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## Education

Ph.D., History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology and Society,  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2016

B.A. (first class honours), Social Anthropology, London School of Economics 2010

## Professional Appointments

Senior Lecturer, Department of Earth and Environment, Boston University 2023-present

Research Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Department of Earth &  
Environment, Boston University 2019-2023

Post-Doctoral Associate, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University 2018-2019

Robert E. Keiter '57 Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, Center for Humanistic  
Inquiry and Department of Anthropology, Amherst College 2016-2018

## Publications

### Book

*How to Make a Wetland: Water and Moral Ecology in Turkey*, Stanford University Press, 2021

2021 Albert Hourani Book Award Honorable Mention

Turkish translation forthcoming, İletişim (Istanbul)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

"The Lost Wetlands of Turkey," *Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP)* 296 (Fall 2020)

"The Delta is Dead': Moral Ecologies of Infrastructure in Turkey," *Cultural Anthropology* volume 34, issue 3 (2019), pp. 388-416

"The Wetland Is Disappearing': Conservation and Care on Turkey's Kızılırmak Delta," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, volume 50, issue 3 (2018), pp. 405-425

"Making Sense of Water Quality: Multispecies Encounters on the Mystic River," *Worldviews*, volume 17, issue 2 (2013), pp. 150-160

## Book Chapters

- "Purple Swampheims: Companions, Pests, and Conservation Icons," in the *Oxford Handbook of Animals in Global History*, eds. Emily Wakild, Nancy Jacobs, and Faisal Husain (Oxford University press, forthcoming)
- "The Social Life of Environmental Expertise: Leveraging Scientific Knowledge for Remaking Bio-Cultural Communities in Turkish Wetlands," in *Materializing Politics: Infrastructure, Knowledge, and Expertise in Modern Turkey*, eds. Duygu Kasdoğan, Ekin Kurtiç, and Mehmet Ekinici (Bloomsbury Academy, forthcoming 2025)
- "Swamps and Dragons," in *Swamps and the New Imagination: On the Future of Cohabitation in Art, Architecture, and Philosophy*, eds. Nomeda Urbonas, Gediminas Urbonas, and Kristupas Sabolius (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2024)
- "Lived Histories of Flows and Sediments in a Turkish Delta," in *Delta Life: Exploring Dynamic Environments where Rivers Meet the Sea*, eds. Franz Krause and Mark Harris (Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2021), pp. 172-197
- "Toprağa Dokunmak: Kızılırmak Deltasına Antropolojik bir Yaklaşım" [Touching the Soil: An Anthropological Approach to the Kızılırmak Delta]," in *Kızılırmak Deltası*, ed. Ali Kemal Ayan (Samsun: Ondokuz Mayıs Üniversitesi, 2018)
- "Suyun Antropolojisi: Anlamı, Yeri ve Önemi" [Anthropology of Water: Its Meaning, Place, and Materiality]," in *Sudan Sebepleri: Türkiye'de Su ve Enerji Politikaları* [Reasons from Water: Water and Energy Politics in Turkey], eds. Sinan Erensu, Cemil Aksu, and Erdem Evren (Istanbul: İletişim Publications, 2016), pp. 155-167

## Book Reviews

- "The Cactus Hunters: Desire and Extinction in the Illicit Succulent Trade," by Jared D. Margulies," *Conservation and Society* volume 22, issue 3 (2024), pp. 143-144
- "Making Peace with Nature: Ecological Encounters along the Korean DMZ," by Eleana J. Kim," *American Ethnologist* volume 50, issue 4 (2023), pp. 673-674
- "Hotels and Highways: the Construction of Modernization Theory in Turkey," by Begüm Adalet," *The History Teacher* volume 52, issue 2 (2020), pp. 377-378
- "Staying with the Trouble: Making Kin in the Chthulucene," by Donna J. Haraway," *American Ethnologist* volume 44, issue 4 (2017), pp. 700-701

## Other Publications

- "Waterworld: Nature and Culture in the Kızılırmak Delta," *Cornucopia* magazine, June 2018, pp. 72-75
- "Fish, Flows, and Desire in the Delta," *Anthropology News* volume 59, issue 2 (2018), pp. 3-5

