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Curriculum Vitae

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**EXPERTISE**

International Development and Humanitarianism; Global Public Health; Southern and Lusophone Africa; Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs); Anthropology of Policy, Bureaucracy, Work and the Workplace; Transportation Infrastructure and Urban Planning in the Global South; Political and Medical Anthropology

**EDUCATION**

- PhD        Brown University, Department of Anthropology (2011)  
            Certificate in Development Studies, Watson Institute for International Affairs (2011)
- MPH        Emory University, Department of International Health (2004)
- BA         Grinnell College, Anthropology and Biology (2000)

**POSITIONS**

- 2020-      Assistant Professor of Anthropology, SUNY Oswego
- 2019      Affiliate Researcher, Southern African Institute for Policy and Research, Lusaka, Zambia
- 2011-19   Assistant Professor of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2010-11   Head Teaching Consultant for the Social Sciences and Humanities, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University
- 2006-10   Teaching Consultant, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University
- 2008-9    Investigadora Residente, Centro de Estudos e Investigações Científicas (CEIC), Universidade Católica de Angola

**SELECTED HONORS**

- 2019      Fulbright Core U.S. Scholars Grant, African Regional Research Program (Zambia)
- 2017      Maxwell Citizenship Recognition, Syracuse University
- 2013      Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, International Relations, Syracuse University
- 2012      Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, International Relations, Syracuse University
- 2005-10   Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education
- 2008-9    Fulbright Student Fellowship, International Institute of Education (Angola)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

- 2020 *Implementing Inequality: The Invisible Labor of International Development*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

### Edited Volumes

- 2019 A Symposium on Development Implementation: Discipline, Deception, and the Relational Work of Development. *Critical Policy Studies* 13(4). Co-edited with Jessica Mulligan. Contributions by Summer Wood and Rachael Goodman.
- 2016 Studying Up in Africa. *Critical African Studies* 8(3). Co-edited with Claire Wendland. Contributions by Derick Fay, Adia Benton, Ramah McKay, Crystal Biruk, Denielle Elliott, Sharon Abramowitz, Kenneth Maes. <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rcaf20/8/3>.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

- 2019 Front-line Work and Interpretive Labor in an Angolan Development Program. Forthcoming in *Critical Policy Studies* 13(4).
- 2019 Refusing the Development NGO? Departure, Dismissal, and Misrecognition in Angolan Development Interventions. *Anthropological Quarterly* 92(1): 203-229. <https://doi.org/10.1353/anq.2019.0007>.
- 2016 Local in Practice: Professional Distinctions in Angolan Development Work. *American Anthropologist* 118(3):495-507. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.12597>.
- 2016 Participation Denied: The Professional Boundaries of Monitoring and Evaluation in International Development. *Human Organization* 75(4):315-325. <https://doi.org/10.17730/1938-3525-75.4.315>.
- 2016 Up the Africanist: The Possibilities and Problems of “Studying Up” in Africa. *Critical African Studies* 8(3): 239-254. Editors’ Introductory review essay, co-authored with Claire Wendland. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21681392.2016.1244945>.
- 2014 *Parteiras* and the State in Post-War Angola. In Kathryn Rhine, John Janzen, Glenn Adams and Heather Aldersey, eds. *Medical Anthropology in Global Africa*. Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas/Sage Press, Pages 55-61.
- 2013 Development Mobilities: Identity and Authority in an Angolan Development Programme. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 39(2):277-293. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2013.723258>.

Reprinted in Nina Glick Schiller and Noel Salazar, eds. 2014. *Regimes of Mobility: Imaginaries and Relationalities of Power*. New York, New York: Routledge

### Reviews, Reports, and Comments

- 2016 Speaking Ethnography to Policy. *Anthropology News* 57(7-8):38-9. Co-authored with Jessica Mulligan. <https://doi.org/10.1111/AN.64>.
- 2015 Anthropology’s Contributions to Training in the Policy Professions: An Association for the Anthropology of Policy (ASAP) Roundtable. With Keith Brown, Maia Green, Susan Hyatt, Robert Rubinstein and Ronald Stade. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 38(2):356-364. <https://doi.org/10.1111/plar.12115>.
- 2012 Review of: A Heart for the Work: Journeys through an African Medical School by Claire Wendland. *African Studies Review* 55(1): 225-226. <https://doi.org/10.1353/arw.2012.0001>.

