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**EDUCATION:**

Habilitation, Humboldt University, Berlin – European Ethnology	2022
Doctor of Philosophy, University of Chicago – Cultural Anthropology	2007
Master of Arts, Indiana University – Russian and East European Studies	1997
Bachelor of Arts, The Evergreen State College – Major: Sovietology; Minor: Photography	1993

**CURRENT POSITIONS:**

2022-2027	Heisenberg Position, European Ethnology (IfEE) Humboldt University, Berlin Germany
2024-2025	Visiting Lecturer, Anthropology and Sociology, Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland
2019-2025	Status Professor, Anthropology, University of Toronto, Toronto Canada

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Social and Technological Change, Energy and Environment, Human-Machine Interactions, Men and Masculinity, Anthropology of Science and Technology, Anthropology of Art and Aesthetics, Infrastructure, Bureaucracy. Former Soviet Union, Ex-Yugoslavia, The North Sea, North America

**RESEARCH GRANTS:**

2022-2025	Wenner Gren Foundation, Post-PhD Fieldwork Grant: <i>Slow Migrations of the North Sea</i>
2021-2022	Texas Global Seed Grant, with Marina Peterson, Rhys Williams: <i>Elements for a Sustainable Future</i>
2019	Humboldt University, Berlin Anschlagfinanzierung: <i>Leap: A World Beyond Fossil Fuels</i>
2018-22	SSHRC Insight Grant: <i>Electricity and Misunderstanding</i>
2017-19	SSHRC Insight Development Grant, co-PI with Kregg Hetherington: <i>Re-energizing Quebec</i>
2015	SSHRC Connection Grant: <i>Between Matter and Method: Anthropology and the Arts</i>
2015	SSHRC/McGill Internal Social Sciences and Humanities Development Grant
2004	Research Grant, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Global Europe Program
2002-03	Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant, Fulbright-Hays, U.S. Department of Ed.
2002-03	Dissertation Research Grant, Fulbright-III, U.S. Department of State (declined)
2002-03	Overseas Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago (declined)
1999	Cuban Scholarly Exchange Research Grant, MacArthur Foundation

**FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

2022-27	Heisenberg Programme Awardee, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
2021-22	Senior Fellow, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam
2016-18	Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Public Life of Art and Ideas, McGill University
2011	Dibner Research Fellow, History of Science and Technology, Huntington Library
2009-10	Research Fellowship, Science in Society Program, Wesleyan University
2008-09	Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Wesleyan University
2004-05	Research Scholar, Library of Congress, Washington D.C.
2003-04	Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies

## FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS cont.

- 2003-04 Social Sciences Dissertation-Year Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (declined)  
2001 Intensive Foreign Language Title IV Fellowship (FLAS), Slovene at Ljubljana University,  
1999-2002 Phoenix Fellowship, University of Chicago  
1998 Graduate Studies Fellowship, National Science Foundation, Honorable Mention  
1996-97 Graduate Assistantship, Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University  
1989-90 Cultural Diversity Scholarship, The Evergreen State College  
1989-90 Evergreen Foundation Scholarship, The Evergreen State College  
1989 The Jan and John Swanson Scholarship

## PUBLICATIONS:

### Single Authored Books

- 2020 *The Likeness: Semblance and Self in Slovene Society*. University of California Press.  
A close examination of practices and ideas about the right location of self-expression *The Likeness* takes a playful, if pointed, approach to contemporary Slovene society, including analyses of Slovene philosophy, contemporary art (and artists), grammatical categories of number and even America's former first lady.
- 2016 *The Grid: The Fraying Wires Between America and Our Energy Future*. New York: Bloomsbury.  
Written for the general public *The Grid* brings anthropological sensibilities to a study of the immense infrastructural, historical, technological, legislative, and fiscal complexity of the US electric grid. The grid is currently being reworked and reimagined to incorporate renewable forms of generation (wind, solar) it has rarely been more fragile or more ripe for the creative possibilities attendant to repair.  
[Selected by Bill Gates as one of the five best books of 2016](#)

### Edited Volumes

- 2018 Bakke, G. and M. Peterson eds. *Between Matter and Method: Encounters in Anthropology and Art*. London: Bloomsbury. A companion volume to the reader (below), this collaboratively-produced compendium of new work engages with visual artifacts, sound, performance, improvisation, literature, dance, ethics, and design. Included are essays by Kathleen Stewart, Keith Murphy, Natasha Myers, Joe Dumit, Stuart McLean, and Craig Campbell among others.
- 2017 Bakke, G. and M. Peterson eds. *Anthropology of the Arts: A Reader*. London: Bloomsbury.  
This course text incorporates classic and newer works by anthropologists on the arts (sound, performance, dance, media and visual arts) to bring the social contexts of arts production reception, and circulation to bear upon how students understand and approach the arts.

