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CAR NEWS:

Remember to let your students and Repro Anthro colleagues know about CAR, if they don't already!

A warm thank you to Nicole Gallicchio and Diana Santana for their first-rate work as newsletter co-editors for the past several newsletters!

If you know of someone who might like to join CAR, please invite them to contact the CAR Membership Coordinator, Elizabeth Wirtz (joinanthrorepro@gmail.com).

Please email all correspondence to Elizabeth at joinanthrorepro@gmail.com.

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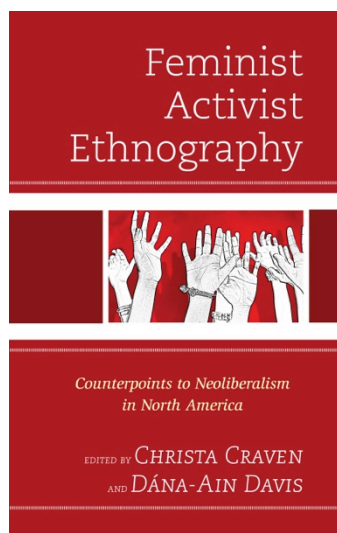
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MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Books



Feminist Activist Ethnography: Counterpoints to Neoliberalism in North America

Christa Craven and Dána-Ain Davis, editors

Lexington Books, April 2013

Writing in the wake of neoliberalism, where human rights and social justice have increasingly been subordinated to proliferating “consumer choices” and ideals of market justice, contributors to this collection argue that feminist ethnographers are in a key position to reassert the central feminist connections between theory, methods, and activism. Together, we suggest avenues for incorporating methodological innovations, collaborative analysis, and collective activism in our scholarly projects. What are the possibilities (and challenges) that exist for feminist ethnography 25 years after initial debates emerged in this field about reflexivity, objectivity, reductive individualism, and the social relevance of activist scholarship? How can feminist ethnography intensify efforts towards social justice in the current political and economic climate? This collection continues a crucial dialogue about feminist activist ethnography in the 21st century—at the

intersection of engaged feminist research and activism in the service of the organizations, people, communities, and feminist issues we study.

Militant Lactivism? Attachment Parenting and Intensive Motherhood in the UK and France

By Charlotte Faircloth

Berghahn Books, March 2013

(50% discount available when ordered from the publisher:

https://www.berghahnbooks.com/extras/docs/flyer/FairclothMilitant_9780857457585.html)

This is based on Charlotte Faircloth's PhD research with 'attachment' mothers in London and Paris, exploring their accounts of long-term breastfeeding. These mothers talk about their decision to continue breastfeeding, sometimes for periods of several years, as the “natural thing to do”: “evolutionarily appropriate,” “scientifically best,” and “what feels right in their hearts.” Through a theoretical focus on knowledge claims and accountability, the text frames these accounts within a wider context of “intensive parenting,” arguing that parenting practices – infant feeding in particular – have become a highly moralized affair for mothers, practices which they feel are a critical aspect of their “identity work.” The book investigates why, how, and with what implications some of these mothers describe themselves as “militant lactivists” as well as reflecting on wider parenting culture in the UK and France.



Parenting in Global Perspective: Negotiating ideologies of Kinship, Self and Politics

Charlotte Faircloth, Diane Hoffman and Linda Layne, editors
Routledge, March 2013

(Routledge is offering 20% off all Routledge titles when ordered from www.routledge.com . Please quote ACED2013 when ordering.)



This collection has been co-edited by Charlotte Faircloth, Diane Hoffman and Linda Layne with the aim of exploring the the spread of the 'new parenting culture' from a cross-cultural perspective. The volume features contributions from a range of anthropologists and sociologists working in Euro-American settings as well as Turkey, Chile, Brazil and beyond to look at how an expertise, skill-based approach to parenting has been accommodated, rejected or revised. The volume presents a critical perspective, which positions parenting as a global ideology that intersects in a variety of ways with the political, social, cultural and economic positions of parents and families. Particular themes include the structural constraints to 'good parenting' (both in terms of class, immigration and reproductive technologies), the relationships between intimate family life, policy making and nationhood, and parenting and/as adult 'identity work'.



