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Meeting Announcement:

The CAR business meeting will be held Friday, December 5, 2014 at 1:00-2:15 PM in the Jackson room at the Marriott. Members and interested non-members are very welcome!

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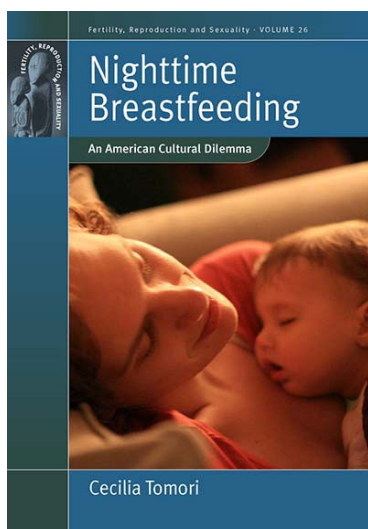
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MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Books



Tomori, Cecilia. (2014). *Nighttime Breastfeeding: An American Cultural Dilemma*. New York: Berghahn Books.

<http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title.php?rowtag=TomoriNighttime>.

Nighttime for many new parents in the United States is fraught with the intense challenges of learning to breastfeed and helping their babies sleep so they can get rest themselves. Through careful ethnographic study of the dilemmas raised by nighttime breastfeeding, and their examination in the context of anthropological, historical, and feminist studies, this volume unravels the cultural tensions that underlie these difficulties. As parents negotiate these dilemmas, they not only confront conflicting medical guidelines about breastfeeding and solitary infant sleep, but also larger questions about cultural and moral expectations for children and parents, and their relationship with one another.

Articles and Book Chapters

Amikole Maraesa and Lauren Fordyce co-edited a 'special section' of *Medical Anthropology* entitled: "The Unfortunate Fetus: Discourses of Reproductive Misfortune" and includes articles by CAR members. The articles are: "When Bad Mothers Lose Good Babies: Understanding Fetal and Infant Mortality Case Reviews" (Lauren Fordyce), "The Unfortunate Sufferer: Discursive Dynamics around Pregnancy Loss in Cameroon" (Erica van der Sijpt), and "Silences and Moral Narratives: Infanticide as Reproductive Disruption" (Jennifer Aengst).

http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/gmea20/33/5#.VDVL3_lXgg

Craven, Christa and Elizabeth Peel. (2014). Stories of Grief and Hope: Queer Experiences of Pregnancy Loss. In Margaret Gibson (Ed.), *Queering Motherhood: Narrative and Theoretical Perspectives* (pp. 97-110). Ontario: Demeter Press. <http://www.demeterpress.org/QueeringMotherhood.html>

Hildebrand, Vanessa and Gareth Barkin. (2014). Midwife Radio: The Entangled Trajectories of Global Health Programming, Broadcast Media, and the Indonesian State. *Anthropological Quarterly*, 87(4).

Leinaweaver, Jessaca. (2014). The Quiet Migration Redux: International Adoption, Race, and Difference. *Human Organization*, 73(1), 62-71.

Petit, Pascale Hancart. (2014). Biomedical subjectivities and reproductive assumptions in the CAMELIA clinical trial in Cambodia. *Anthropology & Medicine*, 21(2), 230-240. doi: 10.1080/13648470.2014.914805

Roth, Rachel, and Sara L. Ainsworth. (2014). 'If They Hand You a Paper, You Sign It': A Call to End the Sterilization of Women in Prison. *Hastings Women's Law Journal*, 26(1).



Note from the Chair

Notes on Teaching Anthropology

By Sallie Han, CAR Chair

My teaching—all teaching—would be worthless were it not transformational in intent. And conversely, my studies—all study—would be worthless if it did not lead us to teach with this intent. To teach is to honour our commitments by repaying what we owe the world for our formation. In short, teaching (and not ethnographic writing) is the other side of participant observation: there cannot be one without the other, and both are indispensable to the practice of anthropology as an art of inquiry. To teach anthropology is to practise anthropology; to practise anthropology is to teach it. (Ingold 2013:13).

This quote is affixed to the door of my office amid notices about my office hours, courses for the coming semester, and the major and minor in anthropology. I swiped it from Jason Antrosio's blog, "Living Anthropology" (<http://www.livinganthropologically.com/2014/09/02/teaching-cultural-anthropology/>), which in turn swiped it from Tim Ingold's [Making: Anthropology, Archaeology, Art and Architecture](#). I come face-to-face with these words every time I unlock or lock the door on my comings and goings from and to classes, office hours, and myriad other appointments and meetings.

The quote is there more for me than for my students. I teach a 4/3 load at a public comprehensive college. Typically, I teach one or two sections of Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, a 200-level elective such as Medical Anthropology, and a 300-level research methods course or the capstone seminar for the anthropology major.

I try to push aside any thought of the research interviews on my iPad that I recorded during my sabbatical last spring and have yet to transcribe. On my desktop are files I started writing in the summer and have not reopened them since the start of the semester

This time in the semester feels like a long night's journey into day. I need red wine, dark chocolate, and a reminder to Keep Calm and Remember: Teaching Is Doing Anthropology.

