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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2011: PhD (Anthropology), the University of Washington
2008: MA (Anthropology), the University of Washington
1997: MA (Anthropology), Thammasat University
1996: MA (Comparative Literature), Chulalongkorn University
1992: BA (English), Silpakorn University

Fields of Interest

Power, Identity Politics, Subjectivity and Agency in relation to Sovereignty, Everyday politics, Social movements, Southern Thai society and politics, Malay Muslims of southern Thailand, Science and technology studies

Present Positions

- 2010-present: Associate Professor, Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University
- 2020-present: Chair, Human Research Ethics Committee of Thammasat University, Social Sciences

Former Positions

2013-2019: Dean, Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University 2012-2013: Director, Center for Contemporary Social and Cultural Studies, Thammasat University

Book

2019. "We Love Mr King.": Malay Muslims of Southern Thailand in the Wake of the Unrest. Singapore: ISEAS Publishing.

Articles, Book Chapters, Papers, and Research Reports

- 2022. "Uneasy Military Encounters: The Imperial Politics of Counterinsurgency in Southern Thailand, by Ruth Streicher," A book review, SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia. Vol. 37/1 (March 2022).
- 2022. "'Stand, Stop, Imprison': People's Defiance against the Thai Establishment", **Fulcrum**, 2022/65
- 2022. "We Apologize, But We Don't Regret: Thailand's Frazzled Conservatives", **Fulcrum**, 2022/36
- 2022. "Ratsadornprasong Fund: New Front for People's Struggles Against the Establishment", **Fulcrum**, 2022/22
- 2022. "'Reform, Not Abolition': The 'Thai Youth Movement' and Its Demand for Reform of the Monarchy", **Perspective**. Issue 2022, Number 3.
- 2021. "'Thalu Gas': The Other Version of the 'Thai Youth Movement'", **Perspective**. Issue 2021, Number 146.
- 2019. "We the Southerners Come to Protect the Nation and the King': Southerners' Political Rise and Regional Nationalism in Thailand," in Michael J. Montesano et.al. After the Coup: The National Council for Peace and Order Era and the Future of Thailand. Singapore: ISEAS Publishing.
- 2017. "Raya Kita": Malay Muslims of Southern Thailand and the King" **Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia**. Issue 22.
- 2016. "'Rao Rak Nay Luang': Crafting Malay Muslims' Subjectivity through the Sovereign Thai Monarch" **Thammasat Review**. Volume 19, Number 2.
- 2016. **"Nama Kampung Kita": The Politics of Village Names in Southernmost Thailand** A paper presented at the IIAS International Conference "Language, Power and Identity in Asia: Creating and Crossing Language Boundaries" National Museum of Antiquities, Leiden, the Netherlands. 14-16 March 2016.

- 2015. "We the Southerners Come to Protect the Nation and the King.": The Southerners' Political Rise and Regional Nationalism in Thailand A paper presented at "Thailand Forum 2015" Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore 27-28 July 2015.
- 2014. "It's Better, But It's also Tough, Though": Making a Living Across the Thai-Malaysian Border A paper presented at the 4th Conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network "Activated Borders: Re-openings, Ruptures and Relationships," City University of Hong Kong. 8-10 December 2014.
- 2014. "They Might Not Be 'Yellow,' But They Are Absolutely Not 'Red'": The Political Lives and Subjectivity of Thailand's "Southerners" Amid Political Conflicts. A paper presented at the 12th International Conference on Thai Studies. 22-24 April 2014. The University of Sydney, Australia.
- 2014. "This Case Complies with the Universal Principle": Article 112 and the Question of Sovereignty in Thailand. A paper presented at the 12th International Conference on Thai Studies. 22-24 April 2014. The University of Sydney, Australia.
- 2013. The Enemy Within: The "Red Shirts" and the Production of Violent Cartography of the Thai Nation. A paper presented at the 17th Asian Studies Conference Japan (ASCJ). 29-30 June 2013. J.F. Oberlin University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2012. "A New Extraterritoriality? Aquaculture Certification, Sovereignty, and Empire,"Political Geography. (31) (First author: Peter Vandergeest)
- 2011. **Community Organization Council: Examining Thailand's Civic Politics**. A paper presented at the 11th International Conference on Thai Studies. 26-28 July 2011. The Siam City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2002. Food Price Study: A Case of Thailand. An unpublished research report submitted to Consumer International.

Books (in Thai)

- 2023. "Let's Finish It in Our Generation".: Thai Youth Movements in Contemporary Socio-political Contexts. Bangkok: Saengdao publishing house.
- 2017. **"Once Born for One Life, One must Worship Nakhorn Buddha's Relics": The Southerners, Morality, and Politics**. Chiang Mai: Chiang Mai University's Center for ASEAN Studies, and Thirdspace Publishing.

