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### **EDUCATION:**

- PhD Anthropology, 2002, University of Nevada, Reno.  
Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 2001, University of Nevada, Reno.  
MA Anthropology, 1996, California State University, Fullerton.  
BA Anthropology, 1994, California State University, Fullerton.  
AS Natural Sciences, 1988, Citrus Community College, Glendora, California.

### **Dissertation:**

*Toxin or Medicine? Incorporating Radioactive Radon Gas into the Therapeutic Process.*  
Committee: Marie Boutté (Chair); Catherine Fowler; Robert Winzeler; LaVerne Jeanne, Martha Hildreth.

### **RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS:**

Cultural anthropology: anthropology of aging; medical pluralism in urban societies; health belief systems; medical ecology; food symbolism; business and organizational anthropology; economic anthropology; history of anthropology; North American contemporary culture.

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS and TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

#### **California State University, Fullerton, CA, Department of Anthropology**

- Coordinator, Cultural Anthropology Division (August 2010 to present)  
Graduate Program Advisor (January 2007–January 2010; August 2010 to present [Cultural])  
Undergraduate Program Coordinator (Spring 2005 through December 2006)  
Associate Professor (Early tenure: applied 2006; conferred August 2007)  
Assistant Professor (August 2003 to 2007)  
Fulltime Lecturer (August 2002 – 2003)

#### **Courses Taught at CSUF:**

- Introduction to Biological Anthropology ANTH 101
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology ANTH 102
- Traditional Cultures of the World ANTH 304
- Culture and Aging ANTH 308
- Native Peoples of North America ANTH 321
- Anthropology and Health ANTH 342
- Contemporary American Culture ANTH 360
- Ethnographic Field Methods ANTH 401
- Ethnogerontology ANTH 408
- Economic Anthropology ANTH 414
- Anthropology of Tourism ANTH 415

- Medical Anthropology ANTH 442
- History of Anthropology ANTH 480
- Contemporary Anthropology ANTH 481
- Graduate Seminar: Medical Pluralism ANTH 504-T
- Graduate Seminar: Anthropology of Organizations ANTH 504-T
- Graduate Seminar: Business and Industrial Anthropology ANTH 504-T
- Graduate Seminar: Anthropology of Aging ANTH 504-T
- Graduate Seminar: Anth of Peace and Conflict ANTH 504-T
- Graduate Seminar: Theory & Method in Cultural Anth ANTH 513

### **New Courses Developed at CSUF:**

ANTH 303	Business Anthropology	[turned down by GE committee]
ANTH 410	Anthropology of Organizations	[approved]
ANTH 415	Anthropology of Tourism	[approved]
ANTH 435	Death and Burial Practices	[approved]
ANTH 482	Globalization and Culture Change	[approved]
ANTH 486	Anthropology of Digital Media	[under review]
ANTH 504T	Culture and Health: Medical Pluralism	[approved]
ANTH 504T	Anthropology of Aging	[approved]
ANTH 504T	Peace and Conflict	[approved]
ANTH 504T	Anthropology of Organizations	[approved]

### **University of Nevada, Reno, Department of Anthropology**

#### Part-time Faculty or Letter of Appointment (January 1997 – July 2002)

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology ANTH 101
- Introduction to Physical Anthropology ANTH 102
- Peoples and Cultures of the World ANTH 201

### **Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, NV, Div. of Arts & Science**

#### Part-time Faculty (Jan.1999—July 2002).

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology ANTH 101
- Human Evolution ANTH 102
- Peoples and Cultures of the World ANTH 201

### **Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV, Division of Social Sciences**

#### Part-time Faculty (Jan.2000—May 2002)

- Introduction to Anthropology ANTH 101
- Peoples and Cultures of the World ANTH 201

### **El Camino Community College, Torrance, CA, Div. of Behavioral & Social Sciences**

#### Part-time Faculty (Aug—Dec.1995)

- Introduction to Physical Anthropology ANTH 101

### **University of Nevada, Reno, Continuing Education Program Instructor**

- Peoples and Cultures of the World, Correspondence Course (June 2005 – 2009)
- The Human Experience, Correspondence Course (June 2001 – 2009).
- Anthropology A to Z, Kids University (Summer 1997).
- Cultural Anthropology, Kids University (Summer 1997).

