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Anthropology
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Spiritual Ecology: A Quiet Revolution, and Research Institute for Spiritual Ecology (RISE)
<http://spiritualecology.info>

Specializations

Mainland Southeast Asia (Thailand) and Amazon (Venezuela)

Spiritual ecology (including religions and environment)

Buddhist ecology (environmental philosophy, ethics, and
action, especially in Thailand)

Biodiversity studies in relation to cultural diversity, cultural ecology, historical ecology, and
sacred places (especially sacred caves in Thailand)

Anthropological aspects of peace studies and war studies, nonkilling

Advocacy anthropology and human rights, professional ethics

Yanommalogy (Yanomami Studies)

Education

- 1965 Indiana University, B.A. in geology
- 1973 Cornell University, M.A. in anthropology
- 1974-76 Ad-Honorem Graduate Student in Anthropology at the
Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Investigations
- 1981 Cornell University, Ph.D. in anthropology

Summer courses at New York University in field primatology (1973), Summer Institute of Linguistics at University of Oklahoma in field linguistics (1976), and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in nutritional anthropology field methods (1986)

2002 Workshop on The Protection of Human Research Subjects for Research Investigations,
University of Hawai`i

Languages

English, Spanish, Thai (learning)

Teaching

- 1967-68 Laboratory Instructor, Indiana University
(Bloomington), Biological Anthropology
Summer Lecturer, Indiana University (Kokomo)
General Anthropology
- 1968-70 Visiting Lecturer, University of Saskatchewan
(Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
Biological Anthropology, Human Palaeontology,
History and Theory of Anthropology
- 1971 Visiting Lecturer, Mount Royal College
(Calgary, Alberta, Canada), Human Origins
- 1976 Instructor for Laboratory in Biological Anthropology
Cornell University
- 1977 Summer Instructor, Indiana-Purdue University
(Indianapolis), General Anthropology

- 1977-78 Visiting Professor, Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Investigations (Caracas), Cultural Ecology
- 1978-79 Summer Instructor, Cornell University (Ithaca), Human Evolution
- 1978-79 Visiting Instructor, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), World Prehistory and Archaeology, Cultural Ecology, Cultural Materialism
- 1979, 81 Visiting Professor, Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Investigations (Caracas), Cultural Ecology, History and Theory of Anthropology, Cultural Materialism (Fulbright 1981)
- 1981-86 Assistant Professor, University of Hawai'i (Honolulu)
- 1986-96 Associate Professor, University of Hawai'i (Honolulu)
- 1994-95 Fulbright Visiting Professor, Biology Department, Prince of Songkhla University (Pattani), General
- 1996-2010 Professor, University of Hawai'i (Honolulu)
(course list below)

Courses (UH)

- 150 Human Adaptation
- 152 Culture and Humanity
- 200 Cultural Anthropology
- 215 Physical Anthropology
- 307 Contemporary Theory in Anthropology
- 340 Primate Behavior and Ecology
- 345 Anthropology of Aggression, War, and Peace
- 385C Undergraduate Proseminar: Internet Anthropology
- 410 Ethics in Anthropology
- 415 Ecological Anthropology
- 422 Anthropology of Religion
- 423 Social and Cultural Change
- 435 Human Adaptation to Tropical Forests
- 443 Anthropology of Buddhism
- 444 Spiritual Ecology
- 445 Sacred Places
- 481 Applied Anthropology
- 482 Environmental Anthropology

601 Ethnology
 620H Human Ecology
 699 Thai Studies
 750D Research Seminar (Ethics and Politics of Anthropology)

Academy of Lifelong Learning (voluntary teaching for community) courses:

What's a Tree? Anthropological Explorations
 Sacred Places in Nature: Exploring Spiritual Ecology
 Buddhist Lives and Cultures: Anthropological Explorations and Insights
 Is Religion the Answer to the Ecocrisis? Exploring Spiritual Ecology
 Life as Pilgrimage: Sacred Places and Rituals
 Contemplating Buddhism: Documentary Film Series on
 Tibet, Tibetan Buddhism, and His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet
 Exploring Sacred Caves of the World through Film

Awards

1986, 1991, UH Excellence in Teaching Award
 2020 Marquis Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award

Campus Program Affiliations

Center for Southeast Asian Studies
 Environmental Studies
 Evolutionary Ecology and Conservation Biology (founding member)
 Resource Management Certificate (founding member and former director)
 Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace (founding member)

Committees (UH)

1981-2010 Various committees in Department of Anthropology
 including curriculum, personnel, admissions, budget

 1986 Faculty Council of UH Institute for Peace

 1986-87 Planning Committee for "Perceiving Nature Conference"

