

Curriculum Vitae
DANIEL MAINS
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POSITIONS HELD

- August 2017 to Present Wick Cary Associate Professor of Anthropology and African Studies, Honors College, University of Oklahoma
- 2011 August to July 2017 Wick Cary Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African Studies, Honors College, University of Oklahoma
- 2009 September to 2011 July Faculty Fellow, Department of Anthropology and African-American Studies Program, Colby College
- 2007 July to 2009 June Postdoctoral Research Fellow, African and African-American Studies Program, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2007, Winter and Spring Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of California at Davis

EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D. Emory University, Department of Anthropology
Thesis: *“We Are Only Sitting and Waiting”*: Aspirations, Unemployment, and Status among Urban Young Men in Jimma, Ethiopia
- 2003 MA Emory University, Department of Anthropology
- 1998 Volunteer Training, Peace Corps Ethiopia
Two month training in Oromo and Amharic Languages and Teaching English as a Second Language
- 1997 BS Lewis & Clark College, Department of Philosophy

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2022 University of Oklahoma, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Seed Grant, “Growth, Citizenship, and the Politics of Water in Norman, Oklahoma”
- 2021 Friends of Blue Thumb Water Quality Grant; Supports the design and production of a sign regarding water quality in Bishop Creek at Eastwood Park, Norman, OK
- 2017 – 2018 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers, “Technologies of Development: Infrastructure and Governance in Urban Ethiopia,” Leibniz-ZMO, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 University of Oklahoma, Institute for Human Flourishing, Course Development Award, “Consumer Cultures and the Ethics of Shopping”

2017, January	University of Oklahoma, Humanities Forum, Manuscript Development Workshop Award, “Technologies of Development: Infrastructure and Governance in Urban Ethiopia”
2016, Spring	University of Oklahoma, Office of the Vice President for Research, Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship
2015, August	Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin, Germany, Visiting Research Scholarship
2015 & 2012	University of Oklahoma, Office of the Vice President for Research, Junior Faculty Fellowship
2014	United States Embassy Addis Ababa, Public Affairs Section Grant funding Culture, Technology and Development Conference at Hawassa University
2013 – 2014	Institute for International Education, Fulbright Research and Teaching Grant, “Roads, Transportation, and Culture in Hawassa, Ethiopia”
2013	Finalist, Society for the Anthropology of Work Book Award
2011	University of Oklahoma, Office of the Vice President for Research, International Travel Grant
2008 – 2010	National Science Foundation, Field Research Grant, Co-Principal Investigator “Poverty, Social Change, and Shifting Expectations: The Makings of Mental Health Disorders among Ethiopian Adolescents”
2007 – 2009	Washington University in St. Louis, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
2005 – 2006	Emory University Graduate School, Graduate Student Fellowship
2003 – 2004	Fulbright-Hays, Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant “Desire and Opportunity among Urban Youth in Ethiopia”
2002 & 2003	Emory University Graduate School, Fund for Internationalization Grant “Desire and Opportunity among Urban Youth in Ethiopia”
2001 – 2002	Ford Foundation, Vernacular Modernities Fellowship
2001 & 2002	Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Sawyer Seminar Graduate Research Awards
2001	Emory University Institute for African Studies, Summer Research Grant
2000 – 2003	Emory University Graduate School, Graduate Student Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2019 Under Construction: Technologies of Development in Urban Ethiopia. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2012 Hope is Cut: Youth, Unemployment and The Future in Urban Ethiopia. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Peer Reviewed Articles and Chapters

