

# Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 1994–1997 Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology, University of Hawai`i at Manoa (awarded August 1997)
- 1992–1994 Master of Arts, Anthropology, University of Hawai`i at Manoa (awarded August 1994)
- 1985–1989 Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, double honors in English & Philosophy, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, VA, USA (awarded May 1989)

### APPOINTMENTS HELD

- 2010–present Senior Lecturer, Anthropology and Sociology Section, School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang
- 2009–2010 Consultant on the project, “Contemporary Ethnography” of the Penan of ulu Belaga, Sarawak (consultancy with Chemsain, on contract to the State Planning Unit, of the state government of Sarawak, Malaysia)
- 2007 Visiting Fellow, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University
- 2003–2004 William F. Quillian, Jr., Visiting International Professor, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, USA
- 2002–2003 Outreach Coordinator, the Mobilizing Malaysians on Climate Change awareness raising campaign, Centre for Technology, Environment and Development (CETDEM), Kuala Lumpur
- 1998–2000 Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Japan. With a MONBUSHO Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows (*Tokubetsu Kenkyuin Shorei-hi*) from the Ministry of Education, Government of Japan
- 1997–1998 Project Sociologist on the Identification of Potential Protected Areas component of the Sabah Biodiversity Conservation Project (a project of the state Government of Sabah, East Malaysia and the World Wide Fund for Nature, Malaysia)
- 1992 Features reporter, *The Star* newspaper

### GRANTS

- 2019 Fieldwork equipment assistance from Idea Wild (<https://ideawild.org/>)
- 2019–2020 Conservation Grant, The Habitat Foundation, to support the project “Songs of the gibbons: An ethnoprimate approach to conservation of the

- Hylobatidae”
- 2018–2020 Exploration Grant, National Geographic Society, to support the project “Hunters and gibbon conservation in Malaysia: Investigating the potential of ethnoprimateological, acoustic, and visual methods with Batek hunter-gatherers”
- 2018–2021 Research University [Individual] Grant from Universiti Sains Malaysia “Voices of Malaysian gibbons: Conservation of threatened species using acoustic and ethnoprimateological methods” (Nadine Ruppert, Principal Investigator)
- 2017 Humboldt Kolleg funding, to support the workshop “New Dialogues between Anthropology and Performance Studies,” Penang, 6–10 August 2018
- 2017 Conference grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation, to support the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, 23–27 July 2018
- 2010–2011 USM Incentive Grant to work on *Environmental change and communities in Malaysia*
- 2005–2006 Asia Fellowship from the Asian Scholarship Foundation, to work on the project *Environment, knowledge and memory in Sambor Prey Kuk, Cambodia*
- 1999 Research funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation awarded through the project, “The Institutional Context of Biodiversity Conservation in Southeast Asia: Trans-national, cross-sectoral, and interdisciplinary approaches;” Michael R. Dove and Percy S. Sajise, principal investigators
- 1995 Research funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation awarded through the project, “The Conditions of Biodiversity Maintenance in Asia: The policy linkages between environmental conservation and sustainable development;” Michael R. Dove and Percy S. Sajise, principal investigators
- 1995 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
- 1995 Fieldstudy award, East-West Center

#### AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021–2022 Fulbright Malaysian Scholar in the United States (hosted at Yale University’s School of the Environment)
- 2015 Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany, hosted as visiting scholar at the Global South Studies Centre, Cologne University
- 2013 EMEA Staff Exchange Mobility Scholarship from the Erasmus Mundus Foundation to work on hunter-gatherer studies; attachment at the Department of Anthropology, University College London, July-August
- 2001 Visiting Fellowship, Resource Management in Asia-Pacific, Human Geography, Research School for Asian & Pacific Studies, Australian National University
- 2001–2003 various visiting appointments, National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan

- 1998 Visiting Fellowship, Institute of East Asian Studies, University Malaysia Sarawak, Kuching
- 1992–1997 Degree Fellowship, East-West Center

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

- 2023 *Why can't we take more? / Mengapa kita tak boleh berlebihan?* Co-writer with Dendangan Hep and ?eyCaŋkây. Petaling Jaya: Matahari Books (bilingual children's book)
- 2005 *Migration and the social ecology of tropical forests*. Kyoto: Kyoto University Press. Co-editor with Wil de Jong (primary) and Ken-ichi Abe
- 2004 *Changing pathways: Forest degradation and the Batek of Pahang, Malaysia*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books [Malaysian edition published in 2005 by SIRD, Petaling Jaya]
- 2003 *The political ecology of tropical forests in Southeast Asia: Historical perspectives*. Kyoto: Kyoto Area Studies on Asia, Kyoto University Press and Melbourne: TransPacific Press. Co-editor (primary) with Wil de Jong and Ken-ichi Abe
- 2001 *Orang Asli of Peninsular Malaysia: A comprehensive and annotated bibliography*. CSEAS Research Report Series no. 88. Kyoto: Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University. Editor