 1987-88 Tenure and Promotion Review Committee
 Executive Committee of UH Institute for Peace

 1989-90 Chair of Resource Management Certificate Program

1989-2010 Member, Resource Management Certificate Program

1989-96 Thai Studies Committee (Chair 1994-96)

1991 Executive Committee of UH Institute for Peace
Interim Coordinator, Center for Global Nonviolence

1991-92 Buddhism and Ecology Discussion Group (Organizer and
Chair)

1992 Fulbright Review Committee for Southeast Asia

1995-2010 Evolution, Ecology, and
Conservation Biology Graduate Program

2001-2010 Environmental Center

2002-3 Chair of Department Curriculum Committee for weekly
meetings throughout the academic year in systematic and thorough review of all
levels and aspects of the curriculum (also chair 2006-2007 and 2007-2008).

2005 UH Tenure, Promotion, and Review Committees

Committees (outside UH)

1991 Scientific Committee for UNESCO-MAB Conference on
Food and Nutrition in Tropical Forest

1991-95 Commission for Human Rights of the American
Anthropological Association (Chair 1992-95)

1993 Board of Sponsors, Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent
Anthropological Research

1996 Committee for Human Rights of the AAA (Chair 1996)

1992-96 Advisory Board, Nature, Man, and War Project

1994- Advisory Board, Pacific Primate Sanctuary in Maui

1998- Advisory Board for the Forum on Religion and
Ecology (FORE), section on Indigenous Traditions, Yale University

1999-2010 Editorial Board for the journal Social Justice:
Anthropology, Peace, and Human Rights of the Commission for Peace and
Human Rights of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological

Sciences

2000-2008 Executive Board, Hawai`i Association of International Buddhists

2000-2005 Associate Editor and Asia Task Force for Encyclopedia on Religion and Nature, Bron Taylor, et al., eds., Continuum Press (2005).
<http://www.religionandnature.com>

2003-2010 Advisory Council, Committee for Human Rights, AAA

2003-2009 Steering Committee Member for The Reverend Yoshiaki Fujitani Interfaith Program to Promote Dialogue and the Search for Understanding, Peace, and Justice

2012 Advisory Board, Interfaith and Science Initiative

Consultant

1981 Venezuelan Office for Indigenous Affairs (Caracas)

1984 Anthropology Resource Center (Cambridge)
 Adjunct Research Associate, Environment and Policy Institute, East-West Center

1990 Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund
 National Research Council Committee for the Human Dimensions of Global Change

1990-2010 East-West Center (various projects)

1992 National Geographic Society Explorer TV program on Yanomami, NOVA TV program on Tasaday, Brazilian Congressman Fabio Feldman on Yanomami

1993 Committee on Human Rights and the Environment of the Society for Applied Anthropology, National Geographic Society, Ye'kuana Self-Demarcation Project

1994-2010 Cultural Survival Scholars and Specialists Network, Sponsor of The Anthropologist's Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research

1994-95 Historical Ecology of Pattani Bay Project, Biology Department, Prince of Songkhla University

- 1995 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation,
Center for Migration Studies of Chulalongkorn
University of Bangkok
- 1996 NOVA Video "Warriors of the Amazon" (Yanomami),
Transmedia Productions, Inc. (Melbourne, Australia)
ethnographic video series
- 2000 Time Editions Book on Yanomami
- 2000-02 Community-Based Biodiversity Conservation in Ye'kuana
Territory, Amazonas, Venezuela
- 2003-05 Dr. Clemens Grunbhuel, Department of Social Ecology, University of Klagenfurt,
Vienna, Austria
- Dr. Robert Borofsky, Hawaii Pacific University, Darkness in El Dorado controversy
and PublicAnthropology website
- Dr. Bruce Bonta, University of Pennsylvania, website
Peaceful Societies
- 2006-08 Executive Advisory Board for the Second Edition of the *Encyclopaedia of
Violence, Peace, and Conflict*, Lester Kurtz, Editor-in-Chief, 2008, San Diego, CA:
Elsevier, Inc.
- 1998- Advisory Board for the Forum on Religion and Ecology (FORE), Yale University,
ongoing source of information, especially on Buddhist ecology and
environmentalism, but also on Indigenous Traditions <http://fore.yale.edu/>,
<https://fore.yale.edu/About-Us/Advisory-Group#Buddhism>, Buddhism and Ecology
<https://fore.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/BEintroduction-Sponsel.pdf>,
<https://fore.yale.edu/About-Us/Advisory-Group#Indigenous>, Indigenous Traditions
and Ecology Bibliography [https://fore.yale.edu/World-
Religions/Indigenous/Bibliography](https://fore.yale.edu/World-Religions/Indigenous/Bibliography)
- 2015- voluntary informal consultant for the development of the new anthropology graduate
program and spiritual ecology in particular at the Royal Thimphu College in Bhutan
and Royal University of Bhutan: <http://www.rtc.bt/>,
<https://www.rtc.bt/index.php/academics/courses-offered/ba-anthropology>.

