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EDUCATION

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Ph.D.	Cornell University	Anthropology	December 2018
M.A.	University of Chicago	Social Sciences	June 2009
B.A.	Mills College	English	May 2006

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Dartmouth College	Research Scientist	Anthropology	2025-2028
Dartmouth College	Lecturer	Anthropology	2021 - Present
St. Michael's College	Lecturer	Anthropology	2020 - 2025
Dartmouth College	Visiting Scholar	Anthropology	2014 – 2021
Community College of Vermont	Instructor	Liberal Arts	2010-2020

PUBLICATIONS IN DISCIPLINE

Books

[forthcoming] *Materials of the Medicine: An Ethnography of Plant-Human Relations in Western Herbalism*. Proposal invited to University of Minnesota Press, University of Washington Press (Series: Feminist Technosciences), Lexington Books. Anticipated 2026.

Peer Reviewed Articles in Professional Journals

*graduate student collaborators

[accepted, expected August 2025] “Boneset/break” in *Anthropology and Humanism*

[under review] “Enchanting with Paperwork: Herbalist Technoscience Vitalism in North America” for *Anthropology and Medicine*.

[under review] Boke, C. and Erin Kelly. “Tendrils: a Brief Cultural History of the Benjamin Rush Medicinal Garden at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia,” *Environmental Humanities* [2025] *

[in development] “Making Medicine Out of Ashwagandha: History and Politics of a Vital Plant” for *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine* [expected November 2025]

[in development] “Naming the Wound: Boneset and the North American Materia Medica” for *Environmental Humanities* [expected December 2025]

[in development] “Refusal and Belonging in Rural Flood Response,” for *Cultural Anthropology* [expected January 2026]

2019 “Listening So They Can Speak: How to Pay Attention to Plant Communication.” *Anthropology Today*. Vol. 35, No. 2, April 2019. (pp. 23-27)

2016 “An Ethic of Care for Resilience: Addressing Resilience’s Problem of the Present in the ‘Transition Towns’ model.” In the *Routledge Handbook of International Resilience*. Eds. Chandler, D., and J. Coaffee.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

2020 “Care.” In *Lexicon for an Anthropocene Yet Unseen*, eds. Howe, C. and A. Pandian. Earth, Milky Way: punctum books.

Editor Reviewed Book Chapters

2018 “PlantTime.” In *Loanwords to Live With*. Eds. Bellamy, B. R.; Bilodeau, C. and M. Schneider-Mayerson. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Government Reports or Monographs

2017 Oxfam Rural Resilience report

OTHER MEDIA

2024 Okemo Valley Local Access Television: “Black River Action Team and the Culvert Crawlers,” Public Service informational interview on research

2022 Book Review, “Divided Bodies: Lyme Disease, Contested Illness, and Evidence-Based Medicine. Abigail A. Dumes. Duke University Press, 2020, 360 pp.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. June 23, 2022

2021 Podcast interview for “stage initiative” of the Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary. [*Nonlinear networks of mycelium, flesh, and wheat, promptly surfacing to the earth*](#)

2020 “[Unsettling Herbalism](#).” *The Ethnobotanical Assembly*. Issue 6, Autumn 2020.

2020 Podcast interview for University of Minnesota Press. [*Hope and Art while the World is Falling Apart*](#)

2018 Podcast interviews for Healing Culture podcast. [*Healing, Cooperation, and Critiquing the Anthropocene*](#)
[*Transition Towns, Settler Colonialism, and the Need for Cultural Healing*](#)

FUNDED RESEARCH

External Funding

- 2025-2028 PI, “Cooperation, Communication, and Social Networks in the Context of Inland Riverine Flooding Recovery,” National Science Foundation Senior Cultural Anthropology / EPSCoR Award #2446303 (\$359,056)
- 2025 Co-PI, Research-to-Operations Weather Ready Award, Natural Hazards Center, UC Boulder (\$10,000)
- 2024 Co-PI, Mitigation Matters Research Award, Natural Hazards Center, UC Boulder. \$10,000.
- 2024 PI, Weather Ready Research Award, Natural Hazards Center, UC Boulder. \$10,000.
- 2024 Co-PI, National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Senior Grant. A Dream Deported: Race, Crime, and Deportation in Transnational Haiti. \$215,464.
* Acting PI, 2024.
- 2021-2022 Keith S. Thomson Research Fellow at the Consortium for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine. Philadelphia, PA and London, England
- 2020 Eugene W. J. Pearce, MD and Lunetta A. Pearce, MD Fellow, Clendenen Historical Medical Library of the University of Kansas Medical Center
- 2017-2019 F.C. Wood Fellow at the Historical Medical Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia (x3)
- 2011 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (declined)
- 2007-2008 Fulbright Research Fellow, The Fulbright Commission, Kathmandu, Nepal

