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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020 – Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University
- 2014–20 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University
Academic Affiliations at IU: African Studies Program; Center for the Analysis of Social-Ecological Landscapes; Integrated Program on the Environment; Sustainable Food Systems Science Research Group; Tobias Center for Innovation in International Development.

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., Yale University
Combined Doctoral Degree, Environment School and Department of Anthropology.
- 2014 Joint Ph.D., New York Botanical Garden and Yale University
Concentrations: Ethno-ecology and economic botany
- 2010 M.Phil. Yale University
Environment School and Department of Anthropology
- 2002 M.E.M, Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies
Masters Environmental Management; Concentration: Social Ecology
- 1997 B.S., Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
Biology; Certificate Science in Society Program; *Phi Beta Kappa*

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- In progress: As Silver on Vines: Economies of Violence & Affect in Madagascar's Vanilla Boom.* Critical Environments Series, University of California Press, invited manuscript.
- 2017 *Vanilla Landscapes: Meaning, Memory, and the Cultivation of Place in Madagascar.* Bronx, NY: Advances in Economic Botany Series, New York Botanical Garden Press.
Reviewed in: Journal of Peasant Studies; Journal of Political Ecology; Ethnobiology Letters; Economic Botany; New York Review of Books, academic supplement.

Readers

- 2023 *Sustaining Natures: An Environmental Anthropology Reader*. Co-edited with K. Sivaramakrishnan. Culture, Place and Nature Series, University of Washington Press. <https://uwapress.uw.edu/book/9780295751450/sustaining-natures/>

Journal Articles

- 2024 Osterhoudt, Sarah, Kate Eddens, Zubeida S. Abdulkhaliq, Remonda Eshaya Armia, Honar Safar Mahdi, Ahmed Mahmood, and Hassan Muhamed. The Role of Wild Plants in Cultural Restoration: Community Collaboration and Engaged Ethnobotany in the Nineveh Plain, Northern Iraq. *Economic Botany* (2024): 1—17. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12231-024-09607-z>
- 2021 Osterhoudt, Sarah. Bright spot ethnography: On the analytical potential of things that work. *The Arrow Journal* 8(1): 33 – 47.
- 2020 Osterhoudt, Sarah. Nobody Wants to Kill: Economies of affect and violence in Madagascar’s vanilla boom. *American Ethnologist* 47(3):249-263. <https://doi.org/10.1111/amet.12911>
- 2020 Osterhoudt, Sarah, Dana Graef, Alder Keleman Saxena, Shaila Seshia Galvin, and Michael Dove. Chains of Meaning: Crops, Commodities, and the ‘in-between’ spaces of trade. *World Development* 135 (Nov): 1050-70. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105070>
- 2019 Neimark, Benjamin, Sarah Osterhoudt, Lloyd Blum and Tim Healy. Mob Justice and ‘The Civilized Commodity.’ *Journal of Peasant Studies* 48(4): 734-753. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2019.1680543>
- 2019 Neimark, Benjamin, Sarah Osterhoudt, Hayley Alter, and Adrian Gradinar. A New Sustainability Model for Measuring Changes in Power and Access in Global Commodity Chains: Through a Smallholder Lens. *Nature: Palgrave Communications* 5(1): 1—11. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41599-018-0199-0>
- 2018 Osterhoudt, Sarah. Community conservation and the (Mis)appropriation of taboo. *Development and Change* 49(5): 1248-1267. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dech.12413>
- 2018 Osterhoudt, Sarah. Remembered Resilience: Oral History Narratives and Community Resilience in Agroforestry Systems. *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*, special issue: Agriculture, Food Systems, and Climate Change. 33(3): 252-255. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1742170517000679>
- 2018 Osterhoudt, Sarah. Land of no taboo: The agrarian politics of neglect and care in Madagascar. *Journal of Peasant Studies* 45(7): 1297-1313. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2017.1337001>

