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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2017 – present

Doctoral student in Cultural Anthropology

University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Anthropology
Graduate certificates in Critical Media Practices; Culture, Language, and
Social Practices Program; Asian Studies

Dissertation title: “Intense Engagements: Social Media Activism in the
Aftermath of the 2021 Military Coup in Myanmar.” (Committee: Carla Jones
(chair), Alison Cool, Emily Hue, Carole McGranahan, Karen Strassler)

Anticipated degree date: 2024

2020

MA in Cultural Anthropology

University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Anthropology

Thesis: “Worldmaking Media: A Review on the Anthropology of Mediation
and the Case of Myanmar.” (Committee: Carla Jones (chair), Alison Cool,
Carole McGranahan)

2017 – 2019

PhD Coursework in Linguistics

University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Linguistics

Prelim Exam Paper (Linguistics): “On Focus: Syntax-Semantic Interface in
Burmese Focus Sensitive Particles” (Advisor: Laura Michaelis-Cummings)

2017

BA in General Linguistics (*summa cum laude*)

Queens College, City University of New York

Honors Thesis: “To Know a *Bāthā*: Family Language Socialization among
Buddhist Burmese Immigrant Families in New York City” (Advisor: Miki
Makihara)

Minors: Honors in Social Science and French

2015

AA in Secondary Education (*summa cum laude*)

LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York

Area of Concentration: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

2022

Theorizing the Southeast Asian Archive

Mini course-GETSEA (Graduate Education and Training in Southeast Asian
Studies), Cornell University, Dr. Judith Henchy

2020 **PUBLIC/SCHOLARSHIP: A Reading of New Translations in, of, and from Southeast Asia**

Six-week Translation Workshop for MA/PhD students working with Southeast Asian languages, University of Wisconsin Madison, Dr. Tyrell Haberkorn

2018 **Summer Linguistics Institute**

Linguistic Society of America, University of California, Davis

- Computer-mediated Communication
- Language and Race

THEORETICAL AND TOPICAL SPECIALIZATION

Affect theory, semiotics, decoloniality, public memory, visual culture and media studies, digital studies with an emphasis on social media, feminist anthropology, linguistic anthropology, anthropology of mediation, discourse analysis, digital & hybrid ethnography, Southeast Asia (Myanmar & diaspora)

LANGUAGES

Burmese – native language proficiency

English – speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency

French – intermediate reading proficiency

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2022 Jacob Volkman Human Rights Fellowship, Herstory Institute/Community Writing Coalition, Buffalo, New York

2019 – 2024 Fellow, Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation

2017 – 2021 Equity and Community Engagement Fellowship, Office of Diversity, University of Colorado Boulder

2020 – 2021 Graduate Student Scholar, CU Engage Arts and Humanities Fellowship, Office of Outreach and Engagement, University of Colorado Boulder

2020 – 2021 Southeast Asia Research Group Committee Pre-dissertation Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder

2020 – 2021 Inya Institute Pre-dissertation Fellowship, CAORC, (Council of American Overseas Research Centers)

2019 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute Fellowship, Linguistic Society of America

- 2019 Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2016 – 2017 Pipeline Fellowship, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- Recipient of a selective program to support college seniors pursuing a doctoral degree in social sciences and humanities, across CUNY campuses
- 2016 – 2017 Queens College Honors in the Social Sciences Fellowship, City University of New York
- 2015 – 2017 Queens College Transfer Honors Fellowship, City University of New York

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2023 – 2024 Honorary Associate Fellow, Center for Southeast Asian Studies
University of Wisconsin Madison
- 2023 Haskell-Houghtelin Scholarship, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2023 Graduate Research Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2023 Beverly Sears Graduate Research Award, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2021 Outstanding Abstract Award, [*“Talking back to white researchers in Burma Studies.”*](#) Co-presented with Than Toe Aung.
International Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2021 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award, University of Colorado Boulder
Graduate and Professional Student Association
- 2020 Schwalbe Travel Award, Center for Humanities and the Arts, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2017 Travel Award, National Science Foundation, International Gender and Language Association Conference
- 2017 Graduate School Travel Award, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2017 The Molly Weinstein Prize, Queens College, City University of New York

