

## **Meeting Announcement: *CAR Business Meeting @ AAA***

Please join us for the annual CAR business meeting at this year's conference!

When: Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:45-9:00pm

See the [official online program](#) or Twitter @AnthroRepro for location

## **Also... CAR will participate in this important panel:**

3-1240 BLACK BODIES MATTER: MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY SPECIAL  
INTEREST GROUPS PRESENT CHALLENGING ISSUES

Thursday, November 19, 4:00-5:45pm

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## NEWS

### **Introducing the Centre for Cultures of Reproduction, Technologies and Health (CORTH) at the University of Sussex, UK**

This new inter-disciplinary centre provides an intellectual space for bringing academics, policy makers, activists, medical and legal professionals together for collaborative research and critical thinking on the interconnections between reproduction, sex, health and technologies. Through hosting visiting researchers and fellows, the centre seeks to develop research projects, produce quality academic outputs and connect faculty and graduate students to key thinkers and policy makers in the field of reproductive and sexual health research. CORTH also fosters a strong research environment for international postdoctoral students who are seeking to gain research guidance from Sussex faculty and be based at the University.

Our Reproductive, Health and Technologies Network brings together faculty expertise from across campus and beyond: we have over 80 members, including 29 faculty members, 25 international senior research associates and advisors, 11 postdoctoral and visiting fellows and 14 doctoral students.

Centre activities:

#### **Workshops and conferences**

In 2014 we hosted our inaugural international conference on Re-Situating Abortion: Bio-politics, Global Health and Rights in Neo-liberal Times. Following that, in September this year we hosted a major conference on anthropology and global health (MAGic 2015), jointly organised with the European Medical Anthropology Network and the Royal Anthropological Institute Medical Anthropology Committee. We also run doctoral workshops and are currently organising our 4<sup>th</sup> doctoral forum workshop on Engaging for Impact (previous topics have included research methods

and body mapping). Next year, in 2016, planning is underway for a workshop with legal practitioners on the framing of international surrogacy practices.

Our members are working on the following topics (for which funding proposals are in progress):

- Improving care for people with chronic lifelong conditions in South Africa
- Sex selective abortion in the UK
- Reduction of chlamydia and HIV transmission in the UK
- Online talk on antimicrobial resistance among mothers in the UK and South Asia
- Work on sexual health among people with severe longstanding mental health problems

We have recently been successful in securing a major European Research Council grant to examine abortion provision across Europe.

With regard to our impact activities, centre members have contributed oral evidence to an All Parliamentary Party Group hearing on reproductive health, population dynamics, and sustainable development. This input was also used to inform the report on sustainable development bought out by the committee in the UK.

We have a dedicated website (<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/corth>), an active Twitter account (CORTHSussex), and welcome CAR members who are interested to get in touch with us.



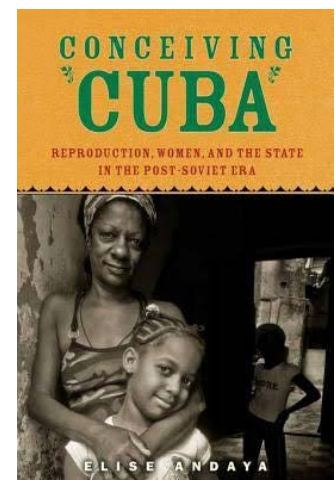
## AWARDS

ReproNetwork, an interdisciplinary group of researchers who study reproduction, is pleased to announce the winner of the 2015 Adele E. Clarke Book Award:

***Conceiving Cuba: Reproduction, Women, and the State in the Post-Soviet Era* by Elise Andaya (Rutgers University Press)**

A superb ethnographic study, *Conceiving Cuba* is a beautifully written and politically urgent book. It is likely to influence scholarship on reproduction for many years to come.

We are also delighted to award an honorable mention to ***Wombs in Labor: Transnational Commercial Surrogacy in India* by Amrita Pande (Columbia University Press).**



Initiated by the ReproNetwork community in 2014, the Adele E. Clarke Book Award is presented every other fall to honor an outstanding socio-cultural study of reproductive processes,

experiences, technologies, politics, and/or practices. Consistent with the composition of the ReproNetwork community, the prize committee welcomes submissions by historians, sociologists, anthropologists, public intellectuals, activists, and others.

2015 Book Prize Committee:

Chair: Monica J. Casper, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Arizona  
Rene Almeling, Sociology, Yale University  
Lara Freidenfelds, History, Independent Scholar  
Vanessa Hildebrand, Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University  
Jennifer Lahl, Center for Bioethics & Culture Network

About ReproNetwork

ReproNetwork aims to provide a space for social scientists and advocates working on reproductive issues to connect with one another—a place to share research ideas and resources. ReproNetwork includes students, professors, advocates, sociologists, anthropologists, midwives and others. You may become a member by subscribing to our listserv at [www.ReproNetwork.org](http://www.ReproNetwork.org) or by following our Facebook page.



## OPPORTUNITIES

**Postdoctoral Opportunity in Sexuality Studies from a Social Science Perspective**

The Sexualities Project at Northwestern (SPAN) invites applications for two-year post-doctoral fellowships in sexuality studies (social scientific approaches), to run from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018. We are particularly interested in candidates whose work falls within one or more of the following fields: African-American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Human Development and Social Policy, Linguistics, Performance Studies, Political Science, Religious Studies, or Sociology. The deadline to apply is January 4, 2016. [Click here to see a detailed description of the positions.](#)

**CFP: Parenting and Personhood: Cross-cultural perspectives on expertise, family life and risk management**

This event takes place on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th June 2016 in Canterbury, UK. The conference aims to bring together researchers from various disciplines who are interested in the interplay between parenting cultures, personhood, expertise and risk management. Our aim is to provide a venue for genuinely interdisciplinary dialogue for those with common research interests. The conference is being held as part of the project, 'Parenting Cultures and Risk Management in Plural Norway'. At the conference, findings from the project will be presented by the research team. Read more about the aims of the Conference [here](#).

