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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- *University of Florida*, Department of Religion. Associate Professor, August 2006-present; Affiliate Professor, Center for Latin American Studies; Affiliate faculty member, Department of Anthropology.
- *State University of Campinas*, Department of Anthropology (Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil). Professor, 2005-6; Associate Professor, 1996-2005; Assistant Professor, 1985-1996; Fulbright Visiting Professor, 1985.

### EDUCATION

- *Stanford University*, 1973 – 1981. M. A., 1973; Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Anthropology. Dissertation Advisor: Renato I. Rosaldo. Committee members: Michelle Z. Rosaldo (Anthropology), David Sweet (History). National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1973-6; NIMH Fellowship, 1976-79.
- *Bates College*, 1968 – 1972. B.A *cum laude*, in Sociology and Anthropology, Honors thesis advisor: Daniel Heyduk. Awarded High Honors. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Single-author Books*

- “*Mysteries of the Jaguar Shamans of the Northwest Amazon*. University of Nebraska Press, Omaha, 2013, 389 pp.

- *História Indígena e do Indigenismo no Alto Rio Negro.* [Indigenous History and the History of Indian Policy on the Upper Rio Negro] Campinas: Mercado de Letras/Instituto Socioambiental, 2005, 300 pp.
- *Cosmos, Self and History in Baniwa Religion. For Those Unborn.* Austin, TX. : University of Texas Press, 1998, 314 pp.

#### *Edited and Co-edited Books*

- Co-editor with Aparecida Vilaça, 2009. *Native Christians. Modes and Effects of Christianity among Indigenous Peoples of the Americas.* (Ashgate Press, Farnham, UK), 232 pp.
- Editor, 2004, *Transformando os Deuses. Igrejas Evangélicas, Pentecostais e Neopentecostais entre os Povos Indígenas no Brasil.* [Transforming the Gods: Evangelical, Pentecostal and Neopentecostal Churches among the Indigenous Peoples in Brazil] Vol. 2, Campinas : UNICAMP, 531 pp.
- Co-editor with Neil L. Whitehead, 2004, *In Darkness and Secrecy. The Anthropology of Assault Sorcery and Witchcraft in Amazonia.* Durham: Duke University Press, 327 pp.
- Editor, *Transformando os Deuses. Os Múltiplos Sentidos da Conversão entre os Povos Indígenas no Brasil.* [Transforming the Gods: The Multiple Senses of Conversion among the Indigenous Peoples in Brazil] Vol. 1, Campinas : UNICAMP, 1999, 547pp.
- Co-editor with Jose Cornelio et al., *Waferinaipe Ianheke. A Sabedoria dos Nossos Antepassados.* [The Wisdom of Our Ancestors] São Gabriel da Cachoeira: ACIRA/FOIRN, 1999, 191 pp.
- Co-editor with Jose Barrero, *Native Peoples In Struggle, Cases From The Fourth Russell Tribunal & Other International Forums.* Bombay, N.Y.: E.R.I.N. Publications, 1982.166 pp.
- Co-editor with Shelton Davis, *The Yanomami Indian Park: A Call For Action.* Boston: ARC, 1981. 25 pp.

#### *Edited Journal Issues*

- Guest Editor, “Special Issue in Honor of Shelton H. Davis: Legacy to Anthropological Advocacy, Development Issues, and Indigenous Peoples' Movements” *Tipiti, Journal of the Society for the*

- Anthropology of Lowland South America*: vol. 9, Issue 2, 2012. Available at: <http://digitalcommons.trinity.edu/tipiti/vol9/iss2>
- Co-editor with Bron Taylor, “The Religious Lives of Amazonian Plants”, Special issue of the *Journal of the Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*. Equinox Publishing, UK. Vol. 3(1).. 2009.

### *Peer-reviewed Journal Articles*

- “Fixed Forms and Fluid Powers: Intersubjective Cosmos and Personhood”, *Anthropology and Humanism Quarterly*, vol. 37, no. 2, 2012, pp. 156-76.
- "A Passion for the Oppressed," *Tipiti: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*: Vol. 9: Iss. 2, Article 1. 2012. Available at: <http://digitalcommons.trinity.edu/tipiti/vol9/iss2/1>
- "Sentinels and Entrepreneurs: Advocacy and Development in Brazil," *Tipiti: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*: Vol. 9: Iss. 2, Article 3. 2012. Available at: <http://digitalcommons.trinity.edu/tipiti/vol9/iss2/3>
- Co-authored with Kapfhammer, Wolfgang, Wiik, Flavio Braune. “The Clash of Cosmographies: Indigenous Societies and Project Collaboration – Three ethnographic cases (Kaingang, Sateré-Mawé, Baniwa)”. in: *Vibrant – Virtual Brazilian Anthropology*, v. 9, n. 1. January to June 2012. Brasília, ABA. <http://www.vibrant.org.br/issues/v9n1/robin-m-wright-wolfgang-kapfhammer-flavio-braune-wiik-the-clash-of-cosmographies/>
- “You will save many lives”. *Shamanism Annual. Journal of the Foundation for Shamanic Studies*. Mill Valley, CA. Issue 24, December, 2011. Pp. 30-36. “The Fruit of Knowledge and the Bodies of the Gods”. 2009a In: “The Religious Lives of Amazonian Plants.” Special issue of the *Journal of the Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*. Equinox Publishing, UK..Vol. 3(1): 126-53.
- “The Art of Being Crente: The Baniwa Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Sustainable Development” 2009c. *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, 16:202–226, Taylor & Francis: USA.
- “The Snuff-Jaguar Manuel ‘Mandu’ da Silva”, *Shamanism Annual: Journal of the Foundation for Shamanic Studies*, 2009e, 22: 20-22.