- 2007 Review of: The Dynamic Consultation: A Discourse Analytical Study of Doctor-Patient Communication by Marissa Cordella. *Language* 83(4): 914.  
<https://doi.org/10.1353/lan.2008.0026>.
- 2005 Review of: The Real World of NGOs: Discourses, Diversity and Development by Dorothea Hilhorst. *Journal of Development Studies* 41(6): 1154-6.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00220380500155502>.

### **Work in Preparation**

Development's "Hidden Figures": Material Synecdoche in International Interventions. Article under review.

International Relations on a Human Scale: Policy Making and Practice in Anthropological Perspective. Review article in preparation.

The Shadow Work of Intervention in International Development. Article in preparation.

Infrastructural Decay and the Politics of Possibility in Barotseland. Article in preparation.

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

#### **National Awards**

- 2019 Fulbright Core U.S. Scholars Grant to Zambia, African Regional Research Program, U.S. Department of State and International Institute of Education (IIE)
- 2005-10 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education
- 2008-9 Fulbright Student Fellowship to Angola, U.S. Department of State and International Institute of Education (IIE)

#### **Intramural, Syracuse University**

- 2017 Appleby-Mosher Fund for Research
- 2017 Summer Project Assistantship Award
- 2015 Appleby-Mosher Fund for Research
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- 2012 Appleby-Mosher Fund for Research
- 2012-13 Birkhead-Burkhead Research Apprenticeship Award
- 2012 Summer Project Assistantship Award
- 2011-12 Birkhead-Burkhead Research Apprenticeship Award

#### **Intramural, Brown University**

- 2010-11 U.S. National Institutes of Health, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (Institutional Research Training Grant)
- 2010 Graduate Fellowship, Pembroke Center
- 2008 Joukowsky Summer Travel and Research Fellowship
- 2008 Mellon Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Population Studies and Training Center
- 2007 Mellon Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Population Studies and Training Center
- 2007 Research Travel Grant, Graduate School

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- 2006 Research Travel Grant, Graduate School
- 2005 Graduate Program in Development Summer Research Grant, Watson Institute for International Studies
- 2005 Summer Research Grant, Department of Anthropology
- 2005 Graduate Program in Development Fellowship, Watson Institute for International Studies (declined)
- 2004-5 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Anthropology

**Intramural, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth**

- 2004 Luso-American Foundation Scholarship, Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture

**Intramural, Emory University**

- 2002-4 Merit Scholarship, Rollins School of Public Health
- 2003 Gangarosa Scholarship and Transcultural Experience Award

**INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS**

- 2019 Development Without Borders: The Internal Inequalities of Interventions. School of Public Service, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho. February 20
- 2019 How Development Institutions “Think.” Clinton School of Public Service, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas. February 13
- 2019 Health and Development Without Borders: Remediating the Internal Inequalities of International Intervention. Department of Anthropology, SUNY Oswego, Oswego, New York. February 11
- 2018 Making Development Work: Labor and Wages in the Global Development Sector. Invited participation in roundtable at the International Studies Association annual conference, San Francisco, California. April 5 [withdrawn]
- 2018 The Logframe as Utopia: Bureaucracy, Hierarchy, and Interpretive Labor in International Development. Keynote address to Sigma Iota Rho Induction Ceremony, Sigma Iota Rho Honors Society for International Studies, University of Redlands, California. March 14
- 2018 Career Pathways after the Graduate Program in Development (GPD): A panel discussion with alumni. Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University. Providence, Rhode Island. March 7
- 2016 Whose Program? Institutional Partnerships and the Sociality of International Development Work. Conversations in Conflict Studies series, Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC), Syracuse, New York. March 28
- 2016 How the Professional Hierarchies of International Development Impede Its Work. Department of Anthropology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. January 20
- 2015 Marking Development: NGO Sites, Symbols, and the Bureaucracy of Materiality in Rural Angola. NGOs and Non-Profits Interest Group Invited Panel: *Abandoned Hope? Ethnographic Accounts of NGO Construction Sites and Ruins*. American Anthropological Association, Denver, Colorado. November 18-22