Pregnancy in Practice: Expectation and Experience in the Contemporary US

By Sallie Han
Berghahn Books, July 2013

(50% discount available when ordered from the publisher:
<http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title.php?rowtag=HanPregnancy>)

Babies are not simply born—they are made through cultural and social practices. Based on rich empirical work, this book examines the everyday experiences that mark pregnancy in the US today, such as reading pregnancy advice books, showing ultrasound “baby pictures” to friends and co-workers, and decorating the nursery in anticipation of the new arrival. These ordinary practices of pregnancy, the author argues, are significant and revealing creative activities that produce babies. They are the activities through which babies are made important and meaningful in the lives of the women and men awaiting the child’s birth. This

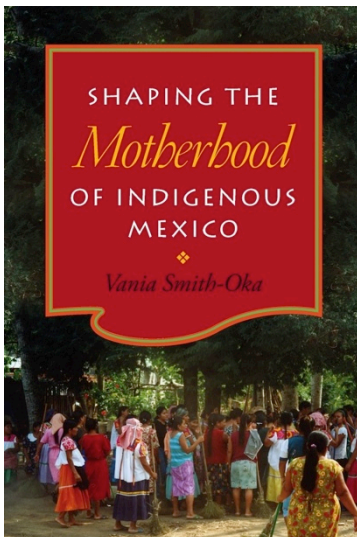
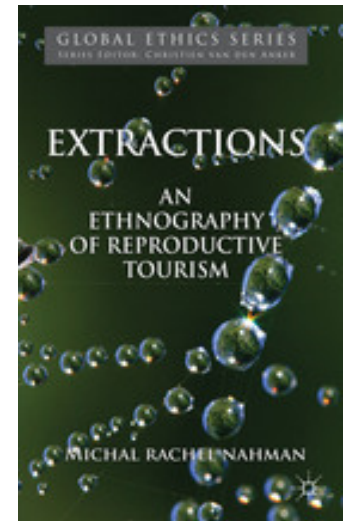
book brings into focus a topic that has been overlooked in the scholarship on reproduction and will be of interest to professionals and expectant parents alike.

Extractions: An Ethnography of Reproductive Tourism

By Michal Nahman

Palgrave Macmillan, 2013

What can an anthropological study of Israeli cross-border egg donation contribute to the important debate of the global ethics of human egg traffic? What happens to nationalism and citizenship in an era of globalised egg trade? How are women's bodies in different national contexts positioned in unequal and conflicting relationships with each other under capitalism? In addition to addressing these issues, Michal Nahman also asks methodological questions for anthropologists and other social scientists about how we tell stories about science and the body. She explores whether we simply tell these stories in a vacuum or whether they are global developments important not just as a backdrop but as an integral part of the story of new reproductive technologies.



Shaping the Motherhood of Indigenous Mexico

By Vania Smith-Oka

Vanderbilt University Press, May 2013

Mainstream Mexican views of indigenous women center on them as problematic mothers, and development programs have included the goal of helping these women become "good mothers." Economic incentives and conditional cash transfers are the vehicles for achieving this goal. With ethnographic immediacy, *Shaping the Motherhood of Indigenous Mexico* examines the dynamics among the various players--indigenous mothers, clinicians, and representatives of development programs. The women's voices lead the reader to understand the structures of dependency that paradoxically bind indigenous women within a program that calls for their empowerment. The cash transfer program is Oportunidades, which enrolls more than a fifth of Mexico's population. It expects mothers to become involved in their children's lives at three nodes--health, nutrition, and education. If women do not comply with the standards of modern motherhood, they are dropped from the program and lose the bi-monthly cash payments. The book explores the everyday implementation of the program and its unintended consequences.

Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India

By Cecilia Van Hollen

Stanford University Press, 2013

Birth in the Age of AIDS is a vivid and poignant portrayal of the experiences of HIV-positive women in India during pregnancy, birth, and motherhood at the beginning of the 21st century. The government of India, together with global health organizations, established an important public health initiative to prevent HIV transmission from mother to child. While this program, which targets poor women attending public maternity hospitals, has improved health outcomes for infants, it has resulted in sometimes devastatingly negative consequences for poor, young mothers because these women are being tested for HIV in far greater numbers than their male spouses and are often blamed for bringing this highly stigmatized disease into the family.



BIRTH IN THE AGE OF AIDS



WOMEN, REPRODUCTION, AND HIV/AIDS IN INDIA

Based on research conducted by the author in India, this book chronicles the experiences of women from the point of their decisions about whether to accept HIV testing, through their decisions about whether or not to continue with the birth if they test HIV-positive, their birthing experiences in hospitals, decisions and practices surrounding breast-feeding vs. bottle-feeding, and their hopes and fears for the future of their children.

