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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA. Dec 2013

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD.) Anthropology

Dissertation: The Evolution of Variability in Magic, Divination and Religion:

A Multi-Level Selection Analysis. Fieldwork: Macaé, Brazil.

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA. May 2011

Master of Arts (M.A.) Cultural Anthropology

Thesis: Patterns in Divination: A Cross-Cultural Exploration

Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, USA. May 2008

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Humanities. Summa Cum Laude

Areas of concentration: Anthropology, Women's Studies and Philosophy.

N.B. This degree obtained via distance while living in Singapore.

Cy-Fair College (Lone Star College System previously NHMCC) May 2005

Cypress, Texas, USA.

Associate of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Theta Kappa.

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA. May 2008-May 2009

Graduate Teaching Academy Fellow

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA.

Instructional Assistant Professor

2015 - Present

Lecturer

2014

Adjunct Faculty or Instructor of Record (Part-Time only some semesters) 2010 - 2013

Courses Taught

ENGR482 (Cultural Diversity and Ethics)

ANTH410 (Anthropological Theory)

ANTH415 (Anthropological Writing)

ANTH205 (People and Cultures of the World)

SOMS 381 (School of Military Science Leadership Education)

All seminar style, highly interactive and inclusive classes with focus on developing critical analysis and real-world application.

Average overall student class evaluations (2016) 4.78 out of 5.0

Texas A&M University

Fall 2009 - Spring 2010

Guest Lecturer in ANTH205 (People and Cultures of the World)

ANTH403 (Anthropology of Religion) and ANTH622 (Folklore)

Teaching Assistant ANTH210 (Social & Cultural Anthropology)

Successfully assisted in creating an active and interactive classroom environment with focus on leveraging diversity in the classroom. Avg. 120 students. Overall student class evaluation 4.38 out of 5.0.

Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, USA. May 2007-Dec 2008
Virtual Mentor

Assistant in an online learning environment: courses included ANTH317 (Global Feminisms) and ANTH350 (Speech, Thought & Culture) Maximum 60 students.

Lone Star College, Cy-Fair, Texas, USA. 2008, 2013 & 2014

Guest Lecturer and Program Assistant (L.I.F.E. Program)

Interactive demonstrations and lectures for Adult learners.

Abtex Computer Systems, Aberdeen, Scotland 1993 - 1994

Systems Manager and Computer Trainer

Computer training for professional adults in specialized classroom environment.

Courses included: MS Office, DOS, MS Windows, Novell Networking and numerous customer specific specialized courses. (Maximum 16 students)

**PREVIOUS
CAREER
HISTORY**

Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling Inc, Houston Texas USA 2000-2003

Manager IT Technical Support

Managed the global support, planning, definition, purchase, configuration installation and maintenance of all local area networks (LAN) and Wide Area networks (WAN), Windows Intel servers, the majority of personal computers, and all corporate standard software throughout two mergers (Reading & Bates Falcon and Sedco Forex).

Ultimately responsible for managing 55 staff and contractors, and the support of over 13,000 internal customers.

Halliburton Subsea Systems, Houston TX & New Orleans LA, USA. 1998-2000

IT Manager

Responsible for the evaluation, acquisition, budget control, installation development and maintenance of the company's computer network (NT and Novell) and telecommunication systems, in two new office locations.

Catharina Mandic, Aberdeen, Scotland. 1994-1998

Catharina Mandic, IT Consultant

Clients included Transocean (formally Sonat Offshore), Statoil Norway, Reading & Bates Arcade Drilling, Balmoral Group, Kvaerner Oil & Gas, Smedvig, Subsea Offshore (Dresser Industries), Nautronix Helle and Digilog Services.

Numerous positions of Increasing Responsibility to 1994

**PUBLISHED
PAPERS,
PRESENTATIONS
& CONFERENCES**

December 2016, TAMU Anthropology Brown Bag Presenter, Active learning in the Classroom

November 2016, Invited panelist, Inaugural event: TAMU Pedagogy Project

Conference co-organizer, 2014 5th Anthropology Conference, Texas A&M University, Conference proceedings available online at

<http://anthropology.tamu.edu/html/news-proceedings-for-the-5th-annual-anthropology-conference.html>

Conference Organizer, 2013 4th Anthropology Conference, Texas A&M University, Conference proceedings available online at

<http://anthropology.tamu.edu/html/news-4th-annual-anthropology-conference-proceedings.html>

Laporte, Catharina. (2011). Patterns in Divination: a Cross-Cultural Exploration. Paper presented at American Anthropological Association 110th Annual Meeting, Montreal Canada, 16 Nov 2010.

Dickson, D.B., Laporte, C., & Dahm, P.F. (2010). Material Foundations for Ethnic Identity: Infrastructure and Body Modification in Practice. Paper presented at the International Research Forum “Fusion of Culture in the Diaspora: National Costume & Fashion” at National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan.

Emmelhainz, Celia, Claire Aliko Collins, Catharina Laporte, and Ali Krzton. (2009). Collaborative Ethics: Development and Implementation. *Anthropology News* 51:24-24.

Serrato, Margie, Catharina Laporte and Richa Dhanju. (2009). When Did Do No Harm Become Do Nothing: Graduate Student Perspectives on the HTS Controversy. *Anthropology News* 50:24-24.

Laporte, Catharina and Cynthia Werner. (2010). Our First Experience using Clickers: A Professor’s Perspective. Paper read at Teaching with Technology Conference. 10th Feb 2010., at Rudder Tower, Texas A&M University.

**FELLOWSHIPS
GRANTS &
BURSARIES**

January 2017: TAMU Diversity Development Grant \$5000
December 2016 Anthropology Travel Award \$650
May 2016: TAMU Liberal Arts H3I Grant \$10,000
May 2016: TAMU ITS Flipping your Course Bursary \$2000
December 2012: Anthropology Student Travel \$225
December 2010: Anthropology Student Travel \$650
May 2010: Glascock Stipendiary Fellow \$1000
Jan 2009: TAMU Office of Graduate Studies, Tuition paid to participate in CIRTL (Center for Integrated Research, Teaching and Learning) course. Grant funded by NSF.

CERTIFICATION

Flipping you course (TAMU ITS) (2016)
Professional Certification in Online Teaching (TAMU ITS) (2015)
Quality Matters (QM) Applying the QM Rubric (2015)

**HONORS &
AWARDS**

Washington State University Presidents Honor Roll (Aug 2005 until May 2008)
Cy-Fair College Presidents List (Aug 2003 until May 2005)

**AFFILIATIONS
& MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association
Center for the Integration of Teaching, Research and Learning (CIRTL)
Texas A&M Graduate Teaching Academy
Cy-Fair Student Ambassador (Jan 2004 – May 2005)
Volunteer with Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Mentor Program (2005 – 2010)

**TEACHING
PHILOSOPHY**

Available on request