- “As Formações SocioReligiosas da Amazônia Indígena e suas transformações históricas” [The Socio-Religious Formations in Indigenous Amazonia and Their Historical Transformations] 2008. *Ciência e Cultura. Revista da sociedade Brasileira para o Progresso da Ciência. Special issue on Culturas Indigenas.* 60 (4): 37-40 (São Paulo, Brazil).
- “Indigenous Philosophies and Ontologies and Their Implications for Sustainable Development,” 2007. *Journal of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*, Equinox Press, UK. Vol. 1(1): 93-109.
- “The Brazilian Ayahuasca Religions”, 2006. *Fieldwork in Religion*, Equinox, UK. Vol.2 (2): 177-186.
- “Da Atribuição de Valores às tradições religiosas indígenas. [On Attributing Values to Indigenous Religious Traditions] *Revista do Patrimônio Histórico e Artístico Nacional*. Brasília: IPHAN, No. 32, p. 244-253, 2005.
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- Violence on Indian Day in Brazil, 1997: Symbol of the Past and Future. *Cultural Survival Quarterly*. Cambridge, Mass., v.21, n.2, 1997, Pp.47 – 49.
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- Politics and belief in the nineteenth century millenarian movements of the Northwest Amazon. *Antropologica*. Caracas, v.83, p.39 - 66, 1994.
- Umawali. Hohodene Myths Of The Anaconda, Father Of The Fish. *Bulletin de La Société Suisse des Américanistes*. Geneva: Musée D'ethnographie, v.57-58, p.37 - 48, 1994.
- Pesquisa Antropológica e Ação em favor dos povos indígenas.[Anthropological Research and Action on Behalf of the indigenous peoples] *Terra Indígena*. Araraquara, v.67, p.37 - 51, 1993.

- Pursuing The Spirit. Semantic Construction In Hohodene Kalidzamai Chants For Initiation. *Amerindia*. Paris, France: CNRS, v.18, p.1 - 40, 1993.
- Guardians of The Cosmos: Baniwa Shamans And Prophets (Part I). *History of Religions*. Chicago: University Of Chicago, August, p.32 - 58, 1992.
- Guardians of The Cosmos: Baniwa Shamans And Prophets (Part 2). *History of Religions*. Chicago: University Of Chicago, Nov., p.126 - 145, 1992.
- Uma Conspiração Contra Os 'Civilizados': História, Política e Ideologias dos Movimentos Milenaristas. [A Conspiracy against the 'civilized people': History, politics and ideologies of millenarian movements of the Northwest Amazon] *Anuário Antropológico* 89. Rio de Janeiro: Tempo Brasileiro, v.89, p.191 - 234, 1992.
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- Indian Slavery in the Northwest Amazon. *Boletim Do Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi*. Belém, Pará: MPEG, v.7, n.2, p.149 - 179, 1991.
- Guerras e Alianças Na História dos Baniwa do Alto Rio Negro.[Wars and Alliances in the History of the Baniwa of the Upper Rio Negro] *Ciências Sociais Hoje*. São Paulo: ANPOCS, v.1990, p.217 - 236, 1990.
- Guerres de l'Or Dans Le Rio Negro: Strategies Indiennes. *Ethnies*. France: Survival International, v.11- 12, p.38 - 42, 1990.
- Anthropological Presuppositions Of Indigenous Advocacy. *Annual Review Of Anthropology*. Palo Alto, California: Annual Reviews, Inc., v.17, p.365 - 390, 1988.
- Uma Historia de Resistência: Os 'Heróis' Baniwa e Suas Lutas.[A History of Resistance: Baniwa heroes and their struggles] *Revista de Antropologia*. São Paulo: USP, v.30/31, p.355 - 381, 1987.
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  - The Great Carajás Program: Brazil's Mega-Project For The '80s. *The Global Reporter*. Boston, MA: Anthropology Resource Center, v.1, n.1, p.3 - 6, 1983.
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### *Book Chapters*

