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ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Docent, Tampere University, Department of Anthropology, 2025-Present.
Professor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Department of Science and Technology Studies, 2023-Present.
Visiting Associate Professor, Tampere University, Faculty of Social Sciences, 2021-2023.
Associate Professor, Binghamton University, Department of Anthropology, 2016-2023.
Associate Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz, Department of Anthropology, 2013-2015.
Assistant Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz, Department of Anthropology, 2008-2013.
Assistant Professor, Wayne State University, Department of Anthropology, 2007-2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD

Graduate Program Director, Science and Technology Studies, RPI, 2025-Present.
Undergraduate Program Director, Science and Technology Studies, RPI, 2024-2025.
President of the Board of Directors, Society for Disability Studies, 2023-2025.
Chair, Society Cluster, Institute for Advanced Study, Tampere University, 2022-2023.
Provost, Colleges 9 & 10, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2013-2014.

HONORARY POSITIONS HELD

Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Tampere University, October 2021-August 2023.
Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University, August 2019-December 2019.
Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, August 2010-December 2010.
Traveling Scholar, Committee on Institutional Cooperation, University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology, 2006-07.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, Anthropology, 2002-2007.
Master of Arts, Bowling Green State University, American Cultural Studies, 2000-2002.
Master of Arts, University of Liverpool, English Literature (specialization in Science Fiction Studies), 1999-2000.
Bachelor of Arts, Oakland University, Major: English Literature and Language, Minor: Philosophy, Concentration: Religious Studies, 1994-1998.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethnography and historiography of science, medicine, and disability in the United States; racism and racialization; critical studies of whiteness; disability studies and disability rights; political economies of health and disease; institutional and organizational ethnography of knowledge production and institutional change; experimental and popular media

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- (in preparation, expected completion 2028) with Celina Callahan-Kapoor. *This Monster: An Ethnographic Memoir of Depression*
- (in preparation, expected completion 2027) *Health Democracy*
- (under review) *Living Technologies: Designs for the Biology of Everyday Life*. University of Minnesota Press.
- American Disgust: Racism, Microbial Medicine, and the Colony Within*. University of Minnesota Press, 2024.
- Unraveling: Remaking Personhood in a Neurodiverse Age*. University of Minnesota Press, 2020.
- Theory for the World to Come: Speculative Fiction and Apocalyptic Anthropology*. University of Minnesota Press, 2019.
- The Slumbering Masses: Sleep, Medicine, & Modern American Life*, University of Minnesota Press, 2012. Winner of the Society for Medical Anthropology's New Millennium Book Award in 2013.

EDITED VOLUMES

- (in preparation, expected completion 2028) with Annette Leibing and Mark Schweda, *No Futures!*
- with Junko Kitanaka and Eugene Raikhel, *Mapping Medical Anthropology in the 21st Century*. Rutgers University Press, 2026.
- Proposals for a Caring Economy*. University of Minnesota Press, 2025.
- with Denielle Elliott, *Naked Fieldnotes: A Rough Guide to Ethnographic Writing*. University of Minnesota Press, 2023.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- (in preparation). TBD. *Cohabiting with Care: Encounters in More-than-Human Landscapes*. Katy Overstreet and Siri Schwab, eds. Invited submission, expected publication 2028.
- (in preparation) TBD. *New Theories and Methods for Working with Neuromedical Differences and Health: Context and Interpretation*. Anna Stenning and Cinzia Greco, eds. Liverpool University Press. Invited submission, expected publication 2027.
- (under review) Neurological Process versus Neurological Capacity: Two Problems for a Disability-Based Affective Bioethics. *Handbook of Disability Anthropology*. Sumi Colligan and Anna Jaysane-Darr, eds. Routledge. Invited submission, expected publication 2027.
- (in press) Impure Immanence. *Deleuze and Guattari and Health*. Eduan Breedt, Erin Tichenor, & Tim Barlott, eds. Edinburgh University Press. Invited submission, expected publication 2027.
- (in press) Institutional Determinants of Health. *Qualitative Health Research*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10497323261461519>
- (2026) Making Up Persons. *Medical Anthropology*. Special Issue on Rethinking Personhood. Invited Submission. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2025.2487669>
- (2026) with Henni Alava. Sisu, The Scientization of Finnish Exceptionalism. *Science as Culture* 35.2, 137-163. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09505431.2026.2634437>
- (2026) Sleep's Three Faces: Vulnerability, Infrastructure, Variability. *Sleep and Its Meanings: Essays from Critical Sleep Studies*, Diletta De Cristofaro, ed., Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 319-333. Invited submission.
- (2025) Four Qualities of Care: Situating Disability in Institutional Design and Reform. *Disability Studies Quarterly* 44.4, n.p. <https://doi.org/10.18061/dsq.6669>
- (2025) Subjunctive Grief, a Method. *Lateral: Journal of the Cultural Studies Association* 14.1, n.p. <https://doi.org/10.25158/L14.1.X>

- (2025) Idiosyncratic and Non-Unitary: Disability Memoirs and Antinormative Bioethics. *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 11.1, 1-23.
<https://catalystjournal.org/index.php/catalyst/article/view/38871/33735>
- (2024) Technological Fantasies. *Cambridge Companion to American Utopian Literature and Culture, 1945-2020*, Sherryl Vint, ed., invited submission. New York: Cambridge University Press, 185-200.
- (2024) with John Marlovits. Beyond “Psychotics” and the “Feeble-Minded”: Psychological Anthropology and the Disabled Mind. *Innovations in Psychological Anthropology*, Rebecca Lester, ed. New York: Routledge, 42-60.
- (2024) with Michele Friedner. Becoming Malleable: How Orienting to Disability, Communication, and the Senses further Commits Anthropology to its Moral Project. *American Ethnologist* 51.1: 78-83. Invited submission. <https://doi.org/10.1111/amet.13239>
- (2023) with John Marlovits. Is a Psychotic Anthropology Possible? Or, How to Have Inclusive Anthropologies of Subjectivity and Personhood. *Annual Review of Anthropology*, vol 52: 365-380. Invited submission. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-anthro-052721-041315>
- (2023) Human Centered Design, Bioethics, and Disability Experience, *Medical Humanities* 49.3: 334-339. <https://doi.org/10.1136/medhum-2022-012391>
- (2020) Recomposing Kinship. *Feminist Anthropology* 1.2: 231-247.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/fea2.12018>
- (2020) Neurological Disorders, Affective Bioethics, and the Nervous System: Reconsidering the Schiavo Case from a Materialist Perspective. *Medical Humanities* 46.3: 166-175. <https://doi.org/10.1136/medhum-2018-011568>
- (2020) Multibiologism: An Anthropological and Bioethical Framework for Moving Beyond Medicalization. *Bioethics* 34.2: 183-189. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bioe.12658>
- (2020) Facilitated Personhood. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 26.1: 167-186.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9655.13184>
- (2019) “Human Nature” and the Biology of Everyday Life. *American Anthropologist* 121.2: 338-349. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.13208>
- (2018) American Normal: Situated Theory and American Anthropological Knowledge Production. *Journal for the Anthropology of North America* 21.2: 44-57.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/nad.12079>
- (2018) Policing Shit, Or, Whatever Happened to the Medical Police? *In The Anthropology of Policing*, William Garriott and Kevin Karpiak, eds. New York: Routledge, 54-71.
- (2017) Normal, Regular, Standard: Scaling the Body through Fecal Microbial Transplants. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 31.3: 297-314. <https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12328>
- (2017) with Celina Callahan-Kapoor. Chronic Subjunctivity, Or, How Physicians use Diabetes and Insomnia to Manage Futures in the U.S. *Medical Anthropology* 36.2: 83-95.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2016.1180294>
- (2015) with Christopher Cochran. Unifying Minor Sciences and Minor Literatures: Reproduction and Revolution in Quantum Consciousness as a Model for the Anthropology of Science. *Anthropological Theory*. 15.4: 407-433. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1463499615615739>
- (2015) Our Master’s Voice, the Practice of Melancholy, and Minor Sciences. *Cultural Anthropology* 30.4: 670-691. <https://doi.org/10.14506/ca30.4.10>
- (2015) Biomedicine, the Whiteness of Sleep and the Wages of Spatiotemporal Normativity. *American Ethnologist* 42.3: 446-458. <https://doi.org/10.1111/amet.12140>
- (2015) Myths of Modern American Sleep: Naturalizing Primordial Sleep, Blaming Technological Distractions, and Pathologizing Children. *Science as Culture* 24.2: 205-226.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09505431.2014.945411>
- (2014) Disclosure as Method, Disclosure as Dilemma *In Disclosure in Health and Illness*, edited by Lenore Manderson and Mark Davis. New York: Routledge, 104-119.