### Collaboratively Authored Books

- 2022 After Oil Collective. *Solarities: Seeking Energy Justice*. University of Minnesota Press, 2022.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- 2024 "Refrigerator as Linchpin: A Brief History of the Fossil Fueled Electricity System" *Handbook of Energy Humanities*, G. Macdonald and J. Stewart eds. London: Routledge (forthcoming).
- 2021 "Pivoting toward Energy Transition 2.0: Learning from Electricity," *Research Handbook on Energy and Society*, Webb, Tingey, and Wade eds., Cheltenham UK: Edward Elgar Publishing: 98-111.
- 2019 "Electricity is not a Noun," *Electrifying Anthropology: Explorations in Electric Practices and Infrastructures*, Abram, Yarrow and Winthereik eds. New York: Bloomsbury: 25-42.

- 2019 "Crude Thinking," *The Rhetoric of Oil in the Twenty-First Century: Government, Corporate and Activist Discourses*. Graves and Gordon. eds. London: Routledge: 34-55.
- 2019 "Off the Grid: An Introduction" *Soapbox: Journal for Cultural Analysis* 1(2): 11-25
- 2019 "[Coalthink](#)," *Antidemocracy in America: Truth, Power, and the Republic at Risk*" New York: Columbia University Press, 2019: 127-134.
- 2017 "Incorporations: Contemporary Slovene Art and the Body Politic," *Anthropology of the Arts: A Reader*. Bakke and Peterson eds. London: Bloomsbury: 213-222.
- 2013 "Afterword: The Bathwater and the Baby," *Beyond the Aesthetic and the Anti-Aesthetic*, Elkins & Montgomery eds. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press: 205-219.
- 2010 "Dead White Men: An Essay on the Changing Dynamics of Race in American Action Cinema," *Anthropology Quarterly* 83(2): 400-428.
- 2008 "Reframing History," *Slovene Studies* 30 (2): 185-217.  
**Winner** of the 2007 Rado L. Lencek Graduate Student Prize, Society for Slovene Studies
- 2007 "Continuum of the Human," *Camera Obscura* 22 (3 66): 60-91.

#### Poetry, Fiction, Art

- 2023 "[First Experiments in Petronostalgia](#)" A Photo Essay. *Anthropology News* Sept/Oct 2023.  
 German Translation [Erste Experimente zur Petronostalgie](#) RIFS Blog, 29.05.2024.
- 2023 "What Fuels You?" in *Solarities: Inflections and Refractions*, A. Moore, C. Howe and J. Diamanti eds. New York: Punctum: 85-92.
- 2019 "Inland Tide Tables," "Raining Red Wisconsin, or, The Weather Takes Over," and "Steam Power" in *Almanac for the Beyond*, J. Faris ed. Honolulu: Tropic Editions: 45; 48-53; 86.
- 2017 "The Comparative Method: A Novella," *Between Matter and Method: Encounters in Anthropology and Art*. Bakke and Peterson eds. London: Bloomsbury: 171-189. **Reprinted in:** *What Future 2018: The Year's Best Writing on What's Next for People, Technology & the Planet*, Crist and Eveleth eds. Los Angeles: The Unnamed Press, 2018: 276-301.

#### Other Publications

- 2019 "Zur energiewende 2.0" *Bonner Perspektiven* 01.19: 30-33.
- 2019 "[Pacific Gas and Electric is a company that was just bankrupted by climate change. It won't be the last.](#)" with Ian Gray. *The Washington Post*, January 30
- 2016 "[Venezuela's Electricity Crises: A Cautionary Tale](#)," *The New Yorker*, May 17

#### Book Reviews

- 2022 Blunt, Katherine. *The Fall of Pacific Gas and Electric—and What it Means for America's Power Grid*, in *Science* 377(6609): 933, 26 Aug 2022.
- 2014 Bjelić, Dušan. *Normalizing the Balkans: Geopolitics of Psychoanalysis and Psychiatry*, in *Slavic Review*, 73(1): 188-189.
- 2009 Toffoletti, Kim. *Cyborgs and Barbie Dolls: Feminism, Popular Culture and the Posthuman Body*, in *Body & Society*, 15(1): 112-114.
- 1996 Carlton, Eric. *Massacres: An Historical Perspective*, in *The Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, 9(2): 460-61.

