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### **POSITIONS HELD**

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Boston University, July 2011-present  
Full-time Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Boston University, July 2009-July 2011

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Race, diaspora and transnationalism, nationalism, Jewishness, Jewish-Muslim relations, identity politics, pluralism, youth culture, France and the Francophone world

### **EDUCATION**

2003-2008      University of Chicago, PhD in Anthropology

2000-2002      University of Chicago, MA in Anthropology

1994-1998      Harvard University, BA in Socio-Cultural Anthropology, summa cum laude

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- I.P.      “The Vanishing State: Religious Education and Intolerance in French Jewish Schools.” *In* Living Together with Difference. Seligman, Adam, ed. Oxford University Press.
- 2013      *Rhinestones, Religion, and the Republic: Fashioning Jewishness in France*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- 2011      “*Laïcité, Fraternité, and Nationalité*: discontinuities in French Jewish discourse.” *AJS Perspectives*, Spring
- 2009      “Rhinestone Aesthetics and Religious Essence: Looking Jewish in Paris.” *American Ethnologist* 36(4): 722-734

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

- 2014 Bukharan Jews and the dynamics of global Judaism by Alanna Cooper. *Anthropological Quarterly*, Winter.
- 2011 Deconstruction without destruction: reimagining *Jewish Studies at the Crossroads of Anthropology and History: Authority, Diaspora, Tradition*. Edited by Ra'anan S. Boustan, Oren Kosansky, Marina Rustow. H-NET Reviews.
- 2010 Judging Mohammed: Juvenile Delinquency, Immigration, and Exclusion at the Paris Palace of Justice by Susan Terrio. *PoLAR* 33(1): 158-161.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2006-2007 Charlotte F. Newcombe Fellowship for dissertation write-up
- 2004-2005 Chateaubriand Fellowship for dissertation research in France
- 2003-2004 Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) Fellowship for dissertation research in Paris
- 2000-2004 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship for graduate coursework
- 1998 Phi Beta Kappa
- 1998 Kluckhohn Prize for the best thesis in Anthropology, Harvard University
- 1995 Detur Prize for academic excellence, Harvard University

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2013-2014 American Anthropological Association, Chicago (scheduled)
- 2012-2013 American Anthropological Association, San Francisco (accepted)  
Society for French Historical Studies
- 2011-2012 Institute on Culture and World Affairs Conference "Civic Enculturation," Boston University
- 2010-2011 Posen Summer Seminar "Varieties of Jewish Secularism," Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley  
American Anthropological Association, New Orleans  
Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Association for Jewish Studies, Boston  
Department of Anthropology, Boston University
- 2009-2010 Council of European Studies, Montreal

Foreign Languages and Literatures, MIT  
Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Swarthmore College

- 2008-2009 Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC  
Department for the Study of Religion and the Centre for Diaspora and Transnationalism, University of Toronto  
Religious Studies Department, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 2007-2008 Council of European Studies, Chicago  
Social Science and Religion Network, Boston University
- 2006-2007 Anthropology of Europe Workshop, University of Chicago  
Jewish Studies Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2004-2005 Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris
- 2003-2004 Anthropology of Europe Workshop, University of Chicago  
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2001-2002 Conference “Dislocation/Relocation: Geographies of European Anxiety,” University of Chicago

### **JOURNAL REFEREE**

American Ethnologist  
PoLAR  
Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
Ethnicity and Identity  
European Ethnography  
Religious Fundamentalism  
Seminar in Ethnography and Anthropological Theory I  
Proposal Writing for Social Science  
Social Science Core Curriculum

### **DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

Jinba (Tenzin) Danzeng  
2010 “In the Heartland of the Eastern Queendom: Marginalities and Identities on the Han-Tibetan Border”

Leonardo Schiocchet  
2010 “Refugee Lives: Ritual and Belonging in Two Palestinian Refugee Camps in Lebanon”

### **CURRENT STUDENTS**

Carol Ferrara—France, Islam, religious pluralism  
Lucia Liu—China, neoliberalism, death rituals, subjectivity  
Chun-Yi Sum—China, national identity, youth culture  
Eve Wong—South Africa, “coloured” political identity, national identity

## **SERVICE**

2013- Curriculum Committee, Department of Anthropology (Boston University)  
2011- Member of Center for Judaic Studies “The Other Within” steering committee (Boston University)  
2011-2012 Member of Anthropology Department Honors Committee (Boston University)  
2010-2011 Faculty Organizer, Anthropology Dissertation Workshop Group (Boston University)  
2009-10 Faculty Participant, Anthropology Dissertation Workshop Group (Boston University)  
2006 Mentor, Harvard College Women’s Center  
2003 Panel organizer, “Through Franco-American Looking Glasses,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago  
2003 Conference organizer, “Dislocations/Relocations: Geographies of European Anxiety,” Anthropology of Europe Workshop 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, University of Chicago

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native), French (fluent)

## **REFERENCES**

John L. Comaroff, Professor of African and African American Studies and of Anthropology, Oppenheimer Fellow in African Studies, Harvard University Email: [jcomaroff@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:jcomaroff@fas.harvard.edu).

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