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EDUCATION

- 2018 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Ph.D. in Anthropology
- 2012 **University of California, Los Angeles**
M.A. in Anthropology
- 2009 **Sarah Lawrence College**
B.A. in Liberal Arts

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021– **Assistant Professor**
Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
- 2018–2021 **Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer**
Bioethics Program, University of Virginia

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- 2020–2021 **Postdoctoral Research Affiliate**
Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 2018–present **Research Associate**
Centre d'Anthropologie Culturelle (CANTHEL), Université de Paris, Paris, France
- 2016–2017 **Visiting Doctoral Scholar**
Centre de Recherche Médecine, Sciences, Santé, Santé Mentale, Société
(CERMES3), Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Paris, France

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

psychological and medical anthropology; anthropology of ethics and morality; disaster and humanitarianism; anthropology of care; mental health and psychic life; critical phenomenology; biopolitics; experimental and multimodal ethnography; South Asia, especially Nepal Himalayas.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "The Work of Disaster: Building Back Otherwise in Post-Earthquake Nepal" *Cultural Anthropology* 35 (2): 237-263.
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Historicizing the Emergence of Global Mental Health in Nepal, 1950-2019" *HIMALAYA: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies* 39 (2): 29-43.
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Relational Affliction: Reconceptualizing 'Mass Hysteria'" *Ethos* 47 (3): 307-325.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

- 2015 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Upadhaya, Nawaraj. "Mental Health after the Earthquake: Building Nepal's Mental Health System in Times of Emergency." *Fieldsights—Hot Spots*, *Cultural Anthropology* website, October 14, 2015. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/mental-health-after-the-earthquake-building-nepals-mental-health-system-in-times-of-emergency>
- 2015 *(Nepali Translation)* **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Upadhaya, Nawaraj. "भूइँचालोपछिको आपतकालीन अवस्थामा नेपालमा मानसिक स्वास्थ्यको स्थापना" (Mental Health after the Earthquake: Building Nepal's Mental Health System in Times of Emergency.) *Manosamajik Suswasthya—Psychosocial Hub for Nepal*, October 14, 2015. <http://www.manosamajik.com.np/2017-05-17-10-34-25/journals/27-mental-health-after-the-earthquake-building-nepal%E2%80%99s-mental-health-system-in-times-of-emergency>

Book Chapters

Accepted

Seale-Feldman, Aidan and L. F. R. Murillo. "Thomas Csordas: por uma fenomenologia cultural da corporeidade." In *Antropologia: Ensino, pesquisa e etnografia hoje. Vol. 1*. Marcelo de M. Mello, Kleyton Rattes, and Simone Silva (Eds.), under contract with Niterói: EDUFF.

Accepted

Seale-Feldman, Aidan. "Beneath the Symptoms: The Problem of Conversion Disorder in Nepal" in *Encounters with the Invisible: Revisiting Possession in the Himalayas in its Material and Narrative Aspects*, Anne de Sales and Marie Lecomte-Tilouine (Eds.), under contract with Oxford University Press.

Book Reviews

- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Book Forum: The Blind Man." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsites*, June 4. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/book-forum-the-blind-man?fbclid=IwAR2T-w89Zgkmf2joGkyQ70hWwv8iVASQ93M-tfBGZZ4owxKQzhsE15MJgFM>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Cinematic Experiments and Ethical Transformations." Visual and New Media Review, *Cultural Anthropology* website, January 10, 2019. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/cinematic-experiments-and-ethical-transformations>
- 2017 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Jackson, Michael and Albert Piette (Eds.) 2015. What Is Existential Anthropology? Berghahn Books. 248 Pp. Hb.:\$95.00, ISBN: 9781782386360." *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* 25 (2): 256–58.

