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EDUCATION

- 2011 **Ph.D., Sociocultural Anthropology, The University of Arizona**
2004 **M.A., The University of Arizona, Anthropology**
1999 **B.A., The Colorado College, Anthropology with honors, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa**

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Wake Forest University
2012-2022 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Wake Forest University
2015-2016 Campbell Fellow, Resident Scholar, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe
2011-2012 Faculty Fellow, Global Studies Program, Colby College, Waterville, Maine
2010-2011 Graduate Teaching Assistant, The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

RESEARCH AREAS and SPECIALIZATIONS

- Gender, Violence & Sexuality: intimate, political, sexual, and structural violence.
- Human Rights, Transnational Feminism & Social Movements: women's rights; community-based organizing; citizenship; legal and rights-based subjectivities.
- Development, Humanitarianism & Global Health: NGO's, charity, philanthropy; community development; women's health and reproductive health; global health disparities; social inequality; critical and applied perspectives.
- Geographical Areas: Latin America and the United States.

EXTERNAL GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015-6 Campbell Fellowship for Transformative Research on Women in the Developing World, School for Advanced Research (SAR), Santa Fe, NM (*Writing, in Residence*)
- *Project:* "Violence, Gender, and Intimacy: Reframing Women's Rights for Family and Community Well-Being"
 - *Award Amount:* \$27,720 stipend and 6 months of lodging and office space
- 2014-5 Feminist Review Trust. PI: Karin Friederic (*Research/Applied Intervention*)
- *Project:* "A Multipronged Approach to Combatting Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Coastal Ecuador"
 - *Award Amount:* \$15,964.69 (or £9700)
- 2009 The Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship (*Research*)

- *Project*: “Frontiers of Violence: Women’s Rights, Intimate Partner Violence, and the State in Ecuador.” Fellowship objective: to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression, and dominance.
- *Award Amount*: \$20,000
- 2008 P.E.O. Scholar Award, Dissertation Write-Up Grant (*Research*)
 - *Project*: “Frontiers of Violence: Gendered Suffering, Women’s Rights and the State in Ecuador”
 - *Award Amount*: \$20,000
- 2007 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (*Dissertation Research*)
 - *Project*: to support archival and institutional ethnographic research for “Violent Frontiers: Women’s Rights, Intimate Partner Violence, and the State in Ecuador”
 - *Award Amount*: \$16,364
- 2007 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (*Research*)
 - *Project*: The Production of “Domestic” Violence: Gendered Suffering, Women’s Rights and State Accountability in Ecuador
 - *Award Amount*: \$12,000
- 2004 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (*Graduate Study*)
 - *Award Amount*: three years of funding for graduate study, approximately \$90,000

INTERNAL GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS and HONORS

- 2024-5 Reynolds Leave, Academic Year. Wake Forest University.
- 2024-7 McCulloch Family Faculty Fellowship, Wake Forest University
- 2024 Archie Fund for the Arts and Humanities (WFU), “Queer and Alternative Rural Masculinities in Las Colinas, Ecuador” (award date: February 23, 2024)
- 2024 Douglas Fund, WFU Anthropology, “Just Listen to Your Body”: Bodily Awareness and Self-Surveillance in Contested Illness Management in Sweden and the United States”
- 2023 WFU Publication Fund (\$2600)
- 2022 URECA-X Academic Year Exploration Award for undergrad research assistant (\$500)
- 2021-2 WFU Book Development Grants (\$1000)
- 2015 Faculty Development Grant, Wake Forest University
- 2013 Community Partner-Wake Forest University CCS Faculty Fellow
- 2010-1 Comins Fellowship & GPSC Travel Grant, University of Arizona (\$1500)
- 2008 Dept. of Anthropology, Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Arizona (\$1300)
- 2007 Women’s Studies Advisory Council Travel Award, University of Arizona (\$500)
- 2006 Stanley R. Grant Scholarship Grant (Anthropology), Pre-Doc Graduate Research Grant (SBSRI), and Dissertation Research Grant (SBSRI), University of Arizona (\$2600)
- 2005 Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant (Latin American Studies Program), UA (\$1300)
- 2003 Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant, Riecker Grant, Pre-Doc Graduate Research Grant (SBSRI), and Janet Stearns Research Grant (Anthropology), UA (\$3300)

