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EDUCATION:

- 2017-present **PhD, Sociocultural Anthropology—PhD candidate**
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015-2017 **MS, Environmental Policy and Planning**
School of Natural Resources and Environment
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2009-2013 **BA, Chinese**
Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

PUBLICATIONS:

- Accepted Artisanal slaughter: the multicultural ethics of goat meat in Vermont. *Anthropological Quarterly*.
- 2018 Chang, C. Y. A., Gao, Z., **Kaminsky, A.**, & Reames, T. G. Michigan Sustainability Case: Revisiting the Three Gorges Dam: Should China Continue To Build Dams on the Yangtze River? *Sustainability: The Journal of Record*, 11(5), 204-215.

This case is also featured in the repository of interactive Michigan Sustainability Cases: <https://www.learnala.com/cases/revisiting-the-three-gorges-dam>.

UNDER REVIEW:

- 2025 Devouring the Invaders: the Racial-Ecological Politics of the Chinese Crayfish trade in Kenya
- 2025 Zicha: The National and Global Aspirations of Purple Tea in Kenya

OTHER WRITING:

- 2025 (Forthcoming) Playing with the Rules at Duck Express: Workplace Banter at a Chinese Restaurant in Nairobi. *Global China Pulse*.
- 2021 Adrian Blackledge and Angela Creese discuss Voices of a City Market. *CaMP Anthropology Author Interview*.
<https://campanthropology.org/2021/04/26/adrian-blackledge-and-angela-creese-discuss-voices-of-a-city-market/>.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- 2024 Chinese Medicine in East Africa: An Intimacy with Strangers, written by Elisabeth Hsu. *Asian Medicine*, 18(1-2), 344-346.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

- 2025 *The Racial-Ecological Politics of the Chinese Crayfish Trade in Kenya*.. Middlebury College
- 2022 *Tracing the Chinese crayfish trade in Kenya*. Cornell University

2017 *The Chinese safari: tourism and conservation within China-Africa relations.* Middlebury College

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 2024 *Zicha: the national and global aspirations of Kenyan purple tea.* African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2024 *Crayfish, invasive species, and diasporic foodways in Kenya.* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- 2023 *Zicha: the national and global aspirations of Kenyan purple tea.* Tea In and After Empire Symposium (virtual). Hosted by Muey Saeteurn (UC-Merced) and Erika Rappaport (UC-Santa Barbara).
- 2023 *The micropolitics of a Chinese deli in Nairobi.* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON.
- 2022 *Little lobsters: tracing the Chinese crayfish trade in Kenya.* African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2022 *From remote lakes to urban palates: tracing the Chinese crayfish trade in Kenya.* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2021 *Artisanal slaughter: the challenges of goat meat in Vermont.* 11th International Conference on Food Studies (virtual). Hosted by Aarhus University, Copenhagen.
- 2019 *Tiger bone and rhino horn: wildlife conservation and anti-Chinese racism.* Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. University of Kentucky, Lexington KY.
- 2017 *The Chinese safari: cultural identity and wildlife conservation in Kenya's tourism industry.* China-Africa Conference 2017: Infrastructure, Resource Extraction, and Environmental Sustainability. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI.
- 2017 *The Chinese safari: cultural identity and wildlife conservation in Kenya's tourism industry.* Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. University of Kentucky, Lexington KY.
- 2016 *Chinese tourism and China-Kenya relations.* African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2014 *Representations of animals in contemporary Chinese Essays.* World Animal Day Conference. Shijiazhuang, China.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2025, Winter Lecturer (Instructor of Record), Middlebury College
The Anthropology of Meat
ANTH 1023 A
- 2024, Fall Lecturer (Instructor of Record), University of California Merced
Food, Culture, and the Environment
ANTH 129
- 2024, Winter Lecturer (Instructor of Record), Middlebury College
The Anthropology of Meat
ANTH 1023 A
- 2023, Winter Graduate Student Instructor

Introduction to Anthropology
ANTHRCUL 101
Instructor of record: Dr. Leigh Stuckey

2021, Winter Graduate Student Instructor
History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
HISTORY 244
Instructor of record: Dr. Victor Lieberman

2020, Fall Graduate Student Instructor
Anthropology of Food
ANTHRCUL 254
Instructor of record: Dr. Mike McGovern

2016, Fall Graduate Student Instructor
Introduction to Environmental Politics: Race, Class and Gender
AAS 322/ENVIRON 335
Instructor of record: Dr. Omolade Adunbi

FELLOWSHIPS:

2020 Fulbright US Student Program, Kenya (Declined)

2017- 2022 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Program

PAPER AWARDS:

2023 Christine Wilson Award for best graduate student paper, American Anthropological Association, Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition.
Paper title: *"Artisanal Slaughter: The Challenges of Goat Meat in Vermont"*

2022 Wangari Maathai Essay Competition Winner, University of Michigan Department of Afroamerican and African Studies.
Paper title: *"Blackness and Racialization in China-Africa Relations"*

2013 Timothy Loring Prize in Chinese Language and Culture, Middlebury College.
Thesis title: *"Representations of Animals in Contemporary Chinese Essays"*

OTHER GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2025 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan

2023 African Studies Center Research Funding, University of Michigan.

2023 South African Initiatives Office (SAIO) Student Research Grant, University of Michigan.

2021 Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan.

2021 African Studies Center Research Funding, University of Michigan

2021 South African Initiatives Office (SAIO) Student Research Grant, University of Michigan

2018 Rackham Language Training Award, University of Michigan

2018 University of Michigan Anthropology Department Summer Funding

2016 Rackham Summer Research Award, University of Michigan

2015 University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment Academic Leadership Fellowship

2013 Phi Beta Kappa, Middlebury College

SERVICE:

2024- AAA Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN) Program Committee

2022- U-M Anthropology Undergraduate-Graduate Mentoring Program (AUGMENT)

2022-2023 U-M Admissions Committee, Sociocultural Student Representative

2018-2019 U-M Sociocultural Workshop Student Coordinator

PEER REVIEW:

2023 Food and Foodways

OTHER TRAINING:

2022-2023 Rackham Professional Development DEI Certificate, University of Michigan

2015-2017 African Studies Certificate, University of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2023- Graduate Intern, African Studies Center
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Faculty supervisor: Dr. Omolade Adunbi
Duties: planning and coordinating African Studies Center 15th Anniversary Conference in April, 2024; writing content for annual *Alliances* magazine, 2023-2024

2016-2017 Research Assistant
Department of Afroamerican and African Studies
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Faculty supervisor: Dr. Omolade Adunbi

2015-2016 Research Assistant
School of Natural Resources and Environment
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Faculty supervisor: Dr. Robyn Meeks

2014-2015 Intern, The Nature Conservancy, Yunnan and Sichuan, China

2013-2014 College Admissions Consultant, Taurus Education, Nanjing, China

2012 Intern, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of International Conservation, Russia-China office, Arlington, VA

LANGUAGES:

English, native

Standard Mandarin Chinese, near fluent

Swahili, advanced

French, intermediate

Malayalam, beginner