- (2014) Experimentieren mit konsolidiertem Schlaf: Nathaniel Kleitman und die Herstellung moderner zirkadianer Rhythmen (Experimenting with Consolidated Sleep: Nathaniel Kleitman and the Production of Modern Circadian Rhythms) *In* Kontrollgewinn/Kontrollverlust: Die Geschichte des Schlafs in der Moderne, edited by Hannah Ahlheim. Berlin: Campus, 153-181.
- (2014) Therapy, Remedy, Cure: Disorder and the Spatiotemporality of Medicine and Everyday Life. *Medical Anthropology* 32.6: 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2013.792812>
- (2013) What's So Natural About Sleep? *Anthropology Now* 5.3: 9-17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19428200.2013.11869135>
- (2013) Apokalipsa, Ideologija, Amerika: Naučna Fantastika i mit Postapokaliptičke Svakodnevice *In* Apokalipsa: Teorija, Praksa i Estetika Propasti Sveta, edited by Goran Stanković. Belgrade, Serbia: Službeni Glasnik, 551-583. (Serbian translation of Apocalypse, Ideology, America: Science Fiction and the Myth of the Post-Apocalyptic Everyday.)
- (2013) Where Have All Our Naps Gone?, Or, Nathaniel Kleitman, the Eclipse of Napping, and the Historiography of Emergence. *Anthropology of Consciousness* 24.2: 96-116. <https://doi.org/10.1111/anoc.12014>
- (2011) Natural Hegemonies: Sleep and the Rhythms of American Capitalism. *Current Anthropology* 52.6: 876-895. <https://doi.org/10.1086/662550>
- (2011) The Nature of Sleep. *Comparative Studies of Society and History* 53.4: 945-970. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0010417511000466>
- (2009) Fantasies of Extremes: Sports, War and the Science of Sleep. *Biosocieties* 4.2: 257-271. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1745855209990032>
- (2009) Precipitating Pharmacologies and Capital Entrapments: Narcolepsy and the Strange Cases of Provigil and Xyrem. *Medical Anthropology* 28.1: 11-30. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740802640529>
- (2008) Sleep, Signification, and the Abstract Body of Allopathic Medicine. *Body & Society* 14.3: 93-114. Invited submission. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1357034X08096897>
- (2006) The Politics of Materiality, or "The Left is Always Late." *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 29.2: 254-275. <https://doi.org/10.1525/pol.2006.29.2.254>
- (2006) Batman and Robin in the Nude, or Class and its Exceptions. *Extrapolation*, 47.3: 187-206.
- (2004) Apocalypse, Ideology, America: Science Fiction and the Myth of the Post-Apocalyptic Everyday. *Rhizomes.net: Cultural Studies in Emerging Knowledge*: n.p. <http://www.rhizomes.net/issue8/wolfmeyer.htm>
- (2004) Technics, Memes, Ideology: The Affirmation of Lies and the Pursuit of the Future. *Foundation: The Review of Science Fiction* vol. 90: 44-57.
- (2003) The World Ozymandias Made: Utopias in Superhero Comics, Subculture, and the Preservation of Difference. *Journal of Popular Culture* 36.3: 497-517. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1540-5931.00019>

NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- (in press) Commentary on William Lucas's "Ontopolitical Dimensions of Hope." *Current Anthropology*.
- (2025) [No Future: A Lexicon](#). Public Books.
- (2025) [Forget Care](#). Anthropology News.
- (2024) [Why don't more politicians retire?](#) The Conversation.
- (2024) Commentary on Elizabeth Bromley's "Uncertainty, Bewilderment Aversion, and the Problem of Physician Suicide." *Current Anthropology*.
- (2023) [Interview on Unraveling](#). CaMP Blog.