#### Conference Proceedings

- 2007 "Incorporations." *Cahiers Parisiens/Parisian Notebooks*, vol. 3: 703-723.

## EXHIBITIONS

6 June – 6 Sept. 2024 *The Gas Station Project: Photographs in Advance of a Disappearance*. Research Institute for Sustainability (RIFS) Potsdam, Germany

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

2020-2023 Section Editor, Systems and Futures, *Public Books*, New York, USA  
2018-2023 Researcher, Anthropocene Formations, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin  
2018-2020 Visiting Chair of Social Anthropology, IfEE and IRI THESys, Humboldt University, Berlin  
2012-2017 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, McGill University, Montréal QC  
2009-2010 Research Fellow, Science in Society Program, Wesleyan University, Middletown CT  
2008-2009 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Middletown CT  
2005-2007 Editorial Assistant/Staff Photographer, American Anthropological Assoc., Arlington VA

## INDUSTRY KEYNOTES

May 2022 Microsoft Marketing Leadership Team (via Zoom)  
Mar. 2022 Avangrid Renewables, 2022 Educational Forum: Reliability & Renewables, Scottsdale AZ  
Feb. 2022 Canada Grid, Grid + Days #4, Montréal, QC (via Zoom)  
Feb. 2021 Yes! Energy Summit 2021, Boulder CO (via Zoom)  
Apr. 2019 *The Future of Power*, Spark Power, Toronto, ON  
Jan. 2019 *The Grid of the Future*, l'Institut de l'énergie Trottier, Montréal, QC  
Dec. 2017 International Conference on Energy Systems Integration, NREL, Golden CO  
Oct. 2017 Terex Utilities, Louisville KY  
Sept. 2017 Iowa Ideas, Cedar Rapids IA  
June 2017 The City Club, Boulder CO  
May 2017 Starwood Energy Group, New York NY  
May 2017 Utility Supply Management Alliance Educational Conference, Fort Worth TX  
Apr. 2017 Celsia, Board of Directors Meeting, Bogota Columbia (via WebEx).  
Apr. 2017 North Carolina State Energy Conference, Raleigh, NC  
Mar. 2017 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Washington D.C.  
Jan. 2017 GE, Energy Connections Leadership Meeting, Boca Raton FL  
Dec. 2016 Eversource Energy, Leadership Team Meeting, Durham, NH  
Nov. 2016 Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN  
Nov. 2016 PG&E, System Protection Group, All Team Meeting, San Ramon, CA  
Oct. 2016 Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO) Informational Forum, Carmel, IN (via WebEx)

## INVITED LECTURES

Aug 2024 “Minor Analytics and its Essay Buffet—Experiments in Genre,” School of Advanced Research (SAR), Santa Fe NM  
June 2023 “Refrigerator as Lynchpin: A Brief History of the Fossil Fueled Electricity System” Antrittsvorlesung, IRI THESys, Humboldt University, Berlin.  
June 2022 “Refrigerator as Lynchpin: A Brief History of the Fossil Fueled Electricity System” Keynote, *American Grids: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Housing, Energy, and Infrastructure*, John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie Universität Berlin.  
May 2022 “Slow Migrations of the North Sea, Part I: Bivalves,” School of Critical Studies, Glasgow University, Glasgow Scotland.