- 2016 Osterhoudt, Sarah. Written with seed: The political ecology of memory in Madagascar. *Journal of Political Ecology* 23(1): 263-278.
<https://journals.uair.arizona.edu/index.php/JPE/article/view/20215>
- 2013 Baker, Lauren, Michael Dove, Dana Graef, Alder Keleman, David Kneas, Sarah Osterhoudt, and Jeffrey Stoike. Whose diversity counts? The politics and paradoxes of modern diversity. *Sustainability* 5(6): 2495-2518. doi:[10.3390/su5062495](https://doi.org/10.3390/su5062495)
- 2012 Osterhoudt, Sarah. Sense and sensibilities: Negotiating meanings within agriculture in northeastern Madagascar. *Ethnology* 49(4): 283-301.
<http://ethnology.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/Ethnology/article/viewFile/6087/6295>
- 2010 Osterhoudt, Sarah. The field as labyrinth: Exploring ethnographic practices through the works of Jorge Luis Borges. *Anthropology Matters* 12(1).
https://anthropologymatters.com/index.php/anth_matters/article/viewFile/190/313

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2021 Bridges, Benjamin and Sarah Osterhoudt. Landscapes and Memory. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Oxford University Press.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190854584.013.304>

Book chapters

- In review:* Osterhoudt, Sarah. How to count vanilla: Power, profit, and organic epistemologies. In: *How transparency works: Ethnographies of a Global Value*, ed. Filipe Calvao. Oxford University Press.
- 2023 Osterhoudt, Sarah. ‘Good’ Forests and Ambiguous Fields: Cultural Dimensions of Agroforestry Landscapes. In: *Perceptions and Representations of the Malagasy Environment Across Cultures*, eds. Gwyn Campbell, Jacques Pollini, and Caroline Seagle. Palgrave Macmillan, Series in Indian Ocean World Studies.
- 2015 Claus, Catherine, Sarah Osterhoudt, Michael Dove, Lauren Baker, Luisa Cortesi, Chris Hebdon and Amy Zhang. Disaster, degradation, dystopia: A political ecology approach to disaster research. In: *A Handbook of Political Ecology*, eds. Raymond Bryant and Soyeun Kim. Edward Elgar Publishers. pp.291–304.

Publications, public audience

- 2020 Osterhoudt, Sarah. The Pandemic and the Process of Becoming. *Sapiens: Anthropology Magazine*. November 12, 2020.
<https://www.sapiens.org/culture/pandemic-liminal-state/>
- 2017 Osterhoudt, Sarah. “A Companion to Frankenstein, Opening Statements.” Cardinal Stage Productions, Bloomington, IN.

- 2010 Osterhoudt, Sarah. "Stories of a Vanilla Garden: At Work in Madagascar." The Vanilla Company blog, October 27, 2010.
- 2004 Osterhoudt, Sarah. (2004) Buying nemo. *E The Environmental Magazine*, June 30, 2004. <http://www.emagazine.com/archive/1849>

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

- In prep.* Integrating Cultural and Ecological Approaches to Restoration and Resilience in Vulnerable Landscapes. National Science Foundation Mid-Career Advancement Program, est. \$480,000.
- 2019-24 Co-Principal Investigator. U.S. Agency for International Development. "Reinstating cultural and agricultural landscapes in Northern Iraq, Project Phases I and II." Through the Long-term Assistance and Services for Research (LASER) and Partners for University-Led Solutions Engine (PULSE) consortium. (\$5.2 million project budget; \$661,895 Indiana University).
- 2024 Landscape, Health, and Belonging: Cultivating Kurdish Community in Nashville, Tennessee. Indiana University Faculty Research Seed Funding. \$26,700.
- 2023 Virtual Faculty Summer Resident, Plant Humanities Initiative. Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University.
- 2018-23 Emerging Areas of Research: Sustainable Food System Science for the 21st Century, team co-leader. Indiana University (Project budget approximately \$2.3 million).
- 2022-23 Indiana University, Office of the Vice Provost for Research (OVPR). Grant-in-Aid for the production of *Sustaining Natures: An Environmental Anthropology Reader*, under contract with University of Washington Press (\$1500).
- 2017-21 Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology Senior Research Grant. "The Social and Environmental Dynamics of an Agricultural Boom." (\$42,119).
- 2021 College of Arts and Humanities (CAHI), Indiana University. Faculty Research Fellowship for *As Silver on Vines: Economies of Affect and Violence in Madagascar's Vanilla Boom*. (\$10,000, course release).
- 2018 College of Arts and Humanities Institute (CAHI) grant, workshop support for "Critical Approaches to Superfoods." (\$3,000).
- 2017-18 External Funding Supplement Award, College of Arts and Sciences, "The Social and Environmental Dynamics of an Agricultural Boom" (course release).

