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Education

- 1992 Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. Dissertation: Self and story in Appalachian coal-mining communities
- 1974 M.A., Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan.
- 1971 B.A., Goucher College, major in Sociology, minor in Biology
- 1968 University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. Special student in African Studies

Professional appointments

- 2015-present Executive Director, Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network (LiKEN), Lexington Kentucky, USA www.likenknowledge.org
- 2007-2016 Senior Research Scientist, Appalachian Studies, Department of Religion & Culture (2011-present), Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, Cultural Thought (2007-2012), Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia
- 2005-2006 Visiting Scholar, Anthropology Department, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
- 2004-2005 Co-Director, Environmental Studies Program, University of Kentucky
- 2001-2007 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology & Department of Geography & Committee on Social Theory (2002-2005), University of Kentucky
- 1999-2005 Research Director & Faculty Co-Research Director, Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY
- 1995-98 Senior Social Scientist. Future Generations Institute, Franklin, WV
- 1996 Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- 1988-1994 Assistant Professor. Department of Anthropology/Sociology. Albion College
- 1987-88 Instructor, Department of Anthropology / Sociology. Albion College, Michigan.
- 1986 Instructor, Department of Anthropology / Sociology. Goucher College, Maryland

Books

- 2010 [*Recovering the Commons: Democracy, Place, and Global Justice*](#). Urbana & Chicago: University of Illinois Press (co-authored with Herbert G. Reid)

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- 2017 “A Green New Deal for Appalachia: Economic Transition, Reclamation of Coal’s Legacy Costs, and Bottom-Up Policymaking: Part Two”, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*. 23 (2): 151-169. (co-authored with Lyndsay Tarus, Mary Hufford).
- 2017 “A Green New Deal for Appalachia: Economic Transition, Reclamation of Coal’s Legacy Costs, and Bottom-Up Policymaking: Part One”, in *Journal of Appalachian Studies*. 23 (1): 8-28. (Lead author, with co-authors Kendall Bilbrey, Mary Hufford).
- 2014 “Economic Transition in Central Appalachia: Knowledge/Power Mapping for Bottom-Up Policy” (co-authored with Dan Taylor, Bill Price, Andrew Munn) for special issue on Appalachia, in special issue on “Appalachia and “the Commons”: An Introduction”, *Practicing Anthropology* 36 (4): 13-18
- 2013 “Edgework and Boundary Crossings: Assessing Foundations for Public Ecology in the Appalachian Region” (co-authored with Mary Hufford) *Proceedings of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration* in “Environmental Considerations in Energy Production” (John R. Craynon, Ed). Pp. 99-110
- 2009 “‘Place’ as pre-political grounds of democracy: an Appalachian case study in class conflict, forest politics and civic networks”, *American Behavioral Scientist*, in special issue on "Democracy in an Age of Networked Governance: Charting the Currents of Change" (edited by Joyce Rothschild and Max Stephenson, Jr.). 52(6): 826–45
- 2006 “Globalization, Democracy, and the Aesthetic Ecology of Emergent Publics for a Sustainable World: Working from John Dewey” (Co-authored with Herbert G. Reid), *Asian Journal of Social Sciences* 34 (1): 22-46.
- 2003 “Gender and the global struggle to reclaim the commons: civic environmentalism, anti-globalization and participatory research” in special issue on “Women and Sustainability: from Rio de Janeiro (1992) to Johannesburg (2002)”, *Canadian Women’s Studies/Les Cahiers de la femme*, Vol. 23 (1): 62-66 (Winter).
- 2003 “John Dewey’s Aesthetic Ecology of Public Intelligence and the Grounding of Civic Environmentalism” (Co-authored with Herbert G. Reid). Special Issue on “Art, Nature and Social Critique”. *Ethics and Environment*. 8 (1):74-92. Spring.
- 2002 “Public folklore, nation-building, and regional Others: comparing Appalachian USA and northeast India”. *Indian Folklore Research Journal*. 1 (2): 1-27. May
- 2002 “Appalachia as a Global Region: Toward Critical Regionalism and Civic Professionalism” (Co-authored with Herbert G. Reid). Lead article for “Standing at the Crossroads: A Symposium on Globalization and Appalachian Studies”. *Journal of Appalachian Studies*. 8 (1):9-32. Spring.
- 2001 “Introduction: what regional studies can contribute to applied anthropology”, in

- Special Issue on "Academics, Activism, and Place-Based Education in the Appalachian Coal Belt" (co-authored with Sam R. Cook). *Practicing Anthropology*. 23 (2): 2-4. Spring.
- 2001 "A place-based university?: the land grant mission in the 21st century". *Practicing Anthropology*. 23 (2):24-28. Spring. In Special Issue on "Academics, Activism, and Place-Based Education in the Appalachian Coal Belt". Co-edited, by Betsy Taylor and Sam R. Cook.
- 2000 "Embodying ecological citizenship: rethinking the politics of grass-roots globalization in the United States" (Co-authored with Herbert G. Reid). *Alternatives: Social Transformation and Humane Governance*. 25 (4): 439-466.
- 1998 "Durkheim meets discourse: the study of religion and society in Africa". *Reviews in Anthropology*. 27:141-155.
- 1992 "The taxidermy of bioluminescence: tracking neighboring practices in Appalachian coal-mining communities", *Anthropological Quarterly*. 65(3):117-127. (published under Elizabeth M. Taylor)
- 1973 "Population growth, contraception, and the Indian rural adolescent", *Studies in Family Planning*. 4 (3): 65-69. (published under Elizabeth M. Taylor)