- Awarded as one of three graduating seniors with promising career prospects in higher education.
- 2017 R.M. R. Hall Memorial Award, Department of Linguistics, Queens College, City University New York
- Awarded for outstanding educational record in linguistics.
- 2017 Excellence in French Award, Department of European Languages, Queens College, City University of New York
- 2016 – 2017 Presidential Scholar, Queens College, City University of New York
- Awarded for maintaining 4.0 GPA for four consecutive semesters
- 2016 Linakis Research Scholarship, Queens College, City University of New York
- 2016 – 2017 Finch College Alumnae Foundation Scholarship, Finch College, New York
- 2015 Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship, Wells Fargo Foundation
- 2015 Guttman Transfer Scholarship, City University of New York

RESEARCH

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Under review Isn't it What Buddha Says? Genre of Affective Hate Speech in Radical Buddhist Sermons of the Myanmar's 969 Movement. *Stanford Southeast Asia Journal*.
- 2018 To Know a *Bāthā*: Family Language Socialization among Buddhist Burmese Immigrant Families in New York City. *Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement*, Vol 13: Issue 1, Article 10.

EDITOR-REVIEWED

- 2021 [Talking back to white “Burma Experts.”](#) *Agitate Now!* University of Minnesota. (co-authored with Than Toe Aung).
- 2020 [Viral Satire as Public Feeling in Myanmar.](#) In *Pandemic Diaries: Affect and Crisis*, *American Ethnologist website*, Carla Jones, ed., May 20.
- 2020 In Need of Daughters of Good Lineage: Placing Gender in Burmese Buddhist Nationalist Discourse. *Journal of Southeast Asian Linguistics Society*. Special Issue. <https://evols.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10524/52466>

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 [“For Dear My Love...”: The Social Life of Burmese Sticker Photography.](#)
Writing Foto. June 16.
- 2023 Exposed Souls: Reflections from the Field in Chiang Mai, Thailand. *Inya Institute Winter Newsletter*. January 16.
- 2022 [Opinion: Is Neocolonial Education a Solution to “Military Slave Education”?](#)
FORSEA (Forces of Renewal Southeast Asia), June 22.
- 2022 [Witnessing is political: Picking off new shoots will not stop the spring.](#)
ArtsEquator. Poetry Collection Review, March 3.
- 2021 [Yet to be earned.](#) *position/politics: asia critique, eikon*.
- 2021 [Coping with the Coup while Poking Some Fun.](#) Center for Asian Studies
Newsletter, University of Colorado Boulder, March 1.
- 2020 [Exposed Soul.](#) *Pandemic Posts*. Center for Humanities and Arts, University of
Colorado Boulder, March 16.
- 2020 [Ethnography: Rethinking from the Interstice.](#) Online Blog post. The New
Ethnographer, April 20.
- 2019 [Subtitled Dreams.](#) Online Blog Post. Society for Linguistic Anthropology,
December 9.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021 *Demanding Images: Democracy, Mediation, and Image-events in Indonesia.*
Duke University Press. Karen Strassler. 2020. *Asian Journal of Social
Sciences*.
- 2020 [Myanmar’s Buddhist-Muslim Crisis: Burman, Arakanese, and Rohingya
Narratives of Siege and Fear.](#) University of Hawai’i Press. John Clifford Holt.
2019. *Oxford Tea Circle*.
- 2018 *Deaf to the Marrow. Deaf Social Organizing and Citizenship in Viet Nam.*
Gallaudet University Press. Audrey C. Cooper. 2017. *Journal of Linguistic
Anthropology*.

PUBLICATIONS IN BURMESE (UNDER PEN NAME “MA CHINTHE”)

BOOKS

2023 *စာတံတိုင်းကိုကျော်လွန်၍နှင့် အခြားဆောင်းပါးများ* (Beyond the Wall of Words & Other Essays). In Burmese. ပင်ရှိုင်း: Yerba Press.

ESSAYS

2023 [Abolitionism အပေါ်သုံးသပ်ခြင်း](#) (Reflections on Abolitionism). *Tenggaran International*. January 14.

2016 Are You a Myanmarian, Myanmarese, or Myanmarish? Or Just a Burmese? Newspaper Column. *Myanmar Gazette*. Issue. 93. P. A24. September.

2016 Me and My Linguistic Story. Newspaper Column. *Myanmar Gazette*. Issue. 91. P. A24. 2016, July.

2016 Nature? Or Nurture? Or Nature and Nurture? Newspaper Column. *Myanmar Gazette*. Issue. 90. P. A24. May.

2016 *Heritage Language Maintenance and Its Benefits*. Newspaper Column (in Burmese). *Myanmar Gazette*. Issue 89. P. A24. April.

