

**Curriculum Vitae  
Patricia V. Symonds**

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**CURRENT POSITION:**

Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and  
Department of Community Health. 2002-present  
Faculty Associate, Watson Institute for International Studies  
Brown University 2002-present  
Faculty Associate, International Health Institute. Present.  
Fulbright Committee. Present.  
Health Careers Advisory Committee. Present.  
Resource Center Board Member. Present.  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, 1996-2002, Visiting Assistant Professor- 1992-1995

**EDUCATION:**

- Ph.D. Anthropology, Brown University.  
Dissertation Title: "Cosmology and the Cycle of Life: Hmong Views of Birth, Death, and Gender in a Mountain Village in Northern Thailand." 1991.
- Certificate Hmong Language. University of Michigan, Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute. 1986.
- M.A. Anthropology, Brown University.  
Thesis Title: "Flower Full of Honey Ready for the Bee: Adolescent Pregnancy Among the Hmong."  
1984.
- B.A. Anthropology, Brown University. 1979. Magna Cum Laude and Honors

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**Books:**

Calling in the Soul: Gender and the Cycle of Live in a Hmong Village. University of Washington Press. 2004.

In Press: *Hu Plig: Poj niam Yug Tus Menyuum Nyob lus Zoj Hmoob*. Silkworm Press, Thailand.

**Articles and Chapters:**

Following Cultural Pathways for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS: Notes from the Field. In Hmong/Miao in Asia. N. Tapp, J. Michaud, C. Culas, and G. Lee, eds. pp. 253-374. Silkworm Books. Thailand. 2004.

Suivre les chemins culturels dans le cadre de la prevention du VIH/sida chez les Hmong de Thaïlande In Societies Asiatiques face au Sida. Marie-Eve Blanc, Laurence Husson, et Evelyne Micollier eds L'Harmattan, pp. 367-394. Paris, France. 2000.

HIV/AIDS: The Global Pandemic and Struggles for Control. (with Brooke G. Schoepf) In Reviews in Anthropology, Nina Etkin, ed. Pp. 189-209. University of Hawaii Manoa: Gordon and Breach. 1998.

The Political Economy and Cultural Logics of HIV/AIDS Among the Hmong in Northern Thailand. In The Political Economy of AIDS, Merrill Singer, ed. pp. 205-226. Amityville, New York: Baywood Press. 1997.

Blessing in a White Hmong Community in Northern Thailand: Invocation and Sacrifice. In Merit and Blessing in Mainland Southeast Asia. pp. 98-115. Nicola Tannenbaum and Cornelia Kammerer, eds. Yale University Press. 1997.

Cosmological Aspects of Birth Among the Hmong. In Reproductive Health and Women in Asia: Anthropological Perspectives, Lenore Manderson and Pranee Rice eds. pp. 103-123. Australia: Gordon and Breach. 1996.

Vulnerability to HIV Infection Among Three Hill Tribes in Northern Thailand: Qualitative Anthropological Issues. (with C. Kammerer, O. Hutheesing, and R. Maneeprasert) Han ten Brummelhuis and Gilbert Herdt, eds. Culture and Sexual Risk: Anthropological Perspectives on AIDS. Pp. 53-75. Amsterdam. 1995.

Hill Tribes in Thailand and HIV/AIDS. In State of the Peoples: A Global Human Rights Report on Societies in Danger. (with C. Kammerer) Marc Miller, ed. Cambridge: Cultural Survival. 1993.

Cosmology and the Cycle of Life: Hmong Views of Birth, Death, and Gender in a Mountain Village in Northern Thailand. Journal of the National Research Council of Thailand, vol. 25 no. 2 (Jul. Dec.) 1993.

AIDS in Asia: Hill Tribes Endangered at Thailand's Periphery. (with C. Kammerer) Cultural Survival Quarterly 16 (3): 23-25. 1992.

Women and Birth in a Thai Highland Community. In Proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thai Studies, Volume 1. pp. 375-381. Kunming: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. 1990.

#### **Reviews:**

Review author Unknown," Orthostatic Panic as a Key Vietnamese Reaction to Traumatic Events: the Case of September 11." Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 2005

Review The Essential Southeast Asian History Reader. D.R. SarDesai, WestView Press. 2005

Review Kathleen A. Culhane-Pera, Dorothy E. Vawter, Phua Xiong, Barbara Babbit, and Mary M. Solberg, ed. Vanderbilt University Press, 2003. "Healing by Heart: Clinical and Ethical Case Stories of Hmong Families and Western Providers." Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 2004.

