

**Netta van Vliet  
Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education**

2012	Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
2012	Graduate Certificate in Feminist Studies, Duke University
2005	MA in Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
1996-1999	BA with major in Sociology/Anthropology, Lewis & Clark College
1995-1996	First Year of undergraduate studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Academic Appointments**

2017-Present	Assistant Professor of Anthropology, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME
2014-2017	Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Women's Studies and Religion, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME.
2012-2014	Visiting Instructor in Anthropology and Women's Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC.

**Publications**

2016	"Humanity Lost: Alterity and the Politics of a Melancholic Anthropology" in <i>Anthropology and Humanism</i> . Vol. 41(1): pgs. 44-65.
2016	"An Anthropological Paradox" Review of Ilana Feldman's <i>Police Encounters: Security and Surveillance in Gaza under Egyptian Rule</i> in <i>Anthropology Quarterly</i> . Vol.89(1): pgs. 355-361.
2015	"On Calls to Boycott Israeli Academia" in <i>Public Seminar</i> . The New School.
2015	"Review of <i>Deconstructing Zionism</i> " in <i>Critical Inquiry</i> . Vol. 42 (2): pgs. 412-414.
2001	"Cochabamba's Water War: Organized Protest Against Privatization of a Public Resource." In: <i>Cities in a Globalizing World: Global Report on Human Settlements</i> (United Nations Centre for Human Settlements). Page 117. London: Earthscan Publications.
2000	"Tercer Congreso de Estudios Mayas Desde Unas 'Perspectivas Gringas.'" <i>Mesoamerica</i> , Volume 21, Number 39, pages 488-490. (with Diane M. Nelson.). Plumsock Mesoamerican Studies, CIRMA.

## **Work in Progress**

- 2017 *On The Israeli-Jewish Question* (book manuscript in progress)
- 2017 Zionism's Autoimmunity: A Response to *Deconstructing Zionism* (Revise and Resubmit)
- 2017 "Possession, Trace, Israel and the Anthropocene" (article in preparation)
- 2017 "Israeli-Jew: A Useful Category for an Analysis of Sexual Difference?" (article in preparation)

## **Papers Presented/Panels Organized**

- 2017 (upcoming) "Borders of Unbelonging in Israel" (AAA meeting, Washington D.C.)
- 2016 "Israeli-Jewish Difference and Questions of Sacrifice" (AAA meeting, Minneapolis, MN)
- 2016 "Zionism's Autoimmunity" (Derrida Today Conference, Goldsmiths, University of London)
- 2015 "Israel, Woman, Animal, Human: Revisiting "the Jewish Question" (AAA meeting, Denver, CO)
- 2015 Co-organizer (with Carla Hung) of AAA panel: "Mediterranean Encounters: The Incommensurability of Difference"
- 2015 Invited Speaker on Earth Day Panel: "Waste" (College of the Atlantic)
- 2014 "*Transnational Feminisms and Interdisciplinarity*" (Barnard Center for Research on Women "Locations of Learning: Transnational Feminist Practices" Conference)
- 2014 "*Impossible Sovereignty of Hysterical Possession on Both Sides of the Mediterranean*" (AAA meeting, Washington D.C.)
- 2013 "*Speculum of the Postcolonial Woman*" (Irigaray Circle Conference, "Thinking Life," University of Bergen, Norway)
- 2012 "*Explaining The Differend of Israel: Responses from the Field*" (Jewish Studies Perilman Symposium, Duke University)
- 2011 "*On the Question of Origin*" ("Possibilities of the New: The Subject of Truth in Psychoanalysis," Cornell University)
- 2011 Invited Response to Frances Hasso's "*The Governance Bargain Between Women and States in the Middle East*" (Women's Studies Colloquium, Duke University)
- 2009 "*The Ethics and Politics of Anthropology in the Context of Israel*" (AAA Philadelphia, PA)

- 2008 “*Ethics, Politics, and Anthropology’s Episteme*” (AAA annual meeting, San Francisco, CA).
- 2004 “*States of Exception: The Mas’ha Campsite and Israel’s ‘Separation Wall’*” (Conference of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Portland, OR).
- 2003 “Mapping Boundaries of Violence and Prospects for Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Context” (Panel co-organized with Nell Gabiam at AAA) Chicago, IL)
- 2003 “*Fanning the Flames: The Fight Against Israel’s ‘Security Fence’*” (AAA, Chicago, IL)
- 2002 “*Transmogrify Machines in Guatemala: The Politics of NGO’s in Post-Civil War Guatemala*” (AAA, New Orleans, LA)
- 2000 “*Growing Pains in Guatemala: Political Struggles of Youth in the Body Politic of Post-War Guatemala*”(“Understanding the Social World II”, International Soc. Conference, UK)
- 1999 “*Living With/in Contradictions: The Movement of Youth, History, and Anthropology in the Context of Guatemala’s Peace Process*” (AAA, Chicago, IL)

### **Professional Service**

- 2016-Present Institutional Review Board (IRB) Chair and Committee Member
- 2015-2016 Reviewer for *Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)*
- 2015-2016 Reviewer for *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies (JMEWS)*
- 2014-2015 Institutional Review Board (IRB) Member (College of the Atlantic)

