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Education

- Ph. D. Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, July 2009
Dissertation: “In the World but Not of the World: Virtuous Economic Practices Among Mennonites in Lancaster County in Pennsylvania”
Advisor: Michael Chibnik
- M.A. Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, May 2002
Thesis: “Negotiating New Environments: Conservative Mennonite Responses to Diversification of Occupations”
Advisor: Scott Schnell
- M.A. American Studies, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, March 2000
Thesis: “‘The Amish and Us’: Amish Tour as Cultural Commentary”
Advisor: Keiko Ikeda
- B.A. Law, National Institution for Academic Degrees, Chiba, Japan, February 1999
(Currently the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation, Tokyo, Japan)

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Assistant Professor, August 2009-Present

Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

- Courses: “Culture and Consumption,” “Introduction to the Study of Culture and Society”
- Incorporation of peer writing tutoring system into course assignments

Adjunct Instructor, August 2009-Present

Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Welfare, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

- Courses: “Introduction to Anthropology,” “Cultural Anthropology through Ethnography”
- Collaboration with a social science librarian to assist students’ research projects

Teaching Experience, Continued

Adjunct Assistant Professor, August 2009-Present

Distance Learning Department, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

- Development of an online course “Understanding Cultures: Modern Japan”

Graduate Teaching Assistant, August 2008-May 2009

Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

- Responsible for teaching and grading two lecture sections (Fall 2008) and one drill section (Spring 2009) of the course “First Year Japanese”
- Used audio-visual materials with a course management system

Lecturer, August 2007-December 2007

Department of Anthropology, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

- Designed and taught “Anthropology of American Cultures Introduction to the Study of Culture”
- Facilitated mini-ethnographic research by students

Graduate Teaching Assistant, June 2006-August 2007

Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

- Taught “Introduction to the Study of Culture and Society” and “Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems”
- Used Civic Engagement Program website resources for an assignment about possible applications of anthropological perspectives

Graduate Teaching Assistant, January 2007-May 2007

Center for Teaching, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

- Assisted an international service-learning course “International Perspectives: Xicotepec”.
- Co-taught with professors from Colleges of Pharmacy and Engineering.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, August 2003-May 2004, August 2005-May 2006

Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

- Assisted large lecture classes of “Introduction to the Study of Culture and Society” with Professors Nanette Barkey, Rudolf Collorado-Mansfeld, and Erica Prussing
- Responsibilities included leading discussion sections (2-4 sections, 35-100 students per semester), grading papers and exams.

Part-time Teacher (English and Math), March 1999-June 2000

Daiichi Seminar, Osaka, Japan

- Taught English and Math to junior high school students 2-3 times a week.
- Graded and evaluated students’ progress in cultural and linguistic issues.

Research Experience

Graduate Assistant, August 2006-June 2007, June 2008-July 2008

Center for Teaching, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

- Organized a workshop on course development and syllabus construction.
- Assisted development of new edition of Handbook for Teaching Assistants (published summer 2007).
- Conducted research for the improvement of college-level instruction, including the development of teaching skills and use of teaching resources.

Graduate Research Assistant, August 2000-May 2003

Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

- Conducted an initial analysis of historical Japanese documents for Professor Scott Schnell's articles and book manuscripts.

Principal Research Assistant, June 1998-July 1998

Film Production Group: "Makiko's New World," Doshisha University and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Assisted collection of life histories and memories for ethnographic film.
- Coordinated staff schedules, equipment, and stage items.

Selected Grants and Awards

Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2007-2008

Young Center Graduate Summer Fellow, Elizabethtown College, August 2007

June Helm Award for Service and Excellence in Anthropology, University of Iowa Graduate Student Anthropological Association, May 2007

Honorable Mention in the Humanities Division, Jakobsen Graduate Conference, University of Iowa, March 2007

Obermann Graduate Fellow, Obermann Graduate Institute on Public Engagement and the Academy, University of Iowa, January 2007

Graduate College Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa, July 2005

Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship, Rotary International, August 2000-May 2002

Department of Anthropology Summer Research Fellowship, University of Iowa, April of 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004

Student Government Research Grant, University of Iowa, April of 2001 and 2003

Publication

J. C. Florman, C. Just, T. Naka, J. Peterson, H.H. Seaba.(2009). Bridging the Distance: Service Learning in International Perspective. *New Directions for Teaching and Learning* 118:71-84.

Conference Presentations

“Inappropriate Engagement in the World or a Form of Ministry? Conservative Mennonites and their Work.” Paper. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 2008.

“Community, Consumption, and Cooperation.” Poster. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 2008.

“In the World or of the World?: Mennonites at Work.” Paper. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose California, November 2006.

“The Spirit of Giving: Two Mennonite approaches to Christian Economic Stewardship.” Paper. Anabaptist Sociology and Anthropology Association Meeting, Elkhart, Indiana, June 2006.

“Sundays *and* the Rest of the Week: Mennonite Religious Beliefs and Occupational Pursuits.” Poster. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, Ventura, California, April 2006.

“Mennonites and Work: The Use of Narratives as Daily Ritual.” Paper. Anabaptist Sociology and Anthropology Association Meeting, Hillsdale, Michigan, June 2003.

“Negotiating New Environments: Conservative Mennonite Responses to the Diversification of Occupations.” Paper. Central States Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, East Lansing, Michigan, March 2002.

Professional Offices and Memberships

Graduate Student Representative to Anthropology Department Faculty Meetings, University of Iowa, 2005-2006

President, the University of Iowa Anthropology Graduate Association, January-August 2003

Member, American Anthropological Association

Member, Anabaptist Sociology and Anthropology Association

Member, Society for Economic Anthropology

Professional Offices and Memberships, Continued

Member, Society for the Anthropology of Religion

Member, Society for Anthropology of Work

Leadership Experience and Community Service

Mentor, Bridging Domestic & Global Diversity Program, University of Iowa, April 2007-Present

Guest Speaker at the Iowa Juvenile Home, December 2008

University of Iowa International Student Summer Orientation Leader, August of 2005 and 2008

Guest Speaker at Iowa District Rotary Convention, May 2002

Guest Speaker at Coralville Rotary Club, December 2001