"The Wateriness of Everyday Life in a Turkish Delta," in *Voices From Around the World*, issue 3 (2017), <http://voices.uni-koeln.de/2017-3/thewaterinessofeverydaylifeinaturkishdelta>

"Seeds, Salt, and Flamingos: On the Politics of Infrastructural Ecology in Turkey," *Environment and Society Blog*, August 23 (2017), <https://shar.es/1SuRKT>

"Sulak Alanlarında bir Halk Laboratuvarı [A Public Laboratory in the Wetlands]," in *III Ulusal Sulak Alan Kongresi 23-25 Ekim 2013 Samsun* [Third National Wetland Conference 23-25 October 2013 Samsun], eds. Ali Kemal Ayan et al., Samsun: Ondokuz Mayıs University (2014), pp. 231-232

### **Publications in Progress**

"A Political Ecology of Relatedness: Living with Water Buffaloes in Turkey," under review, *American Ethnologist*

### **Media Coverage of Teaching and Research**

Kelly Broder, "Germinating Family Seeds in the Mediterranean," *BU Arts and Science Magazine*, February 2024, <https://www.bu.edu/cas/arts-sciences/article/germinating-family-seeds-in-the-mediterranean>

Rich Barlow, "New Interdisciplinary Class Asks: What do Plants Know?" *BU Today*, November 10, 2021, <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2021/new-interdisciplinary-class-asks-what-do-plants-know/>

Caterina Scaramelli and Pary Fassihi, "Cultivating Transferrable Digital Skills Part 2: Encouraging Student Creativity & Collaboration," *BU Digital Learning & Innovation*, October 28, 2021, <https://digital.bu.edu/cultivating-transferable-digital-skills-part-2/>

"How to Make a Wetland: Water and Moral Ecology in Turkey," *New Books Network Podcast*, hosted by Alize Arican, May 24, 2021

"Wetlands and the Moral Ecologies of Infrastructure in Turkey," *Environment in Context* podcast, hosted by Huma Gupta and Camille Cole, November 30, 2020

Jessica Colarossi, "When Wildlife, Politics, and Morals Collide," *The Brink*, November 5, 2020, <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2020/when-wildlife-politics-and-morals-collide/>

"How One Class Is Adapting to BU's Learn from Anywhere Model" (dir. Devin Hahn), *BU Today*, September 24, 2020, <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2020/students-and-teachers-reflect-on-bu-learn-from-anywhere-model>

## **Fellowships and Awards**

### **Research Fellowships**

- Research Grant for "What Seeds Carry: Sprouting, Keeping, and Exchanging Locality in Turkey,"  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research 2024-present
- Campus Climate Lab: Research Funding for Student-Mentor Teams, faculty mentor, Boston  
University Institute for Global Sustainability Fall 2023 and Spring 2024
- Seed Grant for "Capillary Livelihoods in Turkey" project, co-PI, Centre on Forced Displacement,  
Boston University 2023
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG),  
National Science Foundation, Science, Technology and Society (STS) division 2014
- Dissertation Fieldwork Grant and Osmundsen Initiative Grant,  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research 2013
- Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) in Ecological History,  
Social Science Research Council (SSRC) 2012
- Research Grant, Center for International Studies, MIT 2011
- Fellowship in "Environmental Conflict and Change,"  
Program in Environmental Governance and Sustainability (PEGS), MIT 2010-2011

### **Awards**

- Albert Hourani Book Award Honorable Mention 2021
- Finalist, Rappaport Paper Prize, Anthropology and Environment Society (AES),  
American Anthropological Association annual conference, Denver, CO 2015

## **Talks and Presentations**

### **Invited Talks**

- "How to Make a Wetland," in the the Histories of Capitalism and Race: Environment and  
Infrastructure in the Middle East and Beyond seminar series, SOAS University of London,  
February 5, 2024
- "Thinking with Climate Justice in Turkey," University of Basel, Switzerland, March 13, 2023
- "Watery Ecologies of Belonging: Ethnographic Reflections on Home and Mobility in Deltaic  
Spaces," (invited presenter), at the Aquatic Worlds of Anatolia symposium, Koç University  
Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED), Istanbul, December 8-9, 2022
- "How to Make a Wetland: Water and Moral Ecology in Turkey," University of Virginia, Brown  
College, March 23, 2022

