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**EDUCATION**

- 1994-1999 **Yale University**, New Haven, CT, Ph. D. with Distinction in Forestry and Environmental Studies, 1999, entitled "Controlling the Land: Property Rights and Power Struggles in Sabah, Malaysia, 1881-1996."
- 1992-1994 **Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies**, New Haven, CT . Master of Environmental Sciences, in Tropical Ecology.
- 1983-1987 **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA. Bachelor of Arts in Biological Anthropology, *magna cum laude*. Senior Honors Thesis: "*Latah*: A Culture-Bound Syndrome." An examination of cultural and physiological origins of a behavioral trait specific to women in certain ethnic groups in Southeast Asia.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

- 2017-present **North American Coordinator** for the Global Environmental Justice Documentary Film Project with Face to Face Media and Funding from Luce Foundation
- 2014-present **Senior Lecturer and Research Scientist**, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.
- 2009-2014 **Lecturer and Research Scientist**, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.
- 2012-2014, 2017-2018 **Director of Undergraduate Studies**, for the Environmental Studies Major, Yale College
- 2012-present **Editorial Board**, *Handbook of the Environment in Southeast Asia*. Routledge Press.
- 2010-2011 **Acting Chair**, Yale Southeast Asian Council, Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies.
- 2005-2008 **Associate Research Scientist and Lecturer**, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.
- 2001-2005 **Lecturer and Post Doctoral Associate**, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies
- 2001-2005 **Editor**, Working Paper Series Agroforestry in Managed Landscapes, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the World Centre for Agroforestry
- 2001-2008 **Program Director, Tropical Resources Institute**, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

## HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2011-present **Yale Education, Leadership, and Training Initiative**, Co-PI (Lead PI, Mark Ashton), \$15 million to develop short courses and workshops on conservation of biodiversity for national in Latin America and Southeast Asia.
- 2012 **Public Thought Leadership**, The Op Ed Project, Yale University
- 2011 Bali TV talk show on **“Human Rights and Agribusiness in Southeast Asia”**, Nov 26, 2011
- 2008 **Advancing Conservation in a Social Context**, Travel grant to meet with collaborators in Athens, Georgia.
- 2007 **McMillan Center Faculty Support Grant**, Livelihood Strategies of Agricultural Communities in the Buffer Zone of Cusuco National Park, Honduras, \$5000
- 2006-2011 **Yale Education, Leadership, and Training Initiative**, Co-PI (Lead PI, Mark Ashton), \$4.8 million to develop short courses and workshops on conservation of biodiversity for national in Latin America and Southeast Asia.
- 2010-2011 **Resources for an Inclusive Future**, \$5000 from International Paper Foundation
- 2007-2010 **Compton Foundation**, Funds for Graduate Field Research Fellowships for African and Latin American Students, PI, Curran, Doolittle, \$150,000.
- 2004-2007 **Compton Foundation**, Funds for Graduate Field Research Fellowships for African and Latin American Students, PI Curran, Doolittle, \$150,000.
- 2001-2005 **Agroforestry Fellowships for Africa**, Awarded \$20,000 annually from the World Agroforestry Centre for student fellowships with ICRAF, PI Curran and Doolittle
- 2004 **Agroforestry in Landscape Mosaics**, Award from the World Agroforestry Centre to work as project manager on the collaboration between Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, University of Georgia Anthropology Department and World Agroforestry Centre, \$15,000.
- 2003 **Yale Class of 1980 Video Editing Center**, PI Curran and Doolittle, \$8500
- 2003 **Larry and Margaret King Distinguished Lecture Series**, PI Curran and Doolittle, \$10,000
- 2003 **Cooperative Grants, Association of International Educators**, funding for “Strengthening International Student Capacity and Networks at Yale’s School of the Environment”, \$2000.
- 2002 **Yale Center for the Study Globalization**, funding for Lecture and Film Series “Globalization and the Environment: International Agendas and Local Responses”, \$15,000
- 2002 **Yale Center for International and Area Studies**, funding for Lecture and Film Series “Globalization and the Environment: International Agendas and Local Responses”, \$5,000
- 1997 **Enders Fellowship**, Yale University, New Haven, CT, \$2,500.
- 1996 **Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation**, University of Malaya, Research Fellow
- 1995 **Fulbright-Hays**, Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award, \$32,000.
- 1995 **National Science Foundation, Law and Social Science Program**, Dissertation Improvement Award, \$6,300
- 1995 **Social Science Research Council/American Council of Learned Societies, Southeast Asia Program**, International Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, \$8,000
- 1994 **Yale Center for International and Area Studies**, predissertation award, \$3,000
- 1994 **Yale Council for Southeast Asian Studies**, predissertation award, \$2,000
- 1994 -1998 **Yale University Doctoral Fellowship**
- 1992, 1993 **N. Brown Scholarship**, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies  
An award offered to “individuals who have demonstrated particular promise as natural

