

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ph.D. 1986 University of Michigan (Anthropology)
M.A. 1979 University of Michigan (Anthropology)
B.A. 1975 Princeton University (English Literature and Creative Writing)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2014-present James N. Lambert '39 Professor of Anthropology
2012-2013 Fulbright Professor, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities,
Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
2008-2014 W. Van Alan Clark '41 Third Century Professor of the Social Sciences,
Williams College
2009 Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities,
Charles University, Prague Czech Republic (Spring Term)
2003-2008 Carl W. Vogt '58 Professor of Anthropology, Williams College
2000-2003 Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Williams College
1995-2000 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology,
Williams College
1989-1996 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology,
Williams College
1988-1989 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Washington
University, St. Louis, Missouri

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2015-2017 Chair, Committee on Educational Affairs, Williams College
2016-2017 Member, Reaccreditation Committee, Williams College
2013-2014 Member, Committee on Academic Standing, Williams College
2008-2009 Member, Committee on Honor and Discipline, Williams College
2001-2003 Member, Committee on Appointments and Promotions, Williams College
2000-2002 Chair, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Williams College
2000-2003 Member, Strategic Planning Coordinating Committee, Williams College
2000-2001 Chair, Faculty Steering Committee, Williams College
1999-2000 Member, Faculty Candidate Interview Panel, Williams College
1995-1998 Associate Dean, Office of the Dean of the College, Williams College

- 1995-1998 Member, Committee on Academic Standing & Advisory Group on Admissions and Financial Aid, Williams College
- 1990-1994 Member, Tenure Review Panel; Faculty Compensation Committee; Residential College Study Steering Committee; African and Middle East Studies Advisory Committee, Williams College

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- 2016 Panelist, Afghanistan, the U.S., and Russia: Then and Now, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
- 2013 Panel Chair, Prague TransAtlantic Talks 2013: NATO in Afghanistan and Beyond: Search for a Mission, Quest for Capabilities, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2013 Invited Participant, The Afghan Crisis in Perspective: Understanding the Vectors of Social Change, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2012 External Review Committee, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Middlebury College
- 2006-2011 Board member, Families of September 11th.
- 2001-2009 More than 50 talks and presentations to community groups, churches, high schools, colleges and universities on the current situation in Afghanistan
- 2001-2009 Interviews and featured articles on Afghanistan with *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Newsday*, *Kansas City Star*, *Al-Ahram Weekly*, *Newsweek*, BBC, NPR, UPI, Reuters, and many other newspapers and radio and television stations.
- 2003-2005 Consultant to the Peter M. Goodrich Memorial Foundation (helped organize construction of a K-12 girls school in Muhammad Agha District, Logar Province, Afghanistan, which currently serves 400+ students; helped bring twelve Afghan students to U.S. for secondary and college education)
- 2005 Goodspeed Distinguished Lecturer. Dennison University.
- 2004-2005 Co-Director, Afghan Oral History Project, Kabul University (a training and research project sponsored by the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies & Kabul University)
- 2004-2006 Member, Executive Committee, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies
- 2003 Participant, State Reconstruction and International Engagement in Afghanistan, Bonn, Germany. Symposium organized by Crisis States Programme, Development Research Centre, London School of Economics & Center for Development Research, University of Bonn.
- 2003 Featured report on the Williams Afghan Media Project. *ABC Nightline* (Aired July, 2002).
- 2003 Participant, Workshop on Justice and Governance in War-Torn Societies. Organized by the Institute for Human Security, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University; the Governance in War-Torn Societies Project, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University; & Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP.

- 2003 Distinguished Lecturer in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology,
University of Illinois.
- 2002 Kuten Lecturer. Claremont McKenna Colleges.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2012-2013 Fulbright Fellowship, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2004-2005 Open Society Institute Fellowship
- 2003-2004 Carnegie Scholar, Carnegie Corporation of New York
- 1999 Williams Class of 1945 World Fellowship
- 1998-1999 National Endowment for the Humanities Resident Fellowship, School of
American Research, Santa Fe
- 1992-1993 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship
- Fall 1993 Visiting Research Fellowship, Center for Humanities, Wesleyan
University, Middletown, Connecticut
- 1992-1993 Herbert H. Lehman Fellowship, Center for the Humanities and Social
Sciences, Williams College
- 1987-1988 Andrew Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Washington Univ., St. Louis
- 1985-1986 Rackham Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 1982-83 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 1982-83 National Science Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

BOOKS

- 2017 *Caravan of Martyrs: Sacrifice and Suicide Bombing in Afghanistan*.
Oakland, CA: University of California Press.
- 2002 *Before Taliban: Genealogies of the Afghan Jihad*. Berkeley: University of
California Press.
- 1996 *Heroes of the Age: Moral Fault Lines on the Afghan Frontier*. Berkeley:
University of California Press.

