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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Environmental anthropology
- Anthropology of the Pacific
- Environmental humanities
- Interdisciplinary and applied research
- Indigeneity, ecology, and capitalism
- Agribusiness and global supply chains
- Food, health, and nutrition
- Race and human difference

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Cum Laude)

Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University, Feb 2015 - June 2019

Thesis: *In the Shadow of the Palms - Plant-Human Relations among Marind, West Papua*

Supervisors: Jaap Timmer, Eve Vincent, Eben Kirksey

Examiners: Rupert Stasch, Nils Bubandt, Michael W. Scott

Master of Science in Social Anthropology

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford, Oct 2009 - Sep 2010

Thesis: *Rethinking Couvade - Body and Personhood in Lowland Amazonian Societies*

Supervisors: David Gellner and Laura Rival

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

Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, Oct 2005 - Jun 2009

Thesis: *Policy and Implementation Divides in State Education for Minorities in China*

EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2022 - present)

Discovery Early Career Research Award Fellow, University of Sydney (2022 - 2025)

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of History, University of Sydney (2019 - 2021)

Sessional Academic Staff, Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University (2015 - 2019)

Project Officer, Forest Peoples Programme, United Kingdom (2011 - 2015)

Consultant, Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalization (2018)

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

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

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

Consultant, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (2013 - 2014)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2022 [Workshop Grant](#) (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 (The Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender, University of Adelaide).
- 2022 – 2025 [Discovery Early Career Researcher Award](#) (436,250 AUD)
“Human-Kangaroo Relations: Reconciling Knowledges, Perceptions, and Practices.” Australian Research Council.
- 2020 – 2023 [Discovery Project](#) (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).
- 2019 – 2022 **Postdoctoral Startup Allowance** (15,000 AUD)
Charles Perkins Centre, University of Sydney
- 2022 **Support Grant, ASAA 2022 Conference** (2,552 AUD)
Sydney Southeast Asia Center, University of Sydney
- 2020 **Research Allowance** (3,000 AUD)
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney
- 2019 – 2021 [Post-PhD Research Grant](#) (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, University of Sydney
- 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 (declined) **Postgraduate Travel Grant (250 AUD)**
Australian Anthropological Society
- 2014 (declined) **International Research Excellence Scholarship (IMQRES)**
Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University

HONORS, PRIZES, AND AWARDS

- 2021 [Duke University Press Scholars of Color First Book Award](#)
Duke University Press
- 2020 [John Legge Prize for Best Thesis in Asian Studies](#)
Asian Studies Association of Australia
- 2019 [PhD Thesis Prize](#)
Australian Anthropological Society
- 2019 **Vice-Chancellor's Commendation for Academic Excellence (PhD Thesis)**
Macquarie University
- 2009 **College Prize for First in the Final Honor 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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Manuscripts

- (in prep) Chao, Sophie. *Land of Famished Beings: An Indigenous Theory of Hunger from the West Papuan Plantation Frontier*. Solicited by HAU Books, Chicago University Press.
- (forth) Chao, Sophie. 2022. *In the Shadow of the Palms: More-Than-Human Becomings in West Papua*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. Winner of the Inaugural Duke University Press Scholars of Color First Book Award 2021.