"Living in Climate Refuge" roundtable, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, March 17, 2022

"The Ecological Politics of Wetlands in Turkey," Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University, March 2, 2022

"What a Seed Becomes: Political Ecology, Expertise, and Agro-Biodiversity in Turkey," MIT Seminar on Environmental and Agricultural History (SEAH), February 25, 2022

"Seeds, Swamps, and Sandwich Terns: A Moral Ecology of Environment and Infrastructure," Harvard Graduate School of Design Environmental History seminar series, February 14, 2022

"A Moral Ecology of Environment and Infrastructure," Syracuse University Department of Anthropology seminar series, February 3, 2022

"Earth" (invited panelist), "Elements of Border and Infrastructure" event series, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, October 20, 2021

"Infrastructure of Ecology in Turkey," Department of Anthropology, Stockholm University, October 18, 2021

"How to Make a Wetland: Water and Moral Ecology in Turkey," Anthropology Department, Boston University, April 21, 2021

"How to Make a Wetland: Water and Moral Ecology in Turkey," Anthropology Department, Bard College, March 23, 2021

"Wetland Ethnography and Political Ecology in Turkey," Earth & Environment Department, Boston University, March 24, 2021

"Seed Stories: Agrobiodiversity, Vegetables, and Locality in Turkey," Global FOOD+ research symposium, Harvard University, March 5, 2021

"Living with Buffaloes: Animal Practices and Environmental Change in a Turkish Delta," Agrarian Studies Seminar, Yale University, April 5, 2019

"Living in Watery Places: an Ethnography of Turkish Nature in the Making," Department of Anthropology, Boston University, December 14, 2017

"Making Livable Natures: Caring for Wetlands in Turkey," STS circle, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, February 13, 2017

### **Campus Talks**

Presented in the Environmental Humanities working group at Boston University, March 19, 2024

Presented in the DLI and CTL Lightning Talks Series, "Experiential Strategies for Enlivening the Large Remote Lecture," July 17, 2020

"Seeds of Change in Turkey," MacMillan Center for international and Area Studies, Yale University, October 25, 2018

"The Social Life of Seeds," Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College, April 4, 2018

"Living in Water Places: An Ethnography of Animals and People in Turkey," Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College, April 12, 2017

### **Conference Presentations**

"Environmental Anthropology and the Middle East" roundtable presenter, at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Montreal (Canada), November 2-5, 2023

"Terraforming Climate Change," roundtable presenter, at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual meeting, Seattle, WA, November 10, 2022

"A Seed's Story: Resilient Agricultural Varieties and the Remaking of Locality Under Illiberal Agricultural Regimes in Turkey," in the panel "Living Precariously in Illiberal Times" (organizer: Tessa Farmer), Middle East Studies Association (MESA), October 5-17, 2020

"Elided Ecologies of Displacement in a Black Sea Delta," in the panel "When Things Fall Apart: Navigating Socio-ecological Disintegration" (organizers: Franz Krause and Clemens Greiner), American Anthropological Association annual conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, November 20 - 24, 2019

"In the Shadow of the Bridge: Ecological Dissent in the New Turkey," in the panel "Quo Vadis, 'New Turkey'? Taking Stock of Ethnographic Knowledge on Health Care, Ecology and Bureaucracy," American Anthropological Association annual conference, San Jose, California, November 14 - 18, 2018

"'The Delta has Many Owners, and No One Takes Responsibility': the Everyday Life of Wetland Conservation in Turkey," in the panel "Ambivalent Stewards, Part 2: Actors, Technologies and Logics of the Conservation-Extraction Nexus," American Anthropological Association annual conference, Washington DC, November 29 - December 3, 2017

"National Flows: The Making of a Turkish Delta," in the panel "River Deltas as Living Landscapes: Movement, Management, and the Critique of a Commonplace" (organizers: Franz Krause and Tanya Richardson), CASCA/IUAES conference, Ottawa, May 3 - 7, 2017

"Infrastructural Matters in Turkey's Wetlands," American Anthropological Association annual conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 16 - 20, 2016

