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## **EDUCATION**

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### YALE UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., History (History of Science and Medicine), expected 2022  
M.Phil., 2019  
M.A., 2018  
Dissertation: “The Economy of Desire: Sciences of Want, 1870-1970”

Committee: Joanna Radin (Chair), Deborah Coen, Samuel Moyn  
Field Certifications: History of Science in the Modern Era; Science and Technology Studies;  
Culture, Economy and Society in Modern Intellectual History; Anthropology and the  
Postwar Human Sciences

### GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, GENEVA

M.A., International History, 2014

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

B.A. (First Class), Modern History, 2012

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Maps of Desire: Edward Tolman’s Drive Theory of Wants,” *History of the Human Sciences* (under review). Winner of the journal’s Early Career Prize.

### PUBLIC WRITING

“We Don’t Know, But Let’s Try It,” *Boston Review* (June 2021). Review of *Albert O. Hirschman* by Michele Alacevich.

“The Low-Carbon Good Life,” *New Labor Forum* (June 2021). Review of *Post-Growth Living* by Kate Soper.

“The Gadfly of American Plutocracy,” *Boston Review* (December 2020). Review of *Veblen* by Charles Camic.

“The Peripeteia of The Gift,” *History of Anthropology Review* (October 2020). Review of *Gift Exchange* by Grégoire Mallard.

“Extinction Event,” *n+1* (May 2020).

“Make Kin, Not Borders,” *The New Inquiry* (September 2017). Review of *The Economization of Life* by Michelle Murphy.

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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| 2021    | <i>History of the Human Sciences</i> Early Career Prize  |
| 2020    | Princeton Library University Research Grant  |
| 2020    | University of Chicago Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship   |
| 2019    | Duke Center for the History of Political Economy Young Scholars Grant  |
| 2019    | Rockefeller Archive Center Research Stipend  |
| 2018    | National Science Foundation Travel Grant, History of Science Society   |
| 2017–18 | Overbrook History Fellowship Fund, Yale University   |
| 2017    | History Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University   |
| 2016–17 | A. Bartlett Giamatti Memorial Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities, Yale University                         |
| 2016    | LAHP Arts and Humanities Research Council Scholarship for Ph.D. in History, King’s College London (declined) |
| 2012    | Arnold Modern Historical Essay Prize (Best Thesis in History), University of Oxford                          |
| 2012    | Runner Up, Undergraduate Dissertation Prize, Society for the Study of French History                         |

## **CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIA (SELECTED)**

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| 2021 | “Time, Labor, and Motivation in Midcentury Economics.” History of Science Society. New Orleans, Louisiana. (Panel organizer: Working Theories: The Human Sciences and Motivation to Labor in the Twentieth Century; sponsored by the Forum for the History of Human Science). |
| 2021 | “Abstract Leisure-Time.” With the Yale Working Group on Globalization and Culture. Yale University American Studies Colloquium.   |
| 2019 | “The Moral Economies of Modernization: Eric Wolf’s Cold War Peasant Ethnography.” American Anthropological Association. Vancouver, BC, Canada.  |

- 2019 “‘(Can’t Get No) Satisfaction’: Utility and Need in the Global 1970s.” Cultural Studies Association. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2019 “Utility.” With the Yale Working Group on Globalization and Culture. Dartmouth University. May 2019.
- 2018 “Two Sciences for ‘Man with a Capital-M’: Man’s Role and Anthropology in the Atomic Age.” History of Science Society. Seattle, Washington.
- 2018 “‘How do you know we’ll be alive then?’: Spaceship Earth, Cold War Man, and the Origins of the Anthropocene.” 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Biology. Princeton University.
- 2017 “Science for Earthly Survival: The *Radical Science Journal* in the History of Science.” Knowledges in Contact: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Natura Conference on Science and Epistemology. Rutgers University.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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YALE UNIVERSITY (Teaching Fellow)  
 American Economic History (Spring 2021)  
 Historical Perspectives on Global Health (Fall 2020)  
 Making Climate Knowledge (Fall 2019)  
 The World circa 2000 (Spring 2019)  
 Media and Medicine in Modern America (Fall 2018)  
 American Environmental History (Spring 2018)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Editor, *History of Anthropology Review* (<http://histanthro.org/>) (2018-present)  
 Coordinator, Yale Working Group on Marxism & Cultural Theory (2018-present)  
 Coordinator, Holmes Workshop in the History of Science and Medicine, Yale University (2018-19)  
 Member, Yale Working Group on Globalization and Culture (2018-present)  
 Graduate Affiliate, Trumbull College, Yale University (2018-19)  
 Associate Editor, *History of Anthropology Review* (2017-18)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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History of Science Society (HSS)  
 Forum for History of Human Science (FHHS)  
 American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
 Society for Economic Anthropology