- 2021 Mains, Daniel and Robel Mulat (co-authors). The Ethiopian Developmental State and Struggles Over the Reproduction of Young Migrant Women's Labor at the Hawassa Industrial Park. *Journal of Eastern African Studies*. 15(3):359-377.
- 2021 Friendships, Fieldwork, and the (De)Construction of Knowledge. *In Field Stories: Experiences, Affect, and the Lessons of Anthropology in the Twenty-First Century*. William H. Leggett and Ida Fadzillah Leggett, eds. Lanham: Lexington Books.
- 2020 Stasik, Michael, Valerie Hansch, and Daniel Mains. Introduction to Special Issue: Temporalities of Waiting in Africa. *Critical African Studies*. 12(1):1-9.
- 2017 Too Much Time: Changing Conceptions of Boredom, Progress, and the Future among Young Men in Urban Ethiopia, 2003 – 2015. *Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*. 78:38-51.
Reprinted in 2020. *In The Culture of Boredom*. Josefa Ros Velasco, ed. Leiden: Brill.
- 2017 Mains, Daniel (lead author) and Eshetayehu Kinfu. Governing Three-wheeled Motorcycle Taxis in Urban Ethiopia: States, Markets and Moral Discourses of Infrastructure. *American Ethnologist*. 44(2):263-274.
- 2016 Mains, Daniel (lead author) and Eshetayehu Kinfu. Making the City of Nations and Nationalities: The Politics of Ethnicity and Roads in Hawassa, Ethiopia. *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 54(4):645-669.
- 2016 Lynch, Caitrin and Daniel Mains (co-authors). Epilogue: Rethinking the Value of Work and Unemployment. *In Anthropologies of Unemployment: The Changing Study of Work and Its Absence*. Carrie Lane and Jong Bum Kwon, eds. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- 2016 Youth Unemployment, Progress, and Shame in Urban Ethiopia. *In Anthropologies of Unemployment: The Changing Study of Work and Its Absence*. Carrie Lane and Jong Bum Kwon, eds. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- 2015 Reconnecting Hope: Khat Consumption, Time, and Mental Wellbeing among Unemployed Young Men in Jimma, Ethiopia. *In Global Mental Health*. Brandon Kohrt and Emily Mendenhall, eds. Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press.

- 2013 Friends and Money: Balancing Affection and Reciprocity among Young Men in Urban Ethiopia. *American Ethnologist*. 40(2):335-346.
- 2013 Mains, Daniel (lead author) and Craig Hadley and Fasil Tessema. Chewing Over the Future: Khat Consumption, Anxiety, Depression, and Time among Young Men in Jimma, Ethiopia. *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*. 37(1):111-130.
- 2012 Blackouts and Progress: Privatization, Infrastructure, and a Developmentalist State in Jimma, Ethiopia. *Cultural Anthropology*. 27(1):3-27.
- 2012 Young Men's Struggles for Adulthood in Urban Ethiopia: Unemployment, Masculinity, and Migration. In *Young Men in Uncertain Times*. Vered Amit and Noel Dyck, eds. Oxford and New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2012 Cynicism and Hope: Urban Youth and Relations of Power During the 2005 Ethiopian National Election. In *Contested Power: Traditional Authorities and Elections in Ethiopia*. Tobias Hagmann and Kjetil Tronvoll, ed. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers.
- 2007 Neoliberal Times: Progress, Boredom, and Shame among Young Men in Urban Ethiopia. *American Ethnologist*. 34(4):659-673.
- 2004 Drinking, Rumour and Ethnicity in Jimma, Ethiopia. *Africa*. 74(3):341-360.

Reviews, Short Articles, and Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2021 Adventures in Infrastructure Forum: Introduction. *City and Society* 33(2).
- 2019 Book Review: Masquelier, Adeline 2019. *Fada: Boredom and Belonging in Niger*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. *American Anthropologist* 121(4):955-956.
- 2018 Co-Editor: *Urban Governance and Social Transformation in Africa*. Tesfaye Semela and Daniel Mains, eds. Hawassa: Hawassa University Press.
- 2018 Youth Unemployment as a Product of Urbanization in Ethiopia. In *Urban Governance and Social Transformation in Africa*. Tesfaye Semela and Daniel Mains, eds. Hawassa: Hawassa University Press.
- 2017 Book Review: Gagliardone, Iginio 2016. *Politics of Technology in Africa: Communication, Development, and Nation-Building in Ethiopia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*. 50(2):353 – 355.
- 2016 Book Review: Hahn, Peter Hans and Kristin Kastner 2012. *Urban Life-Worlds in Motion: African Perspectives*. Piscataway, NJ: Transaction Publishers. *Technology and Culture*. 57(4): 1030 – 1032.