- Oct 2021 “How to Craft Strong Academic Arguments from Qualitative Data,” Geo.X young academy lecture series *Introducing the Social Sciences to Natural Scientists*, Berlin, Potsdam
- June 2021 “Refrigerator as Lynchpin: A Brief History of the Fossil Fueled Electricity System,” Ringvorlesung *Die Rohstoffe der Medien: Globale Material-, Wissens- und Techniktransfers*, Institut für Musikwissenschaft und Medienwissenschaft, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Jan. 2021 [Lucas J. Daniel Lecture in Sustainable Systems](#), IIT Institute of Design, Chicago IL
- Jun. 2019 “Pivoting toward Energy Transition 2.0,” IRI THESys Member’s Lecture, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany
- Mar. 2019 “Electricity as Ecology” School of Critical Studies, Glasgow University, Glasgow, Scotland
- Feb. 2019 “A Grid’s Eye View on Contemporary Energy Transitions,” School for Cross-Faculty Studies, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK
- Jan. 2019 “Deux regards sur notre relation à l’électricité: Christine Beaulieu et Gretchen Bakke,” L’Institut de l’énergie Trottier de Polytechnique Montréal, Montréal, QC Canada
- Dec. 2019 “Of Politics and Personhood. Considerations from Slovenia,” Institutskolloquium, Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.
- Nov. 2017 “The Politics of Energy and Climate Change,” *The Big Picture: What’s at Stake in Trump’s America*, New York University, New York NY USA
- Nov. 2017 “Energetic Environments” *Automated Environments*, Goethe Institut and the Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montréal QC Canada
- Sept. 2017 “On Reliability,” The Royal Irish Academy, Dublin Ireland
- April 2017 “Infrastructure for a Changing Climate: Energy,” *Cities, Climate Change and the Problem of Resilience*, CASBS, Stanford University, Stanford CA USA
- April 2017 “The Human Dimension” *Any Role for Microgrids in Quebec and Canada?* TISED Microgrid Colloquium, McGill University, Montréal QC Canada
- April 2015 “The Immaterialization of Power: The Case of Electricity” 4th Annual CENHS Research Symposium, Rice University, Houston TX USA
- Nov. 2014 “Translating an Intractable Quasi-Object (or, Electricity mon amour)” School of Interdisciplinary Arts Seminar on Energy, Ohio University, Athens OH USA
- Mar. 2011 “Apropos of Nothing: Semblance and Self in Slovene Society” Department of Anthropology Lecture Series, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB Canada
- Feb. 2009 “Self in Slovene Society,” *Figuring the Human*, Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Middletown CT USA
- Oct. 2005 “Person, Project, Device, and Prop” *Regards croisés sur les sociétés d’Europe de l’Est*, CNRS-Université Paris X-Nanterre, Paris, France

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- July 2024 “Words Paper Scissors: Analogy Remixery and Seductive Arts” with Marina Peterson, *4S/EASST*, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Aug. 2022 “What is an -ition? An inquiry into the parts of words, combined and stranded” *Transformations* Petrocultures Conference, Stavanger Norway.
- June 2022 “Slow Migrations of the North Sea: An Anthropological Investigation of the Energy Transition in the Shetland Islands and North Sea Off-Shore Oil and Gas Assets,” *Georesources Beneath our Feet* Workshop, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences, Potsdam, Germany
- May 2022 “Slow Migrations of the North Sea I: Bivalves” Seminar Day, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.

- Nov. 2018 "Future Perfect Tense," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA USA *also* Roundtable presenter "No Small Change: Doing Anthropology In A Bitcoin Bubble," *also* Roundtable presenter "Breakdown, Repair, Resilience And Adaptation At The Dawn Of The Anthropocene," *also* Roundtable presenter for "The Art of Reviewing"
- Aug. 2018 "Weather as Character," *Transitions* Petrocultures Conference, Glasgow, Scotland.
- June 2018 "Nobody wants to Lose Power," *Breaking the Rules: Energy Transitions as Social Innovations*, Leibniz Research Alliance on Energy Transitions, WZB Berlin, Germany
- Nov. 2016 "Beyond Information: Reading Minimal Differences" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis MN USA
- Dec. 2014 "Electricity and Misunderstanding," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. USA
- Nov. 2013 "Sliquids," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL USA
- Nov. 2011 "Die Antwoord: Anthropology's Impossible Object," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal QC Canada
- June 2010 "Techniques for the Transmutation of Substance," Canadian Anthropology Society/Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie, (CASCA), Montréal QC, Canada
- Dec. 2009 "Slavoj Žižek: Philosopher as Native Informant" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA USA
- Oct. 2009 "The Problems with Personhood: Distribution, Agency, and Technoscience" Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting (4S), Washington D.C. USA
- Nov. 2006 "Incorporations" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose CA USA
- Nov. 2006 "Reality Plus..." Universities Art Association of Canada Annual Meeting, Halifax NS Canada
- Feb. 2005 "*Laiibach Kunst* and the Redeployment of the Desplicable," Anthropology of Europe Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago IL USA

#### WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- Jan. 2023 *Minor Analytics: Assorted Essays*, Minor & Ordinary Reading Group, Mack Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Saale) Germany.
- Mar. 2016 "Max Normal: A Novella," *Between Matter and Method: Anthropology and the Arts*, Banff, Centre for Arts and Creativity, Banff AB Canada
- Feb. 2011 *Apropos of Nothing: Semblance and Self in Slovene Society* (chapters 1-4), Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago IL USA
- May 2008 "How the Black Guys got to Kill all the White Guys and Still be Good: The Changing Dynamics of Race in American Action Cinema" American Locations Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago IL USA
- Feb. 2005 "Continuum of the Human," Science, Technology, and the State Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago IL USA
- May 2000 "Five Short Essays about Time," History and Anthropology Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago IL USA

#### SHORT-TERM INSTITUTES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- July 2023 *Spectrality, Temporality, Ethnography* Workshop, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Saale), Germany
- Jun-Jul 2022 *Community and Infrastructure*, Summer Fellowship Program, Glasgow University, Scotland
- May 2022 *Balkans Round Table: Crosslocating Research*, Crosslocations ERC grant Final Conference, University of Helsinki, Finland.

Dec. 2021	<i>Material Assemblages: Toward a New History of Infrastructure</i> , Herrenhausen Symposium Hanover Germany (via Zoom).
Feb. 2020	<i>Research Perspectives on Social and Ecologic Transformations</i> , Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS), Erkner Germany
May 2019	<i>After Oil School 2 – Solarity</i> , Canadian Center for Architecture, Montréal, QC
Aug. 2018	<i>Beyond Anthropocene</i> , Banff Research in Culture, Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff, AB
Nov. 2017	<i>Automated Environments</i> , Goethe Institute, Canadian Center for Architecture, Montréal, QC
Mar. 2016	<i>Between Matter and Method: Anthropology and the Arts</i> , Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff AB
Oct. 2015	<i>Infrastructure, Environment, &amp; Life in the Anthropocene</i> , Concordia University, Montreal QC
July 2010	<i>Beyond the Aesthetic and the Anti-Aesthetic</i> , Stone Summer Theory Institute; School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL
Aug. 2004	<i>Junior Scholars Training Seminar</i> , Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Center for Eastern European Studies Washington D.C.
June 1999	<i>Rhetoric, Linguistics, and the Political Text</i> , Summer Institute in Communication Northwestern University, School of Speech, Chicago IL

## RESIDENCIES

Summer 2025 Resident Scholar, School of Advanced Research (SAR), Santa Fe NM

## COURSES TAUGHT

### Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva Switzerland

ETHNOGRAPHIC WRITING 2024

### Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin Germany

ANTHROPOLOGY OF ENERGY 2024  
 INTERDISCIPLINARY THESIS WRITING WORKSHOP 2023-24  
 THE CITY AND THE CITY AND THE CITY 2023  
 IRI THESYS THEMENKLASSE “RIGHTS OF NATURE” 2023  
 WHAT DOES ANTHROPOLOGY HAVE TO OFFER THE ANTHROPOCENE (AND VICE-VERSA) 2020  
 FUNDAMENTALS FOR HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH 2019-2021, 2024  
 ANTHROPOLOGY OF WASTE 2019  
 ETHNOGRAPHIES OF BERLIN: READING, WRITING, DOING  
 I. SOCIALISM AND THE DIVIDED CITY 2018-2019  
 II. RIGHT WING EXTREMISM 2019-2020  
 ANTHROPOLOGY OF (POST) SOCIALISM IN EUROPE 2018-2019  
 ENERGY HUMANITIES 2018

### McGill University, Montréal Québec Canada

ENERGY HUMANITIES 2017  
 THEORIES OF SOCIETY AND CULTURE 2016  
 CITIZEN, NATION, MODERNITY - CONTEMPORARY ETHNOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS 2013  
 DISSERTATION WRITING SEMINAR 2010 - 2014  
 ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION 2007

