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# CURRICULUM VITAE

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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## KEY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

- Social research and appraisal
- Qualitative, ethnographic and participatory research methodology
- Social impact assessment
- Informal economy, political and economic transition
- Indigenous societies, culture contact
- Training, teaching, and capacity building
- Project design, management, and evaluation
- Human trafficking
- Excellent writing, communication, and analytical skills
- Extensive field research experience

## EDUCATION

1992-1996 University of Cambridge. PhD in Social Anthropology. Received December 1996.  
1986-1990 Harvard University. BA in Anthropology, *magna cum laude*. Received June 1990.

## CAREER

### Academic Appointments & Teaching Experience

2000-2001 **Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics**  
Teaching duties have included a course on ethnography and visual anthropology (undergraduate) and seminars on social research methodology (PhD students).

- 1997-2000     **Junior Research Fellow, Jesus College, Cambridge**  
 Joint-coordinated MPhil seminar courses on anthropology and development and economic anthropology. Ran PhD research methods seminars. Lectured across a wide range of topics including political economy; the anthropology of Amazonia; race, nationalism and ethnicity. Examiner in Social Anthropology and in Development Studies.
- 1997           **Associate, Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology, Georgetown, Guyana**  
 Responsibility for developing research and curatorial strategy.
- 1997           **Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Social Anthropology, Cambridge**  
 Teaching as described above.

## Consultancy & Development Sector Work

- 12/2001-6/2002     **Trafficking Consultant, Save the Children in Kosovo, Pristina, Kosovo**  
 Designed and implemented research-based situation analysis of child trafficking in Kosovo. Wrote concept papers, project proposals and final project document for Save the Children in Kosovo's participation in the Save the Children South Eastern Europe Child Trafficking Programme. Carried out extensive capacity-building work among local counterparts.
- 1997-present   **Regional Co-ordinator, Guiana Shield Media Project (GSMP)**  
 GSMP ([www.gsmp.org](http://www.gsmp.org)) is a media development project focused on the countries of the Guiana Shield region of South America. Its primary aims are a) the production of media items (films, CD-ROMs, websites) which address indigenous, environmental, and sustainable development/livelihood issues and b) community empowerment and capacity building through training in the use of media tools. Currently, GSMP is largely funded by the NC-IUCN. Duties include, but are not restricted to: the identification, research and development of potential media items; the training of local personnel based in Georgetown; project administration and liaison with funders and other organisations.
- 1999           **Consultant, CEMCO (Guyana)**  
 Developed and wrote project proposal centred on post-elections peacebuilding and inter-ethnic conflict mediation for submission to CIDA.
- 1999           **Producer and Director, *The Wapishana Hammock***  
*The Wapishana Hammock* is a promotional film made for Rupununi Weavers Society (see below) by GSMP. Duties included managing the production; liaising with the Rupununi Weavers Society personnel; scriptwriting and editing.
- 1998           **Project Evaluator, Rupununi Weavers Society**  
 The Rupununi Weavers Society is an NGO based in the Rupununi savannahs (Guyana), which is designed to offer Wapishana women income-generating opportunities through the sale of high-quality artisanal cotton hammocks produced by sustainable means. For this consultancy, I carried out a situation analysis and projected social impact assessment prior to the introduction of an Internet marketing scheme.
- 1997           **Project Evaluator, Co-operation for Development**  
 Assessed the social impact of a series of community development projects in Patamona Indian communities in the Pakaraima Mountains (Guyana). Employed a range of research techniques such as semi-structured

interviewing and participant appraisal to assess the social and economic impacts of these initiatives, which included a poultry rearing project; a mosquito-netting programme; an inter-village radio communication project; a fish farm; and a small cattle ranch.

