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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Linguistic Anthropology, Language and Digital Media Practices, Language Policy, Multilingual Education, Ethnic Conflict, Language Ideology, Sri Lanka, South India

EDUCATION

PhD, Anthropology, University of Michigan	2011
Certificate of Graduate Studies, South Asian Studies, University of Michigan	2010
MA, Anthropology, University of Michigan	2006
MA, Social Sciences, University of Chicago	2003
BA, Cultural Anthropology (High Honors), University of Michigan	2001

EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Anthropology Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Western Illinois University	2023–Present
Associate Professor of Anthropology Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Western Illinois University	2018–2023
Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Western Illinois University	2012–2018
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University	2011–2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies, Association for Asian Studies, Council on Anthropology and Education, Society of Linguistic Anthropology, Columbia's Working Group for Experimental Methods in the Humanities, Phi Kappa Phi

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Volumes

- Davis, Christina P. 2020. *The Struggle for a Multilingual Future: Youth and Education in Sri Lanka*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- LaDousa, Chaise and Christina P. Davis, eds. 2022. *Language, Education, and Identity: Medium in South Asia*. New York: Routledge.

Co-edited Special Journal Issues

- Das, Sonia N., Christina P. Davis, and Erika Hoffmann-Dilloway, eds. 2021. Special issue of *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 31(3), "Essays in Honor of Judith T. Irvine."
- Davis, Christina P. and Chaise LaDousa, eds. 2020. Special issue of *Signs and Society* 8(1), "Sign and Script in South Asia: Media and Semiotic Mediation."

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Davis, Christina P. (Accepted on 7/16/2024). The Language Politics of Aragalaya: A Multilingual Protest Movement in Postwar Sri Lanka. *Anthropological Quarterly*.
- Davis, Christina P. and Chaise LaDousa. 2023. "Ideologies of Mother Tongue at an Indian University: From Stage to Discussion." *Journal of Education, Language, and Ideology* 1(1): 6-32.
- LaDousa, Chaise, Christina P. Davis, and Nishaant Choksi. 2022. "Postcolonial Language Ideologies: Indian Students Reflect on Mother Tongue and English." *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 32(2): 607-628.
- LaDousa, Chaise and Christina P. Davis. 2022, "South Asian Language Practices: Mother Tongue, Medium, and Media." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 51: 289-305.
- Davis, Christina. 2021. "Memes, Emojis, and Text: The Semiotics of Differentiation in Sri Lankan Tamil Social Media Groups." Special Issue, *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 31(3): 429-450.
- Das, Sonia N., Christina P. Davis, and Erika Hoffmann-Dilloway. 2021. "Judith T. Irvine and the Social Life of Scholarship." Special Issue, *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 31(3): 316-319.
- Davis, Christina. 2020. "Trilingual Blunders: Signboards, Social Media, and Transnational Sri Lankan Tamil Publics." Special issue, *Signs and Society* 8(1): 93-124.
- Davis, Christina and Chaise LaDousa. 2020. "Introduction: Sign and Script in South Asia: Media and Semiotic Mediation." Special issue, *Signs and Society* 8(1): 1-7.
- Davis, Christina P. 2018. "Muslims in Sri Lankan Language Politics: A Study of Tamil- and English-Medium Education." Special issue, *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* 253(1): 125-147.
- LaDousa, Chaise and Christina P. Davis. 2018. "Introduction: The Changing Relationships between Language and Schooling in India and Sri Lanka: Language Medium Matters." Special issue, *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* 253(1): 1-26.
- Davis, Christina P. 2015. "Speaking Conflict: Ideological Barriers to Bilingual Policy Implementation in Civil War Sri Lanka." *Anthropology & Education Quarterly* 46(2): 95-112.
- Davis, Christina P. 2014. "Voicing Conflict: Moral Evaluation and Responsibility in a Sri Lankan Muslim Family's Conversations." *Language & Communication* 39: 1-13.
- Davis, Christina P. 2012. "Is Jaffna Tamil the Best?" Producing 'Legitimate' Language in a Multilingual Sri Lankan School." *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 22(2): E61-82.
- Davis, Christina P., and Grant P. Upson. 2005. "Spectatorship, Fandom, and Nationalism in the South Asian Diaspora: the '03 Cricket World Cup." *International Journal of the History of Sport* 21:3/4.