Deadline for Abstract submission: Monday 14th December 2015

Notification of paper acceptance: Monday 25 January 2016

Publication of programme: Monday 23 February 2016

Deadline for Registration: 30 April 2016

[Call for Papers](#) (we can accommodate 24 sessions lasting 90 minutes over the two days, and welcome proposals for individual papers to be included as part of three-paper sessions, panels of three papers, and will consider proposals for other formats).

You can read more about 'Parenting Cultures and Risk Management in Plural Norway' [here](#).

### ***The Perfect Donor – a film by Diane Tober***

Medical anthropologist Diane Tober's film on egg donation is a documentary about egg donors, decisions and experiences. Diane is seeking support to finish editing and finance post-production, distribution, and outreach.

Diane Says "We plan to distribute this film widely across college campuses. We will be creating an educational version of the DVD with the full-length feature, as well as three 20-30 minute segments on different themes designed for a 50-minute college classroom, as well as a study/discussion guide. This film will help raise awareness about the impact of egg donation on women's lives, and will be useful in courses in medical anthropology, gender studies, STS studies, bioethics, and other courses."

Check out the film here: <http://perfectdonormovie.com/>

Click here to donate: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-perfect-donor-a-documentary-film/x/7976694#/>



## **REPORTS**

### **Notes from the Field: Is it Selfish Not to Have Children? Reproductive Decision Making among Latino couples**

*By Jessica Lott, Southern Methodist University*

I am standing in the living room of a suburban home, in a cozy neighborhood where neighbors can be seen walking their dogs and chatting on a bright Saturday morning. The hostess is a small, spry woman, full of energy and excited to welcome friends new and old to her home. She greets them warmly, slipping easily between Spanish and English. The living room is warmly decorated with large, solid furniture, family pictures, and a wide variety of tchotchkes. As I talk, my attention is drawn to the kitchen, where every available surface is filled to the edges with food. The narrow



aisle of space that remains is filled with women; they arrange the dishes they have brought to share, load their plates with food, and chat about their lives and about *Latinidad*. Sometimes this bubbles up as a series of in-jokes, but just as often it is about the representation of Latinas in media or about someone's work in a Latino/a focused charity.

I am at a monthly potluck that has been organized in an effort to create and sustain a community for Latinas in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. They share experiences, catch up with friends, and connect each other to business and community opportunities. Business cards flow, but there is a premium put on culture and community. I have been participating in meetings such as these for over a year. I am here to listen to these women's discussion of identity, the seemingly inevitable topic of family and children, and to find women (and eventually their husbands) to talk to about family.

For the past year, I have been asking Latino couples how they form their families and what it means to them to be mothers and fathers. Fieldwork for me means exploring the suburbs and neighborhoods of Dallas/Fort Worth to visit couples in their homes, the places they are raising their families. That is



how I found myself one rainy, cold afternoon in the home of Emilie and Robert. Emilie is in her home office as Robert heats the baby's milk for an afternoon feeding. The baby is passed around throughout the day – father, mother, bouncy chair – and this afternoon I enter into the rotation. We have coffee and we chat. I first interview Robert, who holds the baby in the crook of his arm as we talk. Emilie works in her office. Robert tells me that

for him, part of getting married was planning for children. He feels that his wife is in the driver's seat for family planning decisions, but says that ultimately he is happy with whatever God gives them. After our interview, Robert passes the baby to Emilie and leaves to pick up their two older daughters from school. Emilie echoes Robert's feelings in her interview. For her, marriage was about finding a good co-parent. She cites motherhood as an important life goal for her, as she wanted to "learn what love was" through the act of mothering.

On an unseasonably warm day – one of the joys of living in Texas - I meet a young man named Rodolfo at a café during a break in his work schedule. He and his wife do not want to have children, though he works with children and his wife works in reproductive health. He impresses upon me that his choice not to have children is not often spoken of in Latino families and that for this reason (among others) he tells me: "In a way, I feel like I don't belong." I am interested in a rising trend in Latino families: couples choosing not to have children ("childfree"). Rodolfo and his wife Claire, who I had interviewed earlier in her office, do not include children as they envision their future family. I wonder how and why Latino childfree couples are giving up the status in their families that is often obtained through parenthood. When I asked Rodolfo what it meant to his family members that he wasn't planning to have children, I (perhaps naively) was surprised to learn that he and Claire simply had not told anyone about their plans. Rodolfo and Claire are newlyweds, and Claire's mother in

particular is insistent that the couple have children as soon as possible. She is vocal about her wish both at family gatherings and in a more public forum: Facebook. They usually respond to her with a noncommittal phrase, “we’ll see” or “whatever God wants.” I wonder to myself if they are able to mitigate a loss of status this way or if it is merely the most convenient tactic for them for the time being.

Another day, I am sharing breakfast with a family of four who live in a largely Latino neighborhood in Dallas. Irene is particularly excited to have farm fresh eggs to cook this morning, marveling over their deep yolks and claiming their superior taste to eggs bought in the grocery store. As I visit with Irene, we discuss my project, and she wonders out loud if she knows any childfree couples. Alberto walks in and declares that they don’t exist, or if they do, they must be very selfish people. Irene laughs at him, but concludes that they must not know anyone like that.

