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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2016 Visiting Researcher, Department of Anthropology, Boston University  
2013-present Associate Professor Anthropology (without tenure), Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
2012-2015 Lister Brothers Development Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
2010-2013 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
2007-2010 Lecturer, Anthropology and Humanistic Studies, Princeton University  
2006-2007 Instructor, Anthropology, The New School

### EDUCATION

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2007-2010 Postdoc, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, Princeton University  
2007 Ph.D., Anthropology, New York University  
2002 M.A., French Studies (with distinction), New York University  
1998 B.A., General Literature (Phi Beta Kappa), Reed College

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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2015-present Member, Harvard Higher Education Leaders Forum  
2015 Mellon Foundation, New Directions Fellowship  
2014 D'Arbeloff Fund for course development, MIT  
2013 National Science Foundation, "MOOCs and the Ethnography of Media Socialization" (award # BCS-1258640)  
2013 Alumni Class Funds Fellowship for course development, MIT  
2013 Harold E. Edgerton Faculty Achievement Award, MIT  
2012 Levitan Award for Excellence in Teaching, MIT School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences  
2012 Alumni Class Funds Fellowship, MIT  
2010-2011 Research grant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Singapore University of Technology and Design International Design Center  
2009 Research grant, Gardner Magic Project, Princeton University  
2009 Research grant, University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Princeton University  
2008 Research grant, Gardner Magic Project, Princeton University  
2008 Research grant, University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Princeton University  
2008 Travel grant, Hellenistic Studies, Princeton University  
2007-2010 Haarlow-Cotsen Fellowship, Princeton University Society of Fellows

- 2006-2007 Ford Foundation Dissertation Diversity Fellowship  
 2006-2007 Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, GSAS, New York University  
 2006 Research grant, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, France  
 2004-2005 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council  
 2004-2005 Fulbright Graduate Student Research Fellowship, France  
 2002 French Studies Master's Essay Award, New York University  
 2000-2006 MacCracken Fellowship, New York University  
 2000-2006 Julia Lenobel Opportunity Fellowship, New York University  
 2000-2006 French Studies Fellowship, New York University  
 1995, 1997 Commendation for Excellence in Scholarship, Reed College

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

- Under contract*      *Dangerous Doubles: Magical Thinking and the Anthropological Imagination*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, forthcoming 2017.  
 2011 *Trade of the Tricks: Inside the Magician's Craft*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

### Articles in Refereed Journals

- In press*      "New Magic as an Artification Movement: From Speech Event to Change Process." *Cultural Sociology*, forthcoming 2017.  
 2015 "["There's No Rules. It's Hackathon.": Negotiating Commitment in a Context of Volatile Sociality](#) Volatile Sociality." With Beth M. Semel and Audrey Le. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 25(3): 322-345.  
 2014 "["Secrecy."](#) *Annual Review of Anthropology* 43: 53-69.  
 2012 "Magic with a Message: The Poetics of Christian Conjuring." *Cultural Anthropology* 27(2): 193-214.  
 2011 "De la technique comme contorsion." With Victor A. Stoichita and Emmanuel Grimaud. *Ateliers d'anthropologie* 35. <http://ateliers.revues.org/8838>  
 2011 "Virtuoses ambivalents: Notions de l'adresse chez les magiciens évangéliques." *Ateliers d'anthropologie* 35. <http://ateliers.revues.org/8848>  
 2010 "Modern Magic and the War on Miracles in French Colonial Culture." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 52(1): 66-99.  
 • Jury commendation, 2010 Malcolm Bowie prize in French Studies  
 2009 "Enquoting Voices, Accomplishing Talk: Uses of *Be + Like* in Instant Messaging." With Bambi B. Schieffelin. *Language & Communication* 29(1): 77-113.  
 • Reprinted in *Anthropological Linguistics*. Vol. 5. Bambi Schieffelin and Paul Garrett, eds. New York: Routledge, 2010. Pp. 77-120.  
 2009 "Talking Text and Talking Back: "My BFF Jill" from Boob Tube to YouTube." With Bambi B. Schieffelin. *Journal of Computer Mediated Communication* 14(4): 1050-1079.

- Reprinted in *A Cultural Approach to Interpersonal Communications: Essential Readings*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Leila Monahan, Jane Goodman, and Jennifer Robinson, eds. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2012. Pp. 199-219.
- 2003 “The Performance of Illusion and Illusionary Performatives: Learning the Language of Theatrical Magic.” With Lauren Shweder. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 13(1): 51-70.

