

Dr *Erica M* LARSON

Education

- Ph.D. (Anthropology) Boston University, USA
- B.A. (Biological Sciences; Anthropology and History) Carnegie Mellon University, USA

Professional Experience

2025 - PRESENT

Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute National University of Singapore (NUS)

- PI, PINDAH project: Perspectives on Identity, Nationality, Diasporic Affinities, and Home
- 2022 - 2025

Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute - NUS

2020 - 2022

Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute - NUS

2019-2020

Visiting Assistant Professor, Hanover College

- Instructor in the Department of Anthropology.
- 2017 - 2018

Visiting Researcher, University of Notre Dame

- Recipient of the Global Religion Research Initiative Dissertation Fellowship

Research Area

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| • religion and religious diversity | • youth |
| • education | • politics |
| • ethics | • digital media |
| • citizenship and belonging | • Indonesia |
| • mobilities | • Southeast Asia |

Short Biography

Erica M. Larson is a cultural anthropologist and Senior Research Fellow at the Asia Research Institute, NUS. Her research in Indonesia has focused on religious coexistence and how schools become important sites for deliberation about belonging in the nation (*Ethics of Belonging: Education, Religion, and Politics in Manado*- 2024, University of Hawai'i Press). Dr. Larson's current research focuses on the Indonesian diaspora in Singapore in terms of mobility and the construction of belonging across various groups, including students and religious networks. In addition, she is involved in long-term ethnographic research on Indonesian university students active in religious organizations and their attitudes and beliefs about corruption as a lens on normative state-society relations and notions of ethics, piety, and responsibility

Publications

Books

Larson, Erica M. 2024. *Ethics of Belonging: Education, Religion, and Politics in Manado, Indonesia*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.

Hertzman, Emily Zoe, Natalie Lang, **Erica M. Larson**, Carola Lorea, eds. 2023. *CoronAsur: Asian Religions in the Covidian Age*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.

Refereed Articles

Larson, Erica M. (forthcoming). "Assessing Value and Questioning Self-Worth in Educational Migration: Indonesian University Students in Singapore." *Anthropology & Education Quarterly*.

Larson, Erica M. 2025. "Wearing Your Moral Character on the Sleeve of Your School Uniform: Ethical Becoming and Nation-Building in Indonesia." *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 25 (1): 35–55.

Carola E. Lorea, **Erica M. Larson**, Ashawari Chaudhuri, and Emily Z. Hertzman. 2024. "Faith in Immunity and Structures of Trust: COVID-19 Vaccines from Asian Perspectives." *Asian Medicine* 19 (1): 1–33.

Larson, Erica M. 2024. "Smartphones and the Education of Religious Youth in Indonesia: Highway to Hell or Path of Righteousness?" *Social Compass* 71 (1): 119–135.

Larson, Erica M. 2023. "Ethical Pedagogies and/of Relationality." *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 13 (3): 484–493.

Larson, Erica M. 2022. "Learning to Navigate the Ethics of Boundaries: Schools, Youth, and Inter-Religious Relationships in Manado, Indonesia." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 28 (2): 432–450.

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

2020 CAE (Council on Anthropology and Education) Concha Delgado Gaitán Presidential Fellowship, American Anthropological Association

2019 Department of State/Educational and Cultural Affairs Research Grant, AIFIS (American Institute for Indonesian Studies) and CAORC (Council for American Overseas Research Centers)

2017 Global Religion Research Initiative Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion and Society (CSRS), University of Notre Dame

2017 Pardee Center Graduate Summer Fellowship, Frederick S. Pardee Center for the study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston University

2015 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant