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I have been in the field for dissertation research in Sweden, Finland and Turkey for my dissertation research on and off since the fall of 2002. In my work I investigate the employment experience of high-skilled workers in transnational corporations in the mobile telecommunications sector during times of rapid market expansion, market uncertainty and contraction. I am especially interested in the various forms of geographical mobility, including but not restricted to immigration "proper", that are required and facilitated by employment in a transnational corporation. My ambition is to provide an understanding of how individual actors navigate their lives in the superimposed worlds of the transnational social space of the corporation on the one hand and of national polities, on the other. The research has been funded by CEES and ISOP at UCLA, CERS at UC Berkeley and the SSRC's Program on the Corporation as a Social Institution. I have taught various sociology courses in Turkey, Sweden and the US and speak, though not equally fluently, Turkish, English, Swedish and French.
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The central focus of my dissertation research is on the role of states in shaping mobility and membership patterns through migration and nationality policies. The empirical focus is on Argentina, Italy, and Spain, countries linked by migration flows and networks since the mid to late 19th century. The study draws on documentary analysis of migration and nationality laws, regulations, inter-state treaties, legislative debates, diplomatic records, and administrative accounts from Argentina, Italy, and Spain, and on ethnographic observation of nationality application procedures. It argues that contemporary state membership patterns in these countries emerged from inter-state competition to generate or maintain ties with migrants and their

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My research interests are based in eastern Senegal, theories of transnational identity, the anthropology of migration, political ecology and the ethnographic tradition in cultural anthropology. A motivating question for my research, from the vantage point of three Soninke villages in the Upper Senegal River Valley, is how to best portray the embeddedness of everyday decisions, meaningful categories, and individual worldviews within a wider system of historical transnational migration. The research objectives for this dissertation are summarized as follows: (1) Soninke villages in the Department of Bakel, Senegal, are at a turning point in the stage of their transnational networks: more and more migrants are staying abroad permanently, and traveling to relatively new destinations. (2) There are practices within households and within the public sphere that constitute a community response to this trend, as they employ stories, value-models, symbols, rites, or rules of labor allocation that are collectively constituted and understood. If these practices are related to the same end goal – to

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I am in the initial stages of a new project provisionally entitled, A Transnational History of Mexico U.S. Migration. This study will be a history of transnational labor communities that migrated from the Mexican state of Oaxaca to southern California between the end of the nineteenth century to the present. The study emerges from my dissertation (Yale University, 2002) research concerning the history of Oaxaca City, Mexico (*Visions of the Emerald City: Politics, Culture, and Modernity in Oaxaca City, Mexico, 1876-1920*, under contract with Texas University Press) and stands at the intersection of Mexican and U.S. Latino history. It will explore the origins of what has become one of the largest transnational communities in the world. My research interests overlap and intersect with many of the themes of the Summer Institute on International Migration. My project explicitly concerns the history of U.S. Mexico Migration and examines the influence of religion via the Catholic Church in the formation of

labor communities and organizations in Mexico throughout the twentieth century. I pay particular attention to the social construction of ethnicity and gender as the Mexican state and all Mexicans struggled to define themselves in the post-revolutionary era in the face of the exodus millions of the countrys inhabitants to the United States. In the course of my research I will employ ethnographic study methods, especially in my collection of individual narratives through oral histories. I am currently the Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for the Humanities at Wesleyan University and will join the History Department at the University of Connecticut this fall.
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