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Curriculum Vitae

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Positions Held

2013 - Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
2017 - Faculty Associate, Research Center for Group Dynamics, U-M Institute for Social Research
2008-2013 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
2008-2011 Assistant Professor of the Residential College, University of Michigan
2006-2008 Assistant Research Scientist, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan

Education

2006 Ph.D. Medical Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Joint Program University of California, Berkeley & University of California, San Francisco
1997 M.A. Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
1993 B.A. Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, Summa cum laude

Publications

Books
(Reviewed in American Ethnologist, Current Anthropology, American Anthropologist, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Gender Place and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography, E-Misférrica, Sexualidad, Salud Y Sociedad, Somatosphere, Latin American Perspectives, Medical Anthropology.)

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

In Preparation “Chemical Dependencies: The Transmission and Extirpation of Lead and Sugar in Working-Class Mexico City”


2012  “Reproductive Governance in Latin America” With Lynn Morgan. *Anthropology and Medicine* 19/2, 241-254


**Book Chapters**


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Introductions - Special Issues


Invited Commentaries

2017  “Practicing Population in Latin America” Special Issue “Populations of Cognition in Latin America” Vivette García Deister, Edna Suárez Díaz, Emily Vasquez, Guest Eds. Perspectives on Science

2015  “Food is Love, And So What Then?” Special Issue “Alimentary Uncertainty: From Contested Evidence to Health Policy, Emilia Sanabria & Emily Yates-Doerr, Guest Eds; Biosocieties Vol 10 #2, 247-252

Reviews


On-line


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Guest Edited Journal Issues


Honors, Grants, Fellowships and Awards

2017-2021 Project P.I. National Science Foundation – RAISE Award (Research Advanced by Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering). “Neighborhood Environments as SocioTechno-bio Systems: Water Quality, Public Trust, and Health in Mexico City”. With Branko Kerkez (Co-PI), Krista Wigginton (Co-PI), Brisa Sanchez (Co-PI), Matha Tellez-Rojo (Co-PI), Belinda Needham (Co-I), Jaqueline Goodrich (Co-I), Deborah Watkins (Co-I), Richard Gonzalez (Consultant). $9,123,000.


2012-13 OVPR Faculty Grant Award – University of Michigan – An Ethnography of Epigenetics and the Maternal Body.

2012-13 Institute for Research on Women and Gender (IRWG) - University of Michigan Faculty Seed Grant Award – Epigenetics and the Maternal Body. $7500

2010-12 NIH- BIRCWH K-12 Fellowship Award, Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health. Research grant to foster independent scientific careers addressing interdisciplinary women’s health concerns. 2-3 years, 75% salary support, benefits a and research money = $ 200,000.

2009-10 Institute for Research on Women and Gender (IRWG) Program Grant – Reproductive Governance in Latin America. Grant for programming and capacity building at UM, $10,000.
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2008  National Science Foundation Workshop Grant for “Medical Migrations: The Global Quest for Beauty, Health, and Life”. PI $9,992

2008  Wenner-Gren Workshop Grant for “Medical Migrations: The Global Quest for Beauty, Health, and Life”. PI $14,000

2007  Institute for Research on Women and Gender- Support for Scholarly Activities Award - For New Research - “Children Born with Ambiguous Genitalia in Ecuador.” $3500

2004-2005 Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities Fellow, UC Berkeley

2004-2005 Chancellor’s Dissertation-Year Fellowship, UC Berkeley

2004  Sigma-Xi. Grants-in-Aid of Research

2002-2003 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

2002-2003 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Social Dimensions of Engineering Science and Technology

2000  Center for Latin American Studies Tinker Travel Grant Summer, UC Berkeley

1996  National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Award, Three-year Fellowship


Invited Keynotes, Colloquiums, Panels, Papers and Workshops


2017  “What Get’s Inside: Protective Porosity in Mexico City” STS Colloquium, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA


2016  “What Gets Inside: Violent Entanglements and Toxic Boundaries in Mexico City” Anthro/History Manuscript Workshop, University of Michigan

2016  Discussant- Partial Evidence, Public Relations, Executive Session, AAA Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.


2016 Sugar, Lead, Love: A Bioethnography in Mexico City. Department of Anthropology Colloquium, UC Irvine, California.


2016 “Un acercamiento estructural/ambiental al consumo de soda en la ciudad de Mexico” Instituto Nacional de Salud Publico, Departamento, de Nutricion, Cuernevaca, Mexico.


2015 Invited Commentator – Populations of Cognition. UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico.

2015 “Where Environment Comes to Rest: Scientists, Subjects and Birth-Cohort Obesity Research in Mexico City” Invited Panel – Reproducing the Environment, Society of Medical Anthropology and Anthropology and Environment Society, AAA, Denver, Colorado


2015 “Soda, Love and Public Health in Mexico City: A Bio-ethnography” Department of Anthropology and the Center for Medicine Health and Society, Vanderbilt University

2015 “Reproductive Governance in Latin America.” Department of Anthropology, Vanderbilt University.