CREATIVE WRITING

2023 [Ejected Spaceship](#). In *Forsea (Forces of Renewal Southeast Asia) Blog*. August 16. (*poetry in English*).

2023 အိမ်မက်စီးရီး (Dream Series). In *Cinemas of Ideas: Fragments: Burmese Identities in between Virtual Film Festival*. February 1-26. (*bilingual poetry series, English-Burmese*).

2023 [Anthropology has cheated on me](#). In *Forsea (Forces of Renewal Southeast Asia) Blog*. January 3. (*poetry in English*).

2022 [မမိမိရီ \(Memory\)](#). In *Aruna Global South Blog and Jakarta Biennale Moethauk Blog*, (*bilingual short story, English-Burmese*).

2021 [ကူးဆက်ခြင်း \(Grafting\)](#). In *Jakarta Biennale Moethauk Blog*, October 5. (*bilingual poem, English-Burmese*).

2021 [ပစ်တိုင်းထောင် \(Pyitinehtaung\)](#). In *Aruna Global South Blog*, June 26. (*bilingual short story, English-Burmese*).

TRANSLATION (ENGLISH TO BURMESE)

- 2023 [မနုဿဗေဒရဲ့ ကိုလိုနီသဘောတရားတွေကို ချွတ်ချဖို့ ဖြစ်နိုင်ချေရှိမရှိ](#) (translated from English to Burmese, “[The \(Im\)Possibility of Decolonizing Anthropology](#)” by Girish Daswani), *Aruna Global South Blog*, January 23.
- 2023 [ချုပ်နှောင်မှုများကို ဆန့်ကျင်၍ စနစ်များကို ဖြိုခွဲဖျက်ဆီးသော ကွန်မြူနစ်ဝါဒီဆိုသို့!](#) (translated from English to Burmese, “[Against Carceral Communism, For Abolition Communism!](#)” by Simoun Magsalin), *FORSEA (Forces of Renewal Southeast Asia)*, January 17.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*DELIVERED REMOTELY)

- 2023 **“Emerging from Liminality: Fresh Perspectives from the Next Generation of Activist Anthropologies.”**
American Anthropological Association Conference, Toronto, CA. Scheduled for November 18.
- 2022 **“Isn’t it what Buddha says? Genre of Ultra-nationalist Burmese Buddhist Hate Speech.”** In panel “Nationalism in the making: Revisiting Gender, Religion, Memorials, and the Military in “Post-colonial” Burma.” (Panel Organizer & Presenter).
SEATRiP Southeast Asia: Text, Ritual, and Performance) UC Riverside Graduate Student Conference, May 21.*
- 2021 **“AAA Roundtable: Truth, Responsibility, and Mental Health in Anthropology.”**
American Anthropological Association Conference, Baltimore, MD. November 17-21.*
- 2021 **“IBSC Roundtable: Access, Ethics, and Risk in Knowledge Production.”**
International Burma Studies Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. September 16-19.*
- 2021 **“Talking back to white Researchers in Burma Studies.” (Outstanding Abstract Award)**
Co-presenter with Than Toe Aung.
International Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa. February 11-13.*
- 2020 **“Secrets and foreign Agents: Myanmar’s Narratives of Belonging and Resistance.”**
Association of Asian Studies in Asia Conference, Kobe Convention Center, Kobe, Japan. June 19-July 1.

(POSTPONED due to COVID-19 Outbreak)

- 2020 ***“Isn’t it What Buddha Says? Repositioning Myanmar’s Future in Wirathu’s Radical Buddhist Discourse.”***
Society for Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Colorado Boulder. April 2-5. (POSTPONED and unable to attend due to COVID-19 Outbreak)
- 2020 ***“Secrets and Foreign Agents: Myanmar’s Narratives of Belonging and Resistance.”***
CU Boulder Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Colorado Boulder. February 14-15.
- 2019 ***“Daughters of Good Lineage and Bitchy Prostitutes in Buddhist Nationalist Discourse.”***
Anthropology of Language Workshop on Mainland Southeast Asia Languages, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia. August 19-21.
- 2019 ***“On Focus: Syntax-Semantic Interface in Burmese Focus Sensitive Particles.”***
Workshop on Constructional Morphology. Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. April 5.
- 2019 ***“Encompassing Language and Religion in Transnational Burmese Identities.”***
Conference on Asian Linguistic Anthropology, Pannasatra University of Cambodia, Siam Reap, Cambodia. January 23-26.
- 2018 ***“Women in the Race and Religion Laws of Myanmar.”***
International Gender and Language Association (IGALA) 10th Annual Conference, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana. June 20-22.
- 2016 ***“To Know a Bāthā: Family Language Socialization among Buddhist Burmese Immigrants in New York City.”***
International Burma Studies Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. October 6-9.
- 2016 ***“Assessing the Knowledge of Burmese Classifiers among 1.5- and Second-Generation Burmese Children in New York City.”***
Undergraduate Linguistics and Language Studies Conference, Hunter College, CUNY. May 6.