Book Manuscript Reviewer

Altamira Press, Berghahn, Blackwell Publishing, Broadview Press, Cambridge University
Press, Columbia University Press, East-West Center, HarperCollins, Holt, Rinehart and
Winston, Island Lake Press, Longman, Lynne Rienner Publishers, McGraw-Hill, Praeger,

Prentice-Hall, Oxford University Press, Random House, Routledge, Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., University of Arizona Press (Human Ecology Series), University of California Press at Berkeley, University of Florida Press, West Publishing

Journal Referee

American Anthropologist
American Journal of Human Biology
American Journal of Physical Anthropology
Annual Review of Anthropology
Anthropological Theory
Antropologica
Biography
Conservation Letters
Conservation and Society
Conservation Biology
Crossroads
Cultural Anthropology
Current Anthropology
Depictions (Paris Institute)
EcoHealth
Explorations: A Graduate Student Journal of Southeast Asian Studies
Forest Ecology and Management
Human Ecology
Human Organization
Interciencia
International Journal of Global Environmental Issues
Journal of Political Ecology
Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture
Journal of Anthropological Research
Journal of Ecological Anthropology
Journal of Burmese Studies
Journal of Forest History
National Geographic Research
New Scholar
Oceania
Population and Environment Bulletin
Quarterly Review of Biology
Religion
Religion & Development
Religions
Reviews in Anthropology
Science Communication
Social Anthropology
Social Justice, Anthropology, Peace, and Human Rights

Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society
Worldviews: Environment, Culture, Religion

Grant Referee

Czech Science Foundation
 Ford Foundation
 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation
 International Foundation for Science
 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
 L.S.B. Leakey Foundation
 National Endowment for the Humanities
 National Geographic Society
 National Science Foundation
 School for American Research
 Sigma Xi
 Social Science Research Council
 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

External Examiner for Theses and Dissertations

Graduate School of the Environment, Division of Environmental and Life Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney, NSW, Australia; Geography, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ; Environmental Conservation, Exeter University, Cornwall, UK; Clinical Psychology (ecopsychology), Pacifica Graduate Institute, Carpinteria, CA.; Saxion University, The Netherlands; University of Greenwich; Royal Roads University, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Referee for Faculty Reviews

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Brown University, Bucknell University, University of California at Santa Barbara, Connecticut College, Florida International University, Hampshire College, Jersey State City College, Lehigh University, University of Michigan (Dearborn), Queen's University Belfast, Rhode Island College, Rutgers University, Tulane University, University of Vermont, Washington State University, University of Wisconsin, Yale University

Associations

American Academy of Religion
 American Anthropological Association
 AAA Committee for Human Rights (founding member, former chair, and now

emeritus member)
 Anthropology of Religion Society
 Anthropology and Environment Society
 Evolutionary Anthropology Society
 Society for the Anthropological Sciences
 Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (AAA section)
 Association of Current Anthropology
 Buddhist Peace Fellowship
 Cultural Survival Scholars Network
 Hawaiian Association of International Buddhists (founding member)
 International Network of Engaged Buddhists
 The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture (founding member)
 International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences
 Siam Society
 Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America (SALSA)(founding member)
 Society for the Sigma Xi

Grants

1970-74 National Institutes of Health Traineeship in
 Physical Anthropology, Cornell University Program in
 Human Biology

1972 Cornell Small Grant

1974 Doherty Foundation Cornell Center for International Studies

1975 Venezuelan Office for Indigenous Affairs (Caracas)
 Royal Ontario Museum (Toronto)

1976 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement
 L.S.B. Leakey Foundation

1979 Fulbright-Hayes Research Fellowship and Visiting
 Professorship, Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Investigations (Caracas)

1980 UNESCO- Man and the Biosphere

1981 Venezuelan Office for Indigenous Affairs (Caracas)

1982- 2010 UH Research Council travel grants most years

1987 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

1988, 90 UH Foundation

1988-90 Luce Foundation

- 1990 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation
- 1991 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement
UNESCO- Man and the Biosphere
UH Center for Southeast Asian Studies
- 1992 University Museum of Philadelphia
World Conservation Union (IUCN)
United Nations University (Tokyo)
- 1993-96 American Anthropological Association (Commission for
Human Rights)
- 1994-95 Fulbright-John F. Kennedy Collaborative Researcher/
Consultant in Cultural Ecology, Biology Department
of Prince of Songkhla University (Pattani, Thailand)
- 1998 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Curriculum Project
(multidisciplinary syllabus on Violence Studies)
- 1996 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
and British Academy of Sciences travel grant to attend the special conference on
"Trees as Social Symbols" at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England
- 2001 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant to develop online course

Research

Primate Ecology

- 1971 Locomotor behavior of orang-utan (Pongo pygmaeus)(Calgary Zoo, Alberta, Canada)
- 1972 Squirrel monkey (Saimiri sciureus) population ecology (Colombian Amazon) with International Union for the Conservation of Nature with Barbara Harrison
- 1973 Vervet monkey (Cercopithecus aethiops) behavior and ecology (Awash National Park, Ethiopia) on New York University field school in primatology with Clifford Jolly
- 1988-2008 Ethnoprimatology and ecology of coconut picking monkeys (Macaca nemestrina and M. fascicularis) in southern Thailand

Cultural Ecology

1974-81 Biological and cultural ecology of indigenous predation in Venezuelan Amazon (Sanema-Yanomami, Ye'kuana, Curripaco, and Geral) in association with the Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Investigations (IVIC), Center for Ecology and Department of Anthropology

1974- Yanomamalogy (Yanomami Studies)

Spiritual Ecology

1986-95 Comparative ecology of adjacent Buddhist and Muslim villages in southern Thailand (in collaboration with biologists and anthropologists at Prince of Songkhla University in Pattani, summers 86-89, 94-95)

1986- Buddhist ecology (environmental philosophy, ethics and action in relation to forests and conservation in Thailand)

1994- Role of sacred places in the conservation of biodiversity in Thailand (including Hindu and Animistic influences)

2002-12 Background research for book Spiritual Ecology: A Quiet Revolution
<http://www.spiritualecology.info>

2002- The possible ecological relationships among Buddhist monks, sacred caves, bats, forests, biodiversity, and conservation in northern Thailand

Peace Studies and Human Rights

1979- Anthropological aspects of human rights, advocacy anthropology, and political ecology of Yanomami genocide/ethnocide/ecocide

1981 Ye'kuana culture and language school primer

1983- Anthropological aspects of peace studies and war studies, and Yanomami aggression

2000- Professional ethics and human rights matters, allegations in Patrick Tierney's book

Darkness in El Dorado: How Scientists and Journalists Devastated the Amazon

Conferences

1972

International Conference on Animal Behavior, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 13-17.

IVth International Congress of Primatology, Portland, Oregon, August 15-18.

Watson Kintner Symposium on Photography in Anthropology, University Museum, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 29 - October 1.

1973

IXth International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Chicago, Illinois, September 1-8.

1974

El Problema Indigena Venezolano, Asociacion Pro-Venezuela, Caracas, August 8-9.

1982

American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 5, invited paper "Fallacies in Criticisms of the Protein Hypothesis" for session "Human Ecology and Animal Protein in Amazonia" organized by Jean Luc Chodkiewitz.

1983

Environment and Policy Institute, East-West Center, June, invited paper "Ecology, Culture, and Values in Amazonia" for conference "Cultural Values and Human Ecology."

1986

Agroforestry Training Course for United Nations University and East-West Center Environment and Policy Institute, Honolulu, June, invited paper "Indigenous Agroforestry in Amazonia."

International Symposium of the School for Social Work at the University of Hawai'i, June, invited discussant for session on "Peace and Pacific Development."

Organizer and Chair of Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Research on Nonviolence and

Peace at the University of Hawai'i, 1986-87.

1987

University of Hawai'i Institute for Peace Pacific Peace Seminar, summer, invited paper "War and Peace in the Pacific Prior to Europeans."

American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Illinois, November 18-22, organizer and chair of session "Amazon Ecology: Recent Trends and Future Needs in Anthropological Research" with presented paper as introduction.

Perceiving Nature Conference at University of Hawai'i, March 20-22, as member of Program Committee.

1988

American Anthropological Association, Phoenix, Arizona, November 16-20, organizer and co-chair of session "Anthropology of Nonviolence and Peace," and presented invited paper "The Human Niche in Amazonia: A Comparison of Human and Primate Ecology" in session "Anthropological Perspectives on New World Primates" organized by Warren Kinzey

International Union of Forest Research Organizations Forest History Group, Australian National University, Centre for Environment and Resource Studies, Canberra, Australia, May 15-18, invited paper co-authored with Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel "Buddhism, Ecology, and Forests in Thailand: Past, Present, and Future."