SELECT PROFESSIONAL GRANTS *(Grants authored on behalf of Minga Foundation)*

2015-8 Monell Foundation Grant, \$50,000

2009-13 NOKIA, SaludCom Mobile Data Gathering Project in Ecuador, \$400,000

2007 The International Foundation, ambulance purchase, \$23,000

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Friederic, Karin

2023 *The Prism of Human Rights: Seeking Justice amid Gender Violence in Rural Ecuador*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Friederic, Karin

2024 From Distress to Anger to Shame: Gender Violence, Empowerment, and Emotional States in Ecuador. *Feminist Anthropology* 5: 81-95. <https://doi.org/10.1002/fea2.12141>

Kwiatkowski, Lynn, and Karin Friederic

2024 Introduction, the Gender Violence, Emotion, and the State Symposium. *Feminist Anthropology*: 5: 7-12. <https://doi.org/10.1002/fea2.12143>

Friederic, Karin

2024 Based on the Incredible True Story: Colonial Minds, Late Capitalist Hearts, and Deception in Hollywood. *Anthropology News*, April 30, 2024. Issue: Deception.

Burke, Brian J., John-Ben Soileau, and Karin Friederic

2023 Transnational Solidarity and *Quilombo* Postcapitalism: Building Alternatives to Development amid Brazilian Racial Hierarchy and Amazonian Extractivism. *Rethinking Marxism: A Journal of Economics, Culture, and Society*. Volume 35:1, 63-87. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/08935696.2022.2159742>

Friederic, Karin, Jordan Buzzett*, and Gabby Valencia* (*WFU undergraduate students)

2022 Saving Stray Dogs: The Global Politics of Aid and Spectacle in the Ecuadorian Jungle. *Anthropology Now* 13:3, 16-30, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/19428200.2021.2087446>

Friederic, Karin, and Brian J. Burke

2018 *La Revolución Ciudadana* and Social Medicine: Undermining Community in the State Provision of Health Care in Ecuador. Special Issue: "Social Inequities and Contemporary Struggles for Collective Health in Latin America." *Global Public Health*. Vol. 14 (6-7): 884-898, DOI: [10.1080/17441692.2018.1481219](https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2018.1481219)

Friederic, Karin

2014 The "SONY Nightclub": Rural Brothels, Gender Violence, and Development in Coastal Ecuador. Special Issue: Tracing Sexualities and Intimacies in Out-of-the-Way Places.

Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology 79 (5):650-676. DOI:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2013.817460>

McCullough, Megan, Jan Brunson, and Karin Friederic

- 2014 Editorial Introduction for Special Issue: Intimacies and Sexualities in Out-of-the-Way Places. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 79 (5):577-584. DOI:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2013.813057>

Friederic, Karin

- 2014 Violence against Women and the Contradictions of Rights-in-Practice in Rural Ecuador. Special Issue: Violence against Women in Latin America. *Latin American Perspectives* 41 (1):19-38 DOI: [10.1177/0094582X13492140](https://doi.org/10.1177/0094582X13492140)

Friederic, Karin

- 2011 The Challenges of Advocacy in Anthropological Research on Intimate Partner Violence. Special Issue: Anthropological Encounters with Intimate Partner Violence: Reflections on our Roles in Advocating for a Safer World. *Practicing Anthropology* 33 (3):27-31.

Friederic, Karin

- 2010 Barriers or Boundaries? The Politics of Conducting Research on Gender-Based Violence in Rural Ecuador. *Arizona Anthropologist*. 20: 81-88.

Friederic, Karin

- 2008 Frontiers of Violence: Women's Rights, Intrafamily Violence, and the State in Ecuador. *Intersections: Women's and Gender Studies in Review across Disciplines* 6: 58-75.

