

# Dr Erica Michelle LARSON

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## Education

- Ph.D. (Cultural Anthropology) Boston University
  - B.A. (Biological Sciences; Anthropology and History) Carnegie Mellon University
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## Professional Experience

2022 – PRESENT

### Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute - NUS

- Member of the Religion and Globalisation Research Cluster

2020 – 2022

### Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute - NUS

- Member of the Religion and Globalisation Research Cluster

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
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## Research Area

- religion and religious pluralism
  - education
  - ethics
  - digital media
  - Indonesia, Singapore, and Southeast Asia
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## Short Biography

Erica M. Larson is a cultural anthropologist and Research Fellow at the Asia Research Institute. Her research in Indonesia has focused on religious coexistence and how schools become important sites for deliberation about belonging. Her monograph is titled *Ethics of Belonging: Education, Religion, and Politics in Manado* (2024, University of Hawai'i Press). Dr Larson's current research focuses on Indonesian students seeking higher education in Singapore as a "digital diaspora," examining the way in which social media usage is intertwined with academic aspirations, religious practice, and various forms of mobility. In addition, she is researching religiously-affiliated university student organisations in Indonesia to examine the ways young activists understand and respond to corruption as a moral, social, and political issue.

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# Publications

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## 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

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.

## Book Chapters

Larson, Erica M. 2021. "Scaling Plural Coexistence in Manado: What does it take to remain brothers?" In *Indonesian Pluralities: Islam, Citizenship, and Democracy*, edited by Robert W. Hefner and Zainal Abidin Bagir, pp. 37–74. Notre Dame: UND Press.

Larson, Erica M. 2018. "Developing Faith and Character to Develop the Nation: Perspectives from an Elite Indonesian Catholic School." In *The Mission of Development: Religion and Techno-Politics in Asia*, edited by Catherine Scheer, Philip Fountain and R. Michael Feener, pp.165–189. Leiden: Brill.

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## 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