1989

American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 15-19, invited papers: "Mutual Relevance of Anthropology and Peace Studies" in session on "Anthropology and the Pedagogy of Peace" organized by Vernie Davis and Paul Doughty, and "Our Fascination with the Tasaday: Anthropological Images and Images of Anthropology" in session "The Tasaday Controversy: An Assessment of Evidence" organized by Thomas Headland.

American Society for Environmental History and Northwest Association for Environmental Studies joint conference on "Solving Environmental Problems: The Past as Prologue to the Present" at Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington, April 27-30, invited paper "Buddhist Ethics and Actions: A Case Study from the Environmental History of Thailand."

1990

Guggenheim Foundation, Charleston, South Carolina, October 13-18, special conference on "What We Know About Peace" invited paper on "The Natural History of Peace" organized by Thomas Gregor.

Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, October 19-21, two invited paper co-authored with Poranee Natadecha-

Sponsel "The Ecological Transition and Buddhism in Relation to Forests and Deforestation in Thailand" and "A Comparison of the Cultural Ecology of Adjacent Muslim and Buddhist Villages in Southern Thailand: A Preliminary Field Report."

American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, co-organizer with Robert Bailey and Thomas Headland and chair for invited session "Tropical Forest Ecology, the Changing Human Niche, and Deforestation" which included papers as introduction and conclusion.

1991

International Union of Forest Research Organizations Forest History Group, Forest History Society, and Organization of Tropical Studies joint conference "Forest and Environmental History in Latin America" held at the University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica, February 18-22, invited paper "Natural and Unnatural Disturbances in the Environmental History of Amazonia."

Pacific Science Congress, Honolulu, Hawai'i, May 27 - June 2, invited paper co-authored with Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel "The Potential Contribution of Buddhism in the Development of an Environmental Ethic for the Conservation of Biodiversity" in session "Ethics, Values, and Religion as Bases for Biological Diversity Conservation."

UNESCO - Man and the Biosphere conference "Food and Nutrition in the Tropical Forest: Biocultural Interactions and Applications to Development," Paris, France, September 10-13, invited paper co-authored with Paula Loya "Rivers of Hunger: Indigenous Resource Management in the Oligotrophic Ecosystems of the Rio Negro, Amazonas, Venezuela."

American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Illinois, November 20-24, co-organizer and chair of session with Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel on "Ethnicity, Religion and Ecology in Thailand," in which presented two papers co-authored with Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel: "Religious Influences on the Cultural Ecology of Adjacent Muslim and Buddhist Villages in Southern Thailand" and "The Ecological Transition, Buddhism, and Forests in Thailand."

1992

IVth World Congress on National Parks and Protected Areas of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) conference on "Protected Areas and Human Survival: Enhancing the Role of Conservation in Sustaining Society," Caracas, Venezuela, February 10-21, invited paper "History, Conservation, and Human Rights: The Case of the Yanomami in the Amazon of Brazil and Venezuela."

University Museum of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 6-8, invited paper "Amazonia as an Ecosystem: General Overview" in special conference "Transforming the Amazonian Rainforest" organized by Kenneth Kensinger.

East-West Center Second Annual Conference on Issues of Culture and Communication in the Asia/Pacific Region, Honolulu, Hawai'i, August 31 - September 4, invited paper "Myths of

Ecology and Ecology of Myths: Were Indigenes Noble Conservationists or Savage Destroyers of Nature?"

United Nations University Japan-ASEAN Forum III "Asia's New Initiatives in the 1990s," Tokyo, Japan, invited paper "Environmental Management at the Community and National Levels: Insights on Security in the Environment, Economy and Peace with special reference to Thailand."

American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, California, December 2-6, organizer and chair of session "Anthropology, Colonization and Decolonization" and paper "Information Asymmetry and the Decolonization of Anthropology."

1993

American Anthropological Association, organized and chaired conference of Commission for Human Rights, Washington, D.C., April 28- May 1, and presented paper "The Mutual Relevance of Anthropology and Human Rights: A Growing Necessity."

Second Annual Conference of World History Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 24-27, invited paper "Yanomami Warfare and the Warfare Against the Yanomami from the Perspective of Environmental History" for session "Global Perspectives on War" organized by Richard Stevens.

Fifth International Thai Studies Conference at the School of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of London, London, July, invited paper "The Role of Buddhism in Creating a More Sustainable Society in Thailand."

American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 17-21, invited discussant and paper "Is a Radical Approach Appropriate? Ecological Anthropology and Deforestation in Thailand" for session "Scholar, Educator, Mediator, Activist: Praxis and the Ethics of Ecological Anthropology" organized by Rajindra Puri.