- 1997            **Research Consultant, Avenir des Peuples des Forêts Tropicales (APFT) Programme**  
Carried out socio-economic study of Amerindian communities in the Barima River area (Guyana). For this project, involving several months of fieldwork followed by the writing of a 40,000-word report, I studied the subsistence system of Warao, Arawak and Carib Indians, and analysed the social impact of a French palm heart factory on local communities. This research was a part of a larger project—APFT, mandated to investigate the relationship between forest-dwelling peoples and their ambient environment.
- 1995            **Assistant Director, *Poison in the Lifeline***  
In 1995, a major cyanide waste spill occurred at the Omai Gold Mine in the Essequibo River region of Guyana. I travelled to the site with a film crew from the Netherlands and we produced this documentary for broadcast in Europe, North America and the Caribbean. My duties included production management; on-camera interviewing; and liaising with Government and mine officials.

## **PUBLICATIONS & INVITED LECTURES**

- 2001a            ‘The social and economic conditions of Amerindian communities on the Barima River, Guyana.’ In Grenand, P (ed.) *Les peuples des forêts tropicales aujourd’hui* (Volume IV: Région Caraïbes—Guyanes, Bélize). Bruxelles: Programme Avenir des Peuples des Forêts Tropicales.
- 2001b            ‘Behind God’s back: landscape, memory and myth in Guyanese mining camps.’ Presented at ‘Anthropology of Industry’ workshop, Department of Anthropology, LSE.
- 2001c            ‘Constrained trade and creative exchange on the Barima River, Guyana.’ *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* **7: 1**.
- 2000            ‘Cowboys and weavers: technology and power in a Guyanese Amerindian society.’ Presented at research seminar, Department of Anthropology, LSE.
- 1998a            ‘New IPR legislation in Guyana.’ Presented at *Indigenous knowledge, biodiversity and rights symposium*, Cambridge, January 1998.
- 1998b            ‘Indigenous knowledge, biodiversity and rights.’ *Anthropology today* **14:3**.
- 1997a            ‘Symbolising value: culture and economy among Guyanese gold and diamond miners.’ *Cambridge Anthropology* **19:3**, 22-42.
- 1997b            ‘Extractivism and the economy of nature in Guyana.’ Presented at Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 1997c            ‘Ecology and geology: knowledge, culture and mining in the Pakaraima Mountains, Guyana.’ Presented at the annual general meeting, American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1997.

- 1996a 'Symbolising value: culture and economy among Guyanese gold and diamond miners.' Presented at senior seminar, Department of Social Anthropology, Cambridge.
- 1996b 'Diamonds and dislocation: Creole identity in the Guyanese hinterland.' Presented at *The Making of Creole Societies* advanced seminar, Oxford University.
- 1995a 'Continental drift: reorienting South American anthropology.' Presented (in absentia) at *Anthropology and the Indigenes* conference, Georgetown, Guyana.
- 1995b 'Cyanide in the jungle (again).' Presented at graduate seminar, Centre for Latin American Studies, Cambridge.
- 1995c 'Shout on the border: minerals, social tension and the frontier.' *Archaeology and Anthropology* **10**, 36-42.
- 1994 'Mineral mining in Amerindian communities.' Presented to workshop on land resources at annual general meeting of the Caribbean Conservation Association.
- In press Review of Burnett, G. *Masters of all they surveyed: exploration, geography and a British El Dorado*. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.
- 'Economy, sociality and extractivism in the Pakaraima Mountains, Guyana.' In L. Sponsel (ed.) *El Dorado Revisited: gold, oil, environment, people and rights in the Amazon*.
- Review of Gill, L. *Teetering on the rim: global restructuring, daily life, and the armed retreat of the Bolivian state*. *American ethnologist*.
- Forthcoming Review of Redfield, P. *Space in the tropics: from convicts to rockets in French Guiana*. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.
- Behind God's back: culture and mining in the Pakaraima Mountains, Guyana*. Book in preparation.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Currently Fellow, Royal Anthropological Institute
- Member, European Association of Social Anthropologists
- 1994-1995 Member, Editorial Board, *Cambridge anthropology*

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