

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. (2000) *Department of Anthropology, New York University*
M.A. (1995) *Department of Anthropology, New York University*
Bachelor of Arts (Honors) (1988) *Department of History, University of Cape Town, South Africa*
Bachelor of Journalism and Media Studies (1987) *Department of Journalism and Media Studies and Department of History, Rhodes University, South Africa*

Professional Employment

2004- Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
2001-2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, Social Science Faculty, Sarah Lawrence College
2000-2001 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, New York University

Awards and Fellowships

Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota (2008)
Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota (2005)
McKnight Summer Fellowship, University of Minnesota (2005)
Social Science Research Council Sexuality Research Fellowship Program Award (1996/1997)

Prizes

Lambda Literary Award Finalist (Nonfiction Category) (for *Imagining Transgender*) (2008)
Delmos Jones and Jagna Sharff Memorial Prize for the Critical Study of North America (Honorable Mention) (for *Imagining Transgender*) (2008)
Ruth Benedict Book Prize (for *Imagining Transgender*) (2007)

Publications

Books

2007 *Imagining Transgender: An Ethnography of a Category*. Duke University Press.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2004 The categories themselves. *GLQ* 10(2):215-220 (*GLQ Forum, Thinking Sex/Thinking Gender*).

2003 "I went to bed with my own kind once": the erasure of desire in the name of identity. *Language and Communication* 23(2):123-138 (special issue on language and desire).
-Reprinted in: 2006. *The language and sexuality reader*. Deborah Cameron and Don Kulick (eds.) London: Routledge.
-Reprinted in: 2006. *The Transgender Studies Reader*. Susan Stryker and Stephen Whittle (eds). New York: Routledge.

2003 "The calculus of pain": violence, anthropological ethics, and the category transgender. *Ethnos* 66(1):27-48.
-Reprinted in: 2004, *Local actions: cultural activism, power and public life in America*. Maggie Fishman and Melissa Checker (eds.) New York: Columbia University Press.

2002 "We're not about gender": the uses of "transgender." *In Out in theory: the emergence of lesbian and gay anthropology*. Ellen Lewin and William L. Leap (eds). pp.222-245. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

2001 Transsexuality, transvestism, and transgender. *In International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Volume 23. Neil J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes (eds). pp. 15888-15892. Amsterdam, New York: Elsevier. (With Don Kulick)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters (continued)

- 1997 One percent on the burn chart: gender, genitals, and hermaphrodites with attitude. *Social Text* 52/53:215-222. (With Riki Anne Wilchins).
-Reprinted in: 2003, Queer Cultures. Deborah Carlin, Jennifer DiGrazia (eds.) Prentice Hall.

Book Reviews

- 2005 Book review: Same-sex cultures and sexualities: an anthropological reader. Jennifer Robertson (ed.) *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (NS)* 11:857-858.
- 2001 Book review: two-spirit or "berdache." Sabine Lang's *Men as women, women as men* and Sue-Ellen Jacobs, Wesley Thomas, and Sabine Lang's *Two-spirit people*. *Signs* 27(1).
- 1999 Review Essay: Engendering sexuality in Brazil and the Southern Philippines. *Anthropological Quarterly* 72(4):183-187.

Other

- 2007 Why Anthropologists Should Oppose English Only Legislation in the U.S. *Anthropology News* 48(1):32-33. With Laura Graham, Alexandra Jaffe, and Bonnie Urciuoli.