- “Histórias de Criação Baniwa do Universo” [Baniwa Stories of the Creation of the Universe], in: *Mitoteca Baniwa* [Baniwa Myths], edited by Luiza Garnelo, Manaus (Brazil): Universidade Federal do Amazonas (UFAM), 42 pp., 2013.
- “Mythscales and their Meanings” [Mitagens e seus significados no noroeste amazônico] in: *Ensaio em Interculturalidade: Literatura, Cultura e Direitos de indígenas em época de globalização*. Martins, Maria Sílvia Cintra, ed., Campinas: Mercado de Letras, 27 pp., 2013.
- “Indigenous Religious Traditions of the World”, Chapter 1 In: Lawrence E. Sullivan, ed., *Religions of the World: A Cultural Introduction to the Making of Meaning*, Fortress Press, 2013, pp. 31-60.
- “Arawakan Flute Cults of Lowland South America: The Domestication of Predation and the Production of Agentivity”, 2012. In: J.H. Hill and J-P Chaumeil, eds., *Bursts of Breath: New Research on Indigenous Flutes in Lowland South America*. Omaha: University of Nebraska, pp. 325-356.
- “Baniwa Art. The Baniwa Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Sustainable Development”, In: Wright, R.M. & A. Vilaça, eds. 2009. *Native Christians. Modes and Effects of Christianity among Indigenous Peoples of the Americas* (Ashgate Press, Farnham, UK), pp. 187-210.

- “*Ialanawinai*: O branco na história e mito Baniwa.” [Ialanawinai: The White man in Baniwa myth and history] In: *Pacificando o Branco*. Bruce Albert & Alcida Ramos, eds. São Paulo: Editora Unesp, 2002.
- “The Baniwa.” In: *Native Religions and Cultures of Central and South America. Anthropology of the Sacred*. Lawrence Sullivan, ed. New York: Continuum, 2002.
- “Prophetic Traditions among the Baniwa and Other Arawakan Peoples of the Northwest Amazon.” In: *Comparative Arawakan Histories*. Jonathan D. Hill & Fernando Santos-Granero, eds. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2002.
- “Destruction, Resistance, and Transformation – Southern, Coastal, and Northern Brazil (1580-1890) “ with the collaboration of Manuela Carneiro da Cunha, In: *The Cambridge History of the Native Peoples of the Americas*. Vol. 3, Part 2. Stuart Schwarz & Frank Salomon, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.
- “O Tempo de Sophie: História e Cosmologia da Conversão Baniwa “ [The Time of Sophie: History and Cosmology of Baniwa Conversion] In: *Transformando os Deuses. Os múltiplos sentidos da conversão entre os povos indígenas no Brasil*. Robin M. Wright, ed. Campinas : UNICAMP, 1999.
- “Os Baniwa no Brasil [The Baniwa in Brazil]” In: *Demarcando Terras Indígenas*. [Demarcating Indigenous Lands] Brasília : FUNAI/PPTAL/GTZ, 1999.
- “I Baniva” [The Baniwa] In: *Culture e Religioni Indigene in America Centrale e Meridionale*. Lawrence Sullivan, ed. Milano : Jaca Book – Massimo, 1997 (Translated and published in: *Native Religions and Cultures of Central and South America*. New York: Continuum, 2002)
- “Os Guardiões do Cosmos: pajés e profetas entre os Baniwa “ [The Guardians of the Cosmos: shamans and prophets among the Baniwa] In: *Xamanismo no Brasil: Novas Perspectivas*. E. Jean Langdon, ed. Florianópolis, Santa Catarina : UFSC, 1996.
- “Catastrophe And Regeneration. An Appraisal Of Recent Theoretical Approaches To Millenarianism In Amazonia”. In: *Religiosidad Y Resistencia Indigenas Hacia El Fin Del Milenio*. Alicia Barabas, ed. Quito : Ediciones Abya-Yalla, 1994.
- “História Indígena do Noroeste da Amazônia: Questões, Hipóteses e Perspectivas “[Indigenous History of the Northwest Amazon: Questions, Hypotheses and Perspectives]. In: *História Dos Índios No*

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- Co-authored with J. D. Hill, “Venancio Kamiko: Wakuenai Shaman And Messiah.” In: *Portals of Power. Shamanism in South America*. E. Jean Langdon & Gerhard Baer, eds. Albuquerque, New Mexico: University Of New Mexico Press, 1992.
  - Co-authored with J. D. Hill ,”Time, Narrative And Ritual: Historical Interpretations From An Amazonian Society.” In: *Rethinking History And Myth: Indigenous South American Perspectives On The Past*. J.D. Hill, ed. Urbana, Ill.: Univ. of Illinois Press, 1988.
  - “Brazil; Canada.” In: *Native Resource Control And The Multinational Corporate Challenge*. Sally Swenson, ed. Boston : Anthropology Resource Center, 1982.
  - Co-authored with Davis, S. H. “Human Consequences of Development Policies in the Brazilian Amazon.” In: *Tropical Deforestation*. Hearings before the Subcommittee on International Organizations. Washington, DC : United States Government Printing Office, 1980

### *Review Essays*

- “Ethnology: South America Lowlands.” In: *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. Social Sciences Austin, TX : University of Texas Press, 2012, v.65.
- “Ethnology and Indigenism in the Brazilian Northwest Amazon.” *Tipiti. Jl.Soc.Anthro.Lowland So.Ame*. Oxford University Press. Vol. 7, no. 1, 2010. Pp. 107-18.
- “Historical and Anthropological Perspectives on the Formation of Cultural Identity” . *Ethnohistory*. Duke University Press: v. 49, n.3, 2002, p.703-14.
- “Ethnology: South America Lowlands.” In: *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. Social Sciences Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2003 , v. 59, <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/hlas/contents.html>
- “Ethnology: South America Lowlands.” In: *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. Social Sciences Austin, TX : University of Texas Press, 2002, v.57, p. 115-137.

