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Curriculum Vitae

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Specialization: Cultural Anthropology

- Social/Cultural theory
- Anthropology and history, colonial and postcolonial societies, religion, media, modernity, and globalization
- Nationalism, populism/neopopulism, the state
- Venezuela, Latin America

Education:

- 2004 Dancing Jacobins: A Genealogy of Latin American Populism (Venezuela 1810-2003),
Ph.D dissertation University of Amsterdam
- 1993 Ph.D. candidate, University of Amsterdam
Faculty Political, Social & Cultural Sciences
- 1985 M.A. in Anthropology, University of Chicago
Thesis: "The Red-Box Money Cult: A Re-analysis"
- 1983 Ohio University
Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute
Intensive course in Tagalog (10 weeks)
- 1981 B.A. University of California at Santa Barbara
Summa Cum Laude.
- 1974-76 Universidad Central de Venezuela
Department of Sociology
- 1971-72 Universidad Central de Ecuador
Department of Sociology

Research Experience:

- 2012 Fieldresearch in Caracas, Venezuela (1 month)

- 2006 Fieldresearch in Caracas, Venezuela (4 months)
- 2005 Fieldresearch in Caracas, Venezuela (3 months)
- 2004 Fieldresearch in Caracas, Venezuela (3 months)
- 1994-96 Archival and field research in Venezuela (15 months),
(Andes, Maracay, Yaracuy, Caracas)
- 1985 Archival and field research in Bolivia (2 months)
(Archivo Nacional de Bolivia, Sucre; visits to several
Indian communities in the Departments of Sucre and Potosi)
- 1974-78 Research Assistant at the Centro de Planificacion del
Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas y
Tecnologicas de Venezuela (CONICIT)
(projects dealing with: technological dependency,
transference of technology to third world countries,
scientific and technological policies)

Publications:

- Dancing Jacobins: A Venezuelan Genealogy of Populism in Latin America, Fordham University Press (forthcoming fall 2015)
- 2010 "Le Peuple de l'Amour et Le Peuple de la Merde," (with Claudio Lomnitz), *Vacarme* 10(50): 78-81
- 2009 "Antisemitismo Bolivariano," Claudio Lomnitz and Rafael Sánchez, *Nexos* 380 (August), pp.61-67
- 2009 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Pentecostals in Caracas, Venezuela" in Birgit Meyer, ed. *Religion, Media and the Question of Community* Palgrave, pp.225-46
- 2009 "Bolivarian Antisemitism " (with Claudio Lomnitz), *The Boston Review of Books*, June-July
- 2008 "Bones of Contention: Violence, Monumentality, and the State-as-Detective in Chavez's Venezuela" in *Subjetividades Colectivas y Globalizacion: Fronteras, Diasporas y Naciones*. Textos de Referencia. XVIII Conferencia de la Academia de la Latinidad
- 2008 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Pentecostals in Caracas, Venezuela" *Public Culture*, Volume 20, Number 2, Spring 2008
- 2006 "Intimate Publicities: Retreating the Politico-Theological in the Chávez Regime in Venezuela" in Lawrence Sullivan and Hent de Vries, eds *Political Theologies: Globalization and Post-Secular Reason* New York, NY Fordham University Press
- 2000 "Channel Surfing: Media, Mediumship, and State Authority in the Maria Lionza Cult, Venezuela" In Hent de Vries and Samuel Weber, eds. *Religion and Media*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, pp.388-434

- 1994 "The Gomez Effect: State Fetishism in Venezuela since the Turn of the Century," *ASCA Brief 2*, Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, Theory, and Interpretation, University of Amsterdam

Papers and Presentations:

- 2015 "Monuments and Crowds," Conference on "Crowds and Citizenries in Latin America, Columbia University (February)
- 2013 "Monuments and Crowds," American Anthropological Meetings, Chicago (November)
- 2013 Co-Organizer of Invited Session "Crowds and Citizenries in Latin America," American Anthropological Meetings, Chicago (November)
- 2012 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Pentecostals in Caracas, Venezuela," Conference on Religion, Social Movements, and Zones of Crisis in Latin America, Boston University (April)
- 2009 "The People's Mortal Body: Physicality in Hugo Chavez's Radical Populism in Today's Venezuela, American Anthropological Meetings, San Francisco (November)
- 2009 "Bones of Contention: Excrements, Monumentality, and the State-as-Detective in Chavez's Venezuela," Conference "Gazing at Bolivar's Body: The Culture and Politics of the Body in Venezuela," Rice University (November)
- 2008 "Notes on 'The Utopian' Today," with Patricia Spyer, "Future Tense" workshop WISER, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (July)
- 2007 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Pentecostals in Caracas (Venezuela) Today," Center for Contemporary Theory, University of Chicago (October)
- 2007 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Pentecostals in Caracas (Venezuela) Today," Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University (May)
- 2007 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Pentecostals in Caracas (Venezuela) Today," Franz Boas Seminar, Columbia University, Department of Anthropology (February)
- 2006 "Intimate Publicities: Retreating the Theological-Political in the Chávez Regime" Center for Religion and Media, New York University (December)
- 2006 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Pentecostals in Caracas, Venezuela," Graduate Workshop of Anthropology of Latin America and the Caribbean (WALAC), University of Chicago (November)
- 2006 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Pentecostals in Caracas, Venezuela" Department of Anthropology, New York University (November)

