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Family: Married, one child
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Current Position: Professor and Head, Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific & Asian Studies, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University

EDUCATION

BA University of California, Santa Barbara, 1970 (Anthropology)
MA University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1973 (Social Anthropology)
PhD University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1980 (Social Anthropology; minors in Linguistics, Philosophy of Social Sciences)
Dissertation title: *The Legacy of Akaisa*.

SCHOLASTIC HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

B.A. *summa cum laude*, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1970
Predoctoral Fellowship, National Institute of General Medical Sciences (US\$30,000), 1970-78
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Minnesota (US\$3,500), 1977-78
Research Fellowship, L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (FF28,000), 1989
Research Fellowship, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, (A\$110,000), 1989-91
Travel Grant, French Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and University of Manchester (US\$2,000), 1991
Research Grants, Board of Trustees, Hartwick College (US\$15,500), 1989-93
Research Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities (US\$34,000), 1993-94
Research Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (US\$5,400), 1994-95
Research Grants, Auckland University Research Committee (NZ\$20,000), 1994-96, 1996-98, 1998-2000
Research Grant, Marsden Fund, Royal Society of New Zealand (NZ\$170,000), 2000-03
Research Grant (with J. Bowden, et al), ANU Major Fieldwork Equipment Grant (A\$170,000), 2003
Chair, Board of Directors, Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, 2004-05
H. Claude Hardy Chair Distinguished Lecture, Hartwick College, 2004
Fellow, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, 2004
Research Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (US\$25,000), 2005-07
Research Grant, International Centre for Excellence in Asia Pacific Studies (A\$7,100), 2007-08
Guest Professorship, Institute of Anthropology, Archaeology and Linguistics, Aarhus University (DKK135,000), 2007
Research Grant (Discovery), Australian Research Council (A\$117,000), 2009-12

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 1978-79 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota
 1979-80 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota
 1980-87 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hartwick College
 1987-94 Associate Professor and Chair (Founding), Department of Anthropology, Hartwick College
 1989 Directeur d'Etudes Associe, L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris (May-July)
 1989-91 Research Fellow, Comparative Austronesian Project, Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra
 1992 Visiting Scholar, Melanesian Archives, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla (June-July)
 1993-94 Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra
 1993--01 Professor of Social Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Auckland
 1996-01 Head of Department, Department of Anthropology, University of Auckland
 2000 Visiting Fellow, Gender Relations Centre and Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific & Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra
 2001- Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Anthropology, University of Auckland
 2001- Professor of Anthropology & Head, Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra
 2007 Guest Professor, Institute of Anthropology, Archaeology and Linguistics, Aarhus University, Denmark (August-October)

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

- English: speaking, reading, writing
 North Mekeo (Austronesian): speaking, reading, writing
 Spanish: casual conversational, reading
 French: reading

FIELD RESEARCH

San Miguel village, Alamos town, Sonora, Mexico: June-August 1970

Mekeo (Austronesian-speaking) District and Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (supported by National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the Australian National University, National Endowment for the Humanities, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Auckland University Research Committee, Marsden Fund of the Royal Society of New Zealand): March 1974-May 1976; May-June 1990; September 1993-January 1994; December 1995-January 1996; December 1997-January 1998; December 1999-January 2000; December 2000-January 2001; May 2002; July-September 2003; July 2005; July 2006.

Kiriwina, Trobriand Islands (Austronesian-speaking), Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea (supported by Marsden Fund of the Royal Society of New Zealand, and the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research): August 2003; July-October 2006; May-July 2007; May-June 2008.

Waima/Roro (Austronesian-speaking), Bereina District, Central Province, Papua New Guinea (sponsored by the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the Australian National University, and the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research): August-October 2005.