Public Scholarship

- 2021 Fisher, Daniel, and **Aidan Seale-Feldman.** "Filmmaking and Worldmaking: An Interview with the Karrabing Film Collective." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, March 18. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/filmmaking-and-worldmaking-an-interview-with-the-karrabing-film-collective?x-craft-preview=7lcQ69Ez4d&token=tXbtVgEWHu5fSjvycDN4X224jBCwyoXJ>
- 2021 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Wutharr, Saltwater Dreams." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, March 18. https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/wutharr-saltwater-dreams?x-craft-preview=SRnfrKeK9W&token=aguzGn9a9Wg5Y-KAG_lyd7Cs81Lj_xOz
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Trembling Mountain." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, December 23. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/trembling-mountain>
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan,** and Andrés Romero. "Castaway Man." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, December 10. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/castaway-man>

- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Sunyata Cinema: An Interview with Kesang Tseten." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, November 19.
https://culanth.org/fieldsights/sunyata-cinema-an-interview-with-kesang-tseten?x-craft-preview=zFG02h7aDf&token=RE8jphItbGD-X0EepLVdH7yA_Z2sddn4
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan,** and Andrés Romero. "Who Will Be a Gurkha." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, November 19.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/who-will-be-gurkah?x-craft-preview=vFIkeKmXiP&token=MkEUflbRIJ29d-vUV7jaXfKe7rrsKq8l>
- 2020 Romero, Andrés, and **Aidan Seale-Feldman.** 2020. "Ethnocine: Get By." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 27.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ethnocine-get-by>
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan,** and Andrés Romero. "Ethnocine: Nobel Nok Dah." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 13.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ethnocine-nobel-nok-dah>
- 2020 Romero, Andrés, and **Aidan Seale-Feldman.** "Swim Lesson." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, May 21. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/swim-lesson-1>
- 2020 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Fragments of a Transient Affliction: 'Mass Hysteria' and the Question of Subjectivity." *Somatosphere*.
<http://somatosphere.net/2020/mass-hysteria-subjectivity.html/>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** "Thinking with Ghosts." *The Record Nepal*.
<https://www.recordnepal.com/wire/features/thinking-with-ghosts/>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan** and Andrés Romero. "The Possibility of Spirits." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, September 26.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/the-possibility-of-spirits?x-craft-preview=MMMyLVtYxOX&token=BaX1nroqL6zs6W0qLAKQfSfIFozsNYwT>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan,** and Andrés Romero. "Ghosts and Numbers." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 14.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/ghosts-and-numbers>
- 2019 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan,** and Andrés Romero. "The Screening Room." Visual and New Media Review, *Fieldsights*, August 14.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/the-screening-room>

- 2018 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** “Images.” Correspondences, *Cultural Anthropology* website, March 2, 2018. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/images>
- 2017 **Seale-Feldman, Aidan.** “Teaching Triggers with Megan Raschig.” Teaching Tools, *Cultural Anthropology* website, November 17, 2017. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1248-teaching-triggers-with-megan-raschig>

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants and Fellowships

- 2020–2024 **Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)**
Main Project Partner (Principal Investigator: Serena Bindi, Université de Paris, CANTHEL). Funding for “Phantoms or Fantasies?: Somatic Disorders and Embodied Experiences of Loss in Changing Therapeutic Contexts.”
- 2019 **Wenner-Gren Foundation**
Engaged Anthropology Grant
- 2015–2016 **Wenner-Gren Foundation**
Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2013 **U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)**
Fellowship for Nepali Language Training at Cornell University
- 2013, 2014 **Cornell University South Asia Nepali Language Program**
Summer Tuition Fellowship
- 2012 **Lemelson / Society for Psychological Anthropology**
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
- 2011 **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**
Honorable Mention

University Grants and Fellowships

- 2017–2018 **University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Division**
Dissertation Year Fellowship

- 2017 **University of California, Los Angeles**
University of California Collegium of University Teaching Fellows [*declined*]
- 2014 **University of California, Los Angeles, Center for the Study of Women**
Jean Stone Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2014 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Department of Anthropology Research Grant
- 2013–2014 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship
- 2013, 2014 **Foundation for Psychocultural Research-UCLA Program for Culture, Brain, Development, Mental Health (CBDMH)**
Summer Fieldwork Fellowship
- 2013, 2014 **University of California, Los Angeles, International Institute**
Graduate Student Fieldwork Fellowship
- 2011–2017 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Department of Anthropology Conference Travel Grants
- 2010–2014 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Department of Anthropology Graduate Teaching Fellowship [tuition and stipend]

