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Personal Information

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Born: London, England; 31 October 1937
Citizenship: Canadian (Immigrated 1955, Naturalized 1968)

Education

Undergraduate: University of British Columbia (BA 1964, Anthropology and Geography)
Graduate: University of British Columbia (MA 1966, Anthropology) University of Toronto (Ph.D. 1976, Anthropology)

Theses


1966 ‘The Structure of Fur Trade Relations in the Yukon Territory.’ MA Thesis, University of B.C.

Languages

English (Mother tongue)
French (Reading, speaking and oral comprehension - good; writing - fair)
Cree, Mistassini dialect (basic conversational)
Fijian, Western Interior Viti Levu dialect (limited conversational)
Innuktitut, Iniksuak, PQ dialect (very limited conversational)

University Employment

1971-72: Part-time Lecturer, Anthropology, University of Toronto (Scarborough College)
1972-74: Lecturer, Anthropology, Memorial University
1974-80: Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Memorial University
1980-87: Associate Professor, Anthropology, Memorial University
1987-2003: Professor, Anthropology, Memorial University

Awards and Distinctions.


1999-2000: Russel Visiting Professor of Native American Studies, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA.

Publications

Books


Articles in Scholarly Journals (* indicates refereed publication)

*2014 ‘Social Justice, the Graph of Zorro and the Outsider.’ Anthropologica 56(1).


Journal Edited


Chapters in Scholarly Books


*2007 ‘The Nature of Quebec Cree Animist Practices and Beliefs’. In Frédéric B. Laugrand and Jarich G. Oosten La nature des esprits dans les cosmologies autochtones / Nature of Spirits in Aboriginal Cosmologies. Québec, Les Presses de la Université Laval


1987 ‘The Significance of Hunting Territories Today.’ In Cox, B. (ed.) Native People, Native Lands. Ottawa, Carleton University Press. [This is a substantial revision of the 1973 paper with the same title (see below).]

1985 ‘Montagnais-Naskapi.’ The Canadian Encyclopaedia. Edmonton, Hurtig. [There is also a revised version of this article published by McLellan and Stewart in the second edition].


Monographs, Published Reports


Contributions to Published Conference Proceedings

1998 ‘Research on Mental Health Issues in Aboriginal Communities: How Can it be Useful?’ in Oblin, Caroline, Laurence Kirmayer, Kathryn Gill and Elizabeth Robinson (eds.) Widening the Circle: Collaborative Research for Mental Health Promotion in Native Communities. Proceedings of a conference organized by the Culture and Mental Health Research Unit. Montreal, McGill University.


1991 ‘Spatial Organization in Social Formation and Symbolic Action: Fijian and Canadian


Reports


1993 (with Marty Weinstein, and David Denton) An Inhabited Wilderness. The Land Use of the Whapmagoostui Cree of Great Whale River, Quebec. For the Whapmagoostui Band Council and the Grand Council of the Cree (of Quebec).


1981 Establishing a Native Language Education Policy. Prepared for La Commission Scolaire Crie, Val d’Or, Quebec.


Miscellaneous Scholarly Publications

1997 ‘Foreword’ First Aboriginal Artists of Newfoundland and Labrador. St. John’s, St. John’s Native Friendship Centre.

1992 ‘Foreword’ in Dorothy Burnham To Please the Caribou. Painted Caribou-skin coats worn by the Naskapi, Montagnais and Cree hunters of the Quebec-Labrador Peninsula. Toronto, Royal Ontario Museum, vii-ix.


Book Reviews


1990 Land and Differentiation in Rural Fiji by John Overton. Pacific Affairs


1985 Old Trails and New Directions: Papers of the Third North American Fur Trade Conference. Edited by Carol Judd and Arthur Ray; and Partners in Furs. A History of the Fur Trade in
Eastern James Bay, 1600 - 1870. by Daniel Francis and Toby Morantz. *American Indian History.*


**Lectures, Conference Presentations and Unpublished Papers**

2011 'Architecture Without Rooms. Northern Canadian Cree Dwellings, and their Implications for Sociability and Privacy.' Presentation in the session 'On Algonquian Material Culture' at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 18, Montreal, QC.

2010 'Why a Cree Miiwhwapaq is not a Tipi: Nomadic Hunters and Disposable Architecture.' Presentation at the 42nd Algonquian Conference, October 21-24, Memorial University, St John's, NL.