"Emergent Wetland Wild in The Making and Unmaking of Wetlands' Livable Nature" in the panel "Science and Technology in the Middle East," joint meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) and the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST), Barcelona, Spain, August 31 - September 3, 2016

- "Elusive and Charismatic Animals in the Making and Unmaking of Turkish Wetlands' Livable Nature" in the panel "The Return of the Wild: Fears - Hopes - Strategies. Ethnographic Encounters in Wildlife Management in Europe," European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA) conference, Milan, July 20 - 23, 2016
- "Mud, Water, Sediment: The Infrastructure of Wetlands," in the panel "Muddy Footsteps and Hydrosocial Futures: Understanding Relationality With, Through And About Water" (co-organized with Franz Krause) Annual Conference of the Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth, Durham, UK, July 3 - 6, 2016
- "Practicing Wetlands: Multiple Waters, Species, and Environmentalisms in Turkey," in the Rappaport Paper Prize panel (organizer: Anthropology and Environment section), American Anthropological Association annual conference, Denver, CO, October 18 - 22, 2015
- "Moral Ecosystems, Absent Services: Multispecies Politics in Turkish Coastal Wetlands," in the panel "Contested Renditions of Ecological Realities I: Environmental Services (organizers: Raoni Rajão and Claire Waterton), Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting, November 11 - 17, 2015
- "Reinscribing Turkish Wetlands: Communities of Practice and Shifting Waterscapes on the Black Sea," in the panel "Imagining Wetlands," (organizer: Franz Krause), Nordic Geographers Meeting (NGM), "Geographical Imagination: Interpretations of Nature, Art and Politics," Tallinn and Tartu, Estonia, June 15 - 19, 2015
- "How to Make a Biocultural Wetland: Water Infrastructure and Multispecies Struggles in Turkey," in the panel "Aqueous Infrastructures" (co-organizer with Jessica Barnes), American Anthropological Association annual conference, Washington DC, December 3 - 7, 2014
- "Sulak Alanlarında bir Halk Laboratuvarı" [A Public Laboratory in the Wetlands], in the roundtable "Wetlands, Civil Society and Media," Third National Wetland Conference, Ondokuz Mayıs University, Samsun, Turkey, October 23 - 25, 2013
- "Wetland (as) Infrastructure: Field Reflections from Turkey," in the panel "Environmental infrastructures: STS's anthropology of nature-cultures - II: Water," Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting and European Society for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST), Copenhagen, Denmark, October 17 - 20, 2012
- "Making Water Quality on the Mystic: a Multispecies Ethnography of Advocacy Science," in the panel: "Living Water" (organizers: Franz Krause and Veronica Strang) Annual Conference of the Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth, Lampeter, Wales, UK, September 13 - 16, 2011
- "ALB006: The Quality of Water," screening and panel discussion at "Sensing the Unseen," Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Cultures, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, sponsored by MIT Anthropology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 6, 2011

## Public Presentations

"Anthropology of Water: Tales of an Urban River," at *Doğa Derneği* / Bird Life International Turkey, Izmir, Turkey, October 9, 2013

"Experiencing the Quality of Water" presentation and screening of "ALB006: The Quality of Water" film, at Sprouts, Somerville, MA (theme: "The Phenomenology of Sewerage"), February 20, 2012

## Workshops

Presentation and mentorship at the S.AND research group (led by Lukas Ley), Barcelona, July 28-30, 2024

"The Uncommon Wetland," at the Dumbarton Oaks Garden and Landscape Symposium on "Commons and Commoning," May 9-11, 2024

"What Seeds Carry: Climate, Belonging, and Agricultural Futures in Turkey" at the Middle East Ecology Workshop, Boston University, April 21 and 22, 2023

"Ethnographic Methods and Ethics," workshop leader at for the HOMEACROSS: Space, Memory and the Legacy of the 1923 Population Exchange between Greece and Turkey ERC research group, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), June 30, 2021

"Ecologies of Dispossession in Bafra," at the Middle East Ecology Workshop, April 3 and May 1, 2021

"Seeds of Change in Turkey," at the Middle East Ecology Workshop, November 6-7, 2020

"Three Seed Stories," at the Ecological History Workshop, August 16-17, 2020

"Water's Sediments," at the Middle East Ecology Workshop, University of South Carolina, February 20-22, 2020

