

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

INSTITUTION	DEGREE	DATE
The Johns Hopkins University	B.A.	1967
The London School of Economics	--	1965-66
The University of Chicago	M.A.	1969
The University of Chicago	Ph.D.	1973

TITLE OF DOCTORAL THESIS: Zoroastrian Iran Between Myth and Praxis

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

Phi Beta Kappa	1967
Delta Phi Alpha	1966
Woodrow Wilson Fellow	(Hon.) 1967
NIMH Predoctoral Fellow	1967-72
NIMH Research Grant	1969-72
Roy D. Albert Prize for M.A. Thesis, University of Chicago	1969
S.S.R.C. Research Grant	1974
Fulbright Lectureship, University of Brasilia	1982
U.S.- Indo Subcommission Senior Scholarship	1984-85
Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars	1988-89
Senior Fellow, Smithsonian Institution	1990
[Rockefeller Postdoctoral Fellowship Residency Site Grant for the Rice Center for Cultural Studies, for 3 years	1989
Renewal of the above institutional grant for 2 years	1991]
Carnegie Fellow	2005
American Ethnological Society Senior Book Prize for <i>Emergent Forms of Life & the Anthropological Voice.</i>	2005
General Anthropology Award for Exemplary Cross-Field Scholarship, American Anthropological Association	2009

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013	Ngee Ann Kongsi Visiting Professor, National University of Singapore
2010-12	Visiting Research Professor, National University of Singapore
2007-	Andrew W. Mellon Professorship in the Humanities, MIT
1996-2000	Director, Program in Science, Technology & Society, M.I.T
1998-	Lecturer, Dept. of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School
1993-	Prof. of Anthropology & Science and Technology Studies, M.I.T.
1987-1992	Director, Center for Cultural Studies, Rice University
1988-1992	Professor of Anthropology, Rice University

1981-88 Associate Professor of Anthropology, Rice University
 1981-1992 Director Graduate Studies, Rice University Anthropology Department
 1982-83 Acting Chair, Department of Anthropology, Rice University
 1977-81 Associate Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University
 1975-76 Research specialist, University of Chicago Islam & Social Change Project
 1973-77 Assistant Professor, Department of Social Anthropology & Middle East
 Studies, Harvard University
 1972-73 Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago
 1969 Teaching Assistant, Philosophical Anthropology, University of Chicago
 1967 Research Assistant, University of Chicago Family Study (Jamaica)

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

1967 Researcher, Engineer Agency for Resources Inventories, U.S. Corps of
 Engineers, Washington, D.C.
 1965, 64, 63 Clerk, National Institutes of Health: NINDB, OD, NIMH
 1962 Translator (under contract to) U.S. Weather Bureau (German)

FIELDWORK

Jamaica: summer 1968 (kinship, religion, stratification)
 Iran: 1969-71 (4 religious communities--Zoroastrian, Muslim, Jewish,
 Baha'i in a provincial town: politics, economics, religion, and social
 history)
 Guyana, Surinam, Trinidad: summer 1973 (exploratory: East Indian Muslims, Baha'is)
 Afghanistan, Iran: summer 1974 (bazaar economy)
 Iran: 1975 (Muslim religious leaders: training, social mobility, and social
 status)
 Morocco, Israel, Egypt: summer 1979 (exploratory: Iranian Jewish psychic problems in
 Israel, Azali Baha'is)
 India: 1984-85 (business communities in Western India: Jains, Parsis)
 India: Summer 1990, Xmas break 1990 (Bombay film and advertising)
 Armenia: 1991 Xmas break (reconstruction of civil society after earthquake and
 political trauma)
 Poland: 1993 (interviewing filmmaker and critic)
 India: 1994-2003 December and summers (computer scientists and
 entrepreneurs; molecular biologists and physicists; filmmakers)
 Israel/Palestine : 2004-05 Xmas, summers: environmental issues in Wadi Khalil-
 Wadi Beersheva
 Iran: 2005-07 Xmas, summers: science and ethics
 Indonesia, Iran, Turkey: 2007 science & technology in the Muslim world
 Singapore: January 2009, June 2010, Dec 2010-Jan,2011, Jun-Jul 2011,
 Dec 2011-Jan 2012: Biopolis; May-June 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2009 *Anthropological Futures*. Duke U Press. c. 400 pp Portuguese (Brazil)
 translation (5 of 8 chapters), 2011.
 2004 *Mute Dreams, Blind Owls, and Dispersed Knowledges: Persian
 Poesis in the Transnational Circuitry*. Duke. 475pp.

