



Hayden Kantor

Advanced Lecturer

Writing and Rhetoric Studies

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

Hayden Kantor is a Lecturer in the Program in Writing and Rhetoric at Stanford University. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Anthropology at Cornell University.

Hayden's research as a sociocultural anthropologist concerns capitalism, food, and ethics in South Asia and the United States. His current book project considers changing food and farming practices in India. It is based on a year and a half of ethnographic fieldwork in rural Bihar. Small-scale farming families there grapple with precarious agrarian livelihoods. Economic liberalization and mounting environmental risks have fueled urban migration and reconfigured kinship and caste relations at the village level. His research considers what it means to care and be cared for under these conditions of chronic economic insecurity.

His PWR 1 course, "Food Values: The Rhetoric of What and How We Eat," prompts students to consider how the multiple ways that what we eat expresses what we value. His PWR 2 course, "Think Global: The Rhetoric of Global Citizenship," invites students to explore the meaning of global citizenship and how they might relate their own education to pressing global questions.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Advanced Lecturer, Writing and Rhetoric Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, Cornell University , Anthropology (2016)
- MA, Cornell University , Anthropology (2012)
- MA, University of Chicago , Social Sciences (2008)
- BA, Duke University , Political Science (2005)

LINKS

- Personal webpage: <https://www.haydenkantor.com/>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Food and agriculture; ethnographic writing; rhetorics of capitalism; ethics of care; culture and history of India and South Asia

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Food Values: The Rhetoric of What and How We Eat: PWR 1HK (Win, Spr)
- Writing & Rhetoric 2: In the Moment: The Rhetoric of Time: PWR 2HKA (Aut)

2024-25

- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Food Values: The Rhetoric of What and How We Eat: PWR 1HK (Win)
- Writing & Rhetoric 2: In the Moment: The Rhetoric of Time: PWR 2HKA (Spr)

2023-24

- Farmer, Scientist, Activist, Chef: Communicating for Food Security and Food Justice: PWR 91HK (Spr)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Food Values: The Rhetoric of What and How We Eat: PWR 1HK (Spr)
- Writing & Rhetoric 2: Think Global: The Rhetoric of Global Citizenship: PWR 2HK (Aut, Win)

2022-23

- Writing & Rhetoric 2: Think Global: The Rhetoric of Global Citizenship: PWR 2HK (Aut, Win, Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Locating the Farmer: Ideologies of Agricultural Labor in Bihar, India** *ANTHROPOLOGY OF WORK REVIEW*
Kantor, H. S.
2020; 41 (2): 97–107
- **A body set between hot and cold: everyday sensory labor and attunement in an Indian village** *FOOD CULTURE & SOCIETY*
Kantor, H. S.
2019; 22 (2): 237–52
- **Building Beyond the Bypass Road: Urban Migration, Ritual Eating, and the Fate of the Joint Family in Patna, India** *AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST*
Kantor, H. S.
2018; 120 (2): 212–23
- **'A dead letter of the statute book': the strange bureaucratic life of the Bihar Food Economy and Guest Control Order, 1950-1954** *SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE*
Kantor, H. S.
2016; 7 (3): 239–57