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS (2015-2005)

- 2013 Counterinsurgency as a Cultural System. Reprinted in Paul A. Erickson
and Liam D. Murphy (editors), *Readings for a History of Anthropological
Theory* (fourth edition). University of Toronto Press.
- 2012 New Lessons from the Swat Pathans: State Building in Afghanistan, 1995-
2010. In Benjamin Hopkins & Magnus Marsden (editors), *Beyond Swat:
History, Society and Economy along the Afghanistan-Pakistan Frontier*.
Columbia University Press and Hurst Publishers.
- 2010 Counterinsurgency as a Cultural System. *Small Wars Journal* (Dec. 2010).
[http://smallwarsjournal.com/blog/2010/12/counterinsurgency-as-a-
cultural/](http://smallwarsjournal.com/blog/2010/12/counterinsurgency-as-a-cultural/).
- 2009 The Miracle of an Afghan Friend: The Mulla of Hadda. (Reprinted from
Heroes of the Age: Moral Fault Lines on the Afghan Frontier.) In John
Renard (editor), *Tales of God's Friends: Islamic Hagiography in
Translation*. University of California Press.

- 2007 Afghanistan, Ethnography, and the New World Order. Reprinted in Antonius C.G.M. Robben and Jeffrey A. Sluka (editors), *Ethnographic Fieldwork: An Anthropological Reader*. Blackwell. (2nd Edition published in 2012)
- 2005 Print Islam: Media and Religious Revolution in Afghanistan. Reprinted in June Nash (editor), *Social Movements: An Anthropological Reader*. Blackwell.
- 2005 Mad Mullas and Englishmen. Reprinted in Fernando Coronil & Julie Skurski (editors), *States of Violence*. University of Michigan Press.

LECTURES (2016-2009)

- 2016 Zhawar, Jaji, Jalalabad: Forgotten Battles that Created the Landscape of Contemporary Jihad. Afghanistan, the U.S., and Russia: Then and Now, Harriman Institute, Columbia University.
- 2014 ‘The Perfect Counterinsurgent’: The Making and Breaking of Major Jim Gant,” Invited Lecture. Maxwell School of Public Diplomacy, Syracuse University.
- 2014 Fieldwork in ‘Battle Space’: A Modest Proposal to Rename What We Do. Embedded! Archaeologists and Anthropologists in Modern Landscapes of Conflict. Conference sponsored by the Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University.
- 2014 Sightlines of Moviemaking in Kabul. American Ethnological Society & Society for Visual Anthropology Spring Meetings: In/visibility: Projects, Media, Politics. Boston.
- 2011 Khyberspace: Conceptualizing Afghan States and Frontiers in the Age of Wikileaks and Drones. ‘Engaging Afghanistan’ Conference. Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University.
- 2011 Statebuilding in Post-Taliban Afghanistan. Annual Meeting of the Asian Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2010 New Lessons from the Swat Pathans: State Building in Afghanistan, 1995-2010. ‘Rethinking the Swat Pathan’ Conference. School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London.
- 2010 Counterinsurgency as a Cultural System. ‘Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions’ Conference. Mershon Center for International Security, Ohio State University.
- 2009 Should I Stay or Should I Go? President Obama’s Afghan Problem. International Studies Colloquium, Williams College.
- 2009 Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan. Invited Lecture. College of New Jersey.
- 2009 Violence and Political Legitimacy in Afghanistan. Roundtable on ‘Building Political Legitimacy in Afghanistan’. South Asian Studies Council, MacMillan Center, Yale University.
- 2009 Navigating Human Terrain: On Anthropology and Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan. Ernest Gellner Invited Seminar, Czech Society of Anthropology, Prague, Czech Republic.

- 2009 Reinventing Counterinsurgency in Iraq and Afghanistan (with Frantisek Sulc, *Lidové noviny*). International Security Studies Program, Metropolitan University, Prague.
- 2009 Slip-Sliding Away: On Navigating the Human Terrain: Counterinsurgency Operations in Afghanistan. Invited Lecture. Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan.

FILM

- 2006 Co-Director and Producer (with Gregory Whitmore & Maliha Zulfacar), *Kabul Transit*. (82 minute Feature Documentary). Distributed by Bullfrog Films. (See <http://www.kabultransit.net>.)

SELECTED FESTIVALS & SCREENINGS

- 2006-2007 Invited Selection: Full Frame International Documentary Film Festival; Los Angeles Film Festival; Independents Night Series, Film Society of Lincoln Center; New York Arab & South Asian Film Festival; International Asian American Film Festival (San Francisco); Asian Film Festival (Barcelona); White River Junction Film Festival.
- 2006-2014 Screenings: American Center, Prague, Czech Republic; Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic; University of Ostrava, Czech Republic; Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic; University of Pennsylvania; Bennington College; Harvard University; University of Michigan; New York University in Prague; Dartmouth College; Boston University; Open Society Institute (Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia); California Polytechnic Institute; Johns Hopkins University; Afghanistan Research Evaluation Unit (Kabul); Tisch School of the Arts, New York University; Museum of Contemporary Art (La Jolla, CA); University of California-Santa Cruz; University of California-San Diego; Frontline Club, London; the Sanctuary for Independent Media (Troy, NY).

WEB & PHOTO

- 2001-2012 Director, Williams Afghan Media Project archive (<http://contentdm.williams.edu/wamp/>)
- 2010-2011 Advisor, September 11 Memorial Museum, New York City.
- 2008-2010 Advisor, Homeland Afghanistan website, Asia Society, New York. (<http://afghanistan.asiasociety.org>)
- 2002 Co-Curator. "Through Afghan Eyes: The Cultural Costs of War, 1987-1990." Asia Society, New York City (March-September, 2002). (<http://asiasociety.org/new-york/exhibitions/afghan-eyes-culture-conflict-1987-1992>)