- resource practitioners, scholars and conservationists.”
- 1987 **Radcliffe College President's Discretionary Fund**, Harvard College  
Support for research at Center for Coastal Studies, Provincetown, MA,
- 1987 **International Fund for Animal Welfare**, Support for research at Center for Coastal  
Studies, Provincetown, MA
- 1987 **World Wildlife Fund**, Support for research at Center for Coastal Studies, Provincetown,  
MA
- 1985-1987 **Harvard College Scholarship**, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA
- 1985-1987 **Elizabeth Cary Aggasiz Certificate of Merit**, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

#### MONOGRAPH

Doolittle, A. 2005. *Property and Politics in Sabah, Malaysia (North Borneo): A Century of Native Struggles over Land Rights, 1881-1996*. University of Washington Press, Nature and Culture Series.

#### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Miller, Ethan F. Amity A. Doolittle, Paolo Omar Cerutti, Jared Naimark, Mariana C. Rufino, Mark S. Ashton, Esther Mwangi. *Under review*. “Spatial dynamics of community landscape service values across an East African landscape”. *Land Use Policy*.

Doolittle, Amity. 2014. “Tragedy of the Commons”. *Oxford Bibliographies* in "Ecology". Ed. David Gibson. New York: Oxford University Press, October 1, 2014. URL:  
<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199830060/obo-9780199830060-0116.xml?rskey=OQwkzA&result=123>

Nels Paulson, Amity Doolittle, Ann Laudati, Meredith Welch-Devine And Pablo Peña. 2012. “Indigenous peoples’ participation in global conservation: Looking beyond headdresses and face paint.” *Environmental Values* 21(3): 255-276.

Doolittle, Amity, 2010. “The Politics of Indigeneity: Indigenous Perspectives on Climate Change Policy”. *Conservation and Society* 8(4): 256-261.

Doolittle, A. 2010. “Stories and Maps, Images and Archives: Multi-Method Approach to the Political Ecology of Native Property Rights and Natural Resource Management in Sabah, Malaysia”. *Environmental Management* 45: 67-81.

Doolittle, A. 2007. “Native Land Tenure, Conservation, and Development in a Pseudo-Democracy: Natural Resource Conflicts in Sabah, Malaysia.” *Journal of Peasant Studies* 34(3): 474 – 497.

Doolittle A. 2004. “Powerful Persuasions: The Language of Property and Power in Sabah, Malaysia, 1881-1996.” *Modern Asian Studies* 38 (4): 821-850.

Doolittle A. 2003. “Colliding Discourses: Western Land Laws and Native Customary Rights in North Borneo, 1881-1928” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*. 34 (1): 97-126.

Doolittle, A. 2001. “ ‘Are They Making Fun of Us?’: The Politics of Development in Sabah, Malaysia.” *Moussons: Social Science Research on Southeast Asia* 4: 75-95.

Doolittle, A. 2001 “From Village Land to ‘Native Reserve’: Changes in Property Rights in Sabah, 1950-1996.” *Human Ecology* 29 (1): 69-98.

Doolittle, A. 1998. "Historical and Contemporary Views of Legal Pluralism in Sabah, Malaysia" Forum Commentary in *Common Property Resource Digest*, No. 47, December 1998.

### EDITED VOLUMES

Dove, Sajise and Doolittle, eds. 2010. *Complicating Conservation in Southeast Asia: Beyond the Sacred Forest Asia*. Duke University Press, New Ecologies for the Twenty-First Century.

Dove, M. , P. Sajise, and A. Doolittle. 2005. *Nature in Culture: Case Studies from Southeast Asia*. Southeast Asia Monograph Series, Volume 54, Yale University.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

Doolittle, A. 2015. "The best of many worlds: methodological pluralism in political ecology". In Raymond Bryant, ed. *International Handbook of Political Ecology*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Colfer, C. , A. Amity Doolittle, M. Roberts, K. Robinson, H. Hambly Odame, P. and Van Esterik. 2014. "Gender Analysis of Indigenous Fallow Management" in M. Cairns, ed., *Shifting Cultivation and Environmental Change: People, Agriculture and Forest Conservation*. Routledge Press: London. UK.

