

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology <i>University of Connecticut</i>	May 2009
Master of Arts, Anthropology <i>University of Connecticut</i>	August 2006
Master of Public Health <i>Southern Connecticut State University</i>	May 2004
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology & Philosophy <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>	April 2001

MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS

Anthropology: medical anthropology, applied anthropology, nutritional anthropology, cognitive anthropology, biocultural approaches to health, ethnomedicine, evolutionary medicine, research methods

Methodology: qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, mixed research designs, community based participatory research

Public Health: health education, program development and evaluation, public health ethics, diet & nutrition, infant and child feeding, health disparities, international health, health policy, syndemics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Anthropology <i>St. Vincent College</i>	Fall 2010-Current
Visiting Instructor, Anthropology <i>St. Vincent College</i>	Spring 2010
Graduate Teaching Assistant/Adjunct Faculty, Anthropology <i>University of Connecticut</i>	2004-2009
Adjunct Faculty, Public Health <i>Southern Connecticut State University</i>	Spring 2005

Courses Designed and Taught—Full responsibility for development and teaching of course.

Introduction to Anthropology
Cultural Anthropology
Biological Anthropology
Archaeology
Anthropological Linguistics
Ethnographic Field Methods
Applied Anthropology

Anthropology and World Art
Biblical Archaeology
Anthropology through Film
Economic Anthropology
Medical Anthropology
Illness & Curing, Writing Intensive
Introduction to Wellness (Public Health course)

Related Training

Interdisciplinary Writing Program Workshops, Saint Vincent College

Various Writing across the Curriculum seminars, University of Connecticut. 2004-2006.

Graduate Teaching Assistant training, University of Connecticut. Fall 2004.

Supervised College Teaching, Independent Study with Dr. Sandra Bulmer, Southern Connecticut State University. Fall 2003.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- PI & Coordinator—An Ethnographic Approach to Understanding Student Priorities and Motivations in an Adult Education Setting.* Designed and coordinated community based student research project involving participant observation, semi-structured and structured interviews and development of an ethnographically informed administrative tool for a community organization. Fall 2012
- PI & Coordinator—Process and Outcome Evaluation of Nutrition Education Efforts in a Maya Village.* Longitudinal comparative investigation involving semi-structured interviews, structured interviews, anthropometric analysis and participant observation. Summer 2011
- PI & Coordinator—Overcoming Food Neophobia Among Children: A Parental Education Intervention for Private Industry Council.* Designed and coordinated community based student research project involving focus groups, semi-structured interviews, intervention development and evaluation. Spring 2010
- Doctoral Dissertation—Maternal Education and Childhood Malnutrition in Guatemala.* 2007-2009
Various methods including participant observation, pile sorts, semi-structured and structured interviews, anthropometric measurements. Coordination of research team. Qualitative and quantitative instrument design and data analysis. Supervised by Pamela I. Erickson
- Research Specialist—College PHRESH project.* Semi-structured interviews, pile sorts, relationship life history, code-book development, data analysis. PI-Pamela I. Erickson 2008-Current
- Masters Thesis—College Students' Cultural Models of Health.* Data collection and text analysis. Supervised by Pamela I. Erickson 2005-2006
- Masters Thesis—Code of Ethics for the Health Education Profession: A Study.* Interviews, focus group, survey design, administration & analysis. Supervised by Michael J. Perlin 2003-2004
- Research project for Methods Course—A Study of Team Dynamics.* Participant observation, semi-structured interviews, survey. Supervised by Kathleen DeWalt 2001
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FUNDED FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2011. Saint Vincent College.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Summer 2007. Kaqchikel Language Study through Tulane University (\$3000 + tuition remission)

Summer Research Fellowship, 2007. Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut (\$2500)

Summer Research Fellowship, 2005. Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut (\$950)
Graduate Research Fellowship, 2003-2004. Southern Connecticut State University. (\$8,000)
Graduate Student Affairs Committee Research Grant, 2003. Southern Connecticut State University (\$450)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Academic Leadership Committee, Saint Vincent College, 2010-current
Undergraduate Academic Conference Committee, Saint Vincent College 2010-current
Advisor, Anthropology Club, Saint Vincent College, 2010-current
Anthropology Club Advisor (Current)
Ad Hoc Committee for Course Reduction, Summer-Fall 2010
Lambda Alpha, Alpha of Connecticut Chapter—Program Committee 2006-2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (CONTINUED)

