

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University
PhD Candidate 2023 (projected)
Department of Anthropology
Committee Chair: Dr. Janet McGrath
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, 2016-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. Developed all study materials including an interview guide, conducted all qualitative interviews, completed all data analysis, and conducted all write-up 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. 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 inter-agency 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

Volunteer Crisis Counselor, The Trevor Project 2017 - Present

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

Part-Time Instructor, Cleveland State, Department of Psychology

PSY 487.1: Brain and Cognition	Spring 2022
PSY 353.5: Health Psychology	Fall 2021

Adjunct Instructor, Case Western Reserve University, Department of Anthropology

ANTH 215: Health, Disease, and Culture: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology	Summer 2021
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Adjunct Faculty, University of Indianapolis, Doctor of Health Sciences Program

Curriculum Development in Health Sciences	Summer 2017
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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 at 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