Internal Funding

- 2025 Co-PI, CompX Faculty Grant, Neukom Institute for Computational Science, Dartmouth College (\$37,000)
- 2025 Co-PI, “Quilting for Resilience: Stitching Together Stories of Mutual Aid from Vermont’s Floods.” Dartmouth College Arts Integration Grant (\$11,000)
- 2023-2024 PI, Claire Garber Goodman Grant for Faculty Research, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College. (\$5,838)
- 2023 Faculty Research Grant, Ethics Institute, Dartmouth College. (\$4,950)
- 2017 Graduate Research Grantee. American Studies Program, Cornell University
- 2015 Graduate Student Writing Grant, “Writing Place.” Society for the Humanities, Cornell University

- 2013 Rural Resilience Research Fellow: Oxfam and Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, Cornell University
- 2013 Graduate Research Fellow, Land Theme Project, Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University
- 2013 Sustainability and the Humanities Graduate Fellow, Society for the Humanities & the David Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, Cornell University

PRESENTED PAPERS, LECTURES, EXHIBITIONS and PERFORMANCES

- 2025 Co-chair and organizer, “Making worlds with collapse: ethnographic orientations to a condition of revenant endings.” American Anthropological Association’s Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA. [proposed]
- 2025 Co-chair and organizer, “Haunting root and branch: future memory, colonial specters, and imperial ghosts among ethnographers in plant studies.” American Anthropological Association’s Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA. [proposed]
- 2025 Paper, “Chasing Origins: Plant Medicines at the Heart of U.S. Empire’s Narrative.” For “Haunting Root and Branch” at American Anthropological Association’s Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA. [proposed]
- 2024 Chair, Co-organizer, and Discussant, First Annual Disaster Justice Symposium at Dartmouth College, September 2024
- 2019 Co-chair, Medical Assemblages Roundtable, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, BC. Canada
- 2017 Paper, “The Scales on our Eyes: Climate Change and the Shifting Landscape of Risk.” Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2016 Paper, “Lessons for Care in the Anthropocene,” American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Invited Papers/Presentations

- 2025 Speaker, Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Student Event, Dartmouth College
- 2024 Panelist, Dartmouth Symposium on Energy and Society: The Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society, Dartmouth College
- 2024 “Health and Sustainability Panel,” Dartmouth Sustainability Office, Dartmouth College
- 2023 How to Unsettle Yourself, and Why; invited talk for Where There Be Dragons
- 2022 Fellows’ Seminar, Consortium on the History of Science, Technology and Medicine

- 2022 Food Sovereignty, Food Justice panel at Honors College Annual Symposium, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, VT
- 2020 "Poison: Evidence and the Production of Boundaries in Medicine," Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine, University of Kansas at Kansas City
- 2019 "Poison: Substance and Act," The College of Physicians of Philadelphia.
- 2018 "Body as World: Practices of Herbalism in Contemporary North America." F.C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Nominee, Inaugural Community Impact Social Justice Award by Dartmouth Health Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) Employee Resource Group
- 2007-2008 Fulbright Research Fellow, The Fulbright Commission, Kathmandu, Nepal

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023-2024 Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning (DCAL) Faculty Workshops: Teaching with Generative AI; Grading for Equity; Academic Ableism and Crip Pedagogy
- 2024 Institute for Writing and Rhetoric Faculty Workshop: Reviewing Student Work
- 2023 Faculty Fellow: Course Design Initiative Summer 2023
- 2023 End-of-Life Doula Certificate, University of Vermont Larner School of Medicine
- 2022 Stop-The-Bleed: Trainer Certification, University of Vermont Larner School of Medicine
- 2009 Wilderness First Responder certification (lapsed 2021)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Service to Professional Associations/Societies

- 2020-2021 Consulting Scholar, The Mutter Museum of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019-2020 Guest Editor, "Plant Medicine in Settler Colonial Contexts" *The Ethnobotanical Assembly* blog

Workshops, Symposia, and Conferences

- 2025 "Relocalize your medicine: weedy visions of collapse in North American herbalism." American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA [November]

