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Curriculum Vita

Education

- 2014 M.A. Applied Anthropology, University of Memphis
- “A Community of Gardeners: Exploring GrowMemphis and the Experiences of its Community Garden Leaders”
 - Concentration: Globalization, Development, and Culture
- 2010 B.A. Religion and Philosophy, Christian Brothers University
- Honors Diploma Recipient
 - Summa Cum Laude

Professional Experience

- 2018-present Instructor-Coordinator, Department of Anthropology, University of Memphis
- Courses taught:
 - o ANTH 4412 – Neighborhood Development
 - o ANTH 4411 – Urban Anthropology
 - o ANTH 4220 – Culture, the Environment, and Justice
 - o ANTH 3282 – American Communities
 - o ANTH 3200 – Peoples and Cultures of the World
 - o ANTH 1200 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- 2017-2018 Part-Time Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Memphis
- Developed hybrid online format for ANTH 3282 – American Communities
 - Developed summer online format for ANTH 3282 – American Communities
- 2014-2018 Coordinator of Special Projects, Center for Transforming Communities
- Coordinated a wide range of special projects and initiatives, particularly focused on grassroots community organizing and community development in Memphis neighborhoods
 - Facilitated workshops and trainings in a variety of settings, including day-long public workshops in Asset-Based Community Development and Social Network Mapping
 - Oversaw all program evaluation for the organization employing qualitative and quantitative research methods

- Managed consulting partnerships and facilitated private trainings and workshops, including several Social Network Mapping projects for local organizations and agencies

2013-2014 Housing and Community Development Fellow, University Neighborhoods Development Corporation

2012-2013 Graduate Intern, University of Memphis Tigers Initiative for Gardens in Urban Settings

2010-2012 Academic Support Coordinator, Lasallian Volunteers

Teaching Experience

2020 ANTH 4412 – Neighborhood Development, University of Memphis
 ANTH 3200 – Peoples and Cultures of the World, University of Memphis

2019 ANTH 4411 – Urban Anthropology, University of Memphis
 ANTH 4220 – Culture, the Environment, and Justice, University of Memphis
 ANTH 3282 – A Cultural History of American Communities, University of Memphis
 ANTH 1200 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, University of Memphis

2018 ANTH 3282 – A Cultural History of American Communities, University of Memphis
 ANTH 3200 – Peoples and Cultures of the World, University of Memphis
 ANTH 1200 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, University of Memphis

2017 ANTH 3282 – A Cultural History of American Communities, University of Memphis

Guest Lectures, Workshops, and Presentations

2019 *Practicing Engaged and Collaborative Anthropology: Insights and Recommendations from Memphis.* Roundtable Participant. Central States Anthropological Society, Memphis, TN.

2019 *Practicing Engaged and Collaborative Anthropology: Insights and Recommendations.* Roundtable Participant. Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR.

2018 *Asset Based Community Development and Social Network Mapping.* ANTH 4412/6412 – Neighborhood Development and Social Entrepreneurship with Dr. Stan Hyland, University of Memphis

2018 *Social Network Mapping.* Public workshop with Center for Transforming Communities

- 2018 *Community Engagement Panel*. With Center for Transforming Communities and Momentum Nonprofit Partners.
- 2018 *Careers in Anthropology*. PSYC 275 – Graduate School and Careers in Psychology with Dr. Tracie Burke, Christian Brothers University
- 2017 *Binghampton Community Panel at Rhodes College*. With Center for Transforming Communities, Caritas Village, and the Refugee Empowerment Program.
- 2017 *All My Favorite People: A Community Story Project*. With Center for Transforming Communities and Caritas Village. National Arts Marketing Conference, Americans for the Arts, Memphis, TN.
- 2018 *Asset-Based Community Development and Social Network Mapping*. ANTH 4412/6412 – Neighborhood Development and Social Entrepreneurship with Dr. Stan Hyland, University of Memphis
- 2017 *Asset-Based Community Development*. Public workshop with Center for Transforming Communities.
- 2017 *Social Network Mapping*. Public workshop with Center for Transforming Communities
- 2017 *Asset Mapping and Asset-Based Community Development*. With Center for Transforming Communities and BRIDGES. Training for Bridge Builders CHANGE program.
- 2017 *Project Management and Evaluation*. Public workshop with Center for Transforming Communities
- 2016 *Asset-Based Community Development*. Public workshop with Center for Transforming Communities.
- 2016 *Social Network Mapping*. Public workshop with Center for Transforming Communities
- 2016 *Asset Mapping and Asset-Based Community Development*. With Center for Transforming Communities and BRIDGES. Training for Bridge Builders CHANGE program.
- 2016 *As Easy as ABCD*. With Center for Transforming Communities. Training for Crossroads to Freedom Fellows at Rhodes College.
- 2016 *Memphis Civil Rights History Tour*. With Center for Transforming Communities. Private presentation for Christian Brothers College of Sacramento Spring Immersion.
- 2016 *Practices for People-Centered Leadership*. Public workshop series with Center for Transforming Communities.
- 2015 *Social Network Mapping*. Public workshop with Center for Transforming Communities.
- 2015 *Asset-Based Community Development*. With Center for Transforming Communities. ANTH 4412/6412 – Neighborhood Development and Social Entrepreneurship with Dr. Katherine Lambert-Pennington, University of Memphis

