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EDUCATION

- 2005 **Ph.D. in Anthropology, UCLA**
Research Specialization: Medical Anthropology, Psychological Anthropology, Cognitive Anthropology, Latin American Societies (Mesoamerica).
Dissertation: "Pathogenic Emotions: Sentiment, Sociality, and Sickness Among the Tzotzil Maya of San Juan Chamula, Chiapas, Mexico" [Committee: Allen Johnson (Chair), Carole Browner, Johannes Wilbert, Jeffrey Prager]
- 1996 **M.A. in Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles**
Thesis: "To Warm the Blood, To Warm the Flesh: The Role of the Steambath in Highland Maya (Tzeltal-Tzotzil) Ethnomedicine"
- 1992 **A.B. in Anthropology; University of California, Berkeley**
Specialization: Archaeology (California and Peruvian) with specialized training in human osteology and lithic technology; Medical Ethnobiology

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

- In Process **Ph.D. in Psychoanalytic Sciences, New Center for Psychoanalysis**
Postgraduate training in psychodynamic theory, technique, and research.
- 2005-2009 **USC/NIH Research Associate**
Post-doctoral research associate and principal ethnographer on 3 million dollar National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant focusing on health disparities and the impact of disability and chronic illness among low income African Americans in Los Angeles, CA (PIs: Mary Lawlor, Cheryl Mattingly, and Lanita Jacobs-Huey; University of Southern California). Continued to serve as part-time research associate from 2007-2009, after appointment as Assistant Professor at USC.

ACADEMIC HONORS

- 2006 CORST Prize in Psychoanalysis and Culture (International Prize awarded by the American Psychoanalytic Association's Committee on Research and Special Training) [Awarded 2007]
- 2005 Robert J. Stoller Prize (Awarded for "best psychoanalytically-informed research in the bio-behavioral sciences, social sciences, or humanities)
- Graduation *summa cum laude* (Highest Honors); UC Berkeley
- Invited member of Golden Key National Honors Society
- Phi Beta Kappa Member

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- Eisenstein-Gabe Research Psychoanalyst Fellowship (2007-10)
- American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA) Post-Doctoral Fellowship (2006-7)
- University of California Interdisciplinary Psychoanalytic Consortium Fellowship (2002, 2005)
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (2000)
- Department of Anthropology Research Grant (1997, 1998, 1999)
- Ford Foundation-ISOP Dissertation Research Grant (1998)
- Department of Social Psychiatry-Medical Anthropology Research Grant (1998)
- Graduate Fellowship, Department of Anthropology (1997-1998)
- Sigma XI Graduate Research Grant (1997)
- Department of Social Psychiatry-Medical Anthropology Research Grant (1997)
- National Science Foundation Summer Training Grant (1994)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2007-Current **Assistant Professor, USC**—Division of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy; University of Southern California.
- 2007-Current **Clinical Research Associate / Eisenstein-Gabe Research Fellow, New Center for Psychoanalysis**—Research Psychoanalyst Training Candidate, Ph.D. Program.
- 2005-2007 **USC/NIH Research Associate**—Post-doctoral research appointment, Division of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy; University of Southern California.
- 2006-2007 **Post-Doctoral Fellow, American Psychoanalytic Association**—Post-Doctoral Fellow (non-resident) of the American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA)
- 1996-2002 **Teaching Fellow, UCLA**—Teaching fellow for large undergraduate anthropology courses (400+ students). Courses taught: Physical Anthropology & Linguistic Anthropology. Also designed and taught interdisciplinary honors course for undergraduate students in Psychiatry, Psychology, and Anthropology (“The Use and Abuse of Drugs: Contemporary Anthropological and Biomedical Perspectives”), team-taught with Jeffrey Wilkins, M.D.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Courses Taught (Instructor):**

- Doing, Being, and the Constitution of Meaning in Everyday Life (USC—Instructor)
- The Lifeworlds of Individuals and Groups in Cultural Perspective (USC—Instructor)
- Qualitative Research Methods (USC—Instructor)
- Drug Use and Abuse: Cultural and Biomedical Perspectives (UCLA—Instructor)

Courses Taught (Teaching Assistant & Teaching Fellow):

- Physical Anthropology (UCLA—Teaching Fellow)
- Linguistic Anthropology (UCLA—Teaching Fellow)
- Latin American Communities (UCLA—Teaching Assistant)
- Evolution of Human Societies (UCLA—Teaching Assistant)

Course Syllabi Developed & Prepared to Teach:

- Medical Anthropology & Global Health (Outline Syllabus)

- Ethnobiology: Plants and Animals in Traditional Societies (Full Syllabus)
- Cultural Psychodynamics: Reconceptualizing Self and Psyche in Society (Full Syllabus)
- Globalization, Transnationalism, and Subjectivity (Outline Syllabus)
- Latin American Social Movements (Outline Syllabus)

ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH & FIELDWORK

- **Highland Maya (Tzeltal-Tzotzil), Chiapas, Mexico**
Approximately 30 months of ethnomedical and ethnographic research among the Tzeltal and Tzotzil Maya of highland Chiapas, Mexico. Research during the first research period (Jan-Jun 1992) focused on therapeutic steambathing and the local ethnomedicine in the Tzeltal community of Santo Tomás Oxchuc. The next two research periods (Apr-July 1993; July-Sep 1996) saw the continuation of this ethnomedical project in the Tzotzil-speaking community of San Juan Chamula. Dissertation research (*Title: "Pathogenic Emotions: Sentiment, Sociality, and Sickness Among the Tzotzil Maya of San Juan Chamula, Chiapas, Mexico"*) took place between Sep 2002 and Aug 2003, and focused on the constitutive role of emotional ideologies in personal experience, social control, and the cultural production of illness. Additional field seasons include the summers of 2008 and 2009.
- **Rarámuri (Tarahumara), Chihuahua, Mexico**
Field trips to the Rarámuri communities of Norogachi, and Pahuachique (Dec 2000, Apr 2001, Apr 2002) as participant in the Smithsonian-based Sierra Tarahumara Diversity Project.
- **Chachapoyas Mestizos, Chachapoyas Highlands, Perú**
Five-week ethnomedical reconnaissance survey among remote mestizo communities in the Chachapoyas Highlands of northeastern Peru (Sep-Oct 1998).
- **Yora-Yaminahua, Río Mishagua, Perú**
Two summers (Jul-Sep 1994, Aug-Oct 1995) of ethnographic fieldwork among the Panoan-speaking Yora of the southeastern Peruvian Amazon. Research focused on processes of culture contact and change, ayahuasca shamanism, and local ethnomedical practices and ethnobotanical therapies.
- **South-Central Los Angeles, CA**
Research Associate on NIH-funded ethnographic study on health disparities and clinical communication among low-income African American families in Los Angeles (PIs: Mary Lawlor, Cheryl Mattingly, Lanita Jacobs-Huey). I was responsible for longitudinal data collection with 15 families over a four year period, conducting approximately 750 hours of depth interviews, videotaped interactions, and clinical observations focusing on the experience of disability and chronic illness.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Kevin P. Groark (In Press, Spring 2010). Angel in the Gourd: Social, Therapeutic and Ritual Use of Tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum*) among the Contemporary Highland Maya of Chiapas, Mexico. *Journal of Ethnobiology* 30(1).
- (In Press, Jan 2010). Willful Souls: Dreaming and the Dialectics of Self-Experience among the Highland Maya of Chiapas, Mexico. In: *Toward an Anthropology of the Will* (C. Jason Throop & Keith M. Murphy, eds.), pp. 101-122. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
- (2009). Discourses of the Soul: The Negotiation of Personal Agency in Tzotzil Maya Dream Narrative. *American Ethnologist* 36(4): 705-721.
- (2008). Social Opacity and the Dynamics of Empathic In-Sight Among the Tzotzil Maya of Chiapas, Mexico. *Ethos* 36(4):427-448.
- (2005). Vital Warmth and Well-Being: Steambathing as Household Therapy Among the Tzeltal and Tzotzil Maya of Highland Chiapas, Mexico. *Social Science & Medicine* 61:785-795.
- (2001). Taxonomic Identity of “Hallucinogenic” Harvester Ant (*Pogonomyrmex californicus*) Confirmed. *Journal of Ethnobiology* 21(2):133-144.
- (1997). To Warm the Blood, to Warm the Flesh: The Role of the Steambath in Highland Maya (Tzeltal-Tzotzil) Ethnomedicine. *Journal of Latin American Lore* 20(1):3-96.
- (1996). Ritual and Therapeutic Use of “Hallucinogenic” Harvester Ants (*Pogonomyrmex*) in Native South-Central California. *Journal of Ethnobiology* 16(1):1-27.

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

- Kevin P. Groark. (Ready for Submission). Oneirocritica Maya: Dreaming in Theory and Practice Among the Tzotzil Maya of Highland Chiapas, Mexico. To be submitted to: *Ethnology*
- (Ready for Submission). Stranger in the Night: The Cultural Psychodynamics of Dream Aggression among the Highland Maya of Chiapas, Mexico. To be submitted to: *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*
- (In Preparation). Personal Power and Self-Transformation in Highland Maya Dreams of Shamanic Investiture. To be submitted to: *Ethos*
- Kevin P. Groark and C. Jason Throop (In Preparation). Inchoate Disclosures: Mood, Memory, and Meaning in Everyday Life. To be submitted to: *Anthropological Theory*.