I teach in a four fields department (more on that in a moment) with wonderfully supportive and accomplished colleagues who inspire and encourage me to pursue interests and directions beyond my training in cultural anthropology. In actuality, it is a three fields department and I am not a linguistic anthropologist, but I play one in front of undergraduate students in Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology, a course on the books which had not been taught in more than a decade, but which the students asked to have revived. One of the underappreciated aspects of not working at a research university is there is less pressure, more freedom to develop research even when it is unclear whether it will yield a grant or publication. During my sabbatical last year, I undertook research on a new project, examining the involvement of U.S. pediatricians in promoting a so-called healthy love of reading and books. These days, I am familiarizing myself with studies in literacy and in material culture, among other areas. With my colleague, Tracy Betsinger, a biological anthropologist specializing in forensic anthropology and bioarchaeology, I co-organized a session on "A Four Field Anthropology of Fetuses" at last year's annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Along with some of our fellow panelists, we are working on an edited volume presenting papers from the session.

Confession: It is not working with my colleagues, but teaching anthropology to undergraduate students that has prompted me to become a believer in four fields anthropology. The students who choose to major in anthropology are a self-selected group of pragmatic dreamers who are convinced that the insights of their discipline, when made more widely known, will change minds, hearts, everyone, everything, the universe!

Another confession: I choose to agree with them.

Teaching a course in the Anthropology of Reproduction in particular has presented itself as an opportunity – not only for my students, but also for myself – to read across the four fields of anthropology.

This semester, I assigned the first chapter of Brigitte Jordan's *Birth in Four Cultures* (in which she describes a biosocial approach to childbirth) with evolutionary anthropologist Wenda Trevathan's "The Evolution of Bipedalism and Assisted Birth," and Holly Dunsworth's posts critiquing the obstetrical dilemma hypothesis on The Mermaid's Tale blog (<http://ecodevoevo.blogspot.com/2012/07/that-obstetrical-dilemma-really-tied.html> and <http://ecodevoevo.blogspot.com/2012/08/that-obstetrical-dilemma-really-tied.html>). Our discussion on menstruation included Emily Martin's *The Woman in the Body* and biological anthropologist Lynnette Leidy Sievert, "Should Women Menstruate?: An Evolutionary Perspective on Menstrual-Suppressing Oral Contraceptives." While I attend the 2014 AAA meetings, my Anthropology of Reproduction class will be meeting with my forensic anthropologist colleague's Anthropology of Death class for cross-over discussions of readings that include cultural anthropologist Lynn Morgan's "'Properly Disposed Of': A History of Embryo Disposal and the Changing Claims on Fetal Remains" and archaeologist Eleanor Scott's "Killing the Female?: Archaeological

Narratives of Infanticide.” The next time I teach Anthropology of Reproduction, I plan to assign readings on breastfeeding that include primatologist Katie Hinde’s blog Mammals Suck... Milk! (<http://mammalssuck.blogspot.com/>).

My undergraduate students do not ask why we should incorporate perspectives from the four fields in the Anthropology of Reproduction. For them, the question is why not?

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REPORTS

Notes from the Field: Sumbawanga, Rukwa Region, Tanzania
By Adrienne Strong, Washington University

The hot sun and the presence of an unusually large number of flies swarming throughout the maternity ward signal the approaching rainy season and herald the imminent arrival of what will feel like a nearly endless supply of mangoes. At this point in the year, I have now been in Tanzania nearly ten months, representing my halfway point. Sometimes it feels as though I’ve been in the field for an eternity and other times it feels like I arrived just yesterday and still have so much to learn. This month, only a week into November, already represents a whirlwind of changes at the Sumbawanga Regional Referral Hospital where I’ve come to study the social and institutional dynamics of



biomedical health care facilities that may be contributing to maintaining high rates of maternal death in the region. The hospital administration has just implemented a new, automated payment system, which they herald as a possible solution to some of their financial woes. On the maternity ward, where all the services are covered by the government and provided free to the women, this gleaming new-fangled system merely means more work. Let me explain.

Until this past week, any woman who was in labor would simply report directly to the maternity ward, bypassing the chaotic bureaucratic process of getting a chart or file and patient number, then seeing a doctor in the outpatient department (OPD), and finally being admitted to a ward. Generally, everyone

seemed to like this direct arrival approach because it certainly saves the OPD doctors from doing the inevitable deliveries that would occur when women arrive in the late stages of labor, ready to give birth at any moment. However, with the new system, every patient must open a file, get a receipt (even one that says “exempt” and shows a balance of zero Tanzanian shillings) and then proceed to the ward. This means the nurses now have to wait for the woman’s relatives to go to the records department and then to the payment window, waiting in long lines each step of the way, before they return to the ward with the woman’s antenatal clinic card, which contains all the information about her current pregnancy and any problems she might have had during past pregnancies. This new bureaucratic procedure adds more time to women’s waits before being attended and is something of an adjustment for the maternity ward staff members.