There is a one-hour podcast interview with Cecilia Van Hollen about her book, which was done by the Asian Studies Program in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. It can be found at this link: <http://www.aspmmedia.org/2013/featured/interview-with-cecilia-van-hollen-birth-in-the-age-of-aids-women-reproduction-and-hiv-aids-in-india/>

Articles

Janet E. Childerhose and MacDonald, Margaret E . 2013. Health Consumption as Work: The Home Pregnancy Kit as a Domesticated Health Tool. *Social Science and Medicine*. 86 (June): 1-8.

A growing array of biomedical goods and services has become central to the North American experience of navigating illness and pursuing good health. Yet despite the utility of consumption as an analytical framework within the social sciences, the selection, purchase, and use of biomedical goods and services has been understudied. By using the home pregnancy test as a case study, we suggest new approaches to thinking about the consumption of these goods and services. We chose the home pregnancy test because it is the best-known example of a mass-produced diagnostic tool used by consumers. We draw on two sources of data for this qualitative analysis: a set of stories submitted between 2003 and 2005 by women and men to an online exhibit mounted by the National Institutes of Health called "A Thin Blue Line: The History of the Pregnancy Test Kit," which we analysed between 2006 and 2007; and web sampling conducted in 2009 and 2010 of personal web and video logs of women and men who have posted stories and opinions about their experiences with contemporary home pregnancy testing products. We adapt the term "domestication" from Science and Technology Studies scholarship to describe the movement of diagnostic devices into homes for use by consumers. Specifically, we propose that the consumption of domesticated biomedical devices, goods, and services should be theorized as work performed by consumers, in two senses: as a form of tool use that allows non-experts to produce diagnostic knowledge about their own bodies and health; and as the ongoing biopolitical work that is expected of citizens to produce healthy bodies. Our paper draws attention to these

understudied phenomena, while suggesting new approaches to theorizing the social and cultural elements of goods and services for health.



Robbie Davis-Floyd, Marjolein Faber, and Raymond De Vries. 2013. "An Update on the Netherlands." *Midwifery Today* Spring 2013, Issue 105, pp. 55-59.



Special issue: "Irrational Reproduction: New Intersections of Politics, Gender, Race, and Class across the North-South Divide," *Anthropology & Medicine*, vol. 19, n. 2.

Guest Editors:

Dr. Silvia De Zordo and Milena Marchesi

We invite CAR members to peruse our Special Issue of *Anthropology & Medicine* (August 2012). The central theme of this special issue is the notion of "irrational reproduction": the ways in which women's and couples' reproductive choices and practices are deemed "irrational" or "irresponsible" because they result in the "wrong number" of children. The ethnographically based papers track discourses and practices across different social and politico-economic contexts and geographic areas, from Europe to Latin America and Asia. These papers examine how the notion of "irrational reproduction" emerges and plays out in these diverse socio-political contexts, generating, in the process, different forms of subjectivities and resistance.

Contents:

Introduction. Ethnography and Biopolitics: Tracing 'Rationalities' of Reproduction across the North-South Divide. Introduction to Special Issue of *Anthropology and Medicine*
Elizabeth L. Krause and Silvia De Zordo

Irrational non-reproduction? The 'dying nation' and the postsocialist logics of declining motherhood in Poland
Joanna Mishtal

Reproducing Italians: contested biopolitics in the age of 'replacement anxiety'
Milena Marchesi

Islamic Logics, Reproductive Rationalities: Family Planning in Northern Pakistan
Emma Varley

Programming the body, planning reproduction, governing life: the '(ir-) rationality' of family planning and the embodiment of social inequalities in Salvador da Bahia (Brazil)
Silvia De Zordo

The Right to Have a Family: "Legal Trafficking Of Children", Adoption and Birth Control in Brazil
Andrea Cardarelo

Reproductive governance in Latin America
Lynn M. Morgan and Elizabeth F.S. Roberts



Tsipy Ivry. 2013. Halachic Infertility: Rabbis, Doctors, and the Struggle over Professional Boundaries. In *Medical Anthropology*, Vol. 32: 1–19

This article analyses a public controversy surrounding the hormonal treatment of infertility associated with observance of rabbinic law to illuminate the reach of rabbi-doctor relations in a local configuration of religion and bio-medicine that I call "kosher medicine". I combine a historical perspective on the evolution of religious laws governing menstruation, and the rabbi-doctor relations with a contemporary ethnography of these relations and laws to illuminate the interplay of continuities, discontinuities, tradition and modernity and their uses and abuses in the contemporary mode of interpenetration between observant Judaism and bio-medicine. The controversy highlights asymmetric permeations into biomedical and rabbinic professional domains. Collaborations persist as long as doctors who declare their incompetence in rabbinic law accommodate to demands of rabbis who are expert in it and also claim competence to challenge medical decisions. Once a doctor demonstrates competence in rabbinic law to challenge rabbinic directives a crisis develops.



Joanna Mishtal. "Irrational non-reproduction? The 'dying nation' and the postsocialist logics of declining motherhood in Poland," In Special Issue: "'Irrational' Reproduction: Population Politics and Practices at the Intersection of North and South," *Anthropology & Medicine*, 19(2):153-169.



Maureen O'Dougherty. "Plot and Irony in Childbirth Narratives of Middle-Class Brazilian Women." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 27(1): 43–62;2013.



Fouzieyha Towghi (2013): The Biopolitics of Reproductive Technologies beyond the Clinic: Localizing HPV-Vaccines in India, *Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness*, DOI:10.1080/01459740.2013.769976 To link to this article: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2013.769976>

AWARDS

Junjie Chen received the 2012 Council of Graduate Schools/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award in social sciences for his dissertation, "When the State Claims the Intimate: Population Control Policy and the Makings of Chinese Modernity." His research, an ethnographic study, examines the "human experience of China's post-socialism and associated globalizing efforts as they are reconfigured in the seemingly intimate space of reproduction." More specifically, Dr. Chen's work explores the reproductive practices of peasants in northeast China, analyzing the ways in which these practices "intersect with the politics and policies of biomedicine and technology, as well as with those of gender, class, kinship, and ethnic identities."

Cecilia Van Hollen received the Steven Polgar Paper Prize (2012) from the Society for Medical Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association for the Best Paper Published in *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* in 2011-12 for an article entitled "Breast or Bottle? HIV-Positive Women's Responses to Global Health Policy on Infant Feeding in India" 2011 (December). *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 25(4):499-518.

MEMBERSHIP COLUMN

~ by Claire Wendland ~

Eggs, feathers, and tweets: more CAR news for members

Vogue called it “the most significant social advancement since the Pill... the ultimate feminist fantasy.” Equal pay for equal work? An end to gender-based violence? Federally mandated paid parental leave for both sexes at full pay? Nope: egg freezing.

The advent of successful sperm freezing made it possible for men to “bank” sperm, whether to father children after medical treatments that rendered them infertile or to “donate” it (usually with payment), often anonymously, to people who sought sperm usable for conception. As we all, know, along with other new reproductive technologies, sperm freezing helped to reconfigure norms of kinship and reproduction. Until recently, attempts to freeze ova were largely unsuccessful: ice crystals formed when the eggs froze, and these rendered the ova unusable. Now a new and promising method of rapid freezing is shaking up the world of fertility practitioners... and the world of anthropologists. What will the implications of egg-freezing be for contemporary women, men, families and institutions? While there are probably many, some unforeseen, observers so far are focusing most closely on the possibilities for delayed childbearing.

In a heartfelt [op-ed piece for CNN](#), CAR member Marcia Inhorn recently pleaded “Women, consider freezing your eggs.” Inhorn’s editorial hit notes that will sound familiar to many anthropologists of reproduction: she described the relentless pace and overwhelming work expectations of academic life that pushed her own choice to become pregnant later and later. Drawing on her own experience, and noting that women with career ambitions face a “fertility penalty,” Inhorn ended the piece by explaining that she will now begin recommending egg freezing to her female graduate students. While the editorial did mention some of the concerns one might have about the technology, it downplayed them in portraying egg freezing as a “technological game-changer” that may allow women to “have it all” after all.