- 2014 Lusophone African Studies Association Invited Roundtable on *Violence and its Legacies in Lusophone Africa: Exceptional States?* African Studies Association, Indianapolis Indiana. November 20-23
- 2012 Civil War and Development in Angola: “Local” Actors / International Interests. University of New Hampshire, Dover, New Hampshire. March 8
- 2011 Public Health in Vital Conjunctions. Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, New York. September 28
- 2009 Peopling Development: Who Is “Local” in International Development Programs? Seventh Annual Colloquium on Current and Emerging Population issues. University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, Colorado

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Infrastructure Imagined: Planning and Mapping Transportation Infrastructure at Zambia’s National Borders. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA. November 15
- 2018 The Bridges of Western Province: Absence, Inattention, and Infrastructural Violence in Barotseland. American Ethnological Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. March 22-24 [withdrawn]
- 2017 Junior Elites and the Teaching of International Relations on a Human Scale. American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. November 30
- 2016 “Discretion” and the Development Implementariat in Postwar Angola. American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN. November 16-20
- 2016 A Tale of Two Consortia: “Partnership” as Development Praxis. Society for Cultural Anthropology, Ithaca, New York. May 13-14
- 2014 Reputations at Risk: Non-Governmental Decisions and Representations in Post-War Angola. American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC. December 3-7
- 2013 Studying Up and Getting Around: Professional Mobility Among Angolan Development Workers. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Illinois. November 20-24
- 2013 Global Configurations: Angolan Sites of Intervention and Interaction in World Systems Perspectives. The Future of NGO Studies pre-conference, Chicago, Illinois. November 19-20
- 2012 Professional Frontiers: Local Development Workers in Post-War Angola. African Studies Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 29-December 1 [read by Kathryn Rhine]
- 2012 Changing Course: Shaping Public Policy by Shaping Future Policy Makers. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, California. November 14-18
- 2012 Disciplining Development, Disciplining Angola: The Production of Governing Agents in an NGO Audit Culture. European Association of Social Anthropologists, Nanterre, France. July 10-13
- 2012 Mind the Gap: Bridging Anthropology and International Relations Approaches to Knowledge Production and Use [with Robert A. Rubinstein]. Anthropology meets International Relations: Potentials, Prospects, Pitfalls Conference. Frankfurt, Germany
- 2012 Professional Distinctions: The Politics of Human Resources Policies in International NGOs [with Minhae Choi, MPA student]. Society for Applied Anthropology, Baltimore, Maryland. March 27-31

- 2011 Development Essentialisms? Challenging Notions of Locality and Internationality in Angolan Development Work. American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Quebec. November 16-20
- 2011 Development Cosmopolitans: Local-Global Transgressions in the Angolan Highlands. New England Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA), Burlington, Vermont
- 2010 Development Circulations: Mobility, Knowledge, and Development Expertise in the Angolan Experience. American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 17-21
- 2010 Siting Development: Intervention and Internationality in Angola after the Cold War. Cold War Cultures: Interdisciplinary and Transnational Perspectives Conference. University of Texas, Austin. September 30-October 3
- 2010 African Medical Modernities: Contested Visions of Childbirth in Bié Province, Angola. Medical Anthropology in Global Africa Conference, Kansas African Studies Center, University of Kansas. Lawrence, Kansas
- 2010 The Meanings of Mobilities: Claims to Authoritative Knowledge of the Local and the Global in the Angolan Development Experience. European Association of Social Anthropologists. Maynooth, Ireland. August 24-27
- 2009 Monitoring Development: Contested Visions of Social Change and Good Governance in Angola. American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. December 2-6
- 2009 Observations Allowed, Observations Invited: Anthropologists in the Field. Objects of Knowledge/Objects of Exchange: Contours of (Inter)disciplinary Conference. Humanities Center at Harvard, Harvard University.
- 2006 The Daily Production of Health and Development through NGO Action in Central Angola. African Studies Association, San Francisco, California November 16-19
- 2006 Belonging and Experience in the International Health Community. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California
- 2006 Identification of Medicinal Plants Used in Obstetrics by Maasai of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania. Poster Presentation. American Public Health Association, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2005 How the Science of Child Survival is Created from an Ideology of Innocence. American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2005 Assessment of Dietary Beliefs and Intake in Nampula Province, Mozambique. American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.

