

Publications and Contributions**Publications**

Forthcoming “Making Pregnancy Safe for Women Around the World: The Example of Safe Motherhood and Maternal Death in Guatemala” *Anthropology and public health: Bridging differences in culture and society, 2nd edition*. Edited by R.A. Hahn and M. Inhorn. Oxford University Press.

2008 “Who’s Judging the Quality of Care: Indigenous Maya and the Problem of Not Being Attended” *Medical Anthropology* 27(2) 164-189.

2006 “Kaqchikel Midwives, Homebirths and Emergency Obstetric Referrals: Contextualizing the Choice to Stay at Home” *Social Science & Medicine* 62: 1958-1969.

2005 “Incorporating Cultural Diversity into Health Systems: An Example of Midwives Teaching Midwives” *Women in International Development Forum XXVII*, Jan 2005.

2003 “Cultural Psychology” (with J. Leu and L. Hirschfeld) in Lynn Nadel (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science*. London: McMillian Press. Pp.889-895.

2000 “Learning from Anthropology: Practical Difficulties of "Other" Social Science Students in Accepting Anthropological Knowledge”. *Michigan Discussions in Anthropology. Special Volume*. Ann Arbor, University of Michigan.pp. 10-18.

1999 “Culture in Conversation” (with J. Miller). *Culture and Psychology* 5:459-469.

Manuscripts under review

Unsafe Motherhood: Maternal Mortality & Transformations in Kaqchikel Mayan Subjectivity in Post-War Guatemala (book manuscript being reviewed by Berghahn Books for the Fertility, Reproduction & Sexuality Series)

Manuscripts in Preparation

(with Proyecto PADRES) Business as usual? Institutional constraints on equal partnership in CBPR. *Health Education & Behavior*.

(with Proyecto PADRES) The “focal interview”: analyzing qualitative data as a group. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*.

(with Chris McQuiston) Age before beauty: Hispanic immigrants settling of Durham and high rates of teen pregnancy. *Journal of Family Issues*.

Conference activities

- 2008 “Proyecto PADRES: Strengthening parent/adolescent relationships among Hispanic immigrants in Durham, NC” CUExpo 2008, Victoria, BC, May 7th, 2008.
- 2008 “Three Strikes: Embattled Clients in the Obstetric ER in Sololá, Guatemala” Intersectionalities from theory to practice: an interdisciplinary dialogue, Vancouver, BC, April 18, 2008
- 2008 “Legacy of Violence: The Challenge of Safe Motherhood in Post-Civil War Guatemala” Meeting of the Society for Medical Anthropology, Memphis, TN, March 26th, 2008.
- 2007 “‘Danger’ in Reproduction: Statistical Guidelines as a Health Worker’s Refuge from Post-Civil War Guatemala” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 17th, 2007.
- 2006 “Emergency Obstetric Care Choice Among Kaqchikel Women.” Invited presentation to the Gender, Infertility, and Adoption Study Group, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, November, 2006.
- 2006 “Maternal Mortality and the Struggle over Kaqchikel Mayan Homebirth in Post-War Guatemala” Invited presentation to Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, September, 2006
- 2006 “Biomedicine: An Anti-Family Model?” Meeting of the Society for Medical Anthropology, Vancouver, BC, April 1st, 2006.
- 2005 “The Impact of Blame on Responding to Problems in Birth: The Example of Safe Motherhood and Maternal Death in Guatemala.” Reproductive Disruptions: Childlessness, Adoption and Other Reproductive Complexities. Ann Arbor, MI. May 20th, 2005.
- 2005 “Maternal Mortality and the Quest to Redefine Birth among Kaqchikel Maya.” Meeting of the Society for Medical Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM, April 7th, 2005.
- 2004 “Gendered Definitions of Normality: Understanding Pregnancy-Related Death.” Institute for Research on Women and Gender’s 2004 Community of Scholars Mini-Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, October 22nd, 2004
- 2004 “Evidence and Audience.” Conference of Michigan and Chicago Linguistic Anthropology, Chicago, IL, May 8th, 2004
- 2004 “The Dissemination of Ethnography (but not of Anthropology).” IVth Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Qualitative Research at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, May 6th, 2004.

2004 “Using Midwives to Teach Midwives.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Anthropology, Dallas, TX, April 3rd, 2003.

2000 “The Pragmatics of Social Inequality.” Conference of Michigan and Chicago Linguistic Anthropology, Chicago, IL, May 5th, 2000.

1999 “Everyday Interactions and their Effect on Social and Economic Development: A Research Proposal.” Conference of Michigan and Chicago Linguistic Anthropology, Ann Arbor, MI, May 8th, 1999.

1999 “On Anthropological Knowledge.” University of Michigan Department of Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, January 7th, 1999.

