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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Cultural Anthropology, May 2008**  
Dissertation: *Tourism in a Sacred Landscape: Political Economy and Sherpa Ecological Knowledge in Beyul Khumbu/Sagarmatha National Park, Nepal*  
Chair: Dr. Nina L. Etkin, Anthropology (deceased)
- M.A. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Cultural Anthropology, March 2005**  
Papers: *Native Hawaiian Cultural Representation at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park; The Political Ecology of Protected Areas*
- B.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Ethnic Studies (American Culture), May 1999  
Honors Program**  
Thesis: *An African America: African and African-American Macro-Cultural Relations in Oratorical Practices and Funerary Rituals*

## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OR PROJECT DIRECTOR)

### Department of Defense (DOD)

Stonewall Mountain and Flat Ethnographic Project, Nevada Test and Training Range, Nellis Air Force Base, U.S.A., March 2010 – December 2011

### Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA)

Nuwuvi Knowledge-to-Action: Promoting Southern Paiute Government-to-Government Consultation and Resource Management in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area and Desert National Wildlife Complex, U.S.A., January 2010 – 2012

### U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF)

Graduate Research Fellowship, *Tourism in a Sacred Landscape: Political Economy and Sherpa Ecological Knowledge in Beyul Khumbu/Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) National Park, Nepal*, May 2004 – May 2007

## HONORS AND AWARDS

### Graduate Division, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM), Honolulu, HI

Dai Ho Chun Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Sept 2007 – Jan 2008  
Inter-Island Travel Award, May 2004  
Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant, October 2003

### Department of Anthropology, UHM, Honolulu, HI

Distinction on Comprehensive Examinations, December 2005  
Tuition Waiver for Merit, Fall 2003 and Winter 2004

### Program in American Culture, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Graduated with High Distinction (1999); Honors Designation on Senior Thesis (1999)  
Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Societies (1999)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Local/indigenous/traditional ecological knowledge
- Political economy
- Environmental sustainability
- Protected areas, especially in mountain ecosystems
- Museums, visitors centers, and other venues for public engagement
- Place-based spirituality
- Participatory methodologies, ethics, applied anthropology, and interdisciplinary research
- Linked quantitative and qualitative ethnographic and survey methods
- South Asia, Native North America, East Africa, and Hawai'i

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **U.S.F.S. Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, U.S.F.W. Desert National Wildlife Complex, DOD Nevada Test and Training Range, Great Basin, United States**

**(Nuwuvi or Southern Paiute/Chemehuevi, Owens Valley Paiute, Western Shoshone, Mojave)**

Multiple Contracts, Sept. 2008 – Present (on going)

Topics: Indigenous ecological and management knowledge; participatory government-to-government consultation; cultural revitalization; public engagement

### **Beyul Khumbu/Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) National Park, Nepal (Khumbu Sherpa)**

Dissertation fieldwork, 19 months between 2004 and 2007 (15 months uninterrupted)

Research return, 2 months in 2008; updates on going

Topic: Political economy and Khumbu Sherpa ecological knowledge

### **Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, United States**

Masters project, 5 weeks of data collection in 2003, with follow-up inquiries and focus groups through May 2005 and in June 2008

Topic: Tourist perceptions of Native Hawaiian governed interpretive programs

### **Various Protected Landscapes, United States**

Professional research, conducted literature reviews and primary research between 2001 and 2005

Topic: Native American and other peoples' spiritual and cultural values of various protected areas including Yosemite, Mount Rainier, Hawai'i Volcanoes, and Great Smoky Mountains

### **Oloor Karian/Hell's Gate National Park, Kenya (Keekonyokie Maasai and Dorobo)**

Professional research, 12 uninterrupted months in 1997 and 1998

Topic: Keekonyokie Maasai and Dorobo ethnobiological knowledge

### **Detroit, Michigan, United States (African-American)**

Undergraduate research project, 1 month in 1996

Topic: African-American astronomical knowledge in Detroit, Michigan

## PUBLICATIONS, EXHIBITIONS, REPORTS/GREY PAPERS, AND REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### PUBLICATIONS (\* PEER REVIEWED)

- \*2010: Spoon, Jeremy. "Tourism Meets the Sacred: Khumbu Sherpa Place-Based Spiritual Values in Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) National Park, Nepal." *In Sacred Natural Sites*. J. McNeely, B. Verschuuren, and R. Wild eds. London: Earthscan.
- \*2010: Ticktin, Tamara and Jeremy Spoon. "Ethnobiology and Conservation." *In Ethnobiology* (J.R. Stepp, Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems* (EOLSS). Developed under the auspices of the UNESCO. Oxford, UK: EOLSS Publishers [<http://www.eolss.net>].
- 2008: Spoon, Jeremy and Lhakpa Norbu Sherpa. "Beyul Khumbu: The Sherpa and Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) National Park and Buffer Zone, Nepal." *In Protected Landscapes and Cultural and Spiritual Values*. J.M. Mallarach, ed. Pp. 68–79. Geneva: The World Conservation (IUCN).