- 2016. "Nabi Does Not Eat Betel Nuts.": Malay Rituals and Beliefs in the Wake of Islamization. Nonthaburi: Patani Forum Publishing.
- 2006. *Khon Tham Tarn*: History, Identity and the Social and Political Recognition and the Movements of Bangnanglee Gardeners. Bangkok: Thailand Research Fund.
- 2005. Sustainable Agriculture: The Rise of Local Wisdom and Its Counter Movement. Bangkok: Sirindhorn Anthropology Center.
- 2004. Knowledge and the Learning Process of Developing Sustainable Agriculture. (co-editor) Bangkok: Committee of Sustainable Agriculture Fair.
- 2004. Rights over Common Property Movement in Thai Society: Sustainable Agriculture in the Context of Property Regime over Resources. Bangkok: Committee of Sustainable Agriculture Fair.
- 2004. Dynamics of Community Economy of Villages in the Upper-south of Thailand: A Case Study of 4 Areas. Bangkok: White Lotus Publishing House.
- 2003. Sustainable Agriculture Movement in Thai Society and the Politics of Sustainable Agriculture Writings. Bangkok: Sustainable Agriculture Foundation (Thailand).

Articles, Book Chapters, Papers, and Research Reports (in Thai)

- 2023. "Ethno-religious Identities and the Unrest in the Southern Border Provinces," Journal of Social Sciences Naresuan University. Volume 19, Number 1 (January June 2023).
- 2023. "Sovereign Power, Subjectivity, and Agency in the Southern Border Provinces," PSDSJournal of Development Studies. Volume 6, Number 1 (January June 2023).
- 2022. "Let's Finish It in Our Generation".: Thai Youth Movements in Contemporary Socio-political Contexts. An unpublished research report submitted to National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)
- 2021 **Threatening Identities and the Unrest in the Southern Border Provinces** An unpublished research report submitted to Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) and National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)
- 2021 "Concepts of Subjectivity and Agency: Debates in Contemporary Women and Religion Studies," **Journal of Anthropology**, Volume 4, Number 1 (January – June 2021)
- 2020 "Southern Border" Studies in the Thai-Malaysian Border Context: State of Knowledge, Challenges, and New Possibilities. An unpublished research report submitted to the Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University.

- 2017 "Good Man's Politics": Thoughts, Practices, and Political Identities of the Supporters of "Change Thailand Movement." An unpublished research report submitted to Thailand Research Fund (TRF).
- 2017. "Introduction: A Decade of Southern Border Scholarly Work amid a New Round of the Unrest" in Anusorn Unno (ed.) A Decade of Anthropology and Sociology and the Studies of Southern Border Provinces. Bangkok: Center for Contemporary Social and Cultural Studies, Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University.
- 2016. "Islam and the Negotiation of Malays of Southern Border Provinces," **Thammasat Journal**. Volume 35, Number 2
- 2015. "Read Foucault's 'Clan'," in Anusorn Unno et.al. (eds.) A Critical Reading of Michel Foucault. Bangkok: Siam Parithas.
- 2015. "Anthropology and the Unrest in the Southern Border: Potentiality and Challenges," in Surichai Wankaew (ed.) Cultural Codes: A Review of the Understanding of "Thai People" and Thai Society. Chiang Mai: Center for Ethnicity and Development Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University.
- 2015. "There is no *Dangdut* Tonight.": Sovereign Powers and the Malays' Crafting of Subjectivity and Agency Enactment in the Southern Border Provinces. An unpublished research report submitted to Thailand Research Fund (TRF).
- 2013. "The Politics of 'Community Economy/Sufficiency Economy' in the Southern Border Provinces" in Chatthip Natsupha (ed.) With Love (Volume 7): Thoughts on Society and Politics. Bangkok: Sangsun Publishing. (co-author: Chalita Bundhuwong)
- 2013. **The Southerners' Political Lives and Subjectivity amidst Current Political Crisis**. An unpublished research report submitted to Thai Universities for Healthy Public Policy.
- 2013. *Nabi Does Not Eat Betel Nuts*: Malay Muslims' Cultural Negotiation. An unpublished research report submitted to Department of Cultural Promotion.
- 2006. **Cultural Impacts of the Populist Policy on Local Community**. An unpublished research report submitted to Office of National Culture Commission.
- 2006. "An Assessment of Policies on Grassroots Economy and Social Welfare on Medical Care: A Populist Policy," **Fa Diew Gun**. Volume 3, Number 1.
- 2004. Sustainable Agriculture: Cultural Identities and Problems of Agriculture and Identities of Thai Peasants. (ed.) Bangkok: Committee of Sustainable Agriculture Fair.