Awards

- 2018 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Degree Candidate Processional Marshal, Nominee
- 2016 **Society for Medical Anthropology**
Student Travel Award
- 2010 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Chancellor's Prize

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2021 “‘The World is Like This’: Life, Loss, and the Trembling Thought of Disaster,” Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry, Culture and Community Mental Health Speaker Series–Politics of Psychic Life, McGill University, Online, April 1
- 2021 “Crisis, Care, and the Work of Disaster,” Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Online, January 25
- 2020 “Measuring Care: Humanitarian Efficacy in Post-Disaster Nepal,” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University, Online, December 4
- 2020 “Crisis, Care, and Worldbuilding in Post-Disaster Nepal,” Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, February 10
- 2019 “Thinking with Ghosts,” Virginia Anthropology Society’s Death and Dinner Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 23
- 2019 “Psychosocial Transformations: *Chhopne*, ‘Conversion Disorder,’ and the Possibility of Translation between Psychosocial and Indigenous Worlds in the Nepal Himalayas,” Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 5
- 2019 “Thinking with Ghosts: *Bhut laagyo*, Hysteria, and the Politics of Conceptualization,” Tibet Center, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 29
- 2018 “Psychosocial Transformations in Post-Disaster Nepal,” Friday Speaker Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, December 7
- 2017 “Transient Care: Temporalities of Suffering and Intervention after the Nepal Earthquake,” Center for Research in Medicine, Science, Health, Mental Health, and Society (CERMES3), Université Paris Descartes, Paris, France, June 22
- 2016 “*Pissat*, Counseling, and the Visibility of Suffering in Nepal,” Laboratoire d’ethnologie et de sociologie comparative (LESC), Maison Archéologie et Ethnologie René-Ginouvès, l’Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Nanterre, France, October 11

- 2015 “Adolescent Mental Health in Rural Nepal: Examining Cases of 'Mass Hysteria' among Girls in Government Schools,” United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Kathmandu, Nepal, December 9
- 2013 “On the Ethics of Photoethnography: Exploring the Aesthetics and Politics of Representing Others,” Mind, Medicine, and Culture Working Group (MMAC), Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, April 1

Panels, Conferences, and Working Groups Chaired or Organized

- 2021 Co-organizer (with Samuele Collu): “Towards an Anthropology of Psychic Life,” Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Online, April 6-10.
- 2020 Co-organizer (with Samuele Collu): “Towards an Anthropology of Psychic Life: Affects, Therapeutics, and Psychopolitical Experiments,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, *canceled due to COVID-19.*
- 2019 Co-organizer (with Andrés Romero): “Anthropology of and through the Image,” Canadian Anthropology Society/American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 20-24.
- 2016 Co-organizer (with Raphaëlle Rabanes): “Therapeutic Encounters,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20.
- 2013 Co-Organizer (with Devin Flaherty): “Imagining one Another: Towards an Anthropology of the Imagination Through Intersubjectivity,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 20-24.
- 2012 Co-Organizer: UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, March 2
- 2011–2013 Graduate Organizer: Mind, Medicine, and Culture Working Group (MMAC), Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles

Presentations

- 2021 (co-authored with Samuele Collu) "Psychic Boundaries: Therapeutic and Pedagogical Implications," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Online, April 6-10.
- 2021 "The World is Like This," Team Phenomenology Working Group, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Online, March 18.
- 2020 "Seismic Interruptions," Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) in South Asia Symposium: Interruptions and Failures, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, *postponed due to COVID-19*.
- 2019 "Screen Test: A Visual Essay on Intersubjectivity," Canadian Anthropology Society/American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 20-24.
- 2019 "Himalayan Laboratory: Nepal and the Emergence of Global Mental Health," 4S Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, September 4-7.
- 2019 "Thinking with Ghosts: *Bhut laago*, Hysteria, and the Politics of Conceptualization," Eighth Annual Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 24-26.
- 2019 "Measuring Care," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM, April 4-7.
- 2018 "The Phenomenology of Crisis and Intervention in Post-Disaster Nepal," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 14-18.
- 2018 "Humanitarianism as Development: Building Nepal's Mental Health System in Times of Crisis," NEEDS 2018 The Third Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, March 21-23.
- 2017 "*Chhopne*, Hysteria, and the Problem of 'Conversion Disorder' in Nepal," Symposium: Encounters with the Invisible: Revisiting Possession in the Himalayas in its Material and Narrative Aspects, l'Université Paris Ouest-Nanterre La Défense and the French National Research Agency (ANR), Centre-Val de Loire, France, December 18-21.

- 2017 "Contagious Connections: Mass Hysteria and the Limits of Subjectivity," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 29-December 3.
- 2017 "Subjects of Intervention," Himalayan Studies Conference, Boulder, CO, September 1-4.
- 2017 "Mundane Disasters of Everyday Life: The Politics of Suffering after the Nepal Earthquake," University of California–Los Angeles/University of Amsterdam Conference on Crisis and the Everyday, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, April 5-6.
- 2017 "Fragments of a Transient Affliction," American Ethnological Society Conference, Stanford University, CA, March 30-April 1.
- 2016 "Transient, Accidental, Improvised: Psychosocial Care in Post-Disaster Nepal," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20.
- 2016 "Temporalities of Affliction and Care Before and After the Nepal Earthquakes," Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 20-23.
- 2015 "Adolescent 'Mass Hysteria' in Post-Disaster Nepal: Ethnographic Impressions," Annual Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 22-24.
- 2014 "Adolescent 'Mass Hysteria' in Rural Nepal: A Case of Intercorporeality?," UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind, Department of Anthropology, University of California-San Diego, San Diego, CA, April 19.
- 2013 "Absence, Presence, Virtuality: On the Intersubjective Dimensions of Imaginative Experience among Yolmo-Buddhist Migrants and their Families in Kathmandu," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 20-24.
- 2013 "Excavating the Imagination: Dreaming and Reverie among Yolmo-Nepali Buddhists in New York City and Kathmandu," 5th Annual Anthropology in Transit Graduate Student Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA, April 26.
- 2013 "Excavating the Imagination: Dreaming and Reverie among Yolmo-Nepali Buddhists in New York City," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 4-7.
- 2012 "Imagining America: Notes on a Nepali Dreamscape," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 13-18.

- 2012 “On the Wandering Mind: Everyday Imaginings among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants to New York City,” UCLA-UCSD Graduate Student Conference on Culture and Mind, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, March 2.
- 2011 “Tracing Migrant Dreams: Imagining and the Self among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants in New York City”, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 15-20.
- 2011 “Queens Limbo: Betweenness, Separation, and Suspended Lives among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants to the United States,” 3rd Annual Anthropology in Transit Graduate Student Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA, April 8.
- 2010 (Co-authored with Robert Desjarlais) “Queens Limbo: Betweenness, Separation, and Suspended Lives among Yolmo-Nepali Migrants to the United States” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21.

Invited Discussant

- 2020 “Anthropologies of Lived Experience in the Nepal Himalayas,” French National Research Agency (ANR) Seminar, Death, Loss and Grief: Anthropological Perspectives, University of Paris, Online, November 19.
- 2020 “World Anthropology Day,” Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, February 20.
- 2019 “Children’s Needs: Moving Beyond Rights,” Discussant, Eighth Annual Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 24-26.

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

COURSE DESIGN AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of Virginia, Bioethics Program

- 2021 *Instructor* (Spring). ANTH 3020: Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political Lecture Course: 59 Students, 1 TA.

