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Academic Positions

• Syracuse University, School of Architecture, Assistant Professor, "Introduction to the History of Architecture Survey," "Provincializing China: Chinese Architecture," "Architectural Theory and Methods," "Buddhist Architecture," "Slums of Utopia."

Fall 2014 to present

Hamilton College, Postdoctoral Fellowship in Asian Studies,
Department of Art History, "Utopia, race, and housing";
"Global Modernism: World Architecture in the 20th century";
"Architecture in Asia"; "Arts and Architecture of Buddhism."

Fall 2012 to Spring 2014

• Art and Law Program, Fordham University, Associated faculty

Fall 2012 to present

• New York University, Department of Art and Art Professions, "Communities of Sense," Adjunct faculty: taught year-long graduate seminar in history and theory of landscape, Land Art, and Earthworks.

Fall 2010 to Spring 2011

• Cornell University, Department of Architecture, "Introduction to the History of Architecture and Urbanism Survey,"

Teaching Assistant: guest-lectured and taught graduate and undergraduate sections.

Fall 2009 to Spring 2010

• Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Architecture, "First year studio," Visiting lecturer: taught studio course.

Summer 2009

Education

Ph.D. May 2012—Cornell University

History of Architecture and Urbanism, Department of Architecture

Dissertation: "Building Siam: A History of Leisure, Race, and Nationalism in Thai Architecture, 1910 - 1973"

Prof. D. Medina Lasansky

Major Field: History of Architecture and Urbanism

Prof. Anne Blackburn

Minor Field: Asian Studies/Asian Religions

Prof. Tamara Loos Minor Field: History

Prof. Emeritus Benedict R.O'G. Anderson

Minor Field: Government/Comparative Politics

M.A. 2006—Cornell University

History of Architecture and Urbanism, Department of Architecture

Thesis: "Ambivalent Modernity: Instabilities of the imperial project in the Empire Stadium at Wembley during the early 20th century."

B.A. 1986—New York University

German and Chinese

Publications

Refereed journals

"A Tale of Two Pyres: Thai funeral architecture and the modern cosmologies of the nation-state"

"The city and the city: race, nationalism, and architecture in early 20th-century Bangkok"

"Review of Colonialist Frames, Nationalist Histories: Imperial Legacies, Architecture, and Modernity"

"Krung thep/sampheng: neung muang song nakhorn chua chat sathapatyakam lae chat niyom nai Krungthep ton satawat thi 20 กรุงเทพฯ/สำเพ็ง: หนึ่งเมืองสองนคร เชื้อชาติ สถาปัตยกรรม และ ชาตินิยมในกรุงเทพฯ ต้นศตาวรรษที่ 20 (Bangkok/Sampheng: one polity two cities)"

"Sala Chaloem Krung cinema: design review"

Review of Chatri Prakitnontakan, The Art and Architecture of the People's Party

Book chapters

"Queering the Inner Palace: King Rama VI and the architecture of gay absolutism"

Under review at the Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians Journal of Urban History, 2014 (40) 5, pp. 933-958.

Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review, Fall 2013, pp. 87-88.

Aan อ้าน journal, July-December 2013, pp. 126-145.

Senses and Society 7(2), 2011, pp. 216-221.

New Mandala, online journal of Southeast Asian Studies, hosted by Australian National University, August 12, 2010 (2 pages).

Chapter in Suffragette City: Gender, Politics, and the Built Environment (London and New York: Routledge, 2019).

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"The Aesthetic Citizen: modernism and fascism in mid-20th-century Bangkok"

Chapter in Questioning Southeast Asia's Architecture: Epistemology, Networks and Power (Singapore: NUS Press, 2018)

The Garden of Liberation: emptiness and engagement at Suan Mokkh, Chaiya, Thailand"

Chapter in *Handbook of Socially*Engaged Architecture (London and
New York: Routledge, 2017)

"Contemporary Buddhist Architecture: From Reliquary to Theme Park" Chapter in Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Buddhism (Oxford: OUP, 2016), 436-452.

"Life in Marvelous Times: architecture, hip hop, and utopia"

Chapter in *Archi*pop* anthology (London: Bloomsbury, 2015), pp. 193-206.

"Honey, I Shrunk the Nation State: spatializing history in the Thai nationalist theme park" Chapter in *Archi*pop* anthology (London: Bloomsbury, 2015), pp. 75-88.

Who is this who is coming?" catalog essay

Main essay in *Jessica Rankin:* Skyfolds, 1941-2010 (London: White Cube, 2012), pp. 32-41.

"The End of the World as We Know It: Spatial Networks, Religion, and Violence" Chapter in Peter Eisenmann:
Promenade...Through the Present
Future (Galicia: Foundation for
the City of Culture of Galicia,
2011), pp. 120-140.
Chapter in Paul Pfeiffer:

"Jerusalem: violence, space, and mimesis in the work of Paul Pfeiffer"

Monologue (Leon: Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Castilla y Léon, 2009), pp. 103-110.