Graduate Student Affairs Committee, Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU)—
Chairperson, 2003-2004; Co-chairperson, 2002-2003
Presidential Search Advisory Committee, SCSU—Graduate Student Representative, 2003-
2004
Graduate Program Committee, SCSU—Student Representative, 2002-2004
Registration One-Stop-Shopping Advisory Team, SCSU—Student Representative,
2003M.P.H. News, SCSU—Editorial Board Member, Contributor, 2002-2004
American Public Health Association, Public Health Student Caucus—Campus Liaison 2003-
2004
Connecticut Public Health Association—Program Committee Member, 2003-2004

HONORS & AWARDS

Outstanding M.P.H. Student Award 2004, Department of Public Health, Southern Connecticut State
University (SCSU)
Certificate of Recognition from the Connecticut Public Health Association for “significant
contributions to the 2003 Annual Meeting”
Lambda Alpha, Anthropology Honors Society
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
Eta Sigma Gamma Honor Society
Golden Key National Honor Society
Magna Cum Laude (University of Pittsburgh)

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Paper presentation, 1st Annual Global Conference on Storytelling and Narrative, May 2012—
Storytelling and the Moral Tradition: An Examination of the Pedagogy of Storytelling for Moral
Enculturation
Paper presentation, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 2011—If
He’s Hungry He’ll Eat: Conceptualizing Child Malnutrition in a Maya Village.
Paper presentation, Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 2011—Pedagogy

and Service in Promoting Applied Anthropology in the Classroom, Academy, and Community

Invited speaker, Coastal Carolina University, January 2010—Understanding Childhood Malnutrition in a Maya Village in Guatemala: Ecological & Syndemics Perspectives.

Paper presentation, American Anthropological association Annual Meeting, December 2010—Cognitive and Ethnographic Approaches to Understanding Sexual Cultures: Relationship Types and Sexual Risk-taking among Inner City and College Emerging Adults (Co-presenters: Pamela Erickson, Ann Cheney, Elaine Bennett, Mark Macauda, Merrill Singer, and Claudia Santelices).

Paper presentation, Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 2009—Reciprocity in Research: Fulfilling Community Expectations by Returning Knowledge.

Lecture, Travel and International Medicine Course, Panajachel, Guatemala. February 2008—Malnutrition (With Craig Sinkinson, MD).

Invited speaker, Anthropology Club—Applied Anthropology in Guatemala. March 2007.

Invited presentation, M.P.H. Research Symposium, Southern Connecticut State University—The Code of Ethics for the Health Education Profession: A Study. April 2005.

Presentation/facilitation—Continuing Education Workshop on Public Health Ethics: Steps to Professional Practice. March 2005.

Invited speaker, Public Health Internship course, Southern Connecticut State University—Ethics in Health Education. February 2005.

Invited presentation, Graduate Research Fellowship Symposium, Southern Connecticut State University—The Code of Ethics for the Health Education Profession: A Study. May 2004.

Invited speaker, Public Health Ethics course, Yale University—Code of Ethics for Public Health Professionals. April 2004.

Poster presentation, Connecticut Public Health Association Annual Meeting. October 2003.

-The Code of Ethics for the Health Education Profession: Scope of Exposure and Applicability.

-International Field Studies in Guatemala (co-presented).

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Consulting and Staff Training, Amigos de Santa Cruz Nutrition Program	Summer 2011
Nutrition Education Program Development, Mayan Medical Aid, Santa Cruz la Laguna, Guatemala	2007-2008
Environmental Sanitarian I, Connecticut State Department of Public Health	Summer 2004
Intern, Pedagogy of Public Health Ethics, Hastings Center	Spring 2004
Assistant to Director, Environmental Health Training Program, Southern Connecticut State University.	2002-2003
Operations Manager, School-age Program, Great Beginnings Learning Center, Pittsburgh, PA	2001-2002

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association, Society for Medical Anthropology, Society for Applied Anthropology, Anthropology of Children and Childhood Interest Group

LANGUAGES & COMPUTER SKILLS

Spanish, some Kaqchikel Mayan; SPSS, ATLAS.ti, Excel, Anthropac, UCINET, WHO Anthro, EpiInfo