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Princeton University: January-February 1973

Bereina Local Government Headquarters, Kairuku subdistrict, Papua New Guinea (February-March 1975)

Papua New Guinea National Archives, Port Moresby (December 1974-February 1976; October 1993; December 2000)

Australian National Archives, Canberra (February-June 1990, August-November 2000)

Melanesian Archives, University of California at San Diego (June-July 1992, June 2005)

Archives of the Sacred Heart Mission, Rome and the Vatican (June-July 2000)

Archives of the London School of Economics, London (June 2002)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social anthropology

Cultures of the Pacific

Culture history, social change

Anthropological theory

Political organisation, chieftainship

Personhood, sociality, agency

Religion, Myth, Ritual

Christian conversion

Symbolism, semiotics, structuralism

Economic anthropology, gift exchange

Social organisation, kinship, gender

Chaos theory

CONFERENCE PAPERS

1976 'A calculus of shame and sorcery: Depopulation and 'pacification' among the North Mekeo, Papua'. Presented at Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby.

1978 'They are what they do not eat!: Categories, relations and transformations of the North Mekeo umupua death feast'. Presented at symposium on 'Food, Culture, and Political Power,' University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

1983 'Conception, de-conception and social structure in North Mekeo culture'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, New Harmony.

1984 'Peace, war, sex and sorcery: The North Mekeo response to pacification and depopulation'. Presented at Anthropology colloquium, Graduate Center, City University of New York; and at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Denver.

1985 'Yali's message and mission: 'Cargo cult' and historical process in post-World War II Papua New Guinea'. Invited paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Ethnological Society, Toronto.

1986 'The sorcerers' appearance: The escalation of sorcery ritual and belief in early North Mekeo contact experience'. Presented at the annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, New Harmony.

'Quadripartite conception: North Mekeo and the Trobriands'. Invited paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Ethnological Society, Wrightsville Beach.

- 'The symbols of "Forest": A structural analysis of Mbuti Pygmy culture and social organization'. Presented at annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 1987 'Primogeniture and hereditary political organization among the North Mekeo'. Presented at the annual meetings of the Association of Social Anthropologists in Oceania, Monterey.
- 'Great men and total systems: Hereditary authority and social reproduction among the North Mekeo'. Invited paper presented at the Melanesian Workshop on Great Men and Big Men Societies sponsored by Maison de Sciences de L'Homme and L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.
- 1988 'The structural study of non-myth'. Invited paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Ethnological Society, St. Louis.
- 'Patterns of kin/non-kin investment and mating among Chacma baboons at Suikerbosrand' (with Connie M. Anderson). Presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Phoenix.
- 1989 'When they play, they pay'. Presented at the annual meetings of the Association of Social Anthropologists in Oceania, San Antonio.
- 'The structural study of myth and non-myth'. Presented at Anthropology Seminar, L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.
- 'The developmental cycle among public groups'. Invited paper presented at L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris; and at Anthropology workshop, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 'Quadripartite conception: North Mekeo and the Trobriands'. Presented at Comparative Austronesian Project workshop, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 'The first of the four: Genealogical seniority among the North Mekeo'. Presented at Comparative Austronesian Project workshop on 'Gender and Age', Australian National University, Canberra.
- 1990 'The sorcerers' appearance: The transformation of hereditary political office and alliance in early North Mekeo contact experience'. Presented at Comparative Austronesian Project conference on 'Hierarchy, Ancestry and Alliance in Austronesian Societies', Australian National University, Canberra; and at Anthropology seminars at the Universities of Sydney, Macquarie and Western Australia.
- 'The canonic formula of myth and non-myth'. Presented at Anthropology seminar, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 'Yali revisited: The interplay of messages and missions in Melanesian structural history'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, Kauai; and at Anthropology seminar, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 'The sons of Akaisa: North Mekeo long-term affinal and mortuary exchange'. Presented at Comparative Austronesian Project workshop on 'Long-term Exchange and Affinity', Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.