- 2003 *Emergent Forms of Life and the Anthropological Voice*. Duke..477pp.
- 2003 2nd Edition. *Iran: From Religious Dispute to Revolution*. University of Wisconsin Press. (with new introduction).
- 1999 2nd Edition. [*Anthropology as Cultural Critique: An Experimental Moment in the Human Sciences*](#) (with George Marcus). University of Chicago Press. 228pp. (with new introduction). Translations in Chinese (2004), Croatian (2004); Korean (2006). Translation into Hungarian of chapter 6 in *Helikon* (2005: 1-2).
- 1990 *Debating Muslims: Cultural Dialogues between Tradition and Postmodernity* (with Mehdi Abedi). University of Wisconsin Press. 564 pp.
- 1986 *Anthropology as Cultural Critique: An Experimental Moment in the Human Sciences* (with George Marcus). University of Chicago Press. 205 pp. Translations in Japanese, Chinese (Taiwan & Beijing), Spanish, Italian.
- 1980 *Iran: From Religious Dispute to Revolution*. Harvard University Press. 314 pp.

Edited Books

- 2010 with B. Good, S. Willen, and M.J.D. Good. *A Reader in Medical Anthropology: Theoretical Trajectories, Emergent Realities*. Blackwell.

Chapters in Books

- 2015 "Experimental Ethnography". *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Wiley-Blackwell.
2014. "Behaves Like a Rooster and Cries Like a [four eyed] Canine": Nightmares, Depression, Psychiatry, & the Rise of Iranian Psychiatric Selves" (with Orkideh Behrouzan). in Alex and Devon Hinton., eds. *Psychiatry of Trauma* Cambridge UP
- 2014 ["Time, Camera and the Digital Pen: Writing Culture Operating Systems 0.1- 0.3."](#) in Orin Starn, ed., *Writing Culture and the Life of Anthropology*. Duke UP.
- 2014 ["Philosophia and Anthropologia: Reading alongside Benjamin in Yazd, Derrida in Qum, Arendt in Tehran."](#) in Das, Veena, Arthur Kleinman, Michael Jackson, and Brighu Singh, ed.s, *The Ground Between*. Duke.
- 2013 "Galactic Polities, Radical Egalitarianism, and the Practice of Anthropology: Tambiah on Logical Paradoxes, Social Constructions, and Cultural Oscillations." in Felicity Aulino, Miriam Goheen and S.J. Tambiah, eds., *Radical Egalitarianism: Local Realities, Global Relations*. Fordham.
- 2013 ["The Peopling of Technologies"](#) in J. Biehl and A. Petryna, eds. *When People Come First: Critical Studies in Global Health*. Princeton Univ. Press.
- 2012 "The Anthropology of Scientific Moralities" in D. Fassin, ed. *A Companion to Moral Anthropology*. Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2012 "Lively Biotech and Translational Research" in K. Sunder Rajan, ed. *Lively Capital*. Duke UP
- 2010 "Dr. Folkman's Decalogue and Network Analysis." in Good, B., M. Fischer, S. Willen, B. Good, ed. *Medical Anthropology: Theoretical Trajectories, Emergent Realities*. Blackwell.
- 2010 "Body Marks" In Ivan Crozier, ed. *Cultural History of the Body*, vol. 6. Berg Publishers.
- 2009 ["Emergent Forms of Life in Corporate Arenas."](#) in Melissa Cefklin, ed. *Ethnography and the Corporate Encounter: Reflections on Research In and Of Corporations*. New York: Berghahn.

- 2009 "Renewable Ethnography" in G. Marcus and J. Faubion, ed. *Fieldwork is Not What It Used to Be: Anthropology's Culture of Method in Transition*. Cornell UP.
- 2009 "Emergent Forms of (Un)Natural Life," In Cabell King and David Albertson, ed. *Without Nature: A New Condition for Theology*. Fordham University Press.
- 2008 "To Live With What Would Otherwise Be Unendurable II: Caught in the Borderlands of Palestine/Israel." in Mary-Jo DeVecchio Good, Sandra T. Hyde, Sarah Pinto, and Byron Good, ed.: *Postcolonial Disorders*. University of California Press.
- 2007 "[To Live With What Would Otherwise Be Unendurable: Returns to Subjectivities.](#)" in Joao Biehl, Byron Good, and Arthur Kleinman, ed. *Subjectivities: Ethnographic Investigations*. University of California Press.
- 2007 "The Geoid." In Sherry Turkle, ed. *Evocative Objects: Things We Think With*. MIT Press.
- 2006 "Dialogue with Meron Benveniste and Salim Tamari." in *City of Collision: Jerusalem and the Principles of Conflict Urbanism*, edited by Philip Misselwitz and Tim Reiniets. Birkhauser.