- 2015 Youth, Infrastructure, and the Taming of Contingency in Urban Ethiopia. Comment on “The Possibilities are Endless: Progress and the Taming of Contingency,” by Katrin Bromber, Paolo Gaibazzi, Franziska Roy, Abdoulaye Soundaye, and Julian Tadesse. ZMO Programmatic Texts No. 9.
- 2014 Book Review: Smith, Lahra 2013. *Making Citizens in Africa: Ethnicity, Gender, and National Identity in Ethiopia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *African Studies Review*. 57(3):219-220.
- 2014 Editor: Proceedings for the First National Conference on Culture, Technology, and Development in Ethiopia at Hawassa University. Hawassa: Hawassa University Press.
- 2014 Mains, Daniel (lead author) and Eshetayehu Kinfu. The Impacts of Asphalt Roads and Urban Development on Livelihoods in Hawassa, Ethiopia. *In Proceedings for the First National Conference on Culture, Technology, and Development in Ethiopia at Hawassa University*. Daniel Mains, ed. Hawassa: Hawassa University Press.
- 2014 Introduction. *In Proceedings for the First National Conference on Culture, Technology, and Development in Ethiopia at Hawassa University*. Daniel Mains, ed. Hawassa: Hawassa University Press.
- 2012 Book Review: Ivaska, Andrew 2011. *Cultured States: Youth, Gender, and Modern Style in 1960s Dar es Salaam*. Durham: Duke University Press. *American Ethnologist*. 39(3):633.
- 2012 Book Review: Steffen, Charles 2011. *Mutilating Khalid: The Symbolic Politics of Female Genital Cutting*. Trenton, NJ: Red Sea Press. *Northeast African Studies*. 12(1):325-327.
- 2009 Book Review: Hansen, Karen Tranberg and Anne Line Dalsgaard, Katherine V. Gough, Ulla Ambrosius Madsen, Karen Valentin, and Norbert Wildermuth 2008. *Youth and the City in the Global South*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. *Social Anthropology*. 17(3):356-357.
- 2007 Ethiopia, Modern: Society and Cultures. *In New Encyclopedia of Africa, Second Edition*. John Middleton and Joseph Miller, Eds. New York: C. Scribner’s Sons.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Taught

- University of Oklahoma,
Honors College
- African Migrations* (2020 to Present)
 - Consumer Cultures and the Ethics of Shopping* (2018 to Present)
 - Cultures and Capitalisms* (2012 to 2016)
 - Cultures of Modernity* (2015 to 2017)
 - Culture, Power, and International Development* (2011 to Present)
 - Globalizing Africa* (2012 to Present)
 - Global Youth Cultures* (2011 - 2012)
 - Directed Reading: Human Rights and Resources in the Democratic Republic of Congo* (Spring 2012)

Hawassa University, Ethiopia	<i>Ethnography of Ethiopia in the Context of Sub-Saharan Africa (Masters Level Course)</i> , Co-Taught with Mellese Mada (Spring 2014) <i>Research Methods in Anthropology (Masters Level Course)</i> (Fall 2013) <i>Urban Anthropology (Masters Level Course)</i> (Spring 2014)
Colby College	<i>Cultural Anthropology</i> (Spring 2010 and Spring 2011) <i>Culture, Mobility, Identity: Encounters in the African Diaspora</i> (Spring 2011) <i>Culture, Power, and International Development</i> (Fall 2009 and Fall 2010) <i>Global Youth Cultures</i> (Spring 2010) <i>Globalizing Africa</i> (Fall 2009 and Fall 2010)
Washington University in St. Louis	<i>Capitalism, Exchange, and Inequality in Africa</i> (Spring 2009) <i>Globalizing Africa</i> (Fall 2007 and Fall 2008) <i>Youth, Age, and Generation in Africa</i> (Spring 2008)
University of California, Davis	<i>Anthropology of Development</i> (Spring 2007) <i>Cultural Dimensions of Globalization</i> (Winter 2007)
Emory University	<i>Cultures of Africa</i> , Teaching Assistant (Fall 2002) <i>First Year Seminar: Living Across Cultures</i> , Co-Taught with Bruce Knauft (Spring 2006) <i>Introduction to Anthropology</i> , Teaching Assistant (Spring 2003)