- 'Mekeo revisited'. Presented at Anthropology Seminar, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 'Other messages, other missions; or, Sahlins among the Melanesians'. Presented at Comparative Austronesian Project workshop, 'Great Expectations: Austronesian Millenarism', Australian National University, Canberra.
- 1991 'Motherless sons: Divine heroes and partible persons in Melanesia and Polynesia'. Invited paper presented at the Melanesian Workshop on 'Embodiment and Sociality', University of Manchester, Manchester; Pacific Islands Group Seminar, McGill University Montreal; and the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- 1992 'Disembodiment: Mekeo illness and dying as social practice'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, New Orleans.
- 'The sorcerers' appearance: Non-linear analogical transformations in the escalation of sorcery ritual and chiefly authority during early North Mekeo contact history'. Invited paper presented at annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 'Other messages, other missions; Or, Sahlins among the Melanesians'. Presented at Pacific Islands Group Seminar (PIGS), Laval University, Quebec.
- 1993 'Politics in the making (and unmaking): Procreative ideologies and chiefly agency in Mekeo and the Trobriands'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, Kona-Kailua, Hawaii.
- 1994 'Fathers feed, fathers form: Paternal agency, leadership and chieftainship in the Trobriands'. Presented at Anthropology seminar, University of Auckland, Auckland; annual meetings of the Australian Anthropological Society, Sydney; and semi-annual meetings of the European Society for Oceanists, Basel (in absentia).
- 'Magical money: "Fetishisation", ritual efficacy, and personal agency in contemporary Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented at annual meetings of the New Zealand Association of Social Anthropologists, Auckland.
- 'De-colonising anthropology: Retrospective on Eugene Ogan'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, San Diego.
- 1995 'Transformations of hierarchy'. Presented at Anthropology seminar, University of Auckland, Auckland.
- 'Rethinking Trobriand chieftainship'. Presented at Anthropology seminar, Victoria University of Wellington.
- 'Making money, making magic: Ritualist and capitalist values in modern Papua New Guinea'. Inaugural Lecture, Chair in Social Anthropology, University of Auckland, Auckland.
- 'Magical money: "Fetishisation", ritual efficacy, and personal agency in contemporary Mekeo'. Presented at annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- 1996 'Commoditisation and the linkage of *maketsi* ("market") and *kangakanga* ("custom") in contemporary North Mekeo'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social

Anthropologists in Oceania, Kona-Kailua.

- 'Partible charismatics: Politico-ritual agency in contemporary Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented at annual meetings of the New Zealand Association of Social Anthropologists, Palmerston North.
- 'The mystical efficacy of persons, body-parts and spirits in contemporary 'charismatic' Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented at annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 'The sorcerers' appearance: The response to 'pacification' among the North Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented at semi-annual meetings of the European Society of Oceanists, Copenhagen.
- 1997 'Inalienable ethnography: Kula exchange and the dynamics of Trobriand personhood'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, San Diego.
- 'Magical money: Commoditisation and the linkage of *maketsi* ("market") and *kangakanga* ("custom") in contemporary North Mekeo'. Presented at the annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, San Diego.
- 1998 'Partible charismatics: Politico-ritual agency in Mekeo (PNG), 1994-1996'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, Pensacola (in absentia).
- 'In sickness and in sorcery: Morbidity, mortality, demography, drought and development in North Mekeo (PNG) colonial history'. Presented at annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- In the eyes of the beholders: The view of anthropology. Keynote address, 'Art and Spirituality conference,' Rotorua.
- 1999 'Charismatic persons, charismatic practices: Politico-ritual agency in contemporary Mekeo (PNG), 1996-1998'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, Hilo; and at semi-annual meetings of the European Society for Oceanists, Leiden (in absentia).
- 'Inalienable ethnography: Keeping-while-giving and the Trobriand case'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Aotearoa/New Zealand, Auckland
- 'Hot Bodies: The embodiment of sociocultural change among North Mekeo (PNG), 1990-1998'. Invited paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago; and at Anthropology seminar, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
- 2000 'Inalienable ethnography: Keeping-while-giving and the Trobriand Case'. Presented at Anthropology seminar, Ecole des Hautes Etudes de Sciences Sociales, Paris; Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 'Hot bodies: Agency and the embodiment of sociocultural change among North Mekeo (PNG), 1990-1998'. Presented at anthropology departmental seminars at the University of California at San Diego; Institut für Ethnologie, Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie, University of Vienna; Scientific Research Centre of the Slovene Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana; Centre de Recherches et de Documentation sur l'Océanie, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Marseilles; University of Western Australia, Perth; Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.