- 2008: Spoon, Jeremy. "Sherpa Ecological Knowledge in Sagarmatha National Park and Buffer Zone." *In Water Tower of Asia: Experiences in Wetland Conservation in Nepal*. B.B. Bhandari, S.O. Suh and S.H. Wo, eds. Pp. 47–53. Changwon: Gyeongnam Ramsar Environmental Foundation, South Korea.
- 2007: Spoon, Jeremy. "The 'Visions of Pele' Competition and Exhibit at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park." *CRM: The Journal of Heritage Stewardship* 4(1): 72–74.
- 2001: Spoon, Jeremy. "Discovering Maasailand." CD-ROM. Brussels: Cultures and Communications.

#### EXHIBITIONS

- 2008: Conducted primary research and designed major panels for: *Beyul Khumbu: The Refuge of the Sherpa*. Sagarmatha National Park Visitors Center, Nepal.
- 2005: Conducted primary research and assisted in the design of: *America's Best Idea: A Photographic Journey Through Our National Parks*. Yosemite National Park Visitors Center, California.
- 2003: Assisted in project development and implementation for: *Visions of Pele*. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawai'i.
- 2001–02: Conducted primary research and assisted in the design of: *Maasai*. Domaines des Grottes de Han, Belgium.
- 2000: Co-designed and assisted in the construction of: *African Puppets*. International Puppet Festival, Charleville–Mézières, France.
- 1997: Conducted primary research and co-authored: *The People: African and African-American Sky Beliefs*. University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

#### REPORTS/GREY PAPERS

- 2010: "Middle Kyle Complex, Nuwuvi Working Group Meeting II." Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.
- 2010: "Stonewall Mountain and Flat Ethnographic Project, Film Technician Workshop Notes." Nevada Test and Training Range, Nellis Air Force Base.
- 2010: "Nuwuvi Knowledge-to-Action Project, Meeting II Meeting Notes." Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and Desert National Wildlife Complex.
- 2010: "Nuwuvi Knowledge-to-Action Project, Kick-Off Meeting Notes." Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and Desert National Wildlife Complex.
- 2009: "Nuwuvi Participatory Consultation, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Middle Kyle Complex." Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.
- 2009: "Nuwuvi and the Spring Mountains: An Educator's Resource Guide." Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.
- 2009: "Southern Paiute and Chemehuevi Community-Based Interpretive Content." Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. 2008:
- 2008: Daconto, Giuseppe, Lhakpa Norbu Sherpa, and Jeremy Spoon. "Exploring the future: Analysis of Future Scenarios for Tourism Development in Sagarmatha National Park and Buffer Zone." Kathmandu: The World Conservation Union (IUCN), Nepal.
- 2007: Spoon, Jeremy and Emanuele Cuccillato. "Conceptual and methodological framework: Hindu-Kush-Karakorum-Himalaya Partnership Project." Kathmandu: The World Conservation Union (IUCN), Nepal.
- 2007: Cuccillato, Emanuel, Jeremy Spoon, Marcello Basini, Giuseppe Daconto, and Birendra Bajracharya. "Decision Support Toolbox Design: Participatory and Computer Based Components, Hindu-Kush-Karakorum-Himalaya Partnership Project." Kathmandu: The World Conservation Union (IUCN), Nepal.
- 2003: "Mountains and People, People and Mountains: An Interpreters Sourcebook." Sacred Mountains Program, The Mountain Institute.

## REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2009: *Sacred Natural Sites* J. McNeely, B. Verschuuren, and R. Wild eds. London: Earthscan (two chapters).
- 2009: *Human Ecology* (one manuscript).

