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RESEARCH INTERESTS

education, ethics, religion, youth, politics, nationalism, religious diversity and pluralism, corruption, citizenship, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-2020 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
Hanover College; Hanover, IN
- 2017-2018 Visiting Researcher, Center for the Study of Religion and Society (CSRS)
University of Notre Dame; South Bend, IN

EDUCATION

- 2019 **Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology**
Boston University
Advisor: Dr. Robert Hefner
Dissertation: "Civic and Religious Education in Indonesia:
Ethical Deliberation about Plural Coexistence"
- 2010 **B.A. in Biological Sciences**
additional major in Anthropology and History
Carnegie Mellon University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Department of State/Educational and Cultural Affairs Research Grant,
AIFIS (American Institute for Indonesian Studies) and CAORC (Council for
American Overseas Research Centers)
- 2018 Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant, Boston University
- 2017 Global Religion Research Initiative Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
Center for the Study of Religion and Society (CSRS), University of Notre Dame

- 2017 Pardee Center Graduate Summer Fellowship
Frederick S. Pardee Center for the study of the Longer-Range Future,
Boston University
- 2015 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2014 Long-Term Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (GRAF), Boston University
- 2014 United States-Indonesia (USINDO) Society Travel Grant
- 2013 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Award for Indonesian language study
- 2012 Dean's Fellowship, Boston University

PUBLICATIONS

- Larson, Erica M. (Forthcoming). "Scaling Plural Coexistence in Manado: What does it take to remain brothers?" In *Indonesian Pluralities*, edited by Robert W. Hefner and Zainal Abidin Bagir. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press.
- Larson, Erica M. 2018. "Diversity, but how exactly?" *Inside Indonesia*, Edition 134: Oct-Dec. <https://www.insideindonesia.org/mixed-messages-on-diversity>.
- Larson, Erica M. 2018. "Developing Faith and Character to Develop the Nation: Perspectives from an Elite Indonesian Catholic School." In *The Mission of Development: Religion and Techno-Politics in Asia*, edited by Catherine Scheer, Philip Fountain and R. Michael Feener. Leiden: Brill.
- Larson, Erica M. 2017. "L'identité catholique dans la fondation pédagogique d'une famille sino-indonésienne." In *Le Christianisme en Chine du XIXe au XXIe Siècle: Catéchèses & formation religieuse*, edited by Alexandre Tsung-ming Chen. Leuven: Ferdinand Verbiest Institute.
- Larson, Erica M. and Alex Idnurm. 2010. "Two Origins for the Gene Encoding α -Isopropylmalate Synthase in Fungi." *PLOS ONE* 5(7):e11605.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Field Research in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia
- 2015-2016
Field Research: "Scaling-Up Pluralism: A Project on Local-National Collaborations for Pluralist Co-existence in Contemporary Indonesia"

for the Contending Modernities Program at the Kroc Institute at Notre Dame
Directors: Dr. Robert Hefner, CURA; Dr. Zainal Abidin Bagir, CRCS/UGM
Field Site: Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

2015–2016

Field Research: “Civic Education in the Indonesian Context: Negotiating Public Ethics and Plural Coexistence”

Field Site: Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

2014 Pilot Research

Field Sites: Solo, Central Java, Indonesia; Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

2009 Field Research: “An Anthropological Study of Balinese Foods”

SIT Study Abroad: Balinese Arts and Social Change Program

Field Site: Bali, Indonesia

INVITED TALKS

2019 Keynote Address, 2nd Annual Civic Education Conference
Banda Aceh, Indonesia

2019 “Debating Plural Coexistence in a Protestant Region of Indonesia”
Center on Religion and Chinese Society; Purdue University, IN, USA

2018 “Gender Dynamics in Java, Indonesia”
Women in the Developing World; Hanover College, Hanover, IN, USA

2018 “Islamic Schools and Radicalism in Contemporary Indonesia”
Institut Agama Islam Negeri (IAIN) Manado; Indonesia

2016 “Islam, Education, and Coexistence in Indonesia”
Islamic Ways of Life; Emerson College, Boston, MA USA

2016 “‘The secular’ dari Perspektif Anthropologi”
(‘The secular’ from an Anthropological Perspective)
Universitas Kristen Indonesia Tomohon; Indonesia

2015 “Membangun Keberagaman Dalam Bingkai Demokrasi Konstitusional”
(Building Diversity and Tolerance in a Constitutional Democracy)
Universitas Negeri Manado; Tondano, Indonesia

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 “Aspiring toward a Corruption-Free Indonesia at a Catholic School in North Sulawesi”
Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference
Denver, CO, USA

2018 Panel Chair: “Resistance, Belonging, and Agency in and Across Transnational Educational Contexts”

- Paper Presenter: "Public School, Public Sphere: Deliberating about Religious Coexistence in Manado, Indonesia"
Annual Conference for the American Anthropological Association
San Jose, CA, USA
- 2018 "The Normative Work in Education: Deliberation about Coexistence in Manado, Indonesia"
3rd Conference on Anthropology and Education
Teachers College, Columbia University, USA
- 2018 Panel Chair: "Saving the Soul of Our Youth": Religious Education and Ethical Dilemmas in Southeast Asia"
Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference
Washington, D.C., USA
- 2017 "Calling on *Adat* for Protection of the (Christian) Minahasan Homeland"
Conference: Adat Law 100 years on: towards a new interpretation?"
Leiden University, Netherlands
- 2017 "Christian-Muslim Relationships in Indonesia: Navigating the Ethics of Boundaries"
Southeast Asia Ph.D. Workshop
McGill University-Université de Montréal, Canada
- 2017 "Wearing Your Moral Character on the Sleeve of Your School Uniform: Conceptions of Moral Personhood in Indonesian Schools"
New England Region Association for Asian Studies Conference
Boston College, USA
- 2016 "L'identité catholique dans la foundation pédagogique d'une famille sino-Indonesienne"
Conference on Le Christianisme en Chine: catéchèses et formation religieuse
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- 2015 "Developing faith and character to develop the nation: Perspectives from an elite Indonesian Catholic school," Conference on The Mission of Development: Religion and Techno-Politics in Asia
Asia Research Institute- National University of Singapore

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Visiting Assistant Professor, Hanover College Hanover, IN 2019
 ANTH 162 World Cultures and Societies
 ANTH 332 Food, Body, and Culture
 ANTH 334 International Development
 ANTH 336 Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective
 ANTH 461 Senior Seminar in Anthropology
- SIT World Learning, Co-Leader: France Cultural Discovery France, 2019

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Boston University Boston, MA 2013–2017
AN 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
AN 102 Human Behavioral Biology and Evolution
AN 260 Sex and Gender in Anthropological Perspective
AN 263 Behavioral Biology of Women
AN 290 Children and Culture

Lecturer, Volunteers in Asia Program Indonesia, 2010–2011
Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta (UMS)
Courses: English Speaking I, II, IV; English for Academic Writing; TOEFL

Instructor and Tutor, Urban Youth Action Pittsburgh, 2009–2010

HONORS AND AWARDS

2013 Nomination for the Usha Mahajani Award for Excellence in Language Study
Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2010 Indira Nair Award for Outstanding Achievement in Global Studies
Carnegie Mellon University

SERVICE

2016–2017 Graduate Student Organization Representative

LANGUAGES

English (native)
French (advanced capability)
Indonesian (advanced capability)
Melayu Manado (working capability)

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Section Membership: Council on Anthropology and Education
Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
Phi Beta Kappa