I am finding these Latino childfree couples, despite a certain level of secrecy and invisibility surrounding their existence. In speaking with childfree couples, I am opening a window to an aspect of contemporary Latino families that many have not seen, while speaking with parents provides a broader context for understanding reproductive decision making. I continue to spend my Saturday mornings at potlucks, many weekday afternoons holding babies, and the occasional sunny afternoon at a café, weaving together seemingly disparate tales to enrich our understanding of Latino families.

*Jessica Lott is a Ph.D. candidate in cultural anthropology and a Graduate Certificate candidate in Women's and Gender Studies at Southern Methodist University. Her dissertation research uses the lens of reproductive decision making to explore family relationships among middle-class, heterosexual Mexican-American couples in Dallas, Texas. Specifically, it focuses on 'childfree' couples, in order to understand why couples choose not to have children or to become parents, what gendered power dynamics influence this decision, and how this decision affects achievement of personhood and definitions of family.*

### **Advocacy Report: New feminist organization puts choice in women’s hands**

*By Robin Whitaker*

I did my PhD research on gender and political culture in the Northern Ireland peace process. My focus wasn’t directly on abortion politics but these inevitably figured in my fieldwork, as prochoice activists struggled to advance women’s reproductive rights in a political scene dominated by national conflict. The 1967 Abortion Act, which put the rest of the United Kingdom at the forefront of abortion provision, was never extended to Northern Ireland. To this day, [abortion there](#) is regulated by a combination of 19<sup>th</sup> century legislation and case law. Northern Ireland’s government has not issued guidance on when these laws allow termination, despite a 2004 court order to do so. The upshot is an abortion regime that [Amnesty International](#) terms “draconian.”

For decades, the only solution for most women with unwanted pregnancies was travel to a British clinic to pay for a procedure that other UK citizens get free on the National Health Service. Along with their counterparts in the Irish Republic where abortion law is even [more restrictive](#), tens of thousands have made that journey since the ’67 Act took effect – often despite daunting [logistical barriers](#) and

scarce financial means. In these circumstances, conservative politicians' repeated claim that opposition to abortion unites a divided society is disingenuous at best.

When the number of women giving (Northern) Irish addresses at British clinics [started dropping](#) in the 2000s, anti-abortion activists quickly claimed victory. In reality, another dynamic was at play, as women increasingly opted for the relative ease and affordability of pills bought online. Included on the World Health Organization list of essential medicines, mifepristone and misoprostol have been [revolutionary in enhancing](#) both safe abortion and women's autonomy from medical gatekeepers around the world. Where abortion is banned or highly restricted, the pills can be lifesavers. Brazilian women were pioneers in using misoprostol – originally an ulcer drug – for pregnancy termination. Informal off-label use soon spread through Latin America [and beyond](#).

Nevertheless, women are vulnerable to the integrity of suppliers and inaccurate information about how to use the drugs. Until recently, the main reliable source was [Women on Web](#). Now, women also have the option of Women Help Women ([womenhelp.org](#)). Launched on International Safe Abortion Day 2014 I am happy to be involved in this new feminist non-profit. Animated by the conviction that

women, not politicians or doctors, are best placed to decide if an abortion is right for them, its activist spirit is captured in its cheeky anniversary video, [Pill Wars](#), and its slogan: "Connecting the personal experience of swallowing a pill to global political activism."

WHW currently works in seven languages and has already helped get medication abortion into the hands of hundreds of women in countries in Europe, Latin America, and Asia where abortion is restricted. Although

WHW asks for a donation to cover costs, about a fifth of users are unable to donate and every effort is made to help them by making the service affordable or free. We are also working actively with partner organizations across four continents as WHW expands its activity.

CAR members who want to learn more about WHW or who are working with activist groups and NGOs that might want to partner with us can visit [womenhelp.org](#) or contact us directly at [info@womenhelp.org](#) or [partner@womenhelp.org](#). We also welcome help in getting our contact details out to women who need medical advice or help accessing abortion drugs and/or contraception.





## **“Maternal Precarity at the Intersection of Households and Health Systems: Interrogating Meanings of Risk and Power in Maternal Health” – A report from MAGic 2015**

*By Mounia El Kotni*

From September 9 to 11, the University of Sussex hosted the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Medical Anthropology Network, and the Royal Anthropological Institute’s (RAI) meeting on “Anthropology and Global Health: Interrogating Theory, Policy and Practice”. For any CAR member, an anthropological conference focusing on global health is already pretty exciting by itself. A panel on maternal health running over an entire day, in three amazing sessions is, then, the icing on the cake.

The panel was organized by Maya Unnithan (University of Sussex), Bregje de Kok (University of Amsterdam), and Almudena Mari Saez (Charité Berlin), with Jane Sandall (King’s College London) serving as discussant. Over the course of the day, the eleven panelists shared their experience as social scientists and/or nurse-midwives working in nine countries (Argentina, Canada, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, the Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Rwanda).



The three sessions interrogated the notion of maternal precarity, as it is understood and lived at both the community and the health policy level. Researchers working with traditional midwives in far apart countries such as Malawi and Mexico, reported on the unintended consequences of international agendas and national government programs. The focus on risk of such programs prevents midwives from attending some births, and makes midwives distance themselves from women in their communities. A similar consequence was documented in the Netherlands, where professional midwives are not legally allowed to help high-risk women who want to give birth in their home; with the unintended consequence of women opting for unattended births in their homes - and later posting their videos on YouTube.