"In Praise of Shadows: The Rural Mythology of Samuel Mockbee"

Chapter in Rural Studio: Samuel Mockbee and an Architecture of Decency (New York: Princeton

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Architectural Press, 2002), pp. 163-172.

"Black City," an essay on architectural themes in the work of Julie Mehretu Chapter in *Julie Mehretu* (Ostfildern: Hatje Cantz, 2006), pp. 10-19.

Non-refereed art magazines

"Interview with Apichatpong Weerasethakul"

Bomb magazine (114, Winter 2011), pp. 40-47.

"An Odd Circuit: Shu Lea Cheang's Online Road Trip"

Art Asia Pacific 27, 2000, pp. 51-

Book review of "E-Topia: Urban Life, Jim—But Not As We Know It," by William J. Mitchell"

Bookforum, Winter 1999, p. 35.

"Unusually Moving Pictures: The Whitney Biennial 1993"

Artforum, May 1993, p. 108.

Authored and edited books

Gold by the Inch: a novel

(New York: Grove Press 1998,

paperback 2000)

Collapsing New Buildings (editor)

(New York: Kaya Press, 1996)

Related Work Experience

• Historical researcher and writer, "Mural," by Julie Mehretu: co-wrote successful proposal and researched architectural images.

2007-2009

• Historical researcher and site manager, "Orpheus Descending," by Paul Pfeiffer: collaborated with visual artist Paul Pfeiffer on a public art project.

April 15-June 28, 2001

• Editor and writer: wrote reviews and articles for *Artforum*, *Art & Text*, *Bomb*, *Flash Art*, *frieze*, and *the Village Voice*.

1986-2000

Fellowships and Grants

Research Fellowships

• Freiburg Institute of Advanced Research (€25,000).

2018

• International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden (€19,000).

2017-2018

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• Asian Cultural Council Research Fellowship (\$3,000).	2015-2016
• Central New York Humanities Corridor Visiting Scholar Research Fellowship (\$2,500).	2013-2014
• International Dissertation Research Fellowship awarded for research in Thailand by the Social Science Research Council (\$30,000).	2008-2009
• ENITS Research Fellowship awarded for research in Thailand by Chulalongkorn University (\$2,500).	2009
 Milton Barnett Fellowship awarded for research at British Library and Public Records Office by Cornell University (\$1,500). <u>Scholarships</u> 	2006
• SAGE Graduate Fellowships awarded by Cornell University (\$35,000).	2011-2012, 2004-2005
• Mellon Graduate Fellowship awarded by the Society for the Humanities, Cornell University (\$40,000).	2010-2011
• Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships awarded by Cornell University (\$35,000).	2004-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008
Travel Grants	
• SAHARA Travel Fellowship awarded by the Society of Architectural Historians for photographing the architecture of the People's Party in Thailand (\$2,500).	2011
• A. Henry Detweiler Travel Grants awarded by the Department of Architecture at Cornell University to present a paper at the 2011 Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, the 2010 College Art Association Annual Meeting, the 2009 International Historians of Asian Conference in Singapore, and to conduct field research in Thailand (\$1,500).	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
• Cornell Graduate Student Conference Travel Grants to attend the 2011 Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting and the 2010 College Art Association Annual Meeting (\$1,000).	2010, 2011
• Scott Opler Graduate Student Fellowship awarded by the Society of Architectural Historians to present a paper at the 2007 Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting (\$950).	2007
• Mario Einaudi Travel Research Grant awarded by the Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University to	2006

conduct archival research in London (\$1,500).

Language Grants

• Advanced Study of Thai Summer Program Fellowship to study Thai in Chiang Mai (declined) 2007, 2008

• Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship to study intermediate Thai (\$5,500).

2005

Presentations

Manuals and models of queer utopia: intersecting transregionalism and the reorganization of the building trades in early 20th-century Bangkok

"Picturesque Modernities: Architectural Regionalism as a Global Process," German Center for Art History, Paris, 2016

Architects of Buddhist leisure: Justin McDaniel's study of "non-engaged architecture"

American Academy of Religions
Annual Conference, San
Antonio, 2016
Society of Architectural

Dusit Thani: queer landscape utopia of the early 20th century

Historians Annual Conference, Pasadena, CA, 2016

Invisible utopias: civilizing the recreational spaces of early 20th-century Bangkok cinemas

European Architectural History Network, Dublin, 2016

Modernism, monumentalism, and mistranslation in mid-20th-century Bangkok

Southeast Asia Architecture Research Collaborative Symposium, National University of Singapore, 2015.