- 2020 *Instructor* (Fall). ANTH 3559: Anthropology of Psychic Life
Lecture Course: 24 Students, 1 TA.
- 2020 *Instructor* (Fall). ANTH 3290: Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition
Lecture Course: 29 Students
- 2020 *Instructor* (Spring). ANTH 3590: Moral Experience.
Lecture Course. 32 Students.
- 2020 *Instructor* (Spring). ANTH 3020: Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political*
Lecture Course: 60 Students, 1 TA.
- *Nominated by the Jefferson Scholars Foundation to be included on a list of recommended classes used to recruit visiting outstanding high school students to attend UVA (Spring 2020)*
- 2019 *Instructor* (Fall). ANTH 3290: Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition
Lecture Course: 29 Students
- 2019 *Instructor* (Spring). ANTH 3290: Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition**
Lecture Course: 28 Students
- **Nominated by the Jefferson Scholars Foundation to be included on a list of recommended classes used to recruit visiting outstanding high school students to attend UVA*
- 2019 *Instructor* (Spring). ANTH 3290: Using Anthropology: Applied, Engaged, Political
Lecture Course: 58 Students, 1 TA.
- 2018 *Instructor* (Fall). ANTH 3290: Biopolitics and the Contemporary Condition
Lecture Course: 26 Students

University of California-Los Angeles, Department of Anthropology

- 2016 *Instructor* (Summer Session A). ANTHRO 9: Culture and Society
Lecture Course: 49 Students
- 2016 *Instructor* (Summer Session A). ANTHRO 135S: Deviance and Abnormality
Lecture Course: 30 Students

GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of California-Los Angeles, Department of Anthropology

- 2013 *Graduate Student Instructor* (Spring): ANTHRO 139: Methods in Cultural Anthropology
Lecture Course with Discussion Sections, Taught 3 Sections: 58 students total out of 120.
- 2013 *Graduate Student Instructor* (Winter): ANTHRO 135A: Introduction to Psychological Anthropology: Historical Development
Lecture Course with Discussion Sections, Taught 3 Sections: 45 students total out of 120.
- 2012 *Graduate Student Instructor* (Fall): ANTHRO 33: Culture and Communication
Lecture Course with Discussion Sections, Taught 3 Sections: 70 students total out of 500.
- 2012 *Graduate Student Instructor* (Spring): ANTHRO 135B: Introduction to Psychological Anthropology: Current Topics/Research
Lecture Course with Discussion Sections, Taught 3 Sections: 73 students total out of 120.
- 2012 *Graduate Student Instructor* (Winter): ANTHRO 7: Human Evolution
Lecture Course with Discussion Sections, Taught 3 Sections: 73 students total out of 500.
- 2011 *Graduate Student Instructor* (Fall): ANTHRO 9: Culture and Society
Lecture Course with Discussion Sections, Taught 3 Sections: 72 students total out of 500.

INDEPENDENT STUDIES:

University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

- 2019 Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia
Directed Reading (Spring): Biopolitics
Supervised a directed reading for Uzma Zafar, graduate student in Anthropology

MENTORSHIP AND ADVISING:

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor

2020–2021 Liza Cathcart (University of Virginia, BA Political Philosophy, Policy & Law)
Thesis: “Captivity Disguised as Care”

Undergraduate Research Advisor

2021 Smritee Thapa (University of Virginia, BA Anthropology/Global Environments & Sustainability)
“Wikipedia + Open Knowledge Nepal: Documenting COVID-19”

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor

2021 Smritee Thapa (University of Virginia, BA Anthropology/Global Environments & Sustainability)
UVA Religion, Race and Democracy Lab Project: “Hinduism and Ecofeminism in South Asia”

GUEST LECTURES:

- 2021 Guest Speaker in Dr. Dannah Dennis’ “The Social Politics of Disaster” class, Hamilton College, March 9 (online)
- 2020 Guest Speaker in Dr. China Scherz’s “Medical Anthropology” class, University of Virginia, September 3 (pre-recorded).
- 2020 Guest Speaker in Dr. Sylvia Tidey’s “Medical Anthropology” class, University of Virginia, February 19.
- 2019 Guest Speaker in Dr. Sylvia Tidey’s “Medical Anthropology” class, University of Virginia, March 21.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