#### **PANELS AND ROUNDTABLES ORGANIZED**

- 2018 Mapping Ethnography: Critical Engagements with Maps and Mapmaking for Public Decisions. Panel co-organized with Kimberley Coles. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California. November 15.
- 2016 Making It Work: Accident, Evidence, and Discovery in the Ethnography of Policy Implementation. Two Panels co-organized with Jessica Mulligan. American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 18. \*received Invited Status from the Association for the Anthropology of Policy
- 2016 Collaborators: Institutional Cooperation and Cooptation in Africa. Panel co-organized with Kristin Doughty. Society for Cultural Anthropology, Ithaca, New York. May 13-14

- 2015 Internal NGO-Graphies: Navigating “Citizenships” In and Through Transnational NGOs. Roundtable organized for the Second Biennial NGOs and Nonprofits Conference, Interest Group for NGOs and Nonprofits, American Anthropological Association. Denver, Colorado. November 17-18
- 2013 Engaging a New Public? Studying Up in Africa. Panel co-organized with Claire Wendland. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Illinois. November 20-24
- 2013 Policymaking for Future Publics: What Anthropology Should Contribute to Professional Education. Roundtable organized for the Association for the Anthropology of Policy (ASAP), American Anthropological Association. Chicago, Illinois, November 20-24
- 2013 NGOs in the World System: Product or Provocation? Panel organized for the First Biennial NGOs and Nonprofits Conference, American Anthropological Association. Chicago, Illinois, November 19-20
- 2006 The Organization of Culture and the Culture of Organizations. Panel co-organized with Harris Solomon. American Anthropological Association. San Jose, California

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

International Development; Southern and Lusophone Africa; Qualitative and Ethnographic Research Methods; Critical Social Theory; Global Public Health; Cultural, Political, and Medical Anthropology, Anthropology of Policy; Anthropology of the Professions

Africa on the Move; Urban Planning in the Global South; International Development and the NGO; Cultures of Intervention; Institutions and Inequalities; Social Mobility and Social Change

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Syracuse University**

**Master of International Relations (MA-IR) Program**

Culture and World Affairs (Fall and Spring Semesters, 2011-13 and 2014-2018)

Health and Development (Spring Semesters 2013-2015, 2017-2018)

Anthropology of the State (Independent Study, Fall 2014)

Anthropology of Bureaucracy (Independent Study, Spring 2012 and Spring 2014)

Identity and Ethnicity in International Relations (Independent Study, Fall 2012)

**Master of Public Health (MPH) Program**

Social and Behavioral Dimensions of Public Health (Fall Semesters 2012-2018)

**Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program**

MPA Capstone Workshops (Maymesters 2012-2016, 2018)

**Brown University**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Undergraduate, Spring 2010)

## **ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP**

### **Dissertation/Thesis Committee Member**

- 2014- Taapsi Ramchandani, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology
- 2014-15 Elisabeth Ijmker, Master of Arts in Development (Atlantis Program)

### **Doctoral Qualifying Exam Committee Member**

- 2018 Public Administration, Development Administration, Hannah (Akanksha) Patnaik
- 2014 Public Administration, Development Administration, Kevin Krupski
- 2013 Public Administration, Development Administration, Harish Jagannath