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2015 “The Ethnography of Inscriptive Speech.” With Bambi B. Schieffelin. *eFieldnotes: Makings of Anthropology in a Digital World*. Roger Sanjek and Susan W. Tratner, eds. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. Pp. 210-228.
- 2015 “How to Become a Magician in Paris.” With Loïc Marquet. *World of Work*. Ilana Gershon, ed. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. Pp. 44-57.
- 2014 “Reported Speech as an Authentication Tactic in Computer-Mediated Communication.” *Indexing Authenticity: Sociolinguistic Perspectives*. Véronique Lacoste, Jakob Leimgruber, and Thiemo Breyer, eds. Berlin: De Gruyter. Pp. 188-208.
- 2013 “[Slower than the Eye: Time, Artifice, and Concealment’s Revelations](#).” *Jamie Isenstein: Will Return*. Stephanie Snyder, ed. Portland, OR: Douglas F. Cooley Memorial Art Gallery. Pp. 57-79.
- 2012 “L’art au miroir de la magie.” *La fabrique de l’art*. Nathalie Heinich and Roberta Shapiro, eds. Paris: Editions EHESS. Pp. 113-131.
- 2011 “When Friends Who Talk Together Stalk Together: Online Gossip as Metacommunication.” With Bambi B. Schieffelin and Rachel E. Smith. *Digital Discourse: Language in the New Media*. Crispin Thurlow and Kristine Mrozeck, eds. New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. 26-47.
- 2008 “The Family Romance of Modern Magic: Contesting Robert-Houdin’s Cultural Legacy.” *Performing Magic on the Western Stage from the Eighteenth Century to the Present*. Francesca Coppa, Lawrence Hass, and James Peck, eds. New York: Palgrave. Pp. 33-60.
- 2006 “Laboring under Illusionism: Notes from the Study of French Magic.” *Dispatches From the Field: Neophyte Ethnographers in a Changing World*. Andrew Gardner and David Hoffman, eds. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press. Pp. 167-178.

### Edited Collections

- 2014 “Anthropology in and of MOOCs.” Special section of *American Anthropologist* 116(4): 829-838.
- 2011 “Virtuosités ou les sublimes aventures de la technique.” Special issue co-edited with Victor A. Stoichita and Emmanuel Grimaud. *Ateliers d’anthropologie* 35. <http://ateliers.revues.org/8763>

### Book Reviews

- 2016 Review of *Conjuring Science: A History of Scientific Entertainment and Stage Magic in Modern France* by Sofie Lachapelle (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015). *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft* [forthcoming].
- 2014 Review of *The Brotherhood of Freemason Sisters: Gender, Secrecy, and Fraternity in Italian Masonic Lodges* by Lilith Mahmud (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014). *American Anthropologist* 116(4): 879-880.
- 2012 Review of *Rites of the Republic: Citizens' Theatre and the Politics of Culture in Southern France* by Mark Ingram (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011). *American Anthropologist* 114(2): 164-165.
- 2012 Review of *In the Land of Invented Languages* by Arika Okrent (New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2010). *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*. 22(2): 251-252.
- 2005 Review of *The Body Impolitic: Artisans and Artifice in the Global Hierarchy of Value* by Michael Herzfeld (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004). *Ethnologie Française* (2): 357-358.

### Other Publications

- 2016 Comment on "For Whom the Ontology Turns" by Tom Boellstorff. *Current Anthropology* (forthcoming).
- 2015 "Tricks, Politics, and the 'Magic Negro.'" *The Enemy* 2(1).  
<http://theenemyreader.org/tricks-politics-magic-negro/>
- 2014 "Introduction: MOOCs as Media World." *American Anthropologist* 116(4): 829-830.
- 2011 "Working Theories of Mind in Play and Games." *Journal of Finnish Anthropology* 36(4): 44-46.
- 2011 "Netzsprache." With Bambi B. Schieffelin. *Lexikon zur Globalisierung*. F. Kreff, E-M. Knoll, and A. Gingrich, eds. Bielefeld: Transcript Verlag. Pp. 294-295.
- 2008 Magic (Editorial). *P-ROK: Princeton Report on Knowledge* 3(2).  
<http://www.princeton.edu/prok/issues/3-2/index.xml>
- 2005 "A Diplomacy of Dreams: Jean Rouch and Decolonization." *American Anthropologist* 107(1): 118-120
- 2003 "Le trésor caché du Quartier Indien: Esquisse ethnographique d'une centralité minoritaire parisienne." *Revue européenne des migrations internationales* 19(1): 233-243.

### SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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#### Invited Talks and Panel Presentations

- 2016 "Creativity and Intercorporeality in an Interdisciplinary Circus Production." Montreal Working Group on Circus, Concordia University. October 28.
- 2016 "Interactional Acrobatics/Acrobatic Interactionalism" (plenary address). 22nd Annual Conference on Language, Interaction, and Social Organization. University of California, Los Angeles. April 21-23, 2016.

- 2016 “Situating Creativity in Embodied Encounters” (workshop). 22nd Annual Conference on Language, Interaction, and Social Organization. University of California, Los Angeles. April 21-23, 2016.
- 2015 “Imitation and Individuation: From Toddler Talk to Internet Memes.” The Give and Take of Everyday Life: Conversations in Language and Culture in Honor of Bambi B. Schieffelin. Anthropology, New York University, October 10.
- 2015 “From Tricks to Truth? Magic as Religious Metaphor.” Lerner Distinguished Lecture, Religious Studies, New York University, October 8.
- 2015 “Gesture, Affect, and Distributed Cognition.” Visibility, Embodiment, and Empathy: Explorations of Human Intersubjectivity. Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard University, March 27-28.
- 2014 “Intimacy, Publicity, and Disciplinarity in Massive Open Online Courses.” Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin, February 19.
- 2014 “Intimacy, Publicity, and Disciplinarity in Massive Open Online Courses.” Department of Anthropology, Rice University, February 18.
- 2013 “Reported Speech as an Authentication Tactic in Computer-Mediated Communication.” Semiotics Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago. March 21.
- 2012 “Magical Metaphors in Political Satire.” Exploring Expertise: Uncertainty, Knowledge, and Trust in Democracies conference, Lichtenberg-Kolleg Institute for Advanced Study, University of Göttingen, Germany. June 15.
- 2012 “Structures of Identity Talk in an Online Magicians’ Forum.” Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine. May 31.
- 2012 “Designing Deception in the Magician’s Craft.” Design and Computation Group Lecture Series, Department of Architecture, MIT. March 9.
- 2012 “Debating Ethnic and Professional Identity in an Online Magicians’ Forum.” Department of Communication and Culture, Indiana University, Bloomington. February 3.
- 2011 “Authentic Impersonation: Reported Speech in Computer-Mediated Talk.” Indexing Authenticity: Perspectives from Linguistics and Anthropology conference, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany. November 26.
- 2011 “Working Theories of Mind in Play and Games.” Anthropological Theory of Mind conference. Stanford University Humanities Center. September 17.
- 2010 “‘But Where Can the Magic Be Hiding?’ Hypothetical Reported Speech in the Training of Entertainment Magicians.” Department of Anthropology, Temple University. March 3.
- 2010 “‘But Where Can the Magic Be Hiding?’ Hypothetical Reported Speech in the Training of Entertainment Magicians.” Center for Language and Interaction, University of California, Los Angeles. February 17.
- 2008 “Amazing Secrets Revealed! Magic Tricks as Intellectual Property.” Copyright’s Counterparts: Alternative Economies of Creativity in Theory and Practice conference. Queen’s University, Kingston, ON, Canada. August 7.
- 2008 “Regimes of Enchantment: Magic, Knowledge, and Power in Colonial Algeria.” Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University. April 29.