### **Teaching Assistantships and Tutoring**

#### **University of Nevada, Reno**

- Teaching Assistant, Language & Culture, Department of Anthropology (Spring 1998).
- Teaching Assistant, Intro. To Language, Dept of Anthropology (Spring 1998, Fall 1996).
- Tutor, Writing Across the Curriculum, University Writing Center (1998 – 2002).

#### **California State University, Fullerton, Department of Anthropology**

- Graduate Assistant, Department of Anthropology (1995).
- Biology Tutor, Athletic Department (1992).

#### **Fullerton Community College, Fullerton, CA.**

- Microbiology Tutor (1992 - 1993).
- Lab Assistant, Microbiology Laboratory (Fall 1992).

#### **Citrus Community College, Glendora, CA.**

- Zoology Tutor (1987 - 1988).

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- 2007 Radioactive Pain Relief: Health Care Strategies and Risk Assessment among Elderly Arthritis Sufferers at Radon Health Mines. *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine* 13(3):375-380.
- 2007 Toxin or Medicine? Explanatory Models of Radon in Montana Health Mines. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 21(1):1-21.
- 2006 The Therapeutic Use of Radon: A Biomedical Treatment in Europe; an “Alternative” Remedy in the United States. *Dose Response* 5:48-62.
- 2006 Range of Motion Assessment of Elderly Arthritis Sufferers at Montana “Radon Health Mines.” *International Journal of Low Radiation* 3(4):325-336.
- 2004 The Therapeutic Use of Radon: A Biomedical Treatment in Europe; An “Alternative” Remedy in the United States. In, *Proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference*, pp. 600-610. La Grange IL: American Nuclear Society.
- 2000 Low Dose Radon as Alternative Therapy for Chronic Illness. *Proceedings of the Health Effects of Low-Dose Radiation Conference*, pp. 269-277. World Council of Nuclear Workers (WONUC), Paris France (Ed.). Amsterdam: Elsevier Science B.V.
- 2000 ...And the People Came to the Caves to be Healed. *The Halcyon Series Vol. 22: Western Futures*, pp. 31-52. Reno: Nevada Humanities Committee.

- 1999 Low Dose Radon as an Alternative Therapy for Chronic Illness. Low Dose Radiation Hormesis & Adaptive Response Web Site. Javad Mortazavi (Ed.), University of Teheran. <http://www.angelfire.mo.radioadaptive.barbara.html>

### **VOLUME EDITOR**

- 2008 Borders, Boundaries, and Transitions: Framing the Past, Imagining the Future. Proceedings of the Southwestern Anthropological Association, Volume 2.

### **PUBLISHED ARTWORK and TEACHING MATERIALS:**

- 2004 Water color painting, "4000 Years at Lovelock Cave," selected as the 2004 Nevada Archaeology and Historic Preservation Awareness Week poster.
- 2004 *The Architecture of Life and Death in Borneo*, by Robert Winzeler (2004). Illustrations by Robert Winzeler, **Barbra Erickson**, and Timothy Pyles. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. [Fourteen pen and ink drawings by B. Erickson].
- 2004 *Anthropology C201, Peoples and Cultures of the World*. A correspondence course in Anthropology written for University of Nevada Reno, Extended Studies Independent Learning Program. Extended Syllabus, pp. 1-86. © Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada.
- 2003 Illustrations for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lovelock Cave interpretive signage and roadside tour brochures. [Lovelock, Nevada, and Lovelock Cave, Nevada].
- 2003 *Anthropology C101, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*. A correspondence course in Anthropology written for University of Nevada Reno, Extended Studies Independent Learning Program. Extended Syllabus, pp. 1-82. © Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS, LECTURES, and INTERVIEWS:**

#### **Conference Papers**

- 2012 Places in the Earth: Power, Mystery, Healing [and Death?]. Southwestern Anthropological Association 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. Chico, California.
- 2007 Symbols of Therapeutic Legitimacy in Radon Therapy Spaces and Places. Southwestern Anthropological Association 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Sacramento, California.
- 2006 Toxin or Medicine? Radon Therapy in the U.S. and Europe. Invited speaker, Risk of Low Dose / Low Dose Rate Ionizing Radiation to Humans session. Environmental Mutagen Society, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Vancouver, Canada.
- 2004 Killing or Curing? Radon Therapy on Two Continents. Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Dallas, Texas.

