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## **EDUCATION**

- 2020                      PhD Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis  
Dissertation: *The Social Dynamics of Antibiotic Use in a Large American Medical Complex*  
Dr. Brad Stoner (chair)
- 2016                      MA Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2013                      MA Social Sciences, The University of Chicago  
Thesis: *Outsmarting the Microbe: The Epistemic Culture of Infectious Disease Practitioners and the Problem of Antibiotic Resistance*  
Dr. Eugene Raikhel (advisor)
- 2012                      BA Anthropology, University of Missouri – St. Louis  
Honors Program, Minors in Spanish and Political Science
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## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

I am a medical anthropologist with research interests in antimicrobial prescribing and infectious disease practice in the United States. I have over 20 months of fieldwork experience at both public and private healthcare facilities in midwestern states. My research is focused on the practices of antimicrobial stewardship and the attempted control over antimicrobial prescribing. My research draws on several traditions in medical anthropology, science and technology studies, and the cultural study of institutions. During fieldwork at two urban inpatient hospitals, I aimed to elicit the tensions, conflicts, and struggles of infectious disease practitioners as they aim to implement antimicrobial stewardship protocols and influence antimicrobial prescribing habits. I am currently a co-investigator with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Epicenters Program and a postdoctoral scholar at Case Western Reserve University.

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## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2018                      Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation
- 2016-2020                Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Epicenters Grant (Co-Investigator)
- 2015-2017                Exploratory Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2017                      Trans-Atlantic Forum Research Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis

2015-2016	Graduate School Teaching Assistantship, Washington University in St. Louis
2014-2015	Graduate School University Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis
2012-2013	Tuition Grant, The University of Chicago
2008-2012	Pierre Laclede Honors College Scholarship, University of Missouri-St. Louis

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles:

Rynkiewich, Katharina, David Schwartz, Sarah Won, Bradley Stoner. 2020. "Antibiotic decision making in surgical intensive care – a qualitative analysis." *Journal of Hospital Infection*. 104(2): 158-164. DOI: 10.1016/j.jhin.2019.09.002

Rynkiewich, Katharina. 2020. "Finding 'What's Wrong With Us': Antibiotic Prescribing Practice among Physicians in the United States." *Frontiers in Sociology* 5(5):1-9. DOI: 10.3389/fsoc.2020.00005

[Revise & Resubmit] Rynkiewich, Katharina. "Antimicrobial Prescribing Matters: The Irreconcilability in Moral Ranking Systems." *Anthropology & Medicine*.

### Published Abstracts:

Rynkiewich, Katharina, David Schwartz, Sarah Won, Mikhail Heber, Kavya Timmireddy, Brad Stoner. 2019. "An Ethnographic Approach to Interrogating Antimicrobial Stewardship at US Teaching Hospitals." *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*. 6(2): S388.

### Online:

[Under review] Rynkiewich, Katharina. 2020. "Everyday Infection, Looming Threat: Hospital-based Infection Control in the United States." *Somatosphere* Special Issue: The Hospital Multiple.

Rynkiewich, Katharina. 2015. "Reflections on Antibiotic Use in American Hospitals." *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, <https://culturemedicinepsychiatry.com/2015/01/21/guest-blog-reflections-on-antibiotic-use-in-american-hospitals/>

### Other [Media coverage, etc.]:

Ogliore, Talia. "Students tackle anthropology of COVID-19." *The Source*, Washington University in St. Louis, <https://source.wustl.edu/2020/05/students-tackle-anthropology-of-covid-19/>

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## PROFESSIONAL PAPERS, CONFERENCES, AND PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks:

- 2020 “Betwixt and Between: Studying up American Medicine.” Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University. September.
- 2020 “Contagious Affects: Fear and Biosecurity in the Age of Antibiotic-Resistant “Superbugs”” Ethnographic Theory Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis. February.
- 2019 “Infectious Diseases, Antimicrobial Resistance, and Hospital Ethnography.” Department of World Languages and Cultures, University of Southern Indiana. March.
- 2018 “Mapping Antimicrobial Stewardship: How the (Inter)National Becomes Local for Infectious Disease Specialists.” Ethnographic Methods and Implementation Core (EMIC), University of Iowa. September.
- 2018 “Antibiotic Use in the Intensive Care Unit.” Infectious Disease Research Conference, Rush University Medical Center. November.
- 2016 “The Third Epidemiologic Transition.” Pierre Laclède Honors College, University of Missouri-St. Louis. September.
- 2015 “Introduction to Medical Anthropology.” Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis. October.

#### **Conferences and Workshops Organized:**

- 2016 “Material Arrangements and Public Reasoning” for the Trans-Atlantic Forum, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA. April.