### *Encyclopedia Entries*



- “Pajelança in the Brazilian North,” in: Jurgensmayer, M., *Encyclopedia of Religions*, 2012, SAGE publications.
- “Christianities in South America”. 2007. In: *Atlas of the World’s Religions*, Second edition, edited by Ninian Smart and Frederick Denny. New York, 2007, by Oxford University Press, pp. 178-179.
- “Cosmology: South American Cosmologies”; (2) “South American Indian Religions: Indians of the Western Amazon”; (3) “South American Indian Religions: Indians of the Central and Eastern Amazon”. In: *Encyclopedia of Religions* (Second Edition). MacMillan Press, 2005.
- “Ethnic Groups of the Içana” (in English and Portuguese). In: *Enciclopédia dos Povos Indígenas no Brasil*. ISA, org. www.socioambiental.org., 2003.
- “Indianer, religionsgeschichtlich-Wichtige Stammesgruppe-Sudamerika” In: *Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*. Tübingen : Siebeck, 2002, p. 10338-9.
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### *Book Reviews*

- Neil Whitehead & Michael Harbsmaier, eds., Hans Staden’s True History: An Account of Cannibal Activity in Brasil. Duke: Durham, 2008. In: *Jl. Anthro. Research*, vol 66, 2010, pp. 134-5.
- Review of: *Made-from-Bone. Trickster Myths, Music, and History from the Amazon*. Jonathan D. Hill. 2009. University of Illinois: Urbana. Xxii + 195 pp. ill., 2 app., glossary, paperback. *J. Lat. Am. Stud.* 42 (1): 205-207.
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- Conquistados Mas Não Vencidos.[Conquered but not defeated. Review of *Amazon Frontier*, by John Hemming]] *Anuário Antropológico* 87. Rio de Janeiro: Tempo Brasileiro, v. 87, p.249 – 258, 1990.
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- Review of *Structure And Process In Guajiro Society*, Jean Goulet . *Anthropology And Humanism Quarterly*. EUA: Society For Humanistic Anthropology, v.8, n.4, p.5 - 9, 1983.

### *Multi-media Production*

- “*Blood of the ancestors: History, Cosmology and Sacred Geography of the Hohodene*”, powerpoint with short videos, and texts of Baniwa shamanism, 2013 (see: [www.robinmwright.com](http://www.robinmwright.com));
- “*Two Centuries of Contact in the Northwest Amazon*”, powerpoint reproducing earliest written documents (18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries) and photographs from 20<sup>th</sup> Century (see: [www.robinmwright.com](http://www.robinmwright.com));
- “Mythsapes and their Meanings”, powerpoint on the sacred geography of the Baniwa peoples, with accompanying texts, 2010 (see [www.robinmwright.com](http://www.robinmwright.com));
- “Waferinaipe Ianheke” [Wisdom of Our Ancestors], collection of 3 CDs of Baniwa creation narratives and other stories, 2000.
- “The Yanomami: A People in Crisis,” Co-produced with J. Saffirio, a 30-minute video on the situation of the Yanomami Indians along the

Northern Perimeter Highway), 1983.

## PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

### *Invited Lectures*

- “*Malikai Dapana*: a project for the revitalization of Baniwa jaguar shamans”, FASA Speaker series, Department of Anthropology, UF Gainesville, March 05, 2010.
- “Indigenous Philosophies and Ontologies and Their Implications for Sustainable Development,” presented at the Inaugural Forum of the Inaugural Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, University of Florida-Gainesville, April 4-6, 2006.)
- “Ethnogenesis in the Northwest Amazon and Its Implications for the Ethnohistory of Northern Arawakan-speaking Peoples,” International Symposium on Historical Linguistics in South America, Museu Goeldi, Belem-PA, Brazil, 27 August-02 September 2005.
- “O Tema de Predação nas ontologias ameríndias e a conversão ao cristianismo; Seminário Temático [The Theme of Predation in Amerindian Ontologies and Conversion to Christianity”] in the Symposium, “Transformações indígenas: os regimes de subjetivação ameríndios à prova da história”; XXVIII Encontro Anual da ANPOCS; Caxambu, MG, Brazil; October, 2004.
- “The Universal and the Particular: Indigenous Amazonian Socio-Religious Formations and their Historical Transformations”, Colloquium address to the Department of Religion, University of Florida-Gainesville, Fl, January, 2005.
- “On Attributing Values to Indigenous Religious Traditions”, Colloquium address to the Department of Religion, University of Florida-Gainesville, Fl, January, 2005.
- “O Desenvolvimento sustentável no Alto Rio Negro: Desafios, avanços e problemas” [Sustainable development on the Upper Rio Negro: Challenges, advances and problems]. Invited Paper presented to the Workshop “Ameríndia 2004”, UNESP/Araraquara, Brazil. April, 2004.

