

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

1993 Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
1987 A.M., Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
1981 A.B. with honors, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland

Academic Positions

2011-present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University
2001-2011 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Utah
2006-2007 Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University
2004-2006 Affiliate Faculty, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University
1994-2001 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Utah
1994 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University
1992 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
1991 Instructor, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Eastern Michigan University
1990-1991 Research scholar, Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Fieldwork

2012-2020 Ongoing fieldwork in Indo-Caribbean communities of New York City and Toronto
2014 Pilot studies of Hindu temples in Trinidad and Guyana (June-July and October)
2001-2012 Mountain Meadows oral history project in southern Utah and northwestern Arkansas
1990-1991 Dissertation research on trans-Himalayan political history in Nepal (12 months)
1987 Study of social hierarchy and childcare on Ifaluk Atoll, Micronesia (3 months)
1985 Pilot study of Sherpa and Tamang communities in Nepal (3 months)

Publications

Journal Articles

- Rodseth, Lars
2018 Hegemonic concepts of culture: The checkered history of dark anthropology. *American Anthropologist* 120 (3):398-411.
- Rodseth, Lars
2015 Back to Boas, forth to Latour: An anthropological model for the ontological turn. *Current Anthropology* 56 (6):865-882.
- Rodseth, Lars
2014 Historical massacres and mythical totalities: Reading Marshall Sahlins on two American frontiers. *Histories of Anthropology Annual* 8:209-248.
- Rodseth, Lars
2012 From bachelor threat to fraternal security: Male associations and modular organization in human societies. *International Journal of Primatology* 33:1194-1214.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Lars Rodseth
2006 Remembering Mountain Meadows: Collective violence and the manipulation of social boundaries. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 62 (1):1-25.
- Rodseth, Lars
2005 Giving up the *Geist*: Power, history, and the culture concept in the long Boasian tradition. *Critique of Anthropology* 25 (1):5-11.
- Barth, Fredrik, Robert Borofsky, Lars Rodseth, Richard A. Shweder, and Nomi Maya Stolzenberg
2001 WHEN: A conversation about culture. *American Anthropologist* 103(2):432-46.
- Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2000 The social modes of men: Toward an ecological model of human male relationships. *Human Nature* 11(4):335-366.
- Rodseth, Lars and Jennifer Olsen
2000 Mystics against the market: American religions and the autocritique of capitalism. *Critique of Anthropology* 20(3):265-88.
- Rodseth, Lars
1998 Distributive models of culture: A Sapirian alternative to essentialism. *American Anthropologist* 100(1):55-69.
- Rodseth, Lars, Richard W. Wrangham, Alisa M. Harrigan, and Barbara B. Smuts
1991 The human community as a primate society. *Current Anthropology* 32(3):221-54.
- Rodseth, Lars
1990 Prestige, hunger, and love: Plumbing the psychology of sexual meanings. *Michigan Discussions in Anthropology* 9:107-27.

Book Chapters

- Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2014 Placing the dead at Mountain Meadows. In *Battles and Massacres on the Southwestern Frontier: Historical and Archaeological Perspectives*, pp. 190-208. Ronald K. Wetherington and Francis Levine, eds. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press.
- Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2009 The political significance of gender violence. In *Sexual Coercion in Primates: An Evolutionary Perspective on Male Aggression Against Females*. Martin N. Muller and Richard W. Wrangham, eds. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

- Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2006 The impact of primatology on the study of human society. In *Missing the Revolution: Darwinism for Social Scientists*, pp. 187-220. Jerome H. Barkow, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Rodseth, Lars and Bradley J. Parker
2005 Introduction: Theoretical considerations in the study of frontiers. In *Untaming the Frontier in Anthropology, Archaeology, and History*, pp. 3-21. Bradley J. Parker and Lars Rodseth, eds. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
- Rodseth, Lars
2005 The fragmentary frontier: Expansion and ethnogenesis in the Himalayas. In *Untaming the Frontier in Anthropology, Archaeology, and History*, pp. 83-109. Bradley J. Parker and Lars Rodseth, eds. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
- Rodseth, Lars and Richard W. Wrangham
2004 Human kinship: A continuation of politics by other means? In *Kinship and Behavior in Primates*, pp. 389-419. Bernard Chapais & Carol Berman, eds. New York: Oxford University Press.

Edited Volume

- Parker, Bradley J. and Lars Rodseth (eds.)
2005 *Untaming the Frontier in Anthropology, Archaeology, and History*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

Ph.D. Dissertation

- 1993 *Travel and Transcendence: Lamaist Expansion in the Himalayan Kingdoms, 1640-1990*. Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan.

Replies and Reviews

- Rodseth, Lars
1991 Comment on Bernard Chapais, "Complex kinship patterns as evolutionary constructions." *Current Anthropology* 55(6):771-772.
- Rodseth, Lars
1999 Review of *Constructing Tibetan Culture*, edited by Frank J. Korom. *American Anthropologist* 101(2):455-456.
- Rodseth, Lars
1997 Review of *Charles Darwin Voyaging*, by Janet Browne. *American Anthropologist* 99(2):428-429.
- Rodseth, Lars, Barbara B. Smuts, Alisa M. Harrigan, and Richard W. Wrangham
1991 On the human community as a primate society: Reply to comments. *Current Anthropology* 32(4):429-433.
- Rodseth, Lars
1991 Comment on Bruce M. Knauft, "Violence and sociality in human evolution." *Current Anthropology* 32(4):414-416.