## INVITED, CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS, AND GUEST LECTURES

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “Cultural Anthropology and Community.” Anthropology Student Association, Portland State University, December 2009.
- “Revitalizing People and Place: Nuwuvi and U.S. Public Lands.” Lambda Alpha, Portland State University, November 2009.
- “Participatory Exchanges: Towards a Southern Paiute Government-to-Government Consultation Method on Southern Nevada Public Lands.” Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV), April 2009.
- “Cultural Change at the Top of the World: The Khumbu Sherpa and Place.” University Forum Lecture Series, University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV), January 2009.
- “Interpreting People and Place: Spiritual and Cultural Values of Protected Landscapes.” Southern Nevada Agency Partnership (SNAP), Las Vegas, Nevada, November 2008.
- “PhD Dissertation Results and Implications.” Khumbu (5 presentations/300 individuals) and Kathmandu (5 presentations/100 individuals), June–August 2008.
- “Ethnoecology and Change in Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) National Park, Nepal.” United States Geological Survey (USGS), Hawai‘i Island, Hawai‘i, June 2008.
- “Tourism in a Sacred Landscape: Political Economy and Sherpa Ecological Knowledge.” Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, March 2008.
- “Sherpa Ecological Knowledge in Beyul Khumbu/Sagarmatha National Park.” Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Nepal, December 2006.
- “Gazing at Pele: Native Hawaiian Cultural Representation at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park.” Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, May 2005.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

- “Beyond Boundaries: Towards a Native American–U.S. Government Consultation Method in Southern Nevada Protected Areas.” Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA), Merida, Mexico, March 2010 (Session Chair).
- “Out of the Classroom–Into the Field: Applied Anthropology in the Himalaya, Great Basin, and Beyond.” University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Colloquium (Panel Organizer), October 2009.
- Historical Ecology Workshop, Analysis, Integration and Modeling of the Earth System (AIMES), International Geosphere Biosphere Program, Uxéau, France, June/July 2009.
- “Political Economy and Sherpa Ecological Knowledge.” American Anthropological Association (AAA), San Francisco, California, November 2008 (Session Chair).
- “New Directions in Studies of Local Ecological Knowledge.” Anthropology Graduate Student Symposium, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, May 2004.

### GUEST LECTURES

- “Linking Theory to Method in Applied Environmental Anthropology: A Case Study from the Nepalese Himalaya.” Qualitative Methods, Portland State University, January 2010.
- “Fieldwork in the Social Sciences: Perspectives from an Applied Anthropologist.” Sociology Methods, Portland State University, January 2010.
- “The Sherpa in the Tibetan Buddhist Context.” Introduction to Religious Studies, Portland State University, October 2009, January 2010, and April 2010.
- “Applied Environmental Anthropology Projects: Nepalese Himalaya and Great Basin.” Applied Anthropology, Portland State University, May 2009.
- “Applied Indigenous–Focused Anthropology.” Kahu Ku‘una: Cultural Resource Stewardship Program, Hawai‘i Community College, February 2009.

- “Applied Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology in Hawai‘i and Beyond.” Kohala Field School, Hawai‘i Island, Hawai‘i, June 2008.
- “Local Ecological Knowledge and Anthropology,” Ecological Anthropology (Anthropology), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, September 2007.
- “Maasai Ecological Knowledge in Oloro Karian/Hell’s Gate National Park, Kenya,” Ecological Ethnobotany (Botany), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, November 2006
- “The Visions of Pele Exhibit and Competition at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park,” Peoples of Hawai‘i (Anthropology), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, November 2003.
- “Ethnoecology and Applied Anthropology,” Applied Anthropology (Anthropology), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, October 2003.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**Sept 2009 – Present**  
Portland, Oregon

### Assistant Professor

Department of Anthropology, Portland State University

Courses: Applied Anthropology; Environmental Anthropology; Ecological Knowledge and Sustainability

**Sept – Dec 2008**  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i

### Lecturer

Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai‘i

Course: Culture and Humanity (Introductory)

## OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**June 2003 – June 2005**  
Western U.S. Protected Areas

### Workshop Instructor

The Mountain Institute

- Teacher Training: Sacred Mountains of the World North Cascades Institute, Mount Rainier National Park. 10 middle-school geography teachers.
- Seasonal Interpreters Workshop: Integrating Spirituality and Culture into National Park Interpretive Programs. Mount Rainier, Yosemite, Hawai‘i Volcanoes, North Cascades and Santa Monica Mountains (more than 200 total interpreters over 2 years).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Sept 2008 – Present**  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### Team Leader/Facilitator/Planner

Lucchesi Gallati/Sea Reach, Ltd

Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (Nevada)

- Interpretive Planning Project, Middle Kyle Complex (East Side)

**June 2009 – Present**  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### Facilitator/Planner

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

Marjorie Barrick Museum

- Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute/Chemehuevi) Participatory Planning Project

**December 2009**  
**Feb 2009 and May 2009**  
Bishop, CA/Walker River, NV

### Facilitator

Tribal Learning Community and Educational Exchange, School of Law, University of California at Los Angeles Walker River Paiute/Owens Valley Paiute (4 nations)

- Archaeological Monitoring Capacity Building Project

**June – December 2009**

Las Vegas, Nevada

**Facilitator**

ICF Jones and Stokes International

- Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute/Chemehuevi) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Consultation, Middle Kyle Complex, Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (Nevada)

**June 2008 – August 2008**

**Jan 2007 – August 2007**

Kathmandu/Khumbu, Nepal

**Visitors Center Curator/Indigenous Language and Livelihood Program Advisor**

The Mountain Institute (TMI), Asian Regional Program

- Livelihoods along Beyul Trails Project (Mt. Everest Region)

**Apr 2008 and June 2008**

**Feb 2005 – May 2006**

Hawai'i, Washington, Calif.