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

Friederic, Karin and Brian J. Burke

- 2020 *La Revolución Ciudadana* and Social Medicine: Undermining Community in the State Provision of Health Care in Ecuador. In: *Social Inequities and Contemporary Struggles for Collective Health in Latin America*. Eds. Emily E Vasquez, Amaya G. Perez-Brumer, Richard Parker. London: Routledge. ISBN: [9780367498726](https://doi.org/10.1080/9780367498726). Reprinted from Special Issue of *Global Public Health* (original date: 2018)

Friederic, Karin

- 2015 Gender Violence, Social Change, and Applied Anthropology in Coastal Ecuador. In: *Applying Anthropology to Gender-Based Violence: Global Responses, Local Practices*. Eds. Jennifer R. Wies and Hillary H. Haldane. Pp. 167-182. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

NEWS ARTICLES, COMMENTARY, TECHNICAL REPORTS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Friederic, Karin

- 2024 Based on the Incredible True Story: Colonial Minds, Late Capitalist Hearts, and Deception in Hollywood. *Anthropology News*, April 30, 2024. Issue: Deception.

Bloom, Allison and Karin Friederic

- 2024 New Publications -- Gender-Based Violence. *Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter*, Volume 35, Number 1.

Mulla, Sameena and Karin Friederic

- 2017 Rethinking the Anthropology of Gender and Violence in Santa Fe, Co-authored with Sameena Mulla. *Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter*, Volume 27, Number 4.

Friederic, Karin and Adriana Córdova* (*WFU Undergraduate Student)

- 2016 Gender-Based Violence TIG: Violence, Sexuality, and Remaking Gender in Coastal Ecuador. *Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter*, Volume 26, Number 4.

Friederic, Karin and Bennett Heine* (WFU Undergraduate Student)

- 2015 Calendario de la Salud: El Subcentro de Salud (Health Information Calendar). El Subcentro de Salud Fundación Minga (USA), Fundación MeHiPro (Ecuador) and Proyecto SaludCom - NOKIA. Quito, Ecuador: Gráficas Paola.

Friederic, Karin

- 2012 Report: Evaluation of SaludCom Communications Project in Esmeraldas, Ecuador. The Minga Foundation-NOKIA.

Friederic, Karin

- 2010 How to Help Haiti. *The Huffington Post*. January 18, 2010. [Link](#)

Friederic, Karin

- 2009 Gender-Based Violence TIG: Local-Global Dimensions of Intimate Partner Violence and Human Rights in NW Ecuador. *Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter*: 20 (1).

Friederic, Karin, Jason Cross and Gabriela Ordoñez

- 2005 Responsiveness & Coverage: Community Health Program in Esmeraldas, Ecuador. Quito, Ecuador: Fundación Naturaleza Humana.

BOOK REVIEWS

Friederic, Karin

- 2015 Anthropology in the Making: Research in Health and Development by Laurent Vidal, Routledge Studies in Anthropology. *American Anthropologist*, 117:3. September 2015.

Friederic, Karin

- 2014 Feminist Activist Ethnography: Counterpoints to Neoliberalism in North America. Christa Craven and Dána-Ain Davis, eds. *American Ethnologist* 41: 789–791.

Friederic, Karin

- 2009 Gender, Indian, Nation: The Contradictions of Making Ecuador, 1830-1925, by Erin O'Connor. *Arizona Anthropologist*, Issue 19.

REVIEWS OF MY BOOK

Bachmann, I. (2024). "Book Review: The Prism of Human Rights: Seeking Justice amid Gender Violence in Rural Ecuador by Karin Friederic." *Gender & Society* 38(3): 474-476.

Papavasiliou, F. (2025). "The Prism of Human Rights: Seeking Justice amid Gender Violence in Rural Ecuador. By Karin Friederic." *General Anthropology*, 32: 34-5.

FORTHCOMING

Friederic, Karin and Brian J. Burke

- 2026 Commoning with and against the State: Lessons from Ecuador's Deep Periphery. Radical Municipalism: The Politics of the Common and the Democratization of Public Services. Edited by Bertie Russell and Iolanda Bianchi. Bristol University Press, UK.