Review Pranee Liamputtong Rice, Bergin and Garvey, 2000. "Hmong Women and Reproduction." Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 2004

Review Author Unknown, "Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East." 2003.

Review of Grant Proposal for National Science Foundation for Cultural Anthropology and Global Change. 2000.

Review Author Unknown, "Afro-Caribbean Migrant Farm Workers: A Culture in Isolation." Journal of Human Organization. 2000.

Review Author Unknown, "Muddy Waters: the Construction of HIV/AIDS as a Disease Threat in the Northern Thai Media." Northern Illinois University, Department of Southeast Asian Studies. 2000.

Review Author Unknown, "Hmong Social Organization." Northern Illinois University, Department Southeast Asian Studies. 2000.

Review Author Unknown, "Women as "sex workers" men as "boyfriends": Shifting identities in Philippine go-go bars and their significance in STD/AIDS Control." Anthropology and Medicine. 1999.

Review Fordham, Graham, Northern Thai Male Culture and Assessment of Risk. Crossroads. 1999.

Review Author Unknown, "Reasons Given for Disclosure of Maternal HIV Status to Children." Journal of Urban Health. 1999.

Review of Carol Warren, Adat and Dinas: Balinese Communities in The Indonesian State (Oxford University Press, 1993). Wesleyan Newsletter. 1995.

### **Invited Lectures and Papers Read:**

Otherwise "Others" in Thailand:Hmong are Thai. Or Is It So? Panel: Redefining Otherness. Theme; Minority Peoples of Thailand. Paper Prepared for Ninth International Conference on Thai Studies 2005

"Arguments in Support of a Department of Hmong Studies Program." Concordia University, MN. October 2003.

Discussant for "What is Freedom?: Stories of Life, Love, and Struggle in America" A Film Discussion Series. Providence, RI. September 2003.

"Changes and Continuity in Hmong Religion in the United States." Annual Meeting of the Society of the Anthropology of Religion. Providence, RI, April 2003.

"Good Deaths Bad Deaths Among the Hmong." Presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. New York, March 2003.

Discussant for panel on Anthropological Perspectives on Change: Migration, Gender, and Reproduction. Mid Atlantic Asian Studies Conference. Lehigh University, PA. October 2000.

"Epilepsy and the Hmong Culture." Presented at the Wassau Wisconsin Society for Epileptics, January 2000.

University of Minnesota: Conference on Women and Development Studies: Discussant for panel on Hmong Women and Change. August 2000.

"From Gendered Past to Gendered Future: Hmong Women Negotiating Gender Inequality in Northern Thailand." Presented at he 7<sup>th</sup> International Thai Studies Conference: Amsterdam, August 1999.

"Political Economy and Cultural Perspectives on Women Controlled HIV/AIDS Prevention Among Thailand's Highland Minority Populations." Presented at The Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. December, 1998.

"Following Culture and Pathways for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS: Notes from the Field." Aix-en, Provence, France, September, 1998.

“Death and Funerals: Hmong Views of the Cycle of Life.” Paper presented at West Chester University. Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies October, 1997.

“Empowerment of Women in the HIV/AIDS Education Project in Thai Minority Villages.” Paper presented at Invited Session at International Thai Studies meeting in Chiang Mai. 1996.

“Theory to Practice: Anthropological Approaches to HIV/AIDS Prevention in the Hills of Northern Thailand.” Paper Presented at Invited Session at 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association. November, 1995.

“Hmong Childbirth: Adaptations from Laos to the United States of America.” Paper Presented at Social Research Institute, Chiang Mai University. 1994.

“HIV/AIDS in a Mountain Community in Northern Thailand.” Paper Presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. 1994.

“The Political and Cultural Economy of the Hmong as Related to HIV/AIDS: Observations from the Field.” Invited Paper Presented at Conference on Sociocultural Dimensions of HIV/AIDS Control and Care in Thailand. Chiang Mai, Thailand. January 1994.

“Vulnerability to HIV infection Among Three Hilltribes in Northern Thailand: Qualitative Anthropological Issues.” (with O. Hutheesing, C. Kammerer, and R. Maneeprasert) Panel on the Social Control and Cultural Context of the AIDS Epidemic in Thailand 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thai Studies-SOAS. London, 1993.