'Partible persons and plural agencies'. Invited paper presented at 'Inter-gender and Inter-generational Transactions' workshop, Property, Transactions and Creations: New Economic Relations in the Pacific project, Department of Anthropology, Cambridge University, Cambridge.

'Syncretic persons: Sociality, agency and personhood in recent charismatic ritual practices among North Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented at annual meetings of the Australian Anthropological Society, Perth.

'Totem and transaction: Ritual, intellectual property and the Mekeo concept of *auafangai*'. Paper presented at workshop, 'Property, Transactions and Creations: New Economic Relations in the Pacific', Port Moresby.

- 2001 'Self-scaling the earth: Relations of land, society and body among North Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented at Comparative Austronesian workshop, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.

'Totem and transaction: Ritual, intellectual property and the Mekeo concept of *auafangai*'. Paper presented at Anthropology seminar, Ecole des Hautes Etudes des Sciences Sociales, Paris; and Anthropology seminar, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.

'Self-evident chiefs: Transactions of chiefly inheritance and agency among North Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented at workshop, 'Becoming Heirs', University of Manchester, Manchester; and at 'Making Rights in Indigenous Property "Self-evident" in Regimes of Inheritance' workshop, University of Cambridge, Cambridge.

'Ethnographic fieldwork among Mekeo'. Presented to Institute of Ethnology, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg.

- 2002 'Maipa made me do it! Or, anthropologist as sorcery's victim'. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, Auckland.

'Melanesian mod: The agency of traditional and contemporary dress among North Mekeo (PNG)'. Invited paper presented at 'Body Arts and Modernity' colloquium, Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford; Institute of Ethnology, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg; anthropology seminar at the University of Hawaii.

'Self-evident chiefs: Transactions of chiefly inheritance and agency among North Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented at semi-annual meetings of the European Society for Oceanists, Vienna; annual meetings of the Australian Anthropological Society, Canberra; and annual meetings of the Pacific History Association, Apia.

'The sorcerers' appearance: The escalation of chiefly authority and 'sorcery' ritual arising in proto- and early North Mekeo-European encounters'. Presented at 'Pacific Encounters' workshop, CREDO, Universite du Provence, Marseilles.

'Totem and transaction: The objectification of tradition' among North Mekeo'. Presented at the semi-annual meetings of the European Society for Oceanists, Vienna; and Anthropology seminar, University of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby.

- 2003 'Melanesian mod: The agency of traditional and contemporary dress among North Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented at anthropology seminar, Australian National University, Canberra; and

Melanesia and Pacific Studies seminar, University of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby.

'Black powder, white magic: European sorcery and physical force in early Roro-Mekeo encounters'. Presented at workshop on 'Early European Encounters in the Pacific', Université du Provence, Marseilles.

- 2004 'Chiefly relations'. Presented at annual meeting of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, Salem.

'Melanesian mod: The agency of traditional and contemporary dress among North Mekeo (PNG)'. Presented as H. Claude Hardy Chair Distinguished Lecture at Hartwick College, Oneonta; and anthropology seminars at Harvard University, Cambridge; Cornell University, Ithaca; Otago University, Dunedin; Canterbury University, Christchurch; Victoria University, Wellington; Auckland University, Auckland; Waikato University, Hamilton.

Self-evident chiefs: Transactions of chiefly inheritance and agency among North Mekeo (PNG). Presented at Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.