Peer Reviewed Edited Volumes

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

Peer Reviewed Articles

- (in prep) Chao, Sophie, and Alyssa Paredes. "Introduction - Plantations as Affective Infrastructures: Between Ecological Form and Enduring Logic." *Cultural Anthropology*.
- (in prep) Chao, Sophie. "When Everywhere Becomes Nowhere: Plantations as Landscapes of Sensory Alienation." *Cultural Anthropology*.
- (in review) Chao, Sophie, and Danielle Celermajor. "Multispecies Justice: Introduction." *Cultural Politics*.
- (forth) Chao, Sophie. "Multispecies Mourning: Grieving as Resistance on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." *Cultural Studies*.
- (forth) Chao, Sophie. 2022. "Bouncing Back? Kangaroo-Human Resistance in Contemporary Australia." *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*, 1-24. DOI:10.1177/25148486221084194.
- (forth) Chao, Sophie. 2022. "(Un)Worlding the Plantationocene: Extraction, Extinction, Emergence." *eTropic: electronic journal of studies in the tropics*.
- (forth) Chao, Sophie. 2022. "Plantation." *Environmental Humanities* 14(2).
- 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. 2021. "Gastrocolonialism: The Intersections of Race, Food, and Development in West Papua." *The International Journal of Human Rights*, 1-23. DOI:10.1080/13642987.2021.1968378.
- 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: <https://doi.org/10.25120/etropic.20.2.2021.3796>.
- Chao, Sophie. 2021. "We Are (Not) Monkeys: Contested Cosmopolitical Symbols in West Papua." *American Ethnologist* 48(3): 225-230. DOI:10.1111/amet.13023.
- 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.
- 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/ocea.5257.
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "Wrathful Ancestors, Corporate Sorcerers: Rituals Gone Rogue in Merauke, West Papua." *Oceania* 89(3): 266-283. DOI:10.1002/ocea.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.
- 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.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- (in prep) Chao, Sophie. "Bouncing Back? Kangaroo Commodification and Resistance in Contemporary Australia." In Dugnoille, Julien, and Elizabeth Vander Meer, eds. *Animal Commodification and Resistance*. Leiden: Brill.
- (in prep) Chao, Sophie. "Multispecies Mourning: Grieving as Indigenous Refusal and Resistance in West Papua." In Perez, Craig Santos, and Rebecca Hogue, eds. *Environmental Humanities in Oceania and the Pacific Islands Anthology*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- (in prep) Chao, Sophie. "The Multispecies World of Oil Palm: Indigenous Marind Perspectives on Plantation Ecologies in West Papua." In Macedo, Marta, Irene Peano, and Colette Le Petitcorps, eds. *Plantations and their Afterlives*. Cambridge Imperial and Postcolonial Studies Series. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- (forth) Bolender, Karin, Sophie Chao, and Eben Kirksey. "Afterword: Fugitive Jurisdictions." In Chao, Sophie, Eben Kirksey, and Karin Bolender, eds. 2022. *The Promise of Multispecies Justice*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- (forth) Kirksey, Eben, and Sophie Chao. "Introduction: The Promise of Multispecies Justice." In Chao, Sophie, Eben Kirksey, and Karin Bolender, eds. 2022. *The Promise of Multispecies Justice*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 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.
- Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Why Multispecies Ethnography Matters for Human Rights and the Climate." In *Earth Cries: A Climate Change Anthology*. Sydney: Sydney University Press. Pp. 97-102.

Book Reviews

- (forth) Chao, Sophie. "Engaged Anthropology: Politics Beyond the Text." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 28(2).
- Chao, Sophie. 2022. "Book Review - Plantation Life: Corporate Occupation in Indonesia's Oil Palm Zone." *Inside Indonesia*. Available [online](#).
- 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/ocaa.5319.
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "What's Left Unsaid When a Language Dies." Review of *A Death in the Rainforest*, by Don Kulick, 2019. *SAPIENS*. 19 November. Available [online](#).
- 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. 2020. "The Road: Uprising in West Papua [Book Review]." *Australian Foreign Affairs* 10: 103-106.
- 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.

Peer Reviewed Special Issues

(in prep) Paredes, Alyssa, and Sophie Chao, eds. "Plantations as Affective Infrastructures: Between Ecological Form and Enduring Logic." Colloquy. *Cultural Anthropology*.

(in review) Chao, Sophie, and Danielle Celermajer, eds. "Multispecies Justice." *Cultural Politics*. Proposal accepted.