Ph.D. Theses Supervised

2019	Eshetayehu Kinfu, "Peri-Urban Land in Ethiopia: Genesis, Dynamics, and Planning," Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Rostock
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019, September – Present	Norman, Oklahoma. Research concerning the politics of urban water infrastructure. Research methods include participant observation, interviews, and archival research.
2018, June	Hawassa, Ethiopia. Conducted research concerning labor conditions at the Hawassa Industrial Park. Conducted interviews with park managers and workers.
2017, December	Hawassa and Jimma, Ethiopia. Conducted follow-up research concerning road construction and public transportation. Followed up with youth from earlier research
2016, April	Berkeley, California, USA. Conducted interviews with employees and former employees of the anti-dam activist organization, International Rivers.
2015, June	Hawassa and Jimma, Ethiopia. Conducted follow-up research concerning road construction and public transportation. Followed up with youth from earlier research.

- 2013, September – 2014 May Hawassa, Ethiopia. Conducted research on the political and cultural dimensions of urban infrastructural development, particularly road construction and public transportation. Conducted interviews with engineers, urban planners, public transportation drivers, youth involved in road construction, city administrators, and residents in rapidly changing neighborhoods.
- 2012, June Jimma, Ethiopia. Conducted exploratory research concerning internationally funded infrastructural projects, conceptions of progress, and youth employment.
- 2009, June Jimma, Ethiopia. Conducted qualitative interviews with urban and rural youth concerning the relationship between attaining aspirations and depression. Conducted exploratory research concerning internationally funded infrastructural projects, conceptions of progress, and youth employment.
- 2008, June Jimma, Ethiopia. Trained and supervised a team of twelve data collectors in carrying out free lists and ranking exercises with urban and rural youth and parents. Data from exercises was used to assess youth and parent conceptions of a good life and develop questions for a longitudinal survey of youth. Followed-up with participants from dissertation research.
- 2003, October – 2005, May Jimma, Ethiopia. Conducted ethnographic research concerning urban youth. Methods included participant observation, structured and unstructured interviews, group discussions, ranking exercises, life histories, and collecting budgets tracking income from work and gifts.
- 2002, June and July Jimma, Ethiopia. Conducted research on the history of Jimma, Ethiopia with special attention to changing relationships between religious and ethnic groups.
- 2001, June and July Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Conducted archival research on history of Ethiopian cities at the Institute for Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 “The Epistemology of Hexavalent Chromium and Planning for Future Water in Urban Oklahoma,” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, March 23 – 27, Virtual Meeting.
- 2021 Invited Talk: “Under Construction: Struggles Over Governance, Labor, and Technology in Urban Ethiopia,” Frobenius Institute for Cultural Anthropology, Jan. 18, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2019 “Slow Traffic: Three-wheeled Motorcycle Taxis, Coffee, and Competing Mobilities in Urban Ethiopia,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Nov. 20 – 24, Vancouver, BC.
- 2019 Invited Talk: Roundtable Discussion, “Changing Ethiopia: What is the Legacy of Ethnic Federalism?” United States Institute for Peace, July 31, Washington DC.