### Carleton University, Ottawa Ontario Canada

TOPICS IN THE STUDY OF SOCIETY: POPULAR CULTURE 2010  
 WOMEN IN SOCIETY 2008  
 ANTHROPOLOGICAL METHODS 2007

Wesleyan University, Middletown Connecticut USA

WRITING SCIENCE FICTION 2009

MAKING THE POSTHUMAN: IN SCIENCE, FILM, AND CONTEMPORARY ART 2008

**INTENSIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS TAUGHT**

- Sept. 2023 Dissertation Writing Workshop for Anthropologists, Two-day workshop, Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva Switzerland
- 2021-2024 Dissertation Writing Workshop for Architects, EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2019/2023 Writing Creative Non-Fiction for Academics. Five-day workshop with Eva-Lynn Jagoe, Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto, Toronto ON, Canada
- 2014-2023 Dissertation Writing Workshop, *Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO)* Two-day workshop offered yearly in June with Léa Sgeir. Alternates between Geneva, Lausanne, and Neuchatel, Switzerland
- June-Sept 2022 Ethnographic Manuscript Lab for late-stage PhDs, University of Zürich, Zürich Switzerland
- 2018-2022 Abstract Writing Workshop, *Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO)* One-day workshop, alternates between Geneva, Lausanne, Neuchatel, Switzerland
- Jan & Oct 2021/ Jan 2025 Ethical Writing for Qualitative Social Scientists, Graduate School Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Zürich, Zürich Switzerland
- 2017/2021 Writing for the Rest of the World, Ethnography Lab, Concordia University, Montréal QC (2017) and Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) Potsdam, Germany (2021).
- 2015/2019/2021 Dissertation Writing Workshop for Anthropologists, Two-day workshop, University of Zürich, Zürich Switzerland.
- 2019-2020 Dissertation Writing Workshop for Social Scientists, Department of Political Science; Department of Religion, and Department of Anthropology (2015, 2019, 2021), University of Zürich, Zürich Switzerland

**OTHER WORKSHOPS TAUGHT**

- 2019 Solar Punk: Recognizing the Future at *After Oil School 2 – Solarity*. Two-day workshop with Rhys Williams and Josifin Wangel, Canadian Center for Architecture, Montréal QC

**RECOGNITION OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

- Preis für gute Lehre. Humboldt University, Berlin Shortlisted 2019 for “The Anthropology of Waste,”
- “Creative Ideas in Teaching: Toward an Anthropology of Waste” Front Page, July 2019 (in German). <https://www.hu-berlin.de/de/pr/nachrichten/juli-2019/nr-19716>

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

- English Mother Tongue
- French Speaking and reading fluency
- Slovene Scholarly competence
- German Intermediate (B2)
- Spanish Formerly fluent, reading fluency, comprehension high
- Russian Formerly fluent, reading and speaking ability, comprehension high
- Danish Formerly fluent, reading competence, residual speaking and writing abilities

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Anthropological Association  
Society for Cultural Anthropology  
Society for Slovene Studies  
Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)

#### ADVISORY BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**X-PRIZE Foundation.** Energy Systems & Climate Change “Visioneer” and member of the X-Prize Brain Trust charged with designing a multimillion dollar prize for the decarbonizing energy systems by 2040.

**US Department of Energy (DOE)** Office of Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Working Group Member “From Watershed to Energyshed: Determining the Implications of Place-Based Generation” helping to mainstream local/community based electricity systems.

#### SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE

2017-2020      Evaluator: Dissertation and Post-PhD Research Grants, Wenner Gren Foundation,  
Reviewer:      *American Anthropologist, Body & Society, Cultural Anthropology, Economic Anthropology, The Extractive Industries and Society, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, PoLAR, Science and Technology Studies.*

#### REVIEWS OF PUBLISHED WORK

##### Anthropology of Energy

- *Comparative Strategy*, 28 Feb 2020, “[The grid: The fraying wires between Americans and our energy future](#)” by C.D. Walton. 39(1) 2020: 110-111.
- *Journal of Mega Infrastructure and Sustainable Development*, 10 July 2019 “[The Grid: The Fraying Wires between Americans and Our Energy Future](#)” by D. Durrant. 1(1) 2019: 98-101
- *PoLAR: Political & Legal Anthropology Review*, May 14 2018, “[New Perspectives on Energy](#)”, by G. Günel.
- *Energy Regulation Quarterly*, March 2018, “[The Grid: The Fraying Wires Between Americans and Our Energy Future](#)” by S. Conway.
- *Energy Research & Social Science* 25, March 2017: 110-111 "[Anthropology of the Grid](#)" by R. Kritkauskys
- *Inside Higher Ed*. September 18, 2016 "[The Grid' and the Higher Ed Energy Conversation](#)," by J. Kim.
- *National Post*, July 29, 2016 "[Gretchen Bakke's The Grid illustrates the right way to fix what's wrong with the future of energy](#)," by M. Sauter.
- *Science*. July 22, 2016 "[Power to the People](#)," by C. Howe. 353 (6297): 355.
- *The Wall Street Journal*. July 16, 2016 "[The Marvel of Electricity](#)," by R. T. Priest
- *Kirkus Review*. June 1, 2016. "[The Grid](#)"
- *Publishers Weekly*, May 23, 2016 “[The Grid: The Fraying Wires Between Americans & Our Energy Future](#)”