- 2004. "Gudchum: The Shifting of Identities and the Changing of Significances and Statuses of Peasants and Community," in Anusorn Unno (ed.) Sustainable Agriculture:
 Cultural Identities and Problems of Agriculture and Identities of Thai Peasant.
 Bangkok: Committee of Sustainable Agriculture Fair.
- 2003. Thai Farmers' Rights in Thailand: The Learning Process and the Development of Agricultural System. An unpublished research report submitted to Thailand Research Fund.
- 2002. **The Roles of Non-Governmental Organizations in Health Reforms.** An unpublished research report submitted to Health System Research Institute, Ministry of Public Health.
- 2002. "Southern Fisher Folk Movement: A Case Study of Assembly of the Andaman Fisher Folk," in Pasuk Pongpaichit et.al. Ways of Life, Struggle Methods: Contemporary People Movement. Chiang Mai: Silkworms Books.
- 2001. Food Security of Agriculture Households in Thailand. An unpublished research report submitted to Rural Reconstruction Alumni and Friends Association.
- 2001. A Process of Strengthening Democracy Culture of the Grassroots: Suksumrarn Local Civil Society. An unpublished research report submitted to Office of National Culture Commission.
- 2000. Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of Constructing a Factory to Manage Garbage with Integrated Methods. An unpublished research report submitted to Urban Community Foundation.
- 2000. Health Problems and the Urban Poverty: Debts from Medical Expense. An unpublished research report submitted to Office of Health System Reform, Ministry of Public Health.
- 2000. State's Development Policy and Its Violation against Community Right: A Case of Rasrisalai Dam. An unpublished research report submitted to Thailand Research Fund.
- 1999. **The Social Impact Assessment of Rasrisalai Dam.** An unpublished research report submitted to the Social Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University.
- 1998. **Issues, Variables and Methods in Anthropology Research.** An unpublished research submitted to the Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University.

Research Projects:

- 2021-2022: A principal investigator in a research project "Let's Finish It in Our Generation".: Thai Youth Movements in Contemporary Socio-political Contexts. National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)
- 2019-2021: A principal investigator in a research project "Threatening Identities and the New Wake of the Unrest in the Southern Border" Thailand Research Fund (TRF).
- 2018-2019: A principal investigator in a research project "Southern Border' Studies in the Thai-Malaysian Border Context: State of Knowledge, Challenges, and New Possibilities. Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology's Research Grant.
- 2014-2017: A co-principal investigator in a research project "'Good Man's Politics': Thoughts, Practices, and Political Identities of the Supporters of 'Change Thailand Movement'." Thailand Research Fund (TRF)
- 2012-2015: A principal investigator in a research project "There is no *Dangdut* Tonight: The Southern Border Province Malays' Subjectivity and Agency in Relation to Sovereignty," the Research Grant for New Scholar jointly funded by the Commission on Higher Education, Thailand Research Fund, and Thammasat University.
- 2012-2013: A principal investigator in a research project "*Nabi Does Not Eat Betel Nuts*: Malay Muslims' Cultural Negotiation," Department of Cultural Promotion.
- 2012-2013: A principal investigator in a research project "The Southerners' Political Lives and Subjectivity amidst Current Political Conflicts," Thai Universities for Healthy Public Policy.
- 2005-2006: A principal investigator in a research project "Cultural Impacts of the Populist Policy on Local Community," Office of National Culture Commission.
- 2004-5: A principal investigator in a research project "An Assessment of Policies on Grassroots Economy and Social Welfare on Medical Care: A Populist Policy," Thailand Development and Research Institute.
- 2002-2004: A principal investigator in a research project "The Management of Common Property by Community Organizations," Sustainable Agriculture Foundation (Thailand).
- 2002-2003: A principal investigator in a research project "Sustainable Agriculture Movement in Thai Society and the Politics of Sustainable Agriculture Writings," Sustainable Agriculture Foundation (Thailand).

- 2002-2003: A principal investigator in a research project "Thai Human Rights in the International Situation," Thailand Research Fund.
- 2001-2003: A co-PI in a research project "Dynamics of Community Economy of Villages in the Upper-south Of Thailand: A Case Study of the Four Areas," Thailand Research Fund.
- 2001-2003: A principal investigator in a research project "Tracing and Constructing a Cultural History of Amphawa Suannog, Bangnanglee Sub-district," Thailand Research Fund.
- 2000-2001: A principal investigator in a research project "A Process of Strengthening Democracy Culture of the Grassroots: Suksumrarn Local Civil Society," Office of National Culture Commission.
- 2000-2001: A principal investigator in a research project "State's Development Policy and Its Violation against Community Right: A Case of Rasrisalai Dam," Thailand Research Fund.
- 2000: A principal investigator in a research project "Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of Constructing a Factory to Manage Garbage with Integrated Methods," Urban Community Foundation.
- 2000: A principal investigator in a "Project on Health Forum on the Poor," Office of Health System Reform, Ministry of Public Health.
- 1999-2000: A principal investigator in a research project "Southern Fisher Folk Movement: A Case Study of Assembly of the Andaman Fisher Folk," Thailand Research Fund.
- 1998: A principal investigator in a research project "Social Impact Assessment of Rasrisalai Dam," Social Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University.

Awards

2008: National Science Foundation's (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDIG)
2021-2022: Visiting Fellowship, Thailand Studies Programme, ISEAS, Singapore
2022: Visiting Fellowship, Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University

Speeches

2023 The sixth Stanley J. Tambiah Lecture in Thai Studies, Harvard University Asia Center, Harvard University, 8 November 2023