Peer-reviewed book chapters

- 2018 (with Herbert Reid) "From Ecological Ontology to Social Ecology: John Dewey, Radhakamal Mukerjee, and Interscalar Ethics", Ananta Kumar Giri (Ed.), *Social Theory and Asian Dialogues Cultivating Planetary Conversations*. Springer
- 2017 "Body~place~commons: reclaiming professional practice, reclaiming democracy", Ananta Kumar Giri (Ed.), *Pathways of Creative Research: Rethinking Theories and Methods and the Calling of an Ontological Epistemology of Participation*, New Delhi: Primus Books, pp. 123-135
- 2014 "Ricoeur's Challenge for 21st Century Anthropology", Ananta Kumar Giri and John Clammer (Eds.), *Philosophy and Anthropology: Border Crossing and Transformations*. London: Anthem Press, pp. 201-216
- 2012 "Social Theory, Appalachian Studies, and the Challenge of Global Regions: The UK Rockefeller Fellowship Project, 2001-2005.", (co-authored with Ana Isla & Lynne Faltraco), in *Academics and Activists: Confronting Ecological and Community Crisis in Appalachia*, Stephanie McSpirit, Lynne Faltraco and Conner Bailey (Eds.), Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, pp. 217-233
- 2012 "Who Knows? Who Tells? Creating a Knowledge Commons " (co-authored with Anita Puckett, Elizabeth Fine, Mary Hufford, Ann Kingsolver), in (Eds) Steve Fisher and Barbara Ellen Smith, *Transforming places: lessons in movement-building from Appalachia*. Champaign: University of Illinois Press, pp. 239-251
- 2010 "Pollution, Subsistence, Sustainability in USA Nationalism: The symbolic construction of 'Appalachia' as America's 'trash' people". In Frédérique Apffel-Marglin, Sanjay Kumar, Arvind Mishra (Eds.). *Interrogating*

- Development: Insights from Margins*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 62-82.
- 2009 “Globalization, Democracy and the Aesthetic Ecology of Emergent Publics for a Sustainable World: Working from John Dewey” (with Herbert G. Reid) in Ananta Kumar Giri (Ed), *The Modern Prince and the Modern Sage: Transforming Power and Freedom*. New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 271-198.
- 2009 “Political Theory, Critical Ecology, and Merleau-Ponty’s Path to and from the ‘Site of Ontological Constitution’” (co-authored with Herbert G. Reid), in Jin Y. Park (Ed.), *Political Theory and Cross-Cultural Philosophy: Essays in honor of Hwa Yol Jung*, Lanham MD: Lexington Books
- 2009 “Grounds for democratic hope in Arunachal Pradesh: emerging civic geographies and the reinvention of gender and tribal identities”, in Sanjib Baruah (ed.) *Beyond Counterinsurgency: Breaking the Impasse in Northeast India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp 308-328.
- 2002 "Community-based action through SEED" (co-authored with Daniel Taylor-Ide and Carl E. Taylor), Chapter 21 in *Just and Lasting Change: When Communities Own their Futures*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press. pp. 261-281.
- 1975 "Multi-factorial causation of malnutrition" (co-authored with Carl E. Taylor), in *Nutrition in the Community*, ed., D.S. McLaren. Wiley and Sons. (published under Elizabeth M. Taylor).

Fellowships, grants & consultancies

- 2015-present Grants received for LiKEN from Bay and Paul Foundation, Sociological Initiatives, Appalachian Community Fund, National Center Atmospheric Research, Solutions Project, Owsley Brown, Sacharuna, Patagonia, Mid-Atlantic Arts foundations, NOAA, EPA, U.S. Forest Service, and others.
- 2014 Principal Investigator, “Scoping review of topics and data for the US Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Report”. Revenue Watch Institute
- 2012-2014 Co-PI. “Modelling Public Ecology for Sustainable Development” (Principal Investigator, Mary Hufford; Co-PI, Anita Puckett) Grant from Appalachian Research Initiative for Environmental Science, Virginia Tech.
- 2008-2011 Faculty mentor and co-author of grant for “Exploring Synergies between Empowerment and Gender and Comprehensive Primary Health Care in three tribal districts of Arunachal Pradesh”, a project within international, comparative research project, “Revitalizing Health for All: Learning from Comprehensive Primary Health Care Experiences”, under the international Teasdale-Corti Global Health Research Partnership Program, funded by International Development Research Centre, Canada – with collaboration among several dozen universities and NGOs internationally in six global regional teams. We are part of South Asian regional team, and our Arunachal project is a partnership between the NGO, Future Generations Arunachal, and the Arunachal state government Directorate of Health Services

- 2001-2005 (Co-Principal Investigator with Herbert Reid & Wolfgang Natter), Rockefeller Humanities Fellowships Program. "Civic Professionalism and Global Regionalism: Justice, Sustainability and the Scaling up of Community Participation". Institutional Grant to UK Appalachian Center and UK Committee on Social Theory from the Rockefeller Foundation
- 1999-2003 Common Knowledge Network, participatory action projects for community-based, sustainable development, under the University of Kentucky Appalachian Center, funded with small grants from National Endowment for the Arts, Kentucky Arts Council, Kentucky Humanities Council, and Kentucky state coal severance funds
- 1996-98 National Science Foundation, post-doctoral fellowship. Project on Identity and Environmental Action. Department of Anthropology. University of North Carolina. Chapel Hill. Twelve months of ethnographic fieldwork in western North Carolina on citizens groups concerned with environmental issues.
- 1994-95 Rockefeller Humanities Fellowship on Intercultural Relations in the Contemporary American South. Institute for the Arts and Humanities. University of North Carolina. Chapel Hill.
- 1971-72 Thomas J. Watson Fellow: 15 months of fieldwork on the impact of ecological change on ethical notions regarding 'nature' -- primary data gathered in Japan, Philippines, Sherpa communities of Nepal