"Emergent Wetland Animals in Turkey," at the Middle Eastern Animals Workshop, funded by Instiut für Orientalistik and Yale MacMillan Center, University of Vienna, June 27-28, 2019

"Beyond Living with Animals: Water Buffalo Kinship and Biopolitics," at the Emergent Ecologies of the Middle East Workshop, Amherst College, April 21, 2018

"How Wetlands Became Infrastructural: The Making of a Global Ecology," Political Ecology Working Group, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, November 17, 2017

"Middle East Environmental Worlds" digital workshop, November 10 - 11, 2017

"Lived Histories of Flows and Sediments in a Turkish Wetland," Ecological History in Asia and the World, funded by the Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, October 27 - 28, 2017 (invited participant)



"Emergent Wetland Wild," The Biosphere in the Middle East and North Africa: Global Currents in Place, funded by the Global Studies Program, University of Virginia, April 28 - 29, 2017 (invited participant)

Animal Studies, Faculty Research Group, Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College, spring semester, 2017

"The Wetland Is Disappearing': Conservation, Care and Livable Natures on Turkey's Kızılırmak Delta," Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College, December 10, 2016

"Rethinking Middle East Environments" digital workshop, October 28 - 29, 2016

"Swamps into Wetlands," DPDF Ecological History fellowship group meeting, Seattle, WA, April 2, 2016

"Practicing Wetlands: Ethics of Care In The Kızılırmak Delta," Political Ecology Working Group (PEWG), Harvard University Anthropology Department, March 11, 2016

"Water Buffaloes, Feral Horses, and Waterbirds in the Making and Unmaking of Wetlands' Livable Nature," Environmental History Working Group, Harvard University Center for the Environment, December 9, 2015

"Bovine Biopolitics and Bio-Objectification in the Kızılırmak Delta, Turkey," in the workshop "Bio-Objects Meet Multispecies Ethnography," Sponsored by the MIT Anthropology department and the Bio-Objects network, MIT, October 30, 2015

"Digital Ecologies: Codesigning Data Narratives" Digital STS Workshop, organized by Harvard metaLAB and the Harvard Arboretum, Boston, MA, June 27 - 28, 2013

"Swamps to Wetlands: Research Prospectus," Workshop on Water and Sustainability, (organizers: Steve Caton and Ben Orlove), Harvard Anthropology Department, partially funded by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Cambridge, MA, April 26 - 29, 2013

"Making Water Quality on the Mystic River," Workshop on Water and Sustainability, (organizers: Steve Caton and Ben Orlove), Harvard Anthropology Department, partially funded by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Cambridge, MA, April 30 - May 1, 2011

### **Panel and Conference Leadership**

"Cultivating Climate Change," roundtable co-organizer (with Bridget Guarasci), American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual conference, Toronto, November 15-19, 2022

"Infrastructure and Future Truths" roundtable chair, American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual conference, Baltimore, November 17 - 21, 2021

Ecological History Workshop, August 2020

"Quo Vadis, 'New Turkey'? Taking Stock of Ethnographic Knowledge on Minorities, Penal Policy, International Politics, and Neonationalism Inside/Out," panel chair, American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual conference, San Jose, California, November 14 - 18, 2018

"Emergent Ecologies of the Middle East," workshop and event organizer, Amherst College, April 20-21 2018

"Seeds, Culture, Power: A Conversation on the Art and Politics of Cultivation," panel organizer, Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College, March 21, 2018

"Intimate Exposures," panel chair and co-organizer (with Stefanie Greater), American Anthropological Association annual conference, Washington DC, November 29 - December 5, 2017

"The Politics and Poetics of Conservation," conference co-organizer, Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College, February 18, 2017

"Heritage in Biology, Biology as Heritage," panel co-organizer (with Grace Kim and Cristina Grasseni), 4S/EASSTS, Barcelona, August 31 - September 1, 2016

"Muddy Footsteps and Hydrosocial Futures: Understanding Relationality With, Through and About Water," panel co-organizer and chair (with Franz Krause), Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth, University of Durham, July 4 - 7, 2016