- (2022) with Michele Friedner. [Disability as Rupture](#). Introduction to Disability as Rupture collection, Cultural Anthropology's Theorizing the Contemporary.
- (2022) [The Political Problems with "Bodymind."](#) Cultural Anthropology's Theorizing the Contemporary.
- (2021) Distractions. #Logistics in the Time of COVID. <https://www.fieldguidetologistics.com/>
- (2021) [Writing Life No. 13: An Interview with Matthew Wolf-Meyer](#), Somatosphere
- (2021) Le sommeil (re)trouvé In *La Grande Transformation du Sommeil: Comment la Révolution Industrielle a Bouleversé nos Nuits*. Paris: Editions Amsterdam: 119-137.
- (2020) [Dirty Dreams](#). American Ethnologist's Post-Covid Fantasies Series.
- (2020) with Emily Yates-Doer. [Reworking the Cognitive Bias – a Brainstorm](#). Introduction to Reworking the Cognitive Bias series. Somatosphere.
- (2020) [Don't Fight the Future](#). Somatosphere.
- (2018) [The Necessary Tension between Science Fiction and Anthropology](#). Cultural Anthropology Fieldsites.
- (2018) [What Can We Do With Uncertainty?](#) A discussion of Des Fitzgerald's [Tracing Autism](#). Somatosphere.
- (2017) [Multitudes without Politics](#). A discussion of [I Contain Multitudes](#). Ed Yong. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.
- (2017) [What's at Stake in Speculation?](#) Introduction to Speculative Health Series. Somatosphere.
- (2016) Can We Ever Know the Sleep of Our Ancestors? *Sleep Health* 2(1): 4-5.
- (2015) [Willing to Be Convinced](#). *Cultural Anthropology*.
- (2015) Chapter 2 In *No More Sleep No More*, edited by Danilo Correale. Berlin, Archive Books, 9-16.
- (2014) [Jenseits der Überwachung? Zur Politik des Schlafs](#) (Beyond Surveillance? On the Politics of Sleep). *Berliner Gazette* April 23, 2014.
- (2013) Alertness, or the Other Side of Sleep, introduction to special issue of *Anthropology of Consciousness* 24.2: 93-95.
- (2013) [No Superheroes in Hollywood](#). *Los Angeles Review of Books* (August 15th, 2013).
- (2013) Series on Academic Professionalization for Savages Minds. <http://savageminds.org/author/wolfmeyer/>
- (2013) with Simon Williams. [Longing for Sleep: Assessing the Place of Sleep in the 21st Century](#). Somatosphere.
- (2012-2013) Series on Sleep for Psychology Today. <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/day-in-day-out>
- (2012) with Samuel G. Collins. [Parasitic and Symbiotic: The Ambivalence of Necessity](#), introduction to special issue of *Semiotic Review*.
- (2010) with Karen-Sue Taussig. Extremities: Thresholds of Human Embodiment, introduction to special issue of *Medical Anthropology* 29.2: 113-128.
- (2010) [Thinking through Other Worlds: An Interview with Mei Zhan](#). Somatosphere.
- (2006) "Not only a consequence of power, but also one of its strategies": An Interview with Lorna Rhodes. *Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture* 6.2: n.p.
- (2006) with Davin Heckman. Allegorical Reductions and Social Reconstructions. *Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture* 6.1: n.p.
- (2005) "The Event" and "The Woman," or Notes on the Temporality of Sex. Christopher Priest: [The Interaction](#). Andrew Butler, ed. *Foundation Studies in Science Fiction*, vol. 6. Science Fiction Foundation Press, 65-77. (invited submission)
- (2002) with Davin Heckman. Navigating the Starless Night: Reading the Auto/bio/geography. *Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture* 2.3: n.p.

- (2002) with Davin Heckman, Sarah Hildebrandt and R. Stewart Varner. Burn This Journal! Reconstruction, the Value of Information, and the Future of the Journal. *Iowa Journal of Cultural Studies* 1.1: 57-62.

REVIEWS

- (2021) Speech and Song at the Margins of Global Health: Zulu Tradition, HIV Stigma, and AIDS Activism in South Africa by Stephen P. Black. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*.
- (2021) The Alchemy of Meth: A Decomposition by Jason Pine. *Anthropological Forum*.
- (2011) Chronic Conditions, Fluid States: Chronicity and the Anthropology of Illness by Lenore Manderson & Carolyn Smith-Morris, eds. *Somatosphere*.
- (2010) Other-Worldly: Making Chinese Medicine through Transnational Frames by Mei Zhan. *Somatosphere*.
- (2009) Why I am Not a Scientist: Anthropology and Modern Knowledge by Jonathan Marks. *Somatosphere*.
- (2007) Complexities: Beyond Nature & Nurture by Susan McKinnon & Sydel Silverman, eds. *Anthropologica* vol. 49 no 2.
- (2007) Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, Practices by Adriana Petryna, Andrew Lakoff, and Arthur Kleinman, eds. *After Culture* vol. 1 no. 1.
- (2005) Cities without Citizens by Eduardo Cadava and Aaron Levy, eds. *Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture* vol. 5 no. 3.
- (2004) Animal Rites: American Culture, the Discourse of Species, and Posthumanist Theory and Zoontologies: The Question of the Animal by Cary Wolfe. *Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture* vol. 4 no. 3.
- (2004) The Open: Man and Animal by Giorgio Agamben. *Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture* vol. 4 no. 2.
- (2003) Young Masculinities by Stephen Frosh et al. *European Journal of Cultural Studies* vol. 6 no. 3.
- (2001) Comics & Ideology by Matthew McAllister, et al, ed. *SFRA Review*, vol. 1 no. 254-255.
- (2001) Simulacra America by Elizabeth Kraus, ed. *SFRA Review*, vol. 1 no. 254-255.
- (2001) The Modern Fantastic: The Films of David Cronenberg by Michael Grant, ed. *SFRA Review* vol. 1 no. 254-255.
- (2001) Comic Book Nation by Bradford Wright. *SFRA Review*, vol. 1 no. 253.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 OVPR Catalyst Grant, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (\$15000)
- 2023 Centre for Apocalyptic and Post-Apocalyptic Studies Fellowship, Heidelberg Universität, (\$48000, declined)
- 2022 Social Science and Humanities Research Council (\$324768), with Denielle Elliott and Suze Berkhout
- 2021 Institute for Advanced Study Senior Researcher Fellowship, Tampere University (\$165000)
- 2020 Harpur College Subvention Fund (\$3000)
- 2019 Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Fellowship, Binghamton University
- 2018 Social Science and Humanities Research Council (\$68000), with Denielle Elliott
- 2018 Binghamton University Interdisciplinary Collaboration Grant (\$5000), with Fa-ti Fan
- 2017 Food and Drug Administration ORISE Fellowship (\$31937), with Gabrielle Hanley-Mott
- 2014 Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness Outstanding Contribution Award
- 2014 UC Senate Committee on Research Grant (\$2500)
- 2013 New Millennium Book Award, Society for Medical Anthropology
- 2012 National Science Foundation Workshop Grant (\$8400), with Nancy Chen
- 2012 UC Humanities Research Institute Workgroup Grant (\$4500), with Nancy Chen

- 2010 Andrew W. Mellon Quadrant Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota (\$30000)
- 2010 UC Senate Committee on Research Grant (\$9000)
- 2010 University of California Humanities Research Institute Grant (\$8000), with Andrew Mathews
- 2009 UC Santa Cruz Division of Social Sciences Research Award (\$8500)
- 2007 Wayne State University, Humanities Center Resident Scholar Fellowship (\$800)
- 2006 University of Minnesota Graduate Research Partnership Program Grant (\$6500)
- 2006 University of Minnesota Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$21000)
- 2006 Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota (\$1580)
- 2005 Research Seed Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota (\$1200)
- 2005 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant, Science and Society (\$7998)
- 2005 Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Grant, University of Minnesota (\$300)
- 2005 Society for Cultural Anthropology Travel Grant (\$250)
- 2004 American Mosaic Project Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota (\$6600)
- 2004 Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota (\$700)
- 2004 Society for Anthropology of North America Travel Grant (\$300)
- 2003 Popular Culture Association Travel Grant (\$200)
- 2002 *Foundation: The Review of Science Fiction* Graduate Student Essay Award (\$350)
- 2002 Department Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota (\$4432)
- 2000 Departmental Fellowship, American Cultural Studies, Bowling Green State University