The sons of Akaisa: Myths and rituals of sacred Mekeo chieftainship. Invited lecture presented at 2004 Festival of Austronesian and Formosa Indigenous Cultures, Taiwan National Museum of Prehistory, Taitung, Taiwan.

On the order of 'chaos': Social anthropology and the science of chaos'. Presented to anthropology seminar, Austronesian National University, Canberra.

The fetishism of gifts and the secret thereof. Presented at annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.

Black powder, white magic: European sorcery and physical force in early Roro-Mekeo encounters. Presented at annual meetings of the Australian Anthropological Society, Melbourne.

- 2005 Partible penitents: Christianity and dividual personhood in Melanesia and the West.' Presented at 'Pacific Encounters II' workshop, CREDO, Université du Provence, Marseilles; semi-annual meeting of the European Society for Oceanists, Marseilles; Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work, University of Papua New Guinea; Anthropology Seminar, Australian National University, Canberra.

- 2006 Sacrifice and partible personhood in Melanesian Christianity: The new Melanesian ethnography and the paradox of contemporary religious efflorescence. Presented at symposium, *Beyond Religiosity: The Impact of Christianity in Comparative Review*, Center for African and Asian Studies, El Colegio de México, Mexico City.

- 2007 The magical power of *baloma*. Presented at annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December.

The fractal yam: Human agency and recursive holography in the Trobriands. Presented at seminar at the Institute of Anthropology, Archaeology and Linguistics, Aarhus University, Denmark, September; the annual meetings of the Australian Anthropological Society, Canberra, November.

Anthropology and chaos theory: A happy marriage? Workshop conducted at the Danish Research School of Anthropology and Ethnography, Aarhus, October.

Chiefs and church: Indigenous and Christian leadership in North Mekeo and the Trobriands. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Canberra, February.

- 2008 Deep wholes: Human agency and fractal holography in the Trobriands. Invited paper presented at Danish Research School of Anthropology and Ethnography workshop, 'Holism Reconsidered: Where are the wholes in a global world?', Sandbjerg, Denmark, July.

The fractal yam: Human agency and fractal holography in the Trobriands. Presented at the bi-annual meetings of the European Society for Oceanists, Verona, July; at the annual meetings of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Pacific Studies, Canberra, April; and at Anthropology Seminar, Australian National University.

The sacredness of the gift: Partible personhood and sacrifice in Melanesian Christianity. Presented at the joint meetings of the Australian Anthropological Society, the Association for Social Anthropology of Aotearoa/New Zealand, and the Association of Social Anthropologists, Auckland, December.

- 2009 The dividual Christian individual. Presented at annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania, Santa Cruz, February.

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Volumes

The legacy of Akaisa. PhD Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Ann Arbor, University Microfilms, 366 pp., 1980.

Quadripartite structures: Categories, relations and homologies in Bush Mekeo culture. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 298 pp., 1985.

Transformations of hierarchy: Structure, history and horizon in the Austronesian World (with M. Jolly, co-editor). *History and Anthropology* (special issue) 7 (1-4), 409 pp., 1994.

On the order of chaos: Social anthropology and the science of chaos (with F. Damon, co-editor). New York, Berghahn Press, 276pp., 2005.

Gifts that change: Personal partibility, agency and Christianity in a changing Melanesian society. New York, Berghahn Books, 10 chapters, Forthcoming.

Books in Preparation

The sons of Akaisa: Agency and historical transformation in an Austronesian chiefdom, 1875-2006.

Omarakana: The Tabalu chieftainship of the Trobriand Islands.

Refereed Journal Articles

'Culture and clairvoyance'. *John Hopkins* 34, 1, I-III, 1983.

'Conception, de-conception and social structure in North Mekeo culture'. In D. Jorgensen (ed.), *Concepts of conception: Procreation ideologies in Papua New Guinea*. *Mankind* (special issue) 4(1), 24-32, 1983.