2009 ‘Research on Collective and Individual Land Tenure in Rural Fiji’ Lecture and PowerPoint presentation given at the Department of Anthropology Memorial University.

2008. 'Why a Miichwaap is not a Teepee. Architecture in the Context of Disposable Material Culture.' Presentation at the conference 'Exploring Domestic Spaces in the Circumpolar North.' Centre for Sami Studies, University of Tromsø, 2-5 Oct, Tromsø, Norway.


2007 *Local Knowledge and Practice in Subarctic Land Use. Paper given at Archaeological Invisibility and Forgotten Knowledge Conference, 5 - 8 Sept 2007, University of Lodz, Poland*

2005 ‘Why Anthropology Slept; the Engineering of Aboriginal Social Suffering’. Paper given at the annual meeting of National Network For Aboriginal Mental Health Research, Vancouver, B.C.

2005 ‘Local and Global Knowledge and Communication in Planning.’ Presentation to the Smithers Symposium on Mountain Community Development: Planning for Tourism, Amenity Migration and Resorts, organized by the School of Environmental Planning, University of Northern British Columbia.

2005 "Can GIS Incorporate Cross-Cultural Spatial Knowledge?" Seminar presentation, Department of Geomatics Engineering, University of Calgary.

2004 ‘Can Traditional Knowledge be Captured using GIS?’ Paper presented at the conference GIS, Culture, and Change in Canada's "Little North", organized by The Canadian Studies Program and the Geographic Information Science Center (GISC), University of California at Berkeley.


2000 ‘The Ouje-Bougamou Cree of James Bay - their environment, history and culture.’ Invited lecture to course on the Ouje-Bougamou Cree, Antioch New England Graduate School, Keene, New Hampshire, February 17.


2000 ‘Ontology, Cultural Barriers and the Healing Movement’ Seminar presentation, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College, March 2.


1996 ‘Fiji’s “Little War”: Contending Representations of Power in a Colonial Regime’ Paper presented to the annual meetings, Canadian Anthropology Society, Brock University, St Catherines, Ontario, June.

1996 ‘Field Technology in Central Viti Levu, Fiji’ Paper presented (in absentia) to the annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Kona, Big Island, Hawaii, March.

1995. ‘The Flip Side of Functionalism; Self Government and Social Healing among the Innu’ Paper given at the annual meetings, Canadian Anthropology Society, Montreal, June.


1995 ‘Qualitative Data, Evaluation and Anthropology’ Invited address to the monthly meeting of the Newfoundland Chapter, Canadian Evaluation Society.

1994. ‘Recent Research in Central Viti Levu, Fiji’ Faculty Seminar, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, June.


1993 ‘Regional Identity and Regional History: The Colo region of Viti Levu, Fiji.’. In a session on Regional Histories, at the Annual Meetings, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Kona, Big Island, Hawaii, March, 1993.


1992 ‘The Making and Unmaking of a Region; the Western Interior of Viti Levu’. In the session ‘Regional Histories’ organized by Dan Jorgenson at the Annual Conference of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, New Orleans, USA, February.

1992 ‘Social Science and Educational Autonomy among the East Cree’. In a session ‘Aboriginal Governance’ organized by Colin Scott, Montreal, May.

1992 ‘Post-Modern Social Science and Social Impact Assessment’ Memorial University, Anthropology Department, Faculty Seminar, March.

1992 ‘Local and National Identity Markers in Savatu’. In the session ‘Tradition, Custom and Social Classes in the Contemporary Pacific’, organized by Christine Jourdain, at the Annual
Meetings of the Canadian Anthropology Society, Montreal, May.


1991 ‘Indigenous Nationalism and Ethnic Competition; the View from the Fijian Hills’. Memorial University, Anthropology Department, Faculty Seminar. April.

1991 ‘Dialects of Symbolism and the Dialectics of Custom’ in a Session on Custom Today, at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Victoria, B.C., April.


1990 ‘Northern Political Solidarities: Groupings, Representations, Interests and Ideologies.’ Paper presented at the Quebec - Russia Colloquium on Northern Political Development, Ob River, Western Siberia, July.


1990 ‘Hidden in Plain Sight; History and Culture in the Generation of Ethnic Nationalism’ Paper presented at a Conference on Ethnic nationalism World-wide, at the University of Toronto, December.