### **Birkhead-Burkhead Research Apprentice Program Faculty Mentor**

- 2012-13 Benjamin Albert, MA-IR student
- 2011-12 Minhae Choi, MPA student

### **Capstone Workshop Supervisor, Master of Public Administration Program**

- 2018 Refugee and Immigrant Self-Empowerment (RISE) Inc. – Monitoring and Evaluation
- 2016 Refugee and Immigrant Self-Empowerment (RISE), Inc. – RISE Strategic Plan
- 2016 Women’s Foundation of Oregon – State Policies that Work for Women
- 2015 Somali-Bantu Community Association of Onondaga Country – SBCA Management Project
- 2014 World Bank – Investigating Best Practices Around Gender Mainstreaming in Evaluation
- 2014 Near East Foundation – NEF’s Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting System
- 2014 Insitituto de Estudios Peruanos – Municipio al Día Project Evaluation
- 2013 USAID – Impact of Rule of Law Programming on Development Outcomes
- 2013 USAID – Mapping USAID Youth Programming
- 2013 Near East Foundation – Social Enterprise Approach to Agricultural Development in Morocco
- 2013 Association of Public and Land Grant Universities – Evaluation of the Economic Return on African Higher Education
- 2012 Near East Foundation – Peacebuilding through Economic Cooperation
- 2012 USAID – Improving Civil Society Assessment: A Comprehensive Analysis of CSO Analytical Tools

### **Internship Supervisor, Master of Arts in International Relations Program**

- 2018 Moon Law Office, LLC (Syracuse, New York), Nicole Hoerold
- 2017 Department of Justice (Miami, Florida), Cintia Garcia
- 2017 International Drug Policy Consortium (London, UK), Kimberly Grinberg
- 2015 UNICEF (New York, New York), Nicole Gerke
- 2014 Re-Think Health (Cambridge, Massachusetts), Jane Erickson
- 2012 Sciences Po (Paris, France), Megan Weaver
- 2012 Andes Amazon Field School (Iyarina, Ecuador), Natalie Alm



- 2012 United Nations (New York, New York), Leila Kabalan
- 2012 International Organization on Migration (Accra, Ghana), Rachel Murawski
- 2012 United Nations Development Programme (Manama, Bahrain), Ryan Suto

## **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

- 2010 Teaching Certificate IV: Teaching Consultant Program, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University
- 2010 Teaching Certificate III: Professional Development Seminar, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University
- 2010 Responding to Student Writing in the Social Sciences and Humanities, Writing Center, Brown University
- 2010 Summer Institute for Teaching and Technology, Instructional Technology Group, Brown University
- 2006 Teaching Certificate I: The Sheridan Teaching Seminar, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University

## **SERVICE**

### **National**

- 2013- Chair, Commission on Anthropology in Public Policy Training, Association for the Anthropology of Policy (ASAP), American Anthropological Association
- 2013- Reviewer for *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Human Organization*, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East (CSSAAME)*, *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*
- 2017 Discussant, Anthropological Matters and the New Urban Millennium: Theoretical and Methodological Contributions from Fieldwork in Africa panel, American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington DC, November 29
- 2016-17 Interim Treasurer, Association for the Anthropology of Policy (ASAP), American Anthropological Association
- 2016, 2017 Committee Member, Annual Graduate Student Paper Prize, Association for the Anthropology of Policy (ASAP), American Anthropological Association
- 2014 Panelist, National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Program
- 2013 Participant, Anthropological Approaches to Public Policy Teaching and Training Roundtable, Interest Group for the Anthropology of Public Policy, Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Baltimore, Maryland. March 29

### **Syracuse University**

- 2016-19 Committee Member and Secretary (2018), Maxwell Faculty Committee
- 2012- Concentration Advisor, MA-IR Regional Concentration Track, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs
- 2017 Fulbright Evaluator, Center for Fellowship and Scholarship Advising
- 2012-15 Director, Maxwell African Scholars Union, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs

- 2012-13 Committee Member, International Public Management Search Committee, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs
- 2011-12 Committee Member, Master of Public Health Curriculum Committee, SUNY Upstate Medical University and Department of Public Administration and International Affairs

**Brown University**

- 2005-11 Alternate Board Member, Brown University Institutional Review Board (IRB)

**LANGUAGES**

Portuguese (Advanced), Silozi (Beginning), Spanish (Intermediate), French (Reading)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Anthropological Association, 2004-present  
Association for the Anthropology of Policy (ASAP); Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA); Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA); American Ethnological Society (AES), Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)
- African Studies Association, 2005-present  
Lusophone African Studies Association (LASO)