"Toxic Natures: Senses and Sediment," panel chair and co-organizer (with Timothy Choy), American Anthropological Association annual conference, Denver, CO, November 16 - 20, 2015

"Aqueous Infrastructures," panel chair and co-organizer (with Jessica Barnes), American Anthropological Association annual conference, Washington DC, December 3 - 7, 2014

## **Discussant**

"Modern Forestry Regimes: Colony and Nation," panel discussant, *The Wood Age in Asia: Connection and Comparison in Forest History*, Yale University, September 21 - 23, 2018

"Care and Decay," at *The Politics and Poetics of Conservation* sponsored by the Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College, February 18, 2017

"Substances that Specify," at *Navigating a Multispecies World: A Graduate Student Conference on the Species Turn*, sponsored by the Harvard Program on Science, Technology, and Society (STS), the Harvard Department of Anthropology, the MIT Department of Anthropology, Harvard Political Ecology Working Group (PEWG), and Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, April 25 - 26, 2013

## Teaching

### Teaching Areas

Environmental anthropology; Science, Technology and Society (STS); global political ecology; modern environmental history; anthropology of science; water; food agriculture; social theory; ethnographic research methods; Turkey, Middle East, and the Mediterranean; socio-cultural anthropology

### Courses at Boston University

Environmental Humanities and Society (with Adriana Craciun)	2024, 2025
"Environment & Development: A Political Ecology Approach," Department of Earth and Environment	2023, 2024, 2025
"Ethnography and Anthropological Theory 2," Department of Anthropology	2022
"Epistemologies and the Process of Inquiry: The Secret Life of Plants" (with Adriana Craciun and Les Kaufman), Kilachand Honors College, Boston University	2021, 2023, 2024
"The People's Planet: Environmentalism and Science in the Global South," Department of Earth and Environment	2021
"Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology," Anthropology Department	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
"Water Resources and the Environment," Department of Earth and Environment	2020, 2021, 2023, 2024
"Culture and the Environment," Anthropology Department	2020
"Food and Water," Anthropology Department	2019

### Courses at Amherst College

"Living with Animals," Anthropology Department, 2017 and 2018  
"Environmental Anthropology," Anthropology Department, 2016 and 2017

### Courses at MIT (Teaching Assistant)

"DV Lab: Documenting Science through Film and New Media," Anthropology Department, 2016  
"What is Capitalism?" Anthropology Department, 2015  
"Environmental History," History Department, 2012  
"How Culture Works," Anthropology Department, 2011

## **Service**

### **Peer Reviewing**

*American Anthropologist*

*American Ethnologist*

*Case Studies in the Environment*

*Catalyst*

Columbia University Press

*Cultural Anthropology*

*Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment*

*Economic Anthropology*

*ESTS: Engaging Science, Technology, and Society*

*International Journal of Middle East Studies*

*Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)*

*Social Anthropology*

Stanford University Press

### **Faculty Training and Mentorship**

Co-director, CTL and DLI Adobe Catalyst Program on digital pedagogy    Spring 2021 and 2022

### **Thesis Advising**

Doctoral committee member for Calynn Dowler, Boston University Anthropology    Spring 2022

BA thesis supervisor for Brianna Sison-Gilmore, Boston University Anthropology    2021

BA thesis reader for Yushi Shao, Amherst College Anthropology    2018

BA thesis reader for Brock Parent, UMass Amherst Anthropology  
and Political Economy and Social Thought    2018

BA Thesis reader for Melissa Sheth, Amherst College Anthropology    2017

### **Undergraduate Student Research Advising**

Betty Xie    Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

Daniela Santos    Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

## Working Groups

Middle East Environmental Worlds Working Group, co-founder 2015 - present  
Ecological History working group, 2012 - present

## University Service

Member, Boston University HUB General Education Committee 2022-present

## Professional Memberships and Affiliations

American Anthropological Association (AAA) — Anthropology and Environment Society  
European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)  
International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)  
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)  
Society for the Social Study of Science (4S)

## Video Documentaries

*Kitemappers*, 10 min. 2014  
*Playformed*, 10 min. 2013  
*ALB006: The Quality of Water*, 10 min. 2011

## Languages

Italian: native  
English: fluent  
Turkish: fluent

## References

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