### **Papers, Presentations, and Workshops**

- 2016 “The Use of Computers in Anthropology.” Panelist, Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing Executive Roundtable. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis MN.
- 2016 Discussant, “William A. Douglass Prize As Evidence Of New Directions In Europeanist Anthropology.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis MN.
- 2016 Chair, “Fake: The First Annual Debate of Anthropological Keywords (ADAK).” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis MN.
- 2015 “Decredentialing Credentials: MOOCs, Hackathons and the Case for Amateurism.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. November 19.
- 2015 Discussant, “Consolations of Concealment.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. November 19.
- 2014 “MOOCs as Media-Work: Socialization and Ideology.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. December 5.
- 2014 Discussant, “On Things Immaterial: Data, Users, and Participation in Digital Technologies.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. December 7.
- 2014 “Secrecy’s Secret.” American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting, Boston. April 10-12.
- 2013 Anthropology in and of the Age of MOOCs (Roundtable panelist). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. November 22.
- 2012 “Structures of Identity Talk In An Online Magicians’ Forum.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco. November 14-18.
- 2012 Discussant, “Crossing Boundaries through Digital Communication: Ethnography of Cyberconnectivity.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco. November 14-18.
- 2012 Panelist, “Being There/Being Them: Ethnography Beyond Single Organizations.” Professional Development Workshop, Academy of Management Annual Meeting, Boston, August 3-7.
- 2011 “Embodying Craftiness in the Trade of the Tricks.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC. November 18.
- 2011 Panelist, Hybrid Cultures and Languages. Microsoft Research New England, Cambridge, MA. November 10.
- 2011 “Mediating Reflexivity.” With Bambi Schieffelin. Georgetown University Roundtable on Language and Linguistics (GURT). Washington, DC. March 11.
- 2010 “Conjuring the Supernatural.” Society for Cultural Anthropology Bi-Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM. May 7.
- 2008 “Trick or Truth? Managing the Meaning of Illusion in Christian Magic.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November 23.
- 2008 “JKBNR (Just Kidding But Not Really): Texting into Talk.” With Bambi Schieffelin. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November 20.

- 2008 “The State of Enchantment: Entertainment Magic and Cultural Policy in Contemporary France.” Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, Princeton University. October 16.
- 2008 “Regimes of Enchantment: Magic, Knowledge, and Power on the Colonial Frontier.” *Magic: Frontiers and Boundaries*. Societas Magica, University of Waterloo, ON, Canada. June 14.
- 2008 “Virtuosity as Virtue and Vice in American Gospel Magic.” *Virtuosité, ou les sublimes aventures de la technique*. Musée du Quai Branly, Paris, France. January 11.
- 2007 “Deceptive Knowledge: Illusionism and Cultural Epistemology.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. November 28-December 1.
- 2006 “Amazing Secrets Revealed!” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA. November 15-19.
- 2006 “From Shaman to Showman: Anthropological Approaches to Magical Practices.” *Performing Magic: Theory and Practice* (Conference). Muhlenberg College. September 15.
- 2005 “Des données confidentielles: Réflexion à partir d'une séance de magie.” *Praxis Atelier d'ethnographie*, Department of Anthropology, Université de Paris X, Nanterre, France. April 22.
- 2004 “Cartesian Conjuring? Making Magic Meaningful in France.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, December 15-19.
- 2004 “La co-production de la réalité dans la magie de près.” *Regards croisés franco-américains sur la société française*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France. November 18.
- 2004 “‘Si ça sent la technique, c’est pas magique’: Representations of Technicality in the World of Conjuring.” Special Effects and Anthropology conference, University of Oxford, UK. November 5-6.
- 2003 “Of Flashing and Tipping: Two Forms of Exposure in a Secretive Art.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. August 16.
- 2001 “Jean Rouch at the Crossroads of Decolonization.” *Equinoxes: Exil(s), Marge(s), Identité(s)*. Department of French Studies, Brown University. April 7.
- 1998 “Space and Subjectivity in the Modern Novel.” *Representing Place*, Department of English, Northern Arizona University. November 5-7.

### **Panels and Conferences Organized**

- 2013 Anthropology in and of the Age of MOOCs. Roundtable organizer and chair. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. November 22.
- 2011 The Craft in Craftiness. Panel co-organized with Gabriella Coleman. Society of Cultural Anthropology Invited Session. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC. November 18.
- 2008 *Virtuosité, ou les sublimes aventures de la technique*. Conference co-organized with Victor A. Stoichita and Emmanuel Grimaud. Musée du Quai Branly, Paris, France. January 10-11.