COMMITTEES:

2012–2013 Graduate Student Representative, Diversity Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

REVIEW:

- 2021 Reviewer: *American Ethnologist*; *BioSocieties*; *Cultural Anthropology*
2020 Reviewer: *Cultural Anthropology*; *Studies in Nepali History and Society*–SINHAS
2019 Reviewer: *Ethos*
2018 Reviewer: *Transcultural Psychiatry*
2016 Reviewer: *Studies in Nepali History and Society*–SINHAS

EDITORIAL:

- 2019–2021 Co-Editor, The Screening Room, Visual and New Media Review, *Cultural Anthropology* online
2016–2018 Contributing Editor, *Cultural Anthropology* online

APPLIED WORK

- 2020 **Project Manager**
“Wikipedia + Open Knowledge Nepal: Documenting COVID-19”
PI: Lane Rasberry, School of Data Science, University of Virginia
Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Implemented by Open Knowledge Nepal (OKN)
- 2015–2016 **Ethnographic Consultant**
“Psychosocial Intervention for Earthquake Survivors in Nepal,”
Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Implemented by the Centre for Mental Health and Counselling-Nepal (CMC)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- 2013–2014 **Culture, Brain, Development, Mental Health (CBDMH) Training Program**
Graduate Fellow: “Cultural Psychiatry: Integrating Ethnography and Neuroscience in Global Mental Health Research”
PI: Laurence Kirmayer, Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill University, Funded by the Foundation for Psychocultural Research
- 2009–2010 **Cabinet Magazine, Brooklyn, NY**
Editorial Assistant

- 2008 **University of South Florida, Monteverde, Costa Rica**
Globalization and Community Health Summer Field School
- 2007 **Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA**
Research Assistant: Mexico, Trade, and Migration Program
- 2006–2009 **Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY**
Research Assistant to Dr. Robert Desjarlais

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Nepal (Kathmandu, central and eastern hills): Ethnographic research on therapeutic efficacy of humanitarian psychosocial interventions.
Interviews, participant observation
- 2016 New Haven, CT: Archival research at Yale Divinity School Special Collections on community mental health programs in Nepal.
Archival research
- 2014–2016 Nepal (Kathmandu, eastern hills, mid-western Tarai): Ethnographic research on global mental health, psychosocial interventions, and concepts of affliction.
Interviews, participant observation, focus groups, surveys, document analysis
- 2013 Nepal (Kathmandu, central hills, mid-western Tarai): Ethnographic research on global mental health interventions, psychosomatic disorders, and adolescent “mass hysteria”.
Interviews, participant observation
- 2012 Nepal (Kathmandu, central hills): Ethnographic research on dreams, imagination, and migration among the Hyolmo community.
Interviews, participant observation
- 2011 Queens, NY: Ethnographic research on dreams, imagination, and migration among the Hyolmo community.
Interviews, participant observation
- 2009–2010 Queens, NY: Ethnographic research (with Robert Desjarlais) on the phenomenology of migration among the Hyolmo community.
Interviews, participant observation
- 2008 Monteverde, Costa Rica: Globalization and Community Health Summer Field School (with University of South Florida)
Interviews, surveys, focus groups, food recall interviews

MEDIA COVERAGE

2020 Interviewed for Society for Cultural Anthropology: Summers, Lachlan. "A Sudden Shock of Care: An Interview with Aidan Seale-Feldman." Supplementals, *Fieldsights*, August 18. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/a-sudden-shock-of-care-an-interview-with-aidan-seale-feldman>

LANGUAGES

Nepali highly proficient speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (2 summers of intensive study at Cornell University, 30 months fieldwork in Nepal)

French advanced speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (Cours de Civilisation Française de la Sorbonne, B1 Certificate)

Spanish advanced speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing (2 years coursework at Sarah Lawrence College; intensive summer program in Cuernavaca, Mexico; semester abroad in Havana, Cuba)

Portuguese advanced speaking, comprehension, and reading

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Society for Psychological Anthropology
Society for Medical Anthropology
Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies