

Christian Cunningham Lentz, PhD

Dept of Geography, CB #3220 * UNC at Chapel Hill * Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220
cclentz@email.unc.edu * (919) 843-7359

EDUCATION:

- 2011 PhD in Development Sociology, Cornell University.
- 2004 MS in Development Sociology, Cornell University.
- 2001 Master of Environmental Science (MESc)
Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (F&ES).
- 1997 BA *summa cum laude*, College Scholar and Asian Studies, Cornell University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2011- Assistant Professor, Department of Geography
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2007-11 Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology
Duke University.
- 1998-02 Seminar Interpreter (Indonesian), US Department of State.
- 1997 Researcher, Cornell International Institute for Food & Agriculture Development
East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.

HONORS:

- 2011 Vietnam Studies Group Graduate Student Essay Prize for “Making the Northwest Vietnamese.” Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Honolulu, HI.
- 2010 Philip Taiezt Graduate Student Essay Award for “Mobilizing and State Formation on a Frontier of Vietnam.” Development Sociology, Cornell.
- 2009 Randy Barker dissertation write-up award. Southeast Asia Program (SEAP), Cornell.
- 2007 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation graduate student research award, Cornell.
- 2007 Dissertation travel award, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell.
- 2006-07 Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Award for study in Vietnam.
- 2002-03 College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Excellence Fellowship, Cornell.
- 2000 Tropical Resource Institute (TRI) research award, Yale F&ES.
- 2000 Council on Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) research award, Yale.
- 2000-01 John A. MacLean Endowed Scholarship, Yale F&ES.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Books and Chapters:

- 2013 Lentz, Christian C. “Mountain Village Head,” in *Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity*. J. Barker, E. Harms, and J. Lindquist, eds (Honolulu: U. Hawaii).
- 2010 Lentz, Christian C. “Dancing in the Archives,” in *Overseas Research: A Practical Guide*, 2nd ed. C. Barrett and J. Casson, eds (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins U. Press).

Papers and articles:

- Lentz, Christian C. “The king yields to the village? A micropolitics of statemaking in Northwest Vietnam.” *Political Geography* (Revise & resubmit). [Elsevier].
- 2011 Guest co-editor (with B. Davis), special issue of *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 6(2) on “Hidden Histories and Submerged Stories from Northwest Vietnam.” [UC Press].
- 2011 Lentz, Christian C. “Making the Northwest Vietnamese.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 6(2): 68-105.

- 2011 Lentz, Christian C. "Mobilization and State Formation on a Frontier of Vietnam." *Journal of Peasant Studies* 38(3): 559-586. [Routledge].
- 2001 Lentz, Christian C. "El Niño and economic crisis in rural Indonesia: A case study of collaboration in resource management problems." *TRI News* 20: 33-35.

Invited Lectures:

- 2013 Two lectures (November), Center for Southeast Asian Studies & Dept of Geography, University of Wisconsin at Madison.
- 2011 "Someone to Watch over Me: Resources and Regulation in Revolutionary Vietnam," Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, Duke.
- 2010 "Labors of Revolution: Counting, Accounting, and Recounting the Dien Bien Phu Campaign," Research Triangle Seminar on History of War, Military, and Society.
- 2007 "Waving the Flag of Dien Bien Phu: State Formation in Vietnam," CSEAS, Yale.
- 2006 "Farmers, Fields, and Forests: Social & Environmental Change in Upland Vietnam," Center for Agric. Research and Ecological Studies, Hanoi U. of Agriculture.
- 2005 "Putting Impacts in their Place: Responses to Crisis in an Indonesian Society," International Research Institute for Climate and Society, Columbia.
- 2005 "Extraordinary Times in Sumba, Indonesia: Moral Economy, Crisis, and Subsistence," SEAP, Cornell.
- 2003 "Agricultural and other Household-level Strategies for Coping with Crop failure," Management of Organic Inputs in Soils of Tropics & Agroforestry Group, Cornell.
- 2001 "Local Impacts of Global Proportions: Disturbance and Resilience among Smallholders in Eastern Indonesia," TRI, Yale.
- 2000 "Preliminary Results from a Field Survey Assessing Impacts of El Niño Drought in Sumba, Indonesia." Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor.