When home is constructed as a risky environment, a variety of measures, each with different levels of coercion, are implemented to bring women into hospitals; they range from cash incentives to attend prenatal check-up at the clinic in Mexico, to monetary fines for birthing outside of the health center in Rwanda, and aerial maternal evacuation previous to birth in Canada.

Recently, the humanization of childbirth movement is slowly providing new options for women in hospitals. Legislative changes, such as the obstetric violence law in Argentina, might lead to reduce the country’s C-section rate. However, the example from Portugal, where a program offering water birth to women in a hospital closed after a few years of activity, illustrates that such changes are not

definitive. Ultimately, in a Russian hospital, the quality of care is proportionate to the amount of money the woman and her family are willing to pay for their birth plan, with different plans offered to them.

Another theme which emerged during the sessions revolved around the policing of motherhood, and the different views on maternity and family planning conveyed to women by health professionals and government employees. With examples from Mexico, Portugal and Kenya, what being a good mother means is tightly linked to the number of children that one has, and the type of food one provides them with.

The mix between government policies and individual attitudes of medical staff often lead women to make risk/benefit calculations and provide an alternative definition to reproductive risk. The panel discussion highlighted new fields for research, such as analyzing how our current health systems are themselves risky; further develop the difference between risk and hazard' and deconstruct the meaning of 'natural childbirth' – exciting new themes for a future panel!

N.B: The list of presenters, presentation abstracts, and contact information can be found online at <http://nomadit.co.uk/easa/magic2015/panels.php5?PanelID=3603>



## MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

### Book Announcements

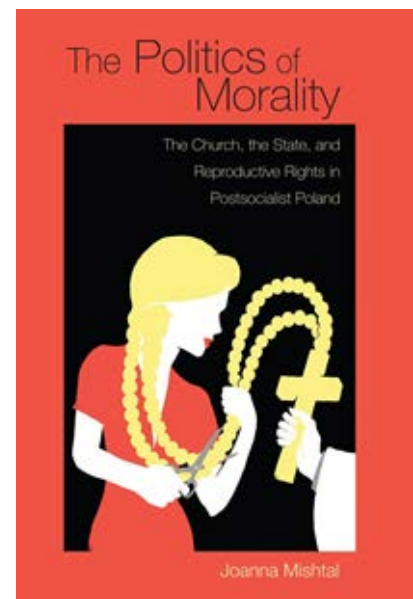
**Joanna Mishtal**

***The Politics of Morality: The Church, the State and Reproductive Rights in Postsocialist Poland.* Ohio University Press, August 2015.**

Joanna Mishtal's book has been published by Ohio University Press. Joanna is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Central Florida. *The Politics of Morality* is a full-length, single author ethnography based on 21 months of primary data collection in Kraków, Warsaw, and Gdańsk, Poland. It examines the politics of gender, focusing on reproductive rights, health, and social policies. Specifically, this book is an anthropological study of the expansion of power by the religious right and its effects on individual rights and social values, and it examines the contentious nature of reproductive rights politics that emerged since the fall of state socialism in 1989, and in light of the 2004 EU integration. More information here:

<http://www.ohioswallow.com/book/The+Politics+of+Morality>. On Amazon:

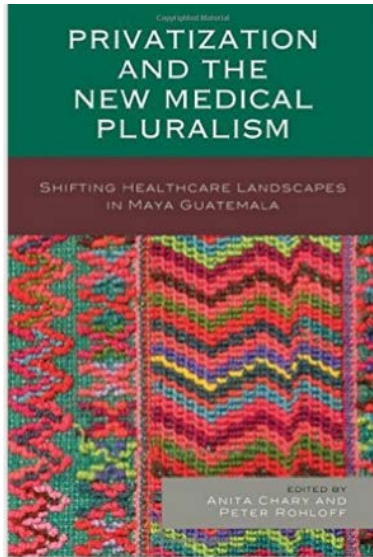
<http://www.amazon.com/Politics-Morality-Reproductive-Postsocialist-American/dp/0821421409>



**Anita Chary and Peter Rohloff, editors**

***Privatization and the New Medical Pluralism: Shifting Healthcare Landscapes in Maya Guatemala.***  
Lexington Books, September 2015.

Privatization and the New Medical Pluralism is the first collection of its kind to explore the contemporary terrain of healthcare in Guatemala through reflective ethnography. This volume offers a



nuanced portrait of the effects of healthcare privatization for indigenous Maya people, who have historically endured numerous disparities in health and healthcare access. The collection provides an updated understanding of medical pluralism, which concerns not only the tensions and exchanges between ethnomedicine and biomedicine that have historically shaped Maya people's experiences of health, but also the multiple competing biomedical institutions that have emerged in a highly privatized, market-driven environment of care. The book has several chapters about reproductive health among indigenous Guatemalan women that may be of interest to CAR members. Specifically, there are chapters about maternal health in conditional cash transfer programs, adolescent pregnancy, cervical cancer, and lay midwifery. More information [here](#).

Anita says: "Thanks to several of you who served as reviewers!"

**Alma Gottlieb and Judy S. DeLoache, editors**

***A World of Babies: Imagined Childcare Guides for Eight Societies (fully revised second edition).***  
Forthcoming.

A brand new edition of Alma Gottlieb's book *A World of Babies*, is coming out in October 2016 next year. The first edition was taught widely across ca. 20 disciplines and on over 85 campuses around the world. The new edition includes seven entirely new chapters, one updated chapter, and an entirely updated Introduction. The thrust of all the changes is to update the volume to examine child-rearing practices in the face of all the challenges of our globalized world in the 21st century. Parenting in immigrant, refugee, war-torn societies, and rapidly changing are the focus of our "case studies." Countries/societies covered include China, Russian Israeli Jews, Palestinians, Portugal, Denmark, Beng (Ivory Coast), Somali-Americans, and Peru.