There are definitely still kinks to be worked out. For example, one woman’s relatives went to open the file for her and opened it under a name that was entirely different than the one written in her antenatal clinic card. She now has three sets of hospital records numbers and the mismatched names were creating confusion when trying to fill out the official birth registry books after she’d given birth. Some women and their families are already familiar with hospital procedure and the layout because they live in town, near the hospital. For those coming from remote locations, these new procedures must seem daunting and confusing. Additionally, in order to try to help the hospital account for all the funds being spent and more efficiently order supplies, the nurses have to write down every item used by every patient, down to the number of pairs of gloves, pieces of gauze, and syringes. Every evening, the nurses on the night shift are now responsible for tallying all the supplies used that day and taking a report to the nurse supervisor. It will be interesting to see how this new requirement develops overtime and how long it remains in place. On day two of this new procedure, the nurses were engaging in a long (and loud) rant about how much extra work this produces and how hard it will be to remember to document every single item used in the service of every single patient.

Watching first hand as this hospital, and the health care system of the region more generally, advances by leaps and bounds is one of the many privileges of fieldwork. However, all of the constant changes also make it feel like I am trying to take aim at a moving target. My goal with my research is to draw attention to how non-clinical factors in health facilities affect the care and outcomes of pregnant women. This means I’m interested in patterns of communication, staff morale, leadership, the bureaucratic ethos of the hospital, and a number of other factors. I am also deeply interested in how these interact and intersect with the historical development of health care in the Rukwa Region, and the political economics of present day Tanzania. While nurses don’t always want to sit down for a formal interview, in their informal conversations they often present me with cutting insight into current health care issues and surprising commentary on their work environment and the pressures they face. Little by little the pieces of this project seem to be coming together.



As I bat away the flies and help to mop up amniotic fluid, I alternate between amazement at how fast things here are changing and dismay at how small the changes actually seem to be. Hospital

administrators tell me they feel like the nurses never want to change their behavior and the nurses tell me the administrators are out of touch with the state of things on the wards. Little praise and encouragement has led to several nurses telling me that they are tired, tired of working on a busy maternity ward with less than ideal resources and leadership that is sometimes lacking. It is my hope that my research will give a voice to these health care providers who work so incredibly hard to improve health care and save the lives of women with obstetric emergencies.

Here in Tanzania, the focus of late has been on improving technical skills through training providers in Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care. I have been arguing that we need more insight into the environments in which providers are implementing (or not) these new skills so we can identify more opportunities for improvement and ways to enable them to use all their skills and training. I have also been talking with women about how they perceive the care available to them at these biomedical facilities and it often sounds as though the hospital has a public relations crisis. By understanding the ways in which the hospital as an institution works, I hope it will be possible to help providers serve women in ways that are more in line with what women would like and also to improve women's health and reduce the number of maternal deaths. Sometimes these goals feel lofty and out of reach but I remind myself of all the changes that have already occurred here, tell myself to keep going one interview, one observation at a time, and when I get discouraged I think I'll go eat some mangoes.

(photo credits: Adrienne Strong)



Notes from the Field: Mbarara, Uganda

Turning the Tables on Childbirth: A Conversation in Uganda

By Kara E. Miller, University of California, Riverside



This past summer, I conducted my fourth round of field work in a rural district of Southern Uganda. Previous work has focused on the dynamism between implanted biomedical facilities and the traditional practitioners who provide the majority of basic health care in the region. Conversations with community members have led me directly to the local village midwives, TBA's (traditional birth attendants) as they are called locally. This phase of research was based solely on the TBA's, the mothers for whom they care, and the recent reinstatement of their practices as illegal by the Ugandan government, a bogus effort to alleviate responsibility for diseases such as HIV on the part of the government and one that bears no affect in reality as these midwives, knowledge brokers, and care-takers are the extent for maternal health care for most women.

I visited ten women who have spoken with me before. The general tone was one imbued with increased frustration and some sense of hopelessness for the next

generation of TBA practitioners. As their practices are once again outlawed, there is no possibility that someone will come in and fund their organizations, which is what they need to supply and mobilize the work. This possibility of organizing and someone certifying TBA's was at one point what the focus of my work had been, as the TBA's reported that this is the only way to have the best of their skills and know-how survive. I sat mutually disheartened with one of the wisest women I have met. She is renowned for her delivery skills, her professionalism, and her reputation as the "emergency TBA," capable of handling dire situations with poise.

Finally, honest and confused by my pesky return at a time when my project seems doomed, she leveled with me. She asked if the TBA services are on the way out, her country is increasingly moving toward modern medicine, and my home is one with incredible, life-saving technologies, then what the hell am I doing in Uganda?! I was used to explaining my meddling, but that ethnographic spiel about honoring one's perspective and proficiency seemed undue. I found myself switched from anthropologist to concerned citizen as I proceeded to explain all of the ways that our system of medicine in the US is not what she might expect. I griped about hospital births, anesthesia, the capitalist effect, and all of the technologically alienating forces that go into a c-section, for instance. She was appalled. For the next two hours, the woman who had been my research muse, who had consistently left me wanting more information and feeling rather silly for asking the simple questions that I do, was finally giving in. Except at the time, I was so enthralled and impassioned with our exchanges, I forgot to feel that sense of field work bliss. The irony is that I was co-criticizing a system of medicine that in the eyes of most Ugandans equals health and survival, but this wise TBA was right when she said, "You people have all the advances and the resources. It may not look good for us sometimes, but at least we take care of each other." The critical approach to biomedicine so familiar to us in the discourse ended up being the strongest methodological tool that I have ever used, and the reality is that it really does come down to care. How is such a simple human concept absent from so much of what we do, in the medical field and beyond?

