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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2023-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida
- 2023-2025 Affiliate, Program in Science, Technology and International Affairs, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
- 2013-14 Senior Research Specialist, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs
- 2005-2008 Staff Writer, Tampa Bay Times/The St. Petersburg Times
- 2004-2005 Editor and Staff Writer, The Phnom Penh Post

EDUCATION

- 2022-2023 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
- 2022 PhD, Anthropology, Emory University
- 2015-16 Intermediate/Advanced Khmer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute (non-degree)
- 2013 M.S., Global Affairs, Rutgers University
- 2004 B.A., Political Science, Brown University
Honors / *magna cum laude* graduate

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- Accepted* Lesley, Elena [with Alex Hinton]. "Rethinking Localization as Torque: Lessons from the Khmer Rouge Tribunal." *Global Studies Quarterly*.
- 2024 Lesley, Elena, Jessica Laure Bonumwezi, Sopheap Taing, Christina Marea, Su Balasubramanian, and Giorgi Minasovi. "Genocide as Communitarian Breakdown: Interventions for Relational Healing and Individual Wellbeing

Theidon and Dyan Mazurana. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2015 Lesley, Elena. "Death on Display: Bones and Bodies in Cambodia and Rwanda."
In *Necropolitics*:

these publications is below.

- 2023 Georgetown University Sullivan STIA Innovation Grant [with Professor Emily Mendenhall]
- 2020-21 Emory University Dean's Teaching Fellowship
- 2020 Emory College Online Teaching Strategies Fellow
- 2016 Emory University Laney Graduate School Pilot Funds
- 2016 Emory Graduate Student Council
- 2015 Emory University Laney Graduate School Training Funds
- 2014 George W. Woodruff Fellowship, Emory's Laney Graduate School
- 2011 Raimondo Fellow, Rutgers' Eagleton Institute of Politics
- 2011 Master's Scholarship, Rutgers' Graduate School

AWARDS/HONORS

- 2022 Marjorie Shostak Award for Excellence and Humanity in Ethnography (Emory)
- 2021 George Armelagos Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student (Emory)
- 2020 Martha and Bill Dobes Outstanding Graduate Teaching Fellow Award (Emory)
- 2020 Summer Residency, National Humanities Center (2019-2020)

- 2024 Health, Illness, and Culture (ANT 4462): College of Arts & Sciences
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Hawaii Pacific University, College of Health and Society

- 2024 Environmental Health (PH 6260): College of Health and Society (*online*)
- 2023 Environmental Health (PH 6260): College of Health and Society (*online*)
- 2023 Public Health Research Methods (PH 6300): College of Health and Society (*online*)
- 2022 Public Health Program Planning (PH 6460): College of Health and Society (*online*)
- 2022 Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy (PH 6400): College of Health and Society (*online*)

Emory University, College of Arts and Sciences

- 2021 Instructor, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: Concepts and Methods (ANT 202): College of Arts & Sciences (*online*)
- 2020 Facilitator, Emory Summer Teaching Intensive workshop
- 2020 Instructor, Emory Online Teaching Strategies training program
- 2020 Instructor, Religion, Health and Healing (ANT 337): College of Arts & Sciences
- 2016 Assistant Instructor, Cross-Cultural Issues in Mental Health (ANT 331): College of Arts & Sciences
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Four-Field Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 101): College of Arts & Sciences
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: Concepts and Methods (ANT 202): College of Arts & Sciences

Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health

- 2020 Teaching Assistant, Emory's Rollins School of Public Health (GH 525): Qualitative Data Analysis with MAXQDA software (*online*)

Brown University, Department of English

2011 Instructor, Brown University: Introduction to Journalism

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (Select)

December 2023 "Agreeing to Forget: Social Healing and Transitional Justice-linked Psychotherapy for Survivors of the Cambodian Genocide," Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

November 2023 "Testimony as Transformation: Remembering to Forget in Transitional Justice-Linked Psychotherapy for Khmer Rouge Survivors," Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

February 2023 "New Frontiers in Tele-Mental Health," Program in Science, Technology, and International Affairs, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington DC.

September 2022 "Disruption, Health, and Technology," Program in Science, Technology, and International Affairs, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington DC.

September "Torque: Searching for Localization at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal." The

- March 2020 "Therapeutic Assemblages in Cambodia: The Justice Mandate, Mental Health Improvisation and Moderated Exposure at the Toul Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes." Global Studies Institute, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
- February 2019 "Therapeutic Narratives among Khmer Rouge survivors in Cambodia." Pomona College, Department of Anthropology, Claremont, CA.
- October 2018 "Overcoming a Divisive History: The Individual and Communal Impact of Narrative Psychotherapy on Khmer Rouge Survivors." Center for Khmer Studies, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- April 2018 "An Anthropological Approach to Psychological Outreach." Royal University of Phnom Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- December 2017 "First they Killed my Father." George Mason University School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Washington DC.
- January 2016 "Material Traces of Atrocity in Cambodia and Rwanda." Portland State University, History and Anthropology Departments, Portland, OR.
- March 2014 "The Memory Mandate: The Use of Monuments in Post-Genocide State Building." Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, NJ
- November "Tunisia

- 2018 Organizer and Chair: "Reconsidering Trauma, Resilience, Recovery, Rehabilitation." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA
- 2016 Co-Organizer: "Emory Global Mental Health Symposium." Rollins School of Public Health and Emory Department of Anthropology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2011 Discussant: "Justice and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia." Rutgers University Law School, Newark, NJ.
- 2011 Co-Organizer: "Critical Genocide Studies: Reflections from the Raphael Lemkin Archives," Rutgers University, Division of Global Affairs, Newark, NJ.

2021-present Freelance Expert Witness for Refugee and Asylum Claims (trauma, psychiatric, mental health, and psychosocial-based claims)

2019-present Serve as freelance Khmer-English and English-Khmer translator for the Center for Victims of Torture

2021 Provost Distinguished Teaching Award Committee (Emory)

2020-21 Course design intern for Emory's Department of Anthropology

2017-18 Co-founder and interviewer for the Society for Psychological Anthropology's "Voices of Experience: An Engaged Psychological Anthropology Interview Series"

2016-2018 Core Team Member, Emory Global Mental Health Network, collaboration with Rollins School of Public Health

LANGUAGES

English (Native Speaker)

Khmer (Fluent)

French (Fluent)

Russian-Ukrainian Surzhyk (Heritage Speaker)