – 6 Nov 2014	Human Rights and Agribusiness in Southeast Asia. Forest Peoples Programme and Centre for People and Forests. Yangon.
22 – 26 Jul 2014	Multi-Stakeholder Consultation Towards Improving RSPO Guidance on Free, Prior and Informed Consent and Social Impact Assessments. Forest Peoples Programme and Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil. Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur.

9 – 14 Mar 2014	International Conference on Deforestation Drivers and the Rights of Forest Peoples. Forest Peoples Programme. Palangkaraya.
25 – 26 Jan 2014	Mécanismes Régionaux et Internationaux pour le Plaidoyer en Soutien des Droits de la Femme Autochtone en Afrique Centrale. Forest Peoples Programme and Centre d'Accompagnement des Autochtones Pygmées et Minoritaires Vulnérables. Bukavu.
8 – 10 Nov 2013	Conflict or Consent? Lessons Learned, Challenges and Recommendations Towards Justice for Local Communities in the Palm Oil Sector. Forest Peoples Programme, Transformasi Untuk Keadilan INDONESIA, and Both ENDS. Medan.
25 – 26 Sep 2013	Technical Drafting Workshop on High Conservation Values 5 and 6 Monitoring Protocol and Guidance for the ZSL HCV Monitoring Protocol for Oil Palm Landscapes. Forest Peoples Programme and Zoological Society of London. Bogor.
7 – 9 Aug 2013	Bangkok Conference on Human Rights and Agribusiness. Forest Peoples Programme and National Human Rights Commission of Thailand. Bangkok.
16 - 18 Oct 2012	Workshop to Review Commodity Roundtable Standards on Free, Prior and Informed Consent, Customary Land, Conflict Resolution and High Conservation Values. Forest Peoples Programme and Centre for People and Forests. Bangkok.
9 – 11 Oct 2012	Making the Bali Declaration Effective: Phnom Penh Conference on Human Rights and Agribusiness. Indonesian National Human Rights Commission, Forest People Programme, SawitWatch, and Community Legal Education Centre. Phnom Penh.
13 – 15 Mar 2012	Workshop on the Implementation Guide on Land Acquisition, Free, Prior and Informed Consent and Customary Land of Indigenous Peoples and Other Local Communities. Forest Peoples Programme, Centre for Environment and Development, and United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Douala.
28 – 30 Nov 2011	Human Rights and Business: Plural Legal Approaches to Conflict Resolution, Institutional Strengthening, and Legal Reform. Indonesian National Human Rights Commission, Forest Peoples Programme, and SawitWatch. Bali.

professional activities

training

- Higher Education Academy Fellowship (AdvanceHE) (2024)
- Modular Professional Learning Framework (MPLF): Principles and Practices of University Teaching and Learning Pathway (2023)
 - Module 01: Principles of learning and teaching
 - Module 02: Building positive learning environments
 - Module 03: Inclusivity and diversity
 - Module 04: Curriculum design and constructive alignment
 - Module 05: Assessment and feedback for learning
 - Module 06: Supporting student cohorts and teaching teams

Module 07: Evaluation and improvement of learning and teaching

Module 08: Engaging students in lectures and large classes

Module 09: Engaging students in small classes

Module 12: Peer review of teaching

Module 14: Online tools for interactive and collaborative learning

Module 19: Reflective account of practice

- Managing Mental Health at University of Sydney (7 Jun 2024)
- Reporting Wrongdoing: For Managers and Disclosure Officers (6 Jun 2024)
- Performance Planning, Development Framework, and Probation Requirements (2023)
- Cyber Security 2023 (3 Nov 2023)
- Students in Personal Distress (2022)
- Advanced Social Media for Researchers (30 Aug 2022)
- Research Code of Conduct (2 May 2022)
- Understanding the Staff and Affiliates Code of Conduct (2 May 2022)
- Cyber Security Awareness (24 Nov 2021)
- Anti-Slavery Awareness (24 Nov 2021)
- Positioning your Academic Planning & Development for Career Success (11 Oct 2021)
- Foundations of Research Supervision, University of Sydney (7 Apr 2021)
- Workday Overview & Navigating (18 Dec 2020)
- Security our Information: Privacy, Recordkeeping, and Right to Information (8 Oct 2020)
- Respect in Community: Preventing Bullying, Harassment, Discrimination (8 Oct 2020)
- Policy Framework and Delegations of Authority (7 Mar 2019)
- Cultural Competence and Respecting Diversity in Teaching Settings (7 Mar 2019)
- Equitable Workplace (7 Mar 2019)
- Cultural Competence (7 Mar 2019)
- Reporting Wrongdoing (7 Mar 2019)
- Responsible Research Practice (4 Mar 2019)
- Consent Matters (Mar 2018)
- LGBTIQ+ in the Classroom (Mar 2017)
- Racism in the Classroom (Mar 2017)
- Foundations in HDR Supervision (Macquarie University 2018, 2022)