2015  “Resource Poor/Relations Rich: IVF in Ecuador and Elsewhere”. IVF Global Histories Workshop, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, April.


2014  “Being Nuclear” An Author’s Forum Conversation with Gabriele Hecht. Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan.


2013  “White Beauty: Gamete Donation in a Mestizo Nation” University of Indiana, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Colloquium Series

2013  Discussant for Feminist Science Studies Colloquium - Rayna Rapp, Banking on DNA: Thinking about Non-Invasive Pre-Natal Testing,

2013  Discussant for Panel in honor of Gayle Rubin’s, Deviations. Institute for Research on Women and Gender Series Gender: New Works, New Questions

2013  “Environment, Epigenetics and Ethnography in Mexico City. Instituto FioCruz Symposium Fiocruz – Rio, Brazil.


2012  Discussant for “Rethinking the Boundaries of Care”. Society for Medical Anthropology Meetings, Baltimore, MD


2011  Scars of Nation: Gynecological Intervention and Ecuador’s Economy of Corporeal Care. Moral Economies of Medicine Colloquium, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.


2010  “Institutions that Matter: IVF, Abortion and Reproductive Governance in Ecuador” Invited Speaker – at Off-centered states: Political formation and deformation in the Andes Quito, Ecuador. Sponsored by Emory University the Carnegie Corporation and FLACSO

2009  “Scars of Nation” Association for Political and Legal Anthropology and Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology Invited Session The End Of Citizenship In Latin America? The Body As a New Site Of Political Struggle, American Anthropological Association Meetings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2009  “Race, Gender and IVF in Ecuador: A Reproductive Economy,” Keynote Address MIT Program in Women's and Gender Studies, 25th Anniversary Conference. Futures of Science, Race, and Gender

2009  “How to Make an IVF Patient: A Primer is Economic Physiology”, John’s Hopkins Critical Global Health Colloquium

2009  “Travel Before Germs: Medicine and the Primacy of Place” Workshop on Medical Migrations, NSF, Wenner-Gren, Pescadero, California

2008  “IVF, Abortion and Reproductive Governance in Ecuador” Invited Workshop- IVF as a Global Form, Social Anthropology & Life Sciences. Department of European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin
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<td>“God’s Laboratory: Religious Rationalities in Ecuadorian IVF ” Science Technology Studies Colloquium, Stanford University</td>
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<td>“Reproductive Bingo” Anthropology Departmental Colloquium, Northwestern University</td>
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<td>“Transnationalizing Reproduction: Perspective from the Americas” The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Workshop, University of Michigan</td>
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<td>“El Tratamiento Actual De Condiciones de Intersex en los Estados Unidos. Grand ROUNDS Presentation, Baca Ortiz Hospital, Quito, Ecuador.</td>
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<td>“Ritual Humility in Ecuadorian IVF Laboratories” Invited Workshop, Ritual Efficacy. University of Heidelberg</td>
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<td>“Anonymous Egg Donation in a Mestizo Nation.” Invited colloquium. University of Oslo, Department of Anthropology</td>
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2006  “Biology, Sociality and Reproductive Modernity in Ecuadorian In-Vitro Fertilization.” Bio-sociality Workshop, London School of Economics

Workshops Organized

2009  Reproductive Governance in Latin America – with Lynn Morgan (Mt. Holyoke). University of Michigan, Sponsored by the Institute for Research on Women and Gender
2009  Medical Migrations Global Quests for Beauty, Health and Life, with Christopher Roebuck, (UC Berkeley). Pescadero, California. Sponsored by the NSF and Wenner-Gren

Panels Organized

2013  “Post-Secular Life: The Spirit of Science, Medicine and Technology” With Ian Whitmarsh. Invited Panel, Society for Medical Anthropology. AAA
2006 “Medical Migrations: The Global Quest for Beauty, Health, and Life” SMA Invited Session for the American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Jose, CA. With Christopher Roebuck

2004 "Public Bodies: Biopolitics and the State in Contemporary Latin America”, Latin American Studies Association Meeting. Las Vegas, Nevada, With Andrew Lakoff


Conference Presentations

2016 “Permeability and Protection in Mexico City” American Anthropological Association Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

2016 “Four Experiments in Mexico City”, Mexico City as Experiment Latin American Studies Association, New York.

2014 “Mexican Exposures: Bio-ethnography and Environmental Health in Mexico City” Society for the Social Studies of Science, Buenos Aries, Argentina


2011 “Complications of Care: Private Patients in a Mestizo Nation”. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Montreal, Canada

2010 “Reproductive Governance in Latin America”. Latin American Studies Association Meeting. Toronto, Canada

2010 “Reproductive Governance in Latin America” Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, Tepoztlán Mexico.