The marketing team for the press (Cambridge University Press) will be sending out targeted publicity (and, potentially, desk copies) to people who might be interested in teaching the new edition of the book. If anyone would like to receive such publicity, please let me know! And, if you know of websites or other places we might not know about that might be interested to receive either a review copy or a publicity packet, that would be great to know, as well.

You can contact Alma at [ajgottli@illinois.edu](mailto:ajgottli@illinois.edu)

**Marcia C. Inhorn**

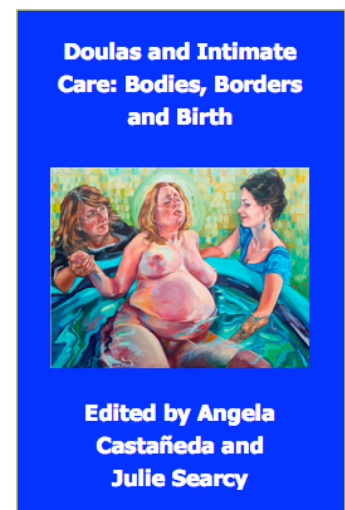
***Cosmopolitan Conceptions: IVF Sojourns in Global Dubai.* Duke University Press, 2015.**

In their desperate quest for conception, thousands of infertile couples from around the world travel to the global in vitro fertilization (IVF) hub of Dubai. In *Cosmopolitan Conceptions* Marcia C. Inhorn highlights the stories of 220 "reprotravelers" from fifty countries who sought treatment at a "cosmopolitan" IVF clinic in Dubai. These couples cannot find safe, affordable, legal, and effective IVF services in their home countries, and their stories offer a window into the world of infertility—a world that is replete with pain, fear, danger, frustration, and financial burden. These hardships dispel any notion that traveling for IVF treatment is reproductive tourism. The magnitude of reprotravel to Dubai, Inhorn contends, reflects the failure of countries to meet their citizens' reproductive needs, which suggests the necessity of creating new forms of activism that advocate for developing alternate pathways to parenthood, reducing preventable forms of infertility, supporting the infertile, and making safe and low-cost IVF available worldwide. order online [here](#). Use coupon code P15INHNRN to save 30% off the paperback.

**Angela Castañeda and Julie Searcy, editors**

***Doulas and Intimate Labour: Borders, Bodies and Birth***

This edited volume focuses on doulas and the intimate practices involved with doula care. It raises critical questions about the social and cultural meanings of attending to women during the transition to motherhood. In her book *The Tender Gift* (1973), medical anthropologist Dana Raphael first applied the word doula to birth culture when describing the importance of "mothering the mother" and increasing successful breastfeeding results during the fourth trimester. Today the term doula covers a much broader field of birth work, which includes birth, postpartum and full spectrum doulas or doulas who care for women during abortion, adoption, surrogacy, miscarriage and stillbirth. This collection includes academic and personal essays written by a diverse group of scholars, including practicing midwives and doulas. More information [here](#).



### **Special Issues**

Anika König and Nolwen Bühler have edited a special issue of *Sociologus: Journal of Social Anthropology* on ARTs in Switzerland. "Making Kinship in Switzerland and Beyond: Imaginations and Substances" is available at this link:

<http://ejournals.duncker-humblot.de/toc/soc/65/1>

Carol J. Pierce Colfer is coeditor of a Special Issue on "Gender and Agroforestry" in the *International Forestry Review*. In the introduction Carol has placed emphasis on the lack of attention to reproductive issues as research explores ways to incorporate women more meaningfully into the worlds of forestry and agroforestry. You can access some of the content [here](#).

Jessaca Leinaweaver co edited a special issue of *Social & Cultural Geography* with Sonja van Wichelen. The issue is called “The Geography of Transnational Adoption: Kin and Place in Globalization,” 16(5), 2015. It includes essays by Sonja, Barbara Yngvesson, Silvia Posocco, and Katrien de Graeve. The focus is all on transnational adoption, More information [here](#).

## **Articles**

Erikson, S. L. (2015). Global health indicators and maternal health futures: The case of Intrauterine Growth Restriction. *Global public health*, 1-15.

Leinaweaver, Jessaca (2015) “Geographies of Generation: Age Restrictions in International Adoption” (*Social & Cultural Geography* 16(5): 508-521)

Leinaweaver, Jessaca and van Wichelen, Sonja “The Geography of Transnational Adoption: Kin and Place in Globalization” (*Social & Cultural Geography* 16(5): 499-507.)

Leinaweaver, Jessaca “How Internationally Adoptive Parents Become Transnational Parents: ‘Cultural’ Orientation as Transnational Care” in *Anthropological Perspectives on Care: Work, Kinship, and the Life-Course*, Erdmute Alber and Heike Drotbohm, editors.

Leinaweaver, Jessaca “Transnational Fathers, Good Providers, and the Silences of Adoption.” in *Globalized Fatherhood* Marcia Inhorn, Wendy Chavkin, and José-Alberto Navarro, editors. More information [here](#).

Thomas, G.M. (2015) An elephant in the consultation room? Configuring Down’s syndrome in UK antenatal care. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* (link [here](#)).

Thomas, G.M. and Latimer, J.E. (2015) In/exclusion in the clinic: Down’s syndrome, dysmorphology, and the ethics of everyday medical work. *Sociology* (link [here](#)).

