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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*

### 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*

### 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 in Anthropology**, Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney (2025 - continuing)

**Discovery Early Career Research Award Fellow**, Department of Anthropology, 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 - 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.
- 2019 - 2022 **Postdoctoral Startup Allowance** (15,000 AUD)  
Charles Perkins 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

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- 2021 [Duke University Press Scholars of Color First Book Award](#)  
Duke University Press
- 2019 [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 (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

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### Peer Reviewed Manuscripts

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

### Peer Reviewed Edited Volumes

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

### Peer Reviewed Articles

(in prep) Chao, Sophie. "Plantationocene Uncanny: Spirits, Technology, and the Senses on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." In preparation for submission to *Ethnos*.

(in review) Chao, Sophie, and Danielle Celermajer. "Multispecies Justice: Introduction." In preparation for submission to *Cultural Politics*.

(in review) Chao, Sophie. "Multispecies Mourning: Grieving as Resistance on the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." *Cultural Studies*.

(forth) Chao, Sophie. 2022. "Plantation." *Environmental Humanities*.

Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Can There Be Justice Here? Indigenous Experiences from the West Papuan Oil Palm Frontier." *Borderlands* 20(1): DOI:10.21307/borderlands-2020-002.

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: <https://doi.org/10.25120/etropic.20.2.2021.3796>.

Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Gastrocolonialism: The Intersections of Race, Food, and Development in West Papua." *The International Journal of Human Rights*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2021.1968378>.

Chao, Sophie. 2021. "We Are (Not) Monkeys: Contested Cosmopolitical Symbols in West Papua." *American Ethnologist*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/amet.13023>.

- Chao, Sophie. 2021. "The Beetle or the Bug? Multispecies Politics in a West Papuan Oil Palm Plantation." *American Anthropologist*. <https://doi.org/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*. <https://doi.org/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. 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.

#### 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.
- (forth) 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.

### Peer Reviewed Special Issues

- (in prep) 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.

### Book Reviews

- (forth) Chao, Sophie. "Gardens of Gold Place-Making in Papua New Guinea, by Jamon Alex Halvaksz." *Oceania*.
- (forth) Chao, Sophie. "Engaged Anthropology: Politics Beyond the Text." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.
- 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.
- Chao, Sophie. 2016. "Elusive Caimans and the Anthropologist as Devil." *Anthropology Now* 8(1): 132 - 138. DOI:10.1080/19428200.2016.1154775.

### 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. "The Promise of Parasites." *SAPIENS*.
- (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*.
- (in prep) Chao, Sophie, Hannah della Bosca, and James Dunk. "Writing the Environment: Reflections and Fragments." *Sydney Environment Institute*.
- 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 Ecopoetics*. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2021. "Wetness." *Art + Australia*. 8(57.1): 94 - 97.
- 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. "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. "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](#) in 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](#) in 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](#).
- Colchester, Marcus, and Sophie Chao. 2013. "Brief #1 of 8: Regional Overview." In *Agribusiness Large-Scale Land Acquisitions and Human Rights in Southeast Asia*, 1 - 18. Bogor: Forest Peoples Programme. Available [online](#).
- 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](#).
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### Reports