Friederic, Karin

- 2026 El Prisma de los Derechos Humanos: En Busca de Justicia ante la Violencia de Género. FLACSO-Ecuador and Abya-Yala. Quito, Ecuador.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Role: Paper Presenter, unless otherwise noted)

- Mar 2025 Revitalizing Interventions: Alternative Paths to Healing from Gender-Based Violence. Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR.
- Nov 2024 Gender Justice, Enduring Rurality, and the Incomplete Roll-Out of Human Rights: Contemplating Feminist Praxis in "Out of the Way" Places. Panel: Gender and Politics: Translating between Theory and Practice, Part II. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- Nov 2024 Co-Chair and Organizer, Two Panels: Gender and Politics: Translating between Theory and Practice, Part I and Part II. With Lynn Kwiatkowski. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- Mar 2024 Overcoming Barriers: Gender-based Violence Survivors' Experiences and Challenges Seeking Support from Governmental and NGO Institutions. Roundtable Participant. Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM.
- Nov 2022 Co-Chair and Organizer: Gender, Emotion, and The State, with Lynn Kwiatkowski. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Seattle, Washington.
- Nov 2022 Emotion, Embodiment, and Gender Violence in Ecuador. Panel: Gender, Emotion, and The State, American Anthropological Association Meeting, Seattle, Washington.
- Nov 2021 Saving Stray Dogs through the Single Story: the Racial Politics of Aid and Adventure Trekking in the Ecuadorian Jungle. Panel: Companion Species, Companion Landscapes. Virtual Presentation.
Co-presenters: Jordan Buzzett (WFU '22) and Gabriela Valencia (WFU '23)
- Nov 2019 Yearning for Biomarkers: Social Precarity and the Struggle for Legitimacy Among Patients with ME/CFS. Panel: The pieces that fall through the cracks: Precarity and the Management of Chronic Illness, Disease, and Impairment in Changing Times. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Vancouver, CA.
- Mar 2019 Chair, Two Panels: Domestic Violence: Experiencing, Witnessing, and Managing (GBV TIG) and Articulating Gendered Violence (GBV TIG), Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Portland, OR.
- Feb 2019 Reinventing 'Development' to Build Community Power in a Quilombo Community in Pará, Brazil, North Carolina Conference on Latin American Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC.
- Dec 2017 *La Revolución Ciudadana* and Social Medicine: Community Mobilization and the State Provision of Health Care in Ecuador. Panel: Biopolitics and The Therapeutic

- State (Chair). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, D.C.
- Dec 2017 Chair & Organizer, Conflated Harm: Normalizing Domestic Violence, Marginalizing Change Bringers/Providers of Care, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
- Mar 2017 Gender and the State: Modernity, Citizenship and the Performance of “Violence-Free” Relationships in Rural Ecuador. Panel: Rethinking Gender and Violence: Political Violence and Gendered Bodies. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, NM.
- Mar 2017 Chair & Organizer, Rethinking Gender and Violence: Health, Reproduction and Obstetric Violence. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, NM.
- Mar 2016 Resurrecting the "Macho": Interventions in Gender Based Violence in Rural Ecuador. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Nov 2015 Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility: The Case of the Minga Foundation and NOKIA. Roundtable: The Corporatization of NGO's. NGOographies Conference, CO.
- May 2015 Revolutionizing Citizenship through Cuban Doctors and Primary Health Care in Ecuador. Panel: Healthcare and the Paradoxes of Participation. *Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Mar 2015 Violence, Well-Being, and Community Development: Lessons from Interventions into IPV in Coastal Ecuador. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings. Pittsburgh.
- Dec 2014 Treating the Body Politic: Health Care and Civil Servants in "Post-Neoliberal" Ecuador. Panel: Rights and Ethical Subjectivity. *American Anthropological Association (AAA)*, Washington D.C.
- Mar 2014 Invited Paper. Co-author: Wendy A. Vogt. “Just” Anthropology: Merging Activist, Applied, and Academic Anthropology. Panel: Applied/Academic as Divide or Dialectic? *Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting*, Albuquerque, NM.
- Nov 2013 Invited Paper: Gender Justice in Transnational Perspective: Rights, Violence, and Victimhood across Borders. Panel: Formulating an Anthropology of Gender Justice: Current Engagements, Future Directions. Sponsored by: AAA Committee on Gender Equity (COGEA). *AAA Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL
- May 2013 Violence against Women and the Contradictions of Rights-in-Practice in Rural Ecuador. Panel: Understanding and Combating Gender Violence: Recent Advances in Latin America. *Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting (LASA)*, Washington D.C.
- June 2013 Moralizing Motherhood, Redefining Violence: Changing Narratives of Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Ecuador. *Encounters & Engagements: Creating New Agendas for Medical Anthropology*, Tarragona, Spain.
- Mar 2013 Chair and Organizer, Three Panels: Gender-Based Violence, Advocacy, and Equitable Access, Part I: Marginalized Identities, Border Zones, and Edges of the State, Part II: Indigenous Groups’ and Community-Level Responses to Gender Based Violence, and Part III: The Role of Judicial Systems, Law Enforcement, and Corrections. *SfAA Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO.

