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EDUCATION

- 2017 PhD, Anthropology, University of Chicago
Dissertation Title: *Near Birth: Gendered Politics, Embodied Ecologies, and Ethical Futures in Californian Childbearing*
Committee: Judith Farquhar, Joseph Masco, Julie Chu
- 2011 MA, Anthropology, University of Chicago
Master's Project: "The Mango Tree and the Crabs: Ghanaian Negotiations of Money and Community"
- 2010 MA, African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon
Master's Project: "Wealth, Worldview, and Modernity: Economic Values in a Case Study of Students at the University of Ghana"
- 2008 BA, Interdisciplinary Studies, University of California, Berkeley
Emphasis: Anthropology, Sociology, and Religious Studies; Minor: English
Summa cum laude, senior honors thesis
Study Abroad – Siena, Italy, 2007

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019 Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh
Centre for Biomedicine, Self, and Society in the Edinburgh Medical School
- 2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Chicago
Social Sciences Division and Department of Anthropology
- 2016 William Rainey Harper Fellow in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2021 "Hormonal Health: Period Tracking Apps, Wellness, and Self-Management within Surveillance Capitalism" first author with G. Di Togni and L. Miller in *Engaging Science, Technology, and Society* 7(1). <https://doi.org/10.17351/ests2021.655>
- 2021 "Attuned Consent: Birth Doulas, Care, and the Politics of Consent" for *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* 42(2): 111-132. <https://doi.org/10.1353/fro.2021.0018>

- 2020 “Birthing from Within: Nature, Technology, and Self-Making in Silicon Valley” *Cultural Anthropology*. November. <https://doi.org/10.14506/ca35.4.05>
- 2020 “Purity is not the Point: Childbearing and the Impossibility of Boundaries.” *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 6(1), Chemical Entanglements special issue, May. <https://catalystjournal.org/index.php/catalyst/article/view/32314/26058>
- 2019 “Advocating for evidence in birth: Proving cause, effecting outcomes, and the case for ‘curers’” *Medicine Anthropology Theory*. September. doi.org/10.17157/mat.6.2.674
- 2019 “Sport Horse Leisure and the Phenomenology of Interspecies Embodiment.” *Leisure Studies*, special issue on Multispecies Leisure. February. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02614367.2019.1584231>

In Press

Hormonal Theory: A Cascading Glossary. Edited volume with C. Roberts, S. Erikainen, R. Malcolm, and L. Raeder with Bloomsbury Press.

“The Immune System, Immunity and Immune Logics: Troubling fixed boundaries and (re)conceptualising relations” Special Issue with J. Swallow for *Medicine Anthropology Theory*.

Under Review

Near Birth: Embodied Futures in California, Book manuscript for University of California Press

“Tracing Biosocial Tendencies and Tensions through the Telling of Hormonal Stories: Case Studies of the Narrative (Re-)Making of Hormonal ‘Realities’” with R. Malcolm, S. Erikainen, and L. Raeder for *BioSocieties*.

Short Pieces

- 2021 “[Consent, payment, and care: how doulas challenge social structures.](#)” CBSS Blog, 6 Aug
- 2021 “[Endometriosis Awareness Month: Andrea Ford asks 'what would you change about public awareness?'](#)” CBSS Blog, March 30.
- 2021 Gupta, Kristin. 2021. "[Knowing and Making the Self: An Interview with Andrea Ford.](#)" Supplementals, *Fieldsights*, February 9.
- 2020 “Telling Hormonal Stories” with Roslyn Malcolm, Sonja Erikainen, Lisa Raeder. [So Hormonal](#), public-facing anthology edited by Emily Horgan and Zachary Dickson, Edinburgh: Monstrous Regiment Press.
- 2019 “[Period Tracking Apps: Something Old, Something New.](#)” *Platypus*, Committee on the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing (CASTAC) blog, November 12.
- 2019 “[Introduction: Embodied Ecologies.](#)” Collection editor. Theorizing the Contemporary, *Cultural Anthropology* website, April 25.

- 2019 “[Triple Toxicity](#).” Theorizing the Contemporary, *Cultural Anthropology* website, April 25.
- 2018 “[Funny, Awkward, Tender, Focused: Drawing Bodies](#)” *Somatosphere* “Image+Text” series. June 8.
- 2018 “[Antimicrobials, the Microbiome, and Reproducing “Toxic Sterility”](#)” *Chemical Entanglements*, UCLA Center for the Study of Women. May 22.
- 2018 “[Anti-institutional Menses: Our Blood, Our Business](#)” *Somatosphere*. May 15.