- 2017 Emerging Areas of Research Planning Grant, Sustainable Food Systems, team member. (\$28,617).
- 2016 Indiana University Women in Science Provost's Travel Award (\$250).
- 2015 Indiana University Women in Science Provost's Travel Award (\$250).
- 2015 Wenner-Gren Foundation Engaged Anthropology Grant. "Engaging Landscapes: Cultural Meanings, Community Management, and Agro-Biodiversity in Madagascar Vanilla Gardens" (\$4,870).
- 2012 Roy A. Rappaport Prize in Environmental Anthropology. Awarded to paper submission, "Clear Souls | Clear Fields: Environmental Imaginations and Christian Conversions in Northeastern Madagascar." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 Reciprocity Fellowship, Program for Agrarian Studies, Yale University (\$1,500).
- 2010 MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Fellowship, Yale University (\$15,000).
- 2009 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. "Vanilla for the Ancestors: Landscapes, Trade and the Cultivation of place in Madagascar" (\$6,290).
- 2009 Osmundsen Initiative for Applied Anthropological Research, Wenner-Gren Foundation. "Vanilla for the Ancestors: Landscapes, Trade and the Cultivation of place in Madagascar" (\$2,000).
- 2009 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship. "Knowing Vanilla: Re-articulations of meaning, knowledge, and identity among small-scale vanilla farmers in Madagascar" (\$17,433).
- 2009 Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies (YIBS) Dissertation Research Grant (\$4,225).
- 2009 Tropical Resources Institute Research Fellowship, Yale University (\$9,500).
- 2008 MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$4,000).
- 2008 Lindsey Center for African Research Pre-Dissertation Research (\$500).
- 2008 Program for Agrarian Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$500).
- 2007 Lewis B. Cullman Fellowship, Tropical Ecologies and Environments (Graduate tuition / stipend, 5 years).
- 2006 U.N. / FAO Telefoods Grant, Agroforestry Development in Madagascar, Community Food Security and Income Generation (\$8,000).
- 2001 Doris Duke Foundation Environmental Leadership Fellowship (\$25,000).

1997 Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship, “Interface of Knowledge: Biotechnology and Local Practice.” Independent Research Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Chile, Bolivia, and Peru (\$18,000).

CONFERENCES, TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks and Panels

- 2024 Vigilant Fields: Self-Surveillance in the Vanilla Boom. Agrarian Studies Colloquia, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University. March 29, 2024.
- 2024 Sustaining Natures: Pedagogies of Sustainability and Political Ecology. Political Ecology Workshop (PEW), University of Michigan. March 19, 2024.
- 2023 Discussant, Towards Sustainability: Understanding Perspectives of Sustainable Transitions Across Scales. American Anthropological Association, Toronto, Canada. November 16, 2023.
- 2022 Accounting for Informal Environmental Labor. Podcast, Society for Economic Anthropology. On-demand resource for American Anthropological Association Annual Conference.
- 2021 Discussant, Convivial Placemaking roundtable. ‘Conviviality’ conference, the Centre for Space, Place and Society Wageningen University and the Political Ecology Research Center, Massey University, Oct 4 – 9.
- 2021 Panel Discussant, Cultural Processes of Global Development, Tobias Center for Innovations in International Development, Indiana University, October 15-16.
- 2019 Naturally Artificial: Value and Labor in Biosynthetic Vanilla. Guest speaker, American University, February 7.
- 2018 Nobody Wants to Kill: Anxiety, Security and Self-Surveillance in Madagascar's Vanilla Boom. Invited talk for AnthoSeminar, Purdue University, February 21.
- 2017 Vanilla for the Ancestors: Land, Power and Place in Madagascar. Taft lecture series, Charles Phelps Taft Research Center. University of Cincinnati, November 16.
- 2017 Ethno-biology and landscape memories. Guest lecture, Ethnobiology seminar, University of Cincinnati, November 17.
- 2017 Boom and Bust: Cultural Dimensions of Commodity Cycles. Panel co-organizer, American Anthropological Association, Society for Economic Anthropology Divisions, Washington, D.C. December 2.