National and international boards and committees:

- 2013-2017 US Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Advisory Committee. Appointed by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Primary member, Civil Society Sector, (2015-2018); Chair, USEITI Contextual Narrative / Data Working Group (2014-2015); Alternate member (2013-2015).
- 2014-2017 Chair (2015-2017), member (2014-2015). Committee on Human Rights & Social Justice. Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2014-15 Member. Program Committee for meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2012-2015 Vice President. Political Ecology Society
- 2008-2014 Program Advisory Board for Masters in Cultural Sustainability, Goucher College, Towson, Maryland
- 2007-2014 International Editorial Advisory Board for book series, "Creative Multiverse: New Explorations in Transformative Learning and Research", Shipra Publications, New Delhi. Ananta Kumar Giri (Editor).
- 1998 Forest Stewardship Council. Social scientist for expert review committee for sociocultural dimensions of southeastern USA sustainability certification standards

Other scholarly publications:

- 2016 (co-authored with Julie Koppel Maldonado & Mary Hufford) "The Livelihoods

- Knowledge Exchange Network: Grow Where You Are” in special issue on “Activism, Agency and Engagement with Environmental Issues”. *Practicing Anthropology* (38 (3), Summer.
- 2012 “[Best practices in ethical planning of professional meetings](#)” *News: a Publication of the Society for Applied Anthropology*. 23(4): 26-28
- 2012 “[Background on the Baltimore Hotel / Labor issue](#)”. *News: a Publication of the Society for Applied Anthropology*. 23(2): 26-27. May.
- 2012 “Tribal Society: Prehistory to 1200”. *Cultural Sociology of West, Central, and South Asia*, Volume 4, pp. 58-60. (Editors) Patterson, Orlando & J. Geoffrey Golson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications
- 2011 [Review](#) of *Capital Interrupted: Agrarian Development and the Politics of Work in India*. *Anthropology Review Database* April 28, 2011.
- 2011 “Civil society, social movements and alternative development: implications of Giri's notion of knowledge”, *Indian Sociological Bulletin*. 60 (1), January – April, pp. 111-114
- 2006 "Neighboring", Folklore Section, *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. Jean Haskell and Rudy Abramson (Eds.) Johnson City: East Tennessee State University.
- 2000 "Recovering place-based knowledge and cosmogenic agency in struggles for a sustainable world" (Co-authored with Herbert G. Reid). *Indian Folklife*. Volume 1, Issue 3, October.
- 2000 Book review of *Citizen Power: Stories of America's New Civic Spirit* (by Robin Epstein, published in Lexington KY, by Democracy Resource Center, in 2000). Review published in *Journal of Appalachian Studies*

Policy or applied reports, popular or publicly engaged writings (*Huffington Post* op-eds published under “Betsy M. Taylor”)

- 2020 (Co-authored with Mary Hufford). *Comprehensive Program Proposal and Implementation Plan*. Central Appalachian Folk and Traditional Arts Survey and Planning Project. Report prepared by the Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network. Lexington, KY. April 2020.
- 2020 (Co-authored with Mary Hufford). *Final Report*. Central Appalachian Folk and Traditional Arts Survey and Planning Project. Report prepared by the Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network. Lexington, KY. April 2020.
- 2014 “A Journalistic Selfie: An urban reporter’s cure for rural poverty tells us more about her own bias than it does about what might work for distressed communities suffering from the ‘resource curse’”, op-ed in [The Daily Yonder](#) . July 8.
- 2013 “[Social Accounting of Extractive Industry](#)”, a concept paper for Civil Society Sector, US Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, prepared as background document for presentation to the White House’s Open Government Project team. Oct 10.
- 2013 “[The rise of corporate power in US: a war against the commons](#)”, Ikaria

- Magazine, Ikaria Island, Greece. July 25, and translated into Greek, in 2014, in *Dialogues against Crisis, For the Commons: Towards a Mediterranean Imaginary*. Conference proceedings published by the Ikarian Research and Documentation Center, Ikaria, Greece
- 2013 [“Should the U.S. Join the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative?”](#), *Huffington Post*, Impact Section, May 29
- 2012 [“Small farmers mobilize against corporate giants: A Colombia-Kentucky conversation”](#). *North of Center*. 4(1):1,5. February
- 2010 [“Islam, Violence and Mourning in America”](#). *North of Center*. 2(22):1, 3. November 24
- 2010 [“Why nonviolent civil disobedience: On getting arrested at Appalachia Rising”](#). *North of Center*. 2 (19):7. October 13.
- 2010 [“Islamophobia, sexism and American demagoguery in the 21st century”](#), *Mondoweiss*. September 10
- 2009 “Norma Rae at Kentucky Theatre Nov 3: Event ties together labor, health reform, gender, and racial justice movements” *North of Center*. 1(12): 4. October 21.
- 2006 *Program Evaluation Report (1997-2006): Future Generations (Arunachal)*. Report prepared for Indian non-profit, Future Generations (Arunachal), on their community-based programs in Arunachal Pradesh, based on fieldwork in February 2006
- 2004 *Appalachian Music Preservation Project Cultural Plan: a musician-centered assessment of assets and barriers in the musical life of Pike County*. Policy report. Joint publication of the Niles Center for American Music and the Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky.
- 1996 “A review of the social basis for sustainable development in Arunachal Pradesh” A project background paper for Future Generations Institute. Franklin, WV

Interviews, media appearances

- 2019 [Interview with Kristi Carter for the Global Positive News Network](#). October 14.
- 2017 „Reagent“, a one hour program on environmental justice and just transition movements in the U.S. in comparison to Greece. For first 20 minutes, Lakota Aldo Seoane is interviewed about the Standing Rock movement, followed by 20 minute interview with Betsy Taylor about just transition movement in Appalachia. May 15, Thessaloniki Public Television.
<http://webtv.ert.gr/ert3/15ion2017-antidrastirio-to-kinima-tou-standing-rock/>
- 2010 Interviewed by Jeff Biggers (with co-author, Herbert Reid), [“Recovering the Commons: Interview with Scholars on the Climate Justice Frontlines”](#) *Huffington Post*, September 17
- 2010 [Interviewed by Wally Bowen](#) (with co-author, Herbert Reid), special broadcast on *Recovering the Commons*, on [Mountain Area Information Network](#), MAIN-FM 103.5 LP. September 20.