- 2004 The Therapeutic Use of Radon: A Biomedical Treatment in Europe; An “Alternative” Remedy in the United States. 2004 Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference, sponsored by the American Nuclear Society. Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2000 Rad-Spas and Radioactivity: Radon Therapy for Chronic Illness in North American and European Mines. American Anthropological Association Meeting. San Francisco, California.
- 1999 Low Dose Radon as Alternative Therapy for Chronic Illness. Poster session. Health Effects of Low-Dose Radiation Conference, sponsored by the World Council of Nuclear Workers (WONUC), Versailles, France.
- 1999 Alternative Medicine and Aging. Southwestern Anthropological Association Conference. Fullerton, California.
- 1998 Mining for Hope: Radon Therapy as a Treatment for Chronic Illness. Southwestern Anthropological Association Conference, Sacramento, California.
- 1996 Darwin’s Dangerous Idea: Revolution and Reconciliation. Southwestern Anthropological Association Meetings, Pasadena, California.
- 1995 The Holistic Other: Heretical Challenger to Rationalism. Southwestern Anthropological Association Meeting, San Francisco, California.
- 1995 Ectoparasites: Bit Players in Human History. Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society Symposium, Fullerton, California.

### **Conference Sessions Organized and Chaired**

- 2012 Storied Places: The Narrative of Landscape. Southwestern Anthropological Association 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Chico, California. [co-organizer]
- 1998 Cross Cultural Perspectives on Medical Anthropology. Southwestern Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA.

### **Invited Lectures and Community Outreach**

- 2012 Bugs, Germs, and Genes: Health and Diseases in Human Populations of the Past. Invited speaker to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute [OLLI], Eclectic Series. Ruby Gerontology Center, CSUF.
- 2011 Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Perceptions of Health and Illness. Invited speaker to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute [OLLI], Eclectic Series. Ruby Gerontology Center, CSUF.
- 2010 Medical Tourism. Guest lecture for ANTH 415, Anthropology of Tourism, CSUF. For Dr. Karen Stocker.
- 2010 Alternative Health Care Use by Elderly People. Guest lecture for ANTH 454, Culture and Aging, at CSU Long Beach. For Dr. Hilarie Kelly.

- 2008 The Science behind Radon Therapy. Public presentation, Boulder, Montana.
- 2006 Environmental Toxin or Healing Agent? Radioactive Radon Therapy in the United States and Europe. Invited speaker to Continuing Learning Experience (CLE), Ruby Gerontology Center, CSUF.
- 2003 Alternative Health Remedies: Chronic Health Problems of Older Women. The Women's Center / Adult Reentry Noontime Programs (Focus on the Faculty). California State University, Fullerton.
- 2002 Radon Health Mines: An Alternative Treatment for Arthritis. Washoe Regional Medical Center, Continuing Education Program, Reno, Nevada.
- 2002 Arctic, Rain Forest, and Desert: Making Shelters from Materials in the Environment. Prosser Creek Charter Elementary School, Truckee, California.
- 2001 To Glow or Not to Glow: Culture and Health in Radon Health Mines. Elder College Anthropology Series, Continuing Education Program, University of Nevada, Reno.
- 2000 Bugs, Germs, and Genes. Invited guest lecturer, Medical Anthropology in Ecological Perspective, University of Nevada, Reno.
- 1998 Anthropology of Aging. Continuing Learning Experience (CLE), Discourse on Aging Series, Ruby Gerontology Center, California State University, Fullerton.
- 1995 Human Bipedalism. Continuing Learning Experience (CLE), Discourse on Humankind Series, Ruby Gerontology Center, California State University, Fullerton.