'They are what they do not eat!' *College Consortium of the Finger Lakes Journal* 1, 1-4, 1984.

'Anthropology Peirce-eived'. Review essay of Milton Singer's *Man's glassy essence: Explorations in semiotic anthropology*, University Indiana Press. *Reviews in Anthropology* 11(3), 225-35, 1984.

'The symbols of "Forest": A structural analysis of Mbuti culture and social organization'. *American Anthropologist* 89(4), 896-913, 1987.

'Missionaries, apologists, and anthropologists.' Review essay of D. Whiteman, *Missionaries, anthropologists, and culture change* vol. I, and F.A. Salamone (ed), *Anthropologists and missionaries* vol. II, *Studies in Third World Societies*, Publication no. 25, *Anthropology and Humanism Quarterly* 12, 53-4, 1987.

'The developmental cycle among public groups'. *Man* (n.s.) 24, 470-84, 1989.

Review article of *What gifts engender: Social relations and politics in Mendi, Highlands Papua New Guinea*, by Rena Lederman, Cambridge University Press, 1986. *Pacific Studies* 14, 121-26, 1991.

'The canonic formula of myth and non-myth'. *American Ethnologist* 18, 126-51, 1991.

'Yali revisited: The interplay of messages and missions in Melanesian structural history'. *Journal of the Polynesian Society* 100, 269-98, 1991.

'Motherless sons: "Divine heroes" and "partible persons" in Melanesia and Polynesia'. *Man* (n.s.) 27, 697-717, 1992.

'Other messages, other missions; Or, Sahlins among the Melanesians'. *Oceania* 63, 97-113, 1992.

'Rethinking Trobriand chieftainship'. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (n.s.) 1(4), 763-85, 1995.

'Musing Pacific history'. *Canberra Anthropology* 19(1), 105-17, 1996.

'Cultural constructs versus psychoanalytic conjectures'. *American Ethnologist* 24(4), 934-9, 1997.

'Trobriand chiefs and fathers'. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (n.s.) 3, 154-9, 1997.

'Local ethnography and regional systems: The Mekeo case'. *Journal of the Polynesian Society* 107, 175-86, 1998.

'Virgin birth', comparability and anthropological method'. *Current Anthropology* 35, 685-7, 1998.

'Austronesian chiefs: Metaphorical versus fractal fatherhood'. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 4 (n.s.), 789-95, 1998.

'Inalienable ethnography: Keeping-while-giving and the Trobriands case'. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 6 (n.s.), 377-96, 2000.

'Syncretic persons: Agency and personhood in recent charismatic ritual practices among North Mekeo (PNG)'. In *Beyond syncretism: Indigenous expressions of world religions*, J. Gordon and F. Magowan (eds). *The Anthropological Journal of Australia* (special issue) 12, 259-76, 2001.

'Totem and Transaction: The objectification of "tradition" among North Mekeo'. *Oceania* 73: 89-109, 2002.

'Literal Meanings: The case of Mekeo sorcery'. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 6: 57-79, 2005.

'Fashion as Fetish: The agency of modern clothing and traditional body decoration among North Mekeo of Papua New Guinea'. *The Contemporary Pacific* 19: 39-83, 2007.

'The fractal yam: Botanical imagery and human agency in the Trobriands'. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (in press).

'Partible penitents: Dividual personhood and Christian practice in Melanesia and the West'. Mss under submission, Royal Anthropological Institute.

Journal Articles in Preparation

'The magical power of *baloma*'.

'Not Buying but *Giving Votes*'

'In Sickness and In Sorcery: Morbidity, Morality, Demography, Drought, and Development in Mekeo (PNG) Post-contact History'

'The Fourth Obligation: Sacred Objects, Sacrifice, and Godelier's *Enigma of the Gift*'

'Tarzan of the Bible'.

'Family values: The conjunction of natural and spiritual families in Old and New Testament family structures'.