2020. Eickelkamp, Ute, and Sophie Chao, eds. "Oceanic Societies in COVID-19." *Oceania* Volume 90(S1): 1-140.

Edited Volumes

Chao, Sophie, ed. 2014. *Yangon Conference on Human Rights and Agribusiness*. Bogor: Forest Peoples Programme and Centre for People and Forests. Available [online](#).

Chao, Sophie, ed. 2013. *Agribusiness Large-Scale Land Acquisitions and Human Rights in Southeast Asia: Updates from Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Cambodia, Timor-Leste, and Burma*. Bogor: Forest Peoples Programme. Available [online](#).

Colchester, Marcus, and Sophie Chao, eds. 2013. *Conflict or Consent? The Palm Oil Sector at a Crossroads*. Bogor: Forest Peoples Programme and SawitWatch. Available [online](#).

Colchester, Marcus, and Sophie Chao, eds. 2012. *Human Rights and Agribusiness: Plural Legal Approaches to Conflict Resolution, Institutional Strengthening and Legal Reform*. Bogor: Forest Peoples Programme and SawitWatch. Available [online](#).

Colchester, Marcus, and Sophie Chao, eds. 2011. *Divers Paths to Justice: Legal Pluralism and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Southeast Asia*. Bogor: Forest Peoples Programme and Asia Indigenous Peoples Network. Available [online](#).

Colchester, Marcus, and Sophie Chao, eds. 2011. *Oil Palm Expansion in Southeast Asia: Trends and Experiences of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples*. Bogor: Forest Peoples Programme, Samdhana Institute, and Centre for People and Forests. Available [online](#).

Academic Essays

(in prep) Chao, Sophie. 2022. "Making and Mourning Multispecies Worlds." *Aeon*.

(in prep) Chao, Sophie. "Food, Feeder, and Fed: More-Than-Human Modalities of Hunger on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." Vital Topics Forum, *American Anthropologist*.

(forth) Chao, Sophie. 2022. *The Monthly*. April.

(forth) Chao, Sophie. 2022. "From Anthropocentrism to Kincentrism: Reimagining Relations Through Indigenous Multispecies Philosophies." *Media5 and Nautilus Magazine*.

(forth) Chao, Sophie. 2022. "There are no Straight Lines in Nature." *SAPIENS*. May.

(forth) Chao, Sophie. "Kangatarianism: Palate Politics in an (Un)pure World." *Edge Effects*.

Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Reflection - On Dr Christine Winter's *Subjects of Intergenerational Justice*." Sydney Environment Institute. 15 December. Available [online](#).

Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Allying with Parasites to Fight Industrial Oil Palm." *SAPIENS*. 19 October. Available [online](#). (voted [Editors' Top 10](#) of 2021).

Della Bosca, Hannah, Sophie Chao, and James Dunk. 2021. "Writing the Environment: Encounters, Transformation, and Perspectives in Multispecies Storytelling." Sydney Environment Institute. 6 October. Available [online](#).

Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Living with Ashes." Hotspots, *Fieldsights*. 26 July. Available [online](#).

- Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Pluralizing Justice: Indigenous Perspectives from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." *Struggles for Sovereignty: Land, Water, Farming, Food*. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Ode to the Gilbert's Potoroo." An Endangered Menagerie, *Plumwood Mountain: An Australian Journal of Ecopoetry and Eco-poetics*. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Storying Extinction: A Reflection on Loss, Crisis, and Co-existence." Sydney Environment Institute. 27 January. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2021. "They Grow and Die Lonely and Sad." Theorizing the Contemporary, *Fieldsights*. 26 January. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "Multispecies Stories: Why do They Matter for Human Rights?" *Right Now*. 27 July. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "Encountering the Traveler's Palm." *The Urban Field Naturalist Project*. 7 July. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "Health, Harm, and Habitus: Revisiting the Techniques of the Body in COVID-19." *Thesis Eleven*. Living and Thinking Crisis. 7 July. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "Amphibious Justice." Sydney Environment Institute. 22 June. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "West Papua and Black Lives Matter." *Inside Indonesia* 140, Apr - Jun. Available [online](#). (with [response](#) from Made Supriatma, *Suara Papua*, 3 July 2020).
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "How COVID-19 Makes Us Use Our Bodies Differently." *The Familiar Strange*. 11 May. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "When Crisis Brings Us Closer: Reflections on Family, Fieldwork, and Faraway Homes in the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Somatosphere*. 31 March. Available [online](#). (republished in *A Journal of the Plague Year: An Archive of COVID-19*).
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "Corporate "Sorcerers" Reveal the Magical Power of Capitalism." *SAPIENS*. 22 January. Available [online](#). (voted [Editors' Top 10](#) of 2020)
- Chao, Sophie. 2020. "A World of Ashes." Sydney Environment Institute. 9 January. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "Food, Hunger, and Culture." *SOPHI Magazine*. Issue 8. School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry. University of Sydney. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "Hunger and Culture in West Papua." *Inside Indonesia* 137, Jul - Sep. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "Cultivating Consent: Opportunities and Challenges in the West Papuan Oil Palm Sector." *New Mandala*. 26 August. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "Engaged Anthropology Grant: Sophie Chao." Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. 6 August. Available [online](#).
- Salovaara, Isabel M. and Shelmith Wanjiru. 2019. "Teaching Ontologies and Activism with Sophie Chao." Supplementals, *Fieldsights*. 15 February. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "The Truth About "Sustainable" Palm Oil." *SAPIENS*. 13 June. Available [online](#). (Voted [Editors' Top 10](#) of 2019)
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "Culture, Food, and Environment: Indigenous Experiences of Hunger in West Papua." Sydney Environment Institute. 12 June. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "Is Hunger Culture-Bound?" *Somatosphere*. 6 June. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "Sago: A Storied Species from West Papua." *The Living Archive: Extinction Stories from Oceania*. 23 May. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2019. "SEI News: Q+A with Postdoc Research Associate Sophie Chao." Sydney Environment Institute. University of Sydney. 11 April. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2016. "In Deforestation's Wake, Wild Animals Turn Troublesome." *SAPIENS*. 20 September. Available [online](#). (Voted [Editors' Top 5](#) in 2016)

- Chao, Sophie. 2016. "Plantworlds in West Papua." *Engagement: Anthropology and Environment Society*. American Anthropological Association. 21 June. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2014. "Forest Peoples" Landmark Appeal to Curb Global Deforestation." *Our World 2.0*. 21 March. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2013. "Securing Human Rights through Private Sector Standards? A Comparative Review." *Our World 2.0*, United Nations University. 8 February. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2012. "Bali Declaration Calls for Palm Oil Justice." *Our World 2.0*. 9 March. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2012. "Seeing the People for the Trees." *Our World 2.0*. 8 June. Available [online](#).

Book Chapters

- Chao, Sophie, Marcus Colchester, Emil Kleden, Norman Jiwana, Andiko, Hermawansyah, and Intan Cinditiara. 2013. "PT Agrowiratama and the Melayu and Dayak peoples of Sambas, West Kalimantan." In *Conflict or Consent?*, 28–53. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie, Agustinus Karlo Lumban Raja, Fandy Ahmad Chalifah, and Tawangatri Kusumohartono. 2013. "PT Mustika Sembuluh and the Dayak Temuan of Central Kalimantan." In *Conflict or Consent?*, 69–100. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie, Emil Kleden, Agustinus Karlo Lumban Raja, Isal Wardhana, and Intan Cinditiara. 2013. "PT REA Kaltim Plantations and the Dayak and Kutai peoples of Kutai Kartanegara and Tabang, East Kalimantan." In *Conflict or Consent?*, 125–158. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2013. "Update on IFC CAO mediation in PT Asiatic Persada (Jambi, Indonesia)." In *Conflict or Consent?*, 198–200. Available [online](#).
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- Chao, Sophie. 2013. "Brief #7 of 8: Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste." In *Agribusiness Large-Scale Land Acquisitions and Human Rights in Southeast Asia*, 118–137. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2013. "Brief #8 of 8: Union of Burma." In *Agribusiness Large-Scale Land Acquisitions and Human Rights in Southeast Asia*, 138–155. Available [online](#).