- 2010 [“Recovering the commons: A conversation with Herb Reid and Betsy Taylor”](#) interview by Michael Dean Benton, 27 Mar 10. Vol II, Issue 6, pp. 1, 3. ”
- 2000 ["The Apatanis"](#) [an interview by Patricia Chargot on my work for children’s publication]. *Yak’s Corner*. Detroit Free Press. August 28. Web publication

Invited lectures or symposia

- 2019 “Energy Transitions and the First West: The Complex Histories of Appalachia’s Emerging Futures”. Invited presentation for forum on the [“Effects of Energy Transition on Opportunities in Rural America”](#), Geographical Sciences Committee of the National Academy of the Sciences. Washington DC. May 1.
- 2018 Invited presentation on “Workers’ rights, energy justice, and economic transition in Appalachia” (Oct 15) and on the film “Harlan County, USA” (Oct 16) for the Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Energy Justice in Global Perspective, hosted by the Blum Center for Global Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development.
- 2017 “Land, fossil capital, and the State in the U.S.: the Appalachian Land Study and the linked struggles for knowledge, water, and land commons”, paper presented for panel “Enclosures, Knowledge Commons and Social Justice: Towards a methodology of the commons”. 1st Panhellenic Conference on the Commons. Aristotle University. Thessaloniki. May 1-4.
- 2016 “Operationalizing Green Governance: New Policy Strategies for Large-Scale Ecosystems and Resources”. La Bergerie de Villarceaux, France, sponsored by the Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation. June 22-25.
- 2015 “Climate Justice & Just Transition citizen movements: From fighting extreme extraction to building deep democracy”. [Paper presented](#) for the Department of Anthropology, University of Louisville, Kentucky. November 3.
- 2014 Panelist on roundtable “Socially Responsible Meetings for Professional Associations”, and roundtable “Emergent Issues in Human Rights and Social Justice: Fracking” both organized by the SfAA Human Rights / Social Justice Committee; Commentator for the Eric Wolf Prize of the Political Ecology Society, Society for Applied Anthropology, March 18-22, 2014, Albuquerque NM.
- 2013 Panelist for roundtable on “Anthropology, Extractive Industries, And Unconventional Energy”, American Anthropological Association annual meetings. Chicago, IL. November 20-24.
- 2013 “The rise of corporate power in US: a war against the commons”, plenary talk for “Against Crisis, For the Commons: Towards a New Mediterranean” Mataroa Seminar. Ikaria Island, Greece. 14-18 July
- 2012 Participant in workshop on “Civic Disciplines and Their Roots”, Kettering Foundation. Dayton, Ohio. May 22-23.
- 2012 Expert witness for panel on “Poverty, Economic Injustice and Lack of Economic Vitality” for Central Appalachian Women’s Tribunal on Climate Justice. Cosponsored by the Loretto Community at the United Nations, the Feminist Task

- Force of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty, the Civil Society Institute and the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition. (Findings from Tribunal presented at Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development). May 10 in Charleston, West Virginia.
- 2012 Expert panelist for “Beyond the IRB: Expert advice on the realities, risks, and benefits in performing Human Rights and Social Justice Research” panel, Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings, March 27-31, Baltimore MD.
- 2011 “From Ecological Ontology to Social Ecology: John Dewey, Radhakamal Mukerjee, and Interscalar Ethics” (co-authored with Herbert Reid), paper read at “Visions of Asia and the Challenges of Creative Social Theorizing”, Conference of the Asian Social Theory Forum and the Global Social Thought Project, Acharya Institute of Management Sciences. Feb 24-27. Bangalore, India.
- 2010 Invited delegate to “International Commons Conference: Constructing a Commons-Based Policy Platform”. Sponsored by Heinrich-Böll Foundation & the Commons Strategies Group. Berlin, October 31-November 2. Berlin, Germany
- 2007 “Climate change, the global coal industry and emerging opportunities for economic conversion in the Appalachian coalfields”, presentation for citizen summit on a “Clean, sustainable Central Appalachia” sponsored by the Alliance for Appalachia (grassroots coalition of social and environmental justice organizations in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia), Jenny Wiley State Park, Pike County, Kentucky. October 1.
- 2006 "Pollution, subsistence, sustainability in USA nationalism: the symbolic construction of ‘Appalachia’ as America's ‘trash’ people" paper presented for the conference *Culture Matters: Understanding Development from the Perspectives of Margins* organised by Deshkal Society along with Sanskriti Foundation, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Asian Development Research Institute and Bhasha Research Centre. 13--15 October. Sanskriti Kendra, New Delhi
- 2006 “Public Deliberation and Public Intellectuals: Cross-disciplinary Possibilities”, paper presented for Workshop on “Models for Community Based and Academic Collaboration in Global-Regional Contexts”. Alliance for Social Political Ethical and Cultural Theory, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Blacksburg, Virginia. April 17
- 2006 “Geographies of inequality and empowerment within USA: global connections between Appalachia and Jharkhand”, Asian Development Research Institute, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India, February 23.
- 2006 “‘We make the road by walking’: civic literacy, empowerment and place-based development in global context”. Myles Horton and Paulo Freire Memorial Lecture, for the annual Akshar-Bihar of the Asian Development Research Institute, Patna, Bihar, India, February 21.
- 2006 “Civil society in Appalachian coalfields: geographies of public space at the intersection of class, national metanarratives and globalized extractive industry” Development Studies, School of African and Oriental Studies, University of