Under Review

- Sue E. Generous: Toward a Theory of Non-Transsexuality (Under review, Fall 2008)

In Progress

- Work it, girl! What "chicks with dicks" can tell us about neoliberalism.
 "Admirers": on the impossibility of identity
 The phantom menace: sexuality, gender, and DSM diagnoses

Papers and Presentations

- 2008 Sexuality Without a Name: Mapping Unnameable Desire into Studies of Language and Sexuality. *Keynote address*. Language and Sexuality: Through and Beyond Gender Conference. Mytilene, Greece, June 7 2008. .
- 2008 Sue E. Generous: Toward a Theory of Non-Transsexuality. Transsomatechnics Conference, Vancouver, May 2 2008.
- 2008 Writing Transgender: The Politics of Categories. Invited Paper. College of Wooster, April 18 2008.
- 2007 Sue E. Generous: Toward a Theory of Non-Transsexuality. Global Sexualities Collaborative, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Minnesota, December 14, 2007.
- 2007 Selves and Others: The Politics of Transgender Studies and Non-Transgender Researchers. GWSS Department, University of Minnesota, November 11, 2007.
- 2007 Future Imagining as a Social Practice: SETI, Aliens, and Other Others. Standing Conference on Organizational Symbolism conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, July 3, 2007.
- 2007 Writing Transgender: The Politics of Categories. *Keynote address*. Craft, Culture, Critique Conference, University of Iowa, Iowa City, April 14, 2007.
- 2006 The many histories of sexuality and gender. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, November 17, 2006.
- 2006 New silences for old: The use of transgender in medical and public health discourses. Society for Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Vancouver, November 4 2006.
- 2005 What "chicks with dicks" can tell us about neoliberalism (oh, and intersectionality). McKnight Summer Fellowship presentation, University of Minnesota, December 7 2005.
- 2005 What 1980 did to "gender." American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 30, 2005.
- 2004 Reading the colonial in the streets of New York: the racialization of gender variance. *Invited Paper*, *Transgender Identities and Social Justice* panel, Barnard College Center for Research on Women, NY, November 4, 2004.

Papers and Presentations (continued)

- 2004 Yet another future. Wenner Gren conference, *The World Looks at US: Rethinking the U.S. State*, Arden House, NY, October 10 2004.
- 2003 Keyword: transgender. NYU, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, "Keywords" Panel series, NYU, NY, October 30 2003.
- 2003 In the absence of talk: the politics of representation and the object of language. Invited Paper. Barnard College, NY, February 28 2003.
- 2003 The problem with "transgender" as a category for public health interventions. Invited Paper. Columbia University, School of Medical Sciences, NY, February 18, 2003.
- 2002 Violence as discourse, discourse as violence: pain and suffering in transgender activist accounts. SANA/SCA Social Justice, Culture, and Power conference, Windsor ON, May 2-5, 2002.
- 2002 Intimate stories of power. Invited Paper. Sarah Lawrence College, NY, February 7 2002
- 2001 "I went to bed with my own kind once": the erasure of desire in the name of identity. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 2001.
- 2001 The transgender imaginary: or, how I went to find a community and found a category. Invited Paper. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, April 16 2001.
- 2000 "The calculus of pain": mobilizing violence as a discourse in activist politics. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2000.
- 2000 The Phantom Menace: gender, sexuality and the category "transgender" in contemporary medical discourses. Invited paper. Metropolitan Medical Anthropology Association, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, May 15, 2000.
- 1999 A tribe with no name: desire beyond heterosexuality and homosexuality. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 1999. Invited session (SOLGA).
- 1999 Transgender as a theoretical node in current debates in gender and sexuality. Invited paper. New York University Symposium on Future Currents in Gender Studies, New York, NY, April 1999.
- 1998 "'Community!' Where the hell did *that* come from?" Getting beyond gender in transgender studies. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, December 1998. Invited session (SOLGA and AFA).
- 1998 "You know what I mean, I know what I am": context, gendered language use, and politics in the realm between "gay" and "transgender." Lavender Languages VI Conference, Washington, DC, September 1998.
- 1997 "We're not about gender": why the gay movement required the birth of the transgender movement. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 1997. Invited session (COLGIA).
- 1997 Consumers and providers: building partnerships for effective care. Second International Congress on Sex and Gender Issues, King of Prussia, PA, June 1997 (with Dr. Barbara Warren and Rosalyn Blumenstein).
- 1996 One percent on the burn chart: gender, genitals, and hermaphrodites with attitude. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 1996. Invited session (AFA and SOLGA).
- 1995 The language of orgasm: the transexual body and medical authority. Lavender Languages III Conference, Washington, DC, September 1995.