Chapters in Books (cont.)

- 2006 "[Culture and Cultural Analysis.](#)" "Sciences, Technology and Society," "Persian Poesis". in Mike Featherstone, ed. *Problematizing Global Knowledge*. Sage.
- 2005 "[Deep Play, Violence, and Social Reconstruction.](#)" in R.A. Shweder and B. Good, ed. Clifford Geertz by His Colleagues. Univ. of Chicago Press.
- 2003 "Husayn ibn Ali Talib" and "Hasan ibn Ali Talib" in Martin, Richard, ed. *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. New York: Macmillan Reference
- 2001 "Filmic Judgment and Cultural Critique: The Work of Art, Ethics, and Religion in Iranian Cinema." In Hent de Vries and Samuel Weber, ed. *Religion and Media*. Stanford University Press.
2000. "Before Going Digital/Double Digit/Y2000, A Retrospective of Late Editions." *Late Editions, 8. Zeroing In on the Year 2000*. ed. G. Marcus. U. Chicago Press.
2000. "Calling the Future(s) with Ethnographic and Historiographic Legacy Disciplines: STS @ the Turn [1000 .mit.edu]" *Late Editions, 8. "Zeroing In on the Year 2000*. University of Chicago Press.
2000. "Calling the Futures(s)", abbreviated version. In R. Reid and S. Traweek, ed. *Culture + Science*. Routledge.
2000. "With a Hammer, A Gouge and a Wood Block": The Work of Art and Medicine in the Age of Social Re-Traumatization: The Texas Wood-Cut Art of Dr. Eric Avery." In G. Marcus, ed. *Para-Sites (Late Editions 7)*. University of Chicago Press
- 2000 "[If Derrida is the Gomez-Pena of Philosophy, What are the Genres of Social Science? Just Gaming: The Y2K Computer Bug and Other Uncertainties -- A Critical Simulation Game.](#)" In G. Marcus, ed. *Para-Sites (Late Editions 7)* University of Chicago Press.
1999. "[Emergent Forms of Life: Anthropologies of Late or Post Modernities.](#)" *Annual Reviews of Anthropology*, 28:455-78.
- 1999 "Worlding Cyberspace: Towards an Ethnography in Time, Space and Theory" In G. Marcus, ed. *Critical Anthropology Now*. School for American Research.
- 1998 "Filmic Judgment and Cultural Critique: Postcommunist Polish & Postrevolutionary Iranian Film." in Dimitra Gefou-Madianou, ed., *Recent Trends in Anthropological Theory and Ethnography*. Athens: Ellinika Grammata. (in Greek)
- 1997 "[Functionalism.](#)" "[Structuralism.](#)" "[Interpretive Anthropology.](#)" "[Critical Anthropology.](#)" "Postmodern Anthropology." In Thomas J. Barfield, ed., *Dictionary of Anthropology*. London: Blackwell's.
- 1997 "Filming Poland: the Ethnographic (Documentary, Narrative) Films of Maria Zmarz-Koczanowicz." in G. Marcus, ed. *Cultural Producers in Perilous States (Late Editions, Volume 4)*. University of Chicago Press.
- 1996 "Critical Anthropology," (with G. Marcus) in David Levinsdon and Melvin Ember, ed. *Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology*. New York: Henry Holt & Col.