2009 “Group Futures: Embryos in Ecuadorian Clinical Encounters” Society for Medical Anthropology Meetings, Yale University

2009 “Reproductive Bingo” Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Rio,

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2007  “God’s Laboratory: Religious Rationalities and Modernity in Ecuadorian In-Vitro Fertilization.” 4s, Montreal, Canada


2006  “Private Sector Medicine in Ecuador” Latin American Studies Association Meetings, San Juan, Puerto Rico


2005  “Reproductive Modernity and Ecuadorian IVF,” Reproductive Disruptions, University of Michigan


2004  “El Embrión Extra: “Ética de Vida”, “Ética de Parentesco” y Cryopreservación en las Clínicas Ecuatorianas de Fertilización In-vitro” Encuentro De Estudios Ecuatorianos Quito, Ecuador

2003  “God’s Laboratory: Religious and Naturalistic Rationalities within Ecuadorian IVF”, AAA Meeting, Chicago.


2000  “Surrogate Mothers and the Politics of Representation” American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Francisco California

1994  “Representing the Surrogate: Between Feminine Power and Exploitation” American Anthropological Association meetings, Atlanta, Georgia

Commentary, Consultancies and Media


2009  Interviewed for “Still in its Infancy, Ecuador’s Free Health Care has Growing Pains, David Olson, The Press Enterprise, September 21, 2009
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Teaching Experience


The Anthropology of Garbage – Freshman Seminar, Fall 2105.


Traditions of Ethnology – Introductory Anthropology Department Graduate Theory Course. Fall 2013.


Ethnography Laboratory, Graduate Seminar, U. Michigan, Fall 2009, Winter 2010

Nature/Culture Life/Death, Undergraduate Seminar, U. Michigan, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010

Ethnographies of Medical Anthropology, Undergraduate Seminar, U. Michigan, Winter 2009


Science and Modernity, Graduate Seminar, Professor, U. Michigan, Fall 2008

Medical Anthropology, an Introduction - Lecturer, U.C. Santa Cruz, Fall 2005

Introduction to Medical Anthropology – Instructor, U.C. Berkeley, Summer Session, 2005

Graduate Student Instructor Experience


Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - U.C. Berkeley - 2004, 2001

Introduction to Social Theory, Marx, Weber, Foucault - U.C. Berkeley, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies - 2003

Introduction to Medical Anthropology - U.C. Berkeley. 2000

History of Ethnographic Film - U.C. Berkeley 1997

Field Research

Ethnographic observations and interviews in working class neighborhoods and at the Instituto Nacional De Salud Publica, Mexico City, with scientists and research participants about the environmental determinants of disease. Related
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research at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health with scientists who study the environmental determinants of disease. 2012 – present.

Ethnographic Interviews with Epigenetic Scientists at Colombia University, NYU, Duke University, University of Michigan, SUNY Downstate Medical Center 2011-12.


Research on the organ donation and kidney transplant among surgeons, donors and kidney recipients, Quito, Ecuador. Organs Watch, summer 2000

Survey Interview Research on joblessness with recipients of unemployment insurance. Survey Research Center. Fall 1993


Professional Service


STS Director of Graduate Studies, Fall 2017-

Science Technology Studies Advisory Committee, University of Michigan, 2015-present.

Fellowships Committee Department of Anthropology, Fall 2017-

Socio-Culture, Sub-field Head. University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology 2016.


Liaison, Medical Science Training Program, Coordination of the graduate program at the University of Michigan Department of Anthropology, with the UM Medical School 2009-present.

Steering Committee Member - Remaking Science and Technology Policy for a Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive World, Fall 2016.


Feminist Science Studies Advisory Committee, University of Michigan, 2013-present.
Search Committee Director - Anthropology Department, Summer/Fall 2013, Global Health, Joint Position with International Studies, University of Michigan

IRWG Seed Grant Fund Committee – Member – Fall 2017.

Search Committee Member, Anthropology Department, Fall 2010/Winter 2011, Fall 2016, University of Michigan.

Minor Coordinator, Science, Technology and Society, University of Michigan, 2010-11.

Fulbright Interviewer – University of Michigan, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Winter 2013.


Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology Dissertation Improvement Panel. Washington D.C. 2009

Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation – Cultural Anthropology and Science Technology and Society, Ongoing.

Grant Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. 2016.

Grant Reviewer, Rutherford Discovery Fellowship, Royal Society of New Zealand. 2016.


Director, Program in Reproductive Governance, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan

Grant Reviewer – Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Faculty Seed Grant Award, 2007, 2012. 2013

Institutional Review Board - Human Subjects Consultant, University of Michigan, Spring 2007

Grant Reviewer for University of Michigan Global Health Research Training Initiative, Fall 2006, Spring 2007

Adoption Infertility and Gender Reading Group, Organizer, University of Michigan, 2007/2008

Edited Volume Prize Committee, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction 2006

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Newsletter Editor, Council of Anthropology and Reproduction, Spring 2002

**Professional Memberships**
- Latin American Studies Association.
- Society for the Social Studies of Science.
- Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Oxidate Working Group.
- Society for Medical Anthropology
- Association of Queer Anthropologists
- Society for Feminist Anthropology
- Society for Latin American Anthropology
- Science, Technology, Medicine, Interest Group of the AAA

**Language**

Spanish