- London, February 1.
- 2005 “Ecological poetics, public space and the body: multi-scalar geographies of Appalachian coal, disaster capitalism and global/local civic action and imagination” Anthropology Dept. & Americo Paredes Center for Cultural Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Oct. 24
- 2005 “Welcome to Appalachia: community forestry & the real story of the Hatfields and McCoys” Opening speech for Annual Meetings, National Network of Forest Practitioners, Sept. 7,10, 2005, Burr Oak State Park (Hosted by the Appalachian Forest Resource Center). Also organizer and presenter for three workshops at this conference: “Appalachian Culture and History: Movements to Save the Land and People”, “Climate Change, Politics and Forest Economics”, “Participatory Research: Skills, Strategies and Tools for Practitioners”.
- 2004 “Cultural Competency in Rural Appalachia”, keynote address for 12th Annual West Virginia Rural Health conference “Rural Health: Working Together, Closing the Gaps”, October 25-27 Roanoke, WV. Sponsored by West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health and Office of Community and Rural Health Services and Co-sponsored by CAMC Health Education and Research Institute
- 2004 “Sociocultural and socio economic factors in understanding health in rural Appalachian populations”. Invited speaker for Annual Conference on Infectious Diseases. West Virginia Bureau for Public Health. Charleston, WV. Oct. 21-22.
- 2003 “Picking and talking”: building democracy through participatory research on musical heritage in Appalachian Kentucky”, invited lecture at University of Virginia at Wise, September 29.
- 2002 “Emerging Forms of Civil Society in Appalachia: Toward a New Regional Public Sphere”. Paper presented in workshop on “Space, Identity, Representation: Comparative Global Regionalisms, Saxony and Kentucky”. University of Leipzig, Germany. October 18-19.
- 2002 Participant on panel “Universalizing UK in eastern Kentucky” at the East Kentucky Leadership Conference. Ashland, KY. April.
- 2002 Participant on keynote panel “Folklore, Critical Regionalism and Civic Professionalism” (with Mary Hufford and Herbert Reid) for conference “INTERSECTIONS: Rethinking Regions and Roles”. Mid-Atlantic Folklore Association. Spring Meeting. New Brunswick, NJ. April.
- 2001 “Cultural and regional context”. Conference on “HIV/AIDS in Appalachia: setting a Regional Agenda for Strengthening and Integrating Prevention, Research, and Care Services”. Organized by Centers for Disease Control, in collaboration with National Institutes of Health and Health Resources and Services Administration. Morgantown, West Virginia. February.
- 1995 “Dark Lightning: hope, risk and listening in the life of NGO’s”. Commencement speech to graduating class of Community Development Training Institute, Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed. Maharashtra. India. November.

- 1995 “New paradigms for sustainable development: NGO’ism and world systems theory”, Department of Tribal Studies. Arunachal University. Rono Hills. Arunachal Pradesh. India. October.
- 1994 "Roy Acuff v. 2LiveCrew: the postmodernity of irony, authenticity, and ethnicity in working class claims to public space" Conference on "Outside in: maintaining marginality at the centre". Department of Anthropology. School of Oriental and African Studies. University of London. London, England. May.

Conference papers, workshops and panels:

- 2017 “Land reform, land use, and the ‘resource curse’ in Appalachia” (co-authored with Mary Hufford). Paper presented at panel, “"Working Appalachia" : Seeking out Possibilities through Everyday Struggle”. Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings, Santa Fe. March 28-April 1.
- 2016 Participant in roundtables, “Collaborations in a Climate of Change: Addressing Environmental Challenges through Culturally Appropriate Intersections of Research, Policy and Practice” & Power to the People: A Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal on the Human Rights Impacts of Fracking”. Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings, Vancouver, Canada. March 29-April 4.
- 2016 Panelist on roundtable, “Is Appalachia Zomia?: James C. Scott's _The Art of Not Being Governed_ and the Utility of Comparative Mountain Studies”, & roundtable “The Power+ Plan and citizen’s movement for just transition in Appalachia and beyond”, Annual meetings of the Appalachian Studies Association, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, March 18-20.
- 2016 “Specters of localism in struggles to reclaim Commons and the State: public revenues, reclamation, and regenerative economies in post-coal Appalachia”, paper presented on panel “Comedy of the Commons” for the Dimensions of Political Ecology conference. University of Kentucky. February 26-27.
- 2015 “Connecting Post-Mining Reclamation with Democratic Economic Transition: Non-Reformist Reforms of Federal Law and Funds for Economic Justice in ‘Resource Curse’ Regions” paper presented for panel (which I organized), “Reclaiming Broken Environmental Policy: Exploring Alternatives to the Regulatory State in Public Trust, Nature Rights, and Commons Governance”; Organizer and discussant, for roundtables, “Building an Appalachian Agenda for Economic and Environmental Justice”; Roundtable with Frances Fox Piven: Lessons for Our Struggles in the 21st Century: Building a Common Agenda for Ordinary People in the Globalized “New Economy”, Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, March 24-28, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2014 “Cause and Affect: Trust, Science, and Public Space after the 2014 Chemical Spill in Southern West Virginia”, paper co-authored with Tom Sims (WV Kanawha County Public Health Dept) for panel “Working Across Difference in 21st Century Environmental Management”, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington DC. DC