Conference papers and professional meetings

- 2014 Panel organizer, "Dien Bien Phu: Long histories and contested futures." VSG-sponsored panel, AAS, Philadelphia.
- 2013 "Upstream, downstream, bloodstream: Nationalizing opium cultivation and exchange in Vietnam," Property & Citizenship in Developing Countries, Copenhagen, DK.
- 2013 "Where is Dien Bien Phu? Decolonization and the politics of Asia's frontiers," Association of American Geographers (AAG), Los Angeles.
- 2013 "Where is Dien Bien Phu?" New faculty microtalk, Institute for Arts & Humanities.
- 2012 Panel organizer and commentator, "Territories past & present," Conference on Critical Geography, UNC-CH.
- 2012 "Where is Dien Bien Phu? Decolonization and the Politics of National Frontiers," Roundtables on Borders and Borderlands, Irmgard Coninx Foundation, Berlin, DE.
- 2012 "Someone to Watch Over Me: Food, Labor, and Statemaking in Revolutionary Vietnam," AAG, NYC. Panel chair.
- 2011 "Unmaking Indochina at its Frontiers," Boundaries in Question: Japanese and French Empires in East Asia, North Carolina State.
- 2011 "Feeding the Revolution: Mobilization for War at Dien Bien Phu," Militarized Natures and Development Narratives, AAS, Honolulu, HI.
- 2010 "Militarizing Space: Locating Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam, Southeast Asia, or Elsewhere," 50th Anniversary, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Michigan.

- 2010 “Mobilization and State Formation on a Frontier of Vietnam,” Comparative and Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 “Making the Northwest Vietnamese,” Under Construction: Social, Political, and Commemorative Space in Vietnam, Harvard.
- 2010 Panel Organizer, “Hidden Histories and Submerged Stories from NW Vietnam.” Paper, “Boundary-making in the Early DRV,” AAS, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 “From Village to Nation-state: Reordering the Field in Vietnam,” Re-siting Village, Revisiting Community, American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 “Encounter, Mobilization, and Boundary-making on the Sino-Vietnamese Frontier,” Sino-Viet Border Spaces, Canadian Council on SEAsian Studies, Vancouver, BC.
- 2009 “Abrams, the Study of States, and Historical Sociology,” Revisiting Philip Abrams, ASA, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 “Fields of Intervention: Agriculture and State-Society Relations in Revolutionary Vietnam,” Labor and the State, ASA, Boston, MA. Panel president.
- 2008 “What Revolution? Calling for a king in Dien Bien Phu,” “Zomia” as a Framework for Scholarship on Upland Mainland Southeast Asia, AAS, Atlanta, GA.
- 2008 “Autonomous Dien Bien Phu: State Formations along Vietnam’s Northwest Frontier,” Dissertation workshop on States, Elites, Citizens, and Subjects, AAS.
- 2007 “Kings, Cadres, and Commoners: New State Formations in Revolutionary Vietnam,” Grad Student Conf in Historical Social Science, Binghamton.
- 2006 “More thoughts on the research process in Vietnam,” Fulbright Enrichment Seminar, Dong Thap Univ., Vietnam.
- 2006 “Farmers, Fields, and Forests: Social and Environmental Change in Upland Vietnam,” CHATSEA Dissertation workshop, National Univ. of Singapore.
- 2005 “Seasons of Sorrow, Cycles of Change: Peasant Subsistence and Crisis in Upland Sumba, Indonesia,” East-West Center Graduate Student Conference, Hawaii.
- 2004 Discussant, “Rethinking Soft Budget Constraints in Russia” by Caleb Southworth, Integration at the Periphery, Mellon-Sawyer Seminar, Cornell.
- 2004 “Living with Uncertainty and Coping with Calamity in Sumba, Indonesia,” Development Sociology Mini-Conference, Cornell.
- 2003 Discussant, “Traffic, Power, and the State,” SEAP Grad Student Conf, Cornell.
- 2003 Co-organizer and commentator, “Aceh and Papua: Human Rights and Prospects for Peace,” SEAP outreach, Cornell.
- 2003 Co-organizer and Discussant, “Transformative Moments and Movements,” SEAP Grad Student Conf, Cornell.
- 2001 “Collaborative research on resource management in Indonesia,” Agrarian Studies Graduate Student Conf, Yale.
- 2000 Discussant, “Democracy Against All Odds: Electoral Choice and Democratization in an Agrarian Society” by L. Anderson, Agrarian Studies, Yale.
- 1998 “Natural Resources Decision-Making in Wanggameti: A Collaborative Research and Convening Process,” with L. Fisher and A. Mulyana; “Environmental Management in G. Mutis: A Case Study from Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia,” with M. Mallo and M. Bowe, International Association for the Study of Common Property, Vancouver, BC.