“Blessing in a White Hmong Community in Northern Thailand: Invocation and Sacrifice.” Delivered at Asian Studies Association Meetings, Los Angeles, CA. 1993.

“AIDS in the Hills.” (with C. Kammerer, O. Hutheesing, and R. Maneeprasert). Informal Northern Thai Studies Panel. Chiang Mai, Thailand. August 1993.

“Using Anthropological Methods in Caring for Mental Health of Southeast Asia Refugees Populations.” Invited Lecturer, Indochinese Psychiatric Clinic, Harvard School of Public Health. 1992.

“The Christian Encounter: Change and Continuity for Hmong Women.” Delivered at the Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 1992.

“Spiritual Rituals: Adjustments to a New Environment.” Delivered at Detroit Artists Market. 1991.

“Adjustment Problems of Refugees: The Example of Health Care Issues. Invited Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 1991.

“Women and Birth in a Thai Highland Community.” Delivered at the Proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thai Studies, Kunming, China. 1990.

“Continuity through Strength and Breast Milk: Women and Birth in a Hmong Community in Northern Thailand.” Delivered at the American Anthropological Association, Phoenix, Arizona. 1988.

“Changing the Shirt: Hmong Health in and Shamanism.” Invited Lecturer at Brown in Community Health. 1987.

“People in the Hills.” Invited Lecturer in Chiang Mai, Thailand for visiting students from Lewis and Clarke University. 1986.

“Ethnic Americans - Woman in Many Cultures.” Keynote Speaker. Conference at Rhode Island Hospital. Co-sponsored with Women and Infants Hospital and Providence Ambulatory Health Care Foundation. 1985.

“Early Pregnancy in Southeast Asian Adolescent Refugees.” Invited Lecturer at the School of Education, Harvard University. 1985.

“Adolescent Pregnancy Among Hmong Refugees in Providence, RI.” Paper delivered at the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. 1985.

“The Hmong Refugee Community of Rhode Island.” Invited Lecturer, Department of Community Health, Brown University. 1984.

“Changes in Women’s textiles: Quilts, Navaho Blankets and Hmong Paj Ndau.” Slater Mill Textile Museum, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. 1984.

“Hmong Women’s Textiles: Uses of Paj Ndau.” Haffenreffer Museum, Bristol, Rhode Island. 1983.

“Hmong Adolescents and Early Pregnancy.” Report presented for Refugee Health/Mental Health Committee. Providence, Rhode Island. 1983.

“Evolution of Disease.” Invited Lecturer Department of Community Health, Brown University. 1983.

**RESEARCH:**

- 2003-05 Continuing research on AIDS in Hmong communities in Thailand. Hmong in the United States  
1995-9 Funds from Thai/Australian Governments, Northern AIDS Prevention And Care (**NAPAC**) used in research and education of Hmong men and women in Hmong villages in the far north of Thailand.  
1993-5 Ethnographic research conducted in northern Thailand to assess HIV/AIDS educational needs for Hmong. Funded by American Foundation for AIDS Research (**AMFAR**).  
1992 Research as consultant medical anthropologist conducted for Rhode Island Department of Health on Increasing Numbers of Southeast Asians Receiving Comprehensive Health Services (**INSEARCH**).  
1987-88 Dissertation research with Hmong in Northern Thailand (Defended March, 1991).  
1987 Research entitled: "Hmong Women in America: The Dilemma of Cross Cultural Perceptions of Childbirth." Prepared for Department of Health and Human Services. Office of Refugee Resettlement, Washington, D.C. Funded under requisition No: 078859.  
1986-87 Research conducted in Rhode Island on Hmong Adolescent Pregnancy. Project funded by Providence Ambulatory Health Care Foundation.  
1978 Research for undergraduate honors thesis in medical anthropology among the Haida Indian village on the Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia, Canada. Funded by Watson Institute of International Research.

**SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY:**

- 2006 Faculty Advisor for Conference on Singapore.  
2005 Sophomore and Freshman advisor, Six students  
2005 Faculty Advisor for HIV/AIDS Conference on Campus, World AIDS Day  
2005 Fulbright Committee.  
2005 Health Careers Advisory Committee  
2005 Resource Center board Member  
2004 Sophomore Advisor . Eight students.  
2004 Faculty Advisor for HIV/AIDS Conference on Campus.  
2003 Faculty Advisor for Student Conference for World AIDS Day December 1, 2003  
2003 Freshman Advisor Micklejohn. Eight students.  
2002 Conducted Freshman Seminar.  
2001-05 Editorial Advisor for student-run Glimpse Magazine  
2001-02 Cap Advisor. Eight students  
2001 Invited panel guest speaker for Southeast Asian Week on campus  
2000-01 Royce Fellowship Recipient Faculty Advisor  
2000 Faculty Advisor for Student Conference for HIV/AIDS World AIDS Day December 1, 2001  
1999 Fellow, Wayland Collegium  
1999 Samuel T. Arnold (Baker/Emory Fellowship) Committee  
1991-2001 Undergraduate Teaching. Vietnam Literature and History (GISP) Fourteen students.

**ACADEMIC HONORS, RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORARY SOCIETIES:**

- 2005 Nominated for Hazeltine Award for excellence in Teaching**  
**2005 Nominated for Karen T. Romer Award for excellence in Teaching**  
2004 Nominated for Karen T. Romer Award for excellence in Teaching.  
2003 Consultant and Evaluator for Film on Hmong Refugee Populations after Twenty Years in the United States. Rhode Island Council for Humanities.  
2001 Ethnographic Consultant to Grant from NIMH. "Context for Microbicide Acceptability." (PI Dr. Katherine Morrow, Miriam Hospital).  
1998 Invitation and funding to present research paper at the First International Workshop on the Hmong/Miao in Asia at the **Institute de Recherche sur le Sud-Est Asiatique (IRSEA-CNRS)**, Aix-en-Provence, France. Funded by European Science Foundation.  
1997 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant (FLAS). Center for Southeast Asia Studies, University of Michigan.

- 1995 Faculty Travel Grant for Research in Thailand, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University.
- 1994-96 Research Grant, Principle Investigator. Thailand Australia Northern AIDS Prevention and Care(NAPAC)Program. For **Hmong Community HIV/AIDS Education Project.**
- 1993 Research Grant, Investigator. American Foundation for AIDS Research. For, **HIV/AIDS Knowledge Among Southeast Asian Hill tribes.**
- 1986 Incentive Grant awarded to develop and teach a Special Themes and Topic Course entitled: **The Anthropology of Refugees.** Brown University.
- 1984 Grant for use of Interpreter. Providence Ambulatory Health Care Foundation.
- 1984 Dissertation Fellowship. Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University
- 1982 Grant from Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Settlement. Participant in **Ethnic Adolescent Family Life Project.**

### Teaching

- 2005 Outside Dissertation Committee Reader for Songwith Chumpan at York University, Canada
- 2005-6 Fall Semester Course. "AIDS in International Perspective."
- 2005-6 Fall Semester Course. "Peoples and cultures of Southeast Asia."
- 2005-6 Mentored two UTRA Students
- 2005 Advisor for Sonya Tat's Honors Thesis in Community Health Department. (December graduate)
- 2004-5 Fall Semester Course. "AIDS in International Perspective." Departments of Anthropology and Community Health, Brown University.
- 2004-5 Fall Semester Course. "Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia." Department of Anthropology, Brown University.
- 2004-5 Mentored two UTRA Students
- 2004-5 Committee Member for dissertation defense for three students.
- 2004-5 Committee Member for Ph.D qualifying examination in Anthropology for two students.
- 2003-04 Leading Scholar for Literature and Medicine Symposium Series. Maine/Rhode Island Council for Humanities.
- 2003-04 Dissertation Preparation Committee for Sara Bergstresser, Brown University, Medical Anthropology.
- 2002-03 Fall Semester Course: "Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia." Department of Anthropology, Brown University.
- 2002-03 Fall Semester Course: "AIDS in International Perspective." Departments of Anthropology and Community Health, Brown University.
- 2002-03 Outside Committee Member for Qualifying Exam for Kristin Lundberg at University of Kansas.
- 2002-03 UTRAs.
- 2001 Outside Dissertation Committee Reader for Txhij Lee at University of Washington.
- 2001 Committee Member for Ph.D qualifying examination in Medical Anthropology (Sara Bergstresser, Molly Robertson) and Socio-Cultural Anthropology (Walter Harper).
- 2000- Dissertation Preparation Committee-Rochelle Rosen, Deirdre Barrett.
- 2000 Appointed Advisor to the Hmong Association for Development in Thailand, effective May 27, 2000.
- 2000 Faculty Sponsor for Royce Foundation Fellowship Recipient.
- 1997-98 Committee Member for Ph.D. qualifying examination in Archaeology (Deirdre Barrett)
- 1996-98 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Brown University.
- 1994 Consultant and Organizer for Educational Program for Providence Police and Firemen on Hmong Shamanism in the Refugee Population.
- 1993-96 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Brown University.
- 1993 Outside reader for comprehensive Ph.D. examination of student at University of Connecticut.
- 1993 Committee member for Ph.D. qualifying examination in Ethnomusicology Department, Brown University.
- 1993 Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Brown University.
- 1992 Lecturer, Anthropology/Archaeology Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 1991-92 Research Associate and Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Brown University.
- 1991 Consultant for "Thread of Survival: Film and Symposium." Detroit Institute for the Arts.