- 1995 "Qum," and "Bazaar" in John Esposito, ed. *The Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*. Oxford University Press.
- 1995 "Eye(I)ing the Sciences and their Signifiers (Language, Tropes, Autobiographers): InterViewing for a Cultural Studies of Science and Technology." in G. Marcus, ed. *Technoscientific Imaginaries. (Late Editions, Volume II)*. Univ. of Chicago Press.
- Chapters in Books (cont.)
- 1995 ["Film as Ethnography and Cultural Critique in the Late Twentieth Century."](#) in Diane Carson and Lester Friedman, ed. *Shared Differences: Multicultural Media and Practical Pedagogy*. University of Illinois Press.
- 1995 "Starting Over: How, What, and for Whom Does One Write about Refugees? The Poetics and Politics of Refugee Film as Ethnographic Access in a Media-Saturated World." in E. Valentine Daniel and John Chr. Knudsen, ed. *Mistrusting Refugees*. University of California Press.
- 1994 "Autobiographical Voices (1,2,3) and Mosaic Memory: Experimental Sondage in the (Post) Modern World." In Kathleen Ashley, Leigh Gilmore, & Gerald Peters, ed.. *Autobiography and Postmodernism*. University of Massachusetts Press.
- 1993 ["Six to Eight Characters in Search of Armenian Civil Society amidst the Carnivalization of History."](#) in G. Marcus, ed. *Perilous States (Late Editions, I)*, U. Chicago Press.
- 1993 ["Working through the Other: The Jewish, Spanish, Turkish, Iranian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and German Unconscious of Polish Culture; or, One Hand Clapping: Dialogue, Silences, and the Mourning of Polish Romanticism."](#) in G. Marcus, ed. *Perilous States (Late Editions, I)*. Univ. of Chicago Press.
- 1993 "An Iranian Village Boyhood." (with Mehdi Abedi). in Edmund Burke III, ed. *Struggle and Survival in the Modern Middle East*. Univ. of California Press.
- 1993 ["Five Frames for Understanding the Iranian Revolution."](#) In Kenneth Kulman, ed. *Critical Moments in Religious History*. Mercer Press.
- 1992 "Reading for the Ethnography" in D.W. Cohen and E.S. Atieno-Odhiambo. *Burying S.M.* Heinemann.
- 1990 "Qur'anic Dialogues: The Poetics and Politics of Islam for Muslims and for Us." in Tullio Maranhao, ed., *The Interpretation of Dialogue*. University of Chicago Press.
- 1990 "Sacred Circles: Iranian (Zoroastrian and Shi'ite Muslim) Feasting and Pilgrimage Circuits" in J.S. Scott and P. Simpson-Housley, eds., *Sacred Spaces and Profane Places*. Greenwood Press
- 1989 ["Legal Postulates in Flux: Justice, Wit & Hierarchy in Iran."](#) in D. Dwyer, ed., *Law and Islam in the Middle East*, Bergin and Garvey Publ. pp. 115-142.
- 1987c "Repetitions in the Revolution." In *Shi'ism, Resistance, Revolution*. Martin Kramer, ed. Westwood Press.
- 1986 ["Ethnicity and the Postmodern Arts of Memory."](#) In *Writing Culture: The Poetics and Politics of Ethnography*. J. Clifford and G. Marcus, eds. University of California Press.
- 1985 (with Mehdi Abedi). "Foreword" to *A Clarification of Questions* by Ayatollah S. Ruhollah Mousavi Khomeini, E.T.J. Boruderdi. Westview Press.
- 1983 ["Imam Khomeini: Four Ways of Understanding."](#) in John Esposito, ed., *Voices of Islamic Resurgence*. Oxford University Press.
- 1981 "Supporting the Evolution of Modern Civil Society from a Traditional Base." In Raymond Gastil, ed., *Freedom in the World: Political Rights and Civil Liberties*. Greenwood Press.
- 1980 "Competing Ideologies and Social Structures in the Persian Gulf." In A.J. Cottrell, ed., *The Persian Gulf States*. Johns Hopkins.
- Chapters in Books (cont.)
- 1980 "Introduction" to E. Bacon, *Central Asians Under Russian Rule*. Cornell.
- 1978 "On Changing the Concept and Position of Persian Women." In L.Beck and N. Keddie, eds. *Women in the Muslim World*. Harvard University Press.

- 1977 "Persian Society: Transition & Strain." In H. Amirsadeghi & R.W. Ferrier, ed. *Twentieth Century Iran*. London: Heinemann.

Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2014 "Taowu, Hantu, and Lear: Age-Old/Old Age, Singapore Prepares for the Future." *American Ethnologist*, May 42(2).
- 2014 ["The Lightness of Existence and the Origami of 'French' Anthropology: Latour, Descola, Viveiros de Castro, Meillassoux, and their so-called Ontological Turn."](#) *Hau. Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 4 (1): 331–355
- 2013 ["Biopolis: Asian Science in the Global Circuitry"](#). *Science, Technology, and Society* (Sage), 18(3):381-406.
- 2012 "On Metaphor: Reciprocity and Immunity." *Cultural Anthropology* 27(1) 144–152.
- 2011 ["A Polyphonic Nine Canto Singspiel after 25 years of Writing Culture"](#) *Anthropologica*.
- 2011 ["In the Science Zone II: the Fore, Papua New Guinea, and the Fight for Representation."](#) *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* (EASTS) 5:1-17.
- 2010 ["The Rhythmic Beat of the Revolution in Iran."](#) *Cultural Anthropology*. 25(3): 497–543
- 2009 ["Renewable Ethnography: Ethnographic Pebbles and Labyrinths in the Way of Theory."](#) (expanded version; English on my website) *Horizontes Antropológicos (Brazil, in Portuguese), special issue on Ethnography*, ed. Cornelia Eckert
- 2009 ["Iran and the Boomeranging Cartoon Wars: Can Public Spheres At Risk Ally With Public Spheres Yet to be Achieved?"](#) *Cultural Politics* 5(1):27-62.
- 2008 ["Anthropology Of/In Circulation: The Future of Open Access and Scholarly Societies"](#). A discussion with Michael M.J. Fischer, Christopher M. Kelty, Kimberly Christen, Jason Baird Jackson, Michael F. Brown, Alex "Rex" Golub and Tom Boellstorff". *Cultural Anthropology* 23(3).
- 2007 ["Four Genealogies for a Recombinant Anthropology of Science and Technology"](#) *Cultural Anthropology*, 22(3): 539-614. *Cultural*
- 2007 ["Ptolemaic Jouissance and the Anthropology of Kinship: A Commentary on Ager 'The Power of Excess: Royal Incest and the Ptolemaic Dynasty.'](#) *Anthropologia*.
- 2007 ["Culture and Cultural Analysis as Experimental Systems."](#) *Cultural Anthropology*, 22(1): 1-65.
- 2006 ["Changing Palestine-Israel Ecologies: Narratives of Water, Land, Conflict and Political Economy, Then, Now and Life to Come."](#) *Cultural Politics*. Summer
- 2006 ["Introduction to Culture at Large Forum with George Lipsitz: Rethinking American Culture."](#) *Cultural Anthropology* 21(3).

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- 2006 "Culture and Cultural Analysis" in *Theory, Culture and Society*, 23(2-3):340-44
- 2006 "Persian Poesis" in TCS
- 2006 ["Science, Technology and Society,"](#) TCS
- 2005 ["Technoscientific Infrastructures and Emergent Forms of Life: A Commentary."](#) *American Anthropologist*, vol. 107(1).
- 2001 ["In the Science Zone I: the Yanamamo and the fight for representation."](#) *Anthropology Today*_17(4): 9-14; 17(5):10-13.
- 2001 ["Ethnographic Critique and Technoscientific Narratives: The Old Mole, Ethical Plateaux, and the Governance of Emergency Biosocial Polities"](#) *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*. 25:355-393.
- 1997 "Raising Questions about Rouch". *The American Anthropologist*. 99(1):140-43.
- 1994 "Is the Public Sphere Unspeakable in Chinese?" (with Leo Lee and Wang Hui). *Public Culture*.