### **Presentations to Non-academic Audiences**

- 2014 “Cultural Perspectives on Play.” Making Time for Play, MIT Museum, December 12.
- 2012 “The Social Science of Illusion.” The Science of Illusion. Cambridge Science Festival. MIT Museum, April 25.
- 2012 “Magical Economies.” Experience Economies 6: Innovate or Die. The Cloud Factory, Boston, February 18.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Courses Taught**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Anthropology, Assistant/Associate Professor

- Introduction to Anthropology (SP12, SP13, SP14, SP15)
- Meaning of Life (SP17)
- Teaching and Learning: Cross-Cultural Perspectives (SP14, FA14, SP17)
- Fun and Games: Cross-Cultural Perspectives (SP11, FA11)
- Language and Technology (FA10, FA11, FA13)
- Seminar in Anthropological Theory (FA14)
- Grad Qualitative Research Methods (SP11, SP12, SP15)

Princeton University, Anthropology and Humanistic Studies, Lecturer

- Initiation, Apprenticeship, and Education (SP09)
- Interdisciplinary Approaches to Western Culture, Antiquity to the Modern Era (instructor and coordinator, 2007-2008, 2008-2009)

The New School, Department of Social Sciences, Instructor

- Linguistic Anthropology (SU06, FA06)
- From Shaman to Showman: Cultural Approaches to Magical Practices (SP07)

New York University, Department of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant

- Human Society and Culture, Professor Jeff Himpele (FA02, FA03)
- Anthropology of Language, Professor Patrick Eisenlohr (SP04)
- Conversation in Everyday Life, Professor Bambi Schieffelin (SP06)

#### **Ph.D. Students (Primary Advisor)**

- Beth Semel. 2018 (anticipated), HASTS, MIT.
- Amy Johnson. 2017 (anticipated), HASTS, MIT. Dissertation: “Twitter and the Body Parodic: Global Acts of Re-creation and Recreation.”
- Shreeharsh Kelkar. 2016, HASTS, MIT. Dissertation: “Platformizing Higher Education: Computer Science and the Making of MOOC Infrastructures.”



### **Ph.D. Students (Committee Member)**

- Dalila Ozier. Anthropology, UCLA
- Manvir Singh. Anthropology, Harvard
- Audrey Le. Anthropology, Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Mitali Thakor. 2016, HASTS, MIT. Dissertation: “Algorithmic Detectives Against Child Trafficking: Data, Entrapment, and the New Global Policing Network.”
- Saul Schwartz. 2015, Anthropology, Princeton. Dissertation: “The Afterlives of Language: Chiwere Preservation as a Revitalization Movement.”
- Lisa Messeri. 2011, HASTS, MIT. Dissertation: “Placing Outer Space: An Earthly Ethnography of Other Worlds.”

### **Postdoctoral Scholars Supervised**

- Michele Friedner, National Science Foundation Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellow, MIT Anthropology, 2011-2013

### **Undergraduate Thesis Students**

- Alicia Singham-Goodwin. 2014. B.S., Women’s and Gender Studies, MIT. Thesis: “Media Literacy for Pornography.”
- Lindsey Ly. 2008. B.A., Anthropology, The New School: “‘Help! I Want to Speak My Language’: The Meetup Community, Heritage Language Learners and Vietnamese as a Language of Redemption and Return.”

### **UROPs Supervised**

- Alexander McCullumsmith, virtual ethnography, SU15, FA15
- Mason Glidden, ethnographic approaches to open-source software, IAP14
- Jenny Wu, Studying the design, implementation, and reception of edX, FA13
- Sheila Xu, The implications of online education for the Deaf, SP13

### **SERVICE**

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#### **Professional Service**

2012 Executive Programming Committee, 111<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting

#### **Grant Reviewer**

- NSF Dissertation Grants in Cultural Anthropology panelist (6 times)
- NSF Senior Grants in Cultural Anthropology (Occasional)

### **Article and Manuscript Reviewer**

*American Anthropologist* (2); *American Ethnologist* (4); *Anthropologica* (2); *Anthropological Theory* (1); *Anthropologie et Sociétés* (1); *Comparative Studies in Society and History* (1); *Hau* (1); *Journal of Computer Mediated Communication* (2); *Language@Internet* (1); *Language in Society* (2); *Modernism/Modernity* (1); Mouton de Gruyter (1); *New Media & Society* (1); *Revista de Comunicação e Linguagem* (1); Routledge (1); University of California Press (1); University of Chicago Press (1)

### **Editorial Committees**

*Ateliers d'Anthropologie*

### **University Service**

2014-2015	SHASS Education Advisory Committee
2014-2015	Anthropology concentration advisor
2013-2014	SHASS Faculty Diversity Committee member
2013-2015	Freshman advisor
2011-2015	Religious Studies concentration advisor, SHASS
2011-2013	De Florez Humor Fund Committee member

### **Memberships**

- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Society of Linguistic Anthropology
- Association of Black Anthropologists
- Society for Cultural Anthropology