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Courses Independently Taught and Designed**

- 2017-2018 Psychoanalysis and Postcolonial Studies (College of the Atlantic)
- 2016-2017 Diaspora and Unbelonging (College of the Atlantic)
- 2016 - 2017 Ethnographic Methods (College of the Atlantic)
- 2015-2016 Waste (College of the Atlantic)
- 2015-2016 Possession and the Human (College of the Atlantic)
- 2015-2016 Feminist Theory in a Transnational Frame (College of the Atlantic)
- 2014-2015 Theory and Method in the Study of Religion (College of the Atlantic)
- 2014-15 Postcolonial Islands (College of the Atlantic)
- 2014-15 Politics of Israel (College of the Atlantic)
- 2014 Globalization/Anti-Globalization (Duke University)
- 2014 Israeli Culture and Politics (Duke University)
- 2012-2013 Globalization/Anti-Globalization (Duke University)
- 2012-2013 Urban Violence (Duke University)
- 2012 Gender, Sexuality and Politics in Israel (Duke University)
- 2011 Global Cultures (Duke University)
- 2010 (Fall) Difference and Israel (Duke University)
- 2010 (Summer) Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Duke University)
- 2009 (Spring) War, Equality, Justice (Duke University)
- 2008 (Fall) Law, Culture, Politics (Duke University)

## **Courses TA-d**

2004 (Fall)	Teaching Assistant (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Duke University)
2004 (Spring)	Teaching Assistant (Qualitative Research Methods, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University)
2003 (Spring)	Teaching Assistant (Film and Anthropology, Duke University)
2002 (Fall)	Teaching Assistant (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Duke University)

## **Other Teaching Experience and Service Work**

2004 (Spring)	Assistant Organizer for “Harvest of Violence (II)” Guatemala Conference (Duke University)
1997-1998	English teacher for Central American migrant farmworkers (Woodburn, Oregon)

## **Field Research Experience**

2016	Preliminary summer field research (Israel – fieldwork for second project in Shapira)
2015	Preliminary summer field research (Israel – fieldwork for second project in Shapira neighborhood and in soup kitchens)
2012	Preliminary summer field research (Israel – first stages of fieldwork for second project)
2005-2008	Thirty-six months dissertation field research (Israel)
2004	Two months preliminary dissertation summer research (Israel)
2003	Two months preliminary dissertation summer research (Israel)
1999	Six months research in Guatemala with Guatemalan women’s NGO “CONAVIGUA” (primary researcher for the youth team of a Mayan women’s organization in Guatemala, founded and led by women widowed by the civil war. Work focused on project about perspectives of indigenous youth in postwar context)
1998 (June-August)	Three months research assistant for Diane Nelson (field research in Guatemala)

## **Other Employment and Research Experience**

2012 (Spring)	Research Assistant (Women’s Studies, Duke University)
2008-2009	Research Assistant (Women’s Studies, Duke University)
2005 (Spring)	Research Assistant (Cultural Anthropology, Duke University)
2003 (Fall)	Research Assistant (Cultural Anthropology, Duke University)
2001/2002	Coordinator in Guatemala for NGO, “Child Aid” (responsibilities included coordinating literacy and training programs in rural libraries and schools, grant-writing to institutions such as the Inter-American Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and library science and technical assistance)
2000	Caretaker for autistic children (Portland, Oregon)

## **Academic Awards and Fellowships**

2013	Duke-Bergen Irigaray Circle Conference Grant
2012	Jewish Studies Summer Research and Write-Up Grant (Duke University)
2010	Franklin Humanities Institute and Women’s Studies JWTC Workshop Grant
2009-2010	Women’s Studies Dissertation Fellowship (Duke University)
2008-2009	Franklin Humanities Institute Dissertation Working Group Award

2007-2008	Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research)
2007	Aleane Webb Dissertation Research Award (Duke University)
2006	Ernestine Friedl Research Award (Women's Studies, Duke University)
2006	Graduate School Summer Research Grant, (Duke University)
2005	Tinker Field Research Grant (Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Duke University)
2004	Graduate School Summer Research Grant, (Duke University)
2004	Race and Gender Research Award, (Women's Studies, Duke University)
2004	Center for International Studies Summer Research Grant, (Duke)
2003	Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Award (Duke FLAS for Summer Language Study)
2003	Center for International Studies Summer Research Grant (Duke University) (Declined)
2002-2003	Duke Latin American Studies Fellowship (Duke Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies)
1999	Winston Foundation for World Peace Fellowship
1998-1999	Mary Stuart Rodger's Scholarship (Lewis & Clark College)
1998	Vining Faculty/Student Collaborative Research Grant (with Professor Diane M. Nelson, Lewis & Clark College)

### **Professional Associations**

2015-Present	Association for Jewish Studies (AJS)
2013-Present	Society for the Anthropology of Religion (AAA)
1999-Present	American Anthropological Association (AAA)
2003-Present	Society for Cultural Anthropology (of the AAA)