#### **Conference Panels and Roundtables Organized:**

- 2018 “*Working the Institution: Conducting Ethnography in American Healthcare*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, USA (with Shannon Satterwhite)
- 2017 “*The Faces of the U.S. Opioid Crisis*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., USA (with Shannon Satterwhite)

#### **Conference Presentations:**

- 2018 “*Beyond the Nudge: How Hospital-Based Practitioners Navigate Antimicrobial Stewardship*” for the Antimicrobials in Society research group’s symposium: Fresh Perspectives: Social Research on Antimicrobial Resistance at the British Academy, London, UK
- 2018 “*Working the Institution: Conducting Ethnography in American Healthcare*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, USA
- 2017 “*Superbugs and Magic Bullets: Doctor-Patient Relationships in an Era of*

*Antibiotic-Resistant Infections*” for Oxford University’s Symposium: Doctor-Doctor: Global and Historical Perspectives on the Doctor-Patient Relationship, Oxford, UK

- 2017 “*Microbial Dwelling: The Sharing of Space and Body in Medical Institutions*” for the Biennial Congress of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, Göttingen, Germany
- 2017 “*Infectious Matters: The Expert Care of Infection in Midwestern Hospitals*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., USA
- 2016 “*Combating Antibiotic Resistance: Infectious Disease Care in a Large American Teaching Hospital*” for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Vancouver, Canada

#### **Conference Posters:**

- 2020 Rynkiewich K, Schwartz D, Won S, Stoner B. “*Perceptions of Antimicrobial Stewardship among Infectious Disease Physicians at Two Affiliated Teaching Hospitals.*” Abstract (487). SHEA Decennial Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2020 Rynkiewich K, Makhija J, Froilan MC, Benson E, Han A, Trick W, Weinstein R, Hayden M, Lin M. “*Healthcare Worker Perceptions of Germs and Personal Hygiene Routines in a Ventilator-Capable Skilled Nursing Facility (vSNF).*” Abstract (500). SHEA Decennial Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2020 Rynkiewich K, Makhija J, Froilan MC, Benson E, Han A, Trick W, Weinstein R, Hayden M, Lin M. “*Healthcare Worker Experiences Implementing CRE Infection Control Measures at a vSNF – A Qualitative Analysis.*” Abstract (501). SHEA Decennial Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 Rynkiewich, K, Schwartz D, Won S, Stoner B. “*An Ethnographic Approach to Interrogating Antimicrobial Stewardship at US Teaching Hospitals.*” IDWeek, Annual Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Washington, D.C.

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#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

##### **Instructor of Record:**

- Fall 2020 Anthropology of Infectious Diseases, Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University
- Spring 2020 Anthropology of Infectious Diseases, Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis

Spring 2019 Introduction to Global Health, Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis

**Teaching Assistant:**

Fall 2016 The AIDS Epidemic: Inequalities, Ethnography and Ethics, Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis (for Dr. Shanti Parikh)

Spring 2016 Tobacco: History, Culture, Science and Policy, Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis (for Dr. Peter Benson)

Fall 2015 Adventures in Nosology: The Nature and Meaning of Disease, Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis (for Dr. Lewis Wall)

Spring 2011 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Missouri-St. Louis (for Dr. Allon Uhlmann)

**Mentor:**

Fall 2020 Graduate Research Assistance Program, Case Western Reserve University (with PhD Student Immaculata Ajuogu)

Summer 2018 Research Fellowship Program, Rush Medical College (with Dr. Sarah Won and Dr. David Schwartz)

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**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2016-2020 Co-Investigator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
*“An Ethnographic Approach to Interrogating Antimicrobial Stewardship: Practices and Challenges in Hospital Infection Management”*

2016-2018 Ethnographic Fieldwork  
*“The Social Dynamics of Antibiotic Use in a Large American Medical Complex”*

2013-2014 Project Manager, The University of Chicago Survey Lab  
*“California Arts”*  
*“South Side Health and Vitality Studies”*

2013 Ethnographic Fieldwork  
*“Outsmarting the Microbe: The Epistemic Culture of Infectious Disease Practitioners and the Problem of Antibiotic Resistance”*

2011-2012 Ethnographic Fieldwork  
*“RX: Pharmacy Use by St. Louis Hispanic Communities”*

2011 Research Internship, Deaconess Hospital System  
*“Perception of MRSA Among Healthcare Professionals”*

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## **SERVICE**

- 2017-2019 Co-Chair, Research on U.S. Health and Healthcare (RUSH)  
Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association
- 2016-2017 Anthropology Representative, Graduate Student Senate  
Washington University in St. Louis
- 2015-2017 Content Strategist, Trans-Atlantic Forum  
Washington University in St. Louis
- 2015-2017 Organizing Committee, Medical Anthropology Reading Group  
Washington University in St. Louis
- 2015-2016 Organizing Committee and Website Coordinator, Culture Club  
Washington University in St. Louis
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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Antimicrobials in Society, Research Group at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Trans-Atlantic Forum, Washington University in St. Louis

American Anthropological Association

Society for Applied Anthropology

Society for Medical Anthropology

National Association of Student Anthropologists

Science, Technology and Medicine (Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association)

Research on U.S. Health and Healthcare (RUSH) (Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association)

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## **LANGUAGES**

**English** (native speaker); **Spanish** (conversational); **French** (beginner)

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## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Brad Stoner – Dissertation Chair  
Associate Professor, Anthropology; Associate Professor, Infectious Diseases/Internal Medicine  
Washington University in Saint Louis

Dr. Rebecca Lester  
Associate Professor, Anthropology  
Washington University in Saint Louis

Dr. Talia Dan-Cohen  
Assistant Professor, Anthropology  
Washington University in Saint Louis

Dr. Julia Szymczak  
Assistant Professor, Epidemiology  
University of Pennsylvania