Book Chapters

- Davis, Christina P. and Chaise LaDousa. 2024, in press. "South Asian Englishes in Linguistic Landscapes." In *Handbook of South Asian English*, edited by Rakesh Bhatt. New York: Oxford University Press.

- LaDousa, Chaise and Christina P. Davis. 2024, in press. "South Asian Englishes in Advertising." In *Handbook of South Asian English*, edited by Rakesh Bhatt. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Davis, Christina P. 2023. "Language Policy and Ethnic Conflict." In *A Companion to Linguistic Anthropology*, edited by Alessandro Duranti, Rachel George, and Robin Conley Riner, 479-493. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.
- Davis, Christina P. 2022. "Muslims in Sri Lankan Language Politics: A Study of Tamil- and English-Medium Education." In *Language, Education, and Identity: Medium in South Asia*, edited by Chaise LaDousa and Christina P. Davis, 113-137. New York: Routledge.
- LaDousa, Chaise and Christina P. Davis. 2022. "Medium in South Asia: Ethnography, Discourse, and Policy." In *Language, Education, and Identity: Medium in South Asia*, edited by Chaise LaDousa and Christina P. Davis., 1-17. New York: Routledge.
- Davis, Christina P., and Grant P. Upson. 2005. "Spectatorship, Fandom, and Nationalism in the South Asian Diaspora: the '03 Cricket World Cup." In *Sport in South Asian Society Past and Present*, edited by Boria Majumdar and J.A. Mangam, 295-313. London: Routledge.

Blogs, Interviews, Working Papers, and Reviews

- "Interview on The Struggle for a Multilingual Future," CaMP Anthropology Blog, October 2020.
- "The Struggle for a Multilingual Future," The Page 99 Test, January 2020.
- "Growing Up in the Shadow of Sri Lanka's Civil War." OUP Blog. August 2020.
- Davis, Christina P. 2017. Review of Das, S. (2016) "Linguistic Rivalries: Tamil Migrants and Anglo-Franco Conflicts." New York: Oxford University Press. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 27 (3): 368-379.
- Davis, Christina P. 2013. "Locating Voicing: Multilingualism, Ethnic Conflict, and the Configuration of Difference among Sri Lankan Muslims." *Tilburg Papers in Culture Studies*. University of Tilburg. Paper #62.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

External

Global Initiative of Academics Networks, Ministry of Education, Government of India	2023
Delivery of a short-term course at Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar with Chaise LaDousa and Nishaant Choksi, "Imagining Mother Tongue: Language, Education, and Identity in South Asia." July 26–August 1	
Research Fellowship, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies	2022–2023
Research Fellowship, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies	2011
Wenner-Gren Doctoral Dissertation Research Award	2008
Fulbright Institute for International Education Fellowship	2007
Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research Award (declined)	2007

Internal

Summer Stipend, Western Illinois University	2024, 2022, 2020, 2017, 2013
Rackham One-Term Fellowship, University of Michigan	2010
Rackham Humanities Fellowship, University of Michigan	2009–2010
Block Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan	2009
Sinhala Language Grant, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies	2007
Research Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan	2006
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Hindi	2005–2006
FLAS Fellowship for Tamil (two years)	2003–2005
Summer FLAS Fellowship for Tamil (three summers)	2003–2005
Research Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan	2005

Rackham Discretionary Funds Fellowship, University of Michigan 2004

RESEARCH, SOCIAL SERVICE, AND LANGUAGE STUDY EXPERIENCE

Research and Social Service

Ethnographic fieldwork on identity and place in Wellawatte, a Tamil-majority Colombo neighborhood. 2022; 2023

Ethnographic interviews on the politics of trilingual media blunders in Sri Lanka, the U.S., and Toronto, Canada. 2015–2019

Ethnographic fieldwork on Tamil-as-a-second-language teaching and learning practice in Kandy and Colombo, Sri Lanka. 2011

Preliminary research on Tamil-medium schooling in central Mumbai. 2005

Ethnographic fieldwork on the multilingual practices of Sri Lankan Tamil-speaking youth inside and outside of schools. 2007–2008

