
AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

- Social networking
 - Gifts and reciprocity
 - Personhood and relationality
 - Roleplaying games
 - Biocultural anthropology
 - Science and society
 - Evolution and culture
 - Genetics and society
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2007 – **Ethnographic Consultant, Amb:IT:ion.** *Manchester Digital Development Authority,*
2009 *Arts Council-East & Arts Council-Northwest,* Cambridge and Manchester, England.
- Conducted ethnographic evaluation of a £1.2 million (\$2.0 million) publicly funded digital technologies initiative encompassing 18 arts organizations in the U.K.
 - Designed and managed a 1½ year program of qualitative research and analysis.
 - Produced internal and public-facing reports vital to the successful implementation of the client’s goal of enabling digital change management in the arts sector.
- 2004 – ***Making Relations—PhD fieldwork,*** Cambridge, UK.
2006
- An investigation of the sociocultural meanings of ‘social networking’ in the high-tech cluster in and around Cambridge, England. Conducted long-term ethnographic fieldwork including participant observation, and collected interviews, artifacts, documents, and stories related to social networking.
- 2001– ***Academics and Infidels: Conceptual Constructions of Science, Democracy, and the Other in U.S.***
2002 ***Creation/Evolution Debates—Senior Honors Thesis.***
- Conducted six months of archival and multi-sited ethnographic fieldwork with anti-evolutionist student groups and as a volunteer at the pro-evolution National Center for Science Education.
- 2001 **Summer Research Apprenticeship,** *Office for the History of Science and Technology (OHST), U.C. Berkeley.*
- Conducted archival research for an OHST study of the history of research funding and administration at U.C. Berkeley.
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PUBLICATIONS

- 2012 **Evoking Ignorance: Abstraction and Anonymity in Social Networking’s Ideals of Reciprocity.** *In The Anthropology of Ignorance: An Ethnographic Approach.* C. High, A. Kelly, and J. Mair, eds. Pp. 87–118. Culture, Mind, and Society series. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2010 **AAA 2009: Building Skills.’** *Anthropology Today* 26(2):26–27.
- 2009 (with Lee Wilson) **‘Naked Ambition: Final Report of the Critical Ethnographic Evaluation of Amb:IT:ion’.** *Getambition.com.* <http://www.getambition.com/resources/final-report-naked-ambition/>.
- 2008 (with Lee Wilson) **‘Whose Amb:IT:ion? First interim evaluation report of the Amb:IT:ion project’.** <http://www.getambition.com/resources/first-interim-report-whose-ambition/>.
- 2007 **Review of *Frontiers of Capital: Ethnographic Reflections on the New Economy* (Melissa S. Fisher and Greg Downey, eds. 2006).** *Cambridge Anthropology* 26(3):80–82.
- 2005 (with Lee Wilson) **‘Ethics at Home—A Non-Conference Report.’** *Anthropology Today* 21(2):24–25.
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PAPERS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

“A Brief History of “Big Data”: Answering Calls of Uncertainty, Progress, and the Stochastic Self.” Presented at *New Subjectivities* at AAA Annual Meeting, 24 Nov. 2013, Chicago, IL.

“From ‘Small Picture’ View, to ‘Big Picture’ View: Big Data’s Historical Roots and Personhood.” Presented at *“Big Data”: Symbols, Practices, and Epistemic Uncertainties* at Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting, 11 Oct. 2013, San Diego, CA.

“Brass Grates and Widows’ Lace: Folk Models of Networking as Connection.” Presented at *Imagined Crossings: Ethnographic Reflections on New Idioms of Connection and the Re-Imagination of Boundaries* at AAA Annual Meeting, 18 Nov., 2012, San Francisco, CA.

Co-Organizer of *Imagined Crossings: Ethnographic Reflections on New Idioms of Connection and the Re-Imagination of Boundaries* at AAA Annual Meeting, 18 Nov., 2012, San Francisco, CA.

“Reckoning the Familiar: Social Networks, Social Theory and Explaining the Social.” Presented at *Theory in Dialogue: When Our Informants Read the Same Books We Do* at AAA Annual Meeting, 2 Dec. 2009, Philadelphia, PA.

“Evoking Ignorance: Knowing and Unknowing Network Others in a U.K. Biocluster.” Paper presented at *Anthropology of Ignorance and Unknowing*, 22 Sept. 2009, St. John’s College, Cambridge, UK.

“Deficient Brain, Extraordinary Self: Triangulating Subjective Experience, Social Persons, and Biological Selves in Para-Ethnographic Accounts of ADD and ADHD—An Exploratory Study.” Paper presented at *Vital Politics III*, 16 Sep. 2009, London School of Economics, UK.

“Reflexive Scepticism and Ethnographic Familiars: Finding Something to Say in the Network.” Paper presented at the *10th European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference*, 27 Aug. 2008, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

“The Network Never Fails, People Fail to Network.” Paper presented at *Technologies of Surveillance: Fear, Faith and Expertise in U.S. Context*, AAA Annual Meeting, 9 Dec. 2007, Washington, DC.

“Exchanging Relations and Public Good: ‘Social Networking’ in the Bioeconomy.” Paper presented at *Public Knowledge*, 29 Jun. 2007, CRESC, University of Manchester, UK.

“Self Interest / Public Good.” Paper presented at *Dark Places—Corporate Personae*. Sponsored by the Arts Catalyst and SCAN, 30 May 2007, SPACE Gallery, The Triangle, London, UK. Paper delivered as part of an artistic experiment in corporate “identity correction” through artistic practice. Organized and performed by Lucy Panesar.

“Concealing Connections: Networks and Purification in U.K. biotechnology Policy.” Paper presented at *Locating Technoscience: Spaces of Secrecy and Transparency*, 29 Mar. 2007, University of Sussex, Falmer, UK.

“Teaching Anthropology as ‘Troublesomeness’: Notes on Instruction and the Notion of Threshold Concepts.” Co-authored with Lee Wilson. Paper presented at *Transforming Perspectives Seminar Series B: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Threshold Concepts*, 15 Jan. 2007, St. John’s College, Cambridge, UK.

“Making Health and Wealth in the Bioeconomy: Innovation, Knowledge, and Public Good.” Paper presented at *9th European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference*, 17 Sep. 2006, University of Bristol, UK.

“The Effect of Effects: Questioning Causal Assumptions in the Analysis of Innovation Based Bioscience Health Policies in the UK.” Paper presented at *Innovative Healthcare Initiatives and Their Effects*, AAA Annual Meeting, 1 Dec. 2005, Washington, DC.

“A Successful Future: Networking, Innovation, and the Market as a Moral Agent in Cambridge Bioscience (Notes from the Field).” Invited seminar paper delivered at *Chimera Institute for Socio-Technical Innovation and Research*, 12 Apr. 2005, Ipswich, UK.