2015 From Deep Ecologies to Economies of Survival panel discussant. American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting. San Diego, CA. March 12 – 14.

Conference Presentations

- 2024 A Life-History of the Vanilla Bean: Connections between Commodities and Culture for the World's Most Popular Flavor. Invited talk, Food as a Global Commodity Virtual Conference, International Studies Consortium of Georgia and Reinhardt University, September 20, 2024 (*forthcoming*).
- 2022 Alternative Agriculture as Investible Agriculture: The Logics of Commodity Capital and Risk. Invited panel, Hungry for Alternative Sources of Agri-Food? Recrafting Commodity Provisioning. Culture and Agriculture section, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington. November 10, 2022.
- 2021 Bright spot Ethnography: The Analytical Potential of Things that Work. Panel on Extraction, Labour, Ecologies, “Conviviality” conference, the Centre for Space, Place and Society Wageningen University and the Political Ecology Research Center.
- 2019 Crisis and care in a market boom: The analytical potential of things that work. American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada. November 21.
- 2018 When does vanilla become natural? Placing the ‘bio’ in ‘biosynthetic’ flavors. Co-sponsored panel, Society for Economic Anthropology. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA. November 16.
- 2017 The Tension Inherent in Two Oranges: Security & Anxiety in Madagascar's Vanilla Boom. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. December 2.
- 2016 Written with Seed: The Political Ecology of Memory in Madagascar. African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., December 1 - 3.
- 2016 On Chaos, Order and the Cultural Work of the Fallow. American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting. Washington D.C., March 31 – April 2.
- 2015 Abandoned Knowledge: The Life Cycle of a Vanilla Laboratory in Madagascar. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. Nov. 18 - 22.
- 2015 The Land of No Taboo: Emerging Landscapes of Exile in Madagascar. American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting. San Diego, CA, March 12 – 14.
- 2013 Guiding Practice: Eco-tourism and the Recalibration of Cultural and Environmental Landscapes. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, November 20-24.

- 2013 Food, Forest, Markets, Meanings: Vanilla and Clove Agroforestry Systems in Madagascar. 19th Conference of the International Society for Tropical Foresters: Food and Forests: Cultivating Resilient Landscapes. Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2012 Clear Souls | Clear Fields: Environmental Imaginations and Christian Conversions in Northeastern Madagascar. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. *Awarded the Rappaport Prize in Environmental Anthropology.*
- 2011 The Sense & Sensibilities of Landscape: Negotiating Knowledge and Meaning within Agroforestry Systems of Northeastern Madagascar. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, November 17.
- 2009 Becoming Certifiable: Re-articulating Knowledges of Vanilla Production in Madagascar. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, December 2.
- 2009 The Richest and Most Fruitful Island in the World: Colonial Narratives of Nature in Madagascar, 1638 – 1646. Nature in International History: The Ninth Annual Harvard Graduate Student Conference on International History. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 13-14.
- 2008 The Field as Labyrinth: Exploring Ethnography through the Works of Jorge Luis Borges. Exploring and Expanding the Boundaries of Research Methods. School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, October 31.
- 2008 The Cultural Politics of Sustaining Diversity. With Dana Graef, Adrian Cerezo, Michael R. Dove, Cassie Hays, Jonathan Padwe, Jeff Stoike. Sustaining Diversity in a Rapidly Changing World. American Museum of Natural History. New York, April 2.