- 1993 "Thinking a Public Sphere in Arabic and Persian." (with Mehdi Abedi). *Public Culture*, 6(1): 219-30.
- 1993 "Is there a Difference between Public Culture 1789 and 1989? -- A Reply to Greg Urban's Kantianism." *Public Culture*.
- 1992 "Reflections on *Debating Muslims*, A Collaboration in the Humanities and the Social Sciences." *Knowledge*, 14(1): 124-31.
- 1991 "[Anthropology as Cultural Critique - Inserts for the 1990s: Cultural Studies of Science, Visual-Virtual Realities, and Post-Trauma Politics](#)," *Cultural Anthropology* 6(4):525-37.
- 1991 "Uses of Life Histories," *Anthropology & Humanism Quarterly*, 16(1):24-27.
- 1991 "Okiek Portraits," *American Anthropologist*, March; reprinted in *Passages*, Apr.
- 1990 "Qur'anic Dialogues," (abbreviated). *Translation Perspectives* (State Univ. of NY).
- 1990 "[Bombay Talkies, the Word & the World: Salman Rushdie's Satanic Verses](#)." *Cultural Anthropology*, 5(2). Cultural
- 1989 "Museums and Festivals," *Cultural Anthropology*, Spring 1989.
- 1988 "Scientific Theory and Critical Hermeneutics." *Cultural Anthropology*. 3(1).
- 1987 "Aestheticized Emotions and Critical Hermeneutics" *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, Special Issue: Illness and Healing in the Middle East. M.J. Good, B. Good and M. Fischer, eds.
- 1985 "Da Antropologia Interpretativa a Antropologia Critica." *Anuario Antropologico* (83).
- 1985c "Ima Khomeini: quatro niveis de compreensao (biografia, imagem, politica,gnose)." *Religiao e Sociedade*. 11(1):21-48.
- 1984 "Towards a Third World Poetics: Seeing Through Short Stories & Film in the Iranian Culture Area." *Knowledge & Society*. 5:171-241.
- 1982 "[Islam and the Revolt of the Petit Bourgeoisie](#)." *Daedalus*. 111(1): 101-25.
- 1982 "Portrait of a Molla: the Autobiography and Bildungsroman of Aqha Quchani (1875-1943)." *Persica* 10:223-57.
- 1980 "[Becoming Mollah: Reflections on Iranian Clerics in a Revolutionary Age](#)." *Iranian Studies*, 13(1-4): 83-117.
- 1977 "Interpretive Anthropology." *Reviews in Anthropology*. 4(4): 391-404.

Articles in Refereed Journals (cont.)

- 1974 "[Value Assertion & Stratification: Religion and Marriage in Rural Jamaica, Part I](#)" *Caribbean Studies*. (14), pp. 7-33, 35-37.
- 1974 "[Value Assertion & Stratification: Religion and Marriage in Rural Jamaica, Part II](#)" *Caribbean Studies*. (3), pp. 7-35.

Other Publications

- 2015 "Anthropology of Science and Technology". International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- 2013 "[The BAC Consultation on Neuroscience and Ethics, An Anthropologist's Perspective](#)" *Innovations*. (Singapore: NUS, NTU, and SMU).
- 2011 "Rhythmic Beat of the Revolution In Iran" (shortened from *Cultural Anthropology* 2010) in Nader Hashemi and Danny Postel, ed. *The People Reloaded: The Green Movement and the Struggle for Iran's Future*. New York: Melville House.
- 2010 "Building Scenarios for Iran." *Tehran Bureau*. January.
- 2009 "Response to Shehada's Studying the Trial [Islamic law courts in Gaza]" Association for Political and Legal Anthropology [PoLAR] http://www.aaanet.org/sections/apla/spillover_shehada_fischer.html
- 2007 "Capturing Emergent Forms: Response to Vincent Crapanzano." *Anthropos* 102: 101-103.
- 2005 "Changing Ecologies: Narratives of Water, Land, Conflict, and Political Economy, Then and Now, and Life to Come" In Stuart Schoenfeld, ed.

- Palestinian and Israeli Environmental Narratives: Proceedings of a Conference Held in Association with the Middle East Environmental Futures Project.*
Toronto: York U. Center for International & Security Studies, pp. 13-27.
- 2005 "Persian Minatures: I. Bahs (Debate) in Qum; II. Simulation in Tehran." *New Initiative for Middle East Peace (NIMEP) Insights*, Vol. 1: 14-24.
- 2004 "Contribution to "The Research Object and the Objectivity of the Researcher." *Forum for Anthropology and Culture* (St. Petersburg, Russia & Oxford England)
- 2004 Introduction" (with Mary-Jo Good) to Issue on Middle East, *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 28(3): 251-53.
- 2003 "Obituary: Lily Kay" *Isis*. (with S. Jansen and C. Weiner).
- 2001 "Deep Play and Social Responsibility in Vienna" Keynote Address. *Newsletter of the European Association for the Social Study of Science and Technology (EASST)*.
- 1998 "The New Media and Human Rights" *FDL-AP Quarterly* (Forum of Democratic Leaders in the Asia-Pacific Quarterly) [Web site publication]
- 1997 "Cutting Globalization Down to Size: (How) Do Localization and Culture Matter?" *Proceedings, US-Arab Relations & The Challenge of Globalization.* Casablanca Conference. Foundation on Democratization and Political Change in the Middle East.
- 1996 "Response to Prina Werbner's 'Allegories of Imperfection: Magic, Hermeneutics and Passion in The Satanic Verses.'" *Current Anthropology*, February, 37(Supplement):71-73.