Doolittle. 2012. Study Guide on Environmental Justice for documentary film *Trouble the Water*. <http://www.troublethewaterfilm.com/content/pages/322>

Doolittle A. 2011. "Native customary land rights in Sabah, Malaysia 1881 – 2010." In M. Colchester, Ed. *Divers Paths to Justice: Legal Pluralism and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Southeast Asia*. Peoples Forest Programme: London, UK. Translated into Indonesian: "*Hak Masyarakat Adat atas Tanah Adat di Sabah, Malaysia 1881-2010*".

Doolittle, A. 2010. "Re-defining Native Customary Law: Struggles over Property Rights Between Native Peoples and Colonial Rulers in Sabah, Malaysia" in Dove, Sajise and Doolittle, eds. *Complicating Conservation in Southeast Asia: Beyond the Sacred Forest Asia*. Duke University Press, New Ecologies for the Twenty-First Century.

Dove, M. and A. Doolittle. 2009. "Introduction: The Field and this Study" in *Complicating Conservation in Southeast Asia: Beyond the Sacred Forest*, New Ecologies for the Twenty-First Century.

Doolittle, A. 2007. 14 original essays on: ecological noble savage, Roy Rappaport, Vanda Shiva, Ramachandra Guha, Ester Boserup, land ethic, land degradation, balance of nature, fortress conservation, biopiracy, takings, usufruct rights, Theodore Roosevelt's Conservation Administration. *Encyclopedia of the Environment*, Sage Press.

Doolittle, A. 2006. "Resources, Ideologies, and Nationalism: The Politics of Development in Sabah, Malaysia" In *Development Brokers and Translators*, David Mosse and Davis Lewis, eds. Bloomfield, Ct.: Kumarian Press.

Doolittle, A. 2006. "Controlling the Land: Property Rights and Power Struggles in Sabah, Malaysia 1881-1996" in *Environmental Change in Native and Colonial Histories of Borneo: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future*, Wadley, R., ed, Leiden: KTLV Press.

Dove, M. , P. Sajise, and A. Doolittle. 2005. "Introduction: The Problem of Conserving Nature on Cultural Landscapes" in *Nature in Culture: Case Studies from Southeast Asia*. Southeast Asia Monograph Series, Volume 54, Yale University.

Doolittle, A. 1990. "Latah Behavior by Females Among the Rungus of Sabah," in V. Sutlive, ed. *Female and Male in Borneo: Contributions and Challenges to Gender Studies*, Borneo Research Council Monograph Series, Vol. 1.

#### **TEACHING GUIDES for Environmental Justice Documentaries, Distributed by Face to Face Media**

Scalan, C., and A. Doolittle. The Last Mountain

Scalan, C., and A. Doolittle. Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek

Northrop, C., C. Scanlan and A. Doolittle. *Tar Creek*

Northrop, C., A. Doolittle. Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action

Islam, T., E. Shabahat and A. Doolittle. Black Tide: Voices From The Gulf

Shabahat, E. T. Islam, and A. Doolittle. Shelter in Place

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2016-2018 Monitoring and Evaluation of The Forest Dialogue's Land Use Dialogues
- 2011-present An Environmental History of New Haven's Urban Landscape, exploring the changing urban landscape in New Haven by focusing on the role of ecology, demographics, economic shifts, and changing patterns of land distribution in the shaping of neighborhoods and public spaces in New Haven.
- 2012- 2013 Who Requests Street Trees in New Haven, Connecticut and Why?, with Dexter Locke. This project seeks to understand who participates in tree planting initiatives in New Haven and what are their motivations in an effort to cultivate enduring environmental stewardship.
- 2011-2012 Evaluation of Urban Resources Initiative Greenspace Program Stewardship of Greening Vacant Lots.
- 2009-2010 Integration Landscape, Human, and Wildlife Health in the Tempisque-Bebedero Watershed, Costa Rica (with Organization of Tropical Studies)
- 2008-2009 Event Ethnography, exploring decision-making, negotiation and discourse of human rights and equity in climate change discussions at the World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2007-2008 Preliminary research on "Livelihood Strategies of Agricultural Communities in the Buffer Zone of Cusuco National Park, Honduras," Santo Tomas, Honduras.
- 2005-2008 Analysis of content and discourse of race and poverty in Media Coverage of Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans.
- 2006 Preliminary research on "Ribereños Livelihoods Under Threat: Conflicts between Communal Reserve and International Oil Extraction, Loreto, Peru"
- 2005 Ethnography of a Human-Environmental Crisis: Race, Class and Hurricane Katrina, Huston, Texas, New Orleans, Louisiana (with students from 2005 Environmental Justice Class).
- 2004 Participatory Community-Based Mapping of Natural Resources Management, West Kalimantan, Indonesia, 2005.
- 1995-1996 Dissertation Research, "Controlling the Land: Property Rights and Power Struggles in Sabah, Malaysia, 1881-1996." Sabah, Malaysia.
- 1994-1995 Archival research at the Public records Office on colonial treatment of native customary