Reports

- Colchester, Marcus, Patrick Anderson, and Sophie Chao. 2017. "Respecting Communities' Rights to their Lands and to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent through the High Carbon Stock Approach." In *HCS Approach Toolkit*, edited by Grant Rosoman, Su Shin Sheun, Charlotte Opal, Patrick Anderson, and Ravin Trapshah, 4–25. Singapore: HCS Approach Steering Group. Available [online](#).
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- Chao, Sophie. 2015. *Kalau Tanah Adat dan Hutan Adat Kita Habis, Kitorang Mau ke Mana Lagi? Buku Panduan Bagi Masyarakat Hukum Adat Untuk Melestarikan dan Memperjuangkan Hak Tanah dan Hak Azasi Manusia Masyarakat Hukum Adat*. With Seksi Justice, Peace and Integration of Creation and Paroki Santa Teresia Kanak-Kanak Yesus Muting.
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- Local Communities in Relation to Land Acquisition*. FAO Governance of Tenure Technical Guide No. 3. Rome: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Available [online](#).
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- Colchester, Marcus, Sophie Chao, Patrick Anderson, Asep Yunan Firdaus, and Fatilda Hasibuan. 2011. *Human Rights Abuses and Land Conflicts in the PT Asiatic Persada Concession in Jambi: Report of an Independent Investigation into Land Disputes and Forced Evictions in a Palm Oil Estate*. Bogor: Forest Peoples Programme, HuMa, and SawitWatch. Available [online](#).

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INVITED TALKS AND KEYNOTES

- 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.
- 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). 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**. Panelist. Available [online](#).

- 19 Nov 2021 “(Un)Worlding the Plantationocene: Insights from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier.” 52nd Annual Academy Symposium: Culture, Nature, Climate: Humanities & the Environmental Crisis. **Australian Academy of the Humanities**. 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**. 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**. Panelist. 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 Center. **University of California Berkeley**. 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.” Center for Southeast Asian Studies Friday Forum Lecture Series. **University of Wisconsin-Madison**. Guest speaker. Available [online](#).
- 24 Jan 2021 “Entanglements.” **Requiem: Sydney Festival**. Sydney. Panelist.
- 22 Jan 2021 “An Endangered Menagerie.” **Requiem: Sydney Festival**. Sydney. Panelist.
- 24 Nov 2020 “From PhD to Book. Recent Experiences in the Publishing Industry.” **Asian Studies Association of Australia**. 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**. 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**. 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.
- 6 Jul 2020 “Getting Sh*t Done – With Sophie Chao.” PhD and Higher Degree Research Seminar. **Macquarie University**. Available [online](#).

- 25 Jun 2020 “There are no Straight Lines in Nature: Mapping Multispecies Worlds in West Papua.” **Territorial Agency: Oceans in Transformation**. 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. Panelist.
- 28 Nov 2019 “Development, Deforestation, Dispossession – Experiences in Merauke, West Papua.” Insights into West Papua: Public Forum. Pacific Institute, **Australian National University**. Panelist. Available [online](#).
- 10 Oct 2019 “Budaya, Lingkungan, dan Perkembangan di Papua Barat.” Department of Indonesian Studies. **University of Sydney**.
Third and fourth-year undergraduate course, 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**. Panelist.
- 8 Jul 2019 “Culture in Conversation: Creating Inclusive Food Communities.” **Sydney Environment Institute, FoodLab Sydney, YARN Australia, and University of Sydney Union**. Panelist.
- 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**. 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

- 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.** Centre for Healthy Societies. University of Sydney. 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 Center 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.

