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Birthplace: Zagreb, Croatia

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CURRICULUM VITAE

A native of Croatia, I studied ethnology and indology at the University of Zagreb, Croatia (former Yugoslavia), and received my M.A. and my Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Utah. I have done fieldwork in the Mediterranean part of Croatia, India, in the Andean region of Peru, and Hong Kong SAR PR of China. My papers on kinship, symbolism, anthropological fieldwork, origin of language, mathematical models in anthropology, and literary anthropology, were published in major journals and book chapters in the US and abroad, including *Semiotica*, *The Journal of Mediterranean Studies*, *Oceania*, *Ethnology*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, and *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute Incorporating Man*. I am the co-editor, with Doug Jones, of the book “Kinship, Language, and Prehistory: Per Hage and the Renaissance in kinship studies”. I am also a co-editor of the e-journal *Structure and Dynamics*, UC Irvine, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences

Geographic Areas: Europe, the Mediterranean region, India, the Andean region of South America, Hong Kong SAR PR of China

Topics:^[1]_[SEP] Family, kinship, marriage; gender; ethnohistory; network analysis^[1]_[SEP]; symbolic anthropology: symbolism of the body, menstrual beliefs, and taboos; color symbolism; the structure of cosmological systems; cognitive anthropology: modularity of the mind; origin of language; children's acquisition of language; literary theory; travel writing as genre.

Methodology: Concepts of graph theory and the application of graph-theoretic models on trade networks, symbolic systems, kinship structures, gender, and intra-family relationships; qualitative research.

Education

1992. Ph.D. University of Utah^[1]

Dissertation title: 'Vines of kinship, fields of lavender: kinship, gender, and production in a Mediterranean community'.

1985. M. A. University of Utah

Master's thesis title: 'Menstruants, mothers, mourners, and murderers: A cross-cultural study of the relationship between taboos of menstruation, childbirth, mourning, and man slaying'.

Languages

Croatian, native speaker

French, fluent

Italian, functional

German, functional

Spanish, functional

Portuguese, functional

Mandarin, basic

Academic Positions:

2005-present: Associate Professor-Lecturer, University of Utah, Department of Anthropology

1992-2000: Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Utah, Department of Anthropology

2002- present: Adjunct Assistant professor, Weber State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ogden, Utah

1998-1999: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing, University of Utah

1998-99: Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University

1995-97: Adjunct Assistant professor, Weber State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ogden, Utah

1989-95: Associate Instructor, University of Utah, Department of Anthropology

1986-89: Teaching Assistant, University of Utah, Department of Anthropology

Teaching:

Culture and the Human Experience (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology)

Introduction to Anthropology: The Four-Field Approach^[L]_[SEP]

Mediterranean Cultures

Andean Cultures

Culture and International Marketing

Cultures of Europe

Ethnicity and Nationalism

Symbolic Anthropology

Grants and Awards:

2003 University of Utah Research Grant for fieldwork project “Children’s Acquisition of Kinship Terms in Pitumarca, Peru”.

1995-96 Fulbright Scholarship to Croatia (postponed because of the war)

1987-88 University of Utah Graduate Research Fellowship

Extensive Fieldwork:

1987, 1988, 1989, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2005, 2008 the island of Hvar, Croatia

Short-Term Fieldwork

February-March 2014 Hong Kong, SAR China: religion and ritual

January 2006 Mumbai, India: kinship and family.

May-June 2004 Pitumarca, Peru: Children’s Acquisition of Kinship Terms

September - December 1994. Zagreb, Croatia: Croatian and Muslim refugee networks.

January-March 1990, Mumbai, India: Iyengar Kinship Terminology; Rajmaji, India: Kinship and Marriage

PUBLICATIONS**Books and Book Chapters**

2019.. "Formal Analysis in Kinship Studies: The Application of Algebraic Models and Graph Theory"
In: *Algebra Rodstva*. Vladimir Popov, editor, Sankt Peterburg: Russian Academy of Sciences 17. Pp 59-70.

2018. Creeping Plants and Winding Belts: Cognition, Kinship, and Metaphors. In: *Hal Scheffler and Current Kinship Studies*. Warren Shapiro, editor. Canberra: Australian University Press.

2011. (with Doug Jones, eds.) *Kinship, Language, and Prehistory: Per Hage and the Renaissance in Kinship Studies*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press.

2011. Is there a Kinship Module? Evidence from the Acquisition of kinship terms in Pitumarca, Peru. In: *Kinship, Language, and Prehistory: Per Hage and the Renaissance in Kinship Studies*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press.