- 2019 (Co-authored with Robel Mulat) “Constructing an Economic Boom: Industrialization, Housing, and the Reproduction of Labor in Hawassa, Ethiopia,” European Conference for African Studies, June 11 – 14, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2018 Discussant for the Panel, “Navigating Financialized Infrastructure,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Nov. 14 – 18, San Jose, CA.
- 2018 (Co-authored with Robel Mulat) “Imagining Industrialized Africa: International Capital, Industrial Parks, and Wage Labor in an Ethiopian City,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Nov. 14 – 18, San Jose, CA.
- 2018 Invited Talk: Learning About Ethiopian and Eritrean Cultures. Main Street Guymon, Oct. 14, Guymon, Oklahoma.
- 2018 Invited Talk: “Under Construction: Struggles Over Governance, Labor, and Technology in Urban Ethiopia,” Horn of Africa Seminar, Oxford University, May 15. Oxford, England.
- 2018 “Manufacturing Growth: Industrialization, Gender, and Urban Development in Hawassa, Ethiopia,” Leibniz-ZMO, May 3. Berlin, Germany.
- 2018 “Making and Unmaking the City of Nations and Nationalities: Roads and the Ethnic Politics in Hawassa, Ethiopia,” Horn of Africa Seminar, Humboldt University Institute of Asian and African Studies, Feb. 23. Berlin, Germany.
- 2017 Invited Talk: “Urban Anthropology in Ethiopia: A Brief Overview,” Workshop: Urbanization, Governance, and Social Transformation in Africa, Center for Policy and Development Research, Hawassa University, Dec. 15. Hawassa, Ethiopia.
- 2017 Invited Talk: “A Cobblestone Boom: The Temporal Politics of Cobblestone Roads in Urban Ethiopia,” Workshop: Inside a Construction Boom: Politics, Responsibility and the Temporalities of Urban Development, ULB – Institute de Sociologie, Nov. 14. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2017 Discussant for the Panel, “Critical Narratives of Possibility,” Workshop: The Production of Possibilities: Living and Governing Potential Futures in Africa, Leibniz – ZMO, Nov. 9 – 10. Berlin, Germany.
- 2017 Invited Talk: “Producing Possible Futures through Urban Infrastructure: Regulation, Improvisation and Asphalt Road Construction in Ethiopia,” Workshop: The Production of Possibilities: Living and Governing Potential Futures in Africa, Leibniz – ZMO, Nov. 9 – 10. Berlin, Germany.
- 2017 Invited Talk: “Under Construction: Infrastructure, Labor, and the State in Urban Ethiopia,” KU Leuven Cities in Development Lecture Series, October 17. Leuven, Belgium.
- 2017 Keynote Address: “Shifting Temporalities of Waiting in Urban Ethiopia, 2003 – 2015,” Workshop: Waiting in Africa, Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, Sept. 28 – 30. Bayreuth, Germany.

