Evelyn Blackwood|Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

BA Psychology, The King’s College, Briarcliff Manor, NY.

MA Anthropology, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California.

PhD Anthropology, Stanford University.

**TEACHING POSITIONS**

2017 Retired, Professor Emerita, Purdue University

2010-2017 Full Professor, Department of Anthropology

2008-2010 Associate professor, Department of Anthropology, Purdue University.

2000-2008 Associate professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and Women's Studies Program, Purdue University.

1994-2000 Assistant professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and Women's Studies Program, Purdue University.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2011 Ruth Benedict Prize for Best Monograph on an LGBT Topic: *Falling into the Lesbi World: Desire and Difference in Indonesia*, awarded by the Association for Queer Anthropology (formerly SOLGA).

2008 Martin Duberman Fellowship for research on *Falling into the Lesbi World*

2007 Ruth Benedict Prize for Best Anthology on an LGBT Topic: *Women’s Sexualities and Masculinities in a Globalizing Asia*.

2001 Fulbright Grant for Senior Scholars

2000 Ruth Benedict Prize for Best Monograph on an LGBT Topic: *Female Desires: Same-sex Relations and Transgender Practices Across Cultures* awarded by the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS**

2017 *Cultural Anthropology: Mapping Cultures across Time and Space*. Janice E. Stockard and Evelyn Blackwood. San Francisco: Cengage Publishers.

2010 *Falling into the Lesbi World: Desire and Difference in Indonesia*. University of Hawaii Press.

2007 *Women’s Sexualities and Masculinities in a Globalizing Asia*. Palgrave Macmillan. Co-edited with Saskia Wieringa, Abha Bhaiya.

2000 *Webs of Power: Women, Kin and Community in a Sumatran Village*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

1999 *Female Desires: Same-Sex Relations and Transgender Practices Across Cultures*. New York: Columbia University Press. Co-edited with Saskia E. Wieringa.

1986 *The Many Faces of Homosexuality: Anthropological Approaches to Homosexual Behavior.* New York: Harrington Park Press. Editor. Originally published as Journal of Homosexuality 11 (3/4).

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

2012a From Butch-Femme to Female Masculinities: Elizabeth Kennedy and LGBT Anthropology. *Feminist Formations* 24(3): 92-100.

2012b Evelyn Blackwood and Mark Johnson. Queer Asian Subjects: Transgressive Sexualities and Heteronormative Meanings. *Asian Studies Review* 36(4):441-451.

2009 Trans identities and contingent masculinities: Being tombois in everyday practice. *Feminist Studies* 35(3): 454-480.

2008 Transnational discourse and circuits of queer knowledge in Indonesia. *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 14(4): 481-507.

2007 Regulation of sexuality in Indonesian discourse: Normative gender, criminal law and shifting strategies of control. *Culture, Health and Sexuality* 9(3): 293-307.

2005 Gender transgression in colonial and post-colonial Indonesia. *Journal of Asian Studies* 64(4): 849-879.

2005 Transnational sexualities in one place: Indonesian readings. *Gender & Society* 19(2): 221-242.

2005 Wedding bell blues: Marriage, missing men, and matrifocal follies. *American Ethnologist* 32(1): 3-19. Plus rejoinder to commentary, The specter of the Patriarchal Man 32(1): 42-45.

2001 Representing women: The politics of Minangkabau adat writing. *Journal of Asian Studies* 60(1): 125-149.

1999 Big houses and small houses: Doing matriliny in West Sumatra. *Ethnos* 64(1): 32-56.

1998 Tombois in West Sumatra: Constructing masculinity and erotic desire. *Cultural Anthropology* 13(4): 491-521.

1985 Breaking the mirror: The construction of lesbianism and the anthropological discourse on homosexuality. *Journal of Homosexuality* 11(3/4): 1-17.

1984 Sexuality and gender in certain Native American tribes: The case of cross-gender females. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 10(1):27-42.

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

2015 Lesbian subjectivities: Butch, femme and andro from the New Order to Reformasi Era Indonesia. In *Sex and Sexualities in Contemporary Indonesia:* *Sexual Politics, Health, Diversity and Representations*, Linda Rae Bennett and Sharyn Graham Davies, eds., pp. 220-233. Routledge.

2014 Language and non-normative gender and sexuality in Indonesia. In *Queer Excursions*: *Retheorizing Binaries in Language, Gender, and Sexuality*. Lal Zimman, Jenny L. Davis, and Josh Raclaw, eds., pp. 81-100. Oxford University Press.

2012 Ryan Plis and Evelyn Blackwood. Trans technologies and identities in the United States. In *Technologies of Sexuality, Identity and Sexual Health*. Lenore Manderson, ed., pp. 185-204. New York: Routledge.

2011 (Trans)gender: Tomboi embodiment. In *A Companion to the Anthropology of Bodies/Embodiment*. Fran Mascia-Lees, ed. Blackwell Publishing.

2009 “Lesbians,” modernity and global translation: Female sexualities in Indonesia. In *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality, Health and Rights*. Peter Aggleton and Richard Parker, eds., pp. 69-76. London: Routledge.

2008 Not your average housewife: Minangkabau women rice farmers in West Sumatra. In *Women and Work in Indonesia*. Lyn Parker and Michele Ford, eds. New York: Routledge.

2007a Evelyn Blackwood and Saskia E. Wieringa. Globalization, sexuality and silences: Women’s sexualities and masculinities in an Asian context. In *Women’s Sexualities and Masculinities in a Globalizing Asia*.