- 2014 Roundtable: “A vision of economic transition from the grassroots: Draft proposal for an Appalachian Agenda” Organizer (with Dan Taylor, Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition) and panelist. Annual meetings of the Appalachian Studies Association, Marshall University, Huntington WV. March 28-30.
- 2014 “Undoing the political ecology of crony capitalism: community-based coalitions for post-coal economic policy in central Appalachia”. Paper presented on panel “Where Sustainability Meets Policy” which I co-organized with William Westerman. Organizer and participant in roundtable, "The Cascading Effects of Disasters on Communities". Society for Applied Anthropology, March 18-22, 2014, Albuquerque NM.
- 2013 (co-authored with Mary Hufford) “Edgework: Assessing Foundations for Public Ecology in the Appalachian Region” for symposium “Environmental Considerations in Energy Production”, Virginia Tech’s Appalachian Research Initiative for Environmental Science. Morgantown, WV. April 14-18
- 2013 (co-authored with Mary Hufford) comments given for two roundtables: "Transition to a Sustainable Economy in Appalachia" & “Who Owns Appalachia 2013: Limitations and Opportunities of publicly available surface and mineral ownership data in West Virginia”, Appalachian Studies Association annual meetings. Boone, NC. March 22-24
- 2013 Presented paper “Public Space, Empowerment, and Gender in Community-Based Health in Tribal Communities of Northeast India” on panel “Sustainability, Built Environment, and Health” & panelist, roundtable on “Socially responsible meetings for professional associations: new opportunities on shifting terrains” & at Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings. Denver Co. March 19-23
- 2012 “Thinking like a State, Thinking like a Landscape: Maryland co-housing, market crises and regulation, architects, commons”, paper given on panel (which I organized) “*In the cracks of neoliberal pavements: commons, alternative land stewardship, and community-based planning*”, Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings, March 27-31, Baltimore MD.
- 2012 “In the same boat!: new links between coal activists in India and southern West Virginia” paper given at panel (which I organized) “*The global / national reach of 'going local': politics, imagination and hope in the rebuilding of a sustainable regional economy in Central Appalachia*”. Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meetings, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania. March 23-25.
- 2010 “The commons as a new (but old) framework for politics and economy”. Appalachian Research Community and the Political Ecology Working Group. Gaines Center, University of Kentucky. Nov. 18
- 2010 Presentation about paper (co-authored with Anita Puckett, Elizabeth Fine, Mary Hufford, Ann Kingsolver) “Knowledge Commons and the Reconstitution of Public Space in Mountaintop Removal Activism”, for panel on forthcoming book (Eds) Steve Fisher and Barbara Ellen Smith, *Transforming places: lessons in*

- movement-building from Appalachia* to be published by University of Illinois Press. Appalachian Studies Association annual meetings. March 19-21. Dahlonega, Georgia
- 2008 “Disrupting Chronotopes of Disaster: Mountaintop Removal and the Role of Public Anthropology”, paper for panel, “The Reclamation of Public Spheres and the Assertion of Democratic Spaces: The Role of Civic Professionalism in the Eco-Cultural Disaster of Mountain Top Removal” for Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. March 25 – 29. Memphis, Tennessee
- 2007 “Chronotopes of disaster: the political and aesthetic imagination of Mountaintop Removal in Appalachian civil society, national mediascapes and the corporate State”, paper presented for panel, “The Naturalization of Unnatural Eco-Cultural Disasters: The Inevitable Inefficacy of Mountain Top Removal Resistance "Texts" in National Disaster Debates?” for Annual Conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology, New Orleans, April 19-21.
- 2007 “Citizenship, gender, class, ethnicity in central Appalachian environmental contestation: emergent public spaces and civic subjectivities in global context”. Paper presented for symposium, "Democracy in an Age of Networked Governance: Charting the Currents of Change” sponsored by the Institute for Governance and Accountabilities, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia. March 1-3.
- 2006 Co-organizer with Mary Hufford of panel on "Haunting the Overburden: Cultural Strategies for Mountaintop Retention" for “Healing Mountains”, Sixth Annual Summit for the Mountains, May 26-29, Cedar Lakes West Virginia
- 2006 “Terrains of justice and geographies of solidarity: place and space in the imagination of environmental action” paper on panel “Democracy and democratic theory”, & panelist on roundtable on “Time, Place, and Political Action: Ecological Hermeneutics and the Global Justice Movement”, International Social Theory Consortium Conference, Roanoke, Virginia, May 18-21
- 2006 Presentation for roundtable on “Civic Professionalism and Global Regionalism: experiments in building conversations between academe and public life, Appalachia and global South” in the conference on “Navigating the Globalization of the American South”, March 2-3, 2006, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2005 “‘Googling for moonscapes’: mountain range removal and the geographies of corporate globalization in the Appalachian coalfields”. Annual meeting of the International Association for the Study of the Environment, Space and Place, Baltimore, MD. April 29-May 1.
- 2004 “Community-based asset mapping, Appalachian coalfields, and corporate globalization: a case study of participatory action research project in Appalachian music”. Interdisciplinary Group on Development Studies. University of Kentucky. November 11.
- 2004 Moderator and organizer of panel on “Coal waste impoundments & government