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- 1996 "Quibbles with the 'Balkan View': response to E.A. Hammel's 'Science and Humanism in Anthropology.'" *American Anthropology Newsletter* 36(8):50,52.
- 1993 "South Asia -- Rewriting the Language of Rights." *The State of the Peoples: A Global Human Rights Report on Societies in Danger.* Cultural Survival. (Beacon Press).
- 1992 ["Islam and Postmodernity."](#) *New Perspectives Quarterly*.
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- 1982 "From Interpretive to Critical Anthropologies," *Trabalhos de Ciencias Sociais.* Serie Antropologia Social No. 34. (Fundacao Universidade de Brasilia).
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- 1979 "Protest & Revolution in Iran." *Harvard International Review.* 1(2):1-6.
- 1978 "In Defense of Ayesha: Women in Iran." *New Society.*44(818): 537-38, June 8.
- 1967 "97,98,99...A Gentle Critique," "95,96,97...A Not So Gentle Addition." (Undergraduate education at Johns Hopkins & the LSE), *The Vector.* 21(2).

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Reviews

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- 2013 Rabinow, Paul. 2011. *The Accompaniment: Assembling the Contemporary*. in *American Anthropologist*.
- 2013 ["Icons, Frames, and Language Games"](#): Review of Latour, Bruno. 2010 *On the Modern Cult of the Factish Gods*. in *Technology and Culture*. Nov.
- 2010 Oppenheim, Robert. *Kyongju Things: Assembling Places*. Michigan. *EASTS*.
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- 2006 M. Strathern. Commons + Borderlands: Working Papers on Interdisciplinarity, Accountability, and the Flow of Knowledge. *American Anthropologist* 108(2): 440-41.
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- 1991 C. von Furer-Haimendorf, *Life among Indian Tribes: The Autobiography of an Anthropologist*, *Choice*, April.
- 1989 M. Caffrey, Ruth Benedict: *Stranger in this Land*. *Choice*: November.
- 1989 R. Fox, *Gandhi*. *Choice*.
- 1988 Ingold, Tim. *The Appropriation of Nature: Essays on Human Ecology and Social Relations*. *Choice*: January.
- 1988 Nettler, Ronald. *Past Trials and Present Tribulations: A Muslim Fundamentalist's View of the Jews*. *Choice*: March.
- 1988 Munson, Henry. *Islam and Revolution in the Middle East*. *Choice*, October.
- 1988 Ackerman, Robert. *J. G. Frazer: His Life and Work*. *Choice*, July-August.
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(iv) Synergistic Activities

Directorship (4 years) of the MIT Program in Science, Technology, and Society (STS)
 Inaugural Directorship (6 years) of the Rice Center for Cultural Studies
 Cross-institutional teaching Harvard Medical School and MIT STS Program
 Preparation of proposals for cross-university graduate student exchanges Harvard Kennedy School and MIT, STS; Harvard Anthropology and MIT, STS

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- David Schneider, Professor of Anthropology, University of Chicago (later University of California at Santa Cruz), now deceased.
- Nur Yalman, Professor of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, (later Harvard University), now emeritus
- Milton Singer, Professor of Anthropology, University of Chicago (deceased)
- Marvin Zonis, Professor of Political Science and Human Development, University of

Chicago, now professor emeritus Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago.

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- Fazlur Rahman, Professor of Islamic Studies, University of Chicago (diseased)
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Ozden-Schilling, Canay – electricity markets: information traders, engineers, economists
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Thakar, Mitali – pioneering new electronic surveillance/privacy technologies through

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Previous Advisees and Committee Member at Rice, Harvard

- Abedi, Mehdi, Lecturer, University of Houston (thesis on Iran)
- Abu Lughod, Lila, Prof., Columbia University (thesis on Bedouin in Egypt)
- Barfield, Tom. Chair and Prof. of Anthropology, Boston University
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- Cefkin, Melissa, Ethnographer, IBM (thesis on Turkey)
- Fortun, Kim, Prof., RPI (Science and Technology Studies) (thesis on Bhopal)
- Gregorian, Stella, Dept. of Sociology, University of Houston. (thesis on Armenia)
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- Lotfalian, Mazyar, Associate Director, Center for Persian Studies, University of California, Irvine
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