Book Reviews

- 2009 *Vietnam: A Natural History*, edited by J. Sterling, M. Hurley, and Le Duc Minh. *Journal of Asian Studies (JAS)* 68(2): 671-673.
- 2008 *Inequality, Crisis, and Social Change: The Muted Worlds of Bali*, edited by T. Reuter. *JAS* 67(2): 745-747.
- 2006 *Identity and Development: Tongan Culture, Agriculture, and the Perenniality of the Gift* by P. Van Der Grijp. *JAS* 65(1): 227-229.
- 2005 *Women and Households in Indonesia: Cultural Notions and Social Practices*, edited by J. Koning et al. *JAS* 64(1): 252-54.

Dissertation and theses

- 2011 "Mobilizing a Frontier: Dien Bien Phu and the Making of Vietnam, 1945-1955," PhD thesis, Development Sociology, Cornell.
- 2004 "Seasons of Sorrow, Cycles of Change: Peasant Subsistence and Crisis in Upland Sumba, Indonesia," MS thesis, Development Sociology, Cornell.
- 2001 "Conflicting Interpretations of Calamity: El Niño Drought and Economic Shock in Sumba, Indonesia," MEd thesis, Yale F&ES.
- 1997 "Living on the Edge: Forest Margin Communities and Alas Purwo National Park," Undergraduate Honors thesis, Cornell.

TEACHING RECORD

- 2011- Dept of Geography, UNC-CH:
 "Agrarian Studies," Graduate Seminar, GEOG 804.
 "Research Methods in Geography," GEOG 392.
 "Agriculture, Food, and Society," GEOG 232.
 "Geographies of Globalization: Peoples and Places," GEOG 121.
 "Vietnam," First Year Seminar, GEOG 64.
- 2010-11 Dept of Sociology, Duke University:
 "Methods of Social Research," SOC 132.
 "The Challenges of Development," SOC 126.
- 2006 Hanoi Univ of Agriculture, Office of Research Affairs and International Cooperation:
 "English Language Research Skills for Faculty and Researchers."
- 1994-96 Cornell Outdoor Education:
 Mountain-biking; bicycle maintenance & repair; nordic skiing; telemark skiing.

Grants pending:

- 2013 Institute for Arts & Humanities, Faculty Fellows Program. "Placing Dien Bien Phu: Statemaking and political opposition in postcolonial Vietnam." PI (Fall 2014).
- 2013 CGI (\$3000). Faculty Working Group, "Southeast Asian Approaches." Principal organizer (Sept 2013-July 2014).

Grants denied:

- 2013 Social Science Research Council (\$45,000). Post-doc fellowship for transregional research: Inter-Asian Contexts and Connections, "Placing Dien Bien Phu: Statemaking and oppositional politics in postcolonial Vietnam." (PI) (2013 - 2014).
- 2013 University Research Council (\$5000). "Placing Dien Bien Phu," PI (June 2013 - 15).

Grants received:

- 2013 Center on Global Initiatives (CGI) (\$750). Conference Travel Grant (May 2013).
- 2013 Carolina Asia Center (CAC) (\$1500). Conf Travel Award, Presenter (May 2013).
- 2012 CAC (\$5000). Course Development Grant, GEOG 64 "Geography of Vietnam." Instructor (May-Aug 2012).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**To discipline:**

- 2013- Reviewer, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*.
- 2013- Reviewer, *Journal of the Social and Economic History of the Orient*.
- 2012 Reviewer, postdoc fellowships, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'homme, Paris.
- 2011 Roundtables co-organizer, Political Economy of the World System (PEWS), ASA.
- 2009- Advisory Committee, Save the Frogs!
- 2006 English Language Editorial Advisory Board, *Guide to the Collections of National Archives Centre III* (Hanoi: State Records and Archives Dept of Vietnam).
- 2006 Reviewer, graduate scholarships for study in US, Fulbright Program in Vietnam.
- 2002-04 Co-chair, SEAP Graduate Student Committee, Cornell U.
- 1999-01 Co-founder & chair, Social and Community Oriented Research (SCORE).
- 1999-01 Graduate student board, Council on Southeast Asian Studies, Yale U.

At UNC-CH:

- 2013- Organizer, Southeast Asian Approaches faculty working group.
- 2013- Faculty advisor, Southeast Asia Interest Association.
- 2013- Evaluator, Vietnamese language proficiency exams, Dept of Asian Studies.
- 2013-14 Colloquium Committee, Geography (Chair, Spr 2014).
- 2013 Technology Committee, Geography (Fall).
- 2012-13 Graduate Student Awards Committee, Geography (Interim Chair, Spr 2013).
- 2012- Affiliate faculty, CGI.
- 2011- Associated faculty, CAC.
- 2011- Faculty fellow, Center for Urban and Regional Studies (CURS).