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Academic Degrees

Current	Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland, Ohio
Degree sought: Doctor of Philosophy, Field: Medical Anthropology		
January 2004	Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland, Ohio
Degree: Master of Arts, Field: Medical Anthropology		
May 2002	University of Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah
Degree: Honors Bachelor of Arts, Field: Anthropology		

Selected Honors and Affiliations

April 2007	Graduate Dean's Instructional Excellence Award, Case.
April 2007	Lenore A. Kola Graduate Student Community Service Award, Case.
2007 – Current	President & CEO, National Assoc. of Graduate-Professional Students
2006	Regional Coordinator, National Assoc. of Graduate-Professional Students
2005 – Current	President, Graduate Student Senate, Case.
2003 – Current	Member, American Anthropological Association.
2003 – 2005	Department of Anthropology Research Assistantship, Case.
May 2002	Graduated Summa Cum Laude, University of Utah.
April 2002	Phi Kappa Phi induction, University of Utah.

Teaching Experience

2005 - Current	Seminar Approach to General Education & Scholarship	Cleveland, OH
Spring 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Co-instructor, University Seminar 206: Land and Life in the Americas▪ Co-instructor, University Seminar 246: How to Make a Leader	
Fall 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Co-instructor, First Seminar 100: The Life of the Mind▪ Co-instructor, First Seminar 110: Conflict and Cooperation in the Modern World▪ Co-instructor, University Seminar 209: Face First	
Summer 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Instructor of Record, University Seminar 254: Global Health Issues and Culture	
Spring 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Co-instructor, University Seminar 222: Biomedical Applications of Science and Engineering▪ Co-instructor, University Seminar 232: Just do it? Ideas, Inspiration, and Making Things Happen▪ Co-instructor, University Seminar 205: The Human Struggle Through the Lens of Sport	
Fall 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Co-instructor, First Seminar 100: The Life of the Mind▪ Co-instructor, First Seminar 100: The Life of the Mind	

2006 International Teaching Asst. Comm. Skill Development Cleveland, OH
▪ Instructor of Record, University 400C: Professional Communication Skills in English (2 Sections)

2004 - Current The Princeton Review Cleveland, OH
Certified Instructor for *New SAT* and *GRE*

Research Experience

2006 Phi Beta Kappa Research Grant Cuauhtinchan, MX

Project: Ethnobotanical Knowledge in Cuauhtinchan, Mexico

I returned to collect information regarding traditional botanical knowledge in Cuauhtinchan and the surrounding communities. I sought out potential research assistants, and found a biologist who is currently working as a research assistant on a project at the ethnobotanical gardens in Cholula, Puebla. Given her interests in this topic, experience with the local plants, and knowledge of the lay and scientific names for them, she will be a great resource to this research project. At the same time, she will be able to use this project to gain field research experience that would otherwise be unavailable to her in Mexico. I also created a database of local plants and some of their health-related uses during this short trip.

2005 Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fellowship Cuauhtinchan, MX

Project: Structure of Health in Peri-Urban Mexico: Community Study of Cuauhtinchan

I designed and carried out an exploratory study of Cuauhtinchan wherein community level data were collected regarding: health care structures, background information on the structure of society and daily life. Primary sources and methods included: public census and other public records, ten semi-structured interviews with key informants, and participant-observation. The semi-structured interviews resulted in the elicitation of relevant illness categories in Cuauhtinchan. Qualitative field notes were taken during early morning and evening scans, along with spatial-geographic notes regarding distribution and character of neighborhoods and agrarian resources. Taken together, the results of the exploratory study showed that it is in the process of transitioning and has a double-burden of disease.

2004 National Science Foundation San Borja, Bolivia

Field Training: Cultural Anthropology Quantitative Methods

I was accepted to participate in the first NSF summer field-training program in quantitative methods for cultural anthropologists. Spending nearly three months in lowland Bolivia, I worked foraging society (Tsimane') for half of the time, and the other half of my time in the San Borja hospital. Methods learned and skills practiced include: weigh days, anthropometric measurements, focal follows, village scans, cleaning and coding data, training translators, consensus analysis, measuring resource extraction, quantifying ethnoknowledge, and the Spanish language.

2002 - Current Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, Ohio

Graduate Student Senate

Began as a senator (2002/03) continued as Vice President (2004/05) and President (2005/06). Represent the graduate student body. Active member of the Faculty Senate Research Committee. Participate in policy and guideline formulation and revision. We recently completed a new policy and guidelines regarding group and co-authorship procedures, communications, and mechanisms for dispute resolution. As President, I led the organization through the creation of a "Critical Self-Review and 5-Year Strategic Plan."