1990 ‘Custom and Change in the Western Interior of Viti Levu, Fiji.’ Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Kauai, Hawaii. March.


1987 ‘Structure and Performance in Fijian Yaqona (Kava) Drinking’ Paper given at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Ethnology Society, Université Laval, Quebec, May.
1987 ‘Spatial Organization in Social Formation and Symbolic Action: Fijian and Canadian Examples.’ Paper given at an International Conference on Social Space, Aarhus University, Denmark, October.


**Current Research**

1986 (ongoing) Principal Researcher. *Cultural codes and representations in Central Viti Levu, Fiji* Initially a three-year project funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

**Recent Consultancies**

2009 Expert Advisor. A Critical Analysis of the Relationship between Innu and Inuit in Southern Labrador, ca. 1500 to 1900 CE. With Scott Neilson and Peter Ramsden, for the Labrador Metis Nation.

2008-9 Consultant and Expert Witness. Mistissni Territory East Of The Height Of Land. For a court case before the Superior Court of Quebec.


2004 – 2009 Principal Investigator. The Domestic Fishery among the Cree of Quebec. A project under the joint direction of the Cree Regional Authority and the Cree Health Board of Quebec.

2003-05 Consultant. *Nadoshtin Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program*. Funded under the Nadoshtin Agreement between the Government of Quebec and the Cree Regional Authority of Quebec, for approximately $2.5 million.

1999 Consultant and expert witness. *Impact of commercial forestry on Quebec Cree management of hunting territories*. For the Grand Council of the Cree (Iyou Aschee). In relation to a case that was before the courts, since subject to a negotiated settlement.

**Recently Completed Research**

2002 – 13 Co-investigator. *National Network For Aboriginal Mental Health Research*, Directed by Dr. Laurence Kirmayer, funded initially for four years by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, at approximately $170,000 per year.

1996 to 2002 Research Associate. *The Healing Movement and Religion among the Cree of Quebec*. A research project of the Native Mental Health Team, directed by Dr Laurence Kirmayer, of the Culture and Mental Health Research Unit, Institute of Community and Family
Psychiatry, McGill University, Montreal, and funded by Conseil québécois de la recherche sociale.


2002 – 05 Principle Researcher *Moose Cree Forest Knowledge Network*. Funded by the Sustainable Forest Management Network, for approximately $160,000.

2001- 04 Research Associate. *Values Added. The Roles of Contributions and Inter-relationship of Communities and the Voluntary Sector*. A joint project between Memorial University and the Community Services Council of Newfoundland and Labrador. Directed by P. Rowe. Funded by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council CURA Program at approximately $200,000 per year.


1992 - 1996 Principal Researcher *The Contemporary M’ikmaq Communities of Newfoundland* With Dorothy Anger. Research undertaken for the Federation of Newfoundland Indians in connection with a court case seeking Indian Act registration. Funding through Department of Justice, Canada.

1992 Research Associate *Social and Cultural Aspects of the Feasibility of the Relocation of the Community of Utshimassit (Davis Inlet), Labrador*. With Ann Wilkie (Mclaren Plansearch and Terpstra and Associates). Funding from Department of Municipal Affairs, Government of Newfoundland.


1990-93 Consultant *Great Whale River Innu Land Use and Culture*. Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed Great Whale River Hydro-Electric project. For the Grand Council of the Crees (of Quebec).

University Service

Member of the Memorial University Interdisciplinary Committee on Ethics in Human Research. 2006 to 2011

2010 to Present. Co-convenor, Research Exchange Group on Rural, Northern, and Aboriginal Health

Professional Service

2013 to Present. Member of the Awards to Scholarly Publications Program Committee, Federation of the Social Sciences and Humanities of Canada.

1980-1982 Member-at-Large, Canadian Ethnology Society

1975-1976 CSAA Representative, Social Science Research Council

1973-1976 Councillor, Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association

Community Service

1979 to 1992 Co-founder and director, Native Peoples Support Group of Newfoundland and Labrador.

1995 to Present. Member of the Board, and since 2008 VP Land and Legal, East Coast Trail Association.

2004 to Present. Member of the Board of Directors, and since 2007 Vice President, Hike Canada en Marche (The National Trail Hiking organization).

2013 to Present. One of the Founding Members of the Board of Directors, Social Justice Cooperative of Newfoundland and Labrador.