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Education

Case Western Reserve University

PhD, Medical Anthropology

Advisor: Dr. Lee Hoffer

Cleveland, Ohio
Expected- May 2024

MA, Medical Anthropology

Advisor: Dr. Janet McGrath

Relevant Coursework: Contemporary Theory in Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Introduction to Statistical Analysis in Social Science, Ethnographic Research Methods, Applied Anthropology

January 2021

Ohio University

BA, Anthropology, *Magnum cum laude*

Certificate: Law, Justice & Culture

Advisors: Dr. Smoki Musaraj & Dr. Haley Duschinski

Minors: Psychology and Sociology

Relevant Coursework: Law, Justice and Culture Study Abroad (Northern Ireland), Criminology, Criminal Justice, Ethnographic Methods and Fieldwork

Athens, Ohio
May 2019

Teaching Experience

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)

Eastern Campus

- Taught Anth1010, an 8-week, asynchronous, introductory cultural anthropology course.

Metropolitan Campus

- Taught Anth1010, a 14-week, hybrid, introductory cultural anthropology course.

Mellon Fellow under Professor Donya Waugh, Dept. of Psychology

- Co-taught PSY1010, planned class assignments, managed classroom and activities

Cleveland, Ohio

Spring 2022

Spring 2022

Spring 2021

Case Western Reserve University

Graduate Assistantship for Dr. Lee Hoffer, Dept. of Anthropology

- Graded assignments and assisted with class organization for ANTH435 “Illegal Drugs and Society”

Cleveland, Ohio

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Ohio University

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Nancy Tatarek, Dept. of Anthropology,

- Graded assignments, assisted with class preparation and lectures for ANTH2010 “Biological Anthropology”

Athens, Ohio

Spring 2019

Anthropology Learning Community Leader

- Co-taught seminar for first year undergraduates structured around succeeding in college and the Athens community and learning about the field of anthropology

2016-2018

Leadership and Service

Anthropology Graduate Discourse , Member, Social Chair	2019-present
Lambda Alpha , Member	2019-present
American Anthropological Association , Member	2018-present
National Society of Collegiate Scholars , Member, President (2018-19)	2016-2019
Ohio Student Anthropological Society , Member, President (2018-19)	2016-2019
National Society of Leadership and Success , Member	2016-2019
Student Senate , Women's Commission Senator	2015-2017

Awards

Outstanding Anthropology Student, Ohio University	2019
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Research and Teaching Interests

Human trafficking; medical anthropology; social determinant of health; policy making; society, culture and health; sexual violence; imprisonment; structural violence; substance use disorder; legal mobilization; inequality, marginalization and exclusion; local global linkages; public advocacy; gender, sexuality and women's studies; and gender-based violence

Research Experience

Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, Ohio
Research Assistant for Dr. Lee Hoffer, Dept. of Anthropology Fall 2021- present

- Assisted with REDCap for Syringe Exchange programs across Ohio.

Research Assistant for Dr. Stephanie Griggs, FPB School of Nursing Fall 2020-Feb 2022

- Assisted with writing proposals, collecting/organizing/analyzing data, writing articles, managing study and participants, and creating presentations.

Graduate Assistantship for Dr. Lawrence Greksa, Dept. of Anthropology Fall 2020- Spring 2021

- Collected relevant research articles regarding helicopter parenting, its effects on college students, and how it is being measured. Articles were summarized and used for future research.

Ohio University Athens, Ohio

Research Assistant for Dr. Nancy Tatarek, Dept. of Anthropology Oct 2015 – Jan 2019

- Analyzed health trends in the early 1900s from death records. Data collected and cleaned into a database, and results analyzed in Excel
- Project resulted in oral presentations with a PowerPoint at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference and a submitted paper

Research Assistant for Dr. Brett Peters, Dept. of Psychology Aug – Dec 2018

- Experimenter and lab set-ups including physiological hookups to Biopac, recording skin temperature, electrical activity in the heart, the amount of blood in the chest cavity, pulse pressure, sweat on the skin and blood pressure

Presentations

- Tatarek N, Harper A, Guerra A, Dean D. “Understanding Historical Death Records: A Case Study from Ohio” Social Science History Association Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada. November 4, 2017.
- Harper A, Cromwell N, Tatarek N. “Mortality Analysis from Cemetery Surveys” Social Science History Association Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois. November 18, 2016.

Publications

- Griggs, S., Harper, A., & Hickman, R. (2022). A Systematic Review of Sleep Deprivation and Neurobehavioral Function in Young Adults. *Applied Nursing Research*, 63. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apnr.2021.151552>
- Griggs, S., Harper, A., Pignatiello, G., & Hickman, R. (2022). “Feeling Anxious about Catching COVID”: Facilitators and Barriers of Sleep Health among Young Adults with Type 1 Diabetes. *Behavioral Sleep Medicine*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15402002.2022.2032711>