1994

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 9-11, invited paper "The Ecological History of Thailand: Some Initial Explorations of Thresholds of Human Environmental Impact from Prehistory to the Present" in conference on "Historical Ecology" organized by William Balee.

American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 30 - December 4, organizer and chair of Invited Presidential Session "Peace and Human Rights," and invited paper on "The Continuing Destruction of the Yanomami and their Ecosystems by Goldminers: Future Scenarios and Possible Actions" in session "The Knowledge to Act: Coming to Terms with Environmental and Human Rights" organized by Pamela Puntenney.

1995

American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November - December, organizer and chair of Invited Presidential Session "Human Rights: Universalism versus Relativism"

and invited paper "Cultural, Religious, and Biological Diversity in Southern Thailand" for session "The Intricate Tapestry of Cultural and Biological Diversity" organized by Pamela Puntenney. (Presidential Session led to publication of selected revised papers as a special issue of the Journal of Anthropological Research co-edited by Terence Turner and Carole Nagengast, v. 53, no. 3, Fall 1997).

1996

Invited paper "The Role of Sacred Trees in the Conservation of Biodiversity in Thailand," (co-author Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel) for Conference on Trees as Social Symbols at Wye College, University of London, Canterbury, Kent, England, January 8-11, 1996.

Invited paper "The Buddhist Monastic Community as a Green Society in Thailand: Its Potential Role in Environmental Ethics, Education, and Action," (co-author Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel), for Consultation on Buddhism and Ecology, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, May 2-5, 1996.

Invited paper "The Role of Sacred Places in Biodiversity Conservation in Thailand" for 6th International Conference on Thai Studies, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, October 14-17, 1996, unable to attend but paper delivered by Dr. Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel.

American Anthropological Association, November 20-24, 1996, San Francisco, California, co-organizer and co-chair with Dr. George Appell (Brandeis University) of session "The Role of Sacred Places in Biodiversity Conservation," plus give paper "The Role of Buddhist Temples and Monks in Biodiversity Conservation in Thailand," also panelist for session "Trends in Environmental Anthropology: Global Communities in the Making," and involved in various functions of the AAA Committee for Human Rights (business meeting, open forum, workshop).

1997

Invited paper on "Ecological, Economic, and Cultural Aspects of the Use of Macaque Monkeys Trained to Pick Coconuts in Southern Thailand" (co-author Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel), for conference on "Animals in Asia: Representations and Relationships," International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University, Netherlands, September 15-16.

Invited participant, "Indigenous Traditions and Ecology" conference at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 13-16.

American Anthropological Association, annual meeting in Washington, D.C., December 2-6, organizer and chair of session on "Gold, Oil, People and Environment, and Rights in the Amazon." Also invited paper on "Monkey Business: Crop Picking Macaques in Southern Thailand" (co-author Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel) for session on "What Are We Doing Watching Monkeys? Anthropological Perspectives and the Role of Nonhuman Primate Research" organized by Agustin Fuentes; and discussant for session on "Intelligible and Audible Voices: The Question of Solving the Environmental Equation" organized by Pamela

J. Punttenney.

1998

The 14th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, July 26-August 1, organizer and chair of session on "Ecological Anthropology: International Retrospective and Prospective Analyses"; paper on "Biological and Cultural Diversity, Anthropology, and Human Rights in the Amazon" for session on "Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Crisis in the 1990s" organized by William Fisher; and discussant for session on "Towards Justice, Peace, and Human Rights: Anthropological Perspectives" organized by Paul J. Magnarella.

Invited paper on "What's in a Tree? Sacred Trees as Parts of Wider Systems and Their Role in Biodiversity Conservation in Thailand" (co-author Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel) at the UNESCO International Symposium on "Natural Sacred Sites, Cultural Diversity and Biological Diversity," Paris, France, September 22-25.

Invited participant in "Religion, Ethics, and the Environment: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue," at the Center for the Study of World Religions of Harvard University and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, MA, September 17-20.

"Malthus With A New Twist: The Challenge of Population, Diversity Loss, and Future Adaptability" for annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, Dec. 2-6 (co-organizer and co-chair with Pamela Punttenney). Paper title: "Can Diversity Be Sacred Despite Exploding Population and Economic Pressures?: Reflections from Thailand and Beyond."

1999

Invited participant in round table discussion on "A Buddhist Response in the 21st Century" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast conference, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, June 17-20

Invited paper on "The Relationships between Biodiversity and Human Rights" for the international conference Seminar on Biodiversity Conservation in the Asia-Pacific Region, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI, September 15-17.