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- The End: Reflections on the Future. Rejecting Futures Workgroup, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg. Delmenhorst, Germany. September 2026.
- Neurological Process versus Neurological Capacity. Dementia and Care: Thinking Beyond Personhood. Universitat Rovira i Virgili. Tarragona, Spain. June 2026.
- Anxiety, Boredom, and Revolution. Rejecting Futures Workgroup, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg. Delmenhorst, Germany. May 2026.
- Neurological Process versus Neurological Capacity. Towards a Sociology of Neurology Workshop, University of Essex. Essex, England. May 2026.
- Reanimating the "Good Case." University of Chicago. Chicago, Illinois. April 2026.
- Thanatocapitalism, Or, The Death Drive of Complacency and Accumulation in the Anthropocene. Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. February 2026.
- Infrastructures of Discomfort and Bullshit Access. Taft Center, University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Ohio. January 2026.
- Thanatocapitalism, Or, The Death Drive of Complacency and Accumulation in the Anthropocene. Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, New York. October 2025.
- Institutional Determinants of Health. Niagara Seminar, Centre de Vie. Ripon, Quebec. October, 2025.
- Infrastructures of Discomfort and Bullshit Access. Rejecting Futures Workgroup, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg. Delmenhorst, Germany. September 2025.
- An Invitation to Disgust. Medical Anthropology Europe Conference, University of Vienna. Vienna, Austria. September 2025.
- Viscosities: Gender and the Manipulation of Aging. Rejecting Futures Workgroup, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg. Delmenhorst, Germany. May 2025.

- Generations: Enjoying the Future. NatureCulture Lab, Universität Bremen. Bremen, Germany. May 2025.
- Cultivating Disgust. Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark. May 2025.
- Generations: Enjoying the Future. Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark. May 2025.
- Recomposing Consciousness. Spark: A Centre for Social Research Innovation, McMaster University. Toronto, Canada. February 2025.
- Making Up Persons. Department of Anthropology, Medical Anthropology Workgroup, Keio University. Tokyo, Japan. February 2025
- Caring for the Nervous System: The Challenge of Communicative and Cognitive Impairments. Keio Symposium on Bridging Humanities, Social Sciences and Medicine: Anthropology of Neuroscience and Preventive Medicine Keio University. Tokyo, Japan. February 2025.
- Generations: Enjoying the Future. Rejecting Futures Workgroup, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg. Delmenhorst, Germany. October 2024.
- American Ark: Survivals for the Post-Apocalyptic. Rejecting Futures Workgroup, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg. Delmenhorst, Germany. May 2024.
- Self-Regulation Across Scales. Health and Life Conditions Research Group, University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark. May 2024.
- The Extensions of the Bedroom. Formafantasma-Prada Frames Symposium. Milan, Italy. April 2024.
- Beyond the 'Ick Factor': Desperate Patients, Fecal Microbial Transplants, and the Rise of American Self-Regulation. Humans & the Microbiome Program, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. Toronto, Canada. November 2023.
- Unsettling Disgust, Or, How to Racialize Microbes. Durham University. Durham, England. May 2023.
- Unsettling Disgust, Or, How to Racialize Microbes. Institute for Ethnology and African Studies, Mainz, Germany. May 2023.
- The Origins of Unsympathetic Medicine. Modernity and the Gut Symposium. Glasgow, Scotland. April 2023.
- The Insides Outside. Max Planck Institute, Berlin, German. January 2023.
- Eruptions: Agentive Physiologies and their Disorders. University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland. November 2022.
- Four Figures of the Family. University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland. October 2022.
- All Kellogg's Children. Medicine, Race, Democracy Lecture Series. Rice University, Houston, Texas. February 2022.
- Dormancy and Rhythm. McGill University and University de Montreal, Montreal, Canada. September 2021.
- The Extensions of the Nervous System. University of Chicago. Chicago, Illinois. February 2020.
- Being Gutless: Race, Kinship, and Microbial Medicine. Binghamton University, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities. Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York. September 2019.
- Archaeologies of Sleep. New Circadia, University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada. April 2019.
- Materialism Against Itself: Pitting an Immanent Nervous System against the Neuro-reductive Brain. York University, Neurological Imaginaries. Toronto, Canada. January 2019.
- Liberal Humanism, Logocentrism, and the Problem of the Symbolic Subject. University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. January 2019.

- Liberal Humanism, Logocentrism, and the Problem of the Symbolic Subject. Dean's Speaker Series, Anthropology Colloquium, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York. October, 2018.
- Sleep's Design. TEST BED: A Modern Abaton, Parsons School of Art & Design. March, 2018.
- Thinking through Sleep: Propositions for a Multibiological Society. Program in Neuroscience and Public Policy, University of Wisconsin, Madison. September 2016.
- Experimenting with Personhood? Neurological Disorders, Communication, and the Speaking Subject. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. September 2016.
- Neurodiversity is Not Enough. Sorting Brains Out: Tasks, Tests and Trials in the Neuro- and Mind Sciences, 1890-2015, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. September 2015.
- Nervous Materialities: Love Robots, Pacified Bulls, Stimocervers and Spinoza's Brain. Center for Cultural Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz. February 2014.
- Nervous Materialities: Love Robots, Pacified Bulls, Stimocervers and Spinoza's Brain. Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, University of California, San Francisco. February 2014.
- The Politics of Sleep. As Darkness Falls, German Federal Cultural Foundation, Berlin, Germany. January 2014.
- The Whiteness of Sleep: American Medicine, Somatic Citizenship and the Wages of Spatiotemporal Normativity. Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley. November 2013.
- Therapy, Remedy, Cure: Disorder and the Spatiotemporality of Medicine and Everyday Life. Medicine & Narrative Mellon Group, University of California, Riverside. May 2012.
- Therapy, Remedy, Cure: Disorder and the Spatiotemporality of Medicine and Everyday Life. Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry Series, Stanford University. April 2012.
- Autism, Meaning and the Bioethical Otherwise. Cascadia Seminar, University of Washington, February 2011.
- Autism, Meaning and the Bioethical Otherwise. Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, October 2010.
- Nonstop. Center for Cultural Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz. October 2009.
- Materia Medica Revisted, Or Has the Protestant Ethic Run Amok? The Materiality of Value Workshop, Department of Anthropology, UC Santa Cruz. May 2009.
- Therapeutically Normal: The Making of Modern Sleep and its Disorders. Science and Technology Studies Colloquium, Stanford University. April 2009.
- Somnopolitical Futures: Sleep and the Limits of Embodiment. Science and Society Workgroup, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. December 2007.
- Intimacies: Sleep, Families, and Disease. Humanities Center, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. November 2007.
- The Culpability of Sleep: Anthropological Perspectives on Behavior, Biology and the Law. Upper Midwest Sleep Society Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 2006.
- Problematizing Sleep. Culture and Psychiatry Seminar, University of Chicago. November 2006.
- Sleep in an Experimental Age. Sleep Research Center, University of Illinois at Chicago. October 2006.
- Dangerous Confabulations: Expertise, Social Theory and Anthropological Practice. Department of Anthropology, Rice University. October 2006.
- Sleep in an Experimental Age. Clinical Ethnography Workshop, University of Chicago. May 2006.
- Sleep in an Experimental Age. Sleep Disorders Center, Rush University Medical Center, University of Chicago. May 2006.
- The Nocturnals: Science, Scientists, and the "Nature" of Sleep. Sleep Disorders Clinic, Stanford University Medical Center. April 2006.

