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Education

Southern Methodist University, Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology, 2015
Dissertation: "*Do You Want to Live or Do You Want to Die?*": *The Gendered Politics of Life During an AIDS Funding Crisis* (High Distinction; Dr. Nia Parson, Chair)

Southern Methodist University, M.A. in Cultural Anthropology, 2011

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, M.A. in Sociology, 2009

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Robert E. Cook Honors College, B.A. in Anthropology, 2006

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, 2015-present
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
The University of Texas at El Paso

Adjunct Lecturer, January Term 2015
Southern Methodist University-in-Taos

Adjunct Lecturer, Summer 2013 and Fall 2014
Department of Anthropology
Southern Methodist University

Ethnographic Consultant Contracts

Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute
CDC Funded Position
Formative Research on Heterosexuals Living in High-Risk Areas, Dallas Metropolitan Division
February-July 2013

Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute
CDC Funded Position
Formative Research on Injection Drug Use, Dallas Metropolitan Division
March-July 2012

Publications

Book Manuscript in Preparation

Aiding Women: The Gendered Politics of Life during an AIDS Funding Crisis

Articles under Review

“Blaming *Machismo*: How the Social Imaginary is Failing Men with HIV in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.” Under review with *Medical Anthropology*.

“‘When I was a *Travesti*’: Transgender Subjectivity at the Crossfires of the Global LGBT Rights and Evangelical Ex-Gay Movements in Bolivia.” Under review with *Public Culture*.

“When Care is a ‘Systematic Route of Torture’: Conceptualizing the Violence of Medical Negligence in Resource-Poor Settings.” Under review with *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Parson, Nia and Carina Heckert. 2014. “The Golden Cage: The Production of Insecurity at the Nexus of Intimate Partner Violence and Unauthorized Migration in the US.” *Human Organization*, 73(4):305-314.

Heckert, Carina. 2012. “Latina Immigrants in Rural Western Pennsylvania and Use of Mental Health Resources When Coping with Depression: Implications for Practice.” *International Journal of Culture and Mental Health*, 5(3):182-189.

Technical Research Reports

2014. “Una Etnografía de las Experiencias de Personas Viviendo con VIH-Sida Dentro del Sistema de Salud en Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.” Research report prepared for Servicio Departamental de Salud Santa Cruz (SEDES), Centros de Vigilancia y Referencia de VIH-Sida, and Civil Society Organizations.

2013. “Primary Data Formative Research Report: Heterosexuals Living in High-Risk Areas Cycle 3 (HET-3), Dallas Metropolitan Division.” Research report prepared for Texas Department of State Health Services and the CDC.

2012. “Primary Data Formative Research Report: Injection Drug Users Cycle 3 (IDU-3), Dallas Metropolitan Division.” Research report prepared for Texas Department of State Health Services and the CDC.

2010. “Burmese Refugees and Healthcare in Dallas.” A publication for Texas Health Resources. With Carolyn Brettell, Shay Cannedy, Lisa Haayen, Laura Jarvis, Beibei Yang, and Amber Zabka.

Professional Presentations

2014. “‘I’m Poor, but I’m not Stupid!’: Contesting the Symbolic Violence of Medical Negligence toward People with HIV.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

2010. "Latina Immigrants in Rural Western Pennsylvania and Use of Mental Health Resources: Implications for Practice." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Merida, Mexico.
2009. "Teaching Diversity through Ethnography." Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Annual Diversity Summit, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (Invited Presentation with Victor Garcia and Qiana Lightner).
2009. "A Typology for Understanding Depression in Latina Immigrants." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
2008. "Understanding Depression in Latina Immigrants in Rural Western Pennsylvania." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Memphis, Tennessee.

Guest Lectures

"Gender, Sexuality, and Evangelicalism." For the course Gender and Sex-Roles at Southern Methodist University. March 26, 2015.

Extramural Research Grants

Wenner-Gren Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fieldwork Grant for "Gender Relations, Illness Experiences, and HIV/AIDS Care in Santa Cruz, Bolivia," August 2013-August 2014 (\$19,983)

Pending Grants

Wenner-Gren Engaged Anthropology Grant for "Improving Experiences of Care for People Living with HIV/AIDS in Santa Cruz, Bolivia" (\$4,256)

Other Grants, Fellowships, and Training

- Southern Methodist University Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Spring 2015
- Participant in National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Field School in the Bolivian Amazon, 2011
- Southern Methodist University Graduate Student Development Grant, 2010, 2011, and 2014
- Southern Methodist University Anthropology Department Edward Fry Award for Summer Research, 2010 and 2011
- Southern Methodist University Anthropology Department Steed Travel Award, 2010
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Research Grant, 2008
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania Honors College Scholarship, 2002-2006
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania Athletic Scholarship, 2002-2006

Research Awards

- Southern Methodist University Research Day first place prize for poster presentation "Burmese Refugees and Healthcare in Dallas" (with Shay Cannedy and Laura Jarvis), 2011

Courses Taught

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Health, Healing, and Ethics: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Sickness and Society

Health as a Human Right: Globalization, Health, and Cross-Cultural Ethics

Medical Sociology

Global Health

Mentorship

Mehdi Hami (undergraduate)

Southern Methodist University Engaged Learning Project: “*Le Mieux?* The French Healthcare System”