law in North Borneo, 1881-1962, Kew England.

## UNIVERSITY TEACHING

### Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

#### \*\*new interdisciplinary courses developed

- \*\*FES 70117 Communities and Conservation in Costa Rica: Advanced Research Methods, 2010
- \*\*FES 80166 Leaves, Livelihoods, and Landscapes: Ecology, Socio-Economics and Politics of Development across Borneo, co-taught with Lisa Curran 2006, 2008
- \*\*FES 515 Qualitative Methods for Social Science Research, 1998-2007, 2009-present
- \*\*FES 846 Topics in Environmental Justice, 2004-present
- \*\*FES 765 Globalization and the Environment: International Agendas and Local Responses, co-taught with Lisa Curran, 2003
- FES 80054 Agrarian Societies, co-taught with Jim Scott, 2007

#### New courses 2018-2019

- \*\*FES 846 Topics in Environmental Justice with Michelle Bell, 2018
- \*\*FES 643 Managing the Environment with People in Mind: Understanding the Contributions of Social Sciences and Humanities, with Ben Cashore, 2019
- \*\*FES 615 Political Ecology of Conservation and Restoration of Tropical Forest Landscapes, with Eva Garen and field trip to ELTI Site in Panama, 2019

#### New course 2019-2020

- \*\*FES 520 Topics in Community Engagement, co-taught with Eva Garen – new basic knowledge required course for incoming MEM students

### Yale College Advanced Undergraduate Seminar

- \*\*CSSY 313 Anthropology and the Environment: Topics in Political Ecology, 2001
- \*\*EVST 410 Communities and Conservation in Costa Rica: Advanced Research Methods, 2010
- \*\*EVST 285 Political Ecology: Nature, Power and Culture, 2009, 2010, 2012
- EVST 496 Senior Honor Colloquium

### Other

Curriculum on Environmental Justice to accompany the documentary video on Hurricane Katrina, "Trouble the Water"

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/INVITED LECTURES

- 11/19 "Environmental Justice and the History of Environmentalism" webinar for CivicSpark.
- 08/19 "Environmental Justice in the Context of New Haven's Environmental History" introductory lecture given all 3 weeks of Urban MODs.
- 08/18 "Environmental Justice in the Context of New Haven's Environmental History" introductory lecture given all 3 weeks of Urban MODs.
- 11/17 "The Conservation Project of Indigenous Knowledge Integration" at the American Anthropological Association session *Crossing borders: Interrogating postcoloniality with collaborators* in Michael Dove's Honor. Washington DC
- 03/17 "Stories Matter" talk given to Yale Graduate School symposium Inspiring Yale
- 01/15 "Where We Live" interview January 8, 2015, panelist with Doreceta Taylor on Environmental Justice regarding my research in New Haven
- 12/13 Invited Speaker on "Climate Justice" for The [Duke Human Rights Center](#) at the [Kenan Institute for Ethics](#) at Duke University.

06/12 Invited speaker at Yale Summer Symposium on Religion and Environmental Stewardship.

05/12 Invited Speaker to the workshop of the Tri College Environmental Studies Program on "The importance of humanities in environmental Studies".

11/11 Invited Speaker at conference on "Human Rights and Business: Plural Legal Approaches to Conflict Resolution: Institutional Strengthening and Legal Reform" Bali, Indonesia, November 28-December 1, 2011

10/11 "Sanitary Reform in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Urban Landscape: Moral, Bodily and Environmental Filth." Department of Anthropology, University of Oslo, Norway. Invited Speaker: Conceptualising Nature: Environment, Biodiversity, Climate and Culture."

07/11 Invited Speaker to Conference on Law and Society in Malaysia: Islam, Pluralism and Development, University of Victoria, British Columbia (declined).