TEACHING

Course coordination

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

Guest lecturing

- Multispecies Ethnography (YSS4241), Yale-National University of Singapore College, 2022

- Modern Social Thought (YCC2121), Yale-National University of Singapore College, 2021
- Development Practice (GEOG5002), University of Western Australia, 2021 and 2022
- Living in the Anthropocene (FOAR7005), Macquarie University, 2021
- Food Across Cultures (ANTH203), Macquarie University, 2021
- Anthropology and the Animal (ANTH343), McGill University, 2021
- Fundamentals of Regulation (LAWS6330), University of Sydney, 2020
- History & Historians (HSTY3903), University of Sydney, 2020
- Sustainable Development and 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

STUDENT SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION

Associate Supervisor (with Thom van Dooren), Emily Crawford, PhD, “Gender and Food Security in Vanuatu,” Department of Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney (2021-)

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 (2021-)

Associate Supervisor (with Robbie Peters), Misty Shan-e-alam, PhD, “Sustainable Urban Development and the Challenges of Climate Change: A Case Study of Dhaka Bangladesh,” Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2021-)

Associate Supervisor (with Thom van Dooren and Warwick Anderson), Sam Widin, PhD, “Conservation, Ecology, and the Palm Cockatoos of Cape York Peninsula,” Department of History, University of Sydney (2020-)

Associate Supervisor (with Thom van Dooren), Myles Oakey, PhD, “Arts of Listening in the Anthropocene,” Department of Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney (2021-)

Adjunct Supervisor (with Jaap Timmer and Eve Vincent), Daniel Tranter, PhD, “Time, Work, Stone: Protecting History Among Heritage Stonemasons in a Sydney Necropolis,” Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University (2020-)

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)

Primary Supervisor, Hannah Kingsmill, Honors thesis, “Food Security in Timor-Leste: Policy to Practice,” Department of International and Global Studies, University of Sydney (2019–)

Primary Supervisor, Sabine Pyne, Honors thesis, “Making and Unmaking Resource Frontiers in Australia,” Department of History, University of Sydney (2019–2021, 87% - Distinction)

External Examiner, Darmanto, PhD dissertation defence, “Hunger and Culture in Siberut, Indonesia,” Department of Anthropology, Leiden University. 26 November 2020.

External 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

- 20 - 21 Jul 2022 **From Theory to Practice: Leveraging Feminist Approaches to Care at a Time of Crisis.** 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. University of Sydney.
- 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](#)). [Reviewed](#) by Zsuzsanna Ihar and Hayley Singer).
- 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.**

- 8 - 10 Nov 2013 Forest Peoples Programme and Centre d'Accompagnement des Autochtones Pygmées et Minoritaires Vulnérables. Bukavu.
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.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD POSITIONS

Editorial Board, *Cultural Anthropology*, Society for Cultural Anthropology (2022-2025)
Editorial Board, *Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society* (2022-)
Grant Review Panel, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (2021-2023)
Secretary, Executive Committee, Australian Anthropological Society (2020-2023)
Institutional Representative (University of Sydney), Australian Anthropological Society (2021-)
Steering Committee Member, Pacific And Regional Archive for Digital Sources in Endangered Cultures (PARADISEC) (2022-)
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)
Secretary, Charles Perkins Centre Early & Mid-Career Research Committee (2019-2020)
Curator, morethanhumanworlds interview series (2018-)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Research, administration, and teaching development courses

- Principles of Learning and Teaching
- Evaluation and Improvement of Learning and Teaching
- Building Positive Learning Environments
- Positioning your Academic Planning & Development for Career Success
- Foundations of Research Supervision, University of Sydney
- Cultural Competence and Respecting Diversity in Teaching Settings
- Students in Personal Distress
- Respect in our Community: Preventing Bullying, Harassment, and Discrimination
- Performance Planning, Development Framework, and Probation Requirements
- Policy Framework and Delegations of Authority
- Reporting Wrongdoing
- Privacy, Recordkeeping, and the Right to Information
- Responsible Research Practice
- Research Code of Conduct
- Equitable Workplace
- Cultural Competence
- Cyber Security
- Cyber Security Awareness
- Anti-Slavery Awareness
- Consent Matters
- LGBTIQ+ in the Classroom
- Racism in the Classroom