Conference Panels

- 2008 Organizer, with colleagues from the Global Sexualities Collaborative, of *QueerMotions* conference, University of Minnesota, April 5, 2008.
- 2006 Chair and Panel organizer for AAA conference panel: *A Politics of Categories*. (Reviewed by the Society for Cultural Anthropology).
- 2001 Conference co-organizer for *Off the grid: urban ethnography and radical politics*, NYU, March 30 and 31, 2001 <<http://www.geocities.com/offthegrid2001/>>
- 1999 Chair and panel organizer for AAA conference panel: *Modern sexualities/modern genders* (SOLGA invited session).
- 1998 Chair and panel co-organizer for AAA conference panel: *Transgender ethnographies and epistemological challenges* (SOLGA and AFA invited session).
Panel organizer for Lavender Languages VI conference panel: *Trans-language*.

Discussant

- 2007 Exploring Masculinity: Gender and Identity Formations. Panel Discussant. Central States Anthropological Society conference, April 14 2007.
- 2007 The Contested Queer History of the Twin Cities: Collaborations and Methodologies. Panel Discussant. University of Minnesota, April 20 2007.

Teaching (syllabi available online at <http://www.geocities.com/davidvalentine2002>)**Undergraduate Seminars and Lectures:**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
 American Culture
 Linguistic Anthropology
 Language, Culture, and Power
 Urban Anthropology
 Anthropology of Engagement
 Anthropology and Social Justice
 Anthropology of the Future

Medical Anthropology
 Medicine, Bodies and Power
 Cultural Symbols.
 Sexuality and Gender in Anthropology
 Transgender Histories, Identities, and Politics
 Anthropology of Homosexuality

Graduate Seminars:

Ethnographic Approaches to Gender and Sexuality.
 Research Methods in Social and Cultural
 Anthropology
 Futures
 Linguistic Anthropology

Professional Activities and Memberships

- 1995-present Member of the American Anthropological Association and currently a member of the following sections of the AAA: Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology, Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists, Society for Medical Anthropology, Association for Feminist Anthropology, Society for Cultural Anthropology.
- 2008 Ruth Benedict Book Prize Committee (SOLGA/AAA)
- 2006 Organizing Committee Member for SSRC's Sexuality Research Fellowship Program 10 year Capstone Conference (March 30-April 2, 2006)
- 2005-present Editorial Board member, GLQ
- 2003-present Editorial Board member, *American Sexuality Magazine*
- 2002-2005 Member, AAA Committee for Human Rights.
- 2004-2006 CfHR Contributing Editor to *Anthropology News*
- 2001-2003 Board member of the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists (SOLGA); Member of the AAA Program Committee as Program Co-Chair of the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists (SOLGA).
- 2003 SSRC Sexuality Research Fellowship Program Mentor (Student: Salvador Vidal-Ortiz)
- 2002 SSRC Sexuality Research Fellowship Program Mentor (Student: Ben Singer) .

University Service**University of Minnesota**

- 2007- Graduate School Academic Grievance Committee
 Chair, Colloquium Committee, Department of Anthropology
- 2006-7 Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Anthropology
 Associate Director of Graduate Studies
- 2005-6 Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Anthropology
- 2004-5 Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology
 Member, Faculty Workshop Committee, Department of Anthropology

Sarah Lawrence College

2002-2003 Co-organizer for *Health, Science, and Society* speakers' series
2001-2004 LGBT Studies Committee member

Reviewer

Journals:

American Anthropologist
Anthropology and Medicine
Medical Anthropology
GLQ
Intersections
International Journal of Transgenderism
Radical History Review
Sexualities
Sexuality Research and Social Policy

Presses:

Blackwell
Columbia University Press
Duke University Press
Prentice Hall
University of Minnesota Press