PUBLIC TALKS (*DELIVERED REMOTELY)

- 2023 ***“A Thousand Fires: Film Screening Q&A with Director Saeed Taji Farouky”*** (co-organizer, moderator & discussant)
Harvard Asia Center, Harvard University. November 13.*

- 2023 **“Images as Memorial Objects”** (keynote speaker)
How to Re:member? Longing for an Inclusive Remembrance Culture in Myanmar, We are the Seeds Workshop. Open Society Foundation, Berlin. July 17.*
- 2023 **“Fragments: Burmese Identities in between”** (roundtable speaker)
Cinemas of Ideas Virtual Film Festival. February 16.*
- 2022 **“Choosing to leave: A Glimpse of Social Life among Exiled Activists in Chiang Mai, Thailand”** (public talk)
Inya Institute, Council for American Overseas Research Center Webinar Series. Inya Institute. September 29.*
- 2022 **“Laughter as a Form of Political Resistance in Myanmar”** (guest panel lecturer)
The Art of Resistance in Asia Panel, Future of Democracy Conference, Harvard University. August 3.*
- 2022 **“ပညာတတ်ဆိုတာ ဘယ်လိုလူမျိုးလဲ? (Who are the educated?)”** (guest speaker)
ပညာရေးပုံစံသစ်ဖြင့် အနာဂတ်သစ်ဆီသို့ (Towards a new future with new education forum), *Freedom Fighters Myanmar* (in Burmese). May 28.*
- 2022 **“Rethinking Asian Global South.”** (guest speaker)
Knowledge Production Studies Initiative (KPSI) and the Center of Geosocial and Cultural Research for Sustainable Development (GSCR), Walailak University, Thailand. April 28.*
- 2022 **“With Pyitinehtaung: Reading, Listening, and Feeling Myanmar’s Anti-coup Resistance.”** (community-engaged reading of short story “Pyitinehtaung”)
African Roots Center. March 20.*
- 2022 **“Poetry against Tyranny: A Conversation with Three Burmese Poets.”** (moderator & discussant)
Harvard Asia Center & Aruna Global South. Feb 4.*
- 2021 **“Burma in the Context of Global Uprising against Militarized Violence.”** (organizer and moderator)
Aruna Global South and York Center for Asian Research. June 18.*
- 2021 **“Myanmar in Mind.”** (panelist)
SEAD (Southeast Asian Diaspora) Project, May 25.*

- 2021 ***“Queens College Asian American Heritage Month Celebration.”***
(speaker)
Queens College, Office of Alumni Relations, May 10.*
- 2021 ***“The Political Crisis in Myanmar: Nuanced Perspectives on the Nation’s Past, Present, and Future.”*** (organizer and moderator)
Center for Asian Studies, CU Boulder and Aruna Global South, Feb 24.*
- 2021 ***“Round Table on the Future of Myanmar’s Social Science Education and Research Culture.”*** (organizer and panelist)
Aruna Global South, postponed due to the military coup in Myanmar.*
- 2020 ***“Together against anti-Blackness: Eradicating Discrimination in Latinx, Arab, Asian, and Indigenous Communities.”*** (speaker for Asian communities)
OLA Colorado (Observatorio des les América) Webinar, July 24.*
- 2020 ***“Guided Dialogue on Racism and Privilege: Politics of Allyship.”*** (organizer and moderator)
Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder. June 19.*
- 2019 ***“Legalizing Intimacy: The Effects of Myanmar Nationalist Anti-Rohingya Agenda.”***
Spring 2019 Luncheon Series, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder. February 7.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – present **Doctoral student**, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder
Ethnographic research on semiotic culture of political communication on Myanmar social media.
- 2017 – 2019 **Doctoral student**, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder
Discourse analysis on the rhetoric of nationalism and gender in the Interfaith Marriage Law of Myanmar. Conducted a corpus study on eight Burmese focus sensitive particles and copy verb construction in Burmese.
- 2015 – 2017 **Undergraduate student**, Department of Linguistics, Queens College CUNY
Ethnographic research on Burmese heritage language maintenance with Sino-Burmese immigrant families in New York City.
- 2016 **Research Assistant**, Center for Integrated Language Communities (CILC), CUNY Graduate Center