Book Reviews

- 2019 *Being a Sperm Donor: Masculinity, Sexuality, and Biosociality in Denmark* by Sebastian Mohr, Berghahn 2018. Book review for *American Ethnologist*. May. <https://anthrosource.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/amet.12774>
- 2019 *Jailcare: Finding the Safety Net for Women Behind Bars* by Carolyn Sufrin, Univ. California Press 2017. Book review for *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. January. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1467-9655.12983>
- 2018 *Plastic Bodies: Menstrual Suppression in Brazil* by Emila Sanabria, Duke 2017. Book review for *Medicine Anthropology Theory*. November 9. <http://www.medanthrotheory.org/read/11127/plastic-bodies>

PEDAGOGY

- 2018 Inclusive Pedagogy Grant, Chicago Center for Teaching, innovative curriculum development
- 2018 Feminist Forum Professor Award, undergraduate nominated prize for teaching style
- 2017 Starr Prize Lectureship in Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2017 Global Studies Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago
- 2017 Graduate Student Mentor, University of Chicago
Initiated series on Harassment and Vulnerability in Fieldwork
- 2017 **Certificate in University Teaching** Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago
 - Anthropology Pedagogy seminar
 - Inclusivity in the Classroom seminar
 - “Eat Teach Talk Run” winner for best pedagogy tool

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (*self-designed)

University of Edinburgh

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| Research and Evidence Based Medicine | Teaching Asst., Medical School. Fall 2020. |
| Ethnography and Visual Methods | Foundations of Knowledge lecture,
Edinburgh Medical School, 2021. |

University of Chicago

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| *California: Utopia/Dystopia | Lecturer, Anthropology. Spring 2019. |
| *Reproductive Worlds: The Global Politics | Lecturer, Anthropology. Spring 2018, 2019. |

of Reproduction

Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations	Lecturer, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. Fall 2018, Winter 2019. TA 2016.
Power, Identity, and Resistance	Lecturer, Division of the Social Sciences. Winter 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2015, TA Winter 2013, TA Spring 2013.
*The Lived Body: Anthropology, Materiality, and Meaningful Practice	Lecturer, Anthropology. Spring 2017, Winter 2018.
Contemporary Global Issues	Teaching Asst., Global Studies. Fall 2015, Fall 2012.
University of Chicago Arts + Sciences	
*Science, Technology, and the Body	Instructor, Summer 2019.
*Gender, the Body, and American Culture	Instructor, Summer 2018, 2019.
The Problems and Promise of Industrialization	Co-Instructor, 2017. Intensive summer program in Bengaluru, India.
Stanford University	
*Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	Instructor, Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies, international summer program. Supervised two TAs. 2015, 2016.
UC Berkeley	
*Food, Religion and Hospitality in the International Community.	DeCal Instructor; student-designed, credit-granting course, 2007.

SUPERVISION

Undergraduate Research Assistant, co-authored publication

BA Public Health, two MA Social Sciences, advised on two Anthropology PhD committees

GRANTS

2020	Brocher Foundation Workshop, Research for Human Being and Society, Geneva
2019	Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, European Commission [€170,122]
2019	Society for Medical Anthropology Travel Award [\$1,000]
2017	Chemical Entanglements Symposium, UCLA Center for the Study of Women [\$600]
2016	William Rainey Harper Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Univ. Chicago [\$26,000]
2015	Mark Hanna Watkins Post-Field Fellowship, University of Chicago [\$5,000]
2015	Graduate Travel Grant, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago [\$1,500]
2013-2018	Lichtstern Travel Grant, yearly, University of Chicago [\$4,200]
2012	Leiffer Pre-Field Grant, University of Chicago [\$2,500]
2010-2015	University Fellowship, University of Chicago [\$110,000; \$350,000 including tuition]
2009	Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, Rotary Intl; University of Ghana Legon [\$25,000]

2004-2008	California Scholarship Federation [\$2,000]
2004-2008	Robert C. Byrd Fellow; UC Berkeley [\$2,500]
2004	Cal Alumni Scholar [\$1,500]

PRESENTATIONS

Workshop Organizer / Convener

- 2021 “Imagining Future Relations: Immunity, Ecology, and Disease” February 25-26. Edinburgh (virtual) with J. Swallow.
- 2021 “Hormones and the Shifting Frontiers of Disease.” Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund, University of Edinburgh. January 28.
- 2020 “What is a hormone?” June 10-11. Edinburgh (virtual) with R. Malcolm, S. Erikainen, L. Raeder. <https://www.ed.ac.uk/usher/biomedicine-self-society/centre-news/anthropology-of-hormones>

Panel Organizer / Chair

- 2020 *Where is Care? (Un)Settling Place, Materialities and Imaginaries in the Making of Healthcare.* EASST/4S, Prague (virtual). August.
- 2019 *A New Planetary Normal: Health in the Context of Changing Environments.* Roundtable: American Anthropological Association, Vancouver. November.
- 2018 *Embodied Ecologies.* Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth, Oxford. September.
- 2018 *Embodied Ecologies.* American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November.
- 2017 *Technological Futures.* American Anthropological Assn., Washington, DC. November.
- 2014 *Careful Consideration: Examining Notions of Care Within and Toward Ethnography.* American Anthropological Assn., Washington, DC. November.