- 2006 "Subjects Without Objects" Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA (November)
- 2005 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Evangelists in Caracas (Venezuela) Today" Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC (November)
- 2005 "Seized by the Spirit: The Mystical Foundation of Squatting among Evangelists in Caracas (Venezuela) Today" Wits Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa (October)
- 2004 "Intimate Publicities: Retreating the Political-Theological in the Chávez Regime in Venezuela" Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco (November, alternative AAA panel at Columbia University)
- 2004 "Una Genealogía del Populismo Venezolano: El Caso Venezolano", Anthropology Department, Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas (IVIC), Venezuela (October)
- 2004 "El Baile de los Jacobinos: Populismo y Cuestión Jacobina en Venezuela", Coordinación de Posgrado, Universidad Simón Bolívar, Venezuela (October)
- 2004 "Intimate Publicities: Retreating the Politico-Theological in the Chávez Regime (Venezuela)," Anthropology Department, University of Chicago (April)
- 2004 "Intimate Publicities: Retreating the Politico-Theological in the Chávez Regime (Venezuela)" Anthropology Department, University of California-Berkeley (March)
- 2004 "Intimate Publicities: Retreating the Politico-Theological in the Chavez Regime in Venezuela," "Religion, Media, and Public Sphere" seminar, University of Amsterdam (January)
- 2003 "The Shattered Mirror", "Religion, Media, and Public Sphere" seminar, University of Amsterdam (March)
- 2002 Discussant, Conference on "Political Subjectivization," CERI, University of Paris (October)
- 2001 "Panty Politics: Retreating the Politico-Theological in the Chavez Regime (Venezuela)," Conference on "Religion, Media, and the Public Sphere, University of Amsterdam (December)
- 2001 "Panty Politics: Retreating the Politico-Theological in the Chavez Regime (Venezuela)," Conference on "Political Theologies," ASCA, University of Amsterdam (June)
- 1999 "Serially Yours: The Statues of the Ruler in Nineteenth-Century Venezuela," Seminar on "Globalization" sponsored by the Netherlands Foundation for Tropical Research (WOTRO) (March)
- 1998 "The Queen of the Masses: People, State, and Television in the Maria Lionza Cult,

- Venezuela," Conference on "Religion and Media," Chateau de la Bretesche, Bretagne, France (September)
- 1998 "Plaza Bolivar: The Public Square as Fantasy Space of the Nation," Conference on "Fantasy Spaces," University of Amsterdam (August)
- 1997 "Zapping through Possession: The Maria Lionza Cult in Venezuela," Conference on "Religion and Media," UCLA Paris Program and University of Amsterdam, Paris, France (December)
- 1997 "Channel Surfing: Media, Mediumship, and State Authority in the Maria Lionza Cult, Venezuela," Conference on "Globalization," Universidad de Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil (September)
- 1996 "Channel Surfing: Media, Mediumship, and State Authority in the Maria Lionza Cult, Venezuela, European Association for Social Anthropology (EASA) meetings in Barcelona, Spain (June)
- 1996 "The Gomez Effect: State Fetishism in Venezuela at the Turn of the Century," Seminar on "Globalization" sponsored by the Netherlands Foundation for Tropical Research (WOTRO), Amsterdam (April)
- 1990-93 Assorted lectures for the MAPSS Program (Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences), University of Chicago: on Michel Foucault, British Structural-Functionalism, Symbolic Interactionism.
- 1989 "Jesuit Fabrication of Idolatries and the Constitution of Colonial Subjects in XVIth and XVIIth Century Peru", paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Chicago, November 1989.
- 1988 "Combining Ethnographic and Market Research Methods for Translation", paper co-authored with Alisu Schoua-Glusberg, the 87th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Phoenix, November 1988.