- The Nocturnals: Science, Scientists, and the “Nature” of Sleep. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Department of Science and Technology Studies. April 2006.
- The Nocturnals: Science, Scientists, and the “Nature” of Sleep. Hennepin County Medical Center. February 2006.
- Sleep, Signification, and the “Abstract Body” of Biomedicine. ESRC Seminar on Sleep and Society, “Sleep, Health and Medicine,” University of Warwick. December 2005.
- The Feeling of Atheism, Contempt, and the Constitution of American Moral Citizenship. Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. November 2005.
- The Body and The City: No Man’s Land and the New Metropolis. Hamline University, Department of Anthropology Colloquia, St. Paul, Minnesota. April 2004.
- Sleep and the Problem with Discipline. Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Minneapolis, MN. October 2005.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Comments on Anthropologies (of Aging) Through and Beyond Personhood – Finnish Anthropological Society Meeting, Rovaniemi, Finland. March 2022.
- Comments on Gendering Illness – Gender Studies Conference, Oulu, Finland. December 2022.
- Comments on Over Care – American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, Maryland. November 2021.
- Comments on Theories for the World to Come – American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico. October 2021.
- Comments on After Normal – Society for the Social Study of Science, Toronto, Canada. October 2021.
- Stewarding the Colony Within – Chronic Living, Copenhagen, Denmark. March 2021.
- Rewiring American Kinship – American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, British Columbia. November 2019.
- Comments on the Curable & the Incurable – Society for the Social Study of Science, New Orleans, Louisiana. September 2019.
- Being Gutless – Society for the Social Study of Science, New Orleans, Louisiana. September 2019.
- Duration, History, Counter-Genealogy – American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California. November 2018.
- Can the American Family be Saved? – American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California. November 2018.
- The Past and Future of Behavioral Value – American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. November 2017.
- Connectivity Itself, or How To Build Your Nervous System – Society for the Social Study of Science, Boston, Massachusetts. September 2017.
- Embracing the Posthuman – Society for Cultural Anthropology, Ithaca, New York. May 2016.
- Parasitic and Symbiotic: The Ambivalence of Necessity – American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Quebec. November 2011.
- Comments on Society is the Disorder – American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Quebec. November 2011.
- Deleuze and Guattari’s Anthropology, or Should We Take Facts Seriously? – American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 2010.
- A World of Manners: An Introduction -- American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 2010.
- American Sleep and Capitalism, from Variation to Pathology -- Society for Cultural Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico. May 2010.

- For an Anthropology of the Same: Spinoza, Deleuze and Sleep – American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. December 2009.
- Frenzies: Sleep, Culpability and the Law – Society for the Social Study of Science, Washington, DC. October 2009.
- Insuring Sleep/Ensuring Work: Pharmaceuticals, Sleep Disorders, and American Labor – American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, California. November, 2008.
- Erratic Rhythms: Sleep, Capitalism, Pharmacological Lives – Society for Cultural Anthropology, Long Beach, California. May 2008.
- N of 2, N of 1: Models, Samples, and (Sleep) Experiments – American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C. November, 2007.
- Fixations: REM Behavioral Disorder and its Intimacies – Society for the Social Study of Science, Montreal, Quebec. October 2007.
- Precipitating Pharmacologies: Making “Normal” Sleep – American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California. November, 2006.
- “Somewhere in the World the Sun is Shining”: Notes on Sleep, Globalization, Biology, and the Work Day – “The Anthropology of Global Productions,” Stanford Social and Cultural Graduate Student Conference, Palo Alto, California. April 2006.
- Medical Abstractions, Biopolitics, Matters of Concern, and Sleep in American Life – Society for the History of Technology, Minneapolis, MN. November 2005.
- The Inevitability of “Everyday Life,” or Why Can’t Americans Stop Sleeping? – American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C. November, 2005.
- The Inevitability of “Everyday Life,” or Why Can’t Americans Stop Sleeping? – Society for the Social Study of Science, Pasadena, CA. October, 2005.
- American Culture, Agrarian Time and the Feeling of the State – “Anthropology of the State and the State of Anthropology,” Stanford Social and Cultural Graduate Student Conference, Palo Alto, California. April 2005.
- Troubled Sleep, Or Biopower and the Social Construction of Sleeping Disorders – Cultural Studies Association, Boston, Massachusetts. May 2004.
- Desire After Foucault, or Transversality, Transsexuality, and the Question of Deleuzian Sexuality – American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. November 2003.

PANELS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- “Confronting the Inevitable,” Medical Anthropology Europe, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. September 2025.
- “Phenomenal Relations,” Finnish Anthropological Society Meeting, Rovaniemi, Finland. March 2022.
- “Event Horizons: Temporality, Care, Sustainability” (with Katy Overstreet), Chronic Living, Copenhagen, Denmark. March 2021.
- “Reworking the Cognitive Bias in Biomedicine & Disability Studies,” “Reworking the Cognitive Bias in Biomedicine & Technology,” (with Emily Yates-Doer), and “Ways Out: Race, Technology, and Anthropological Imaginaries,” American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, British Columbia. November 2019.
- “Injury and Invisibility: Empiricism and Anti-Empiricism in Knowing Damage and Regeneration” (with Denielle Elliott), Society for the Social Study of Science, New Orleans, Louisiana. September 2019.
- “Future Tense, Retro Tensions” (with Peter Benson) and “Medical Anthropology in a Digital Age” (with Eugene Raikhel and Emily Yates-Doer), American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California. November 2018.
- “Without Value” and “The End of Humanism (As We Know It),” American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. November 2017.

