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### **EDUCATION**

PhD (ABD), 2016—	University of Pennsylvania, History & Sociology of Science
MA, 2016	The New School for Social Research, Anthropology
MA, 2012	The New School Graduate Program in International Affairs
BA, 2009	California State University, Sacramento, Government (International Relations), <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

### **Dissertation:**

Title: *Culturing Evolution: A History and Anthropology of a Cognitive Science of Culture*

Expected Defense: April 11, 2022

PhD Committee: Etienne Benson (Chair), M. Susan Lindee, Adriana Petryna, and John Tresch

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

“Generating Fields,” *Isis* (forthcoming, March 2022): Focus section, “Fields,” edited by Cameron Brinitzer and Etienne Benson.

(Co-authored with Etienne Benson) “What is a Field? Transformations in Fields, Fieldwork, and Field Sciences Since the Mid-Twentieth Century,” *Isis* (forthcoming, March 2022).

#### **Essays & Editorials**

(Co-authored with Gabriel Coren) “‘Structures’ in Context,” *History of Anthropology Review* 45 (2021), Editor’s introduction to Special Focus, “Structures,”  
<https://histanthro.org/notes/structures-in-context/>.

(Co-authored with Gabriel Coren) “As Adventurous as Life,” *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 43 (2019), Editor’s introduction to Special Focus, “Canguilhem’s Milieu Today,”  
<https://histanthro.org/notes/adventurous-as-life/>.

#### **Book Reviews**

“The Savage Within,” (review of Henrika Kuklick’s *The Savage Within: The Social History of British Anthropology, 1885-1945*), *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 43 (2019),  
<https://histanthro.org/bibliography/generative/the-savage-within/>.

“Plastic Things,” (review of Tobias Rees’s *Plastic Reason: An Anthropology of Brain Science in Embryogenetic Terms*), *BioSocieties* 12,1 (2017): 170-175.

“Forging Links, Surveying Rifts,” In *Somatosphere Book Forum—Science, Reason, Modernity: Readings for an Anthropology of the Contemporary* (eds. Anthony Stavrianakis, Gaymon Bennett, and Lyle Fearnley), Book Forum edited by Todd Meyers (2016): 8-10, <http://somatosphere.net/forumpost/forging-links-surveying-rifts/>.

(Co-authored with Nicolas Langlitz) “A Catholic Atheist and His Good Monkeys,” (review of Frans de Waal’s *The Bonobo and the Atheist: In Search of Humanism Among the Primates*), *Anthropology Now* 7,3 (2015), 118-124.

## **Interviews**

(With Freddy Foks and Laurel Waycott) “Activating the Torres Strait Archive: An Interview with Anita Herle and Jude Philp on Recording Kastom,” *History of Anthropology Review* 45 (2021), <https://histanthro.org/notes/activating-the-torres-strait-archive/>.

“Interview with James Faubion,” *Full Stop* (2016), <https://www.full-stop.net/2016/04/26/interviews/cameron-brinitzer/james-faubion/>.

“DeShawn Dumas: Interview,” *Painter’s Table* (2013), <https://www.painters-table.com/blog/deshawn-dumas-interview>.

## **Translations**

(With John Tresch) “1966: The Year of Light,” translation of François Dosse’s “1966: L’Année Lumière,” *History of Anthropology Review* 45 (2021), <https://histanthro.org/notes/1966-the-year-of-light/>.

## **In Development:**

“The Evolution of Culture and Its Sciences: Toward a History of Evolutionary and Experimental Sciences of Social and Cultural Things,” (in preparation).

“From the Field to the Lab: An Ethnography of an Experimental Mind Science of Culture,” (in preparation).

“Toward a History of the European Research Council’s ‘Synergy’ Funding Instrument” (in preparation with Thomas König, Institute for Advanced Study, Vienna).

## **CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

“Recurrent Reformations of Culture,” to be presented at the American Anthropological Association’s Annual Meeting, Baltimore/Zoom, 2021.

“Social Learning Mechanisms: The Evolution of Culture and Its Sciences,” to be presented at the History of Science Society’s Annual Meeting, New Orleans/Zoom, 2021.

“The Field in the Lab: Electromagnetism in a Cognitive Science of Culture,” Workshop ‘What is a Field?’ (co-organized with Etienne Benson), University of Pennsylvania/Zoom, 2021.

“Constructing Social Minds,” European Association for the Study of Science and Technology and the Society for the Social Studies of Science Joint Annual Meeting, Prague/Zoom, 2020.

“Durable Cultures and Intertwined Ends,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 2019.

“Anthropology and Psychology in the Lab, Field, and Garden,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, New Orleans, 2019.

“Between the Lab, Field, and Garden: Experimental Psychology and Ethnology ca. 1900,” History of Science Society’s Annual Meeting, Utrecht, 2019.

“Materializing Nonverbal Minds: The Technical Measurement of Looking-Time in Experimental Psychology,” Society for the History of Technology’s Annual Meeting, St. Louis, 2018.

“The Afterlife of Structuralism in the Cognitive Sciences,” Workshop ‘Sorting Brains Out: Tasks, Tests and Trials in the Neuro- and Mind Sciences, 1890-2015,’ University of Pennsylvania, 2015.

### **CONFERENCE PANELS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED**

“Histories of Evolutionary Thinking about Social Things,” Panel at the History of Science Society’s Annual Meeting, New Orleans/Zoom, 2021.

“What is a Field?” Workshop co-organized with Etienne Benson, University of Pennsylvania/Zoom, <https://web.sas.upenn.edu/whatisafield/>, 2021.

“Polities of European Science,” Panel (co-organized with Thomas König) at the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology and the Society for the Social Studies of Science Joint Annual Meeting, Prague/Zoom, 2020

“Across the Senses: Human Sciences and their Material Conditions circa 1900,” Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, New Orleans, 2019.

“At the Crossroads of the Senses: Human Sciences and their Material Cultures ca. 1900,” Panel (co-organized with Judy Kaplan) at the History of Science Society’s Annual Meeting, Utrecht, 2019.

“Materializing Sight: Psychology and Technologies of Vision in the Twentieth Century,” Panel at the Society for the History of Technology’s Annual Meeting, St. Louis, 2018.

“Magnetic: Attraction, Repulsion, and the Social Sciences,” Graduate Student Conference at The New School for Social Research, Department of Anthropology, 2015.

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

University of Pennsylvania School of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2021-2022.

## **TEACHING**

American Health Policy (HSOC150) – TA, Fall 2020

Environment and Society (STSC168) – TA, Fall 2018

Health and Societies – Global Perspectives (HSOC010) – TA, Spring 2018

Emergence of Modern Science (STSC001) – TA, Fall 2017

## **LANGUAGES**

English – Native

French – Proficient reading, beginner speaking

Spanish – Proficient reading, intermediate speaking

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Etienne Benson, University of Pennsylvania, Department of History & Sociology of Science, 2020.

Adriana Petryna, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Anthropology, 2018-2019.

Stephen Collier, The New School, Graduate Program in International Affairs, 2015.

Nicolas Langlitz, The New School for Social Research, Anthropology, 2014-2015.

Miriam Ticktin, The New School for Social Research, Anthropology, and Graduate Program in International Affairs, 2009-2010.

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

American Anthropological Association

History of Science Society

Society for the History of Technology

Society for the Social Studies of Science

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Managing Editor, *History of Anthropology Review* (2017—ongoing)

Field Notes Editor, *History of Anthropology Review* (2016—ongoing)

Co-convener with Judy Kaplan, *Sciences of the Senses* Working Group, Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Philadelphia, 2019-2020.