Ethnographic fieldwork on ICC Cricket World Cup spectatorship among Indian and Pakistani audiences in Chicago, IL. 2003

Ethnographic research on the incorporation of biomedicine into Ayurvedic theory and Practice in Kerala, India. 2000

Volunteer, Lisle Fellowship Foundation Social Service Program, Delhi, India. 1999

Tamil Study

Completed summer courses at the Pondicherry Institute of Linguistics and Culture (2004 and 2005), Annamalai University (2004), American Institute of Indian Studies, Madurai (2003), and Bharathiar University (2002). I also studied Tamil at the University of Chicago (2002-2003) and the University of Michigan (2000-2001, 2003-2005; 2008-2000).

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures and Workshops

Christian B. Johnson Conference on Teaching with a Focus on Experiential Learning, Panelist. Hamilton College, Utica, NY. 2024

“The Struggle for a Multilingual Future, Book Talk. Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology, Malabe, Sri Lanka. 2024

“The History of Wellawatte as a Tamil Enclave.” Beach Wadiya Writers’ Group, Colombo, Sri Lanka. 2024

Discussion of “South Asian Languages Practices: Mother Tongue, Medium, and Media” (with Chaise LaDousa). Linguistic Anthropology Workshop, Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, 2024

“Teaching the other Official Language: Spoken Tamil Standardization in Postwar 2022

Sri Lanka,” Paper presented, Chicago Tamil Forum, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.	
“The Struggle for a Multilingual Future,” Zoom Book Talk, Department of Department of Linguistics and English, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka.	2021
“The Struggle for a Multilingual Future,” New Books in Anthropology Zoom Series, American Institute for Lankan Studies.	2021
Discussion of chapter five of <i>The Struggle for a Multilingual Future</i> . CaMP Anthropology Virtual Reading Group.	2020
“Language, Identity and Education in South Asia.” (with Chaise LaDousa) Cornell-Syracuse South Asia Consortium Virtual Discussion.	2020
“Trilingual Blunders: Social Media and the Postwar Sri Lankan Tamil-speaking Experience,” Paper presented, Chicago Tamil Forum, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.	2019
“Tamil Signboard Blunders in Postwar Sri Lanka.” Keynote Address, Asia Symposium, College of Dupage, Glen Ellyn, IL.	2019
“Tamil Sign Board Blunders: Language, Inequality, and Transnationalism in Post-war Sri Lanka,” Linguistic Anthropology Speaker Series, Department of Anthropology, Hamilton College, Utica, NY.	2017
Architectures of Knowledge: Mumbai. Participant, Columbia University’s Group for Experimental Methods in the Humanities, Mumbai, India. http://xpmethod.plaintext.in/events/dissent.html	2016
“Language and Gender,” Department of Anthropology, SUNY Geneseo Geneseo, NY.	2016
“Mock Tamil: Trilingual Speaking and Learning Practices in Sri Lanka,” Department of Anthropology, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY.	2015
“Locating Sinhala Voices: Conflict and the Configuration of Difference,” Department of Anthropology, Smith College, Northampton, MA.	2012
“Configuring a Cosmopolitan Kandy: Conflict and Difference among Sri Lankan Ethnic Minority Youth.” School of Natural and Social Sciences, Purchase College, SUNY New York, NY.	2011
“ <i>Nanum Tamizhbum</i> ” (Tamil and I), Keynote Address (in Tamil), Pondicherry Institute of Linguistics and Culture Annual Conference, Pondicherry, India.	2005
<i>Conferences and Panels Organized</i>	
Panel Organizer and Chair, “Ethnographic Reflections on Language and Education Policy in South Asia,” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. (submitted)	2024