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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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- Chao, Sophie. 2013. “A Sweetness like unto Death.” *Voices of the Indigenous Malind of Merauke, Papua*. Bogor: Forest Peoples Programme, Pusaka, and SawitWatch. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2013. *The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and Complaint Resolution: Guidance on Submitting a Complaint for Civil Society Organizations and Affected Local Communities*. Moreton-in-Marsh: Forest Peoples Programme. Available [online](#).
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- Chao, Sophie. 2021. “Elon Musk’s SpaceX Project Could Put Papuan Lands and Futures at Risk.” *TRT World*. 15 May. Available [online](#).
- Chao, Sophie. 2021. “In the Shadow of the Palms: Plant-Human Relations Among the Marind-Anim, West Papua – Sophie Chao, John Legge Thesis Prize Winner.” *Asian Currents*. 15 Jan. Available [online](#).
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- (forth) 2021. "Conversation: Sophie Chao - Anthropologist." *Samtal Jameer Samtal Jameen*.
2021. "Gastrocolonialism in West Papua." *Talking Indonesia*. University of Melbourne. 30 September. With Annisa Beta. Available [online](#).
2021. "COVID-19 in Oceania: Food Security, Resilience, and Community." *Visualizing the Virus*. Guest speaker with Gregoire Ambroise Randin. Available [online](#).
2020. "Applied Anthropology." *Australian Network of Student Anthropologists* and *The Familiar Strange*. 7 September. With Marcus Barber, Jayne Curnow, Derek Elias, Bronwyn Hall, Leslie Pyne, and Hanna Jagtenberg. Available [online](#).
2020. "Ep #62. Job Fantasies, Working with Others, Extractive Calls & Reciprocity Revisited: This Month on TFS." *The Familiar Strange*. 24 August. With Alexander d'Aiola, Deanna Catto, and Michael Dunford. Available [online](#).
2020. "Ep #60. Adapting Methods, Human Difference, Virtual Dojos, and Foggy Field Notes: This Month on TFS." *The Familiar Strange*. 27 July. With Alexander d'Aiola, Deanna Catto, and Simon Theobald. Available [online](#).
2020. "Ep # 59. The Palm Oil Frontier: Sophie Chao and Walking the Forest with the Marind People." *The Familiar Strange*. 1 June. With Alexander d'Aiola. Available [online](#).
2020. "Nature in Culture: Multi-Sensory Mapping with the Marind People." *The Re(e)mergence of Nature in Culture Series*. Sydney Environment Institute. 20 May. With Christine Winter. Available [online](#). ([reviewed](#) by Christine Winter).
2020. "Culture, Food, and Environment: Indigenous Experiences of Hunger in West Papua." *Sydney Southeast Asia Centre*. 19 March. With Natali Pearson. Available [online](#).
2020. "Agribusiness, Anthropology, and Activism: An Interview with Dr Chao." *Sydney Southeast Asia Centre*. 19 March. With Natali Pearson. Available [online](#).
2020. "What Does Anthropology Sound Like: Activism." With Cory-Alice André-Johnson and Bianca C. Williams. *AnthroPod*. 20 January. Available [online](#).
2019. "Palm Oil and Indigenous People." *Talking Indonesia*. University of Melbourne. 11 July. With Jemma Purdey. Available [online](#). (1 of 10 most [popular](#) podcasts in 2019)
2010. "Studying Anthropology at Oxford." Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology. University of Oxford. 12 July. With Jennie Rothera, Darryl Stellmach, Santhy Balachandran, and Mette Berg. Available online (parts [1](#) and [2](#)).

## INVITED TALKS

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- 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.
- 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](#).
- 3 May 2021 “Decolonizing the Study of Southeast Asia.” Postgraduate Research Workshop. **Sydney Southeast Asia Centre and the Nordic Institute for Asian Studies**. Panelist.
- 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.
- 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.
- 6 Aug 2020 “Doing Fieldwork in the Time of COVID-19.” **Sydney Southeast Asia Centre**. Panelist.
- 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](#).
- 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.
- 27 Jun 2019 “Post-Honors: What Comes Next?” **Sydney Southeast Asia Centre**. 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.
- 13 Mar 2019 “From PhD to Postdoc.” Department of History, **University of Sydney**. Panelist.
- 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

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- 1 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.” **Data, Diets, Digitalism: Emergent Food Research Methodologies.** 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

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- 21 Sep 2021 **Guest Lecturer**, Development Practice (GEOG5002)  
Masters in International Development, University of Western Australia
- Sem 1. 2021 **Tutor**, Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH1001)  
First-year undergraduate course, University of Sydney
- 20 Apr 2021 **Guest Lecturer**, Living in the Anthropocene (FOAR7005)  
Masters of Research, Macquarie University
- 22 Mar 2021 **Guest Speaker**, Food Across Cultures (ANTH203)  
Second-year undergraduate course, Macquarie University
- 9 Feb 2021 **Guest Lecturer**, Anthropology and the Animal (ANTH343)  
Third-year undergraduate course, McGill University
- 8 Oct 2020 **Guest Lecturer**, Fundamentals of Regulation (LAWS6330)  
Postgraduate course, University of Sydney
- 6 Oct 2020 **Guest Lecturer**, Development Practice (GEOG5002)  
Masters in International Development, University of Western Australia
- 30 Sep 2020 **Guest Lecturer**, History & Historians (HSTY3903)  
Third-year undergraduate course, University of Sydney
- 30 Sep 2020 **Guest Lecturer**, Sustainable Development and Population Health (SUST5004)  
Masters of Sustainability, University of Sydney
- Sem. 2 2020 **Project Lead**, Medical Science Interdisciplinary Project (MEDS3888)  
Third-year undergraduate course, University of Sydney
- Sem. 1 & 2 2020, Summer Intensive 2020, Sem 2. 2021 **Case Study Lead**, Interdisciplinary Impact (FASS3999)  
Third-year undergraduate course, University of Sydney

6 May 2020	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Culture, Myth, and Religion (ANTH2010) Second-year undergraduate course, Macquarie University
27 April 2020	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , International and Global Studies (INGS1003) First-year undergraduate course, University of Sydney
10 Oct 2019	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Department of Indonesian Studies Guest Lecture Series. Third and fourth-year undergraduate course, University of Sydney
1 Sep 2019	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Posthumanism (FOAR 702) Masters of Research course, Macquarie University
10 Sep 2019	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Science, Ethics, and Society (HPSC2011) Second-year undergraduate course, University of Sydney
20 Mar 2019	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Ethnology of the Pacific (ANTH391) Third-year undergraduate course, University of Victoria
Feb – Jul 2019	<b>Tutor and Guest Lecturer</b> , Research Paradigms (FOAR701) Masters of Research course, Macquarie University
Jul – Nov 2018	<b>Head Tutor</b> , Introduction to Medical Anthropology (ANTH202) Second-year undergraduate course, Macquarie University
Jul – Nov 2018	<b>Tutor</b> , Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH150) First-year undergraduate course, Macquarie University
15 May 2018	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Anthropology of Law (ANTH330) Third-year undergraduate course, Macquarie University
Feb – Jul 2018	<b>Convener, Lecturer, and Tutor</b> , Ecological Anthropology (ANTH304) Third-year undergraduate course, Macquarie University
Jul – Nov 2017	<b>Tutor and Guest Lecturer</b> , Psychological Anthropology (ANTH207) Second-year undergraduate course, Macquarie University
Feb – Jul 2017	<b>Tutor</b> , Research Paradigms (FOAR701) Masters of Research course, Macquarie University
Jul – Nov 2016	<b>Guest Lecturer, Curriculum Development, and Assessment Design</b> , Ecological Anthropology (ANTH304) Third-year undergraduate course, Macquarie University
13 May 2015	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Food Across Cultures (ANTH203) Second-year undergraduate course, Macquarie University

## STUDENT SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION

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

**Associate Supervisor** (with Thom van Dooren), Myles Okey, PhD in Gender and Cultural Studies, “Arts of Listening in the Anthropocene,” University of Sydney (2021 – present)

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

**Adjunct Supervisor** (with Chris Vasankumar), Ben Robin Dean, Master by Research in Anthropology, “An Ethos of Flavour: Keeping Seeds Alive at Pun Pun Organic Farm,” Macquarie University (2019 – 2021, Thesis grade: 89% - High Distinction)

**Primary Supervisor**, Sabine Pyne, Honors thesis, “Making and Unmaking Resource Frontiers in Australia,” Department of History, University of Sydney (2019 – present)

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

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

**External Examiner**, Susan Braun, Master 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

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- 6 – 7 Aug 2020      **Interdisciplinarity in a More-Than-Human World.** Sydney Environment Institute. Available online ([Part I](#) and [Part II](#)). [Reviewed](#) by Zsuzsanna Ihar and Hayley Singer).
- 15 Nov 2019      **Data, Diets, Digitalism: Emergent Food Research Methodologies.** Fifth 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.

## COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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- Secretary**, Executive Committee, [Australian Anthropological Association](#) (2019 - 2021)  
**Co-convener; Administrator**, [Australian Food, Society, and Culture Network](#) (2019 - present)  
**Co-convener**, [Biopolitics of Science Research Network](#), University of Sydney (2020 - present)  
**Co-secretary**, [Charles Perkins Centre Early & Mid-Career Research Committee](#) (2019 - 2020)  
**Co-convener**, Multispecies Justice HDR Collective (2019 - present)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Research, administration, and teaching development courses

- Foundations of Research Supervision, University of Sydney
- Consent Matters, Macquarie University
- LGBTIQ+ in the Classroom, Macquarie University
- Racism in the Classroom, Macquarie University
- Cultural Competence and Respecting Diversity in Teaching Settings, University of Sydney
- Students in Personal Distress, University of Sydney
- Respect in our Community: Preventing Bullying, Harassment, and Discrimination, University of Sydney
- Performance Planning, Development Framework, and Probation Requirements, University of Sydney
- Policy Framework and Delegations of Authority, University of Sydney
- Reporting Wrongdoing, University of Sydney

- Privacy, Recordkeeping, and the Right to Information, University of Sydney
- Responsible Research Practice, University of Sydney
- Research Code of Conduct, University of Sydney
- Equitable Workplace, University of Sydney
- Cultural Competence, University of Sydney
- Cyber Security, University of Sydney

### **Journal reviews**

- Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
- Cultural Anthropology
- Ethnos
- Social Science and Medicine
- History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences
- Journal of Genocide Research
- Feral Feminisms
- Arcadia: Explorations in Environmental History
- Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society
- Borderlands

### **Grant reviews**

- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (2021 - 2023)
- Australian Research Council (2020 - )

### **Panel convening**

- “Multispecies Relations: Care and Creativity in Times of Crisis.” Australian Anthropological Society Conference, 24 Nov - 2 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.

### **Jury roles**

- Engaged Anthropology Grant, Australian Anthropological Society, Feb/Sep 2021
- Visual Ethnography Competition, Australian Network of Student Anthropologists, Oct 2020
- “What is Anthropology?” Competition, Australian Anthropological Society, Apr 2020
- Cultural Horizons Prize, American Anthropological Association, 2015

### **Postgraduate mentorship**

- Australian Association of Asian Studies Postgraduate Mentoring Programme, 2020
- Multispecies Justice PhD Symposium, Sydney Environment Institute, Jul 2019

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND HONORARY POSITIONS**

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**Honorary Postdoctoral Fellow**, Macquarie University (15/01/2019 - 31/12/2021)

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

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



**Member**, Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA)  
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**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**, Australian Society for Asian Humanities (formerly Oriental Society of Australia)  
**Member**, AgriFood Research Network (AFRN)  
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## ART WORKS

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Apr - May 2016	<b>Emergent Ecologies</b> Princeton University/City University of New York
Jul - Aug 2016	<b>In the Field</b> Macquarie University Art Gallery
Dec 2015	<b>Declaration of Land as our Spiritual Mother.</b> Produced by Sophie Chao and Jacob Perrott. Available <a href="#">online</a> .

## INTERNSHIPS/VOLUNTARY SERVICE/CERTIFICATIONS

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Mar - Aug 2020	<b>Botany I (Plant Physiology and Taxonomy) Course</b> Australian Correspondence Schools (ACS)
5 - 25 Nov 2011	<b>Research Internship</b> Association for Ecologically and Socially Based Law, Jakarta
Mar - Aug 2011	<b>Research Internship</b> Forest Peoples Programme, Moreton-in-Marsh
Oct 2010 - Feb 2011	<b>Research Internship</b> Education Division, UNESCO, Paris
July -Aug 2007	<b>Volunteer Carer</b> Department of Gynecology, Saint-Benoît Hospital, La Réunion
Jun - Aug 2006	<b>Volunteer English Teacher</b> Namgyal Monastery, Dharamsala, India
July -Sep 2005	<b>Volunteer English Teacher</b> Nyanpo Yurtse Primary School, Mentang, Qinghai, China
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