Lynn Morgan and Janelle Taylor (both also long-time CAR members) riposted with a [vigorous piece in Feminist Wire](#) in which they asked “Egg Freezing: WTF?*” (The asterisk led to an explanation that this particular WTF stood for “Why’s This Feminist,” not [or at least not only] what we might assume.) Morgan and Taylor noted that the “problem” of balance between work and motherhood was a product of a society unfriendly to supporting families—and perhaps unfriendly to female ambition as well. Once again, they pointed out, the “solution” to a social problem was held out to be an individual technological intervention—and one, moreover, prohibitively expensive, likely to be available primarily to an elite, potentially dangerous, and full of unknown medical and social ramifications. “You might say it’s a chicken and egg problem,” claimed Morgan and Taylor. “What we need is social change; to call frozen eggs a solution is just plain chicken.”

Comments on both pieces suggested that whether the problem is chicken or egg, the discussion certainly ruffles feathers. Some commenters feared that capable women could face pressure from employers (or graduate advisors) to defer childbearing once it was technically possible to do so. Others brought up the difficulties of raising children as an older parent, or highlighted the reproductive inequalities sure to follow from a very expensive technology. Some cited countries in which parenthood and work were not understood to be in tension, given greater gender egalitarianism and more sympathetic institutional or governmental policies. Others celebrated what they saw as a real advance for women that brought additional options in timing parenthood.

One thing is clear: the ramifications of egg freezing are only starting to appear, and they are by no means confined to individual career-minded women. An Atlanta doctor interviewed by the [New York Times](#) estimated that three-quarters of his egg-freezing clients are having the procedure paid for, in part or in total, by their parents, as an “insurance policy” allowing them to continue to dream of grandparenthood. (This language of insurance, egg “savings accounts” etcetera is common, and certainly makes me wonder whether egg freezing will become something the prudent woman is expected to do.) As anthropologist Jennie Doberne reported last year, some orthodox rabbis in Israel are urging single observant women in their 30s to consider egg freezing under rabbinical supervision—because the surge in single motherhood among women who feel they are running out of time is so unthinkable. (Sorry I can’t link to this fascinating article, which is behind a paywall, but AAA members can locate it in January 2012’s Anthropology News through Anthrosource.)

CAR members, this topic is one for us to follow closely and scrutinize sharply. Will egg freezing advance autonomy and ease pressures for women? Will it maintain patriarchy and ensure the further policing of women’s reproductive lives?

And in other news: CAR is now on Twitter, thanks to longtime member (and next CAR President) Sallie Han! Follow us at @AnthroRepro, and spread the word.

Claire Wendland is Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is currently working on a book project, [Giving Birth to Death: African Mothers’ Bodies and Expert Imaginations](#).

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(Are you interested in contributing to a future Membership or Notes From the Field Column? Please get in touch with the newsletter co-editors by emailing sjwood@nyu.edu. We welcome all ideas and submissions.)

Calls for Papers

Call for paper abstracts, edited book: A Right that Isn’t? Abortion Governance and Associated Protest Logics in Postwar Europe

You are invited to submit a paper abstract for a peer-reviewed edited volume titled, “A Right that Isn’t? Abortion Governance and Associated Protest Logics in Postwar Europe” (eds: Lorena Anton, Ph.D.-University of Bordeaux & University of Bucharest; Silvia De Zordo, Ph.D.- University of Barcelona, and Joanna Mishtal, PhD - University of Central Florida).

We will approach Berghahn Books, Oxford and New York. Series: "Protest Culture & Society" (http://www.berghahnbooks.com/series.php?pg=prot_cult) who expressed preliminary interest in this volume. The book examines abortion governance and associated protest logics developed in Europe since the 1950s around abortion legislation and access. In particular, it will explore the strategies and discourses produced and deployed by social movements, political groups, as well as individuals, to enhance or, on the contrary, limit women’s reproductive rights in different historical periods, political transitions, and geo-political contexts. We are attaching a more detailed call for papers for your review.

The deadline for abstract submission to the editors is May 31st, 2013. Abstract can be submitted to: Lorena Anton (University of Bordeaux and University of Bucharest): lorena.anton@g.unibuc.ro and Joanna Z. Mishtal (University of Central Florida): joanna.mishtal@ucf.edu.

**CFP: Society for the Social History of Medicine 2014 Conference: Disease, Health, and the State
10-12 July 2014, Oxford, UK**

The Society for the Social History of Medicine hosts a major, biennial, international, and interdisciplinary conference. In 2014 it will explore the relationships between health, disease, and the state. Responses to disease and concerns about health contributed to the development of the state, yet disease and medicine have also challenged and disrupted state authority. The biennial conference is not exclusive in terms of its theme, and reflects the broad diversity of the discipline of the social history of medicine.