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

- 2021 “Paid family members?” Doulas, Contradictions, and Politics Near Birth. Ethnographic and Social Theory Workshop, Yale University. May.
- 2020 Plenary Panelist. The Future of Feminist Research after COVID-19. Tampere Univ. Gender Studies Conference, Finland (virtual). November.
- 2020 Is it me or my hormones? Guest lecture on birth, Anthropology of Hormones, Durham University. November.
- 2019 *I Like Dirt:* Film Screening and Conversation with the Filmmakers. Moderator and discussant. Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, University of Chicago. April.
- 2019 Near Birth: Medicine, Knowledge, Bodies, and the Future. Cleveland State University, School of Health Sciences. March.
- 2019 "Consent workers": Doulas and the emotional politics of consent in hospital birth. Intimate Provocations: Theorizing Consent in the Age of #MeToo. University of Chicago. March.
- 2016 Near Birth. Guest lecture in Motherhood in American Culture, University of California, Santa Cruz. October.
- 2016 Beyond Autonomy: Intergenerational Effects and Microscopic Transgressions in Bay Area Childbearing. US Locations Multi-Sited/Cited/Sighted Conference, University of Chicago. June.

Conference Presentations

- 2021 (Un)natural hormones, the menstrual cycle, and chemical ambiguity. American Anthropological Assn, Baltimore/virtual. November.
- 2021 No diagnosis, no cure: becoming and unbecoming an endometriosis patient. Chronic Living: quality, vitality and health in 21st century, Copenhagen (virtual). March
- 2020 Period tracking, self-management, and the future of reproductive healthcare. Tampere Univ. Gender Studies Conference, Finland (virtual). November.
- 2020 Place Made Manifest: Affect and hormones in choosing a birth place. EASST/4S, Prague (virtual). August.
- 2020 Artificial problem, natural solution? Endometriosis at the junction of EDCs, pharmaceuticals, and hormonal self-care. Mimicry in Metabolism(s): Industrial Chemicals, Synthetic Hormones, Unruly Bodies. Oslo. February.
- 2019 Toxicity/purity: future iterations of the nature/culture binary? American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada. November.
- 2019 “Paid family members:” doulas, reproductive stratification, and American politics. 20th Anniversary Symposium of ‘Testing Women, Testing the Fetus. University of Edinburgh. November.
- 2019 More than just a calendar: period tracking apps and the datafication of fertility, self-care, and hormonal health. (In)tangible Technology and Data. University of Helsinki. October.
- 2019 Advocating for Evidence: Proving Cause versus Effecting Outcomes in Birth Protocols. National Conference for Physician-Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. April.
- 2018 Stress Ecologies: Reproduction and Toxicity in California. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA. November.
- 2018 “Common Sense Parenting”: Different Assumptions, Different Standards. British Sociological Association: Generations, Socialisation, and Adult Identity. Canterbury Christ Church University, UK. September.
- 2018 Toxic Stress and the Reproductive Body. Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth, Oxford. September.
- 2018 Funny, Awkward, Tender, Focused: Mediated Birthing Bodies. Health Humanities Strand Launch. University of Bristol, UK. September.
- 2018 The Master's Tools: Challenging Protocols by Advocating for Evidence. Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), Sydney. August (unable to attend).
- 2017 “The Future of Homo Sapiens”: Panicky Nostalgia in Californian Childbearing. American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC. November.
- 2017 (Anti)Institutional Menses: Our Blood, Our Business. Engendering Change Graduate Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. April.
- 2016 Ethical Futures and the Imagination of Life in Californian Childbearing. American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA. April.
- 2015 Primal Pregnancies, Techno-mamas, and Cyborg Tensions in American Childbearing. American Anthropological Assn., Denver, CO. November.
- 2014 Intuiting Care: Embodied Knowledge and Responsibility in American Childbearing. American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC. November.
- 2013 Money, Love, and Liberation: Community Breast Milk Exchanges in the United States. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. November.
- 2013 Cows for Sale and Milk for Free: Gifts, Profits, Body, and Species in Emerging Breast Milk Technologies. American Ethnological Society, Chicago, IL. April. (also presented at Society for Psychological Anthropology/Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group, San Diego, CA. April.)