- “The Ends of the Nervous System,” Society for the Social Study of Science, Boston, Massachusetts. September 2017.
- “Making Up Anthropology,” Society for Cultural Anthropology, Ithaca, New York. May 2016.
- “Medicine on the Edge,” with Nancy Chen, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2012.
- “Parasitic Anthropologies” and “Society is the Disorder,” American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Quebec. November 2011.
- “A World of Manners,” American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 2010.
- “Tarrying with Neurodiversity,” Society for Cultural Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico. May 2010.
- “The Problem with Personhood: Technoscience, Law, Distribution,” Society for the Social Study of Science, Washington DC. October 2009.
- “Towards an Anthropology of the Normal,” with Gretchen Bakke, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2008.
- “Aesthetic Norms,” Society for Cultural Anthropology, Long Beach, California. May 2008.
- “The Body in/and Time,” American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. November, 2007.
- “Norms and Forms of Life,” American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California. November, 2006.
- “Precipitating Pharmacologies,” Society for Medical Anthropology Meeting, Vancouver, B.C. April, 2006.
- “Emergent Nature/Cultures,” Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota, 2005.
- “Bodily Inevitabilities,” Cultural Studies Association, Boston, MA. May, 2004.

WORKSHOPS, COMMENTARIES AND SEMINARS

- Ethnographic Clinic, University of Western Ontario. November 2026.
- Co-Organizer with Katy Overstreet, Representing Webs of Life, RPI. July 2026.
- Book Manuscript Workshop for Meredith Evans, School of Political and Social Sciences, University of Edinburgh. June 2026.
- Co-Organizer with Henni Alava, Ineffable Methodologies, Helsinki, Finland. June 2026.
- Book Manuscript Workshop for Gretchen Bakke, Humbolt University. May 2026.
- Commentator, Alex Dantzer’s “Existential Anxieties, Precarious Times and Why Do We Even Sleep?” Taft Center, University of Cincinnati. January 2026.
- Commentator, Maria Ryabova’s “Making Dystopian Futures One Robot at a Time: Robotics Masculinities and Utopian Techno-Seduction.” Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh. January 2026.
- Co-Organizer with Denielle Elliott and Stephanie Lloyd, Niagara Seminar, Centre de Vie, Ripon, Quebec. October 2025.
- Co-Organizer with Denielle Elliott and Stephanie Lloyd, Niagara Seminar, Wiawaka: Center for Women, Lake George, New York. October 2024.
- Blackboxing the Body Workshop – Material and Visual Worlds Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence, Binghamton University (with Fa-ti Fan). April 2019.
- Junior Scholar Book Workshop for Natalia Gutkowski, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Weatherhead Center. September 2018.
- A Riddle of Naps: Nathaniel Kleitman, the Eclipse of Napping, and the Making of Modern Sleep – Between Nature, Socialization and Economy: The Histories of Modern Sleep Conference, Gottingen, Germany. January 2012.
- Autism, Meaning and the Bioethical Otherwise – Ethnographic Engagements Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz. March 2011.

American Narcopolitics: Sleep in an Experimental Age – New Directions in the Social and Cultural Study of Sleep, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. June 2007.
Co-Organizer with Elena Margarita Past and David Goldberg, Radical Politics Inside Out, Wayne State University Humanities Center Working Group. 2007-08.

ARTISTIC COLLABORATIONS

2022 with Andy Gracie, 2.(B420K, Osmo/za, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
2019 with Natalie Fizer, New Circadia, University of Toronto, Daniels School of Architecture.
2013 with Danilo Correale, No More Sleep No More, Museion Bolzano, Bolzano, Italy.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2022-2025 Society for Disability Studies, Executive Board Member
2022 Society for Cultural Anthropology, Dissertation Writing Mentoring Event
2021 American Ethnological Society, Speed Mentoring Event
2018-2021 Society for Medical Anthropology, Member-at-Large; includes Chair, Editorial Search Committee, Medical Anthropology Quarterly (2019); Communications Committee (2018-2019); Chair, Membership & Mentoring Committee (2018-2021); Special Interest Group Liaison (2019-2021)
2021 York University, York Research Chair Reviewer
2019-2020 Society for the Social Study of Science Mentoring Program
2020 External Reviewer, Wellcome Trust
2014-Present External Reviewer, National Science Foundation
2015 External Reviewer, UCSF, Program in Medical Anthropology
2011 Society for Medical Anthropology, WHR Rivers Undergraduate Paper Prize Committee
2008 External Reviewer for the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
2005 Society for Cultural Anthropology Cultural Horizons Prize Committee

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Peer reviewer for *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Antipode: The Journal of Radical Geography*, *Anthropological Theory*, *Asian Bioethics Review*, *Bioethics*, *Biosocieties*, *Bloomsbury*, *Body & Society*, *Catalyst*, *Columbia University Press*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Current Anthropology*, *Deleuze Studies*, *Disability Studies Quarterly*, *Ethnos*, *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*, *Journal of Aging Studies*, *Journal of Material Culture*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Leonardo Electronic Almanac*, *Medical Anthropology*, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, *Medical History*, *Medical Humanities*, *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*, *New Genetics & Society*, *Open Cultural Studies*, *Palgrave*, *Philosophy*, *Psychiatry & Psychology*, *PLOS One*, *Pluto Books*, *Polity*, *Reconstruction*, *Routledge*, *Semiotic Review*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Theory, Culture & Society*, *University of California Press*, *University of Chicago Press*, *University of Michigan Press*, *University of Minnesota Press*, *Urban Anthropology*
2022-Present Public Books Group Editor, Systems and Futures
2022-Present Editor-at-Large, University of Minnesota Press
2016-Present *Sleep Health* Editorial Board
2008-2023 *Somatosphere* Editorial Collaborative
2022 with Michele Friedner. Series on Disability as Rupture. *Cultural Anthropology*.
2020 with Emily Yates-Doer. Series on Reworking the Cognitive Bias. *Somatosphere*.

2017	Series on Speculative Health. <i>Somatosphere</i> .
2015-2018	Book Review Editor, <i>Political and Legal Anthropology Review</i>
2013	Special issue of <i>Anthropology of Consciousness</i> on Sleep, 24.2.
2012	with Samuel G. Collins. Special issue of <i>Semiotic Review</i> on Parasites.
2010	with Karen-Sue Taussig. Special issue of <i>Medical Anthropology</i> on Extreme Embodiment, 29.2.
2005	Founder and Managing Editor, <i>After Culture</i>
2001-2006	Founder and Editor-in-Chief, <i>Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture</i>