### *Articles*

- 2023 (forthcoming) Mentor, friend, companion, and so much else. In: *Scholar activist Khoo Khay Jin: reflections on Sarawak Malaysia and globalization*, ed. Francis Loh Kok Wah. Kuala Lumpur: SIRD.
- 2022 Images of self and other in an ethnohistory of the Batek of Pahang, Malaysia. In *Borneo at Heart. Tribute to Bernard Sellato, the Argonaut of the Tropical Forest*, edited by Pierre Le Roux, Alexander Adelaar and Bernard Moizo. France: Le Murmure.
- 2021 "Other ways of remembering." New Mandala 27 September (<https://www.newmandala.org/other-ways-of-remembering/>)
- 2021 "Tracking with Batek hunter-gatherers of Malaysia," in *Reading prehistoric human tracks: methods and material*. Edited by A. Pastoors & T. Lenssen-Erz, pp. 345–362. Cham, Switzerland: Springer
- 2016 "Signaling presence: How Batek and Penan hunter-gatherers in Malaysia mark the landscape," in *Marking the land: hunter-gatherer creation of meaning in their environment*. Edited by William Lovis and Robert Whallon, pp. 231–260. London and New York: Routledge
- 2016 Batek playing Batek for tourists at Peninsular Malaysia's national park. *Hunter Gatherer Research* 2(1): 95–118. Co-author with Kirk Endicott (primary), Nurul Fatanah Zahari, and Alice Rudge
- 2013 Making friends in the rainforest: Reflections on "Negrito" adaptation to risk and uncertainty. *Human Biology* 85 (1–3):417–444
- 2011 A history of Orang Asli studies: Landmarks and generations. *Kajian Malaysia: Journal of Malaysian Studies* 29, Supplement 1: 23–52

- 2011 “The wild and the tame in protected areas management, Peninsular Malaysia,” in *Complicating conservation in Southeast Asia: beyond the sacred forest*. Ecologies for the 21st Century. Edited by Michael R. Dove, et al, pp. 37–61. Durham, NC: Duke University Press
- 2008 Being forest peoples: Globalizing local sustainability. *Moussons: Social Science Research on Southeast Asia* 12:35–48
- 2008 “Before a step too far: Walking with Batek hunter-gatherers in the forests of Pahang, Malaysia,” in *Ways of walking: ethnography and practice on foot*. Edited by Tim Ingold and Jo Lee Vergunst, pp. 21–34. Aldershot, Hants: Ashgate Publishers
- 2005 The meanings of trees: Forest and identity for the Batek of Pahang, Malaysia. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 6:249–261
- 2005 “Uneasy bedfellows? Contrasting models of biodiversity maintenance in Malaysia,” in *Conserving nature in culture: case studies from Southeast Asia*. Edited by Michael R. Dove, et al., pp. 83–116. New Haven: Yale Southeast Asia Council Press
- 2005 “The road to equality? Landscape transformation and the Batek of Pahang, Malaysia,” in *Property and equality, vol. 2: encapsulation, commercialisation, discrimination*. Edited by Thomas Widlok and Wolde Gossa Tadesse, pp. 90–103. Oxford: Berghann
- 2005 “Migration and the social ecology of tropical forests,” in *Migration and the social ecology of tropical forests*. Edited by Wil De Jong, et al. Kyoto: Kyoto University Press. Co-author with Wil de Jong (primary) and Ken-ichi Abe
- 2003 “The political ecology of tropical forests in Southeast Asia: Historical roots of modern problems,” in *The political ecology of tropical forests in Southeast Asia: historical perspectives*. Edited by Lye Tuck-Po, et al., pp. 1–28. Kyoto: Kyoto Area Studies on Asia, Kyoto University Press and Melbourne: TransPacific Press. Co-author with Wil de Jong (primary) and Ken-ichi Abe
- 2002 The significance of forest to the emergence of Batek knowledge in Pahang, Malaysia. *Southeast Asian Studies* 40(1):3–21
- 2002 “Forest peoples, conservation boundaries, and the problem of ‘modernity’ in Malaysia,” in *Tribal communities in the Malay world: historical, cultural and social perspectives*. Edited by Geoffrey Benjamin and Cynthia Chou, pp. 160–184. Leiden: IIAS and Singapore: ISEAS
- 2000 Forest, Bateks, and degradation: Environmental representations in a changing world. *Southeast Asian Studies* 38:165–184
- 1999 Conservation and the Orang Sungai of the lower Sugut, Sabah: Preliminary notes. *Borneo Research Bulletin* 30:46–65. Primary author, with Grace Wong

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023–2024 Editorial Board, *Environmental Research Letters*  
<https://iopscience.iop.org/journal/1748-9326>
- 2020–2023 Member, Environment and Anthropology Committee, Royal Anthropological Institute (UK)
- 2018 Co-organiser, expert group workshop on “New Dialogues between Anthropology and Performance Studies,” Penang, 6–10 August

