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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut. Storrs, CT.
Dissertation Title: *The Culture of Abused Women: Family Violence Sequelae As Predictors of STDs/HIV*
- 2001 M.A., Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut. Storrs, CT.
- 1994 B.A. in Philosophy, North Carolina State University, *Summa Cum Laude*.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Teaching Professor of Anthropology, UNC – Charlotte, August 2008 to present
Affiliate faculty in Urban Studies, Women and Gender Studies, and University College

Fall 2014 – current Undergraduate Coordinator for the Department of Anthropology
UNCC

Instructor of Anthropology UNC – Charlotte, August 2007-July 2008

Instructor of Anthropology; University of Connecticut, May 2005-July 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Anthropology, United States, Intimate Partner Violence, Women's Health, Incarceration of Women

COURSES TAUGHT

At the Undergraduate Level:

Introduction to Anthropology: Four Fields

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Department of Anthropology Senior Seminar

Urban Anthropology

Culture, Health, and Disease (Both as in-class and entirely online)

The Anthropology of Violence

American Ethnic Cultures (cross listed with American Studies)

Western Culture and Historical Awareness

Gender in Western Culture (Liberal Studies Course through University College)

Cultural Anthropology (Honors and Writing Intensive Sections)

Anthropological Perspectives on Women

Introduction to Academic Writing (ENGL 105)

Teaching Internships for Undergraduate Anthropology Majors

Directed Independent Studies

At the Graduate Level:

Seminar in Medical Anthropology

Seminar in American Ethnic Cultures

Fully Online:

Culture, Health, and Disease

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Fall 2014 to present: Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Coordinator

2012 – Spring 2014: Departmental Diversity Liaison for CLAS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

Spring 2015 – current Research Affiliate for the Women and Girls Research Alliance;
Academic Affairs UNCC

2008 – Current – Domestic Violence Victim Advocate for Women Inmates at the
Mecklenburg County Sherriff’s Office through United Family Services of
Charlotte, NC. Assist in teaching a domestic violence support group at the
Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office Jail.

2010 – 2014– PhD committee of Mahri Irvine. Department of Anthropology at
American University.

2008- 2014 Governor’s Crime Commission of North Carolina; Chair of the Crime
Victim’s Services Subcommittee.

2008-2010 PhD Committee of Susan Little. Department of Education at UNCC.

Summer 2007 – February 2008 Volunteer for StandUp for Kids; provider of services for
homeless youth living on the streets of Charlotte, NC.

Consulting Anthropologist. “What is Medical Anthropology and How Can it Aid in Our
Understanding of Native American Health?” Eastern Connecticut State University
Course and Fieldwork School: Native American Cultures of the Southwest.

Reviewer for Medical Anthropology Quarterly; March 2006, February 2003, September
2013.

Editor of AIDS and Anthropology Bulletin: The Newsletter of the AIDS and
Anthropology Research Group of the Society for Medical Anthropology. Summer
2005 to Summer 2006.

Certified Sexual Assault Advocate for the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern
Connecticut. Fall 2002 to 2005.

Consulting Anthropologist. Workshop for Fulbright Recipients: Interview Techniques
and Taking Field Notes. University of Connecticut’s Center for Latin American
and Caribbean Studies. July 2004.

Consulting Anthropologist. Ethnographic Needs Assessment for Culturally Competent
Health Care Use and Delivery in the State of Connecticut; W. Penn Handwerker,
PI. Summer 2003.

Certified Domestic Violence Advocate for the Hartford Interval House (shelter and services for women victims of domestic violence and their children). Summer 1999 to Summer 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 Fuentes, Catherine M. Mitchell. Nobody's Child: The Role of Trauma and Interpersonal Violence in Women's Pathways to Incarceration and Resultant Service Needs." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. 28(1): 85-104.
- 2011 Fuentes, Catherine M. Mitchell. "Applying Anthropology to Improve the Lives of Incarcerated Women in the United States." *CourseReader*. Detroit: Gale, 2011. Cengage Online.
- 2011 Breaking the Pathways Between Family Violence and Sexually Transmitted Infections: A Test of Two Theories. *Human Organization*. 70(2):128-138.
- 2009 Confucianism. In H. James Birx, Editor, *Encyclopedia of Time*. SAGE Publications.
- 2009 Aboriginal Dream Time. In H. James Birx, Editor, *Encyclopedia of Time*. SAGE Publications.
- 2008 Pathways from Interpersonal Violence to Sexually Transmitted Infections: A Mixed-Method Study of Anglo, Latina, and African American Women. *Journal of Women's Health*. 17(10):1591-1600.
- 2005 Bride Price. In H. James Birx, Editor, *Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. SAGE Publications.
- Polyandry. In H. James Birx, Editor, *Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. SAGE Publications
- The Mbuti Pygmies. In H. James Birx, Editor, *Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. SAGE Publications
- Contesting Health: Abused Women's Strategies for Reducing STI/HIV Risks. *AIDS and Anthropology Bulletin: The Newsletter of the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group*, 17(2): 5-7.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2015 Public Anthropology's 2015 Ruth Benedict Global Citizenship Award

2013 Nominated for status of Fellow member for the Society for Applied Anthropology

2011 recipient of the UNCC College of Arts & Sciences Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Full-Time Lecturer.