- 2017 “Feeling Development and Roads: Roads, Dirt, and the Affective Politics of Urban Infrastructure in Jimma, Ethiopia, 2009 – 2015,” Workshop: Infrastructure and the Making of Urban Spaces: Critical Approaches, Leibniz - ZMO, Sept. 21 – 22. Berlin, Germany.
- 2017 Invited Talk: “Governing Three-Wheeled Motorcycle Taxis in Urban Ethiopia: States, Markets, and Moral Discourses of Infrastructure,” University of Florida Center for African Studies Baraza Series, February 17. Gainesville, Florida.
- 2016 Discussant for the Panel, “Infrastructural Attachments: Histories of Ambivalence and Desire,” African Studies Association Annual Meetings, Dec. 01 – 03. Washington, DC.
- 2016 “What Can a Stone Do? The Temporal Politics of Cobblestone Roads in Urban Ethiopia,” African Studies Association Annual Meetings, December 01 – 03. Washington, DC.
- 2015 Discussant for the Panel, “Neoliberal Styles: Peculiar, Familiar, and Otherwise,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, November 18 – 22. Denver, CO.
- 2015 “Youth, Cobblestone and Contingent Futures in Urban Ethiopia,” International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, August 24 -28. Warsaw, Poland.
- 2015 Invited Talk: “Road Construction, Progress, and the Regularization of Urban Life in Ethiopia,” Leibniz - ZMO, August 18. Berlin, Germany.
- 2015 Keynote Address: “Contingent Futures: Youth, Infrastructure, and Temporality in Urban Ethiopia,” University of Chicago African Studies Workshop, “The Age of Infrastructure/ The Infrastructure of Age: Politics, Technology & Citizenship in Africa,” May 14 – 15. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 “Feeling, Mud, Dust and Roads in Urban Ethiopia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Dec. 03 – 07. Washington, DC.
- 2014 Mains, Daniel (lead author) and Eshetayehu Kinfu. “The Impacts of Asphalt Roads and Urban Development on Livelihoods in Hawassa, Ethiopia.” First National Conference on Culture, Technology, and Development, May 23. Hawassa, Ethiopia.
- 2013 “Seepage and Mud: Water and the Politics of Infrastructure in Urban Ethiopia.” Association for the Study of Literature and Environment Biennial Meeting, May 28 – June 1. Lawrence, KS.
- 2012 “Rethinking Wax and Gold: Youth and Ambiguity in Urban Ethiopia.” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 29 – Dec. 1. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2012 Discussant for the Panel, “Anthropologies of Unemployment: Disciplinary Borders and Crossings in the Study of Unemployment.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 14 – 18. San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 “Struggling for the Future: Unemployment, Aspirations, and Cultural Change among Young Men in Urban Ethiopia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 14 – 18. San Francisco, CA.

- 2011 “Productive Boredom: Time, Friendships, and Gifts among Young Men in Jimma, Ethiopia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 15 – 20. Montreal, Canada.
- 2011 Invited Talk: “Youth, Unemployment, and Hope in Urban Ethiopia.” Bates College, March 15. Lewiston, ME.
- 2010 “Chewing Over the Future: Aspirations, Khat Consumption, and Mental Health among Youth in Southwestern Ethiopia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 17 – 21. New Orleans, LA.
- 2009 Discussant for the Panel, “Intimate Transfigurations: Masculinities in Africa’s ‘Global’ Cities.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Dec. 2 – 6. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 “‘Too Much Time’: Unemployment, The Life Course, and Mental Distress among Young Men in Urban Ethiopia.” Society for Psychological Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 27-29. Pacific Grove, CA.
- 2008 “Negotiating Marriage, Fatherhood, and Masculinity among Youth in Urban Ethiopia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 19 – 23. San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 “‘The Old Culture is Useless’: Social Relationships, Market Economies, and Development in Africa.” Mid-America Association of African Studies Meeting, Oct. 17-18. St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 “‘Bad Culture’: Economic Development, Social Relationships, and Capitalism in Africa.” Department of Anthropology Socio-cultural Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis, Sept. 29, 2008. St. Louis, MO.
- 2007 “Reciprocity, Occupational Status, and Value among Young Men in Urban Ethiopia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 28 – Dec. 2. Washington, D.C.
- 2007 “Reciprocity and Hierarchies of Status among Urban Young Men in Ethiopia.” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Oct. 17 – 21. New York City, New York.
- 2007 “Progress, Boredom, and Time among Youth in Urban Ethiopia.” American Ethnological Society Meeting, May 8 – 12. Toronto, Canada
- 2006 “Spaces of Imagination: Video Houses, Police Raids, and the Construction of ‘Youth’ in Urban Ethiopia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 15 – 19, 2006. San Jose, California.
- 2005 “Unemployment and the Experience of Time among Young Urban Men in Jimma, Ethiopia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, 2005. Washington, D.C.