- **Keynote Address:** “Transformando os Deuses: novas perspectivas sobre a conversão e a religiosidade indígena “[Transforming the Gods: new perspectives on conversion and indigenous religiosity]. presented to the 1st International Symposium on Religions, Religiosity and Culture, held in the Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul, Dourados, Brazil. September 28 – October 1st, 2003.
- “The Wicked and the Wise Men: Witches and Prophets in Baniwa History” Paper presented to the Invited Session of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, “The Cosmology of Violence in South America”, organized by Neil Whitehead. 101st Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA., 2002
- “Purity and Contamination: Millenarian Traditions among Arawak-speaking Peoples of the Northwest Amazon”. Invited Paper presented at the International Conference of Comparative Arawakan Histories. Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama City, Panama, 2000.
- “As Formas Religiosas de Resistência Indígena” [Religious Forms of Indigenous Resistance]. Invited Paper presented at the Round Table on Indigenous Resistance over the Centuries, Departamento de Antropologia, Universidade de Brasília, Brazil. 1996.
- “Indigenous Religions and Christianity in Brazil”, Invited Paper presented at the International Colloquium on World Christianity and Christian Missions, organized by the Overseas Ministries Study Center, Nashville, Tenn., 1994.
- **Keynote Address:** “Imagens Étnicas e os Meios de Comunicação no Brasil” [Ethnic Images and Mass Communication in Brazil], presented at the Exposition and Seminar Memória da Amazônia, Universidade do Porto, Porto, Portugal, 1994.
- “Politics and Belief in the mid-19th Century Rebellions of the Northwest Amazon.” Invited Paper presented at the Symposium on “Rebellions”, First International Congress of Ethnohistory, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1989.
- “A Campanha Internacional em favor dos Direitos Yanomami à Terra no Brasil.” [The International Campaign on behalf of Yanomami Land Rights in Brazil] Invited Paper presented at the Biannual meetings of the Brazilian Anthropological Association, Brasília, D.F. Brazil, 1984.

### *Conference Presentations*

- “Resurgent Problems in an Emergent Brazil: Indigenous Rights vs Naturvölker ideology of Neo-shamanistic movements”, paper presented in session on “Religion”, coordinated by Manuel Vasquez, at the international Conference on “Emergent Brazil,” Center for Latin American Studies, UF-Gainesville, FL, March 2013.
- "From the jaguar shamans' points-of-view: 'You Will Suffer Along Our Way'", presented at the 2013 VII Sesquiannual meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Vanderbilt University, March 07-10, 2013.
- “Mysteries of the Jaguar Shamans of the Northwest Amazon”, paper presented at the 2013 VII Sesquiannual meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Vanderbilt University, March 07-10, 2013
- “Myths of the Northwest Amazon and Their Meanings”, presented at the 2009 SE Conference on the Amazon and the Andes, UF Gainesville, April.
- “A Nexus of Religious Knowledge and Power”, presented at the 2009 SE Conference on the Amazon and the Andes, UF Gainesville, April.
- “Native American religions in an Hemispheric Perspective”, paper presented at the annual AAR (American Academy of Religion) meetings, Chicago, Ill., November, 2008.
- “Arawakan Flute Cults of Lowland South America: The Domestication of Predation and the Production of Agentivity”, paper presented in the Symposium “Bursts of Breath: New Research on Indigenous Flutes in Lowland South America,” organized by J.H. Hill and J-P Chaumeil, 52<sup>nd</sup> ICA, Seville, Spain, July, 2006.
- “Baniwa Art”. The Baniwa Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Sustainable Development”, presented in the Symposium on “Modes of Christianity among Indigenous Peoples of the Americas”, organized by R.M. Wright & A. Vilaca, 52<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Americanists, Seville, Spain, July, 2006.
- Also presented at the Inaugural Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Symposium on “Indigenous Cosmologies and Sustainable Development in the Amazon.” University of Florida-Gainesville, April 4-6, 2006.
- “E o Papa Recebe Ordens do Deus Pajé: Cosmologias Xamânicas no Noroeste da Amazônia” [And the Pope receives orders from the shaman god: shamanic cosmologies in the Northwest Amazon]. Paper presented to the Work Group on “Indians and Missionaries. Symbols,