- 2015 *As Easy as ABCD*. With Center for Transforming Communities. Training for Crossroads to Freedom Fellows at Rhodes College.
- 2015 *Gardening Basics*. For the Love of Gardening Workshop Series. With Marie Dennon and GrowMemphis.
- 2014 *Center for Transforming Communities and Asset-Based Community Development*. With Center for Transforming Communities. PLAN 7890 – Planning Internship with Dr. Stan Hyland, University of Memphis.
- 2014 *As Easy as ABCD*. With Center for Transforming Communities. Training for Crossroads to Freedom Fellows at Rhodes College.
- 2014 *A Community of Gardeners: Exploring the Role of Community Gardening in a Food-Insecure Southern City*. With Chris Peterson. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2013 *Community Gardening 101*. With GrowMemphis.

Conferences and Presentations Organized

- 2018 “Who Gets to Be American: Immigration Policy and Our Multicultural Democracy” featuring Stephanie Teatro of the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition. Vanderhaar Symposium for Peace and Justice. Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN.
- 2017 “Hurt People, Hurt People” featuring Shaka Senghor of #BeyondPrisons. Vanderhaar Symposium for Peace and Justice. Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN.
- 2016 “From the Bottom Up: One Man’s Crusade to Clean America’s Waterways” featuring Chad Pregracke of Living Lands and Waters. Vanderhaar Symposium for Peace and Justice. Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN.
- 2015 “Mend the Gaps, Heal the Divides” featuring Sr. Simone Campbell of NETWORK. Vanderhaar Symposium for Peace and Justice. First Congregational Church, Memphis, TN.

Community Engagement, Applied Research Projects, and Consulting Partnerships

- 2018-2019 iIMPACT Social Network Mapping. With Center for Transforming Communities and iIMPACT, University of Memphis
- 2018 Binghampton TIF Implementation Planning. With Center for Transforming Communities, The Development Studio, Memphis and Shelby County Community Redevelopment Agency, and Binghampton Development Corporation

2018	Memphis 3.0 Comprehensive Plan, Core District Involvement Partnership. With Center for Transforming Communities and BLDG Memphis
2017-2018	The Binghampton Stories Project. With Center for Transforming Communities, Caritas Village and the Tennessee Arts Commission
2017-2018	SUAPP Social Network Mapping. With Center for Transforming Communities and the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Memphis
2017-2018	Inside/Out Memphis Public Libraries. With Center for Transforming Communities and Memphis Public Libraries
2017	Binghampton International Festival. With Center for Transforming Communities and Caritas Village
2016	CD Council Social Network Mapping. With Center for Transforming Communities and the Community Development Council of Greater Memphis
2016	Formation for Ministry Program Evaluation. Memphis Theological Seminary.
2014-2016	Neighborhood History Project. With Center for Transforming Communities and the Crossroads to Freedom Digital Archive at Rhodes College
2015	Formation for Ministry Program Evaluation. Memphis Theological Seminary.
2013-2014	GrowMemphis Program Evaluation. With GrowMemphis, the University of Memphis Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Research, and the Strengthening Communities Initiative

Professional Memberships

Society for Applied Anthropology
American Anthropological Association

Volunteer Community Involvement

2018-present	Center for Transforming Communities Board of Directors
2015-present	Vanderhaar Symposium for Peace and Justice Planning Board
2017-2018	University of Memphis Department of Anthropology Community Advisory Board
2017-2018	New Memphis Institute Fellows leadership development program A18 cohort
2012-2013	GrowMemphis Garden Party Fundraiser Planning Committee
2012	Overton Park Conservancy Membership Advisory Committee

Awards and Honors

- 2014 University of Memphis Department of Anthropology *Anthropology Engaged Community Service Award*, recognizing the most outstanding record of community service and engagement among the graduating class in anthropology
- 2010 Christian Brothers University *Thomas Lipsmeyer Award* presented to the graduate considered by fellow classmates as the “ideal senior student” and as being the student who has most actively contributed to the senior class and to the university.
- 2010 Christian Brothers University *Br. I. Leo O’Donnell Outstanding Student Leadership Award* presented to the outstanding graduating seniors who have provided distinguished student leadership to the student body, to the Student Affairs Division, and to the university community
- 2010 Christian Brothers University *Lasallian Fellows Award* given annually to the five senior students that most fully embody the Lasallian tenants of faith, service, and community
- 2008 Catholic Charities of West Tennessee *Share the Faith Community Service Award* given annually to one young Catholic from the Diocese of West Tennessee that demonstrates a spirit of sharing the Christian faith through service