Invited Workshop Facilitator / Participant

- 2024/25 ‘Centering the Ecologies of Agroecology.’ The Bloomington Symposia: Ecologies. Interdisciplinary Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 2022 Plant Humanities Conference, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C. September 15 – 17.
- 2021 Cultural Processes of Global Development Workshop. Invited discussant. Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies, Indiana University. October 15-16.
- 2019 Critical Approaches to Superfoods Workshop. Co-organized with Emma McDonell, Richard Wilk. Bloomington, Indiana. March 21-23.
- 2019 Transparency: Qualities and Technologies of the Global Gemstone Industry. Invited workshop participant, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. Invited participant. Geneva, Switzerland. May 31 – June 1.

- 2017 Faculty Facilitator, International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) Workshop, Social Science Research Council. Seattle, Washington, March 9 - 12.
- 2015 Co-Chair and Facilitator, Anthropology & Environment Society Dissertation Workshop, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. Nov 18-22.

TEACHING & STUDENT SUPERVISION

Teaching Awards and Fellowships

- 2019-20 Selected as a faculty host for the Open Classroom: Inclusive Teaching Exchange Days Initiative, Indiana University's Office of Diversity and Inclusion.
- 2019 Indiana University Trustees' Teaching Award, Department of Anthropology.
- 2017 Course Development Fellowship, Office of Sustainability, "Sustainable Trade and Culture."

Indiana University, courses taught

E101: Sustainability & Society
 A200: People, Plants & Power
 A205: Sustainable Agriculture & Trade
 E318: Nature / Culture: Global Perspectives in Environmental Anthropology
 E366: Sustainable Commodities and Culture
 E420/520: Economic Anthropology: Ethnographies of Global Trade
 E444/644: People and Protected Areas: Conservation in Theory & Practice
 E606: Ethnographic Research Methods
 AFST 731: Seminar in African Studies: Land

Teaching Fellow, Yale University

Disaster, Degradation, Dystopia
 Society & Environment: Introduction to Theory and Method
 Environmental Writing
 Conservation & Development: Advanced Readings

Doctoral Student Supervision, current

Adriana Abreu (Anthropology, committee member)
 George Armstrong (Anthropology, co-chair)
 Elizabeth Coggsall (Bioanthropology, committee member)
 Colleen Friedly (Anthropology, committee member)
 Ana Garrido (Anthropology, University of Florida, outside committee member)

Ariana Gunderson (Anthropology, committee member)
Eric Johnson (Bioanthropology, committee member)
Beatriz Lima Ribeiro (Anthropology, committee member)

Doctoral Student Supervision, to completion

- 2024 Ben Bridges. “Cedar Arts in a Changing Climate: Weaving Rules, Value and Tradition in Southeast Alaska.” Department of Anthropology and Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology (co-chair). Current position: Assistant Professor of American Studies, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.
- 2023 Emily Van Alst. “Elk Images and Elk Traditions: (Re)Contextualizing Lakota Rock Art as Sites of Continued Cultural Knowledge and Resiliency.” Department of Anthropology (committee member). Current position: Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Washington State University.
- 2023 Mackenzie Cory. “Play, Agency, and Indigenous Childhood on the North American Plains.” Department of Anthropology (committee member). Current position: Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Career Track, Washington State University.
- 2023 Aaron Ellis. “Beer & Blogs: Scientific Knowledge in American Craft Beer.” Department of Anthropology and Food Studies (co-chair). Current position: Data Inclusion Specialist, Open Environmental Data Project (OEDP).
- 2022 Dan Qaurooni. The Garden to End All Gardens: The Sacred and the Profane in MIT Media Lab’s Food Computer.” School of Informatics and Department of Cognitive Science (committee member). Current position: Post-doctoral Fellow, Cyberinfrastructure for Network Science Center, Indiana University.
- 2021 Megan Betz. “Analyzing the ‘Community’ of Community Orchards.” Department of Geography (committee member). Current position: President and CEO, Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard.
- 2020 Lucy Miller Dodd. “Mobile Lives, Flexible Livelihoods: Inter-generational change in Amazonian Communities.” Department of Anthropology (committee member). Current position: Financial Specialist, Indiana University.
- 2019 Emma McDonell. “(Re)producing Indian Food: Rethinking the Cultural Politics of Value in Peru’s Quinoa Boom-Bust.” Department of Anthropology and Food Studies (committee member). Current position: Assistant Professor of Social, Cultural and Justice Studies, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
- 2018 Evan Marks Dennis. “Adaptation to Social Ecological System Shocks: Transformation in San Diego’s Water Institutions and Culture Between 1990 and 2010.” Department of Anthropology (committee member).