CAMPUS & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2025-Present	Graduate Program Director, Department of Science and Technology Studies, RPI
2023-Present	Chair, Faculty Grievance Committee, RPI
2024-2025	Undergraduate Program Director, Department of Science and Technology Studies, RPI
2024-2025	Chair, Design, Innovation & Society Lecturer Search Committee, RPI
2023-2024	Community Engaged STS Job Search Committee Member, RPI
2023-2024	Public Communication Job Search Committee Member, RPI
2023-2024	Graduate Committee, Department of Science and Technology Studies, RPI
2020	Junior Promotion Committee Member (Teaching), Sabina Perrino, Tenure Review, Department of Anthropology, Binghamton University
2019-2021	University Faculty Senator Alternate, State University of New York System
2018-2021	Educational Policy & Priorities Committee, Binghamton University
2018-2019	Advisory Committee for Scholarship & Research, Binghamton University
2018	Junior Promotion Committee Member (Teaching), Sabina Perrino, Department of Anthropology, Binghamton University
2017	Junior Promotion Committee Member (Research), Joshua Reno, Tenure Review, Department of Anthropology, Binghamton University
2017	Roadmap Renewal Team (Strategic Priority 1: Faculty Research and Graduate Student Training), Binghamton University
2016-2021	Material and Visual Worlds Steering Committee, Binghamton University
2016	Andean Archaeology Job Search Committee Member, Binghamton University
2015	Personnel & Promotion Committee, University of California, Santa Cruz
2013	Provost, Colleges 9 & 10, University of California, Santa Cruz
2012-2013	Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz
2011-2015	Anthropology Department Professionalization Series Convener, University of California, Santa Cruz
2011-2013	Anthropology Department Writing Tutor Initiative Supervisor, University of California, Santa Cruz
2010-2013	College 10 Academic Standing Committee, University of California, Santa Cruz
2010-2012	Anthropology Department Fundraising Committee, University of California, Santa Cruz
2011-2012	UC Santa Cruz Committee on Faculty Welfare, University of California, Santa Cruz
2010-2011	Damien Marx Award Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz
2009-2010	Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz
2009-2010	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz

2008-2009	Damien Marx Award Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz
2007-2008	Search Committee, Linguistic Anthropologist, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University
2007-2008	Curriculum Committee, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University
2007-2008	Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University
2005-2006	Search Committee, Department Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota
2004-2005	Graduate Student Advisor, Undergraduate Anthropology Club, University of Minnesota
2003-2004	Anthropology Graduate Student Associate Co-President, University of Minnesota
2003-2004	Graduate Committee Representative, University of Minnesota

THESES & DISSERTATIONS ADVISED

- Hillary Adams, Anthropology MA, Wayne State University, "Hard Times: On Erectile Dysfunction, Medicalization, Masculinity, and Dismodern Male Subjects" (Adviser, completed 2008)
- Patricia Astacio Alvarez, Anthropology Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz; "Moral Fibers: The Making of Transnational Fashions in Post-Authoritarian Peru" (Committee Member, completed 2015)
- KS Brewer, Electronic Arts Ph.D., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; "TBD" (Committee Member, expected completion 2027)
- Zac Buck, Social Documentation M.F.A., University of California, Santa Cruz; "Kaleidoscope" (Adviser, completed 2012).
- Celina Callahan-Kapoor, Anthropology MA, Wayne State University; "A Stigmatic World: The Social Production of Stigma as a Universal Norm" (Adviser, completed 2008)
- Celina Callahan-Kapoor, Anthropology Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz; "Disidentification with Diabetes: Diabetic Publics in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands" (Adviser, completed 2016)
- Lizzy Hare, Anthropology Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz; "Making History with Science" (Committee Member, completed 2017)
- Laura Harrison, Sociology Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz; "Neurodivergent Leadership: Building Multiple Possible Futures through Intersectional Interdependence" (Committee Member, completed 2019)
- Maggie Mang, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; "Feeding the Masses: Animal Experimental Farms, Nutrition Science, and the Politics of Metabolism" (Committee Member, completed 2024)
- Candice Mitchell, Anthropology MA, Wayne State University, "Engaging with Professionalization: New Prospects for South Africa's Traditional Healers" (Adviser, completed 2008)
- Katy Overstreet, Anthropology Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz; "A Well-Cared for Cow Produces more Milk": (Dis)assembling the Biotechnics of Cow Bodies in Wisconsin Dairy Worlds" (Committee Member, completed 2017)
- Venetia Palamari, Science and Technology Studies Ph.D., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; "TBD" (Committee Member, expected completion 2027)
- Craig Rothstein, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; "The Psychedelic Self: Social Constructions of Brain, Personhood, and Subjectivity through Psychedelic Science" (Committee Member, 2025)
- Jennifer Ilo Van Nuil, Anthropology MA, Wayne State University, "Translating HIV Medicine: The Path of Life" (Adviser, completed 2008)

EXTERNAL DISSERTATIONS AS AN EXAMINER

Toni Nieminen, Anthropology Ph.D., University of Helsinki, "Disability, Ableism, and Work Citizenship: An Ethnography of Job Coaching in Finland." (2026)

Celeste Pang, Anthropology Ph.D., University of Toronto, "Reorienting Response: An Ethnography of Old Age, Disability, and Queer Lives in Canada." (2021)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Embodied Universals (2025-Present)

PI: Matthew Wolf-Meyer

Funding: Application being prepared for ERC Advance Grant

Qualitative interviews with scientists in six human life science fields, supported with participant-observation led by postdoctoral researchers. Historical research focuses on the emergence of models to explain human modifiability (e.g., plasticity in neuroscience) and inevitable physiological processes (e.g., maturation). Ethnographic research focuses on how these ideas are contested, elaborated, and circulated in science and lay the foundation for public debates about human variation. Textual analysis follows scientific claims into political spheres as the basis of divisive political movements.

Cultural Locations of Bioethics (2022-2024)

PI: Matthew Wolf-Meyer

Funding: Tampere University Institute for Advanced Study

Qualitative interviews with bioethicists, physicians, and disability rights group participants regarding the role of bioethics in the practice of medical ethics and the possibilities for more inclusive ethical practices supporting institutional reforms. Comparative textual and archival research conducted in the U.S. and Finland on the globalization of bioethical norms and their situatedness in U.S. bioethics.

A Situated Neurology (2022-2027)

PIs: Denielle Elliott, Suze Berkhout, and Matthew Wolf-Meyer

Funding: Social Science and Humanities Research Council

Qualitative interviews with neurologists, psychiatrists, patients, their families, and caregivers on the experiences of and treatments for brain injuries and cognitive impairments. Qualitative interviews with bioethicists on the role of the brain in the development of neuroethics and AI-based approaches to disability support. Arts-based research on experiences of brain injury and cognitive impairment as a method of integrating therapeutic experiences for patients.

Prosthetic Technologies and Civilian Priorities (2016-2018)

PIs: Seth Messinger and Matthew Wolf-Meyer

Funding: U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Qualitative interviews with civilian prosthetic limb users focused on their experiences of everyday life and priorities in the refinement of prosthetic technologies.