(photo credits: Kara E. Miller)



ANNOUNCEMENT

Brenna McCaffrey's paper "To Hold These Two Things at Once": Discourses of Ethics and Reproductive Justice in Abortion Activism" was awarded the 2014 Undergraduate Sylvia Forman Prize from the Association for Feminist Anthropology.

AAA Annual Meeting, December 3-7, 2014

Listing of papers and panels

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

12:00 PM-1:45 PM

2-0060: GOVERNANCE, TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION, AND AFFECTIVE CIRCUITS OF CARE

Organizers: Cati Coe (Rutgers University, Camden) and Pamela Feldman-Savelsberg (Carleton College)

Discussant: Caroline H. Bledsoe (Northwestern University)

"Fistful of Tears": Encounters with Transnational Affect, Chinese Immigrants and Italian Fast Fashion

Elizabeth L. Krause (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

"Posted Babies": The Fosterage of Transnational Migrants' Young Children in Ghana

Cati M. Coe (Rutgers University, Camden)

On the Non-Circulation of Children: Migrants' Infrequent Fostering Arrangements Between Germany and Cameroon

Pamela Feldman-Savelsberg (Carleton College)

Transnational Therapy Management, Affective Circuits, and State Regulation: Senegal River Valley Migrants in France

Carolyn Sargent (Washington University in Saint Louis) and Stephanie Larchanche (L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes)

States of Alienation: The Role of State-Level Policies in Creating Social Exclusion and Shaping Health Among Latinos in the US

Jennifer S. Hirsch (Columbia University), Morgan Mari Philbin (Columbia University) and Mark Hatzenbuehler (Columbia University)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

12:00 PM-1:45 PM

2-0030: BUILDING RELATEDNESS: KINSHIP, CARE, AND LATIN AMERICA (PART I)

Organizer: Ivan Sandoval Cervantes (University of Oregon)

Chair: Lynn M. Stephen (University of Oregon)

Discussant: Jessaca B. Leinaweaver (Brown University)

Refashioning the Andean Ayllu in Urban Spaces: Indigenous Feminist Discourses of Belonging and Care

Kathleen Fine-Dare (Fort Lewis College)

The Recruitment of 'Ethical Kin' in a Corrupted Bolivian Collective Association in Argentina

Randall Hicks (US Department of Labor / Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking)

Loosening and Strengthening the Knot of Kinship: A Transborder History of Relatedness
Ivan Sandoval Cervantes (University of Oregon)

"The Nanny [Babá] Swims with the Child:" Middle Class Brazilian Women and the Management of Motherhood
Maureen O'Dougherty (University of Minnesota)

Ambivalent Kinship: Reproductive Choice and Institutional Relations of Care and Violence in Mexico City
Amy Beth Krauss (Johns Hopkins University)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
2:00 PM-3:45 PM

2-0360: BRIDGING ADVOCACY AND ACADEMICS, ACTIVISM AND ETHNOGRAPHY: CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES IN FEMINIST ANTHROPOLOGY

Chair: Shubhra Sharma (Connecticut College)

The Salience of Gender: Intersections of Gender Class and Race in African American Adolescent Females' Appearance and Prowess Norms
Stephanie M. McClure (Saint Louis University)

"We're Killing Babies, Saving the World": Negotiating Acceptable Discourse in Abortion Clinic Activism
Brenna McCaffrey (State University of New York at New Paltz)

The Place of Feminist Anthropology in Africa: Continuity and Inconsistencies
Vivian Besem Ojong (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

An Analysis of the Archaeological Community: Gender Perceptions and Progress
Michelle Souraya Mattar (Bloomsburg University)

"Empowerment Was Never Conceptualized as Entitlement": Problems in Operationalizing a "Feminist" Program in India
Shubhra Sharma (Connecticut College)

And the Beat Goes on: Toward an Ethic and Ontology of Unmastering Culture
Yamuna Sangarasivam

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

2:00 PM - 3:45 PM- Marriot Ballroom

TALKING ABOUT SEX: DISCOURSES AND IDEOLOGIES OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN EDUCATION

3:00 PM *Adolescent Pregnancy in the Classroom: (In)Compatibility of Schooling and Motherhood in Liberia*

Casey McHugh (Independent)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

4:00 PM - 5:45 PM -Roosevelt Room 3

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HEALTH PRACTITIONERS AND PATIENTS: IDEOLOGIES, STRUGGLES, SUPPORT

4:00 PM *A Multi-Sited Examination of Pregnancy, Birth and Women's Perceptions of Care in Ghana* - Jessica Michelle Posega (Michigan Technological University)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

4:00 PM - 5:45 PM - Maryland Suite B

DISCIPLINE, CARE, AND PUNISH? ANTHROPOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO SUFFERING AND WELL-BEING ALONG THE CARCERAL CONTINUUM, PART 1