- Practices and Policies.” V Reunião de Antropologia do Mercosul. Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil. November 30 – December 3, 2003.
- “A Antropologia Diante das Missões: Uma Diversidade de Perspectivas” [Anthropology and the Missions: a Diversity of Perspectives]. Paper presented in the Round Table on As Missões Religiões entre os índios, a Antropologia e o Estado. V Reunião de Antropologia do Mercosul. Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil. November 30 – December 3, 2003.
  - “Xamanismo e saúde no noroeste da Amazônia” [Shamanism and Health in the Northwest Amazon]. Paper presented in the Round Table on Saúde, Religião e Cultura, 1st International Symposium on Religions, Religiosity and Culture, held in the Universidade Estadual de Mato Grosso do Sul, Dourados, September 28 – October 1st, 2003.
  - “A Conversão dos Baniwa e o Problema do Mal.” [The Conversion of the Baniwa and the Problem of Evil]. Paper presented at the Research Forum on “Christian Missions in Indigenous Areas”, 23rd Biannual Meetings of the Brazilian Anthropological Association, Gramado, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. 2002.
  - “Ethnology, Indigenist and Indigenous Organizations.” Lecture presented at the Encontro de Antropologia. Departamento de Antropologia, UNICAMP, Brazil, 2001.
  - “South American Indigenous Religions”. Lectures presented at the regional Indigenist Missionary Councils (CIMI) of Rondônia and Mato Grosso, Jí-paraná, Rondônia, 1996.
  - “Myth, Ritual and symbolism”. Invited Seminar presented at the annual meeting of the Coordinators of the ANDRI (Articulação Nacional de Diálogo Inter-religioso), Brasília, Brazil, 1996.
  - “Quando as Missões Vieram. História e Cosmologia da Conversão Baniwa” [When the Missions Came. History and Cosmology of Baniwa Conversion]. Paper presented at the Biannual meetings of the Associação Brasileira de Antropologia, Niterói, RJ, Brazil, 1994.
  - “Anthropology and Indigenism”, 1992. Lecture presented during the Encontro do Indigenismo, Instituto de Estudos de Linguagem, UNICAMP, Campinas, Brazil..
  - “Traditional and Western Medicines”. Lecture presented at the 40th Course on Traditional Medicine, Escola Paulista de Medicina, São Paulo, 1992.

- “História Indígena do Noroeste da Amazônia: Questões, Hipóteses e Perspectivas” [Indigenous History of the Northwest Amazon: Questions, Hypotheses and Perspectives]. Paper presented at the international conference on História Indígena e do Indigenismo. Universidade de São Paulo, SP, 1991.
- “Historical Perspectives and Indigenous Rights Movements in the Northwest Amazon.” Paper presented at the Lowland South America Symposium, American Anthropological Association meetings, New Orleans, LA., 1990.
- “Indigenismo e Antropologia [Indigenism and Anthropology]. Paper presented at the Round Table on Pesquisa em Área Indígena. Para Quem ? Para Quê ? Universidade do Estado de São Paulo – Araraquara, Brazil, 1990.
- “UWI. Guerras e Alianças nas Histórias Oraís dos Baniwa do Alto Rio Negro.” [Wars and Alliances in the Oral Histories of the Baniwa of the Upper Rio Negro] Paper presented in the Work Group on História Indígena e do Indigenismo, annual meetings of ANPOCS, Caxambu, MG, Brazil, 1989.
- “Uma Política de Dividir-e-Conquistar. Os Baniwa, a Mineração, e o Projeto Calha Norte.” [A Policy of Divide-and-Conquer. The Baniwa, Mining and the Northern Channel Project]. Paper presented to the Work Group on Política Indigenista, annual meetings of ANPOCS, Caxambu, MG, Brazil, 1989.
- “Cronologia e Estrutura na História Oral dos Índios Hohodene” [Chronology and Structure in the Oral History of the Hohodene Indians]. Paper presented to the Work Group on História Indígena e do Indigenismo, annual meetings of ANPOCS, Campos de Jordão, SP, Brazil. 1986.
- “História Indígena do Alto Rio Negro, séculos 18-20.” [Indigenous History of the Upper Rio Negro, 18th-20th centuries] Paper presented to the Work Group on História Indígena e do Indigenismo, annual meetings of ANPOCS, Águas de São Pedro, MG, Brazil, 1985.
- “Time, Narrative and Ritual: Historical Interpretations from an Amazonian Society.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Boulder, CO., 1984
- “The War In The Amazon”, (in collaboration with the Comissão pela Criação do Parque Yanomami, Sao Paulo, Brazil) film presentation and lecture in the Museum of the Indian, Heye Foundation (New York), 1983.

- “Struggle and Survival in the Northwest Amazon.” Paper presented in the “Lowland South America Symposium” at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C., 1982.
- “The Yanomami Indians. Declaration on Violations of the Rights of the Yanomami Indians in Brazil”, presentation at the Fourth Russell Tribunal on the Rights of the Indians of the Americas. Rotterdam, Holland, 1980.

### *Organization of Conferences and Symposia*

- Organizer, 2012, “Indian Heritage Day” panel of Native American speakers, and keynote speaker Cherokee Supreme Court Justice Troy Poteete, UF, April 05, 2012;
- Co-organizer, 2011, “Multidisciplinary Approaches to Plants and Religion”, co-sponsored by the CLAS Dean’s Office, Religion Department, Law School, and others, UF, Dec. 15-18, 2011;
- Organizer of the session “Cosmologies of Conversion” at the Research Forum on “Christian Missions in Indigenous Areas”, 23rd Biannual Meetings of the Brazilian Anthropological Association, Gramado, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, 2002.
- Co-organizer with Jean Jackson, Scientific Session on “Politics and Culture in the Northwest Amazon”, at the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, William & Mary College, 1998.
- Co-organizer of the “First Congress on the Ritual Use of Ayahuasca,” Instituto de Filosofia e Ciências Humanas, UNICAMP, Brazil, 1997.
- Coordinator of the Round Table on Religiões e Religiosidades Indígenas, [Indigenous Religions and Religiosities] in the 1st International Symposium on Religions, Religiosity and Culture, Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul, Dourados, September 28 – October 1st, 2003.
- Organization of Work Group on Religiões Indígenas e Cristianismo no Brasil [Indigenous Religions and Christianity in Brazil], Biannual meetings of the Associação Brasileira de Antropologia, Niterói, RJ, 1994.
- Coordinator of the Work Group on História Indígena e do Indigenismo, annual meetings of ANPOCS [National Association on Graduate Studies in the Social Sciences], Caxambu, MG, Brazil, 1989.