2002 University of Utah Salt Lake City, Utah
Alternatives to Western Medicine: Holistic Healing and Ritual in the Salt Lake Valley
Honors thesis in Anthropology. Carried out research throughout the Salt Lake Valley consisting of: interviews, participant observation, literature survey, and demographic data. Study sample divided into two broad groups, (1) Native Americans, and (2) alternative medicine practitioners and users that are non-Native American. Interviews focused on beliefs and behaviors regarding health, spirituality, and healing.

Professional Presentations

03/25/06 Natl. Assoc. for Graduate-Professional Students So. Bend, IN
Presentation to the Midwest Regional Conference of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students, "What are the roles and responsibilities of Graduate Student Senate (GSS) within the university? GSS Self-Review and Strategic Plan."

12/03/05 American Anthropological Association Wash., D.C.
Paper presented in a session held by the Society for Medical Anthropology, "Treating a Community in Transition: Retention of Ethnopharmacuetical Knowledge Amidst Bio-Allopathic Alternatives in Cuauhtinchan, Mexico."

05/06/05 International Academy for Intercultural Research Kent, Ohio
Presentation to the 4th Biennial Conference on Intercultural Research, "Doctors, Midwives, and the Missionaries Between Them: Developing Intermediary Birthing Models in the Bolivian Rainforest."

04/07/05 Society for Applied Anthropology Santa Fe, NM
Paper presented in a volunteered session, "Moving towards a 'better' child birth model?: A Hospital, villages, and the missionaries between them."

11/20/03 American Anthropological Association Chicago, IL
Paper presented in a session held by Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, "Holistic Healing and Ritual in the Salt Lake Valley: Transformative Features of Ritual."

4/19/03 Central States Anthropological Society Louisville, KY
Paper presented in a session for the Anthropology of Religion, "Female Genital Cutting: Global Debate and Medicalization as an Intermediate Harm Strategy for the Reduction of Harm."

Work Experience

2004 - Current The Princeton Review Cleveland, OH
Certified Instructor, New SAT
I work part-time with an acclaimed test preparation agency. I am able to focus on the test taking needs of clients in order to help them improve their NSAT scores by at least 200 points. I manage the classroom environment and teach the approved Princeton Review curricula. I relate well with clients, parents and other instructors in achieving test score improvements.

2004 - 2005 Case School of Medicine Cleveland, OH
Research Assistant, Study Coordinator, Center for Reducing Health Disparities
I assisted Dr. Maghboeba Mosavel in her research on women's reproductive health. Comprehensive literature reviews I performed are in current grant proposals. I performed the

analysis of qualitative data, from her field sites in South Africa and in the Cleveland metro. I wrote research protocols, consent forms, and research results. I used all types of software, from the Microsoft Office Suite to SPSS and Atlas.

2003 - 2005 Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology

I assisted professors with research and professional development tasks. Majority of responsibilities include: performing data analysis using SPSS, interpretation of data analysis output, performing web-based research, scanning slides and photographs, performing literature searches, photocopying, other data and research summations or searches.

2002 - 2003 The Center for Research on Tibet Cleveland, OH
Research Assistant, Web-page editor

I worked in a team atmosphere with a diverse group of talents and specialties. Majority of responsibilities included: creating original maps for inclusion in book, writing abstracts of oral histories, website maintenance, photograph scanning and retouching, article scanning, and digitalizing oral histories.

References

Doctoral Committee Chair, Dr. Atwood Gaines. Professor (CASE). Atwood.gaines@case.edu, 216-368-2257.

Advisor, Dr. Robbie Davis-Floyd. Adjunct Professor (University of Texas-Austin). Davis-floyd@mail.utexas.edu, (512) 426-8969.

Previous Employer, Dr. Melvyn Goldstein. Professor (CASE). Melvyn.goldstein@case.edu, 216-368-2265.

Languages

English (native)

Spanish (fluent)

Preliminary Research in Mexico

October 11 – 18, 2004 (7 days)

August 4 – 19, 2005 (15 days)

May 15 – June 6, 2006 (23 days)

December 28, 2006 – January 12, 2007 (16 days)

January 30 – February 14, 2007 (16 days)

Field Training in Bolivia

May 31 – August 20, 2004 (81 days)