'Chiefly relations'.

'Gendered agencies: The logic of desire, jealousy, anger, gossip and revenge among North Mekeo'.

'Mbuti metaphors: Symbols of life and death in Mbuti ritual, hunting, and villager relations'.

Sections in Books

'Great men and total systems: Hereditary authority and social reproduction among the North Mekeo'. In: M. Godelier and M. Strathern (eds), *Big men and great men: Personifications of power in Melanesia*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press; and Paris, Editions de la Maison des Sciences de L'Homme, 97-114, 1991.

'The Mekeo'. In: T. Hayes (ed.), *Encyclopedia of world cultures: Oceania*. New Haven, Human Relations Area Files. New York, MacMillan, 197-200, 1991.

'Clowning with food: Mortuary humor and social reproduction among the North Mekeo'. In: W. Mitchell (ed.), *Clowning as critical practice: Performative humor in the South Pacific*. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania Monographs No. 13. Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh Press, 104-29, 1992.

'The symbols of "Forest": A structural analysis of Mbuti culture and social organization'. In: M. Pulford (ed.), *Peoples of the Ituri*, New York, Harcourt Brace, 81-101, 1993. Also reprinted in S. M. Channa (ed.), *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, vol. 8, New Delhi, Vedams Books, 1998.

Prologue (with M. Jolly). In: M. Jolly and M. Mosko (eds). *Transformations of hierarchy: Structure, history and horizon in the Austronesian world. History and Anthropology* (special issue) 7(1-4), 1-18, 1994.

‘Transformations of Dumont: The hierarchical, the sacred and the profane’. In: M. Jolly and M. Mosko (eds), *Transformations of hierarchy: Structure, history and horizon in the Austronesian world, History and Anthropology* (special issue) 7 (1-4), 19-86, 1994.

‘Junior chiefs and senior sorcerers: The contradictions and inversions of Mekeo genealogical seniority’. In: M. Jolly and M. Mosko (eds), *Transformations of hierarchy: Structure, history and horizon in the Austronesian world. History and Anthropology* (special issue) 7 (1-4), 195-222, 1994.

‘Magical money: Commoditization and the linkage of *maketsi* (“market”) and *kangakanga* (“custom”) in contemporary North Mekeo’. In: D. Akins and J. Robbins (eds), *Money and modernity: State and local currencies in Melanesia*. ASAO Monograph No. 17. Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh Press, 41-61, 1999.

‘Maipa made me do it’. In: B. Lal (ed), *Pacific places, Pacific histories: Essays in Honor of Robert C. Kiste*, pp. 171-97. Honolulu, University of Hawai’i Press, 2004.

‘Introduction. A (re)turn to chaos: Chaos theory, the sciences, and social anthropological theory’. In M. Mosko and F. Damon (eds), *On the order of chaos: Social anthropology and the science of chaos*, 1-46. New York, Berghahn Press, 2005.

‘Peace, War, Sex, and Sorcery: Non-linear analogical transformations in the early escalation of North Mekeo sorcery and chiefly practice’. In M. Mosko and F. Damon (eds), *On the order of chaos: Social anthropology and the science of chaos*, pp. 166-205. New York, Berghahn Press, 2005.

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Australian Anthropological Society (Fellow)

American Anthropological Association (Fellow)

Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain & Ireland (Fellow)

American Ethnological Society

Association for Social Anthropologists in Oceania (Fellow; Member of Board of Directors 2002-2006; Chair 2004-2005)

The Polynesian Society (Fellow; Board Member 1998-2001)

European Society for Oceanists

Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand

Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (elected Fellow 2004)

Australian Association for the Advancement of Pacific Studies

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Member of external Evaluation Team (AAA Departmental Services) of the Department of Anthropology, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey (1992)

Referee for articles, grant proposals, book manuscripts, etc.: *American Ethnologist*, *American Anthropologist*, *Oceania*, *Canberra Anthropology*, *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*, *Pacific Studies*, *Social Analysis*, *Current Anthropology*, *The Contemporary Pacific*, *Journal of the Polynesian Society*, *Man*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *The Development Journal of Anthropology*, *Anthropological Forum*, *Ethos*, *European Journal of Anthropology*, *Ethnos*, *Journal of Austronesian Studies*, *The Anthropology Journal of Australia*, University of Chicago Press, Australian Research Council, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Royal Society of New Zealand.

