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Hjorleifur Jonsson is an associate professor of anthropology in the School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University. Jonsson's research has focused on hinterland farming populations in mainland Southeast Asia. His work has concerned the dynamics of identity, cultural practice, and social life at the intersections of minority communities and state structures. His current work concerns contemporary identity work that has multiple and complex relations to history and repeatedly jumps scales among the local, the national and the transnational—through festivals, sports, publications, interactive and other media,

travel, music, religious practice, and livelihood. He has completed a video documentary on a festival of sports and culture that brought together representatives of Mien from all over Thailand. His publications include *Contests in Contexts: Readings in the Anthropology of Sports* (with Jaime Holthuysen, 2011) and *Mien Relations: Mountain People and State Control in Thailand* (2005). Jonsson received a BA in anthropology (with thesis) from the University of Iceland (1986), an MA in anthropology (with thesis) from the University of Iowa (1988), and MA (1991) and a PhD (1996) in anthropology from Cornell University.