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CURRENT POSITIONS:

Director, South Sudan Cultural Productions, LLC, Madison, WI, 2023-present.

Professor Emerita of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011-present

POSITIONS HELD:

Adjunct Full Professor of Social Anthropology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway, 2013-2015

Full Professor of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2002-2011

Director, African Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007-2009

US State Dept. Monitor, Civilian Protection Monitoring Team-Sudan, 12/2002- 4/2003

Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1997-2002

The Leach/Royal Anthropological Institute Fellow, University of Manchester, UK, 1992-1993

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1990-1997

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, 1988-1990

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Book

Nuer Dilemmas: Coping with Money, War and the State. (Printed in two different editions.)

The original 1996 version of this book was published by the University of California Press through 2022. An expanded 2023 edition of this book, which includes an updated “Epilogue” in the Nuer language and associated website, is currently published by South Sudan Cultural Productions, LLC, an independent publishing company based in Madison, Wisconsin.

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“Rising Divorce among the Nuer, 1936-1983.” *Man* 25(1990): 393-411.

“War through the Eyes of the Dispossessed: Three Stories of Survival.” *Disasters* 15:2 (1991): 166-171.

“Dangerous to Eat: Rethinking Pollution States among the Nuer of Sudan.” *Africa* 62:4 (1992): 490-504.

“The Cattle of Money and the Cattle of Girls among the Nuer, 1930-1983.” *American Ethnologist* 19:2 (1992): 294-316.

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“Death, Memory and the Politics of Legitimation: Nuer Experiences of the Continuing Sudanese Civil War.” In *Memory and the Postcolony: African Anthropology and the Critique of Power*. Richard Werbner, editor (New York & London: Zed Books, 1998), pp. 58-71.

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“Substance and Identity: The Changing Material Bases of ‘Relatedness’ among the Sudanese Nuer.” In *Cultures of Relatedness*. Janet Carsten, editor (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2000), pp. 55-72.

“Una guerra nella guerra: la violenza enica nel sud Sudan dopo il 1991.” *Afriche e Orientali* 2 (2001): 10-17.

“A Curse from God? Political and Religious Dimensions of the Post-1991 Rise of Ethnic Violence in South Sudan.” *Journal of Modern African Studies* 39:2 (2001): 307-331.

“Pace e sconcerto: iniziative di riconciliazione nel Sudan meridionale. In *I signori della Guerra: Stati e micropolitica dei conflitti*. M. Cristina Ercolessi, editor (Napoli, Italy: L’Ancora del Mediterraneo, 2002), pp. 241-270.

“Nuer Ethnicity Militarized.” (Republication of a 2000 article included in *Anthropology of Politics: A Reader in Ethnography, Theory, and Critique*. Joan Vincent, editor (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2002), pp. 39-52.

“Gendered Violence and the Militarization of Ethnicity: A Case Study from South Sudan.” (Co-authored with Jok Madut Jok.) In *Postcolonial Subjectivities in Africa*. Richard Werbner, editor (New York & London: Zed Books, 2002) pp. 84-108.

“Spiritual Fragments of an Unfinished War.” In *Religion and African Civil Wars*. N. Kastfeld, ed. (London: C. Hurst & Co., 2005), pp. 28-53.

“Food Itself is Fighting with Us:” A Comparative Analysis of the Impact of Sudan’s Unresolved Civil War on South Sudanese Civilian Populations Living in the North and the South.” In *Violence and Belonging: The Quest for Identity in Post-Colonial Africa*. Vigdis Broch-Due, editor (New York & London: Routledge, 2005), pp. 131-152.

“Perilous Outcomes: International Monitoring and the Perpetuation of Violence in Sudan.” In *Genocide: Truth, Memory and Representation*. Kevin L. O’Neill & Alex Hinton, eds. (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2009), pp. 54-79.

“Peace and Puzzlement: Grassroots Peace Initiatives between the Nuer and Dinka of South Sudan.” In *Changing Identifications and Alliances in North-Eastern Africa: Sudan, Uganda and the Ethiopia-Sudan Borderlands. Volume 3*. Gunther Schlee and M. Watson, eds. (New York & Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2009), pp. 49-72.

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“Uncertain Ethics: Researching War in Sudan.” In *Researching Violence in Africa: Ethical and Methodological Challenges*. John Pottier, Laura Hammond & Christopher Cramer, editors. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill Publishers, 2011), pp. 79-93.

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