### **Invited Interviews**

- 2007 Expert interviewee for Coastline Community College Production, KOCE-TV, Huntington Beach, CA. Interviewed for Video #117, and two other introductory videos, to discuss basic concepts in anthropology.
- 2006 Expert interviewee for Coastline Community College Production, KOCE-TV, Huntington Beach, CA. Interviewed for Video #31 to discuss disease and human adaptation.
- 2001 Interviewed in McMullen, Connie (2001) "Radon Mines: A Place for Healing." *Senior Spectrum*, pp. 27-28. June. Las Vegas and Reno: North American Mature Publishers Association.
- 2001 Television interview (January). "AARP Presents: Radon vs. Arthritis in Europe (Part 2)." SNCAT Cable Television Network, Reno NV.
- 2000 Interviewed in Dansak, Ryan L. (2000). "Mining for Relief." *RT Image* 13(50):41-43. December 11.
- 2000 Television interview (December). "AARP Presents: Radon vs. Arthritis in Europe (Part 1)." SNCAT Cable Television Network, Reno NV.

- 2000 Television interview (May). "AARP Presents: Montana Radon Mines and Arthritis." SNCAT Cable Television Network, Reno NV.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- 2010 **Pain Study.** Pilot study based on subjective assessments of pain and pain relief, as experienced by radon health mine clients. Uses the Wong-Baker FACES Pain Scale to quantify pain, and uses a questionnaire to record symptoms, medications, and treatments used, as well as basic demographic information about the study population.
- 2008 **Folklore and Healing: Poetry, Letters, and Narratives from Montana Radon Health Mines.** Collection and analysis of the many poems, paintings, and graffiti left behind on the walls of Montana radon health mines over the last 50 years by arthritis sufferers seeking pain relief. Collection and analysis of narratives told by recent radon mine clients.
- 2007 **WECARE (Working to Enhance the Care and Resources for Elders) Project.** Co-investigator in a three-year project to systematically evaluate the ongoing WECARE project's efficacy. This project was funded by the California Service Corps and sponsored by AmeriCorps. My role was to conduct ethnographic interviews of selected elderly participants.
- 2006 **Evaluation of Blood Test Results before and after Radon Therapy: a Pilot Study**  
The purpose of this pilot study was to evaluate data from specific blood tests taken before and after a ten day regimen of radon therapy in a Montana Health Mine. This study used a small number of participants with the aim to ascertain (1) the willingness of mine visitors to obtain the blood tests; and (2) if there are any significant changes in blood chemistry that would warrant future grant application for major funding. This proposal submitted to CSUF IRB for review in August 2006 (provisionally accepted in September 2006).
- 2005 **Range of Motion Study, Montana**  
Conducted pilot study assessing range of motion in arthritis sufferers before, during, and after they had used radon therapy at my ongoing research site, a radon health mine in Montana. Collected demographic data on 2000 individuals, along with historical and archival information. (HSR#: 05-2139). A graduate student intern was hired to assist with data collection.
- 2003-present **Ethnographic Research, Montana**  
Continued data collection and ethnographic interviews, photographs, illness narratives collected at the radon mines in Montana. Archival research at the Montana State Historical Society in Helena, Montana, was done. Ethnographic data collected included perceptions of chronically ill elderly regarding institutions and organizations that affect their ability to use radon, such as the American Medical Association and the Environmental Protection Agency.
- 1997-98-99-2000 **Dissertation field research, Montana radon health mines**  
A study of the explanatory models of radioactive radon gas held by clientele visiting played-out gold mines for health purposes, and of the experiences and decisions that lead them to

try radon therapy. Continuing work from this project focuses on the economic boom caused by radon therapy in the 1950s among small mining towns, and how legislation and/or Environmental Protection Agency standards, as well as the position of the American Medical Association on radon therapy, has affected, and will continue to affect, the ability of these mines to stay in business.

**2000-01 Dissertation field research in Germany, Austria, & Czech Republic**

Short comparative visits to radon mines and spas in Europe, where radon therapy is an accepted form of treatment, prescribed by some doctors and covered by health insurance. Investigation of radon therapy in Europe as provided at clinics, often in historically important spa towns where these clinics are an important part of the local economy. Interviews with clinic supervisors and physicians who prescribe radon, and tours of the facilities where radon is applied, and some interviews with patients.

**2000 Field assistant to Dr. Marie Boutte', principle investigator, University of Nevada, Reno**

Extensive door-to-door, random health assessment questionnaires were administered in a rural Nevada community, whose population had in the past been impacted by nuclear test fall-out, and was now faced with potential health problems from the transport of nuclear waste materials. Purpose was to collect baseline health information as well as socioeconomic information, employment history, and exposure to toxins, and to examine the collected data for patterns.