**Facilitator/Planner**

The Mountain Institute, Sacred Mountains Program

- Workshop on the Relation between Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (June 2008)
- Mount Rainier and Mount Fuji Curriculum Development Project, Mount Rainier National Park (April 2008)
- Strategic Planning for the Satwiwa Native American Cultural Center, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (Feb. 2005–May 2006)

**July – Dec 2007**

Kathmandu, Nepal

**Tourism Research Design Coordinator**

Cooperazione e Sviluppo (CESVI)

- Hindu–Kush–Karakorum Project (Nepal, Pakistan, China)

**Feb – July 2007**

Kathmandu, Nepal

**Quantitative and Qualitative Modeling Team Member**

The World Conservation Union (IUCN)

- Hindu–Kush–Karakorum Project (Nepal, Pakistan, China)

**Nov 2006 and Feb 2007**

San Bernardino, Calif.

**Facilitator**

Tribal Learning Community and Educational Exchange, School of Law, University of California at Los Angeles  
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Law Capacity Building Project

**Mar 2001 – Jan 2005**

Berkeley, California

**Program Officer**

The Mountain Institute, Sacred Mountains Program

- Spiritual and Cultural Connections with U.S. Parks Project

**Sept 2002 – June 2003**

Oakland, California

**Program Director**

East Bay Midrasha

- Judaism and Ecology Focus (120 high school students)

**Sept 2001 – Aug 2003**

San Rafael, California

**Field Education Supervisor**

Marin Conservation Corps/Americorps

- Habitat Restoration and Environmental Education Projects

**Feb – Sept 2001**

San Francisco, California

**Program Manager**

Junior Achievement of the Bay Area, Inc.

- Business and Economics Education for At-Risk Youth

**May – Oct 2000**

Brussels, Belgium

**Assistant Curator**

Cultures and Communications

- Maasai and African Puppets Exhibitions

**Sept 1997 – July 1998**  
Oloro Karian/Hell's Gate  
National Park, Kenya

**Field Ethnographer**  
Cultures and Communications  
University of Minnesota (International Development)  
• Maasai and Dorobo Ecological Knowledge

**Jan 1997 – Jan 1998**  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Exhibit Researcher and Writer**  
Exhibit Museum of Natural History, UM Ann Arbor  
• African and African–American Sky Beliefs

**Sept 1996 – May 1997**  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Volunteer Coordinator**  
University of Michigan Juvenile Justice Program  
• Education Programs for Incarcerated Youth

## SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

#### Reviewer

Human Ecology (January 2009 – Present)

#### Research Associate

The Mountain Institute (August 2008 – Present)

#### President, Anthropology Graduate Student Association

Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (August 2007 – May 2008)

#### Research Affiliate, Department of Anthropology and Sociology

Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal (May 2006 – July 2007)

#### Board Member

Seeds of Learning, Sonoma, California (Nov. 2002 – July 2003)

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association (AAA), Anthropology and Environment Section
- Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
- Young Scholars Network (YSN), Analysis Integration and Modeling of the Earth System (AIMES), International Geosphere Biosphere Program
- The World Conservation Union (IUCN), Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy, Theme on Governance, Equity, and Rights
- The World Conservation Union, World Commission on Protected Areas, Mountain Biome
- The World Conservation Union, World Commission on Protected Areas, Task Force on Spiritual and Cultural Values
- Mountain Forum
- Resource Himalaya
- World Resources Institute
- American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
- Asian Studies Association, Portland State University
- Social Sustainability Network, Portland State University

### SPECIAL SKILLS

**Language:** Knowledge of Nepali (speak), Swahili (speak, read, write), Spanish (speak, read, write), and Hebrew (speak, read, write)

**Computer:** Microsoft Office, Photoshop and Lightroom, SPSS 17.0

**Photography:** Digital SLR format; 20 published photographs for various audiences

**Foreign Residence:** Nepal (21 months), Kenya (12 months), Belgium (8 months)

**Travel:** Independent trips to 18 countries on 5 continents

**Outdoor:** Backcountry trip leading and downhill ski instruction and racing