

## EDUCATION

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### **The University of Texas at Austin (UT)**

Ph.D., English & Graduate Portfolio, Asian American Studies 2016

Dissertation: *Rakyat Malaysia: Contesting Narratives of Nationalism & Exceptional Multiculturalism*

Committee: Domino Perez (Director), James Cox, Snehal Shingavi, Barbara Andaya, Philip Holden

M.A., English 2013

### **The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM)**

B.A., English (Highest Honors) & B.A., Religion 2008

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### **Dickinson College**

Assistant Professor, Department of English 2016-present

### **The University of Texas at Austin**

Assistant Instructor, Departments of English & Rhetoric / Center for Asian American Studies 2013-2016

Writing Consultant, University Writing Center 2013-2014

Graduate Assistant, El Mundo Zurdo 2015, Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa Spring 2015

Graduate Assistant, Texas Institute for Literary & Textual Studies 2013- 2014

Teaching Assistant 2011-2013

### **Chaminade University of Honolulu**

Job Placement Coordinator, Career Services 2009-2010

Student Services Coordinator, Student Support Services 2008-2009

### **The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

Peer Academic Advisor & Student Coordinator, Mānoa Advising Center 2006-2008

## HONORS & AWARDS

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Kalaris Faculty Fellowship, Dickinson College 2020-2021  
NEH Summer Institute, “Colonial Experiences & Their Legacies in Southeast Asia” June-July 2019  
University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT (declined) 2016-2017  
Graduate School College Continuing Fellowship, UT Spring 2016  
2014-2015 Outstanding Assistant Instructor Award, UT 2015  
2012-2013 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UT 2013  
Phi Beta Kappa, UHM 2008  
Regents’ Scholarship, UHM 2004-2008

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Diagnosing Malaysian Multiculturalism: Jo Kukathas and ‘The 1Malaysia Virus,’”  
*Verge: Studies in Global Asias*, Special Issue 6.1: “Displaced Subjects,” 2020.

“*Highland Tales in the Heart of Borneo*: Postcolonial Capitalism, Multiculturalism, & Survivance,”  
*ARIEL*, Special Issue 49.4: “Literature & Postcolonial Capitalism,” 2018.

### Encyclopedia Article

“Malaysian American Culture.” *Encyclopedia of Asian American Culture: From Anime to Tiger Moms*.  
 Ed. Lan Don. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2016.

### OpEds

“Time to Embrace, Not Shun, Malaysia’s Migrant Community.” *The Diplomat* May 2020  
 “Malaysians Worldwide Demand Prime Minister’s Resignation.” *The Conversation*. Sept. 2015  
 “Najib & Barisan - Failing 1Malaysia.” *The Malaysian Insider*. Nov. 2014

### Book Reviews

Review of *Yasmin Ahmad’s Films* by Amir Muhammad. *E3W Review of Books* (13) Apr. 2013  
 Review of *The Female Cell* by Rumaizah Abu Bakar. *E3W Review of Books* (12) Apr. 2012

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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“Settler Colonialism in Southeast Asia” (Organizer & Chair)  
 2020 MLA Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, Jan. 2020

“*Highland Tales in the Heart of Borneo*: Postcolonial Capitalism, Multiculturalism, & Survivance”  
 2019 ACLA Annual Meeting, Georgetown, Washington DC, Mar. 2019

“Race, Nation, and Empire in Southeast Asian Life Writing” (Organizer)  
 “Nation & Migration in Tash Aw’s *The Face: Strangers on a Pier* (2015)” (Panelist)  
 2019 MLA Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, Jan. 2019

“Why Indigenous Literatures Matter in Malaysia” (Invited Panelist)  
 Roundtable Discussion of *Why Indigenous Literatures Matter* (2018) by Daniel Heath Justice  
 2018 WLA Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, Oct. 2018

“Censorship, Co-optation, and the Authoritarian State” (Co-Chair)  
 “Jo Kukathas, Instant Café Theater, and the Politics of Performance in Malaysia” (Panelist)  
 2018 ACLA Annual Meeting, UCLA, Mar. 2018

“Southeast Asia as Method and Concept of World Literature” (Co-Chair)  
 “Indigeneity & Multiculturalism: *Highland Tales in the Heart of Borneo* (2015)” (Panelist)  
 2018 MLA Annual Convention, New York City, NY, Jan. 2018