Papers:

2023. "Sex, Love, Incest, Death, and Succession: Beyond Basic Biology" *Kinship UCLA* Vol. 3, Issue 2.15-28.

2014. "Zapisano na vodi: Hong Kong, Macau i Zmajev zaljev"(Written on Water: Hong Kong, Macau and Dragon's Bay), *Hrvatska revija* <http://www.matica.hr/hr/434/zapisano-na-vodi-hong-kong-macau-i-zmajev-zaljev-23996/>

2013. 'Talk is not Cheap: Kinship Terminologies and the Origins of Language' *Structure and Dynamics 6(1): E-Journal of Anthropological and Related Sciences*, http://escholarship.org/uc/imbs_socdyn_sdeas/6/1

2010. "Изучение родства, символическое мышление и преистория в антропологии XXI века". *Stratum plus*, N 2: 15-21

2009. 'Kinship Studies, Symbolic Thought, and Prehistory in the 21st Century Anthropology' *Reports of Prehistoric Research Projects 9*.

2006a. 'Per Hage (1935-2004)' In *L'Homme* 1-2: 409-411.

2004. 'The Proto-Numic Kinship System' (P. Hage, B. Milicic, M. Mixco, and J.P. Nichols). *Journal of Anthropological Research*, 60: 359-377. <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/jar.60.3.3630755>

1996a. 'Tattooing, gender, and social stratification in Micro-Polynesia' (with P. Hage and F. Harary). *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute incorporating Man* 2 (2): 335-350. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/3034099.pdf>

1996b. 'Hierarchical Oppositions Revisited'. (With P. Hage and F. Harary) *Oceania* 67: 152-155.

1995a. 'The Structure of Cross-sibling Relations: A Mediterranean case'. *Journal of Mediterranean Studies* 5(1): 129-143.

1995b. 'Hierarchical Oppositions' (with P. Hage and F. Harary). *Oceania* 65(4): 347- 354.

http://www.jstor.org/stable/40331540?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents

1993. 'Exchange and Social Stratification in the Eastern Adriatic: A Graph-theoretic Model. *Ethnology* 32 (4): 375-395.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/i291043>

1991. 'Consumption and Conservation: Disposal and Gender in a Mediterranean Community'. *Proceedings of the Conference on Gender and Consumer Behavior*. Janeen Costa, ed. Salt Lake City, Association for Consumer Research, Department of Marketing, David Eccles School of Business, University of Utah, 277-83.

1989. 'A Group Model of Ndembu Color Symbolism', *Semiotica* 73 (1-2): 121-13

<http://degruyter.com/view/j/semi.1989.73.issue-1-2/semi.1989.73.1-2.121/semi.1989.73.1-2.121.xml>

BOOK REVIEW:

2013. Leaf, Murrey and Dwight Read': Human Thought and Social Organization: Anthropology on a New Plane'. Reviewed in *Anthropos: International Review of Ethnology and Linguistics* 108 (2): 679-680.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS:

July 2023. *Godparenthood in Pitumarca. Perú: Cognitive, Structural, and Political Implications of Fictive Kinship*. Session Co-organizer: Fictive Kinship and Politics. 57th Congresso Internacional de Americanistas, Foz de Iguaçu, Brazil

November 2021. *Markedness in Tewa kinship and classification* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting St Louis, Invited Session

November 2019. *Creeping Plants and Winding Belts: Cognition, Kinship, and Metaphors* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, CA. Invited session.

July 2018. 2018. *Formal Analysis in Kinship Studies: The Application of Algebraic Models and Graph Theory*". 18th IUAES World Congress, Florianópolis, Brazil

November 2017. *Kinship, cognition, and communication in the Adriatic*. AAA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

November 2015. *What do you think, my younger sibling older than I? Revisiting the Tewa World*. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver.

November 2014. *Kinship on the Island of Hvar: The Old and then new* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

April 2014: *Vines of Kinship, Fields of Lavender: Historical Anthropology of the Island of Hvar*. Invited talk. Division of Humanities, South China Research Center the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Chinese University of Hong Kong Center for Historical Anthropology

November 2013. *Kinship in the Adriatic* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. Invited session.

November 2012: *Kinship and Metaphors* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco. Invited session.

February 2012: *'I' and 'Self' as kinship terms*, Society for anthropological Sciences (SASci), Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.

November 2010: *Talk is not Cheap: Kinship Terminology and the Origin of Language* American Anthropological Association, New Orleans. Invited Session.