The Neuro-Alimentary Axis: Redefining the Molecular in a Microbial Moment (2013-2021)

PI: Matthew Wolf-Meyer

Funding: University of California, Santa Cruz, Faculty Development Grants

Qualitative interviews with gastroenterologists, neuroscientists, psychiatrists, and patients regarding the use of microbial supplements as forms of medical treatment as well as the experimental use of fecal microbial transplants for chronic illnesses. Additional historical research on the development of American dietary advice and gastroenterology as a discipline in medicine.

What Matters? Neurological Imaginaries of Embodied Difference (2010-2020)

PI: Matthew Wolf-Meyer

Funding: University of California, Santa Cruz, Faculty Development Grants, Andrew Mellon Quadrant Fellowship

Qualitative interviews with neurologists, psychiatrists, educators, parents, and support group leaders focused on neurodiversity and neurological disorders. Observation of special education facilities, support groups, and laboratory practices. Textual analysis of disability memoirs writing by family members of neurodivergent people or written by self-identified neurodivergent people. Historical research on the development of American neuroscience and the centrality of communication as a diagnostic capacity.

The Biopolitics of Sleep (2003-2011)

PIs: Karen-Sue Taussig and Matthew Wolf-Meyer

Funding: National Science Foundation, Wayne State University Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Cruz, Faculty Development Grant

Qualitative interviews with neurologists, psychiatrists, pulmonologists, patients and their families on the impact of sleep disorders in American everyday life. Observation of one primary sleep clinic and two additional clinics, all in the U.S. Midwest. Additional observations of local and national patient support groups and national sleep-related scientific conferences. Historical research on the development of sleep medicine in the U.S. and textual analysis of sleep-related media.

American Mosaic Project (individual participation 2003-2005; project is ongoing)

PIs: Penny Edgell, Joe Gerteis, and Doug Hartman

Funding: Edelstein Family Foundation

As a graduate student researcher, conducted qualitative interviews on religious attitudes and experiences with racism with community members in Los Angeles. Additionally, observed community-based events focused on ethnic and religious belonging in the greater Los Angeles area.

American Suburban Radicalisms (2003-2004)

PI: Matthew Wolf-Meyer

Qualitative interviews with self-identified Marxist and anarchist activists in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Observation of community meetings and planned activism.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT

- 2027 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Science and Technology Studies 4990: STS and Sustainability Senior Project
- 2026 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Interdisciplinary Humanities & Social Sciences 6410: Ethnography
- 2025 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Interdisciplinary Humanities & Social Sciences 6050: Qualitative Research Writing
Science and Technology Studies 4605: Design and Innovation Studio B: Unnatural History
Science and Technology Studies 4520: Bioethics
- 2024 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Science and Technology Studies 4962: Human Futures
Science and Technology Studies 4961: Biology of Everyday Life

- Science and Technology Studies 6010: Concepts in Science and Technology Studies
- 2023 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Science and Technology Studies 6961: Bodies, Institutions, Infrastructures
- 2021 Binghamton University
Anthropology 480A: Global Social Theory
Anthropology 280R: Biology of Everyday Life
- 2020 Binghamton University
Scholars Program 281R: Documenting Cultures
Anthropology 180K: Keywords in Critical Theory
Anthropology 180R: Race & Racism
Anthropology 220: Human Futures
- 2019 Binghamton University
Scholars Program 281O: Health, Medicine, & Disability
Anthropology 220: Human Futures
Anthropology 480D: Global Social Theory
- 2018 Binghamton University
Anthropology 180B: Writing the World
Anthropology 380D: Ethnographic Film
Anthropology 280K: Social Studies of Science and Technology
- 2017 Binghamton University
Anthropology 166: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
Anthropology 480V: Brains, Consciousness, Personhood
Anthropology 280W/Human Development 220: Human Futures
- 2016 Binghamton University
Anthropology 166: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
Anthropology 380T: Cross-Cultural Medicine
Anthropology 501: History of Anthropological Thought
Anthropology 519: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Methods
- 2015 University of California, Santa Cruz
Anthropology 2: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology 152B: Survey of Cultural Anthropological Theory
Anthropology 214: Culture & Power
- 2014 University of California, Santa Cruz
Anthropology 262: Documenting Cultures
Anthropology 134: Medical Anthropology
- 2013 University of California, Santa Cruz
Anthropology 208A: Ethnographic Practice
Anthropology 194M: Advanced Topics in Medical Anthropology
Anthropology 152B: Survey of Cultural Anthropological Theory
- 2012 University of California, Santa Cruz
Anthropology 151: Ethnography Workshop
Anthropology 136: Biology of Everyday Life
Anthropology 152A: Survey of Contemporary Anthropological Theory
- 2011 University of California, Santa Cruz
Anthropology 151: Ethnography Workshop
Anthropology 156: Medicine & Colonialism
Anthropology 136: Biology of Everyday Life
Anthropology 134: Medical Anthropology
- 2010 University of California, Santa Cruz
Anthropology 80L: Biology of Everyday Life

- Anthropology 193M: Field Study in Medical Anthropology
 - Anthropology 194M: Advanced Topics in Medical Anthropology
- 2009 University of California, Santa Cruz
 - Anthropology 134: Medical Anthropology
 - Anthropology 155: Science, Colonialism, Industry, Medicine
 - Anthropology 257: Cultures of Science, Science as Culture
 - Anthropology 258: Experimental Cultures
- 2008 University of California, Santa Cruz
 - Anthropology 134: Medical Anthropology
- 2008 Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
 - Anthropology 3100: World Cultures
 - Anthropology 5420: Community Health Ethnography
 - Anthropology 7690: Medical Anthropology II
- 2007 Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
 - Anthropology 5420: Community Health Ethnography
 - Anthropology 7680: Medical Anthropology I
- 2005 University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 - Anthropology 3980: Ethnography and Ethnographic Methods
- 2001 Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio
 - American Cultural Studies 200: Introduction to American Culture Studies

GUEST LECTURES

- Gender, Labor, and Sleep – Sommeil, Sexualité, Genre: Approches Interdisciplinaires, taught by Francesca Arena and Stephen Perrig, University of Geneva. Fall 2022.
- American Racism – Racism and Anti-Racism, taught by Anna Rastas, Tampere University. Fall 2022.
- The Medicalization of Sleep – Medical Anthropology, taught by Deborah Schechter, Binghamton University. Fall 2019.
- Health and Medicine in the United States – Anthropology of the U.S., taught by Joshua Reno, Binghamton University. Spring 2018.
- The Politics of Neurodiversity – CMMU 10: Activism in the United States, taught by John Marlovits, UC Santa Cruz. Spring 2011.
- Introduction to the Anthropology of Medicine, Science and Technology – ANTH 2: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, taught by Triloki Pandey, UC Santa Cruz. Spring 2010.
- Introduction to the Anthropology of Medicine, Science and Technology – ANTH 2: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, taught by Olga Najera-Ramirez, UC Santa Cruz. Spring 2009.
- Sleep and Sustainability – Education for Sustainable Living Program, UC Davis. April 2009.