**1995-6 Master's thesis research, Southern California**

Participant observation and interviews with providers of various "alternative" therapies and their clients, with the purpose of examining peoples' health beliefs and motivations for use of these therapies.

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS**

**2001-02 Assistant to Dr. Robert Winzeler, University of Nevada, Reno**

Pen and ink drawings for *Architecture of Life and Death in Borneo* (in Winzeler, 2004).

**2001 Assistant to Dr. Catherine Fowler, University of Nevada, Reno**

Interpretation of archival ethnographic field notes of Isabel Kelly and other ethnographers. Location and plotting of Southern Paiute place names on topographical maps.

**1999-2000 Assistant to Dr. Catherine Fowler, University of Nevada, Reno**

Artwork for the Lovelock Cave Roadside Tour, BLM archaeological project.

**1999 Assistant to Dr. Kenneth Fliess, University of Nevada, Reno**

Demography project involving 19th and early 20th century U.S. census information in Nevada.

## **AWARDS and HONORS:**

- Organizational Excellence Award, Dept. of Anthropology (2008-2009)
- H&SS Outstanding Teaching Effectiveness, CSUF (2008)



- Outstanding Faculty, Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments, CSUF (2007)
- Certificate of Appreciation, Dean of Students Adviser Appreciation (2007-2008)
- Certificate of Recognition, Dean of Students Adviser Appreciation (2006-2007)
- Outstanding Scholarship and Creative Activities, CSUF (2006-2007)
- Award for Outstanding Teaching, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, CSUF (2006)
- Outstanding Faculty, Service to Students, CSUF (2005-2006)
- Outstanding Faculty, Exceptional Teaching Effectiveness Category, CSUF (2004-2005)
- Nominated for Outstanding Faculty Advisor, CSUF (2004-2005)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award, University of Nevada, Reno (2000).

### **GRANTS and SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- Intramural Summer Grant (2011) [not funded]
- Student-Faculty Creativity Grant, CSUF (2008)
- Intramural Summer Mini-Grant, CSUF (2005)
- Faculty Development Center International Travel Grant, CSUF (2003)
- Humanities and Social Sciences New Faculty Grant. CSUF (2003)
- GSA Merit Grant Award for dissertation fieldwork, UNR (2001)
- Sanford Center for Aging Doctoral Scholarship, UNR (1999)
- GSA Merit Grant Award for dissertation fieldwork, UNR (1999)
- Mountain and Desert Scholarship, Environmental Arts & Humanities, UNR (1998)
- William Self Award for dissertation fieldwork, Department of Anthropology, UNR (1997)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

2012-2013 **Textbook Reviewer:** New accelerated course proposal for *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*. For Bridgepoint Education.

2012 **Program Performance Reviewer.** Integrative Studies BA program at Great Basin College, Elko, Nevada.

2012 **Manuscript Reviewer.** “Flow Gently: Immersion in India’s Sacred Waters.” *The Power of Place: Heritage, Archaeological and Sacred*. Special edition of *Recreation and Society in Africa, Asia & Latin America*.

2012 **Manuscript Reviewer.** “‘Listening for His Breath’: The Significance of Gender and Partner Reporting on the Diagnosis, Management, and Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea.” For *Social Sciences and Medicine*.

2012 **Textbook Reviewer:** Accelerated course version of *Cultural Anthropology: Understanding Ourselves and Others*. For McGraw-Hill.

2012 **Textbook Reviewer:** Revised editions of *History of Anthropology and Readings for a History of Anthropology*. For University of Toronto Press.

2010 **Textbook Proposal Reviewer:** New accelerated course proposal for *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*. For Bridgepoint Education.

2008 to present **Newsletter Editor, Southwestern Anthropological Association (SWAA).**

2008 **Editor, Proceedings of the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual SWAA Conference.**

2007 **Textbook Reviewer:** A proposal for an online text, *Watching Anthropology*. For McGraw-Hill.

2007-8 **Southwestern Anthropological Association (SWAA)**

President for 2007-2008. Organized and hosted the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual SWAA Conference in 2008, held at CSU Fullerton.

2006 **Manuscript Reviewer.** "Czech Balneotherapy: Border Medicine and Health Tourism." For *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.