04/11 Invited Speaker to Middlebury College, Land and Justice Symposium on "Climate Justice"

09/10 Invited Speakers to Securing Rights through Legal Pluralism in South East Asia, Bangkok, 20-22 September 2010, organized by *Forest Peoples Programme*.

04/10 The Forest Dialogue Moderator of Roundtable on "Scoping Dialogue on Free, Prior, and Informed Consent".

04/10 Yale Divinity School conference Environmental (dis)locations. "Climate Change Policy and Global Indigenism: Securing Indigenous Rights in the Face of Global Climate Change". Invited participant and "think tank leader"

04/10 Environmental Film Festival at Yale, Discussant for "Bananas"

11/09 Department of Anthropology, University of Oslo, Norway. Invited Speaker: "Conceptualising Nature: Environment, Biodiversity, Climate and Culture"

04/09 Environmental Film Festival at Yale, Discussant for "Trouble the Water"

11/08 Yale F&ES Student Interest Group on Environmental Justice. Guest Lecturer "Why USA has not achieved a Post-racial Society"

09/08 Yale School of Epidemiology and Public Health. Guest lecturer on "Environmental Justice and Public Health Issues".

05/08 Wesleyan University. Invited Speaker at Workshop on Teaching Environmental Justice, "Environmental Justice and Issues of Race and Sovereignty"

03/08 Yale School of Epidemiology and Public Health. Guest lecturer on "Environmental Justice and Public Health Issues".

02/08 University of North Carolina. Invited Speaker, "Environments Undone: The Political Ecology of Globalization and Development"

01/07 Mt. Everett Regional School, Sheffield, MA, Invited Speaker. "Environmentalism in the 21st Century: a focus on environmental justice".

01/07 Mt. Everett Regional School, Sheffield, MA, Invited Speaker. "The Challenge of Integrated Conservation and Development".

03/06 University of California, Berkeley, Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Invited speaker "Property and Politics in Sabah Malaysia: Native Struggles over Land Rights."

03/06 Ohio University Athens Center for International Studies. Invited speaker, "Property and Politics in Sabah Malaysia: Native Struggles over Land Rights."

01/06 Smithsonian Tropical Resources Institute. Invited Speaker, "Social Science in CTFS: Why Bother", Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS) Program for Applied Ecology Strategic Thinking Workshop.

05/05 Stanford University Student Malaysia Forum. Invited speaker, "The Conservation Landscape: Histories of Native Land Struggles in Sabah, Malaysia".

05/04 Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. Invited Speaker. "International Politics and the Environment." Presented at the Faculty

- 10/04 Development Workshop Integrating Ethics into Environmental Studies.  
The Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation and Antioch New England Graduate School. "Here There Be Tygers: Exploring Terra Incognita between Academia and Community in Participatory Mapping" Presented at Conservation Without Borders: The Impact of Conservation on Human Communities.
- 09/03 School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Invited Speaker, "Resources, Ideologies, and Nationalism: The Politics of Development in Postcolonial Sabah" Presented at Conference on Order and Disjuncture in Development.
- 05/02 Columbia University, Guest Speaker on "Property Rights and Natural Resource Management," CERC Certificate in Conservation Biology: Evening Certificate Program
- 08/00 International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands. "Controlling the Land: Property Rights and Power Struggles in Sabah, Malaysia 1881-1996." Presented at Conference on Environmental Change in Native and Colonial Histories of Borneo: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future
- 04/99 Association of Asian Studies, Boston, Mass. "The Politics of Development in Postcolonial Malaysia," Presented in a Panel on Local and Trans-local: Locating Resource Control in Shifting Fields of Identity and Power, March 11-14, 1999.
- 10/98 Yale University "The Politics of Development in Postcolonial Malaysia" Yale Council of Southeast Asian Studies, October 7, 1998.
- 10/98 Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University. Discussant for paper by Arun Agrawal, "The Production of Community-in- Conservation: The Forest Councils of Kumaon," October 2, 1998.
- 05/98 Yale University. "Are They Making Fun of Us?: Exploring State-Society Relations through Narratives of Development Politics and Oral Traditions." Conference on Interdisciplinary Work in Progress, April 17-19, 1998.
- 03/98 Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University. Discussant for paper by Peter Boomgaard, "In the Shadow of Rice: Roots and Tubers in Indonesian Agriculture," Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, March 6, 1998.
- 02/97 Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University. Discussant for paper by Charles Zerner, "Through a Green Lens: The Construction of Customary Environmental Law and Community in Indonesia's Maluku Islands," *Law and Society Review*, Vol. 28 (5, 1994): 1079-1121, February 28, 1997.