Journal and book reviews

- Cultural Anthropology
- Current Anthropology
- American Ethnologist
- Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
- Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale
- Ethnos
- Social Science and Medicine
- The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology
- Environmental Humanities
- History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences
- Journal of Genocide Research
- eTropic: electronic journal of studies in the tropics
- Feral Feminisms
- Media Theory
- Arcadia: Explorations in Environmental History
- Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society
- Borderlands
- The University of Sydney Press

Panel convening

- “Plantations and Epistemic Imperialism: Between Ecological Form and Enduring Logic.” Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Conference, Cholula, Dec 2022. With Kregg Hetherington and Alyssa Paredes.
- “Multispecies Relations: Care and Creativity in Times of Crisis.” Australian Anthropological Society Conference, Nov - Dec 2021. With Anne Galloway and Laura MacLauchlan.
- “Plantationocene in Southeast Asia.” Association for Asian Studies Conference, Mar 2021. With Aida Arosoaie.
- “Life and Death, Sacred and Secular: Thinking with and beyond Species in a More-Than-Human World.” Australian Anthropological Society Conference, Canberra, Dec 2019. With Laura MacLauchlan.

Research cluster leads

- Biocultural Diversities, Research Cluster, Sydney Environment Institute (2022 -)

Reading groups leads

- Worlding Reading Group (2022 -)
- Biopolitics of Science Reading Group (2020 - 2021)

Jury roles

- John Legge Prize for the Best Thesis in Asian Studies, Asian Studies Association of Australia, 2022
- Engaged Anthropology Grant, Australian Anthropological Society, 2021, 2022
- Visual Ethnography Competition, Australian Network of Student Anthropologists, 2020
- Judge, “What is Anthropology?” Competition, Australian Anthropological Society, 2020
- Judge, Cultural Horizons Prize, American Anthropological Association, Sep - Oct 2015

Postgraduate mentorship

- Asian Studies Association of Australia Postgraduate Mentoring Programme, Aug-Nov 2020
- Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Residency Workshop, 2021 - 2022
- “Decolonizing the Study of Southeast Asia,” Sydney Southeast Asia Centre and the Nordic Institute for Asian Studies, 3 May 2021
- “Doing Fieldwork in the Time of COVID-19,” Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, 6 Aug 2020
- “Post-Honors: What Comes Next?” Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, 27 Jun 2019
- Multispecies Justice PhD Symposium, Sydney Environment Institute, 29 Jul 2019
- “From PhD to Postdoc,” Department of History, University of Sydney, 4 May 2019

MEMBERSHIPS AND HONORARY POSITIONS

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, Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA)

Fellow, Australian Anthropological Society (AAS)

Member, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA)

Member, Australian Association for Pacific Studies (AAPS)

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)
Member, Food Studies Research Network (FSRN)
Member, Agriculture, Nutrition and Health Academy (ANHA)
Member, Human Animal Research Network (HARN)
Member, Charles Perkins Centre (CPC), University of Sydney
Researcher, Sydney Environment Institute (SEI), University of Sydney
Member, Sydney Center for Healthy Societies (CHS), University of Sydney
Academic Member, Sydney Southeast Asia Center (SSEAC), University of Sydney
Academic Member, Chinese Studies Center, University of Sydney
Member, Sydney Policy Lab, University of Sydney
Member, Sydney Food and Nutrition Network (SFNN), University of Sydney
Member, Sydney Institute of Agriculture (SIA), University of Sydney
Member, Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre (SSSHARC)

ART WORKS

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 .

LANGUAGES

French (native), Mandarin (native), Bahasa Indonesia (advanced), Spanish (advanced)