"Does War Have Any Future?: Insights from a Century of Anthropological Research," session co-organized and co-chaired with Kenneth R. Good for the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Chicago, IL, November 17-21.

2000

"Indigenes, Indigenists, Environmentalists, and Human Rights: Compatibilities and Incompatibilities at the Interface of Advocacy and Environmental Anthropology," session organized and chaired for the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association in San Francisco, CA, November 15-19. Session invited by the AAA Committee for Human

Rights and the AAA Anthropology and Environment Section. Also invited discussant in special event of the AAA Committee for Human Rights, "The Praxis of Doing Fieldwork in High Conflict Situations," organized and chaired by Lucia Ann McSpadden.

2001

"The Controversy Over Darkness in El Dorado: Some Critical Reflections," paper invited for the First International Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America," Tulane University, New Orleans, January 12-13.

"How Has Ecology Transformed Anthropology During the Last 100 Years?," organizer and chair for session invited by the Executive Program Committee of the American Anthropological Association for the annual convention, Washington, D.C., November 28 - December 2. Also invited panelist in Invited Session of the Committee for Human Rights Forum: "The Endangered Peoples Project: Struggles to Survive and Thrive in a Globalized World," Barbara Johnston, organizer and chair.

2002

Invited to give concluding remarks at special international conference on the "Tragedy in the Amazon: Yanomami Voices, Academic Controversy and the Ethics of Research" sponsored by the Latin American Studies Program at Cornell University and the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, Ithaca, NY, April 5-7.

Invited participant in "The First Inter-Dialogue Conference on Southern Thailand: Experiencing Southern Thailand--- Current Social Transformations from Peoples Perspectives," co-sponsored by Harvard University and Prince of Songkla University, Pattani, Thailand, June 13-15.

"The Yanomami People: Advocacy Research on Their Present Status, Concerns, and Future," organizer and chair for session invited by the AAA Committee for Human Rights and the Society for Latin American Anthropology at the annual convention of the American Anthropological Association in New Orleans, LA, Nov. 20-24. Also, present paper: "Yanomami Studies: Past, Present, and Future."

2003

"Ecological Anthropology: Priorities for the 21st Century," organizer and chair of session for the XVth International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Florence, Italy, July 5-12, with introductory and concluding papers: "Ecological Anthropology: A Critical Retrospective and Prospective Analysis" and "Is Religion the Answer to the Ecocrisis? Explorations in Spiritual Ecology with Examples from Thailand" (co-author Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel).

Invited participant and discussant in "Workshop on Teaching Religion and Ecology," Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, October 23-26, co-sponsored by the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Harvard University and funded by the Wabash Center for Teaching and

Learning in Theology and Religion.

Invited paper on "Buddhist Ecology and Environmentalism in America" (Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel co-author) and discussant for the panel on "Contemporary American Buddhism: Its Prospects and Impact," November 14-15, Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin, Honolulu, HI.

"The Anthropologists, Promoters of War or Peace?," organizer and chair of session for the annual convention of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL., November 19-23. Also invited discussant for another session "Ethnographic Research in Unstable and Violent Contexts: Theoretical and Practical Implications" co-organized by Megan Plyler and Tricia Redeker Hepner of Michigan State University.

2004

"Religion and Environment: Exploring Spiritual Ecology as a New Research Frontier," organizer and chair of session for the annual convention of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November 17-21. (Session cancelled because of AAA decision to relocate and reschedule as a result of hotel strike in San Francisco).

2005

"Bringing the Religious Past into the Present: The Environmental Legacy of Religion and its Relevance for Envisioning and Engaging Our Ecological Future," organizer, revised from previous year for the annual convention of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 30-December 4. Also invited discussant for the Presidential Session of the AAA Committee for Human Rights on "Anthropology and Human Rights: Challenges and Prospects, organizer and chair Samuel Martinez (University of Connecticut).

2006

"Anthropological Contributions to Spiritual Ecology: A Retrospective and Prospective Critical Analysis" invited paper for the Inaugural Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture held at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, April 6-9.

"Ethical Anthropology: Past, Present, and Future" organizer and discussant of session invited by the AAA Committee on Ethics for the annual convention of the AAA in San Jose, CA, November 15-19.

2007

"Anthropology, Environmentalism and Justice: Exploring the Interconnections" organizer and discussant for session for the annual convention of the AAA, Washington, D.C., November 28 - December 2.

2008

“The Future of Human Adaptability: Cultural Diversity in Ecological Perspective,” organizer of session for the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Kunming, China, July 15-23. Also presenting two papers: “The Endangered Future of Humanity: Megatrend Reversals Jeopardize Adaptability in Responding to Global Warming,” and “Sacred Places and Biodiversity Conservation in Thailand” (co-author Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel)[withdrew as organizer and chair because of crisis in Tibet after March 10].