Grants, Fellowships and Honors:

- 2014 Visiting Fellow, The School of Culture, History & Language, The Australia National University (June-July)
- 2006-7 Visiting Fellow, Center for Religion and Media, New York University
- 2006-7 Visiting Scholar Position, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (declined in favor of NYU)
- 2004-6 Postdoc Fellowship on "The Fate of Sovereignty in the City (Venezuela)" NWO PIONEER Program "Religion, Media, and the Public Sphere," University of Amsterdam (2 years)
- 1995-98 Ph.D. Scholarship for "The Gomez Effect: State Fetishism in Venezuela at the Turn of the Century," Research Centre Religion and Society, University of Amsterdam
- 1995 Fieldresearch grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

- 1995 Fieldresearch grant from the "Globalization Project," the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO)
- 1994 Research grant for "The Gomez Effect: State Fetishism in Venezuela at the turn of the Century", Research Center Religion and Society, University of Amsterdam
- 1988 MacArthur Summer Research Award, University of Chicago
Staedelman Overseas Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 1985-88 Consejo Nacional de la Cultura (CONAC) scholarship from Venezuela for graduate studies at the University of Chicago
- 1985 Tinker Travel Grant (summer 1985 - Bolivia)
- The Roy D. Albert Prize for "outstanding" work in the field of Anthropology" awarded annually by the Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago for M.A. Thesis
- 1981 Summa Cum Laude, University of California at Santa Barbara
- 1981-93 University of Chicago, tuition grants

Conferences Organized

- 2015 Crowds and Citizenries in Latin America, Columbia University, February (with Rihan Yeh)

Teaching and Related Work Experience:

- 2013- 2015 Lecturer (core faculty with tenure), Amsterdam University College, University of Amsterdam
- 2011-2013 Lecturer, Amsterdam University College, University of Amsterdam
- 2007-2011 Faculty Fellow/Lecturer, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies (CLACS), New York University
- 2006-2007 Visiting Fellow, Center for Religion and Media, New York University
- 2004-2006 Postdoctoral Fellow, PIONEER Research Program "Religion, Media, and the Public Sphere," University of Amsterdam
- 2002-2004 Research Associate, PIONEER Research Program "Religion, Media, and the Public Sphere," University of Amsterdam
- 1990-1993 Preceptor, University of Chicago, in the MAPSS Program (Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences), responsibilities included supervision of student M.A.

projects and writing, discussion sections of 'Perspectives'
social theory course, assorted lectures (see above).

- 1991-92 E.S.L. Instructor (English as a Second Language), Kennedy-King College, Chicago
- 1990 Cognitive Ethnographic Interviews of physicians to assess the adequacy of the AMA's (American Medical Association) Professional Activities Census, AMA, Chicago
- 1989-90 English G.E.D. Instructor (General Equivalency Diploma) Gadeshill Learning Center, Chicago (Pilsen)
- 1987-88 Editorial work in the Social Studies Program and the Foreign Language Program at Scott, Foresman & Co., Glenview, IL.
- 1986-87 E.S.L. Instructor, Casa Aztlan, cultural and community center, Chicago (Pilsen)
- 1974-78 Research Assistant at CONICIT, Venezuela
- 1974-76 Teaching assistant of introductory course in Cultural Anthropology, Universidad Central de Venezuela
- 1971-72 Teaching assistant of introductory course in Sociology, Universidad Central de Quito, Ecuador

Translation Work:

- 1999 Translation into Spanish of Mieke Bal's "A House for the Sleep of Reason" (Una Casa para El Sueño de la Razon), submitted for publication to Editorial Nerea, Madrid
- 1999 Translation into Spanish of Mieke Bal's essay "Beckoning Bernini," for a catalogue of the Louise Bourgeois exhibition, Museo Reina Sofia, Madrid (2000)
- 1999 Editing of several translated essays for the catalogue of the Louise Bourgeois exhibition, Museo Reina Sofia, Madrid (2000)
- 1992 Translation into Spanish of National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience--Round 14--NORC (National Opinion Research Center), Chicago
- 1991 Translation into Spanish of NEELS:88 (National Education Longitudinal Survey), NORC
- 1989 Translation into Spanish of National Health and Sexual Behavior Study, NORC
- 1989 NORC consultant for NLSB: moderated focus groups aimed at assessing hispanics' reactions to a survey on sex and sexual behavior. Also conducted focus groups to evaluate the quality of Spanish translation.
- 1989 Translation into Spanish of "Citizens' Social and Political Participation in America", NORC

- 1988 Complete revision of the translation into Spanish of The Impact of Intervention: The Dominican Republic During the U.S. Occupation of 1916-1924. Austin: University of Texas Press. Spanish translation appeared in the Dominican Republic (1989).
- 1987-88 Glossary Project, NORC consultant, moderated focus groups and conducted library research for a project aimed at preparing an English-Spanish glossary of common survey terminology for use with different dialects of Spanish
- 1987-1993 Other assorted translation projects for NORC, Scientific Surveys, and marketing companies

Media Appearances

Interview, El Nacional, 26 September 2004

Language Proficiencies:

Spanish: native speaker
 English: reading, writing, speaking (fluent)
 French: reading (good)
 Portuguese: reading (good)
 Italian: reading (good)