Call for Papers

Proposals that consider all topics relevant to the history of medicine broadly conceived are invited, but the 2014 committee encourages proposals for papers, sessions, and round-tables that examine, challenge, and refine the history of disease, health and the state. Suggested themes include local and global understandings of health, medicine, and governance; the consolidation, breakdown, or absence of state power in the midst of health and medical crises; and the experience of health and medical bureaucracies in the past. From discussions on the health of the body politic, the role of public health in imperial governance, the nature of military medicine, environmental regulations, to socialized medicine, we welcome approaches from a variety of disciplines and time periods. However, submissions are not restricted to any area of study, and the committee welcomes proposals on a range of subjects relevant to the history of medicine, from the history of health and disease to the history of medical care.

The committee encourages proposals advancing innovative thinking based on new research. Paper submissions should include a 250-word abstract and a short CV. Panel submissions should include three papers (each with a 250-word abstract and short CV), a chair, and a 100-word panel abstract. Round-table submissions should include the names of four participants (each with a short CV), a chair, and a 500-word abstract.

Submissions should be sent to: sshm2014@wuhmo.ox.ac.uk <<mailto:sshm2014@wuhmo.ox.ac.uk>>.
Call closes: 1 January 2014

Paper Prize Announcement

Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Graduate Student Paper Competition

The Council on Anthropology and Reproduction is pleased to announce its 13th annual award competition for the best graduate student paper on anthropology and reproduction. Submissions from all anthropological subdisciplines are encouraged.

Criteria on which the papers will be judged:

Ethnographic richness based on original fieldwork

Anthropological methodology

Linkage of work to literature in anthropology and reproduction

Effective use of theory and data

Originality/Creativity

Organization, quality of writing, and coherence of argument

Please remove identifying information on the paper itself. Provide a separate cover page that includes your name, mailing address, email address, and school affiliation.

Papers should be double-spaced, no more than 9,000 words including references, and references should be formatted in American Anthropologist style.

Papers already published or accepted for publication at time of submission are not eligible.

The papers will be read by a committee of CAR members. The author of the winning paper will receive a cash award of approximately \$250. The winner will be announced in both the CAR Newsletter and the Anthropology Newsletter, and an abstract will be published in the CAR Newsletter.

Questions may be directed to Jill Fleuriet at jill.fleuriet@utsa.edu. Submissions must be emailed or postmarked by September 1, 2013 11:59pm. Students are encouraged to submit papers at any time before the deadline.

Please send electronic copies to the Chair of the CAR Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee:

Jill Fleuriet at jill.fleuriet@utsa.edu

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FAQs

1) Can the paper be a critical synthetic review of literature? No, the paper needs to be based on original research conducted by the author.

2) Can the author graduate in August and still submit in September? Yes, if the paper is submitted prior to graduation.

3) Can the author be an undergraduate? No. The author must be a graduate student in Anthropology.

4) Can the author be a graduate student in another discipline, e.g., medicine? No. The author must be a graduate student in Anthropology.

5) Can the paper be under review but not accepted? Yes.

6) Can the submission be emailed? Emailed is preferred, but print copies are allowed.

7) Can the paper be co-authored? The paper can be co-authored, if the student is the primary author and can attest The paper can be coauthored, if the student is the primary author and can attest to at least 50% of the data collection and analysis and at least 75% of the writing.



PhD Program Announcement

Department of Anthropology at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa

Jan Brunson would like to announce that the Department of Anthropology at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa has devoted additional funds for the recruitment of first-year graduate students next year. We have a small, friendly group of faculty and students devoted to the anthropological study of biomedicine, specializing in reproduction, women's health, HIV/AIDS, sexualities, indigenous health, and biomedical and development interventions in the Global South. Our theoretical approach is a critical one. Please encourage your students - especially those with an Asia or Pacific focus - to visit our website if they'd like to join our `ohana (family): <http://www.anthropology.hawaii.edu/Programs/Specializations/Medical/index.html>.

Tentative - Position Announcement

Fellowship in Family Planning

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Senior Public Policy Associate

National Office of Fellowship in Family Planning and Ryan Residency Training Program

Proposed Level: TBD

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

The Ryan Residency Training Program is a national training initiative that provides support to academic medical centers to improve training in abortion and family planning for obstetrics and gynecology residents. The Fellowship in Family Planning is a post residency subspecialty training program in abortion and contraception clinical care, research, advocacy and global health. Both programs are administered at UCSF's Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health.