5:00 PM *Pregnant and in Jail: Reproduction, Care, and Normative Motherhood in a U.S. Women's Jail* - Carolyn Sufrin (Johns Hopkins University)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 PM-9:45 PM Washington Room 2

2-0655: REPRODUCTIVE POTENTIALITIES: ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND THE IMAGINATION OF POSSIBLE FUTURES

Chairs: Anika Koenig (Freie Universität Berlin) and Nolwenn Bühler (University of Zurich)

A Future without Biological Clock? ARTs and the Possibility of Fertility Extension in Switzerland
Nolwenn Bühler (University of Zurich)

Reproductive Potentiality in Fertility Preservation
Khadija Mitu (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)

(Re)Producing Potential: The Dual-Potentiality of Medically Assisted Reproduction in Bogotá, Colombia
Malissa Kay Shaw (University of Edinburgh)

Imagining Motherhood in Post-Communist Romania: Potentialities and Problems of IVF
Erica van der Sijpt (University of Amsterdam)

An Ethnographic Account of Reproductive Potentialities Drawing from Personal Stories of Infertility and Assisted Reproduction in Greece

Aglaia Chatjouli (University of the Aegean)

Obscure Reproduction: The Appearance of Donor Conception in Contemporary Italy

Giulia Zanini (University of the Aegean)

Hazards and Hopes: The Potentiality of Surrogacy in Germany

Anika Koenig (Freie Universität Berlin)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 PM-9:45 PM Park Tower 8222

2-0665: (RE)PRODUCING SUBJECTS: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON REPRODUCTIVE GOVERNANCE

Organizers: Lucia Guerra Reyes (Indiana University - Bloomington) and Elizabeth A Hallowell (University of Pennsylvania)

Chairs: Julieta Chaparro-Buitrago (University of Massachusetts-Amherst) and Seda Saluk (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

Discussant: Lynn M Morgan (Mount Holyoke College)

Through the Lens of Emergency: Reproductive Governance and U.S. Health Policy

Elizabeth A. Hallowell (University of Pennsylvania)

The Promise of Empowerment: Women's Rights, Reproduction, and Democratization in Peru

Julieta Chaparro-Buitrago (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

Entangled in the Stork's Net: (Re)Producing Politics through Humanized Birth in Bahia, Brazil

K. Eliza Williamson (Rice University)

From the Edge to the Centre of the Screen: Women's Versus Fetal Rights and Abortion Governance in Italy

Silvia De Zordo (Universitat de Barcelona)

A New Birth in the Andes?: Homogenization and Nation Building through Intercultural Birth Care in Peru

Lucia Guerra Reyes (Indiana University - Bloomington)

Harmonizing Reproduction: Pronatalism, EU Accession, and Medico-Bureaucratic Surveillance in Turkey

Seda Saluk (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM-10:45 AM Taylor

3-0125: TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGIES OF GLOBAL HEALTH

Organizers: Anita Chary (Washington University in St. Louis) and Margaret E MacDonald (York University)

Chairs: Anita Chary (Washington University in St. Louis) and Margaret E MacDonald (York University)

Discussant: Rachel A. Hall-Clifford (Agnes Scott College and NAPA-OT Field School)

A “Technology for the Poor”: Social Debates about Alternative Cervical Cancer Screening in Guatemala

Anita Chary (Washington University in St. Louis)

Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests: A Global Health Imperative or an Elaborate Communication Tool?

Clare Isobel Chandler (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine) and Eleanor Hutchinson (LSHTM)

Manufacturing Global Vaccines: What Happens to Old Problems with New Technologies?

Janice E. Graham (Dalhousie University)

Misoprostol: The Social Life of a Life-Saving Drug

Margaret E. MacDonald (York University)

Birth Registration: Making an Old Technology New Again in Tanzania

Summer Wood (New York University)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coolidge

PRECARIOUS LABOR AND SHIFTING GENDER IDENTITIES IN THE FACE OF GLOBALIZATION AND NEOLIBERALISM

9:30 AM *“We Come Together in Desperation!” Surrogate – Intended Parent Relations in Transnational Surrogacy in Mumbai, India. An Ethnographic Study*

Kristin Engh Foerde (University of Oslo)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

11:00 AM -12:45PM Thurgood Marshall East

INTERSECTIONALITY AND ANTHROPOLOGY: THEORY, METHODS, AND PRAXIS

11:45 AM *Producing Reproductive Bodies: Intersectionality and Biopolitics in a South Sudanese(Former) Refugee Community*

Anna Jaysane-Darr (Tufts University)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

11:00 AM -12:45PM Washington Room 4

THE LABOR OF CARE: WORK, MARKETS, AND THE PRODUCTION OF BIOPOLITICS

11:45 AM *Laboring Women and Dangerous Care in an Urban African Community.*

Claire L Wendland (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

2:30 PM-4:15 PM Cabinet

ABORTION POLITICS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: REPRODUCTIVE GOVERNANCE FROM GLOBAL AND GRASSROOTS PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Joanna Z. Mishtal (University of Central Florida)

Organizer: Michele Rivkin-Fish (University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill)

Discussant: Joanna Z. Mishtal (University of Central Florida)

Just Words: US Abortion Law, Medicine, and the Politics of Scripted Speech

Mara H. Buchbinder (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)

Ironies of Reproductive Governance: From Costa Rica's IVF Debate to the Roe v. Wade of Latin America

Lynn M. Morgan (Mount Holyoke College)

Legalizing Sin: Abortion Among Catholic Women in Mexico City

Elyse Ona Singer (Washington University)

Purchasing Babies: Pro-Life Politics in Israel

Michal Raucher (University of Cincinnati)

"Fighting Abortion" While Defending Abortion Access: Russian Campaigns for a Liberal Biopolitics

Michele Rivkin-Fish (University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

2:30 PM-4:15 PM Washington Room 1

THE MORALITY OF "COSMOPOLITAN BODIES" IN EAST ASIA

3:30 PM *Reproducing the "Unreproducible" in the Aftermath of the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake-*

Everett Y. Zhang (Princeton University)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 PM-8:15 PM Marriot Ballroom Salon 3

3-1240: PRODUCING STORIES OF BIRTH SPACES AND PLACES

Organizer: Tara Hefferan (Grand Valley State University)

Chair: Tara Hefferan (Grand Valley State University)

Discussant: Melissa Cheyney (Oregon State University)

Home Birth Midwives and the "Logical Next Step" of State Licensure in Michigan

Tara Hefferan (Grand Valley State University)

Childbearing and Place in Indigenous Ecuador

Francis T Hutchins (Bellarmino University)

Narrations about Birth in Polish Society Since 1989

Magdalena Anita Gajewska (University of Gdansk)

Negotiating Space in the Serbian Maternity Ward

Ljiljana Pantovic (University of Pittsburgh)

Producing New Birth Narratives: Migrating Births from Chuuk to Guam

Sarah A Smith (University of South Florida)

Becoming Mothers, Becoming International: Information, Community and Birth Experiences Among Expatriate Women in Geneva, Switzerland

Lindsey M. Wallace (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 PM-8:15 PM Washington Room 5

COUNCIL ON ANTHROPOLOGY AND REPRODUCTION ADVOCACY ROUNDTABLE

Chair: Sallie S. Han (State University of New York College at Oneonta)

Organizer: Sallie S. Han (State University of New York College at Oneonta)

Roundtable Presenter (Sallie S. Han, State University of New York College at Oneonta Roundtable)

Presenter: Lauren Fordyce (American Association for Advancement of Science)

Roundtable Presenter: Joanna Z. Mishtal (University of Central Florida)

Roundtable Presenter: Maya Unnithan (University of Sussex)

Roundtable Presenter: Karen A Faulk (Carnegie Mellon University)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 PM-8:15 PM Virginia Suite B

3-1160: KINSHIP.NATION.STATE, PART II

Organizer: Susan McKinnon (University of Virginia)

Chair: Jessaca B. Leinaweaver (Brown University)

Discussant: Susan C. Bibler Coutin (University of California Irvine)

Doing Justice to Kinship: Making "God's" Families in a Mexican State Adoption Office
Anaïd Citlalli Reyes-Kipp (Johns Hopkins University)

"Marrying out" of Family and Nation: Immigrant Husbands Across the Taiwan Strait
Sara L. Friedman (Indiana University)

Kinning By Nation: Rewriting International Adoptees' Place of Birth
Jessaca B. Leinaweaver (Brown University)

Family Law in a Family Nation: International Child Abduction and Legal Disputes in Japan
Allison Alexy (University of Virginia)

Making Marginal Families in Peru's "Right to Identity" Campaign
Kristin J. Skrabut (Brown University and London School of Economics and Political Science)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 PM-8:15 PM Truman

CONSUMPTIVE PRACTICES, DESIRED FUTURES: COMMODITIES AND THE PRODUCTION OF SOCIAL WORLDS IN HISTORY

7:15 PM *Consumption, Community, and Biosociality: Creating Communities of Parents through Transnational Surrogacy*
Daisy Deomampo (Fordham University)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM-10:45 AM

4-0065: PRODUCING FEMINIST ACTIVIST ETHNOGRAPHY

Organizer: Dana-Ain Davis (Queens College, CUNY)

Chair: Christa C. Craven (College of Wooster)

Roundtable Presenters:

Louise Lamphere (University of New Mexico and University of New Mexico)

Elizabeth J. Chin (Art Center College of Design)

Jennifer A. Goett (Michigan State University)

Michelle A. Marzullo (American University)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

11:00AM-12:45 pm Marriot Ballroom Salon 1

MODERNIZING EVOLUTIONARY BEHAVIORAL ANTHROPOLOGY II

12:15 *Midwifery, Modernity, and Staying Home to Give Birth*
Bria Dunham (Boston University)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

1:00PM-2:15 PM Jackson

COUNCIL ON ANTHROPOLOGY AND REPRODUCTION OPEN BUSINESS MEETING

Chair: Sallie S. Han (State University of New York College at Oneonta)

Organizer: Mara H. Buchbinder (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

11:00 AM-12:45 PM Hampton

5-0620: PRODUCING KNOWLEDGE ON PREGNANCY: ANTHROPOLOGY AND/AS EXPERTISE

Organizer: Edmée Ballif (Northeastern University and University of Lausanne)