- 2013 Biotechnology and Breast Milk, poster session. Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO. March.
- 2013 Money, Love, and Liberation: Community Breast Milk Exchanges in the United States. Second City Anthropology Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. March.
- 2011 The Mango Tree and the Crabs: Ghanaian Negotiations of Money and Community. Michigan State Univ. Africanist Conference, East Lansing, MI. October.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Podcasts:

- 2022 NPR: Short Wave, “Period Tracking and Data Privacy”
- 2021 Hormones: The Inside Story (Society for Endocrinology) “[Menopause vs ‘Manopause’](#)”

Articles:

- 2021 “[How women's experience of birth during COVID-19 can help improve childbirth in the future](#)” with J. Greenlees and S. Read. *The Conversation*. June 30.
Also in *The Independent* and *The Scotsman*
- 2021 “[From the great plague to the 1918 flu, history shows that disease outbreaks make inequality worse](#)” with J. Greenlees and S. Read. *The Conversation*. June 10.
- 2020 “[Imagining Life with ‘Immunity Passports’: Managing Risk during a Pandemic](#)” with G. De Togni, N. Boydell, S. Chan, S. Erikainen, **Andrea Ford**, A. Ganguli-Mitra, D. Lawrence, C. Montgomery, M. Pickersgill, R. Richards, N. Sethi, J. Swallow. *Discover Society*. June 1.

Events:

- 2021 Being Human Festival, UK: “Who Wants to be a Data Sharer?” quiz event on period tracking apps and data privacy. November.
- 2021 Science Insights Online, program for High School students, July.
- 2021 Cool Anthropology, Open Forum on Public Anthropology. March.
- 2020 Fieldwork art featured in Illustrating Anthropology exhibit, Royal Institute for Anthropology
- 2020 Being Human Festival, UK, “Bodies of the Future” collage workshop, November.
- 2020 “My Hormones Made Me Do It”
Cabaret of Dangerous Ideas, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, August (postponed)
- 2020 “Recombinant Bodies,” Making and Doing event, 4S/EASST conference, August
- 2019 Teach-In on Abortion Rights, organizer and moderator, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago, June.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Data Science Skills Training , University of Edinburgh	2021
Ingenious Women Leadership Program , University of Edinburgh	2020
Wellcome Trust course in Interpreting Medical Statistics , Edinburgh	March 2020

The FrameWorks Institute, Washington, DC 2013 - present
Research Fellow

- Conducted intensive interviews with policy makers and members of the public
- Produced collaborative written reports advising policy makers how to communicate more effectively about issues of public concern

- Birth and Full-Spectrum Doula**, Northern CA and Chicago 2012 - present
- Assisted women with pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy loss, conception/fertility
 - Trained and certified by DONA; Volunteered with organizations in Chicago and Santa Cruz
 - Attended professional conferences and continuing education

Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA 2014 - 2016

Writer

- Wrote over [100 blog articles](#); pitched stories; conducted interviews
- Translated cutting-edge research into prose accessible to broad audiences
- Worked on tight deadlines as part of the media team; kept abreast of current research

SERVICE to PROFESSION

Peer Review

Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale (EASA)
 American Anthropologist
 Medical Anthropology Quarterly
 Feminist Anthropology
 Springer / Palgrave Press
 Medicine Anthropology Theory
 Anthropology and Humanism

Association Memberships

American Anthropological Association
 Society for Cultural Anthropology
 Society for Medical Anthropology (Council on Anthropology and Reproduction)
 Society for Applied Anthropology

SERVICE to INSTITUTION

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| 2020 | Mental Health initiative, CBSS, U. Edinburgh, initiated + organized monthly sessions |
| 2018 | GlobeMed Guest Speaker, University of Chicago |
| 2017 | Ethnographic Film Night Coordinator, University of Chicago |
| 2012 | US Locations Workshop Coordinator, Council for Advanced Studies, Univ. Chicago |
| 2011-2018 | Presenter and discussant at interdisciplinary workshops, Council for Advanced Studies, University of Chicago. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — US Locations — Ecologies — Medicine and its Objects — Self and Subjectivity — Gender and Sexuality Studies — Knowledge/Value — Latin American Studies — African Studies |
| 2015 | Student Committee on Hiring, Anthropology Department, University of Chicago |
| 2012 | Resident Masters Special Assistant, Residential Housing, University of Chicago |
| 2011 | Assistant organizer, Knowledge/Value Conference, University of Chicago. May. |
| 2011-2018 | Host for Prospective PhD Students, University of Chicago |

LANGUAGES

French (advanced), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (intermediate), Arabic (basic), Twi (basic).
Translator — French to English; professional academic work, 2008 - 2011
S. Fournier, University of Quebec; J. Karegide, Macalester College

REFERENCES

- Martyn Pickersgill, University of Edinburgh, Personal Chair of the Sociology of Science and Medicine, +44 (0)131 650 3202, martyn.pickersgill@ed.ac.uk
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