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EDUCATION

2012-pres. PhD, Department of Anthropology, New York University (NYU)
2015 Certificate in Culture and Media, NYU
2014 MA, Anthropology, NYU
2012 MDiv, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University
2008 BA, University of Chicago

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion, Disability, Visual Anthropology, History and Anthropology, Social Theory and Theology; Uganda, East/Central Africa (Great Lakes), North America

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

2014 Society for Psychological Anthropology Pre-Dissertation Award
2013-2014 Research Experience Grant, National Science Foundation
2012-pres. MacCracken Fellowship, NYU
2013 Dean's Travel Grant, NYU
2012 Hopkins Shareholder Award, Harvard University
2009-2012 Presidential Fellowship, Harvard University
2009 Fund for Theological Education Fellowship
2007 Human Rights Program Grant, University of Chicago

AWARDS AND PRIZES

2008 Mansfield-Wefald Senior Thesis Prize, Telluride Association: "Our Sacred Sovereign? Richard Hooker, Thomas Hobbes, and Early Modern Political Theology"

- 2008 Ignacio Martín-Baró Human Rights Essay Prize, University of Chicago: “For, Against, and With Gewirth and Rorty: Rethinking Foundationalism in Human Rights Philosophy”
- 2008 Honors: General and Concentration, University of Chicago
- 2007 Phi Beta Kappa (junior year), University of Chicago
- 2007 Morton-Murphy Award, University of Chicago
- 2003 Governor’s Award for Civic Engagement, State of Montana

FIELDWORK

- 2014-15 Preliminary (4 months): Christian disability ministries, southern, western, and central Uganda
- 2013 Preliminary (2.5 months): Christian disability ministries, California

WRITING

REVIEWS

- 2015 Susan Reynolds Whyte, ed., *Second Chances: Surviving AIDS in Uganda in Social Anthropology* (forthcoming).
- 2013 The 36th Annual Margaret Mead Film Festival. *Visual Anthropology Review* 29(1):72-75.

REPORTS

- 2010 “Best and Promising Practices in Accessible and Affordable Housing.” *The State of Housing in America in the 21st Century: A Disability Perspective*. Washington, DC: National Council on Disability. (With Mary Lou Breslin)
- 2010 “Killing Us Softly: The Dangers of Legalizing Assisted Suicide.” *Disability and Health* 3:16-30. (With Marilyn Golden)
- 2009 *The Current State of Health Care for People with Disabilities*. Washington, DC: National Council on Disability. (Contributor)
- 2007 *Settlement as Development: Turning Points in the Covey Land Claim*. George, South Africa: Southern Cape Land Committee.

FILM

2016 *The Ladies*. 13 min. Synopsis: For 50 years, a group of Ukrainian women has gathered in New York's East Village to make dumplings for their church. This observational short offers an evocative portrait of "the ladies" and the work that brings them together. (*In Ukrainian with English subtitles*)

Screenings include:

- 39th Margaret Mead Film Festival, American Museum of Natural History (Oct. 22-25, 2015)

PRESENTATIONS

2015 "Ambivalent Conceptions: Evaluations of Difference in Evangelical Disability Ministries," Society for the Anthropology of Religion biennial meeting, San Diego, CA

2014 "Ambivalent Conceptions: Biomedicalization and Childhood Difference in Evangelical Disability Ministries," American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, DC

2014 "On the Secular Gaze: Documenting Ecstatic Religion," American Ethnological Society meeting, Boston, MA

2013 "Childhood Difference as Blessing?: Evangelical Media and the Politics of Disability," Society for Disability Studies meeting, Orlando, FL

2012 "Second Opinions: Evangelical Christianity, Therapeutic Publics, and the Politics of Disability," Ways of Knowing Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

PANELS

2012 "Lively Entanglements: New Vistas in the Study of Religion and Medicine," Ways of Knowing conference, Harvard University, chair, co-organizer with Mara Block

TEACHING

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR: Human Society and Culture (Fall 2015)

Anthropology, NYU (Prof. Bruce Grant)

Indigenous Australia (Fall 2014)
Anthropology, NYU (Prof. Fred Myers)

Human Society and Culture (Fall 2013)
Anthropology, NYU (Prof. Noelle Stout)

COURSE ASSISTANT: Medical Anthropology (Spring 2016)
Anthropology, NYU (Prof. Rayna Rapp)

Religion and Media (Spring 2015)
Anthropology/Religious Studies, NYU (Prof. Angela Zito)

Religious Bodies (Spring 2014)
Anthropology/Religious Studies, NYU (Prof. Angela Zito)

Culture and Media II (Spring 2013)
Anthropology, NYU (Prof. Tejaswini Ganti)

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

2014-present Student Coordinator, Mellon Sawyer Seminar: “A post-genomic embrace of the human? The social science and humanities of non-reductionist life sciences.” New York University

2011-12 Research Assistant, Marla Frederick, Professor of African and African American Studies and Religion, Harvard University

2008-09 Assistant Policy Analyst & Intake Coordinator, Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund; Berkeley, CA

2007 Researcher, Southern Cape Land Committee; George, South Africa

ASSOCIATIONS

2015-pres. African Studies Association

2014-pres. American Anthropological Association

2014-2015 Chair, Student Committee, NYU Anthro. of Religion Faculty Search

2013 Juror, Society for the Anthropology of Religion Graduate Student Essay Prize Competition

- 2013-pres. Society for Disability Studies
- 2012-pres. Anthropology Graduate Student Association, NYU (President 2013-14)
- 2012-pres. Science Studies Workshop, New York University

LANGUAGES

Luganda: highly proficient speaking/reading

Spanish: proficient speaking/reading

Attic & Koine Greek: reading

French: reading