MANUSCRIPTS

- Kevin P. Groark (2005). Pathogenic Emotions: Sentiment, Sociality, and Sickness among the Tzotzil Maya of San Juan Chamula, Chiapas, Mexico. (Dissertation Manuscript, 586 pp.).

REFEREED PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

- Kevin P. Groark (November 2009). Agency and Disavowal: The Dynamics of Dream-Mediated Vocational Investiture among the Highland Maya. Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. November 12-15. Long Beach, CA.
- (April 2009). Dreams, Visions, and Journeys of the Soul: An Overview of Dream Experience among the Ancient and Contemporary Maya. Invited symposium paper for “Visions of the Night: The Role of the Dream in Pre-Modern Societies.” University of Southern California, April 24-25. Los Angeles, CA.
- (May 2009). Projection, Splitting, and the Return of the Repressed in Highland Maya Dream Life. Invited paper for panel on “The Uses and Abuses of Psychoanalytic Theory in Anthropology.” To be presented at the 2009 *Society for the Anthropology of Religion / Society for Psychological Anthropology Joint Meeting*, March 27-29, 2009. Asilomar, CA.
- (Nov 2008). Engaging the Enemy: Persecution Dreams and the Dynamics of Covert Aggression among the Highland Maya. Paper presented in panel on Projective Self Practices: Representations and Transformations. 2008 *Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association*, Nov 19-22. San Francisco, CA.
- (Jan 2008). Dreaming the Real: The Role of Dreams in Vocational Self-Transformation among the Highland Maya. *Keynote Speaker* at panel presentation sponsored by the New York International Mental Health Interest Group (NYIMHIG), the Psychoanalytic Association of New York (PANY), and the New York University Psychoanalytic Institute (NYUPI) at NYU School of Medicine.
- (May 2007). Dreams of Grandeur: Psychodynamic Perspectives on the Investiture Dreams of an Aspiring Tzotzil Curer. *Invited Seminar*. Mind, Medicine and Culture Study Group, UCLA.
- (April 2007). Toward a Psychodynamic Anthropology: Reflections on the Relationship Between Anthropology and Psychoanalysis. *Invited Seminar*. New Center for Psychoanalysis, Los Angeles, CA.
- (March 2007). Persecution Dreams, Soul Sickness, and the Sublimation of Interpersonal Aggression Among the Highland Maya. *2007 Meetings of the Society for Psychological Anthropology*. Manhattan Beach, CA, March 8-11, 2007
- (February 2007). Fevered Heart Sickness: Emotion, Illness, and the Embodiment of Social Conflict among the Tzotzil Maya of Highland Chiapas. *Department Colloquium Presentation (Anthropology/John A. Burns School of Medicine)*, University of Hawai'i Manoa. Honolulu, Hawai'i, Feb 28, 2007.
- (Jan 2007). An Ethnic Study of Dreams and Their Dreamers in Highland Maya Culture. *Presentation of The Committee on Research and Special Training (CORST) Prize Essay in Psychoanalysis and Culture: “Placing the Self: Dreaming, Discourse, and Disavowed Volition among the Tzotzil Maya of Highland Chiapas, Mexico”*. *Winter Meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, New York, New York, Jan 17-21, 2007.

- Kevin P. Groark (with C. Jason Throop) (May 2006). Inchoate Disclosures: Memory, Mood, and Meaning in Everyday Life. Paper presented in symposium “Experiential Horizons: On the Intermingling of Imagination, Fantasy, Memory, and Emotion in the Practice of Everyday Life” (Kevin P. Groark and C. Jason Throop, Co-Organizers/Co-Chairs) *Annual Meetings of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA)*, Concordia University, Montreal, Québec, May 9-14, 2006.
- (May 2006). Experiential Horizons: Introductory Comments. Paper presented in symposium “Experiential Horizons: On the Intermingling of Imagination, Fantasy, Memory, and Emotion in the Practice of Everyday Life” (C. Jason Throop and Kevin P. Groark, Co-Organizers/Co-Chairs) *Annual Meetings of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA)*, Concordia University, Montreal, Québec, May 9-14, 2006.
- Kevin P. Groark (November 2005). Colonial Dreams: Transnational and Traditional Imagery in a Highland Maya Dream of Shamanic Investiture. Paper presented at the 27th *Annual Conference of the Southwest/Texas Popular & American Popular Culture Association* (Symposium on American Indians Today in Popular Culture). Albuquerque, New Mexico, Feb 8 – 11, 2006.
- (December 2005). Dreaming and the Dialectics of Self-Experience Among the Tzotzil Maya of Highland Chiapas, Mexico. Paper presented in AAA session (invited by Society for Psychological Anthropology) Localities and Subjectivities (Kevin P. Groark and C. Jason Throop; Co-organizers, Co-chairs). *104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Washington D.C., Nov 30 – Dec 4, 2005
- (May 2005). Of Saints and Cell Phones: Images of Personal Power in a Tzotzil Dream of Shamanic Election. *Annual Meetings of the Canadian Anthropological Society (CASCA) and the Society for the Anthropology of North America (SANA)*, Merida, Mexico, May 2-7, 2005.
- (April 2005). Dream Experience and Disavowed Ambition among the Tzotzil Maya of Highland Chiapas, Mexico. (Paper presented in invited session: Engaging With Psychoanalytic Theory/Advancing Psychodynamic Anthropology; April Leininger and Bambi Chapin, organizers). *Joint Meetings of the Society for Psychological Anthropology and the American Ethnological Society*; San Diego, April 7-10, 2005.
- (September 2002). Of Pintos and Fariseos: Images of *Semana Santa* among the Rarámuri of Norogachi (Chihuahua, Mexico). Gallery exhibit for opening of Mexico-North sponsored Chihuahua Week celebration. Guadalupe Gallery, San Antonio, TX.
- (November 1996). Teaching and the Transmission of Anthropological Sensibility. Paper presented in invited session: “Papers in Honor of Johannes Wilbert.” *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, 1996.