2006 to present **Member, Executive Board of SWAA.**

2006-08 **AmeriCorps "Boomers Care!" Project**

Worked as part of the evaluation team in planning and submitting a grant for the "Boomers Care!" Project in Orange County. This federally sponsored 3-year program is designed to recruit more "boomer" age volunteers and AmeriCorps members to work for Orange County agencies in serving the elderly. Further, it will increase the capacity of existing agencies to serve the elderly and put in place training programs for volunteers.

2004 -08 **Coastline Community College District**

Serving as Local Advisor for three new Telecourses being developed in Cultural Anthropology, General Anthropology, and Physical Anthropology. Total project includes 35 videos and their supplemental paper and online teaching and learning aids. Local advisors develop learning objectives, review and edit script, and treatment, and review final product. The Physical Series won an Emmy in 2008.

2007 **NSF Reviewer**

Reviewed NSF Cultural Anthropology grant proposal: "Play, Older Women, and Successful Aging."

2007 **Reviewer for CSU Chancellor's Office**

Reviewed proposal for CSU San Marcos new Anthropology major.

2007 **NSF Reviewer**

Reviewed NSF Cultural Anthropology grant proposal: "From Their Perspective: Alaskan Grandparents' Roles, Strengths, Routines, and Traditions."

2006-7 **Southwestern Anthropological Association (SWAA)**

Elected Vice-President for 2006-2007; served as Program Chair for the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual SWAA Conference in Sacramento, California.

2006 **NSF Reviewer**

Reviewed NSF Cultural Anthropology grant proposal: "Play, Masking, Older Women and the Red Hat Society."

2006 **Textbook Reviewer:** *Mirror for Humanity*. For McGraw-Hill Publishers

2006 **Textbook Reviewer:** *Window on Humanity*. For McGraw Hill Publishers

2005 **Textbook Reviewer:** *Evolution and Prehistory: The Human Challenge*. For Thomson Higher Education.

2005 **Textbook Reviewer:** *Globalization & Change in Fifteen Cultures*. For Thomson-Wadsworth.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- American Anthropological Association:
  - Society for the Anthropology of North America
  - Society for Medical Anthropology
- Society for Economic Anthropology
- Society for Applied Anthropology
- Southwestern Anthropological Association (Vice President 2006-7; President 2007-8; Board Member, 2006 to present; Newsletter Editor, 2009 to present)
- International Dose Response Society

**UNIVERSITY and DEPARTMENT SERVICE:**

- Faculty Advisor, Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society (Spring 2012)
- Coordinator, Cultural Anthropology Division (August 2010 to present)
- Director, Center for Ethnographic Cultural Analysis (CECA), CSUF (June 2010 to present)
- Member, University Writing Proficiency Committee (August 2010 to present)
- Chair, Anthropology Department Personnel Committee (2010-11, 2011-12)
- Judge, International Project, CSUF (2010)
- Member, Anthropology Department Personnel Committee (2007-08, 2008-09)
- Chair, Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee (Fall 2009)
- Recruitment Chair, Department of Anthropology (Fall 2008)
- Member, Personnel Committee, Women's Studies Program (August 2008 to June 2009)
- Faculty Advisor, Visual Anthropology Club (Fall 2007 to June 2010)
- Member, Humanities & Social Sciences Curriculum Committee (August 2007 to June 2010)
- Graduate Program Advisor (January 2007 to January 2010)
- Held Student Award Proposal workshop 3/21/06
- Held student Curriculum Vitae workshop 3/14/06 (with Dr. Hilarie Kelly)
- Held student Curriculum Vitae workshop 10/24/05 (with Dr. Hilarie Kelly)
- Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Program Advisor (Spring 2005 – Dec. 2006)
- Member, Gerontology Program Council (Spring 2005 to Present)
- Anthropology Dept. faculty representative, Graduate / Professional School Fair (Sept. 2005)