- 2005 “‘We Live Like Chickens, Just Eating and Sleeping’: Aspirations and Progress among Urban Young Men in Ethiopia.” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 17 - 20, 2005. Washington, D.C.
- 2004 “Working, Dreaming, and Chewing: Chat Use and Employment Among Young Men in Jimma, Ethiopia.” Workshop on Khat and the Ethiopian Reality: Production, Marketing, and Consumption, April 16, 2004. Addis Ababa University.
- 2002 "Religion, Rumor, and Political Change in Jimma, Ethiopia." African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Dec. 5 - 8, 2002. Washington, D.C.

CONFERENCES & PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2018 “Imagining Africa: Rethinking Anthropological Narratives for a Changing Continent.” Panel co-organized with Dinah Hannaford for the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Nov. 14 – 18. San Jose, California.
- 2014 First National Conference on Culture, Technology, and Development in Ethiopia, May 23. Conference co-organized with Walelign Tadesse. Hawassa, Ethiopia.
- 2013 “Africa, Water, and the Politics of Infrastructure.” Panel co-organized with Peter Soppelsa for the biennial meeting of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, May 28 – June 1. Lawrence, KS.
- 2012 “Wax and Gold Revisited: Frontiers in the Study of Youth and Modernity in Ethiopia.” Panel organized for the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Nov. 29 – Dec. 1. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2010 “Youth in Flux: Exploring Mental Health in Times of Change.” Panel co-organized with Craig Hadley for the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Nov. 17 – 21. New Orleans, LA.
- 2008 “Youth and the Struggle for Adulthood in 21st Century Africa.” Panel organized for the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Nov. 19 –23. San Francisco, California.
- 2007 “Reconsidering Stratification in Altered Economic States.” Panel co-organized with Joanna Davidson for the annual meeting of the African Studies Association. Oct. 17 – 21. New York City, New York

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Spring 2020 to Present *Advisory Board Member: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Division, University of Oklahoma*
- Fall 2019 to Present *Journal Editorial Board. City and Society.*

2007 to Present	<i>Peer Article Reviewer:</i> Africa; Africa Development; African Affairs; African Studies Review; American Anthropologist; American Ethnologist; American Sociological Review; Anthropology and Humanism; Anthropology of Work Review; Architectural Theory Review; Children's Geographies; City and Society; Cultural Anthropology; Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry; Current Anthropology; Economic Anthropology; Ethos; Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology; Extractive Industries and Society; Global Labour Journal; Journal of East African Studies; Political and Legal Anthropology Review; Political Geography; Religion, Society, and State; Social Forces; Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finish Anthropological Society; Technology and Culture
2014 to Present	<i>Peer Grant Proposal Reviewer:</i> National Science Foundation, Wellcome Trust
Spring 2021 to Present	<i>Executive Committee Member:</i> Center for Peace and Development, University of Oklahoma
Fall 2018 to Spring 2021	<i>Faculty Advisory Committee Member:</i> Arts and Humanities Forum, University of Oklahoma
2016 to 05/2021	<i>Representative:</i> Diversity and Inclusivity Academic Council, University of Oklahoma
08/2018 to 05/2021	<i>Faculty Advisory Committee Member:</i> Humanities Forum, University of Oklahoma
08/2018 to 05/2020	<i>Committee A Member (Responsible for Faculty Evaluation);</i> Honors College, University of Oklahoma
08/2018 to 05/2019 and 01/2015 to 05/2016	<i>Executive Committee Member:</i> African Studies Institute, University of Oklahoma
2015 to 05/2017	<i>Faculty Advisor:</i> Inclusivity Committee, Honors College, University of Oklahoma
2012 to 05/2017	<i>Faculty Advisor:</i> The Honors Undergraduate Research Journal, University of Oklahoma
2012 to 05/2017	<i>Committee Member:</i> Africa Regional Committee, University of Oklahoma
2012 to 05/2017	<i>Committee Member:</i> Honors College Curriculum Review Committee, University of Oklahoma

LANGUAGES

Amharic	Fluent in conversational Amharic; Basic reading ability
Oromo	Some speaking experience and familiarity with grammar and morphology
Swahili	Some speaking experience and familiarity with grammar and morphology