“What Goes On In The Minds Of Biological Anthropologists?: A Symposium In Honor Of Kenneth A. R. Kennedy” co-organizer for session for the annual convention of the AAA, San Francisco, CA, November 19-23.

2009

“The End/s of Ecological Anthropology: Exploring the Changing Dynamics of its Relativism, Identities, and Publics,” organizer and chair of session plus delivered introductory paper titled “Ecological Anthropology in the University of Hawai`i at Manoa : Past, Present and Future” for the annual convention of the AAA, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6.

2010

Invited Humanities Scholar for Introduction to the showing of the documentary film “Secrets of the Tribe” (Jose Padilha, 2010) and subsequent Discussion plus background Essay in Program for the series “Film for Thought” of the Hawai`i International Film Festival, Honolulu, HI, October 17, 2010, <http://www.hiff.org>.

“Is There Any Light in the Darkness in El Dorado Controversy after a Decade”, paper invited for the session “History and Education in the Circulation of Ethnographic Knowledge in the Amazon: The Yanomami Controversy a Decade Later,” co-organizers Led Martins and Terence Turner, chair R. Brian Ferguson, at the annual convention of the AAA, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21.

2011

Association of Asian Studies and International Convention of Asian Studies, Honolulu, HI, March 31 - April 1, Chair of session on Sacred Spaces, and present papers co-authored with Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel: “Sacred Caves, Buddhist Monks, Bats, and Forests in Thailand: Their Possible Ecological Significance for the Conservation of Biological Diversity,” and “Sacred Sites and Landscapes of Thailand: Their Ecological Significance.”

Session “Challenging the Legacy of Innate Depravity: The New Tidemark of the Nonkilling Paradigm,” (co-organizer Joam Evans Pim) at the annual convention of the AAA, November 16-20, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Also paper on “Nonkilling Anthropology.”

2012

“Yanomami Studies: Past, Present, and Future,” invited for session 880 “The Yanomami at the intersection of socio-political engagement, scientific research, and public awareness,” Gale Goodwin-Gomez and Gabriele Herzog-Schroder, co-organizers, at the International Congress of Americanists, Vienna, Austria, July 15-20.

“The Anthropology of Buddhism and the Buddhism of Anthropology: Crossing the Boundaries of Science and Religion,” organizer and discussant, annual convention of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November 14-18.

2014

“Yanomami Shaman David Kopenawa’s World: A Collaborative Ethnography with Bruce Albert,” co-organizer with Gale Goodwin Gomez (Rhode Island College), and paper “Yanomami and Yanomami Studies,” annual convention of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 3-7.

2016

“Understanding of Spiritual Ecology Revolution,” invited presentation for the workshop on “Ethics and ecology: Faith-based models for reconnecting with all sentient beings,” Honolulu, HI: International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources Congress, September 5.

2020

“Spiritual Ecology,” invited presentation for eConference of the Norwegian Asian Studies Network, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, December 11.

“Religious Environmental Activism in Asia,” invited for the eConference on “Sustainable Asia” of the Norwegian Network for Asian Studies, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, December 7-11 <https://www.sum.uio.no/english/research/networks/network-for-asian-studies/>.

2021

Pre-recorded talk on “Spiritual Ecology: Exploring Four Elemental Questions” for Spiritual Citizenship online conference of Embodied Philosophy in New York City, NY, July 17, <https://www.embodiedphilosophy.com/>.

“Spiritual Ecology,” The Focal Thought Podcast #55, July 26, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxIdFjhpBfA>

2022

“Escaping the Echo Chamber of Hobbesian Pseudoscience: Serious Science about the Positive Concept of Peace,” in session on Anthropological Contributions to the Study and

Promotion of Peace, Douglas P. Fry, organizer, in conference Old Discipline, New Trajectories: Theories, Methods and Practices in Anthropology, The Society for the Anthropological Sciences, Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania, June 16, www.sasciconf2021.fsf.vu.lt/program-fsf-prad

“Yanomami in the Amazon: Toward a more Ethical Anthropology beyond Othering,” Ricardo Lopez interview, The Dissenter #751, November 28, (60 minutes), https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fzl_rkZop90, https://youtu.be/Fzl_rkZop90

“Spiritual Ecology: Actualities and Potentialities,” East-West Center 2023 Senior Journalists Seminar, March 14.

“Spiritual Ecology,” The Kerulos Center Living One interview by Olivia Crossman, May 12, <https://kerulos.org/kli/living-one/>

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