article, book & grant reviews

- Cultural Anthropology
- Current Anthropology
- American Ethnologist
- American Anthropologist
- Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
- Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale
- Ethnos
- Ethnography
- Environment and Planning D: Society and Space
- Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space
- Annals of the American Association of Geographers
- Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers

- Social Sciences
- Oceania
- The Australian Journal of Anthropology
- The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology
- The Contemporary Pacific
- Asia Pacific Viewpoint
- Social Science and Medicine
- Journal of Agrarian Change
- Environmental Humanities
- Food, Culture & Society
- Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment
- Agriculture and Human Values
- Journal of Cultural Economy
- History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences
- eTropic: electronic journal of studies in the tropics
- Journal of Genocide Research
- Feral Feminisms
- Thesis Eleven
- GeoHumanities
- Media Theory
- Social Sciences
- Arcadia: Explorations in Environmental History
- Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society
- Borderlands
- Plant Perspectives
- Duke University Press
- Princeton University Press
- Washington University Press
- University of Arizona Press
- Rutgers University Press
- University of Sydney Press
- Pluto Press
- Bloomsbury Academic

undergraduate and postgraduate mentorship

- Academic Mentor, Dalyell Academic Mentoring Program, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, S1 2024
- Guest speaker, "Research Funding Strategies," EMCR Research Strategy Workshop, Sydney Environment Institute, 11 Mar 2024
- Academic Mentor, Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous Strategy & Services' Aurora Visiting Scholars Program, 2023
- Guest speaker, "Storytelling Your Research." Australian Network of Student Anthropologists, 11 Sep 2023
- Guest speaker, "Research Funding Strategies," ECR Research Strategy Workshop, Sydney Environment Institute, 21 Aug 2023

- Manuscript reviewer, Book Workshop, “Unruly: Care and Conservation in North-eastern Australia,” Mardi Reardon-Smith, Alfred Deakin Institute, 2 Jun 2023
- Discussant, “In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua,” Ethnographic Reading Group, University of Queensland, 2022
- Panelist, Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Residency Workshop, 2021 – 2022
- Panelist, “Decolonizing the Study of Southeast Asia,” Sydney Southeast Asia Centre and the Nordic Institute for Asian Studies, 3 May 2021
- Mentor, Asian Studies Association of Australia Postgraduate Mentor Programme, Aug–Nov 2020
- Panelist, “Doing Fieldwork in the Time of COVID-19,” Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, 6 Aug 2020
- Guest speaker, “Post-Honours: What Comes Next?” Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, 27 Jun 2019
- Mentor, Multispecies Justice PhD Symposium, Sydney Environment Institute, 29 Jul 2019
- Guest speaker, “From PhD to Postdoc,” Department of History, University of Sydney, 4 May 2019

memberships & honorary positions

Fellow, Higher Education Academy (AdvanceHE) (2024–)

Honorary Lecturer, Macquarie University (2022–2026)

Honorary Postdoctoral Fellow, Macquarie University (2019–2021)

Full Member, Royal Society of New South Wales (RSNSW)

Member, Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

Member, Association of Asian Studies (AAS)

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Member, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO)

Member, The Pacific Circle, University of Hawai’i, Mānoa

Member, Planet Politics Institute

Member, Australasian Animal Studies Association (AASA)

Member, Australian Society for Asian Humanities (formerly Oriental Society of Australia)

Member, AgriFood Research Network (AFRN)

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artworks

Nov 2022	The Promise of Multispecies Justice Cholula, Mexico
Apr – May 2016	Emergent Ecologies Princeton University/City University of New York
Jul – Aug 2016	In the Field Macquarie University Art Gallery
Dec 2015	Declaration of Land as our Spiritual Mother. Produced by Sophie Chao and Jacob Perrott. Available online .

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