Teaching Awards and Experience

Simon Fraser University

2008 “Senior Seminar on Social Science and Health” (HSCI 481)

2008 “Perspectives on Global Health” (HSCI 160)

2008 (required graduate course) “Health, Gender & Development” (GLOH 890-3)

2008 Guest Lecture “Anthropological Methods and Health” (SA 101 Introduction to Anthropology)

2008 Guest Lecture “Maternal Mortality & Indigeneity in Guatemala” (SA 388 Comparative Studies of Minority Indigenous People)

University of North Carolina

2007 Guest Lecture, “What is Participatory Research?” (HBHE 753:Qualitative Research Methods)

2006 Guest Lecture “Ontology, epistemology & Paradigms” (HBHE 710: Community Capacity, Competence, and Power: Community-Based Participatory Research and Photovoice)

2006 Guest Lecture “Qualitative Data and Analysis” (HBHE 710: Community Capacity, Competence, and Power: Community-Based Participatory Research and Photovoice)

2006 Guest Lecture, “Qualitative Methods” (HBHE 750: Applied Research Methods)

2006 Co-Instructor, required graduate course, “Action-Oriented Community Diagnosis” (HBHE 741)

2005 Co-Instructor, required graduate course, “Foundations of Health Practice” (HBHE 740)

University of Michigan

2005 Guest Lecture, “Men and Childbirth” (Anthro 325: Childbirth and Culture)

2003 Graduate Student Instructor, required undergraduate writing course, “Primate Social Behavior” (BioAnthro 368/Psych 338)

2002 Rappaport Innovative Teaching Award, University of Michigan

2002 Undergraduate elective “The Anthropology of Health and Illness” (Anthro 298.201)

- 2002 Graduate Student Instructor, undergraduate elective, "Comparative Cultures" (Anthro 222)
- 2001 Graduate Student Instructor, undergraduate elective fulfilling advanced writing requirement and "race" requirement, "Biology, Society and Culture" (BioAnthro 361)
- 2000 Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Michigan
- 2000 Graduate Student Instructor, required undergraduate course "Introduction to Anthropology" (Anthro 101)
- 1999 Guest Lecture, "Linguistic Relativity" (Anthro 330: Culture, Thought & Meaning)
- 1999 Graduate Student Instructor, undergraduate elective fulfilling advanced writing, "Culture, Thought and Meaning" (Anthro 330)

Field Research

- 2005-7 Durham, North Carolina: community-based participatory research project involving twenty-two months of field research with new immigrant Hispanic community around the issues of structural challenges to healthy family life.
- 2002-3 Sololá, Guatemala: twelve months of field research on emergency obstetric care choice among Kaqchikel women in VIIIth Health District and Sololá hospital. Participant-observation, interviews, observation, recordings.
- 2000-1 Sololá, Guatemala: twelve months of language learning and preparatory field research. Participant-observation, interviews.
- 1999 Petén, Guatemala: two months as a research assistant to Prof. Scott Atran investigating relative valuing of local tree fauna among two different ethnic groups. Survey interviews.
- 1999 Xth Region, Chile: one month of pre-dissertation research on transformations in social sector contracting.
- 1992-5 Guanacaste, Costa Rica: twenty-seven months working in a small rural village in the Integrated Community Development Program with U. S. Peace Corps.

Languages

- Spanish: Fluent
- Kaqchikel Maya: Proficient in reading, writing and speaking
- German: Proficient in reading, writing and speaking

Professional Services

National Service

- 2006-8 Member, Prize Committee for The Most Notable Recent Collection Award, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction

- 2006 Reviewer for Social Science & Medicine; Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry; and Childhood
- 2005 Reviewer for Global Public Health
- 2005 Co-Organizer & Chair of panel: The Anthropology of Reproduction and the Man-Woman Pendulum. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. December 1, 2005.
- 2005 Chair of panels: Coping with Uncertainty: Paradigms of Risk and Blame; Clashing Cultures: Gender, Modernity and Reproductive Health; Perinatal Politics; Reproduction at the Intersection of Race, Class and Gender; Reproductive Health: Contraception, Childbirth, and Beyond. Reproductive Disruptions Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 19-22, 2005.
- 2005 Organizer & Chair of panel Forcing Birth: Revisiting the Social Construction of Gender and Reproduction. Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM, April 7th, 2005.
- 2004-5 Co-Organizer of Reproductive Disruptions: Childlessness, Adoption and Other Reproductive Complexities. International Conference at the University of Michigan, May 19-22, 2005.

I participated in grant writing to generate funds, advertising the conference, abstract review, panel construction, organizing and running the conference. I chaired four sessions during the conference.

University Service & Participation

Simon Fraser University

2008 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee

2008 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (elected 2008)

University of North Carolina

2005-7 Member, Latino Research Consortium

Seminars, Workshops and Institutes

2004 Institute for Research on Women and Gender Community of Scholars Seminar, University of Michigan

The Scholar's Seminar at the Institute for Research on Women and Gender serves as a forum for the public presentation and discussion of fellows work. The weekly meetings are held for the first two months of the fellowship tenure.

- 2000 Institute for Social Research (ISR) Research Center for Group Dynamics Workshop: Methods in Cultural Psychology, University of Michigan, August 7-18.
This two-week workshop taught by Dr. Shinobu Kitayama brought together 14 scholars from around the world to participate in a course on methods.
- 1998- Ford Seminar in the Social Sciences and Area Studies, University of Michigan
2000 Brought together selected graduate students from social science departments on a bimonthly basis to discuss methodological, epistemological, and ethical issues related to the interaction of disciplines and area studies; served as a context in which to develop dissertation projects.
- 1998 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, June 22-August 14
Completed coursework in Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis I & II.

Professional Memberships

- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Latin American Anthropology
- Guatemalan Scholars Network
- American Ethnological Society
- Association for Feminist Anthropology
- Society for Medical Anthropology
- Society for Linguistic Anthropology
- Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
- Latin American Studies Association
- American Public Health Association