- regulation”, Appalachian Studies and Environmental Studies Program, April 28, University of Kentucky
- 2003 “Environmental mourning and the constitution of public space: patriarchy, class and nation-state in the Terminator film trilogy”, paper presented in Working Papers Series, Committee on Social Theory, University of Kentucky, December 2.
- 2003 “Watersheds, viewsheds, timesheds: the poetics of environmental conflict in the Appalachian coalfields”. Paper presented for the panel "Writing Landscape Ethnography: A Landscape Poetics" American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, November 19-23.
- 2003 “Public folklore, the cultural commons and grassroots activism in the Appalachian coalfields”, paper presented on panel “Reweaving the Fabric of the Public Sphere: Folklore, Politics, and the Ecological Imagination” at American Folklore Society Annual Meetings, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Oct 8-12.
- 2003 “The political economy of ‘scaling up’: the civic ecology of activism in central Appalachia”. International Conference on Grassroots Environmental Movements in Japan and the United States, April 25-26, 2003, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2001 “Knowledge production as a ‘gift’ economy: experiments in community/academic partnerships at a southern land grant university” on panel “Building bridges: engaging communities through the venue of reciprocity”. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Washington DC. December.
- 2001 (Co-authored with Herbert Reid) “Higher education, the new place consciousness and civic environmentalism”. John B. Stephenson Symposium. John B. Stephenson Center for Appalachian and Highland Studies, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina. October.
- 2001 Presenter on panel “ Struggles for the Environmental Commons and Sustainable Communities: Challenges for Global Regional Studies" in Symposium “At the Crossroads of Globalization: the Planetary Life Crisis, Universities, and Global Regional Studies”, sponsored by Appalachian Center, Appalachian studies and Environmental Studies, University of Kentucky. May.
- 2001 (co-authored with Herbert Reid) “Reconsidering ‘academic cosmopolitanism’: the body-place-commons dialectic and the transnational corporate State”. Society for Philosophy and Geography Conference. Towson University, Towson, Maryland. April.
- 2000 “The public role of social theory and the transformation of academic regimes of knowledge: grassroots globalization and new forms of ‘participatory reason’ and a ‘citizenship of care’”. Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium. Lexington, Kentucky. May.
- 2000 “The bound and the unbound in geographies of resistance: the hermeneutics of conflicts over U.S. national forests”. Conference on “Explorations of Spatial Boundaries”. Society for Philosophy and Geography. Towson University, Towson, Maryland. April.

- 2000 Panel organizer and presenter of paper. "Developing sustainability indicators in an Appalachian Atlas: institutional and psychological barriers to interdisciplinary collaboration". Panel on "Community/academic partnerships in research: Appalachian experiments in community and regional assessment". Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meetings. Knoxville, Tennessee. March.
- 1999 "Interaction, participation and GIS design: developing an Appalachian Atlas". University of Kentucky International GIS Day Conference. November.
- 1999 (Co-authored with Herbert G. Reid) "Merleau-Ponty's philosophy and the practical tasks of ecological citizenship". Conference on "Merleau-Ponty and the culturing of the body". Goucher College. Towson, Maryland. November.
- 1999 Presenter for panel "The university and the environmental crisis". Civic Professionalism Series. Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky. September.
- 1999 (Co-authored with Herbert G. Reid) "Rethinking Appalachian Studies: critical global regionalism: on Panel "Reclaiming Appalachia". Conference on "Going Native: Recruitment, Conversion and Identification in Cultural Research". Center for Folklore Studies, Ohio State University. May.
- 1999 Presenter for panel "Refocusing Appalachian studies: civic professionalism, socioecological justice, grassroots globalization" and for roundtable "Toward a coordinated Appalachian sustainable communities movement". Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meetings. Abingdon, Virginia. March.
- 1998 (Co-authored with Herbert G. Reid) "Rethinking the nation/region problematic in Appalachian studies: toward a critical politics of place and representation". Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meetings. Abingdon, Virginia. March.
- 1998 "The global timber industry and local environmental activism in western North Carolina". Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meetings. Boone, North Carolina. March
- 1997 Co-organizer and presenter. "Global populism and critical regionalism: a working agenda for Appalachian Studies". Workshop at the Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meetings. Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. March.
- 1996 (co-authored with Herbert G. Reid) "Beyond the Market Machine-God and transnational elitism: the global justice movement, civic professionalism, and postmodern democratic action". Paper presented at conference, "Revisioning social justice". Committee on Social Theory. University of Kentucky. Lexington. October.
- 1996 "The publicness of public universities in the 21st century: the academic response to emerging institutions in the non-profit sector". Talk presented for the Working Committee on Public Ethics. Institute for the Arts and Humanities. University of North Carolina. Chapel Hill. June.
- 1996 "The Jamkhed model: participatory methods, community capacity and successful primary health care", lecture for seminar "Maternal and child health: case studies", School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. April.
- 1996 "New paradigms in participatory methodologies: contemporary developments in

- India”, guest lecture for seminar on “NGO’s and development planning”, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of North Carolina. Chapel Hill. March.
- 1995 "Appalachian regionalism and American nationalism: a metanarrative analysis". Paper presented at the Program on the Intercultural South, Institute for the Arts and Humanities. University of North Carolina. Chapel Hill. March.
- 1994 "Integrating cultural and economic models of underdevelopment: the case of the Appalachian coalfields". Paper presented at the Program on the Intercultural South, Institute for the Arts and Humanities. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. October.
- 1994 "You got the *gemein* and I got the *schaft*: gender, class and domestic desire in West Virginia coal mining communities". Paper presented on panel "Other Western selves: transformations, deviations, and the trope of autonomy". American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. November.
- 1994 "The dismemberment of the patriarch: male authority, sexuality and violence in 1980's thriller films". Conference on "The Body -- its embodiment in praxis, politics, and policy". Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings. Baltimore, Maryland. March.
- 1993 "Violence in West Virginia coal strikes: historical and social context". American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Washington, D.C. November.
- 1991 "That old honey-bucket in the heart: anti-capitalist rhetoric in Baptist fundamentalist preaching". Southern States Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Columbia, South Carolina. May.
- 1990 "The ontology of self and symbol". Remarks presented for panel on the Ethnography of Popular Culture. Society for Cultural Anthropology Annual Meetings. Santa Monica, California. May.
- 1989 "Writing culture and preaching the word: the anthropologist as sinner in Appalachian Free Will Baptist Churches". American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Washington, D.C. November.