Chair: Edmée Ballif (Northeastern University and University of Lausanne)

Discussants: Robbie E. Davis-Floyd (University of Texas Austin) and Norma Swenson (Harvard School of Public Health and *Our Bodies, Ourselves*)

"They're Either Poor or They Don't Care": Risk & the Management of Childbirth in Minority Women

Emilia Boffi (Michigan State University)

Beyond Mothering the Mother: Doulas and Birthing Bodies

Angela N. Castañeda (DePauw University)

"Having a Baby Is like Arriving on Mars, and We Have the Guide book": Expertise in a Swiss Perinatal Counseling Unit

Edmée Ballif (Northeastern University and University of Lausanne)

Stranger Pregnancy: Social Workers, Birthmothers, and Technologies of Knowing in Private Agency Adoption

Kathryn A. Mariner (University of Chicago)

Debating Pregnancy Online: Alternative Experts and the Reclaiming of Maternal Experience over Medical Expertise Among Francophone "Mamans Nature"

Florence Isaline Pasche Guignard (Swiss National Science Foundation)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 PM-8:15 PM

5-1360: ANTHROPOLOGIES OF BREASTFEEDING: PRODUCING NEW CONVERSATIONS PART II

Organizers: Aunchalee Palmquist (Elon University) and Cecilia Tomori (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)

Chair: Cecilia Tomori (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)

Discussant: Penny Van Esterik (York University)

Milk at Altitude: Ecology, Adaptation, and Milk Composition Among High Altitude Adapted Tibetans
Elizabeth A Quinn (Washington University) and Geoff Childs (Washington University in St. Louis)

Beyond Passive Immunity: Milk and Shared Mother-Infant Immune Systems in Kenya
Elizabeth M. Miller (University of South Florida), Daniel S McConnell (University of Michigan) and Thomas W. McDade (Northwestern University)

Consuming Immunities: The Biocultural Context of Passive Immunity Among Milk Sharing Donors and Recipients
Aunchalee Palmquist (Elon University)

Liquid Gold or Russian Roulette? the Production of Peer Milk Sharing in US Newspaper Discourse, 2010-2013
Beatriz M. Reyes-Foster (University of Central Florida), Shannon Carter (University of Central Florida) and Tiffany Rogers (University of Central Florida)

Pumping for Preemies: Sociocultural Understandings of Maternal Emotional Negotiations Between Body and Baby in Dublin, Ireland
Tanya M. Cassidy (National University of Ireland, Maynooth)

Many Pathways, Many Outcomes: A Global Accounting of 'Perceived Low Milk Supply'
Melanie A. Martin (University of California Santa Barbara) and Elizabeth A. Quinn (Washington University)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:30 PM-8:15 PM Tyler

5-1220: REVISITING MIDWIFERY: NEW APPROACHES TO AN OLD PROFESSION

Organizer: Vania Smith-Oka (University of Notre Dame)

Chair: Lydia C. Zacher (University of California Irvine)

Discussant: Margaret E. MacDonald (York University)

Turning the Board Blue: American's Epiduralized System of Birth
Maureen May (Syracuse University)

Talking out of Both Sides of Our Mouths: Maintaining Physiologic Midwifery Skills While Utilizing Developing Technology
Cecilia Marie Jevitt (Yale University)

The Good Midwife: What Does Mexico Need Its Midwives to Know?
Lydia C. Zacher (University of California Irvine)

Professional Midwives and the Clinical Space: The Creation and Patrolling of Social Boundaries While Making Modern Women in Rural Indonesia
Vanessa M. Hildebrand (Case Western Reserve University)

Invisible Midwifery: The Paradox of Definition Among Mexican Midwives

Vania Smith-Oka (University of Notre Dame)

Labor Struggles, Midwifery and Political Consciousness in Palestinian Villages

Livia Wick (American University of Beirut)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 PM-8:15 PM McKinley

REVISITING “TESTING WOMEN, TESTING THE FETUS: THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF AMNIOCENTESIS IN AMERICA”

Chair: Aditya Bharadwaj (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies)

Organizer: Nayantara Sheoran (The Graduate Institute, Geneva)

Roundtable Presenter: Rayna Rapp (New York University)

Roundtable Presenter: Cecilia C. VanHollen (Syracuse University)

Roundtable Presenter: Melissa J. Pashigian (Bryn Mawr College)

Roundtable Presenter: Sebastian Mohr (University of Copenhagen, Centre for Medical Science and Technology Studies)

Roundtable Presenter: Nayantara Sheoran (The Graduate Institute, Geneva)

Roundtable Presenter: Susan L. Erikson (Simon Fraser University)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 PM-8:15 PM Calvert

REPRODUCTIVE MEANING: MORALITY, ACCESS, AND INEQUALITY

Pregnancy and Women’s Bodies: Discourses of Pregnancy Risk Among Low-Income Mexican Immigrant and Mexican American Women in the Urban Borderlands of Texas

Kathryn J. Fleuriet (The University of Texas at San Antonio) and T. S. Sunil (The University of Texas at San Antonio)

Adolescent Pregnancy in the Dominican Republic: The Unfortunate Intersection Between Gender, Poverty, and Morality