Thomas, G.M. (2015) Picture perfect: ‘4D’ ultrasound and the commoditisation of the private prenatal clinic. *Journal of Consumer Culture* (link [here](#)).

Zacher-Dixon Lydia (2015) Obstetrics in a Time of Violence: Mexican Midwives Critique Routine Hospital Practices. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* (link [here](#)).



## **UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

**American Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, 2015**

**Wednesday, November 18**

**2-0335 MOTHERING REPRODUCTION, MOTHERING RUPTURE: INDIGENOUS AND IMMIGRANT WOMEN NAVIGATING CITIZENSHIP, MORALITY, AND CHANGE**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015: 2:00 PM-3:45 PM**

2:00 PM 'Irresponsible Mothers'?: Motherhood, Morality and Alterity in Maternity Care Services on Europe's Periphery

Vanessa Elisa Grotti (European University Institute and Oxford University)

2:15 PM Navigating Generational and Gender Differences Among Migrant Mothers in Albania

Natasa Gregoric Bon (The Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts)

2:30 PM From Pro-Natal to Pro-National?: Sociality, Mothering, and the Making of Modern (Re)Productive Kichwa Citizens

Jamie Shenton (Vanderbilt University)

2:45 PM Amazonian Indigenous Motherhood in the Digital Age

Pirjo Kristiina K Virtanen (University of Helsinki)

3:00 PM Invoking the Earth Mother: Embodied Gender and Ecological Discourses on Andean State Extractivism

Kellie Cavagnaro (Vanderbilt University)

3:15 PM Discussant Jonathan N Maupin (Arizona State University, School of Human Evolution and Social Change)

3:30 PM

Discussion

**2-0450 PROPER BIRTHS, PROPER PARENTS**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015: 4:00 PM-5:45 PM**

4:00 PM Humanized Birth: Producing Future Citizens in the New Regime of Proper Parenting

Rosalynn Adeline Vega (UC Berkeley/ UC San Francisco)

4:15 PM Men As Men: Toward a New Couvade

Richard T Powis III (Washington University in St. Louis)

4:30 PM Pronatalism Reloaded? the Politics of Reproduction in Present-Day Romania

Cristina A Pop (Montana State University)

4:45 PM Criminalized Traditional Birth Attendants and Emergency Maternity Care in Uganda

Bonnie Ruder (Oregon State University)

5:00 PM Mothers and Babies: The Cultural Construction of Breastfeeding in France  
Kathleen N Skoczen (Southern Connecticut State University, Department of Anthropology)

5:15 PM For Their Own Good: A Snapshot of Health Experience in the Southern Peruvian Andes  
Samya Stumo (University of Copenhagen)

**Thursday, November 19**

**3-0315 REPRODUCTIVE FAMILIARITY ACROSS THE TRANSITIONS**

**Thursday, November 19, 2015: 10:15 AM-12:00 PM**

10:15 AM Discussant  
Helen Elizabeth Davis (University of Utah, Department of Anthropology)

10:30 AM Male Reproductive Decision-Making in Indonesia  
Kristin Snopkowski (Boise State University)

10:45 AM Matrilineal Alloparental Investment Bias in Diverse Social Settings  
Gretchen Perry (University of Missouri - Columbia)

11:00 AM Commitment in Mayangna and Miskito Marriages: Exploring the Cross-Cultural Applicability of the Investment Model Scale  
Jeffrey W Winking (Texas A&M University, Department of Anthropology), Paul Eastwick (University of Texas) and Jeremy Koster (University of Cincinnati)

11:15 AM Wealth and Cohort Effects on Fertility Decline in an Indigenous Siberian Community in Response to Rapid Economic Change  
John P Ziker (Boise State University) and David A Nolin (University of Missouri)

11:30 AM Contraception in Context: Social Network and Community Level Influences on Contraceptive Use in Rural Poland  
Heidi Collieran (Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse)

11:45 AM Shodagor Production and Reproduction: Merchant Mothers and Fishing Fathers  
Kathrine E Starkweather (University of Missouri - Columbia)

**3-0860 EVOLUTIONARY MEDICINE AND REPRODUCTION: METHODS AND APPLICATIONS OF "FAMILIAR MEDICINE" USING AN EVOLUTIONARY AND CROSS-CULTURAL CONTEXT**

**Thursday, November 19, 2015: 1:45 PM-3:30 PM**

1:45 PM Variation in Postpartum Reproductive Functioning: Adaptive Tradeoffs Between Parenting and Mating Effort  
Michelle J Escasa-Dorne (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs) and Bria Dunham (Boston University)

2:00 PM The First Cut Is the Deepest: Cesarean Births Influence Demographic Outcomes in a Yucatec Maya Community

Amanda Jane Veile (Purdue University) and Karen Kramer (University of Utah, Department of Anthropology)

2:15 PM The Good, the Bad, and the Maladapted: Fetal Sensitivity in the Context of Evolutionarily Novel Environments

Zaneta Marie Thayer (University of Colorado Denver) and Meredith A Wilson (University of Colorado Denver)

2:30 PM The Ethics and Logistics of Paternity Testing in a Small-Scale Society

Brooke A Scelza (UCLA), Brenna Henn (SUNY Stony Brook) and Elizabeth Atkinson (SUNY Stony Brook)

2:45 PM Evolutionary Medicine and the Disgust Response: Does Elevated Pathogen Disgust Sensitivity Decrease Exposure to Important Immune-Priming Agents?