Panel Organizer, “Linguistic Landscapes in South Asia and the Middle East,” AAA Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.	2023
Panel Organizer, “Rethinking Methods in the Study of Language and Social Life,” AAA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.	2022
Panel Co-organizer, “Imagining Mother Tongue in Contemporary South Asia: Ethnographic and Historical Approaches,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI.	2022
Panel Co-organizer, “Sign and Script in South Asia: New Media and Semeiotic Mediation,” Society for Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.	2018
Panel Organizer, “Transitional Aspirations, Rights, and Reconciliation: The Place of Tamils in Postwar Sri Lanka,” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin- Madison, Madison, WI.	2017
Panel Co-organizer, “Language, Labor, and Publics: Tracing Inequalities in South India and Sri Lanka,” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2016
Panel Co-organizer, “Insecure Integration: Youth in Post-War Sri Lanka,” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2014
Panel Co-organizer/Chair, “Double-Takes: How Layered Acts of Reception Transform Text,” AAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.	2013
Panel Co-organizer/Chair, “Countering Surveillance: Interaction, Legitimation, and Resistance,” AAA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.	2009
Panel Co-organizer, “Teaching Difference: Tamil Ethnic Minorities and School Curriculum,” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2009
Conference Introducer/Panel Chair, The Madras School of Orientalism Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.	2006
Conference Co-organizer, Michigan Annual Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.	2004

Selected Conference Papers and Presentations

“Can English be a Mother Tongue? Indian Students’ Reflections on Education Policy and Everyday Practices,” Paper Delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin- Madison, Madison, WI. (Upcoming)	2024
“The Linguistic Landscape of a Trilingual Protest Movement in Colombo, Sri Lanka,” Paper Delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario.	2023
“The Linguistic Landscape of a Trilingual Protest Movement in Colombo, Sri Lanka,” Paper Delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2023

“A Trilingual Protest Movement in Post Civil War Sri Lanka: Multimodal Methods in Linguistic Anthropology,” Paper Delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.	2022
“Mother Tongue on Stage and in Performance,” Paper delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2022
Journal Editors Roundtable, Participant, Society for Linguistic Anthropology Conference, Boulder, CO.	2022
“Memes, Emojis, and Text in Sri Lankan Tamil Social Media Groups,” Paper delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.	2021
“Social Media and Tamil Identity in Postwar Sri Lanka,” Paper delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BA.	2020
“Gender, Language, and Conflict at Work: New Books on Postwar Sri Lanka,” Round Table, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2019
“A Life History of a Man Named Hitler: Caste, Class, and Social Mobility in Mumbai, India,” Paper delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.	2018
“A Life History of a Man Named Hitler: Caste, Class, and Social Mobility in Mumbai, India,” Paper delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2018
“Trilingual Gaffes: New Media and the Postwar Sri Lankan Tamil Experience,” Paper delivered, Society for Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.	2018
“Tamil Standardization and Political Fault Lines in Post-War Sri Lanka,” Paper delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2017
“Tamil Standardization and Political Fault Lines in Post-War Sri Lanka,” Paper delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.	2016
“Tamil Sign Board Blunders: Language and Inequality in Post-War Sri Lanka,” Paper delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2016
“Trilingual Sign Board Blunders: Ideologies of Language, Speakers, and Public Space in Post-Civil War Sri Lanka,” Paper delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.	2015
“Almost a Mother Tongue: Language Medium and Ethno-Religious Identity among Sri Lankan Muslims.” Paper delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.	2015
“Local Pedagogy and Trans-local Institutions: Literacy and Learning in Contemporary Tamil Spaces.” Discussant and Chair, AAA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.	2014