Arachu Castro (Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine) and Salvador Munos (Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development)

China’s New Rich and Their Out-of-Plan Births: Stratified Reproduction and the Reproduction of Social Polarization

Lihong Shi (Case Western Reserve University)

Legalization and “Access” to Tubal Ligation: A Push to the Margins

Ugo Edu (University of California, San Francisco)

From Building the State to Avoiding It: Giving Birth in Post-Communist Romania
Erica van der Sijpt (University of Amsterdam)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 AM-11:45 AM

6-0275: ANTHROPOLOGIES OF BREASTFEEDING: PRODUCING NEW CONVERSATIONS PART I

Organizers: Cecilia Tomori (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health) and Aunchalee Palmquist (Elon University)

Chair: Aunchalee Palmquist (Elon University)

Discussant: James J. McKenna (University of Notre Dame)

Shifting Weanling's Optimum: Breastfeeding Ecology and Infant Health in the Yucatan
Amanda Jane Veile (Dartmouth College) and Karen L. Kramer (University of Utah)

Breastfeeding Decisions and the Post-Partum Return to Employment: An Ethnographic Investigation of First-Time Mothers in the Midwestern US

Carolyn A. Hough (Augustana College) and Erica S. Prussing (University of Iowa)

"Natural, like My Hair": Conceptualizations of Breastfeeding Among African American Women
Sarah L. Sobonya (Washington University in St. Louis)

Negotiating Gender: Transmasculine Experiences of Chestfeeding

Michelle Walks (University of Ottawa), Joy Noel-Weiss (University of Ottawa) and Trevor MacDonald (University of Ottawa)

Trade-Offs Underlying Maternal Breastfeeding Decisions: A Biocultural Conceptual Model

Kristin P. Tully (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Helen L. Ball (Durham University)

Together or Apart? Navigating Nighttime Breastfeeding and Sleep in the American Midwest

Cecilia Tomori (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 AM-11:45 AM Wilson C

6-0240: DE-CENTERING POLITICS AND SHIFTING EXPERTISE: RECONSTRUCTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE PRAXIS

Organizer: K. Eliza Williamson (Rice University)

Chair: K. Eliza Williamson (Rice University)

Discussant: Maureen O'Dougherty (University of Minnesota)

A Healthy Start?: An Exploratory Study of Maternal and Infant Health Concerns in Puerto Rico

Holly Horan (Oregon State University)

Remaking Reproductive Healthcare in the Italian Post-Welfare State

Milena Marchesi (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

From Placental Spirits to Maternal Mortality: The Discourse of Reproductive Governance in Sulawesi, Indonesia

Jennifer W. Nourse (University of Richmond)

“Humanized Birth” and Maternal Mortality: Slippages Between Activist Agendas and Institutional Practices in Oaxacan Reproductive Health

Rebecca Howes-Mischel (James Madison University)

The Role of Social Movements in Brazil and of UK/Brazil Partnerships in Changing Childbirth

Christine McCourt (City University) and Camilla Schneck (University of Sao Paulo)

The Shaped Subjectivities of Women through Pronatalist Policies: Different Experiences and Responses of Turkish Women Regarding Biopolitics of Turkey

Safak Kilictepe (Indiana University)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 AM-11:45 AM Thurgood Marshall South

RELIGION AND PLACE IN HEALTH AND HEALTH DISCOURSES

10:00 *Contesting Knowledge? Religious Aspects of Medically Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Greece.*

Venetia I. Kantsa (University of the Aegean)

Ivi Daskalaki (University of the Aegean)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

12:00 PM-1:45 PM Thurgood Marshall West

6-0415: PRODUCING KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE IN REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE: TRANSNATIONAL FLOWS OF SCIENCE, ACTIVISM, AND POLICY

Organizer: K. Eliza Williamson (Rice University)

Chair: K. Eliza Williamson (Rice University)

Discussant: Eugenia Georges (Rice University)

The Contested Arena of Reproductive Knowledge in Southern Belize

Aminata Maraesa (Fordham University)

Intercultural Health Policies: The Intersection of International Agencies, Indigenous Politics, and Intra-Regional Relationships in Latin America

Trisha Sue Netsch Lopez (University of Pittsburgh)

Birth Control and Population Problem in the Andean Region. Exploratory Study about Contraception, Actors and Conflicts: 1960-1969

Claudia Margarita Cortes-Garcia (Universidad del Rosario), Ángela María Ruíz (Universidad del Rosario), Emilio Quevedo (Universidad del Rosario) and Beatriz Muñoz (Universidad del Rosario)

"We Are the Border, Latinas Poderosas!": Navigating and Contesting Reproductive Governance in the U.S.–Mexico Borderlands

Heather Wurtz (Columbia University)

On the Postpartum Body: Contested Knowledge and Practices in the Postpartum Care Industry in Contemporary South Korea

Yoonjung Kang (University of Illinois)

Co-Opting Interventions, Centering Care: Midwives' Perspectives on Group Antenatal Care in Malawi

Molly McGown (University of Illinois at Chicago), Rebekah M. Ciribassi (University of Illinois Chicago) and Crystal L. Patil (University of Illinois at Chicago)



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