ORGANIZED / CHAIRED PANELS & SYMPOSIA

- Kevin P. Groark and C. Jason Throop (Co-Organizers/Co-Chairs) (March 2007). Beyond Internalization: Respacing Self, Other, and Society. *2007 Meetings of the Society for Psychological Anthropology*. Manhattan Beach, CA, March 8-11, 2007

Kevin P. Groark and C. Jason Throop (Co-Organizers/Co-Chairs) (May 2006). Experiential Horizons: On the Intermingling of Imagination, Fantasy, Memory, and Emotion in the Practice of Everyday Life. *Annual Meetings of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA)*, Montreal, Québec, May 9-14, 2006.

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Kevin P. Groark (Organizer), and C. Jason Throop (Chair) (May 2005). Localities and Subjectivities: Perspectives from Medical and Psychological Anthropology. *Annual Meetings of the Canadian Anthropological Society (CASCA) and the Society for the Anthropology of North America (SANA)*, Merida, Mexico, May 2-7, 2005.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING & RELEVANT SKILLS

Clinical Psychoanalytic Training—Post-doctoral psychoanalytic training at New Center for Psychoanalysis in Los Angeles. Includes specialized training in psychoanalytic theory and technique (classical and contemporary), psychodynamic case formulation, and clinical technique.

Systematic Field Data Collection and Analysis—Two years of formal training in ethnographic field methods under NSF training grant (including: systematic data collection techniques, elicitation and interviewing techniques, qualitative and quantitative analysis of field data, and person-centered interviewing).

Research Design and Grant Writing— Two UCLA courses on research grant and proposal writing, as well as human subjects compliance. Successful submission of more than 10 grant proposals.

Medical Anthropology/Ethnobiological Research Methodology—Fully trained in the methods and theory of medical ethnobotany and medical anthropology. Specialized training in the collection of ethnobotanical voucher specimens and the elicitation of accompanying preparation and administration data was received under Brent Berlin and Elois Ann Berlin at UC Berkeley, with supervised research carried out in Chiapas, Mexico in 1992. I also have a deep familiarity with a wide range of basic methods in medical anthropology, including: prospective and retrospective ethnoepidemiological surveys, elicitation of explanatory models, as well as a number of ethnoscientific methods aimed at elucidating domain specific cognitive organization (triads tests, pile sorts, constrained response interviews, etc.).

Technological Skills—Advanced skills in web and graphic design, word processing, and multimedia. At USC, I designed and implemented a \$60K Mac-based lab (and associated workflow) for the digitization, transcription, and analysis of audio and video-based NIH project data. Extensive experience in information architecture, and experience in database design.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)
- Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA)
- American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA; Associate Member)
- International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA; Associate Member)
- Society for Ethnobiology

SERVICE TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

- Member (2007-2009) *Paul S. Boyer Prize for Contributions to Psychoanalytic Anthropology* (Awarded through the Society for Psychological Anthropology)
- Member (2008-2009), *American Psychoanalytic Association Committee on Undergraduate Education*
- Guest Reviewer: *Ethos, Medical Anthropology, Journal of Latin American Lore*

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Spanish—Spoken and written proficiency in Latin American Spanish.
- Tzotzil Maya—Conversational proficiency, and advanced grammatical understanding of Chamula dialect of Tzotzil Maya.
- Tzeltal Maya—Basic proficiency in Oxchuc dialect of Tzeltal Maya.
- Yora-Yaminahua—Basic grammatical knowledge and rudimentary spoken proficiency in Yora/Yaminahua, a Panoan language spoken in the southeastern Peruvian Amazon.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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