- 1991 Consultant for "Paj Ndaub: Hmong Textile Techniques." International Institute of Rhode Island. Funded by National Endowment for the Arts.
- 1990-92 Consultant: State of Rhode Island Department of Health. Southeast Asian Health Consortium.
- 1990 Teaching Fellow, Brown University.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

Executive Board Member, Thailand/Laos/Cambodia committee, Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies, Inc. (1993-95).

American Anthropological Association (1977-present)

Society for Medical Anthropology, (1980-present)

Siam Society, Bangkok, Thailand, 1987-present)

**TEACHING:**

**AN 105 Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia**

2005-2006	36 enrollment
2004-2005	27 enrollment
2003-2004	21 enrollment
2002-2003	25 enrollment
2001-2002	25 enrollment
2000-2001	29 enrollment
1999-2000	29 enrollment
1998-99	12 enrollment
1997-98	31 enrollment
1996-97	medical leave of absence
1995-96	32 enrollment
1994-95	31 enrollment
1993-94	29 enrollment
1992-93	26 enrollment

**BI 168/7 and AN 102 HIV/AIDS in International Perspective**

<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>53 enrollment</b>
2004-2005	38 enrollment
2003-2004	37 enrollment
2002-2003	50 enrollment
2001-2002	45 enrollment
2000-2001	36 enrollment
1999-2000	36 enrollment
1998-99	34 enrollment
1997-98	34 enrollment
1996-97	medical leave of absence
1995-96	15 enrollment

**Group Independent Study Project: Study of Vietnamese Literature and History**

1995-6	14 enrollment
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**Group Independent Study Project: Politics and Culture of the Philippines**

Spring 2001	11 enrollment
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**Gender issues in Cultural Perspective - taught as Visiting Professor at MIT**

1994-95	20 enrollment
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**Honors Theses**

2005-6	Graduate student committee	2 students
2005-2006	supervising	7 students Honors Theses
2004-2005	supervising	Independent Concentration student
2004-2005	supervising	7 students Honors Theses
2003-2004	supervised	5 students Honors Theses
2002-2003	supervised	7 student Honors Theses
2001-2002	supervisor of	9 student Honors Theses
2000-2001	supervisor of	11 student Honors Theses
1999-2000	supervisor of	8 student Honors Thesis
1998-99	supervisor of	5 student Honors Theses
1997-98	supervisor of	5 student Honors Theses
1996-97	supervisor of	5 student Honors Theses
1995-96	supervisor of	14 student Honors Theses

**Independent Studies**

2004-2005 supervisor of 7  
2003-2004 supervisor of 5  
2002-2003 supervisor of 7  
2001-2002 supervisor of 9  
2000-2001 supervisor of 11  
1999-2000 supervisor of 8  
1998-99 supervisor of 5  
1997-98 supervisor of 8  
1996-97 supervisor of 4  
1994-95 supervisor of 7  
1993-94 supervisor of 8

**Committee Member for Graduate Degrees**

2005-6 committee member for 2 prelim exams  
2004-5 committee member for 3 MA student qualifying exams.  
2004-5 committee member for 3 dissertation defenses  
2002-2003 committee member for 2 exams  
2001-2002 committee member for 4 prelim exams  
2001-2002 committee member for dissertation defense  
2000-2001 committee member for 3 MA theses  
1994-2000 committee member for MA thesis  
1993-94 committee member for MA thesis