Encyclopedia Entries

- Rodseth, Lars
2013 Neo-Boasianism. In *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia*, pp. 587-590. Edited by Jon McGee and Richard Warms. Los Angeles: SAGE Publications.
- Rodseth, Lars
2002 Human evolution: History of ideas. In the *Encyclopedia of Evolution*, edited by Mark Pagel. New York: Oxford University Press.

Conference and Colloquium Presentations

- 2016 The pandit and the pujari: Class, collaboration, and conflict among Guyanese Hindus in North America. Biennial meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Ithaca, NY.
- 2014 Bonded labor and bourgeois freedom: The paradox of indenture in the British Caribbean. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (with Ross Freedenberg).
- 2010 Making the rounds: Temples, hearths, and homelands in the construction of relatedness. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- 2010 Historical massacres and mythical totalities: Reading Marshall Sahlins on two American frontiers. Presented in the Fall 2010 Speaker Series, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University.
- 2007 Reinventing Sapir? From the psychology of culture to the epidemiology of representations. Presented at the Edward Sapir symposium, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- 2006 Cycles of violence in Nepal, 1950-2006. Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University.
- 2005 Durkheim for Darwinists: The adaptive significance of collective effervescence. Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University.
- 2003 Culture as selective memory: The mnemonics of violence in religious and regional traditions. Interdisciplinary conference, "Toward a Scientific Concept of Culture," Stanford University (with Shannon A. Novak).
- 2002 Giving up the *Geist*: Power, history, and the culture concept in the long Boasian tradition. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- 2001 The fragmentary frontier: Geographic isolation and the origins of ethnic groups. Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway.
- 2000 When traditions grow on trees: Western and Tibetan concepts of cultural genealogy. Scholars' Work-in-Progress Series, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah.
- 1999 Mormons immortal: Personal and national salvation in an American cosmology. American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting, Portland.
- 1999 Dads, cads, and patriarchs: Male reproductive strategies and the epidemiology of domestic violence. Human Behavior and Evolution Society Annual Meeting, University of Utah (with Shannon A. Novak).
- 1999 Cosmopolitan travel and cultural transformation among Tibetans in exile. Annual World History Symposium, University of Utah.
- 1997 A Chinese lama in the maharaja's court: Exotic and exaggerated identities in Nepal. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 1997 A more familiar faith: Conversion to Mormonism in India and Nepal. American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting, Salt Lake City (with Jennifer Olsen).
- 1993 Trans-Himalayan travel and the formation of a regional system. Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University.
- 1992 The Lamaist lineage: An organization of spiritual expansion. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

Grants and Awards

2013	Appleby-Mosher Award for pilot study in Indo-Caribbean community of Queens, NY
2003	Faculty Research Grant for the Mountain Meadows oral history project, University Research Committee, University of Utah
2000	Wenner-Gren Foundation Conference Grant for an interdisciplinary conference on "Frontiers through Space and Time," University of Utah, March 2001
1999-2000	Lowell M. Durham, Jr. Fellowship, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah
1992	Rackham Graduate School Dissertation Grant, University of Michigan
1990-1991	Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Research Grant
1989	Research Fellowship, Program in the Comparative Study of Social Transformations, University of Michigan
1986	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (declined)
1985	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, University of Wisconsin
1985	L.S.B. Leakey Foundation Research Grant for pilot project in Nepal
1985	Sigma Xi Foundation Grant-in-Aid-of-Research for pilot project in Nepal

Teaching Experience

Syracuse University (2011-2020)

ANT 111	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANT 300	Anthropology of Violence
ANT 300	Hindus of the Caribbean
ANT 300	Tibetan Civilization
ANT 311	Anthropological Theory
ANT 348	History of Archaeology
ANT 400/600	History, Memory, and Society
ANT 400/600	Political Anthropology
ANT 400/600	Politics, Religion, and Violence
ANT 400/600	Ungoverned Spaces
ANT 611	History of Anthropological Theory
ANT 711	Current Anthropological Theory

University of Utah (1994-2011)

ANTH 1101	Culture and the Human Experience
ANTH 2111	Human Universals
ANTH 3141	Himalayan Kingdoms
ANTH 3142/6142	Tibetan Civilization
ANTH 4123/6123	Asian Cultural Traditions
ANTH 4141/6141	Ethnicity and Nationalism
ANTH 4182/6182	Anthropology of Power
ANTH 4161	History of Anthropology
ANTH 6161	Anthropological Theory I
ANTH 6162	Anthropological Theory II

Western Michigan University (1994)

ANTH 101	Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH (Special Topic)	Anthropology of Travel

Committee Assignments

Syracuse University

- 2017-2018 Academic Integrity Panel, Center for Learning and Student Success
2016-2017 Promotion & Tenure Review of Azra Hromadžić, Department of Anthropology
2012-2017 Graduate Committee, Department of Anthropology
2012-2013 Director, Future Professoriate Program

University of Utah

- 2009-2011 Superior Research Award Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
2007-2009 Curriculum Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
2004-2006 Retention, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
2002-2005 Faculty Advisory Board, Tanner Humanities Center
2002-2004 Undergraduate advisor, Department of Anthropology
1996-2002 Superior Research Award Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
1998 Department representative to the Academic Senate
1994-96 Superior Teaching Award Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
1994-95 Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Archaeology, Department of Anthropology

Research Interests

Anthropology of knowledge, political and historical anthropology, history of the human sciences, kinship, nationalism, violence, ideology, social theory; South Asia, United States, Caribbean, Guyana

References

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