- Faculty Advisor, Anthropology Student Association (Fall 2004 to Spring 2008); co-advisor (Fall 2008 to Spring 2009)
- Faculty Advisor, Lambda Alpha ETA Chapter Anthropology Honor Society (2004 to 2009)
- Chair, Student Awards Committee, Department of Anthropology (Spring 2004 to 2009)
- Chair, Anthropology Web Page Committee (Spring 2004 to 2008)
- Member, Department Commencement Committee (2004, 2005, 2006)
- Faculty guest evaluator, El Dorado High School Senior Project program (2003, 2004)
- Member, CSUF Extended Education Program Committee (2003 – 2005)
- Member, Student Awards Committee, Department of Anthropology (Fall 2003)
- Member, Commencement Committee, Humanities and Social Sciences, CSUF (2003)
- Discussant, Dept. of Anthropology Margaret Mead Film Festival, CSUF (2003)
- Presenter, “Peace and War on Planet Earth” film series (Dr. Hélène Domon), CSUF (2003)
- Member, Department of Anthropology Student Evaluation Forms revision committee (2003)
- Faculty representative, Welcome to Cal State Fullerton Day (2003 through 2008)
- Faculty representative, Preview Day at Cal State Fullerton (2002 through 2008)
- Faculty Advisor, Global Association of Culture & Peace, CSUF (2002-2003)
- Mentor, Teaching Assistant Training Practicum: Graduate Student Instructional Development, UNR (Fall 1997, Winter 1998, Fall 1998, Fall 1999, Fall 2000).
- Member, undergraduate student Placement Review Committee, English Dept, UNR (1998)

**SERVED AS MA THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBER** [where other faculty are thesis chairs]:

- Between 2002 and 2012, I have been a member of 78 graduate thesis and project committees, other than those of my own students.

**SERVED AS THESIS CHAIR FOR THE FOLLOWING MA STUDENTS:**

- Between 2002 and 2012, I have been the thesis chair for 58 students [56 anthropology; two gerontology]

Graduated in 2012: [2]

- Michael Todd Gross (May)
- Robyn Houts (May)

Graduated in 2011: [6]

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| • Benjamin Kerridge (January) | • Kevin DeMera (August) |
| • Andre Bryant (May)          | • Heidi Athas (August)  |
| • Chaochen Chen (May)         | • Ana Robles (August)   |

Graduated in 2010: [3]

- Jeannie Kim Han (January)
- Boni Forrest (January)
- Michael Guzzi (August)

Graduated in 2009: [10]

- Catie Galdauskas (January)
- Erin Akerson Rabidue (January)
- Thomas Shackford (January)
- Jeff McKendricks (January)
- Hai Ying Ma (May)
- Anne Uhlig (Gerontology MS)
- Julie Vasquez (May)
- Jonathan Rouse (May)
- Cortney Freeman (August)
- Salvador Franco (August)

Graduated in 2008: [14]

- Travis Coover (January)
- Janice Lee (January)
- Nancy Sandler (January)
- Britni Falter (May)
- Robert Joyce (May)
- Lillian Laggart (May)
- Juliana Long (May)
- Denise McDermott (May)
- Marc Padua (May)
- Juan Pazos (May)
- Wendy Jimenez (August)
- Yasuko Korekawa (August)
- Allison Samples (August)
- Yasmine Shereen (August)

Graduated in 2007: [9]

- Keri Canada (January)
- Ashley Moline (January)
- Julie Goodman (May)
- Michelle Lau (May)
- Alexis Altounian (August)
- Irina Dudar Hutton (August)
- Sean McCoy (August)
- Nancy Sandler (August)
- Khang Tran (August)

Graduated in 2006: [7]

- Tiffany Strickland (January)
- Dia Flores (May)
- Alana Jolley (May)
- Deanna Sparks (May)
- Jacque Swartout (May)
- Chastity Busque (August)
- Sultan Haque (August) [Gerontology MS]

Graduated in 2005: [3]

- Andre Yefremian (May)
- Maria Carrillo (August)
- Tracy Evans (August)

Graduated in 2004: [4]

- Justine Burgess (August)
- Melissa Karpinski (August)
- Nic Garza (August)
- Daniel Mena (August)

**SAMPLE TITLES FROM MA STUDENT THESES SUPERVISED:**

- Medical Pluralism and the Changing Dynamics Between Patients, Healers, and Healthcare Systems in Ladakh, North India
- How Beijing Opera Eclipsed Kun Opera in Chinese Sociocultural and Sociopolitical Contexts