- 2025 “Rural Rivers Team: Interdisciplinary Research in Action.” Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, Broomfield CO. [July]
- 2025 “Rural Rivers Project: Teaching Critical Disaster Studies with Undergraduate Students,” Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR. [March]
- 2024 “Mutual Aid for Resilience: Mapping Vermont’s 2023 Floods,” for Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2020 “Body/World/Care,” at University of Vermont’s EcoCultures Lab conference, *When Corona Met Climate Change... What Changed?*
- 2020 “Plants and solidarity: herbalist mutual aid practices in a time of COVID-19.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Late-breaking session
- 2019 “Awkward/Healing: Herbalist Practices for Building Relations in Resistance to the Racist Settler-Colony.” Medical Assemblages Roundtable Participant. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
- 2019 “Friendship: Settler Herbalism in Occupied Territory.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Peer Review of Journal Submissions

Annals of Anthropological Practice, Medical Anthropology, Annals of Cultural Anthropology, Journal of Ethnobiology, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience, Anthropology of Consciousness, Philosophies, Plant Perspectives

University Service

To the Department

Postsecondary Courses at Dartmouth College

- Anthropology of Disaster
- Anthropology of Food
- First Year Writing Seminar: Medicine, Environment, and the Body
- Environmental Justice
- Asian Medical Systems
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Ethnographies of Violence

Postsecondary Courses at Other Institutions

- Introduction to Geography
- Writing Seminar: Ecologies of Medicine: Anthropology Where Body Meets World
- Writing Seminar: Zombie Apocalypse! Ideas of Collapse in American Culture
- Bioethics
- Integrated Plant Studies: Healing Plants and The People Who Use Them

To the School/College

- 2024-2025 Coordinator, Junior Faculty Writing Group, Dartmouth College
- 2023 Coordinator, Environment and Ethnography Lab, Dartmouth College
- 2023 Coordinator and Host, Dr Elizabeth Reddy Campus Visit, workshop and colloquium, Dartmouth College
- 2022 Co-Host, Truong Tran Campus Visit, workshop, and readings, Dartmouth College
- 2022 Coordinator, Graduate and Faculty co-writing space, Dartmouth College

To the Public

Committees

- 2024-2029 Appointed Member, Vermont State Health Improvement Plan Workgroup on Housing
- 2022-2025 Appointed Member, Town of Springfield, Vermont, Inclusion Committee
- 2022-2023 Steering Committee Member, Springfield Health District Community Health Equity Project (CHEP)
- 2020- Member and Organizer, Freedom Park Neighborhood Coalition
- 2020- Founding member, Springfield Community for Change

Workshops and Trainings

- 2024 18th Century Medicine Plants and their People, Cavendish Historical Society
- 2022 How to Unsettle Yourself, and Why, a workshop for Krokha Expedition School, Marlowe NH
- 2021 Cultural Competency Training (for Vermont Works for Women, Winooski, VT)
- 2020-2022 Unsettling Settler Colonialism: Practicing Sovereignty, Building Relationship. Collaboration with members of Nüümü, Hupa, and Tolowa Nations (offered 4x, invited by Green New Deal Network; Sierra Club; multiple community groups)
- 2021 Water is Life: Upholding Indigenous Sovereignty. (Experiential immersion for Where There Be Dragons in collaboration with Kin-sin-ta Joseph, Kris Hohag, and Nüümü/Newe community members)
- 2020 Social Innovation in Nepal Partnership Program, University of Virginia and Where There Be Dragons (experiential immersion designed; canceled)
- 2020 Activate! Borderlinks Immigration Justice Program. Tucson, Arizona (experiential immersion)
- 2019 Exploring Global Justice: Social Justice Curricula for Experiential Education (teacher

training for Where There Be Dragons in collaboration with este Orantes Migoya)

2017-2018 Independent Study Research Design Course: Himalayan Studies Gap Semester,
Where There Be Dragons

LANGUAGES

Nepali: conversationally fluent spoken; can read with dictionary (2005-2024)

French: conversationally fluent spoken, good skill with reading (1998-2024)

Spanish: elementary skill spoken, can read with dictionary (2007-2024)

AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association

American Ethnological Society

Society for Applied Anthropology

Society for the Anthropology of North America

Society for Cultural Anthropology

Society for Medical Anthropology

Anthropology and Environment Society