Conference and workshop session organization

- Invited Session, 'On the order of chaos', at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, 1992.
- Session, 'Magic and Modernity in Melanesia and Beyond', at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, 2004.
- Workshop and session, 'Taiwanese Ethnographies of Indigenous Austronesian Cultures', Australian National University, Canberra, 2007.
- Local conference organiser, annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, 2008.
- Session, 'Dumont in the Pacific', at the annual meetings of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, 2008, and Santa Cruz, 2009.

Administrative service, Hartwick College (1980-89, 1991-93)

- Foundation Chair, Department of Anthropology (1986-93)
- Budget Committee (convenor 1986-89, 1991-93)
- Curriculum Committee (convenor 1986-89, 1991-93)
- Gender Studies Committee (1986-89)
- International Committee (1983-89)
- Academic Search Committees - Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, Social Anthropology (member 1982-85; convenor 1986-93)
- Organiser, H. Claude Hardy Chair Lecture programme
 - Eric Wolf, CUNY (1982), Stephen F. Gudeman, U Minnesota (1983), Marshall Sahlins, U Chicago (1984), Eugene Ogan, U Minnesota (1985), Stanley Tambiah Harvard U (1986), Marilyn Strathern, Cambridge U (1988), Sidney Mintz, John Hopkins U (1989), Clifford Geertz, Institute for Advanced Study (1992), Roger Keesing, McGill U (1992)

Administrative service, University of Auckland (1993-01)

- Chair of Social Anthropology (1994-01)
- Head of Department (1996-01)
- Departmental committee service
 - Planning and Resources Committee (member 1993-99, convenor 1996-99)
 - Graduate Studies Committee (member 1993-99, convenor 1996-99)
 - Social Anthropology section (convenor 1994-99)
 - Equity Committee (1993-99)
 - Library Committee (1993-99)
 - Curriculum committee (1996, 1998-99)
 - Space Committee (1989-99, convenor 1996)
 - Academic Search Committees: Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, Social Anthropology, Ethnomusicology (1994-95, convenor 1996-99)
 - Student-Staff Consultative Committee (convenor 1996-99)
 - Internal Review (coordinator 1996)

External Review (coordinator 1998-99)

Faculty of Arts and University committee service: Research Committee (1994), Board of Studies for Pacific Studies Programme (1997-98); Social Science HODs committee (1999), Dean's Forum (1994-1999), Cultural Studies committee (1999), Health Sciences committee (convenor 1999), Papua New Guinea Students Association (academic advisor 1994-98), Transitional Management Committee, School of Asian Studies (1999), Institute for Sociocultural Research in New Zealand and the Pacific (convenor 2000)

Administrative Service, Australian National University (2001-)

Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies service:

Professor of Anthropology (2001-)

Head of Department (2001-)

Faculty Board (2001-)

Infrastructure/Field Equipment grant co-author (2002)

Selection committees (SE Asia, Highlands New Guinea, Asia)

Anthropology Field of Study service:

Anthropology Board of Studies (Member 2001- , Executive (2002-)

AAS conference steering committee (2002)

Co-organiser, Prof Marilyn Strathern (U Cambridge) Lecture (2002)

Organiser, Prof Stanley Tambiah (Harvard U) Lecture (2002)

Pacific Studies Education Committee (2005-2008)

Pacific Islands Group of Scholars (2006-)

School of Archaeology and Anthropology service:

Selection committee (Social anthropology 2008)

University service:

Human Research Ethics Committee (2008-)