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## Publications

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<b>Books</b>	2015	<i>The Land of Gold: Post-Conflict Recovery and Cultural Revival in Independent Timor-Leste</i> . Ithaca: <a href="#">Cornell University Press</a> .
<b>Edited Volumes/ Special Issues</b>	2020	(with Mathijs Pelkmans). Wilful Blindness. Special issue of <a href="#">Critique of Anthropology</a> 40(4). <a href="#">Link click here</a> .
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	2018	(with Laura Meitzner Yoder). Megaprojects and National Development Models in Timor-Leste. Special Issue of <a href="#">The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology</a> 19 (5). <a href="#">Link click here</a> .
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