- Suicide in the Land of Milk and Chocolate: The Legalization of Assisted Suicide and Death Tourism in Switzerland
- Culture Change in the Vietnamese Traditional Marriage Ritual in Ba Ria Vung Tau Province
- Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off to Work We Go: Acculturation of Employees in a Contemporary Corporation
- Caregiving and Immune Function: Psychosocial Factors, Stress, and the Health Outcomes of Cancer Patient Caregivers
- Subperiosteal New Bone Formation: Methods of Aging
- Porotic Hyperostosis and Cribra Orbitalia: Results of Iron Deficiency Anemia Cause by Subsistence or Sedentism?
- The Evolution of Japanese Cuisine in America: A Study of Transnationalism and the Anthropology of Food
- The Religious and Gendered Other: An Ethnographic Study of the Portrayal of Muslim Women in Southern California after 9/11
- A Cognitive Analysis of Beverage Categorization
- A Cross Cultural Study of Aging and Alzheimer's Disease in Hong Kong, China & the U.S.
- A Study of One NGO's Humanitarian Aid in a Maya Village
- Theoretical Perspectives of *Guanxi* in Dragon Springs Village
- Cultural Loss and Identity Formation among Immigrant Workers in the Garment District of Los Angeles
- Constructions of Mythology: Mount Shasta, Atlantis and the Ancient Lemurians
- Eruptive Culture: Natural Forces and Human Response
- Serving Culture: Tourists, Lobsters and Restaurants of Ogunquit, Maine
- Talking Heads: A Study of the Ritual and Symbolic Significance of Hair
- The Phenomenon of Russianness: Its Cultural Meaning and Value
- A Little Birdie Told Me: An Ethnography of Storytelling at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center of Orange County
- Letters for Ichiro: Japanese-American Internment During the Second World War
- Timber! The Interplay Between Migration and Economics in Northwest Washington State
- Mothering: Birth, Bodies and the (Re)Production of Culture
- How Cultural Changes in Agriculture and Urbanization Have Led to the Dissemination of Infectious Disease
- Real Revitalization, Virtual Communities: The Role of the Internet in Revitalizing Scottish Gaelic
- The New "Other" Digital Natives and Praxis of Integrated Technology in the Classroom: A Project in Anthropology and Education
- Curriculum Design: Comparative Study of Chinese Ancestors, Language and Language-Affected Thinking Patterns

#### **PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT:**

- Titanium in a Day (2012)
- NSF-supported week-long intensive course in Text Analysis. (Short Courses on Research Methods [SCRM], at Duke University Marine Lab, Beaufort, NC). July 14-18, 2008

- CSU Workshop on Getting Organized (held at CSU San Marcos) (1/11/06)
- Faculty Development Workshops for TLAC Certificate, CSUF
  - Blended and Online learning (3/11/08)
  - Power Point Producer Workshop (3/7/06)
  - Edit, Proofread and Polish Workshop (3/7/06)
  - Putting the Library in E-Reserve Workshop (2006)
  - Workshop in SPSS (9/14/05)
  - Qualitative Methods Workshop (11/16/05)
  - Teaching Diversity (4/16/04)
  - Class Discussion: Online and Face to Face (3/5/04)
  - Technology Across the Curriculum (2/20/04)
  - Dealing With Difficult Students (11/18/03)
  - Assessing Student Learning (10/17/03)
  - Instructional Design for Everyone (10/7/03)
  - Getting Started With Blackboard (1/27/03)
- Tapestry of Life Workshop (Ruby Gerontology Center) (11/7/05)
- Student Advisor Training Workshop (11/30/05)
- Census Workshop, CSUF (2/27/04)
- Employee Training and Development Workshops, College Park, CSUF:
  - Creating Effective Classroom Presentations with PowerPoint (2/13/04)
  - Working with Charts and Graphs in Excel (1/16/04)
- Excellence in Teaching Workshop, UNR. Effective communication with international students (2001)
- WebCT Training Workshop for Faculty and Instructors, UNR On-line course development instruction (2001)
- Excellence in Teaching Workshop, WNCC. Teaching techniques and effective syllabus preparation (2000)
- Oral History Workshop, Oral History Department, UNR. Techniques for interviewing, organization of data, suggestions for equipment (1999).
- Writing Across the Curriculum Workshops, University of Nevada, Reno.
  - Effective assignment writing (2000)
  - Techniques & strategies for efficient grading; techniques for consistency and fairness in subjective grading of exams and essays (1999)

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