- 2016–2018 Convenor, the Twelfth International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, 23–27 July, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang
- 2015–2021 Founding President, the International Society for Hunter Gatherer Research
- 2015 International Organising Committee, the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, 7–11 September, Vienna
- 2011 Member of the Executive Programming Committee, Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal

### TEACHING & TRAINING (selected list)

#### *Supervision (Ph.D.)*

- Zhangdi, “Miao bullfights in the Qing Shui river, China” (2021- )
- Nurul Iza Adrina binti Mohd Rameli, “Taburan, kepadatan, dan status konservasi ungka di landskap Taman Negara Pahang yang lebih besar” (2016-2021; co-supervisor)
- Kuah Li Feng, “Interpreting George Town World Heritage Site through sensory ethnography” (2017-2020)
- Nur Mohammad Majumder, “Indigenous knowledge of upland tree management: a study of the Khasi of Northeast Bangladesh” (2012-2016)
- Por Heong Hong, “Nation and bodies re-imagined: the politics of healthcare in post-war Peninsular Malaysia 1945-2012” (2008-2012; co-supervisor)

#### *Courses taught (Universiti Sains Malaysia)*

##### *(1) Regular & semi-regular*

- 2014– Anthropology and the Environment
- 2014– Ethnography (focused on visual ethnography)
- 2011– Societies and Cultures of Southeast Asia

##### *(2) One-off*

- 2020 Ethnographies of Human-Animal Relations (Anthropology & Sociology Seminar)
- 2017 Living with Animals (Anthropology & Sociology Seminar)
- 2015 Mobilities, Changing Places, and Anthropology (Anthropology & Sociology Seminar)
- 2013–2014 Sociology of the Family
- 2011 Gender, Ideology and Power

#### *Other (one-off training; guest lectures)*

- 2021 *Hunter-gatherers*. Guest lecturer to the class “Political and Legal Anthropology”, Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, 30 March.
- 2018 *Glocalisation and indigenous peoples*. Lecture, International Summer School in Southeast Asian Studies on “Glocalization in Vietnam,” organised by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Hanoi, Vietnam, 3–14 September
- 2018 *Senses of place: Notes toward a methodology*. Lecture, Anatomy of George Town #2 workshop, Chennai, India, 31 March–4 April
- 2018 *Anthropological study of place and space*. Lecture, Chennai-Penang: Anatomy of George Town #2 workshop, George Town, Penang, 1 March
- 2016 *Frontiers and borderlands*. Guest lecture, Politics of regionalism in Southeast Asia (Minor in Southeast Asian Studies programme), USM, 31 November
- 2014–2016 *Other ways of remembering*. Lecture, Humboldt Universität Zu Berlin-Universitas Gadjah Mada-Universiti Sains Malaysia Joint International Summer School in Southeast Asian Studies “The Return of the Past: Memory Making &

- Heritage in Southeast Asia”
- 2014 *Knowledge, research, ethics*. Guest lecture, Research Methods (Masters in Public Administration programme), USM, 3 December
- 2014 *Fieldwork: Myths, conjectures, corrections*. Lecture, School of the Arts Postgraduate Research Colloquium, USM, Penang
- 2013 *The field is wherever I am*. Lecture, Kelab ANSOS (anthropology and sociology club), USM, 15 November
- 2012 *Nature and culture in Japan*. Guest lecture, MA programme in Asian / European Studies, USM, 13 May
- 2012–2013 *State, society, environment*. Lecture, Universiti Sains Malaysia–Humboldt Universität zu Berlin Joint Summer School in Southeast Asian Studies
- 2006 Initiated and taught a two-week field training course in Kampong Thom, Cambodia, for students of the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh, focusing on anthropological methods and studying seed exchanges and rice-growing agroecosystems
- 2004 *Ethnic minorities and the state in Southeast Asia*. Quillian Public Lecture, Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, Lynchburg, VA, 5 April
- 2003 *Political ecology of tropical forests in Asia: Historical perspectives*. Lecture, Forestry and Forest Products Institute, Tsukuba, Japan
- 1997–1998 Occasional resource person on the Certificate Training Courses in Applied Ethnobotany, WWF-UNESCO-Kew People and Plants initiative, Southeast Asia programme (held in Sabah)

#### MEMBERSHIPS (current only)

International Society for Hunter Gatherer Research; American Anthropological Association (USA); Society of Ethnobiology; Royal Anthropological Institute (UK); Aliran (NGO; Malaysia’s first multi-ethnic reform movement dedicated to justice, freedom and solidarity)

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE (recent)

- 2023 Judge, Streets of Harmony Photo Competition organized by the Penang Harmony Corporation (HARMONICO)
- 2020 Member, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Gibbon National Conservation Action Plan (Thematic Working Group: Local Indigenous Knowledge and Conservation Tools)
- 2018 Judge - Pinang Fiesta 2018 #UsahawanPinang X Young Photographer Contest Final, Penang, 3 June
- 2013(?)–2020 Member of Exco, Aliran