2010 The Eleanor Roosevelt Global Citizenship Award by the Center for Public Anthropology.

2nd Place Poster Award; the Society for Applied Anthropology (\$200); April 2005

Travel Award for presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology;
The Research Foundation of the University of Connecticut (\$800); April 2005

Sexual Assault Advocate of the Year. The Women's Center of Northeastern Connecticut; 2003.

Travel Award for presentation at the American Anthropological Association; The Research Foundation of the University of Connecticut (\$500); 2003.

Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter of North Carolina State University since 1993.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2004 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant (\$11,950)

Graduate Fellowship for Doctoral Research; The Department of Anthropology (\$6,000)

Doctoral Dissertation Grant. The Research Foundation of the University of Connecticut Doctoral Dissertation Grant (\$500)

University Predoctoral Fellowship; The Graduate School of the University of Connecticut (\$1,900)

2003 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship; Research Foundation of the University of Connecticut (\$2,000)

Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant; Research Foundation of the University of Connecticut (\$500)

1998 Research Grant for Study Abroad (Cuernavaca, Mexico); Department of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut (\$900)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Ethnographic Research in the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Jail. September 2008 to present. This research focuses on women inmate's service needs, domestic violence outcomes, and parenting.

Research Specialist. Northeast Sexual Assault Center of Connecticut. 2006.
Qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis on factors influencing volunteer's decisions to continue or end their services as volunteer sexual assault and domestic violence advocates.

Ethnographic Fieldwork in New England and Puerto Rico. 2001-2004.
I collected in-depth life-history interviews and quantitative data on women's experiences of domestic violence and subsequent health outcomes that increase risk for contraction of STIs/HIV. Conducted for PhD.

Ethnographic Fieldwork in New England and Puerto Rico 1998-2001.
I used mixed-methods to understand ethnic differences in defining domestic abuse and in variations regarding responses to abuse. Conducted for MA: "An Examination Into the Ways in Which Hispanic and White, Non-Hispanic Women Construct and Perceive Domestic Violence."

PAPERS AND POSTERS PRESENTED

2014 November. Chair and organizer of Roundtable entitled "The Role of Anthropologists as Teachers." American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C.

2014 March. "Mothers, Lovers, and Addicts: The Role of Interpersonal Violence in Incarcerated Women's Paths To Recovery." Paper Accepted for the Society for Applied Anthropology. Albuquerque, NM.

2013 November. Co-chair for roundtable "Feminist in the Field: Feminist Reflections on Methodologies, Goals, and Risks During Fieldwork." American Anthropological Association. Chicago, IL.

2013 March. Co-chair for three-part session: "Gender-Based Violence, Advocacy, and Equitable Access." Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, Colorado.

- 2012 March. Victim or Criminal?: Incarcerated Women's Life-Histories of Domestic Violence and Subsequent Service Needs. Society for Applied Anthropology. Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2011 March. Co-chair organizer for the roundtable "Anthropology in a Box: Extending the Reach of Anthropology in Institutional Settings." Society for Applied Anthropology. Seattle, WA.
- 2010 "Breaking Free: Experiences and Service Needs of Adolescent and Adult Female Inmates." The American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2008 "Globalization in Latin America: Is Globalization Good for Women?" Providence Day School, Global Speaker Series. Charlotte, NC.
- 2008 "Beyond Battered Women's Shelters: Future Directions for Interpersonal Violence Interventions in the United States." Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting, Memphis, TN.
- 2007 "Beyond Black Eyes: Understanding the Long-Term Consequences of Intimate Violence on Women's Reproductive Health." Panel Title: "Violence in the 21st Century: Prevention and Healing." The Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- 2007 "Abuse, Addiction, and Sex Work: Issues of Urban Anthropology in Connecticut." Guest Speaker at the University of Connecticut, Hartford.
- 2006 "Health Consequences of Violence Against Women: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology Research." Guest Lecturer at the University of North Carolina, Asheville's Department of Sociology.
- 2005 "Domestic Violence and Culturally Competent Advocacy." Training Workshop for the Eastern Connecticut Sexual Assault Service Center. Willimantic, Connecticut.
- 2004 "Broadening the Scope of Interpersonal Violence Services: The Utility of STD/HIV Screening and Education for Abused Women." Poster presented at the American Anthropological Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- "Throw Away the Domestic Violence Training Manuals and Start Over!" Poster presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology and Society for Applied Anthropology Joint Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- 2003 "Intimate Violence and STDs: A Test of Two Theories." Poster presented at the American Anthropological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Health Consequences of Violence Against Women: Multicultural Perspectives.” Presented in the panel “Violence Against Women.” Department of Women’s Studies; University of Connecticut.

“Introduction to Domestic Violence, Teen Dating Violence, and Sexual Assault: Issues for Advocates.” Guest Instructor for the Advocate Training for Northeastern Connecticut Women’s Sexual Assault Crisis Center.

“Beyond Ethnicity: Cultural Perceptions of Domestic Violence.” Paper presented at the University of Connecticut Humanities Institute Conference: “Aggressions, Repressions, Transgressions: A Conference on Representations of Violence.”

“Beyond Ethnicity: Providing Culturally Competent Services to Latina and Anglo Survivors of Domestic Violence.” Poster presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting, Portland, OR.

2002 “Directing Class Discussion and Organizing Lectures.” Workshop for Teaching Assistants. The University of Connecticut.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association, Society for Applied Anthropology -- Fellow, Society for Medical Anthropology, AIDS and Anthropology Research Group, Phi Kappa Phi