##### Anthropology of the Arts

- *Slovene Studies* 42(2) Fall 2020: 181–188. “*The Likeness: Semblance and Self in Slovene Society.*” by R. Minnich.
- *Journal of Anthropological Research* 75(3,) Fall 2019: 423-424. “*Between Matter and Method: Encounters in Anthropology and Art.* Gretchen Bakke and Mariana Peterson, eds.” by J.M. Szabo.
- *Visual Studies* 35 (2-3), September 30, 2019: 305-306. “*Between Matter and Method*” by U. Klein.
- *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 25(2) April 29; 2019: 420-421. “Gretchen Bakke & Marina Peterson (eds). *Between matter and method: encounters in anthropology and art*” by J. MacClancy.
- *Visual Anthropology Review* 33(2), November 13, 2017: 209-210, “*Anthropology of the Arts: A Reader* by Gretchen Bakke and Marina Peterson, eds. London: Bloomsbury, 2017” by C. Wright.
- *Anthropology News*, 56(10) October 2015: 8-9. “An Anthropological Endeavor: Crossing Disciplines: Art and

Anthropology” by C. I. Edinger

- *LSE Review of Books*, March 15, 2017 "[Anthropology of the Arts](#), Bakke and Peterson eds.” by S. Hölsgens.

## MEDIA

### Interviews - Radio

- Illinois Public Media. *The 21<sup>st</sup> Show*, July 10, 2023 “[Why is America’s electric grid so fragile?](#)”
- NPR – *All Things Considered*, Sept. 4, 2021 “[Overcoming America's Resistance To Climate-Proof Infrastructure](#)” (12 million regular listeners)
- NPR – *All Things Considered*, Feb. 20, 2021 “[‘The Grid’ Author On How Texas Crisis Highlights A Fragile U.S. Infrastructure](#)”
- WPR – Madison, Wisconsin. *The Morning Show*, Dec. 10, 2019. Live radio interview
- MPR – Minneapolis, Minnesota. *MPR News at 11*, Mar. 22, 2018. [Live radio interview](#)
- BYU radio – Provo, Utah. *Top of Mind* with Julie Rose, Aug. 25, 2017. Live radio Interview
- WTBF-AM/FM – Troy, Alabama, *On the Bookshelf*, with Doc Kirby, Aug. 9, 2017
- WBUR – Boston, Massachusetts, *On Point*, Feb. 13, 2017 – “[New Moves on American Wind Power](#)”
- KBOO – Portland, Oregon, [Locus Focus](#), Jan. 9, 2017
- AM590 – Riverside, California, [Green Power Report](#), Dec. 19, 2016.
- WPR - Wisconsin Public Radio, *The Joy Cardin Show*, Nov. 30, 2016 – “[Our Electric Energy Future](#)”
- *Living on Earth*, Public Radio International, November 4, 2016 – “[People and the Electric Grid](#)”
- Sirius XM. *Inside the Issues with Wilmer Leon*, September 17, 2016 Live Radio Interview
- WFSU-FM - Florida Public Radio, Tallahassee FL, September 13, 2016 Live Radio Interview
- KPCW – Park City, UT, *Cool Science Radio*, September 8, 2016 Live radio interview.
- WATR – Waterbury, CT. *Talk of the Town with Larry Rifkin*, August 29, 2016 Live radio interview.
- WHYY- Philadelphia, PA. *Fresh Air*, Aug. 22, 2016 (Rebroadcast on *Fresh Air Weekend*, Aug. 27, 2016) – “[Aging And Unstable, The Nation's Electrical Grid is 'The Weakest Link'](#)” (5 million regular listeners)
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