Coded 2,500 survey results for heritage language maintenance research and assisted Drs. Tomonori Nagano, Alexandar Funk, and Eric Ketchum.

TEACHING (*ONLINE, SYNCHRONOUS)

- Summer 2023 **Teaching Assistant** - Writing Intensive Program*
Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Queens College
Developed a curriculum and taught a four-week summer writing intensive program on academic textual analysis and reading strategies for five incoming 2023-2024 Mellons May fellows.
- Summer 2022 **Instructor** - Introduction to Graduate School Summer Bootcamp*
Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Queens College
Taught a workshop on the hidden curricula of graduate school to incoming Mellon May fellows.
- Spring 2022 **Teaching Assistant** – Mellon May Critical Thinking Seminar*
Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Queens College
Survey course on critical thinking topics such as critical race theory, postcolonialism, feminism for 11 Mellon May undergraduate fellows.
- Fall 2021 **Teaching Assistant** – Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship Seminar*
Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Queens College
Supervised 11 Mellon May undergraduate fellows on graduate school application and scholarship essays.
- Spring 2021 **Instructor** – Cross-cultural Psychology (in-person/online hybrid)
Graceland University, Department of Psychology
Created curriculum for introduction to multicultural understandings of emotions. Taught undergraduate courses of approximately 30 students.
- Instructor** – Language and Social Diversity*
Queens College, City University of New York, Department of Linguistics and Communication Disorders
Taught an introductory undergraduate course on sociocultural linguistics to approximately 30 students.
- 2017 - 2019 **Teaching Assistant** – “Languages of the World,” “Introduction to Linguistics,” “Language in US Society”
University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Linguistics
Collaborated on curriculum and exam development, graded all written work, including final exam papers, and assisted students on their assignments and projects.

2015 - 2017 **Student Success Mentor** – “First Year Seminar”
LaGuardia Community College, CUNY, Center for Teaching and Learning
Administered laboratory practicum and met with students upon request.

IN BURMESE

Fall 2022 **Instructor** – Language in Society (လူမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ထဲက ဘာသာစကား)*
Spring University Myanmar, Thailand
Taught an introductory undergraduate level course on sociocultural linguistics in Burmese to approximately 28 students.

Spring 2022 **Instructor** – Sociality of Feelings (ခံစားချက်များ၏ပေါင်းကူးဆက်ဆံရေး)*
Spring University Myanmar, Thailand
Introductory undergraduate level course on feminist psychological anthropology in Burmese to approximately 20 students.

MENTORSHIP & ADVISING

PRIMARY ADVISOR

06/2023 - present Khin Su Mon, MA candidate in Community Development Program.
“The Influence of Gender on Professional Career Choices of Women Computer Science Graduates in the Information Technology Industry in Myanmar.” Master’s Thesis.
Myanmar Institute of Theology. Yangon, Myanmar.

03/2023 – 06/2023 Kathryn Aung, “[Nostalgia: A Diasporic Reimagination of Home.](#)”
Aruna Global South Publicly Engaged Research Fellowship.

COMMITTEE MEMBER

03/2023 – 06/2023 Htet Lwin, “Feminist Historiography in Myanmar.”
Aruna Global South Publicly Engaged Research Fellowship.