Mistranslation and monumentalism in transnational Asian architecture

Rethinking Art History: Writing/Making Modern and Contemporary Asian Art Histories, Museum of Fine Arts Houston/Rice University, 2014

Diaspora, labor, and form in Modern Thai Architecture

Society of Architectural Historians, Annual Conference, Buffalo, 2013 Architecture and the formation of the Modern Self in post-1932 Thailand Association of Asian Studies, Annual Conference, San Diego, 2013

The City and the City: Migration and early 20th-century Bangkok

Urban History Association, Biannual Conference, New York, 2012

"Chinese Labor, Siamese Poetry, and the Racialization of Urban Space in late 19th - and early 20th - century Bangkok"

Social Science Research Council's Inter-Asian Connections III, University of Hong Kong, June 2012

"Building in Thailand, Building in Ferro-concrete (1932 to 1951): using labor, materials, and capital to examine the global history of modern architecture"

Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference, Detroit, April 2012

"Race, Labor, and the Production of Modern Siamese Architecture in the early 20th century" College Art Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, 2012

"A Tale of Two Corpses: Political Power and Funeral Architecture in Early 20th century Bangkok"

Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu, March 2011; SEAP Graduate Student Symposium, Cornell, March 2011

"Smells Like Class Conflict: Odor, Absolutism, and the Architecture of Early 20th Century Bangkok Cinemas"

International Historians of Asia Annual Conference, April 2009, Singapore

"Already Weeds are Writing the Scriptures: Painting, Architecture and the Modern monastic complex at Suan Mokkh" Society of Architectural Historians panel, College Art Association Annual Conference, Chicago, February 2010

"Revolution, Concrete, and Light: Modern Monastic Architecture in Thailand after the Overthrow of the Absolute Monarchy" Place/No Place: Spatial Aspects of Asian Urban Religiosity conference, Syracuse University, October, 2009. "You Can Stick Your England Up Your Arse: Imperial Instabilities at Wembley's Empire Stadium Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, April 2007

"All Tomorrow's Parties: Utopia, Modernism and the Public Sphere in the work of Rirkrit Tiravanija"

"A Chink in the Works: Building, Dwelling, and Translating Zhang Bishi's Penang Mansion" SEAP-Cornell Brown Bag
Presentation, February 2006;
Sarasatr 10 conference,
Chulalongkorn University,
Bangkok, October 2006
South East Asian Studies
Regional Exchange Program,
Chiang Mai, December 2005,
SEAP-Cornell Graduate
Student Conference, March,
2005

Exhibitions Curated

 Apichatpong Weerasethakul, "Fireworks" exhibition, Urban Video Project, projection on Everson Museum plaza, Syracuse, New York September-November, 2016

• "Global Aesthetics" film program at the Cornell Cinema

May, 2011

 "Houses of Emptiness: Suan Mokkh and the Architecture of the Modern Monastic Complex," photography exhibition at the Hartell Gallery, Cornell University October, 2009

Conferences and Conference Sessions Organized

 "Critical Asia: cinema and the urban condition" working group, Central New York Humanities Corridor co-organizer 2014-present

 "Industry, Utopia, and Modern World Architecture," coorganizer of panel at College Art Association, Annual Conference

2014

• "Asia Forum," organized colloquium series of new faculty research in Asian Studies, Hamilton College

2013-2014

• "Producing Publics," Co-organizer of graduate student conference in the History of Architecture and Urban

2011

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Development, Cornell University • "Spectacles and the Southeast Asian City," Session organizer at	2011
Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference	
 "Actions of Architecture: Space, Spectacle, and Violence in the Making of the Public Sphere," Session organizer and moderator at Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference, Cornell University 	2008
• "Under Construction: Working Sessions in the History of Architecture and Urbanism," co-organizer, Cornell University	2005-2007
Service	
University Senate, Syracuse University	2016-2017
 Academic Integrity panel chair, Syracuse University 	2016-2017
• Search Committee, School of Architecture, Syracuse University	2016-2017
• Lecture committee, School of Architecture, Syracuse University: programmed and organized lectures, hosted visiting lecturers.	2014-2016
 Hamilton Oneida Prison Education Project: Taught John Berger's Ways of Seeing and E.H. Gombrich's Story of Art to inmates at Marcy Correctional Facility 	2013-2014
 Board of Directors, Denniston Hill: Fundraise and co-direct programming for not-for-profit arts center 	2008-present
Affiliations/Memberships	
Society of Architectural Historians	2004-present
College Art Association	2009-present
• Association of Asian Studies	2010-present
Languages	

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- Thai, Fluent reading and speaking
- Chinese (Mandarin), Advanced reading and speaking
- German, Advanced reading
- French, Advanced reading
- Khmer, Intermediate reading and speaking