

RESEARCH INTERESTS

risk, modernity, online communities, technology, indeterminacy, games, history and futurity, globalization projects, online practice, social theory, ritual and performance

PUBLICATIONS

- 2006 Parlaying Value: Capital in and Beyond Virtual Worlds. *Games & Culture* 1(2):141-162.
- 2003a *Gambling Life: Dealing in Contingency in a Greek City*. Urbana, Ill.: The University of Illinois Press.
- 2003b The Currency of Proof: Euro Competence and the Refiguring of Value in Greece. *Social Analysis* 47(1):42-52.
- 2003c Spaces in Tense: History, Contingency, and Place in a Cretan City. In *The Usable Past: Greek Metahistories*, K. Brown and Yannis Hamilakis, eds. 171-190. Ranham, MD: Lexington Books.
- 2002a Odds and Ends: Risk, Mortality, and the Politics of Contingency. *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 26(3):283-312.
- 2002b Making Change in the New Europe: Euro Competence in Greece (Essay). *Anthropological Quarterly* 75(3):591-597.
- 2001 The Future of Class? The Role of Temporality in Class Identity in Greece. *Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe* (Inaugural Issue) 1(1): 4-8.
- 1999 Fateful Misconceptions: Rethinking Paradigms of Chance among Gamblers in Crete. *Social Analysis* 43(1):141-164.

PRESENTATIONS AND REVIEWS

- 2006a Keynote: “Trust, Reputation, and Contingency: The Multiple Economies of Virtual Worlds,” Cyber-Influence: Effective Cross Media Strategies Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2006b “Ethical Code: Aesthetics & Contingency in the Making of a Virtual World,” invited presentation for the Department of Anthropology Seminar Series, University of California – Santa Cruz.
- 2006c “Worlds Beyond the Market: Social and Cultural Exchange in MMOGs,” presented at the Game Developers Conference, San Jose.
- 2006d Review of *Troubles with Turtles: Cultural Understandings of the Environment on a Greek Island* by Dimitrios Theodossopoulos. *Human Ecology*.
- 2005a “Coding Control: Ethics and Contingency in the Production of Online Worlds,” invited presentation for the Speaker Series, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2005b Panel Discussant, “Across Diasporic Spaces: Networks and Communications”, for *Routing Diasporas: Labor, Citizenship, Empire*, a conference sponsored by the Center for 21st Century Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- 2005c “Coding Control: Ethics and Contingency in the Production of Online Worlds,” presented at *Command Lines: The Emergence of Governance in Global Cyberspace*, a conference sponsored by the Center for International Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

- 2005d “Ethical Code: Producing Values in the Making of a Virtual World,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- 2004a “Ethical Code: Engagements and Evasions in the Design of Online Games,” invited presentation for the Cultural Anthropology Seminar Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2004b “Ethical Code: Engagements and Evasions in the Design of Virtual Worlds,” presented at the Association of Internet Researchers annual conference (AoIR 5.0), University of Sussex, UK.
- 2002a “Passing the Test: Euro Knowledge and Practice in Greece,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2002b “Making Change in the New Europe: Civic Competence and the Euro in Greece,” presented to the B.A. in Global Studies Breakfast Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (invited).
- 2001a Co-chair. Panel: Misdeeds in the Making: Everyday Vice in the Grip of Institutions. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 2001b “Having it Both Ways: The Criminalization and Sponsorship of Gambling by Public Agencies in Greece,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1999a Review of *Fields of Wheat, Hills of Blood* by Anastasia Karakasidou. *Anthropological Quarterly*, 1999, vol. 72, no. 1.
- 1999b “The Future of Class? The Role of Temporality in Class Identity in Greece,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1998 “Playing the State’s Game: An Anthropological Approach to Tax Evasion in Greece,” presented at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University (invited).
- 1997a “Whose Future? The Rise of State Influence over the Business of Gambling in Greece,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1997b “O Tsogos kai I Aprosdhioristia sta Chania tis Kritis” [Gambling and Indeterminacy in Chania, Crete], a Greek lecture and discussion organized by the George Seferis Chair of Modern Greek Studies at Harvard University (and component of completion of the Ph.D., required by Dissertation Committee Chair).
- 1996 “Dealing in Uncertainty: Sociability, Luck, and Performance among Gamblers in Crete,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Under rev. Special Journal Issue: *Command Lines: The Emergence of Governance Online*. Co-edited with Sandra Braman (Communications, UWM).
- In prep. Book: *Ethical Code: Aesthetics & Contingency in the Making of a Virtual World*. This book examines how the makers of a virtual world inscribe ethics into the world’s code.
- In prep. Book Project: *Risk and Regulation: Artful Dodging in the New Europe*. Under contract with Berg Publishers, this book explores the changing regulatory scene of Europe with special

attention to how small business entrepreneurs navigate a shifting and indeterminate set of regulatory projects.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- In progress Ongoing research at online and offline locations for computer game design and production, including participant observation, interviews, and surveys, as part of new multiyear research project, “Ethics in the Design of Virtual Worlds: An Ethnographic Examination of the Virtual Hand at Work” (supported by 3-year NSF Grant, see above)
- 2001-2002 One month research trip to Chania, Greece, to observe and examine the transition to the euro, the new currency of most of the European Union.
- 1996-2000 Three research trips of varying duration (two to three weeks) to Chania, Greece, to follow-up on past work and to explore and pursue new research projects.
- 1994-1996 Ethnographic field research on attitudes toward risk and uncertainty in the city of Chania, on the island of Crete: carried out a total of fifteen months of field research from September 1994 to June 1995, and again from September 1995 to February 1996.
- 1992 Pre-doctoral research and language study in Greece, June–August: University of Athens Modern Greek Summer Language Program; preliminary field research in Crete.
- 1991-1992 Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, for Professor Kenneth George. Transcribed fieldnotes and Indonesian historical texts into computer files, created ethnomusicological transcripts from recorded performances.
- 1989 Ethnographic field research in the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal. Spent two months researching illness beliefs and choices of healer among rural Chettris.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate/Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Global Studies: Peoples & Politics
Seminar: Exploring Theories of Social Action
Seminar: Ethnography and Cultural Processes
Introduction to Social Theory
The Cross-Cultural Study of Religion
Boundaries and Nationalism: The New Ethnography of Europe
Arenas of Contest: Performance and Conflict in the Modern Olympic Games
Power and Play: Performance, Consequence, and Risk
From Mafia to Anarchy: The Anthropology of Contemporary Europe
Rationality and Relativism: An Anthropological Critique of Impure Reason
Undergraduate Workshop: Ethnographic/Field Research Methods

Graduate Research Directed

Advisor for 2 Doctoral and 5 Master’s students in anthropology (UW-Milwaukee)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UWM Committee and Program Membership

Curriculum Committee, Grievance Committee, Department of Anthropology

Faculty Advisory Committee, Committee on Research and Fellowships, Committee on Conferences, Center for 21st Century Studies (2001-2004)

Faculty Member, Modern Studies Program

Member, B.A. in Global Studies Communications Track Planning Group

External Grant Committees

Review Panelist, National Science Foundation, June 2004

Reviewer, International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship Program, Social Science Research Council, 2004-Present

Editorial Experience

Assistant for Reviews, *American Ethnologist*, 1994-1995. Solicited reviewers, edited reviews for publication, designed computer database, and ordered books for review.

Peer Reviewer

The Journal of Modern Greek Studies, South European Society & Politics, Anthropological Quarterly, Social Analysis, American Ethnologist, Law & Social Inquiry

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2004-Present Member, Association of Internet Researchers

1993-Present Member, American Anthropological Association, Society for the Anthropology of Europe, American Ethnological Society.

1995-Present Member, Modern Greek Studies Association.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Modern Greek (excellent conversational skills, good reading and writing)

French and Italian (reading only)

Spanish (elementary)