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EDUCATION

Degree	Institution	Field	Dates
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

Institution	Rank	Field	Dates
Dartmouth College	Research Scientist	Anthropology	2025-2028
Dartmouth College	Lecturer	Anthropology	2021 - Present
Dartmouth College	Lecturer	Asian Societies, Cultures, and Languages	[2026-2028]
St. Michael's College	Lecturer	Anthropology	2020 - 2022
Dartmouth College	Visiting Scholar	Anthropology	2014 – 2021
Community College of Vermont	Instructor	Liberal Arts	2010-2020

PUBLICATIONS IN DISCIPLINE

Books

[in development] *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 2027.

Peer Reviewed Articles in Professional Journals

*graduate student collaborators

[forthcoming] "Enchanting with Paperwork: Epistemic Pluralism in North American Herbalism," *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," *Plant Perspectives* [expected 2026]

[in development] "Refusal and Belonging in Rural Flood Response," for *Cultural Anthropology* [expected March 2026]

[in development]* with Bezanson, Spang, Reddy, Kelly, Dinerman, and Knight. "Ethnography after disaster, or: people don't trust flood maps," *Journal of Disaster Studies* [expected April 2026]

[in development] "Making Medicine Out of Ashwagandha: History and Politics of a Vital Plant" for *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine* [expected June 2026]

[in development] "Naming the Wound: Boneset and the North American Materia Medica" for *Environmental Humanities* [expected August 2026]

2025 "Boneset/break" in *Anthropology and Humanism.* Vol 50:1, June 2025.

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. New York: Routledge.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

[in development] "Riverwhere." In *Lexicon for Animacy*. Eds. Burke, Brianna and Zoë Fay-Stindt. [expected 2027]

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

2026 Spang, A., Boke, C.; Kelly, S. "Co-Designing a Community-Based Phone Application for Flood Mitigation and Response in Vermont." Natural Hazards Center Weather Ready Research Reports.

2025 Boke, C.; Kelly, S.; Spang, A.. "Assessing the 2023 Floods in Rural Vermont: Multimodal Methodology and Community Science for Mitigation in the Black River Valley." Natural Hazards Center Weather Ready Research Reports.

2025 *Bezanson, N.; Reddy, E.; Boke, C.; Kelly, S.; Santi, P. "Developing a New Interdisciplinary Model for Mapping Flood Risks and Impacts." Natural Hazards Center Mitigation Matters Research Reports.

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 "st_age 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, "Building a Community Science Tool for Inland Flooding in Vermont." Weather Ready Research-to-Operations Award, Natural Hazards Center, UC Boulder ($10,000)

2024 Co-PI, "Developing a New Interdisciplinary Model for Mapping Flood Impacts for Risk Mitigation." Mitigation Matters Research Award, Natural Hazards Center, UC Boulder. $10,000.

2024 PI, "Mutual Aid for Resilience: Mapping Vermont's 2023 Flood-Response Networks." 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, Clendening 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, "Building a Community Science Tool for Inland Flooding in Vermont." 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 Initiative 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

2026 Co-Chair, "Piercing the veil of authority in tech-driven innovation." Society for the Social Studies of Science, Toronto, ON, Canada. October.

2026 Co-chair and organizer, "Mitigating Floods: Building Community Science and Local Knowledge Tools." Natural Hazards Researchers Meeting, Boulder CO. June.

2026 Co-chair and organizer, "Culvert Crawlers Community Science Map: Coalitions in Action Before a Flood." Natural Hazards Workshop, Boulder CO. June.

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.

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.

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.

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

2026 Invited Speaker, "Scholar-Practice: Living Knowledge in the Plural." Applied Anthropology Network of the European Association for Social Anthropologists.

2026 Invited Speaker, "Culvert Crawlers Community Science Survey and Map," for Vermont Association of Regional Planning Commissions.

2026 Invited Speaker, "Culvert Crawlers Community Science Survey and Map," for Flood Ready VT, Flood Resilience Drop-In Session.

2025 Chair and Panelist, "Climate Resilience in Africa: Community Innovation and Environmental Impact," at the Provost's Dartmouth in Africa Summit. Nairobi, Kenya.

2025 Panelist, "Human-Centered Innovation: Turning Insight into Impact," at the Provost's Dartmouth in Africa Summit. Nairobi, Kenya.

2025 Panelist, "Feeding Resistance: Power, Justice, and Food Sovereignty," John Sloane Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College.

2025 Invited 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 Mütter 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 "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 – upper-level seminar and Social Impact Practicum
- Anthropology of Food – upper-level seminar
- Planthropology: Plants and People in Anthropological Perspective – First Year Writing Seminar
- Medicine, Environment, and the Body – First Year Writing Seminar
- Environmental Justice – upper-level seminar
- Asian Medical Systems – upper-level seminar
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology – introductory survey course
- Ethnographies of Violence – upper-level seminar

Postsecondary Courses at Other Institutions

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

and Community Engaged course

To the School/College

2025-2026 Faculty advisor to the Climate Collaborative Board, Dartmouth College

2025-2026 Letters of recommendation for students and colleagues: graduate school admissions; professional and academic jobs; fellowships and internships

2025 Arts/Research Collaborator, *We Are Water: A Northeast Celebration* with the Hopkins Center for the Arts at the Dartmouth Arts Weekend Celebration.

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

2025-2026 Community medical trainings: Stop-The-Bleed for Everyday Life

2024 18th Century Medicine Plants and their People, Cavendish Historical Society

2022 How to Unsettle Yourself, and Why, a workshop for Kroka 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