- 2017 Xinxin Yang. “Contemporary Chinese Ethnic Media in Boston: Production and Consumption.” *Media Studies*, Indiana University. 309 pp. (committee member). Current position: China Research Center, Emory University.

Undergraduate Honors Students

- 2022 Joelle Jackson. “Dress, Discourse, and Discounts: Examining Consumption and Competition Among Young Thrifters.” Honors Thesis in Anthropology.
- 2022 Charlie Connon. “Hydrocarbon Exploitation and Disappearing Peoples: A comparative historical analysis of the property rights regimes in Siberia and the legitimization of autocratic governance from 1995 to 2022.” Honors Thesis, Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies, Indiana University.
- 2022 Catharine Reed. “Effect of the decline in ecotourism from COVID-19 on conservation attitudes and outcomes in Costa Rica.” Honors Thesis, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & CONSULTANCIES

- 2007 – Co-founder, From the Field Trading / Lafaza Foods. Organization facilitating equitable trade relationships with small-scale vanilla growers in Madagascar. *Support received from:* USAID, Catholic Relief Services, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Wildlife Conservation Society, Conservation International; Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations.
- 2021 – Co-producer, ‘The Voice of Vanilla Documentary.’ Collaboration with Malagasy writers, journalists, and vanilla growers. <https://voiceofvanilla.com/>
- 2021 – Contributor to ‘The Eden Project: Vanilla.’ Interactive museum biome exhibit and website. Cornwall, UK. <https://www.edenproject.com/visit/things-to-do/rainforest-biome/vanilla>
- 2020 Invited participant, Africa Programme virtual roundtables on ‘The Political Ecology of Resource Governance in Madagascar.’ Chatham House / The World Bank.
- 2018 Director of Studies, Madagascar. UNICEF / Rift Valley Institute. Three-day workshop on placing development work in Madagascar’s cultural, historical, and political context.
- 2012 Co-PI, General Mills Sustainability Challenge ‘The Vanilla Sustainability Project: An International Collaboration for Genomic Research, Crop Improvement, Community Production, and International Market Linkages for Improved Vanilla Bean Cultivation.’ (\$100,000).

2011 Consultant, La Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).
Concept paper, 'Developing Integrated Commodity Chain Approaches for
Madagascar.'

2005-07 Peace Corps Environment Volunteer, Madagascar.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Grant / Prize review

2019–22 Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Mellon International Dissertation Research
Fellowship (IDRF), External Screener.

2016–20 National Science Foundation (NSF), Cultural Anthropology Program, Doctoral
Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDIG) Review Panel, Washington, D.C.

2019 –21 Society of Economic Anthropology, Estellie M. Smith Graduate Student Award Prize
Committee

2017 National Science Foundation Geography and Spatial Sciences Program (GSS),
CAREER proposal review.

2015–19 Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Mellon International Dissertation Research
Fellowship (IDRF), External Reviewer.

Book reviews

2018 Review of *Corridors of Power: The Politics of Environmental Aid to Madagascar*, by
Catherine A. Corson. *Journal of Peasant Studies* 45(2): 477 – 480.

2016 "Living with parks: Real and imagined." Review of *Beyond the Lens of conservation:
Malagasy and Swiss Imaginations of One Another*, by Eva Keller. *Current
Anthropology* 57(1): 126—127.

2016 Review of *Forest and Labor in Madagascar: From Colonial Concession to Global
Biosphere*, by Genese Marie Sodikoff. *American Ethnologist* 43(1): 198—199.