SYLLABI DEVELOPED

- Ethnography of Southeast Asia (University of Colorado Boulder)
- Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship Program Writing Intensive Course (Queens College, CUNY)
- Publicly Engaged Research Content Creation (Aruna Global South)
- Language in Society (Spring University Myanmar)
- The Sociality of Feelings (Spring University Myanmar)
- Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship Program Critical Thinking Seminar (Queens College, CUNY)

- Mellon May Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Summer Writing Intensive Program (Queens College, CUNY)
- Language and Social Diversity (Queens College, CUNY)
- Cross-cultural Psychology (Graceland University)

GUEST LECTURES (*DELIVERED REMOTELY)

- 03/06/2023 **“Placemaking through Images”** for *Spanish for Heritage Speakers*, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX.
- 02/27/2023 **“What’s happening in Myanmar: Protests beyond the Street”** for Virtual Training Program for High School Teachers in the US on Resistance and Violence in Southeast Asia, University of Colorado Boulder.*
- 01/10/2023 **“Student Meet & Greet”** for *Community Leadership & Research Institute Program*, [Thabyay Education Foundation](#), a Burma and Southeast Asia focused community education center. Yangon, Myanmar.*
- 03/29/2022 **“Tickling Images: Dangerous Laughter as Viral Spread in Contemporary Myanmar”** for *Origins of Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder.*
- 02/09/2022 **“Decolonization in the context of Myanmar”** for *Reading Justice: Dictatorship and Opposition in Myanmar*, University of Wisconsin Madison.*
- 11/07/2021 **“Politics of Funny Burmese Memes”** for *Myanmar (Burma) Country Seminar*, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University.*
- 04/23/2021 **“Putting the Human back into Human Rights”** for *Comparative and Transnational Human Rights*, Department of Political Science, Drake University.*
- 04/25/2018 **“About Myanmar, Burma, Burmese”** for *Languages of the World*, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder.

IN BURMESE

- 07/27/2023 **“The Politics of Doing Research with People”**, for *Community Leadership & Research Institute Program*. [Thabyay Education Foundation](#), a Burma and Southeast Asia focused community education center. Yangon, Myanmar.*

- 08/25/2022 **“Tickling Images: Dangerous Laughter as Viral Spread in Contemporary Myanmar”** for [Burma Study Center](#), an education and language center for Myanmar refugees in Thailand. Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 03/27/2022 **“Feeling Anthropologically”** for [Citta Consultancy Internship Program](#), a Myanmar-based counselling center. Yangon, Myanmar.*
- 02/16/2022 **“The Politics of Doing Research with People”**, [Thabyay Education Foundation](#), a Burma and Southeast Asia focused community education center. Yangon, Myanmar.*

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 01/2023 – present **Editor-in-chief & Communications Manager**, Aruna Global South
Oversee the editorial process of Aruna Blog. Curated special publication series focused on issues impacting on Myanmar societies. Manage public outreach via website maintenance and social media platforms for the organization.
- 12/2020 – 12/2022 **Co-director**, Aruna Global South
Directed programming initiatives highlighting underrepresented junior scholars working on Asian Global South. Organized working groups on the topics of global south, higher education in Myanmar, and more. Recruited junior researchers and thinkers interested in experimental modes of scholarship beyond academia.
- 12/2021 – 11/2022 **Faculty & Co-Founder of School of Social Sciences and Humanities**, Spring University Myanmar, School of Social Sciences and Humanities
Taught courses on cultural anthropology, feminist anthropology, linguistic anthropology in Burmese. Managed and organized in-department administrative initiatives and pedagogical conversations. Recruited potential instructors and faculty for the School of Social Sciences and Humanities.
- 10/2021 – 04/2022 **Development/Foundation Intern**, National Public Radio (NPR)
Assisted Director of Board Relations with documenting, drafting, organizing meetings for the NPR Board of Trustees. Researched, interviewed, and documented data for the NPR Foundation History Video Project.
- 09/2017 – 05/2019 **Graduate Student Program Director**, The Literacy Practicum Program, Department of Linguistics, CU Boulder
Coordinated volunteering activities for undergraduate majors in Linguistics, initiated contacts with local literacy organization partners, and oversaw a group of 3-4 MA students for administrative tasks.

10/2015 – 12/2015 **Administrative Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, Queens College, CUNY
Assisted Dr. Larissa Swedell with converting primate research tapes into digital format.

SERVICE

ACADEMIC

2021 - present

Peer Reviewer

- *Ethos*, Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology
- Routledge Taylor & Francis Publishing Company

2019 – present

Graduate Peer Mentor

, Institute for Behavioral Sciences and The Graduate School, CU Boulder

Advised incoming social science graduate students for adapting to graduate life, copy-edited their essays for applying NSF GRFP fellowships, met with students upon requests.

2019 – 2020

Social Media Committee Lead

, Anthropology Graduate Student Association, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder

Managed online presence of the department and the association. Promoted the department social media presence (from approximately 300 followers on both Facebook and Instagram to 678 on Facebook and 1075 on Instagram within one year).