- “Mock Tamil: Trilingual Language Practices among Sri Lankan Youth.” 2014
Paper delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- “Between Policy and Practice: Ideological Barriers to a Trilingual Sri Lanka.” 2013
Paper delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- American Institute for Indian Studies Dissertation to Book Workshop, 2003
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- “Locating Voicing: Multilingualism, Ethnic Conflict and the Configuration of Difference among Sri Lankan Muslims.” 2013
Paper delivered, Language and Super-diversity: Explorations and Interrogations, University of Jyväskylä, Finland.
- “Producing Legitimate Language in a Sri Lankan School.” Paper delivered, 2012
Paper delivered, International Linguistics Association Annual Conference, CUNY’s Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, NY.
- “Is Jaffna Tamil the Best? Ideologies of Legitimate Language and Sociolinguistic Disjuncture in a Multilingual Sri Lankan School.” Paper delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, 2011
Montreal, Canada.
- “School Segregation and Conflict: Evaluating Sinhala and Tamil as Second Language Policies in Sri Lankan Schools.” Paper delivered, Tamil Studies Conference, Toronto, Canada. 2011
- “The Voices of Others: Configuring Stance, Conflict, and Difference in Sri Lanka.” 2010
Paper delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- “A Cosmopolitan Kandy: The Discursive Construction of Difference among Sri Lankan Tamil-Speaking Adolescents.” Paper delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. 2010
- “Sinhala Voices: Stance and Everyday Violence in Sri Lanka.” Paper delivered, Toronto Tamil Studies Conference, Toronto, Canada. 2010
- “Linguistic Surveillance Practices in a Sri Lankan School.” Paper delivered, 2010
AAA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Reconfiguring Difference: Social Transformation and Linguistic Practice among Sri Lankan Minority Adolescents.” Paper delivered, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. 2019
- “Sinhala Voices: Ethnic Conflict and the Configuration of Difference,” Paper delivered 2009
Michigan Annual Linguistic Anthropology Conference, Ann Arbor, MI.
- “Within and Beyond School Settings: The Regimenting of Linguistic Practice among Sri Lankan Adolescents,” Paper delivered, Toronto Tamil Studies Conference, Toronto, Canada. 2009
- “Schools, Peer-groups, and Mass Media: The Regimenting of Linguistic Practice in Sri Lankan Schools,” Paper delivered, AAA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. 2008

- “Navigating Tamil Sociolinguistic Difference in Sri Lankan Schools,” Paper delivered, 2008
Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- “Multilingualism, Social Inequality, and Conflict among Sri Lankan Tamil-Speaking 2007
Adolescents.” Paper delivered, Sri Lankan Fulbright Commission Annual Conference, Colombo, Sri
Lanka.
- Classroom Visits*
- Zoom Discussion of *The Struggle for a Multilingual Future*, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA 2023
- Zoom Discussion of *The Struggle for a Multilingual Future*, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH. 2021
- Zoom Discussion of *The Struggle for a Multilingual Future*, EDUC 389B: Writing 2021
Race, Ethnicity, & Language in Ethnography, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
- Zoom Discussion of chapter three of *The Struggle for a Multilingual Future*. 2021
HS519: Linguistic Anthropology, IIT Gandhinagar, India.
- Zoom Discussion of *The Struggle for a Multilingual Future*. Hamilton College, NY. 2021
- Zoom Discussion of my recent publications. Anthropology 671: Analytic Methods 2021
Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- “The Language of Conflict: How Sri Lankan Youth Learn to be at War,” 2012
Guest Lecture, Language and Identity, Department of Anthropology, New York University, New York,
NYU.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

- Western Illinois University* 2012–Present
- Anthropology 110: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
 - Anthropology 380: Language and Culture
 - Anthropology 419 Graduate: Anthropological Theory
 - Anthropology 305: Applied Anthropological Methods
 - Anthropology 210: Medical Anthropology
- WIU Anthropology Student Testimonial Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQ6FERJcmos>
- Columbia University* 2011–2012
- Anthropology V3525: Introduction to South Asian History and Culture
 - Anthropology V2035: Introduction to the Anthropology of South Asia
- University of Michigan* 2009
- Anthropology 299: From Hip-Hop to Bollywood: An Anthropology of
Teenagers’ Talk
 - Graduate Student Instructor) 2008–2009
 - Anthropology 272: Language and Society
 - Guest lecture: “Language Standardization and Social Inequality”
 - Anthropology 368: Primate Social Behavior
- ESL Teacher (volunteer), Kandy Girls’ High School, Kandy, Sri Lanka 2008

SELECTED UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE RESEARCH ADVISING

“Air Pollution Risk, Asthma, and Racial Segregation in Cook County, Illinois. MA thesis advisor, 2019–2020.

“The Rez Accent: Native American Language and Culture.” Independent study research advisor, 2020.

“Woman Traveling Alone.” Honors thesis and Undergraduate Research Day advisor, 2018–2019.

“Shaping Language: A Look into the Effects of the Internet.” Independent study research advisor, 2019.

“An Anthropologist’s View of the Women’s Suffrage Movement.” Undergraduate Research Day advisor, 2018.

“Communication Problems among International Students.” Independent study and undergraduate Research Day advisor, 2017.

“Importance of AAVE in the Black Community.” Independent study research advisor, 2017.