Tara J. Cepon-Robins (University of Colorado Colorado Springs), Theresa E Gildner (University of Oregon), Melissa A Liebert (University of Oregon), Samuel Urlacher (Harvard University), Felicia C Madimenos (Queens College (CUNY)), Josh Snodgrass (University of Oregon) and Lawrence Sugiyama (University of Oregon)

3:00 PM The Influence of Alloparents on Fathers' Roles and Physiology in Two Cultural Contexts

Lee T Gettler (University of Notre Dame), Christopher Kuzawa (Northwestern University), Julia M Braungart-Rieker (University of Notre Dame), E. Mark Cummings (University of Notre Dame), Jennifer Burke (University of Notre Dame) and Alan B Feranil (University of San Carlos)

3:15 PM Strange Medicine: Effects of Placenta Capsules on Postpartum Affect and Recovery

Sharon M Young (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

### **3-0955 BIOPOLITICS OF THE FAMILY IN TURKEY: NEOCONSERVATISM, SEXUALITY, AND REPRODUCTION**

**Thursday, November 19, 2015: 1:45 PM-3:30 PM**

1:45 PM Governing the Family through Knowledge Production: Family Crisis, Islamic Civil Society, and the Politics of the Family in Turkey

Hikmet Kocamaner (Brandeis University)

2:00 PM Blessing Neoliberalization with Neoconservatism: Occulting Reproduction in Millennial Turkey

Zeynep Korkman (University of Arizona)

2:15 PM Technoscientific Nationalism: Ethnopolitical Conflict, Disabled Masculinity, and Medicalized Fatherhood in Turkey

Salih Can Aciksoz (University of Arizona)



2:30 PM Taming of the Shrewd: Treating Vaginismus, Saving the Family in Turkey  
Neslihan Sen (THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO)

2:45 PM Discussant  
Brian Silverstein (University of Arizona)

3:00 PM Discussion  
3:15 PM Discussion

**3-1000 HOSPITALS AS ZONES OF AFFECTIVE, MORAL AND POLITICAL INTENSITY**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2015: 1:45 PM-3:30 PM**

1:45 PM Discussant: Emma E. A. Varley (Brandon University)

2:00 PM Discussant: Alice Naomi Street (University of Edinburgh)

2:15 PM Colonial Hauntings: Avicenne Hospital and Medicine *Otherwise* in the French Metropole  
Janina Kehr (University of Zurich)

2:30 PM Spectral Ties: Forms of Haunting Across the Line of Control  
Saiba Varma (University of California, San Diego) and Emma E. A. Varley (Brandon University)

2:45 PM Strange Spaces, Familiar Encounters: Political and Moral Anxieties in Indian Infertility  
Treatment  
Holly Donahue Singh (University of Michigan)

3:00 PM "The gift can be poisonous": Language, Pain and Reproductive Rights  
Amy Beth Krauss (John Hopkins University)

3:15 PM Ethical Expertise of Dinaborgiri/midwifery Contesting the Enabling Violations of Allopathy &  
Biomedicalized Childbirth  
Fouzieyha Towghi (University of California, Berkeley)

**3-1240 "BLACK BODIES MATTER": MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS PRESENT  
CHALLENGING ISSUES**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2015: 4:00 PM-5:45 PM**

Chairs: Charlotte A Noble (University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology, University of  
South Florida, College of Public Health and AIDS and Anthropology Research Group) and Margaret  
Souza (Death and Bereavement and SUNY/Empire State College)

Roundtable Presenters: Corliss D. Heath (Aids and Anthropology SIG and University of Maryland,  
Baltimore), Daniella Santoro (Tulane University and Medical Anthropology Students Association), Ugo

Edu (University of California, San Francisco and Council on Anthropology and Reproduction), Sherylyn H Briller (Purdue University and Disability Research Group) and Amy Paul-Ward (National Association of Practicing Anthropologists: Occupational Therapy and Florida International University)

**Friday, November 20**

**4-0065 BIOCULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON NORMAL, PHYSIOLOGIC BIRTH**

**Friday, November 20, 2015: 8:00 AM-9:45 AM**

Introductions: Wenda Trevathan (New Mexico State University)

Chairs: Nicole L Falk (University of South Florida) and Courtney L Everson (Midwives College of Utah and Oregon State University)

Roundtable Presenters: Melissa Cheyney (Oregon State University, Department of Anthropology), Courtney L Everson (Oregon State University), Nicole L Falk (University of South Florida), Holly Horan (Oregon State University), Elizabeth Miller (University of South Florida) and Kirsten Resnick (Boston University)

**4-0535 NORMALIZING, MONITORING AND CRITIQUING FORMS OF GENDER AND REPRODUCTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

**Friday, November 20, 2015: 10:15 AM-12:00 PM**

10:15 AM Transnational Rights, Local Norms, and Gender Violence: Changing Conceptions of Sexual Harassment in Egypt

Angie Abdelmonem (Arizona State University, School of Human Evolution and Social Change)

10:30 AM Monitoring Babies: Governance and Contention Around Reproductive Healthcare Policy in Turkey

Ferhan Guloglu (GWU)

10:45 AM Debating "Humanity" through Representations of Kurdish Female Guerrillas

Esin Duzel (University of California, San Diego)

11:00 AM Internal Criticism: Islamic Women's Organizing for Political Representation in Iran and Turkey

Mona Tajali (University of Oxford)

11:15 AM The Making of Muslim Women in Turkey: A Comparative Analysis of Gulen Movement and Ismailaga Sufi Community

Esmâ Erdogan (Indiana University, Department of Anthropology)