- Organizer, Symposium on “International Dams: The Impact on Native Peoples”. National Conference on Rivers, Washington, D.C., 1983.
- Co-organizer of international conference on “Native Resource Control and the Multinational Corporate Challenge. Aboriginal Rights in International Perspective”. Sponsored by the Anthropology Resource Center, Cultural Survival, Indian Law Resource Center, Multinational Monitor. Onondaga Reservation, N.Y. & Washington, D.C., 1982.

## EDITORIAL AND REVIEW WORK

- **Ad hoc Reviewer** for: Routledge Press, 2011-present; University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, N.M., 2012-present; *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 2012-present; University of Arizona Press, Tucson, AZ, 2012-present; University of Nebraska Press, Omaha, Nebraska, 2011-present; *Ethnohistory*, Duke University Press, 2001.
- **Editorial Board:** *Tipiti, Journal of the South America Lowlands Studies Association*, 2006-present; *Journal of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, UF, Gainesville, 2006-present; *Nandety*, U. Federal de Grande Dourados, MS, Brazil, 2010-present; *Tellus*, Universidade Catolica Dom Bosco, Dourados, MS, Brazil, 2008-present; *REAI (Revista de Estudos e Assuntos Indigenas)*, Universidade Federal de Tocantins, Brazil, 2009-present.
- **Co-editor** of the *Newsletter of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*. University of Florida-Gainesville, 2006-8.
- **Contributing Editor** on Lowland South American Ethnology for the *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. National Library of Congress NLC (Washington, D.C), 1994 – 1999, 2008-present.
- **Ad hoc Consultant** for: the UNESP Editor, São Paulo, 2003; University of Londrina Editor, Londrina, São Paulo, 2003; National Association of Graduate Studies and Research in the Social Sciences (Associação Nacional de Pós Graduação e Pesquisa Em Ciências Sociais – ANPOCS), Brazil, 2003-05;
- **Chief Editor**, *ARC Bulletin* (a bimonthly bulletin on the situation of indigenous peoples in Brazil). Boston, MA.:Anthropology Resource

Center, 1980-82.

## **EVALUATION COMMITTEES**

- Member of the Brazilian Fellowships Commissions for the annual CNPq/ANPOCS best thesis competition, 1994-97;
- Ford/ANPOCS Thesis Evaluation Committee, 1997-2000;
- Project evaluator for the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico/DF - CNPQ/DF, Brazil), 2001-5;
- Project Evaluator, the Foundation for Support to Research in the State of São Paulo, 1992-1997;
- Project Evaluator (Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo – FAPESP, São Paulo, Brazil), 1986 – 2006;
- Project Evaluator for the FAEP (Support Fund for Research and Teaching at the UNICAMP), 1986-2006;
- Consultant to the NGO Cultural Survival on “Support Organizations and Indigenous Organizations in Brazil”, 1984.

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Member, Field Representative for South America, Foundation for Shamanic Studies, Menlo Park, CA. [www.shamanism.org](http://www.shamanism.org), 2009-present.
- Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness (SAC), section of the American Anthropological Association, 2010.
- Founding member, Member-At-Large for the Social Sciences, and member of the Executive Board of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, 2006- present;
- Member, American Academy of Religion (AAR), since 2007 (not continuously);
- Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR), section group of the American Anthropological Association, member, 2006.
- Member, Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America (SALSA) 2005-present;

- Founding Member, Núcleo para a História Indígena e do Indigenismo, Universidade de São Paulo (Center for Indigenous History and the History of Indigenism), 1985-1991;
- Member, American Anthropological Association since 1981( not continuously);
- Member, Brazilian Anthropological Association since 1986 (not continuously);

## **GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### *External Awards*

- Co-PI, US Department of Education, grant to Center for Latin American Studies, 2011-2014. \$48,526.00. “One Nation out of Many: Multiculturalism in Brazil and the United States”, FIPSE/CAPES Title IV grant for the exchange of students between the two countries administered by Vanderbilt-UF-UFRGS-UFPe;
- “Shamans’ House of Knowledge and Power,” Foundation For Shamanic Studies, Mill Valley, CA. \$25,000.00. For the construction and inauguration of a Shamans’ House in the indigenous village of Uapui, Northwest Amazon, Brazil.
- CNPq (Conselho de Pesquisa e Desenvolvimento Científico), research fellowship and salary supplement (approx.. \$500.00 per month), Brazil, 1990-2004;
- FAEP (Research Support Foundation), University of Campinas, field research, 1990, 1996, 2002;
- Fundação de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo [Research Support Foundation of the State of São Paulo], Brazil, field research, 1989-90;
- Harry Frank Guggenheim Fellowship, field research, 1989;
- Pew Foundation Post-doctoral fellowship (through the Overseas Ministries Study Center), 1988;
- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Small Grants awards, field research, 1998 & 1987;
- Social Science Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1987-8;

- Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Council of International Exchange of Scholars. First semester 1985, at the Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Campinas, Brazil. 1985;
- National Science Foundation Fellowship, Doctoral fellowship, 1973-6;

#### *University of Florida Awards*

- Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Award, for writing *Mysteries of the Jaguar Shamans of the Northwest Amazon*, 2010;
- Center for Latin American Studies, travel grant to the Northwest Amazon, 2009;
- CLAS Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund, \$6,000.00 for Summer research on herbal and psychoactive plant medicines, 2009;

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### *Translations*

- Translations (Portuguese-English) of the Encyclopedia of Indigenous Peoples in Brazil, by the Instituto Socioambiental, on the site [www.socioambiental.org](http://www.socioambiental.org). 2003-4.
- Translation (English-Portuguese), “How do we develop an anthropological gaze that avoids the fallacy of the superior position of Western civilization?” by Joanna Overing, paper presented at the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, (November, 2003).
- Translation (English – Portuguese) “Os Bancos Multilaterais de Desenvolvimento e o Setor Energético”. [Multilateral Development Banks and the Energy Sector] by Schwartzman, S., Malone, M. São Paulo: Comissão Pró-Índio de São Paulo, 1988.
- Translation (Portuguese – English)  
*Hydroelectric Dams on Brazil's Xingu River and Indigenous Peoples*. Santos & Andrade, eds. Cambridge, MA: Cultural Survival, 1990, 191 pp.

- Translation (Portuguese – English) URIHI. [Bulletin of the Commission for the Creation of the Yanomami Park]. Comissão Pela Criação Do Parque Yanomami, São Paulo: CCPY, 1986-89.

#### *Service to UF*

- University Disabilities Committee, 2012-present;
- University Library Committee, CLAS, 2012-present;
- Evaluating Committee, Research Awards, Center for Latin American Studies, UF, Summer 2010.
- Co-editor “Friday Bulletin”, Department of Religion, UF, 2010-12;
- Member of Graduate Advisory Committee, Religion Dept., 2008-09;
- Graduate Coordinator, Department of Religion, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS), 2006-2008;
- Faculty Advisor, Native American Studies minor, CLAS, 2007-present.
- Member, Department Steering Committee, Religion Dept., 2006-2008;

#### *External Service*

- Consultant, Research Coordinator, *Malikai Dapana* (indigenous center for shamanic training), S. Gabriel da Cachoeira, AM, Brazil. 2008-2013;
- Consultant, Translator. Instituto Socioambiental (Brazilian NGO), S.Paulo, S.P., Brazil, 1997-2003;
- Founding Member and Coordinator, Centro de Pesquisas em Etnologia Indigena [Center for Research in Indigenous Ethnology], University of Campinas, S.P., Brazil, 2000-5;
- Consultant, Researcher. Centro Ecumênico De Documentação E Informação (Brazilian NGO), S. Paulo, S.P., Brazil, 1985-1989;
- Part-Time Consultant, Translator. Comissão Pela Criação Do Parque Yanomami (Brazilian NGO), S. Paulo, S.P., Brazil, 1985-1989;
- Consultant on indigenous Amazonia, Translator. Cultural Survival (NGO), Boston, MA. 1984-1981;
- Researcher, Coordinator of Amazonia Project, Anthropology Resource Center (ARC, Inc.), Boston, MA. 1980-83.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

### *Book Chapters*

- “Body of the Sorcerer, Soul of the Healer”, in: *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Material Religion*, M. Vasquez & V. Narayanan, eds. (under contract, in preparation);
- “Assault Sorcery”, in: *Oxford Handbooks Online*. M. Jurgensmayer, ed. Oxford University Press (under contract, in revision).

### *Book Manuscripts and special journal issues*

- *Religion, Medicine, and Healing: An Anthology*. Kendall Hunt publishing (under contract, in preparation);
- Special topic issue on “Recent Developments in the Anthropology of Religion”, *Social Sciences* (ISSN 2076-0760) an international, peer-reviewed, quick-refereeing open access journal. In preparation.

### *Articles:*

- “Persecutions, Massacres, And Catastrophic Floods: Indigenous Peoples Confront The New “Miracle” In Brazil”, submitted to *Horizontes Antropológicos*. Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (under review)

### *Review Essay*

- “Ethnology: Lowland South America.” *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. Social Sciences Austin, TX : University of Texas Press, 2012, v.67. (submitted)

### *Book Review*

- M. Brightman, V. Grotti, O Ulturgasheva, eds, *Animism in Rainforest and Tundra*. Oxford, NY, 2010.



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