“Linguistic Landscapes and Multilingual Advertising: Current Studies of Multilingualism in the Public Sphere.” Independent study research advisor, 2016.

“A Continental Shift: Code-switching across Three Generations of Colombian American Women.” Honors thesis and Undergraduate Research Day advisor, 2015–2016.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Co-developed a fully online BA program in Anthropology at Western Illinois University 2017

Our BA program is currently offered in the classroom, online, or in a combination of both formats.

Press Release: http://wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release_id=14600.

insidehighered.com article: <https://www.insidehighered.com/digital-learning/article/2017/06/07/new-online-bachelors-degree-anthropology>

Developed an online course at Western Illinois University 2017
Anthropology 419 Graduate: Anthropological Theory

Developed a new General Education course at Western Illinois University: 2016
Anthropology 210: Medical Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Service

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Linguistic Anthropology 2022–Present

Advisory Board Member, Journal of Education, Language, and Identity 2022–Present

Book Review Editor, Journal of Linguistic Anthropology 2019–2022

Society of Linguistic Anthropology, Conference Steering Committee Member 2019–2021

Secretary and Executive Board Member, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies 2012–2018

Program Committee Member, Society of Linguistic Anthropology 2015; 2016; 2018

Western Illinois University

Anthropology Program Coordinator 2022–Present

Mentor, Faculty Success Program (Mentee: Dr. William Gblerkpor) 2023–Present

Member, Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction, College of Arts & Sciences 2021–Present

Member, Executive Committee 2022–Present

Member, Student Recruitment and Retention Committee 2023–Present

Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee 2023–2023

Co-Advisor, Western Sociology and Anthropology Club 2019–2023

Member, Technology Committee	2021–2023
Member, Student Laureate Selection Committee	2020–2023
Member, Grade Appeals Committee	2022–2023
Chair, Grade Appeals Committee	2020–2022
Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee	2021–2022
Library Representative	2020–2022
New Faculty Ambassador, Center for International Studies	2013–2020
Member, University Themes Committee	2019–2020
Member, Judicial Review Board	2015–2020
Member, Council for International Education	2016–2017
Member, Grade Appeals Committee, College of Arts and Sciences	2015–2021
Chair, Student Recruitment and Retention, Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2015–2019;
Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2014–2016
Assessment Committee Member, Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2014–2015
Planning Committee Member, Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2012–2016
Ad Hoc Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology	2013

University of Michigan

Linguistic Anthropology Search Committee Member	2008
Student Mentor, Anthropology Honors Program	2005–2006

REVIEWS

Manuscript Review, Journal of Education, Language, and Ideology	2024
Manuscript Review, Journal of Linguistic Anthropology	2024, 2023, 2021, 2019, 2015
Manuscript Review, Language Policy	2024
Manuscript Review, Education, Citizenship, and Social Justice	2023
Chapter Review, Oxford Handbook of Ritual Language	2022
Manuscript Review, Comparative Studies in Society and History	2022
Book Manuscript Review, Routledge India	2022
Manuscript Review, International Multilingual Research Journal	2022
Manuscript Review, Signs and Society	2021
Manuscript Review, Anthropology and Humanism	2021
Manuscript Review, Journal of Gender Studies	2020
Proposal Review, National Science Foundation	2020
Manuscript Review, Language in Society	2018, 2019
Proposal Review, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies	2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
Manuscript Review, International Journal of Human Resource Management	2017
Manuscript Review, Asian Ethnicity	2017
Manuscript Review, Asian Security	2017
Consultation on IRB Protocol, Harvard University	2017
Manuscript Review, Intercultural Education	2016
Proposal Review, National Science Foundation	2016
Manuscript Review, International Journal of Education Development	2016
Manuscript Review, NZ Journal of Asian Studies	2016
Manuscript Review, Language & Education	2016
Manuscript Review, American Ethnologist	2022, 2016, 2022
Textbook Review, Oxford University Press	2014, 2013
Manuscript Review, Identities	2014
Manuscript Review, South Asian Diaspora	2013
Manuscript Review, Anthropology & Education Quarterly	2012

LANGUAGES

Tamil (high level of proficiency in speaking and reading/writing); Sinhala (basic proficiency in speaking with some reading/writing); Hindi (basic proficiency in speaking); Spanish (moderate proficiency).