“Migration & Multiculturalism in Tash Aw’s *The Face: Strangers on a Pier* (2015)”  
 Writing Malaysia & Singapore, The Open University, London, Oct. 2017

“Diagnosing Malaysian Multiculturalism: Jo Kukathas and ‘The 1Malaysia Virus’”  
 Global Asias 4, College Station, Pennsylvania, Mar. 2017

“Situating the Orang Asal in Malaysian Literary & Cultural Studies”  
 2017 MLA Annual Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Jan. 2017

“Malaysia Boleh: The Politics of National Language & Literature” (Invited Speaker),  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Singapore Literature Festival, New York City, New York, Sept. 2016

“Malaysia: Mediating Literature, Culture, and the State” (Chair)  
 “Land, Culture, Community: Narratives of Indigenous Activism in Malaysia” (Panelist)  
 2016 MLA Annual Convention, Austin, Texas, Jan. 2016

## TEACHING

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### Assistant Professor (Dickinson)

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| FYS Reading Race: Culture Wars & Civil Rights           | Fall 2019                           |
| ENGL 101: Introduction to Asian American Literature     | Spring 2020, Fall 2017              |
| ENGL 101: World Literature: Race, Nation, Colonization  | Fall 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016   |
| ENGL 220: Introduction to Literary Studies              | Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Fall 2017 |
| ENGL 221: Multiculturalism: Race, Rhetoric, & Writing   | Spring 2019 & 2018                  |
| ENGL 321: Literatures of Migration & Displacement       | Spring 2018 & 2017                  |
| ENGL 331: Science Fiction: Past, Present, Future        | Fall 2019                           |
| ENGL 331: Global Sci-Fi & Fantasy                       | Fall 2017                           |
| ENGL 349: Border Crossings in Asian American Literature | Fall 2018 & 2016                    |
| ENGL 404: Senior Thesis Workshop                        | Spring 2019                         |
| ENGL 403: Questions & Methods of Literary Study         | Fall 2018                           |

### Assistant Instructor (UT)

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| E 314V / AAS 314: Asian American Literature & Culture | Fall 2015             |
| E 376M / AAS 320: Contemporary Asian American Novels  | Spring 2015           |
| E 314V / AAS314: Asian American Literature & Culture  | Fall 2014             |
| RHE 306: Rhetoric & Writing                           | Fall 2013-Summer 2014 |

## SERVICE

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### Community Engagement

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|---|---------------------|
| Member, Governor Wolf’s Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs | Dec. 2019-Dec. 2021 |
| Chair, Commission’s Schools That Teach Committee                              | Dec. 2019-Dec. 2021 |
| Facilitator, 2019 Harrisburg Book Festival                                    | Oct. 2019           |

### Modern Language Association

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| Member, Executive Committee, CLCS Southeast Asian & Southeast Asian Diasporic | 2018-present |
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### Dickinson College

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| Member, Advisory Board, Popel Shaw Center for Race & Ethnicity       | Aug. 2018-Jun. 2020 |
| Co-Chair, Mellon Civic Engagement Faculty Seminar, “Citizen/Refugee” | Jan-May 2018        |
| Member, Search Committee, VAP in Native American Studies             | Nov. 2016-May 2017  |
| Member, Civic Engagement Study Group, Department of English          | Nov. 2016-May 2017  |

**Dickinson College (cont.)**

Member, Honors & Prizes Committee, Department of English May 2017 & 2018  
 Facilitator, Islamophobia Discussion Group, Dickinson Day of Teaching Jan. 2017  
 Co-Facilitator, “Faith & Standing Rock” Discussion & Fundraiser Nov. 2016  
 Faculty Advisor, Asian & Asian American Student Organization Nov. 2016-Aug. 2020

**The University of Texas at Austin**

Publicity Coordinator, Ethnic and Third World Literatures Program (E3W) 2011-2016  
 Publicity Coordinator, UT Symposium for African Writers Fall 2014  
 Panel Coordinator, Rhetoric Society of America, Student Chapter 2011-2012

**The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

Member, Presidential Scholarship Selection Committee 2010  
 Ambassador, Honors Program 2005- 2010  
 Member, Mānoa Undergraduate Education and Engagement Committee 2008  
 Member, English Department Curriculum Committee 2007