

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Anthropology, Brandeis University, 2000.
M.A. in Anthropology, Brandeis University, 1992.
M.A. in Sociology, Jagiellonian University (Krakow, Poland), 1975.

SUBDISCIPLINARY FIELDS

Linguistic anthropology, anthropology of self and emotion, colonial theory,
Caribbean studies.

RESEARCH TOPICS AND MAJOR TEACHING INTERESTS

Political economy of language, linguistic ideologies, gender and emotion, politics
of representation, postcolonial selves, creole languages, plantation societies,
Caribbean art and belief systems.

PUBLICATIONS

- 1999 “‘A Broke-up Mirror’: Representing Bajan in Print,” Cultural Anthropology
14(1):61-87.
- 1998 Review of Silverstein and Urban, Natural Histories of Discourse, American
Ethnologist 25(4):751-752.
- 1998 Review of Fishman, Conrad, and Rubal-Lopez, Post-Imperial English: Status
Change in Former British and American Colonies, 1940-1990, Journal of
Linguistic Anthropology 8(2):255-257.
- 1997 Review of Brenneis and Macauley, The Matrix of Language, Journal of Linguistic
Anthropology 7(1):139.
- 1977 “Cyganie Nowotarszczyzny: Sytuacja Wspolczesna i Kierunki Przemian.” [The

Gypsies of Nowy Targ Region: Current Situation and the Trends of Change], Ethnografia Polska. Vol 22/2.

Forthcoming

Review of Hanks Intertexts: Writings on Language, Utterance, and Context, American Ethnologist, Fall 2001.

“Banksby and Lord Simpleton Get Madly Gay: Dueling Colonial Voices in a Barbadian Burlesque.” AAA Annual Meetings, 2001, Washington, DC.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2001 “Old Modernities and New: Language, Alienation, and Postcolonial Selves in Barbados.” Presented at the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, and at the Anthropology Department of the University of South Carolina.
- 2000 “Old Modernities and New: Modernity and Language in the Caribbean.” AAA Annual Meetings, 2000, San Francisco, CA.
- 1999 “Selves and Others Through Language.” AAA Annual Meetings, November 1999, Chicago, IL.
- 1998 “How Transient Encounters Matter: Tourism and Language Change in Barbados.” AAA Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1997 “‘Flying at half-mast’: Voices, Genres, and Orthographies in Barbadian Creole.” AAA Annual Meetings, Washington, DC.
- 1996 “Writing on the Margins: Imprinted Evidence of Barbadian Creole.” AAA Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- 1996 “‘A Broke-up Mirror’: Representing Barbadian Creole in Print.” Brandeis University Conference on Language and Ideology, Waltham, MA.
- 1995 “Madame, You are Impeding the Party: Narrating Sociolinguistic Boundaries in Barbados.” AAA Annual Meetings, Washington, DC.
- 1995 “Adjusting to Suit: The Politics of Discourse in a Barbadian Village.” Brandeis University; sponsored by the Department of Latin American Studies and the Department of Anthropology.

Works in Progress (book):

“Articulating Subjects: Language, Colonialism, and Identity in the British West Indies” (working title).

Works in Progress (articles):

“Old Modernities and New: Language, Alienation, and Postcolonial Selves in Barbados.”

“‘Flying at half-mast’: Voices, Genres, and Orthographies in Barbadian Creole.”

“Bajan and English: The Politics of Representation and the Linguistic Awareness of Creole Speakers.”

“Emblems of Inequality: Bajan, English, and Social Identities.”

“Poetics and Performance in Barbadian Oratory.”

Works in Progress: (reviews)

Review of Duranti, Linguistic Anthropology: A Reader, for Journal of Royal

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2001- Assistant Professor, Anthropology Department, and core faculty, Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina,
- 2000-2001 Lecturer, Anthropology Department, Brandeis University (courses: “Introduction to Anthropological Linguistics,” “Language in American Life,” “Mind, Self, and Emotion in Culture,” “Language, Ethnicity, and Nationalism.”)
- 1999- 2000 Lecturer, Anthropology Department, Yale University (courses: “Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean,” “Gender, Discourse, and the Politics of Emotion,” “Language and Colonialism,” “Jamaican Patwa in Global, Urban Settings,” “Language, Culture, and Society.”)
- 1998 Lecturer, Sociology and Anthropology Department, Tufts University.
- 1996-7 Editorial Assistant, Journal of Linguistic Anthropology.
- 1995 The University Prize Instructor at the Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University.
- 1994-6 Teaching Assistant, Brandeis University, American Studies Department.
- 1989-92 Teaching Assistant, Brandeis University, Department of Anthropology.
- 1990 Research Assistant, American Bar Foundation.
- 1984-86 Assistant Professor, Jagiellonian University (Krakow, Poland), Department of

- Anthropology.
- 1979-83 Assistant Manager, Danafco Farms (Accra, Ghana).
- 1976 Instructor, University of Warsaw (Poland), Institute of Education.
- 1977-9 Research Assistant, Polish Academy of Science, Institute of Sociology.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

External Grants

- 1994 Sigma Xi, predoctoral grant-in-aid of research
- 1993 Research Institute for the Study of Man, Ruth Landes Award for Dissertation Research.

Brandeis Awards, Grants, and Honors

- 1995 Frances and Jeffrey Sachar Fund, grants in aid of research
- 1994 University Prize Instructorship, The Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences.
- 1994 Robert Manners Award for the Best Specialist Essay, an honorary distinction
- 1994 Department of Latin American Studies, Jane's Travel Grant.
- 1992 Sachar Grant for Dissertation Research.
- 1988-93 Anthropology Fellowship.
- 1987-95 Anthropology Scholarship.

FIELD RESEARCH

- 1994, 1992 Barbados (dissertation research).
- 1990 Law School Project (American Bar Foundation, principal investigator: Dr. Elizabeth Mertz).
- 1976 Research in a small-town cultural association (Polish Academy of Science, principal investigator: Dr. L. Szwengrub).
- 1973-4 M.A. thesis research among Bargitka Roma, Polish Gypsies.

LANGUAGES

English, Polish, Russian, Bajan, French (reading)

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

American Anthropological Association, Society for Cultural Anthropology, Society for Linguistic Anthropology, American Ethnological Society, Society for Pidgin and Creole Languages, Linguistic Society of America, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, Society for Caribbean Linguistics.

REFERENCES

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