Courses taught:

Introduction to Anthropology
 Myth, mind & magic
 Sex & gender
 Introduction to Women's Studies
 Mysticism cross-culturally
 Religions of the African diaspora
 Anthropology of Appalachia
 Anthropology of mass culture
 The crisis of public life
 Religious experience
 Ethnographic approaches to cultural studies

Globalization, democracy and sustainability
Qualitative Methods
Environment, Culture, Development
Introduction to Social Theory
Geography of Appalachia

Manuscript reviewer: *American Ethnologist; Annals of Anthropological Practice, Anthem Press; Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment; Environment and Planning; Feminist Media Studies; Growth & Change; Human Organization; Institute of Management Studies Manthan; Journal of Appalachian Studies; Journal of World-Systems Research; Mayfield Publishing Company; National Science Foundation; Organization & Environment; Rural Sociology; Social Sciences; State University of New York Press; University of Illinois Press.*

Service on graduate student doctoral committees:

Committee member: Anna Erwin, student in Policy, Governance, & Globalization PhD program, in Government and International Affairs Program, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg VA. Fall 2013-Spring 2014.

Committee member: Hannah B. Harris, “The Return of the Black Bear to Eastern Kentucky: Conflict and Tolerance between People and Wildlife”. School of Forestry, University of Kentucky, PhD awarded in 2011

Committee member: Manjunath Shankar, “Dynamics of Empowerment: Identity, Capabilities, Civic Spaces and Autonomy Respecting Assistance in Arunachal Pradesh” Dept of International Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health. PhD awarded in 2010

Committee member: Matt McCourt, “From the Place of Problems to a Place of Possibilities: Emergent Forms of Community-Based Research in Harlan, Kentucky”, Geography Dept, University of Kentucky. PhD awarded in 2004

Topical specialization: environmental contestation and social movements, body studies, civil society and globalization, environmental imaginaries and identities, land-use management and social forestry, global regional studies, constitution of public space, place studies, regimes of knowledge and the articulation of local/professionalized knowledges, qualitative research methods, participatory action research, public involvement and deliberation, community-based development, performative construction of identity (gender, class, place, ethnicity, religion),

Theoretical expertise: post-development studies, gender studies, social theory and cultural studies, continental philosophy (particularly Heidegger and Ricoeur), narrative and performance theory, psychoanalysis (especially Klein and object relations), structuralism and post-structuralism, political economy of gender, feminist epistemology, discourse analysis, ethnological theories of ritual and religious cosmogenesis

Languages: Hindi, French, Russian

Personal

Born: 5/22/48, Landour, Uttar Pradesh, India

Foreign experience: India -- 12 years in residence. Extended visits to more than 40 other countries in Asia, Africa, Middle East and Europe.

Service, awards:

- 2019-2020 Program Committee, Appalachian Studies Association annual conference
- 2014-2015 Selection Committee for the Helen M. Lewis Community Service Award, Appalachian Studies Association
- 2014-present Mentor, Economic Transition Fellowship, Highlander Center, New Market TN
- 2012-present Member, Committee on Economic Transition [Alliance for Appalachia](#)
- 2011-present Affiliate, Appalachian Studies Program, Virginia Tech
- 2010 Joe Begley & Everett Akers Award for contributions to social justice, presented by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. October.
- 2003-2007 Bioregional Advisory Council, Appalachian Forest Resource Center, Athens, OH
- 2004-2005 (Faculty advisor) Social Theory Graduate Students Association, University of Kentucky
- 2004-2005 Humanities Committee, School of Arts & Sciences, University of Kentucky
- 2002 & 2004 (Co-Coordinator) Working Paper Series. Committee on Social Theory. University of Kentucky
- 2003 Steering Committee, Appalachian Rural Cultural Heritage Education Initiative, Pike County, Kentucky
- 2002-03 Program Committee. Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2002-03 Steering Committee. Appalachian Studies Association
- 2002-03 (Co-chair) Membership and Recruitment Committee. Appalachian Studies Association
- 1999-2005 Faculty associate. Appalachian Studies & Social Theory Program. University of Kentucky
- 1997 (Chair) Fundraising Membership Committee. Western North Carolina Alliance
- 1997 (Member and Steering Committee Representative) Sustainable Development Committee. Western North Carolina Alliance
- 1997 Steering Committee. Western North Carolina Alliance
- 1996 Planning committee and facilitator. Conference on "Women, Community and Sustainable Development" (May 16-18, 1996). University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1993-94 Petitions Committee, Albion College
- 1993-94 (Chair) Women's Studies Committee. Albion College
- 1988-94 Women's Studies Committee, Albion College
- 1993-94 Judicial Board, Albion College

1992-94 Grievance Committee, Albion College
1990 Gender and Ethnicity Committee, Albion College
1990 President's Committee on Campus Ethos, Albion College
1990 (Co-chair) Task Force on Gender Relations, Albion College
1990 (Author) Report to President, Task Force on Gender Relations, Albion College
1989-90 Faculty Development Committee, Albion College
1989-90 (Chair) Women's Center Evaluation Committee, Albion College
1990 (Author) Five Year Evaluation Report on Women's Center, Albion College

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