

**KRISTI M. NINNEMANN, MA, MPH**

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EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University

**PhD Candidate**

Department of Anthropology

2008 – 2020 (projected)

Committee Chair: Dr. Vanessa Hildebrand

Dissertation Research: Histories, Rhetorics, and the Subjective Experience of Electroconvulsive Therapy

Case Western Reserve University

**MPH, Population Health Research**

2014

Thesis: Psychoeducation and the Brain-Based, Neurochemical Paradigm of Disease:

Competing Narratives and Unintended Consequences for Individuals with Psychotic Spectrum Disorders

Adams State University

**MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

1999

Adams State University

**BA in Psychology**

1997

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

HISTORIES, RHETORICS, AND THE SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY

**Dissertation Research, 2015-Present**

This study’s aim is to examine patient experience of psychiatric illness and electroconvulsive therapy (ECT). This study uses in-depth qualitative methodology as a means to elicit patients’ comprehensive and personally-salient versions of their own story. Qualitative research on psychiatric patients’ experience is an important part of understanding and improving psychiatric services as well as understanding persons across the spectrum of lived experience. This study contextualizes the patient in his/her own history, examining how previous exposure to psychiatric and cultural rhetoric as well as previous experience with diagnosis and treatment may inform their current experience and treatment engagement.

CUSTOMIZED ADHERENCE EDUCATION AND LONG-ACTING INJECTIBLE ANTIPSYCHOTIC

**Independent Qualitative Research Consultant, 2011-2014**

Developed and implemented a nested-qualitative study focused on patients’ experience of psychiatric medications and mental illness writ large. Study interview developed, all qualitative interviews conducted, all data analysis conducted, and write up conducted independently.

EFFECTS OF STRESS AND SELF-EFFICACY ON HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE AMONG WOMEN WITH INTERSTITIAL CYSTITIS/BLADDER PAIN SYNDROME

**Independent Qualitative Research Consultant, 2014**

Conducted data analysis on mixed quantitative and qualitative data.

TRANSITIONS IN [PSYCHIATRIC] MEDICATION EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant, 2008 – 2013**

Case Western Reserve University

Provided assistance with CWRU-based research (TIME Study): conduct literature reviews and synthesize findings; develop qualitative interview guides/schedules; complete semi-structured interviews with study participants;

perform data organization, entry, and quantitative analysis; execute qualitative data coding and analysis.

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Assessment and Referral Clinician, 2003 - 2008**

*Allina Hospitals and Clinics*

Provided hospital-based intervention, assessment and assistance to patients and their support persons in time of psychiatric crisis. Facilitated patient access to the appropriate level of care through collaboration with the patient, their families, the hospital, and community members.

#### **Mental Health Clinician, 1997 - 2002**

*San Luis Valley Mental Health Center*

Provided emergent psychological evaluations to patients presenting in crisis, i.e. suicidal, homicidal, and/or psychotic individuals. Completed in-house intake assessments for diverse diagnostic, socioeconomic, and cultural populations. Developed a strong knowledge of a variety of medications and their uses. Maintained a caseload of individual clients, specializing in aggressive/resistive clientele and forensic populations. Provided individual, familial, and group therapy. Fostered and maintained interagency communication, working closely with the Department of Human Services, Law Enforcement, Court/Legal Systems, Health Care Providers, Emergency Room Staff, and Schools.

#### **Prior LPC Licensure, Colorado**

### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

CWRU Department of Anthropology	2008 – Present
CWRU Medicine, Society and Culture Paper Prize	2016
CWRU Medicine, Society and Culture Conference Grant	2016
CWRU MPH Student of the Year	2012
Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Scholarship	2012
Lemelson Society for Psychological Anthropology Fellow	2011 – 2012
The Ruth Barber Moon Award	2011
CWRU MPH Summer Internship Award	2010

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Adjunct Faculty, University of Indianapolis, Doctorate of Health Sciences Program**

Curriculum Development in Health Sciences Summer 2017

#### **Collaborating Instructor, Case Western Reserve University, Department of Anthropology**

Culture, Behavior, and Person: Psychological Anthropology Fall 2015  
 Culture, Behavior, and Person: Psychological Anthropology Spring 2014

#### **Teaching Assistant and Lecturer, Case Western Reserve University, Department of Public Health**

MPHP 413: Health Education, Communication, and Advocacy Spring 2012 & 2013  
 MPHP 411: Introduction to Health Behavior Spring 2012  
 MPHP 482: Qualitative and Mixed Methods in Public Health Fall 2012  
 MPHP 433: Community Interventions and Program Evaluation Fall 2011 & 2012

#### **Invited Guest Lecturer**

CWRU School of Medicine, Medical Humanities Track Fall 2016  
 MPHP 482: Qualitative and Mixed Methods in Public Health Fall 2016  
 METRO HEALTH: Center for Reducing Health Disparities 2016  
 MPHP 433: Community Interventions and Program Evaluation Spring 2016  
 ANTH 371/471: Psychological Anthropology Spring 2015  
 METRO HEALTH: Center for Reducing Health Disparities 2014

PUBLICATIONS

- Variability in the Efficacy of Psychopharmaceuticals: Contributions from Pharmacogenomics, Ethnopsychopharmacology, and Psychological and Psychiatric Anthropologies*  
Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry, 36:1 2012
- Introduction to the Special Section: The Anthropology of Psychopharmaceuticals: Cultural and Pharmacological Efficacies in Context*  
Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry, 36:1 2012
- Multiple Entries: Shenkui, Intelligence Testing, Hwa-Byung, Emic, Etic, and Amok*  
Encyclopedia of Immigrant Health, Editors Sana Loue and Martha Sajatovic;  
Springer 2012

## PAPERS

- Psychiatry, Polemics, and Postmodernism in the Music of the Dead Kennedys*  
Paper Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting  
Minneapolis, MN 2016
- Punk Shock: ECT, the Self, and Subjectivity in 1970s and '80s Punk Culture*  
Paper Presented at the Health Humanities Conference  
Cleveland, OH 2016
- Etiology and the use of Electricity in the Treatment of Mental Disease*  
Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting,  
Denver Colorado 2015
- Ipseity and Alterity: Boundaries of the Self for the Clinician-Researcher*  
Paper presented at the Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting,  
Washington, DC 2015
- "They Say It's a Chemical Imbalance, but That's All Bull Crap, Child,": A Case Study of  
Contending Discourses of Etiology, Subjective Corporality, and Agency*  
Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting,  
Washington, DC 2014
- From Which Self Do I Speak? Fluid Selves in Health Care Research*  
Workshop Organized and Conducted at the American Anthropological  
Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec 2011
- Panel: The Anthropology of Psychopharmaceuticals  
Paper: *Pharmacogenomics and Ethnopsychopharmacology: Ethnic  
and Cultural Variability in Psychotropic Response*  
Panel Organized and Paper Presented at the Society for Psychological  
Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Santa Monica, CA 2011
- Vitamin H: Subjective Meaning, Medication Adherence, and the Public  
Health Utility of Haloperidol Decanoate*  
Paper Presented and the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting,  
New Orleans, LA 2010
- Medication Adherence, Qualitative Methodology, and the Multiple Meanings  
of Haloperidol Decanoate*  
Paper Presented at the Public Health Innovations Conference, CWRU 2010