2007b Transnational sexualities in one place: Indonesian readings. In *Women’s Sexualities and Masculinities in a Globalizing Asia*.

2006 Mothers to daughters: Social change and matrilineal kinship in a Minangkabau village. In *Globalization and Change in Fifteen Cultures: Born in One World, Living in Another*. George Spindler and Janice E. Stockard, eds., pp. 117-143. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

2002 Reading sexuality across cultures: Anthropology and theories of sexuality. In *Out in Theory: The Emergence of Lesbian and Gay Anthropology*. Ellen Lewin and William Leap, eds., pp. 69-92. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

1997 Native American genders and sexualities: Beyond anthropological models and misrepresentations. In *Two-Spirit People: Native American Gender Identity, Sexuality and Spirituality*. Sue-Ellen Jacobs, Wesley Thomas and Sabine Lang, eds., pp. 284-294. Urbana-Champaign: University of Illinois Press.

1995a Falling in love with an-other lesbian: Reflections on identity in fieldwork. In *Taboo: Sex, Identity and Erotic Subjectivity in Anthropological Fieldwork*, D. Kulick and M. Willson, eds., pp. 51-75. New York: Routledge Press

1995b Senior women, model mothers and dutiful wives: Managing gender contradictions in a Minangkabau village. In *Bewitching Women, Pious Men: Gender and Body Politics in Southeast Asia*, A. Ong and M. Peletz, eds., pp. 124-158. Berkeley: University of California Press.

**ENCYCLOPEDIA AND ON-LINE ENTRIES**

2005 Transsexualities. In *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, vol. 3, pp. 411-417. Leiden: Brill Publishers.

2004 Two-spirit females. In *The Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America*. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons.

2000a Harems. In *Lesbian Histories and Cultures: An Encyclopedia*, pp. 353-354. Bonnie Zimmerman, ed. New York: Garland.

2000b Indigenous cultures. In *Lesbian Histories and Cultures: An Encyclopedia*,

pp. 392-397. Bonnie Zimmerman, ed. New York: Garland.

**INVITED LECTURES**

2016 Indonesian women: Representations, historical transgressions and dominant discourses of gender. Presented at the Yale Indonesia Forum Spring Dialogue, “Women’s Eyes on All Issues: On Indonesia,” April 15, New Haven, CT.

2015 Subjectivity and embodiment in queer anthropology: Reflections on tombois and transmen. Presented at “Queering Anthropology,” Yale University, Feb. 12-14, New Haven, CT.

2013 The “Lavender Menace” comes to anthropology: Feminism, anthropology and sexuality studies in the 1970s and 80s. Invited paper presented for the AAA Executive Session “Anthropologies and Feminisms: Our History, Our Present, Our Past” at the 112th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, Nov. 21-24.

2012 Words as Actions: The Radical Power of Words. Keynote speaker, Aletta: Institute for Women’s History Symposium, Amsterdam, Netherlands, April 18-20.

2011 Tombois in Indonesia: Transgender Identity and the Problem of Global Translation. Guest lecture by invitation of the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues, University of Illinois, Chicago, April 4-5.

2010 Global Sexualities: Or, Are There Really Lesbians and Gays Everywhere? Paper presented at the Bucknell University Social Science Colloquium: Anatomy of Gender, March 30.

**MEDIA FEATURES**

“[What’s missing from Netflix’s ‘Tales of the City’](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/08/22/whats-missing-netflixs-tales-city/?arc404=true): The history that made the show possible would ground it and create new storylines. Op-ed, *Washington Post*, August 22, 2019.

Invited guest blog “[On Love and Family](http://thefeministwire.com/2013/09/on-love-and-family/)” for the forum “Love as a Radical Act” posted on “The Feminist Wire.”

Feature interview aired on PRI’s weekly program “[To the Best of Our Knowledge](http://ttbook.org/book/gender)” on the topic “Gender Shifts.”

Expert interview on men living in matrilineal societies, aired on BBC Radio 4 “Today Programme” (U.K.) for a mini-series examining changing Western conceptions of masculinity, June 19, 2013.

Focus of an article “A Rare Look at Lesbian Issues in Indonesia,” by Katrin Figge, *Jakarta Globe*, Nov. 9, 2012.

Interviewed for an article [“Islam’s Secret Feminists”](http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2011/09/04/indonesia-s-minangkabau-the-world-s-largest-matrilineal-society.html) by Danielle Shapiro, about the Minangkabau in West Sumatra, Indonesia, *The Daily Beast*.

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

2014-15 Diversity Catalyst, under the oversight of ADVANCE-Purdue, an NSF-funded and Provost-supported initiative to increase the representation and advancement of women in academic STEM careers.

2013 Acting Director (fall), Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University.

2005-07 Associate Director, Women's Studies Program, Purdue University.

**CURRENT RESEARCH**

Ethnohistorical book project, “Dreams of a New World: San Francisco/Bay Area Lesbian Histories.”

**OFFICES IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Association for Feminist Anthropology

* Board member, 2002-2004
* Treasurer 2007-2009
* *Feminist Anthropology*, Editorial Board Member

International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society

* Conference organizing committee, 2010-2011
* Founding Board member, 2008-2009
* Executive committee member, 2007-2008
* Board member, 2003-2007

Association for Queer Anthropology/Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists

* Co-chair, 1980-82
* Newsletter editor, 1982-?
* Treasurer ?

Hong Kong University Press, Queer Asia Book series, Advisory Board

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association

American Ethnological Association

Association for Feminist Anthropology

Association for Queer Anthropology

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