2019 – 2020

Program Chair for Anthropology Society for Linguistic Anthropology Conference

, Culture, Language, and Social Practice Program, Department of Linguistics, CU Boulder

Administered the graduate student paper competition and attended conference planning meetings.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

2022 – present

Core Member

, [Tenggaran International](#)

A leftist-oriented intellectual activist collective working on and from Southeast Asia.

2022 – present

Board Member

, [FORSEA \(Forces of Renewal Southeast Asia\)](#)

A Southeast Asian focused intellectual and public-oriented democratic initiative.

2021

Co-founder and Content Creator (volunteer)

, Baydar Collective

Organized community fora to bring awareness about the current political and social struggles in Myanmar and in the diaspora in the US. Created

educational content on Myanmar politics and history. Led community reading series and dialogues for Myanmar diaspora.

2019 – 2021 **Founding Member**, Radical BIPOC Femme/Womxn Collective, Boulder, CO
Organized events and activism for black, interracial, and womxn of color in Boulder community.

2018 – 2020 **Social Event Organizer**, Graduate Students of Color Collective, CU Boulder
Organized events and activism for graduate students and faculty of color for campus community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2023 – present **Advisor (volunteer)**, BRAVE Media, Yangon, Myanmar
Guided a digital media organization of young Burmese digital makers (filmmakers, digital cartoonists, graphic designers) on producing publicly engaged media contents on feminism in Myanmar.

2023 – present **Tutor (volunteer)**, Winnebago Literacy Council, Oshkosh, WI
Tutored English for Winnebago area refugee communities including from Burma, Sudan, Ethiopia, and more.

2021 – 2023 **Burmese Language Consultant & Community Advocate (volunteer and contractor)**, Refugee Language Project, Amarillo, TX
Guided Burmese-speaking community members in Amarillo, TX in collecting stories for storybook project. Translated stories from English to Burmese.

2023 **Supervisor (volunteer)**, Aruna Global South Mentorship Program
Supervised the first cohort of four recent undergraduate students in social sciences and humanities with systematically marginalized backgrounds to produce publicly engaged research contents using digital methods and platforms.

2021 – 2022 **Burmese Language Translator and Interpreter (contractor)**, EMBARC (Ethnic Minorities from Burma Advocacy and Resource Center), Des Moines, IA; SEAD (Southeast Asian Diaspora) Project, Minnesota, MN
Translated documents such as community flyers, announcements, bi-weekly community news, recorded voiceovers for community announcements, interpreted in different settings (citizenship interviews).

2021 **Co-Founder**, Aruna Global South

Founded a virtual community collective and experimental research hub highlighting experimental scholarship on Asian Global South regions, cultures, languages, and societies.

- 2019 – 2020 **Co-host and Content Creator**, Chu Toe Toe Burmese Language Podcast and Blog
Wrote blogs on the issues of colonialism, gender, ethnicity, education in Myanmar in Burmese language. Co-hosted monthly podcast episodes in Burmese.
- 2018 – 2021 **Language Consultant and Content Creator (volunteer)**, Mango House, Aurora, CO; Richland County, Public Defender Office, SC; Saddha: Buddhists for Peace; Doa-a-Yae: Coalition for Civil Rights in Burma, Myanmar and diaspora
Translated Burmese-English documents, interpreted conversations for Rohingya refugee community and conversations for the public defenders in SC. Translated & interpreted for Burmese speakers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2023 [*“If I don’t post, am I part of the Revolution?”*](#) Interview with Engaged Media and Visual Rebellion Myanmar. June 26. [Burmese Version](#). (by Nicha Wachpanich).
- 2021 [*Opinions and Thoughts Burmese Podcast*](#). With Soe Ya Min. July 9.
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- 2020 [*“A One-way Ticket from Myanmar to the US.”*](#) Asian Avenue Magazine. 15(7): July. (by Annie Van Dan).
- 2018 [*“Immigration at CU: Where is Home?”*](#) University of Colorado Boulder CU Independent Student News. April 6. (by Devi Chung).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association | Society for Cultural Anthropology | Association for Feminist Anthropology | Society for Visual Anthropology | American Ethnological Society | Society for Linguistic Anthropology | Linguistics Society of America Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics | Scholars of Color in Language Studies | National Association of Student Anthropologists