2014 "Missionary as Plagiarist." Review of *David Griffiths and the Missionary 'History of
Madagascar,'* by Gwyn Campbell. *The Journal of African History* 55(01): 107-109.

Book manuscript reviews

University of Arizona Press
University of Cambridge Press
University of Washington Press

Journal referee

Africa Today; Anthropology Today; Agroforestry Systems; American Ethnologist; Agroforestry; Asian Anthropology; Ecosystems & the Environment; Anthropological Forum; Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE); Current Anthropology; Ecology & Society; Economic Anthropology; Economic Botany; Ethnos; Geoforum; Human Organization; Journal of African History; Journal of Material Culture; Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (JRAI); Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture; Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR); Surveillance & Society.

Indiana University, Campus and Department Service (selected)

- 2022-23 Executive Committee, African Studies
- 2021-22 Internal reviewer, African Studies, Title VI grant
- 2021-22 Faculty chair, Food Working Group, Sustain IU
- 2020-21 Internal Review, Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships
- 2018 -22 Phi Beta Kappa, President (2022) & Executive Committee member
- 2016 -22 Faculty Executive Committee, Integrated Program in the Environment
- 2021-22 Graduate Admission Committee Chair, Anthropology
- 2017 -19 Graduate Admission Committee, Anthropology
- 2020 Director Search committee, Program in African Studies, Indiana University
- 2019-20 Faculty search committee, Department of Anthropology
- 2019-20 Salary and Awards committee, Department of Anthropology
- 2016-17 Curriculum Committee, Anthropology
- 2015-16 Academic Initiatives Committee, African Studies
- 2015-16 Graduate Admissions Committee, African Studies
- 2015 IU Sustainability Communities of Practice, Bloomington Campus

Community Service and Outreach

- 2022 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders faculty mentor, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 2020 Madagascar: Classroom interview and exchange activity, Indianapolis
- 2019 ‘Sustainable Trade and Culture.’ Lecture, Lifelong Learning Program, Bloomington
- 2018 Cultural exchange, elementary school classrooms, Mananara Nord, Madagascar
- 2009-11 Volunteer ESL Instructor for NGO employees in Madagascar

- 2009-11 Farmer trainings in economic botany survey methodologies
- 2007 - Co-Founder, Madagascar Community Library Project
- 2007 Peace Corps Trainer, Designing equitable trade projects in Madagascar

Media Coverage and Interviews

- 2022 Interview request, Interpreting Madagascar Landscapes through Satellite Imagery. Vox.com
- 2022 Interview request, Media as Liminal Spaces in Current times. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC Radio).
- 2020 “Chocolate and Vanilla.” Constant Wonder podcast and radio, BYU Radio. June 15, 2020.
- 2019 Interview request, *The Economist*. Background on the vanilla boom for a short documentary film.
- 2018 “Bare Knuckle Bouts in Madagascar? It is about more than just fighting.” By Finbarr O’Reilly, *The New York Times*. November 5, 2018.
- 2017 “Does Madagascar’s Vanilla Industry Have a Sweet future?” by Olivia Miltner, Ozy on-line magazine, November 20, 2017.
- 2016 “Engaged Anthropology Grant - Sarah Osterhoudt.” The Wenner-Gren Blog, the Wenner-Gren Foundation. October 28.
- 2016 “Visiting Madagascar? Leave Red Swimsuits and Lemur Recipes at Home.” by Bryant Rousseau. *The New York Times*. July 18, 2016.
- 2015 “Lafaza and WCS Announce New Partnership for Sustainable Vanilla and Clove Production around Madagascar’s Makira National Park.” Wildlife Conservation Society Newsroom, May 5, 2015.
- 2013 “The Junior Scholar Prize Winner Shaylih Muehlmann interviews the 2012 Rappaport Prize Winner, Sarah R. Osterhoudt.” Anthropology & Environment Newsletter.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- African Studies Association
- American Anthropological Association
- Political Ecology Society
- Society for Economic Botany

LANGUAGES

Malagasy: advanced Betsimisaraka (East Coast) and official (Merina) dialects

French: intermediate reading / basic comprehension

Spanish: previous working knowledge