An increasing number of states are passing legislation restricting evidence-based clinical care and training in abortion and contraception. The National Office of the Fellowship in Family Planning and Ryan Residency Training Program has created the position of Senior Public Policy Associate to support and enhance the role and effectiveness of the academic community in the policy arena. This person will work closely with the National Director. S/he will be responsible for keeping abreast of legislation, professional standards and policies, hospital and university policies, all of which affect clinical services and training in our Ryan and Fellowship Programs.

This position will respond to and inform leadership of the Fellowship, Ryan Program and larger academic community in ob-gyn with regard to:

1. Academic standards for training (RRC, ACGME)

2. Teaching hospital and other policies which hamper both patient services and training, and
3. Legislative provisions and mandates which interfere with professional standards of health care and training.

To accomplish this, the candidate will:

- Serve as a liaison between Ryan/Fellowship Programs and legal, advocacy and professional organizations, such as ACOG, CRR, ACLU, Physicians for Reproductive Health, Guttmacher Institute, etc.
- Track the impact of all institutional, state, and national legislation affecting contraceptive and abortion services and training in the academic setting
- Create appropriate means of communications to provide updates of legislation and activities to Ryan and Fellowship Programs
- Accumulate relevant articles and other scientific evidence for presentations to a variety of constituencies
- Monitor and highlight policy-related activities of the fellowship community as well as the academic leadership, including department chairs and deans of Ryan and Fellowship programs, on relevant policy proposals/changes as needed
- Identify potential collaborations with other professional societies such as the Society for Maternal and Fetal Medicine, the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, etc.
- Organize workshops and regional meetings in response to specific legislation, as needed
- Develop an advocacy curriculum for the Ryan and Fellowship Program
- Develop a potential third year of fellowship training focused on policy and advocacy
- Write briefs and summaries for the ND and the Fellowship community for publications and presentations

We are looking for an individual with a demonstrated interest and experience in policy, social science, education and reproductive health, preferably with an advanced degree in the Social or Political Sciences or Law. If interested, please contact and Uta Landy at landyu@obgyn.ucsf.edu and Megan Grimm at grimmm@obgyn.ucsf.edu with a resume and cover letter.

www.familyplanningfellowship.org

University of California, San Francisco

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Upcoming Conferences

The Society for Medical Anthropology, Tarragona, Spain, June 12-15, 2013

The full conference program is available at: <http://www.medical-anthropology-urv.cat/conference-structure> .

Individual papers:

“The Publicity of Homebirths and the Privatization of Public Health Resources: Localizing Misoprostol and HPV Vaccines in South Asia”, Towghi Fouzieyha, in Panel on Protecting self and other: encounters of (in)humanity for Stream 06: Human Intersections: Gender, Experimentation and the Biopolitics of Care

“A Pregnancy-Related Death and Access to Abortion in India Today”, Kim Gutschow, Goettingen University, Germany & Williams College

Sessions of potential interest to CAR members

June 12:

5. Lifecycles and Health:

Children’s Health - Between Agency and Structure (Room: 406)

8. Transnational/Transcultural Flows:

“Ova, Organs and Orphans: Transnational Trade of Bodies and Body Parts” (Room: 202)

“Exclusionary Tactics: The Making of Borders, Boundaries and Citizens through Health Care” (Room: 202)

9. Gender, Power and Race:

Academic and professional medical training. Professionalization & occupational aspects of health care professionals: nurses, doctors, psychologists and psychoanalysts. (Room:407)

10. Body Boundaries, Practices, and (New) Phenomenological Queries:

The Body in Bioscientific Contexts (Room:201)

June 13:

6. Health Experimentation and New Configurations of the (In)human:

Reproductive Pathways and (In)Fertile Bodies (Bodily Potentials /Reproductive Times & Places) (Room: 405)

9. Gender, Power and Race:

Collaborative research experiences between medical anthropology and epidemiology. Public Policy and Health Programs. (Room: 310)

June 14:

2. Therapeutic Itineraries:

Therapeutic Itineraries, Agendas, and Behaviors (Room: 523)

Reproductive Health and health Care (Room: 523)

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