11:30 AM Discussion

11:45 AM Discussion

#### **4-1270 REPRODUCING THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Friday, November 20, 2015: 4:00 PM-5:45 PM**

4:00 PM "Swimming in Poison, Drowning in Estrogen": At the Confluence of Environmental and Reproductive Health in China

Janelle D Lamoreaux (University of Cambridge)

4:15 PM Mother to Child: Mercury and Negative Ecologies

Ruth Goldstein (University of California, Berkeley)

4:30 PM Where Environment Comes to Rest: Scientists, Subjects and Birth-Cohort Obesity Research in Mexico City

Elizabeth F. S. Roberts (University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology)

4:45 PM Assisted Abundance: Viable Ontologies for a Climate Resilient Agriculture

Tracey Heatherington (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee)

5:00 PM Reproducing Terroirs: Wine Grapes and Microbial Consortia in the Face of Climate Change

Deborah Heath (Lewis & Clark College)

5:15 PM Discussant

Eben Kirksey (University of New South Wales)

5:30 PM Discussion

#### **4-1505 COUNCIL ON ANTHROPOLOGY AND REPRODUCTION OPEN BUSINESS MEETING**

**Friday, November 20, 2015: 7:45 PM-9:00 PM**

#### **Saturday, November 21**

#### **5-0565 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND THE POWER OF THE STATE**

**Saturday, November 21, 2015: 10:15 AM-12:00 PM**

10:15 AM Reproducing Responsibility: Examining Reproductive Citizenship in Mexico City's New Public Abortion Program

Elyse Ona Singer (Washington University)

10:30 AM "Routinization of Caesarian Sections in Argentina: Familiar Practice As Obstetric Violence in the Making of Modern Subjects"

Rebecca G Martinez (University of Missouri)

10:45 AM Men's Navigation of Maternal Healthcare Issues through Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs): Insights from Luwero District, Uganda

Emmanuel Benon Turinawe (University of Amsterdam and Makerere University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences), Laban Kashaija Musinguzi (University of Amsterdam), Jude Tibemanya Rwemisisi (University of Amsterdam), Marije de Groot (University of Amsterdam), Denis Muhangi (Makerere University), Daniel H de Vries (University of Amsterdam), David Kaawa Mafigiri (Makerere University) and Robert Pool (University of Amsterdam)

11:00 AM Managing Population "Crisis": Reproductive Structural Violence and the Transformation of Chinese (Post)Socialism

Junjie Chen (University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology)

11:15 AM Two Sides of the Same Coin: Comparing National and International Logics of Family Planning

Sophya Yumakulov (York University)

11:30 AM Corruption Accusations in Local Health Systems: Findings from a Seven-Country Comparative Ethnography

Svea H Closser (Middlebury College)

11:45 AM Discussion

#### **5-0840 MAKING PARENTS: ASSISTED REPRODUCTION AND PARENTING CULTURE IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY - PART I**

**Saturday, November 21, 2015: 1:45 PM-3:30 PM**

1:45 PM Discussion

2:00 PM Making the World's First Test-Tube Parents: Media Representations of Lesley and John Brown

Katharine Dow (University of Cambridge)

2:15 PM Negotiating Parenthood: The Role of Parenting Culture in the Experience of Egg Donation

Kathleen Hammond (University of Cambridge)

2:30 PM The (Missing) Genetic Link: Parenthood, Genes, and Money in Transnational Surrogacy

Ingvill Stuvoey (NTNU)

2:45 PM Parenting Culture, Assisted Reproductive Technologies, and the Visibility of Transnational Adoption

Frayda Cohen (University of Pittsburgh)

3:00 PM Fertile Markets: Market Interactions in Cross-Border Reproductive Care

Eleni Tsingou (Copenhagen Business School)

3:15 PM Discussion

#### **5-0855 THE CURIOUS CONTOURS OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & POLITICS**

**Saturday, November 21, 2015: 1:45 PM-3:30 PM**

1:45 PM Between the Womb and Home: Neonatal Intensive Care Units, Race and the Liminality of Prematurity

Dana-Ain Davis (City University of New York Queens College, Department of Anthropology)

2:00 PM Physician Racism and the Construction of Kinship in Transnational Surrogacy

Daisy Deomampo (Fordham University)

2:15 PM Saved: Race, Reproductive Politics, and Leftover Frozen Embryos in the Wake of IVF in the United States

Risa D Cromer (CUNY Graduate Center)

2:30 PM Weighing the Future: Epigenetic Paradigms in Clinical Trial Interventions during Pregnancy

Natali Valdez (UC Irvine)

2:45 PM “Deafening Heteronormativity”: Reproductive Loss, Lgbtq Families, and Apparent Failures

Christa C Craven (College of Wooster)

3:00 PM Queer-Ness of Virginity and the Vaginal Speculum: LéSbicas Negras’ Ethico-Political Negotiations in Brazilian Gynecology

Nessette Falu (Rice University, Department of Anthropology)

3:15 PM Discussant

Sarah Franklin (University of Cambridge)

**Sunday, November 22**

**6-0230 FREEZING THE FUTURE: FAMILIAR AND STRANGE TERRITORIES OF TECHNO-REPRODUCTION ORGANIZERS**

**Sunday, November 22, 2015: 10:15 AM-12:00 PM**

Chairs: Linda L Layne (Colorado School of Mines) and Diane M Tober (University of California, San Francisco)

Roundtable Presenters: Diane M Tober (University of California, San Francisco), Linda L Layne (Colorado School of Mines and Colorado School of Mines), Khadija Mitu (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Sebastian Mohr (Aarhus University) and Sarah Richards (Boston University)



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