- Mar 2013 Discussant: Gender-Based Violence, Advocacy, and Equitable Access, Part I: Marginalized Identities, Border Zones, and Edges of the State. *SfAA Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO.
- May 2012 Chair: ¡La Patria ya es de todos!: The 2008 Constitution and the Politics of Inclusion and Collective Identity in Ecuador. *LASA Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.
- Nov 2012 Feminizing Citizenship: Human Rights, the Law against Family Violence, and the State in Rural Coastal Ecuador. Panel: Creating a “Universal Right”: The Codification and Circulation of “Violence against Women.” AAA, San Francisco, CA.
- Apr 2010 Discourses of Empowerment and Exclusion: Training an Ethnographic Lens on Human Rights, Local Subjectivities and GBV. *Panel*: Global Research on Gender-Based Violence: Where Does Anthropology Fit? *SfAA Annual Meeting*, Mérida, Mexico.
- Nov 2009 “La Ley del Machete”: Family Violence and Local Justice in Ecuador’s Plurinationalist State. *Panel* (APLA): The End/Ends of Law: the Anthropological Study of Law in the 21st Century. *AAA Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Nov 2008 Violent Machos and Macho Violence in Rural Ecuador: Historicizing Gender and Culture in Domestic Violence Research. *Panel*: Anthropological Perspectives on Domestic Violence. *AAA Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA
- July 2008 Fronteras de la violencia: Derechos de la Mujer y La Violencia Intrafamiliar dentro de Familias Manabitas en Esmeraldas, Ecuador. *Panel*: Género, violencia y justicia en el Ecuador, II. *El Cuarto Encuentro de la Sección de Estudios Ecuatorianos de la Asociación de Estudios Latinoamericanos (FLACSO-LASA)*. FLACSO Ecuador, Quito.
- Mar 2007 Performing Medical Pluralism: Multisectoral Collaboration and Community-Based Healthcare in Rural Northwestern Ecuador. Co-authors: Jason Cross (Duke U) and Jessica Levy (UNC-Chapel Hill). *Panel*: Health and Insecurity in Ecuador: Contributions from Anthropology & Public Health. *SfAA Annual Meeting*, Tampa, FL.
- Nov 2006 Networks of Care: Multipositionality and the Politics of Rural Healthcare in Northwest Ecuador. Co-authored with Jason Cross (Duke University). *Panel*: Negotiating the Space in between Academia, Civil Society and the State: Critical Perspectives of Medical Anthropologists Working with/in NGOs. *AAA Annual Meeting*, San Jose, CA.
- Mar 2006 Negotiating Participatory Theory and Practice: Combining Medical and Legal Anthropology Perspectives on a Community-based Health Project in Northwest Ecuador, with Jason Cross (Duke University). *Panel*: From Field Methods to the Future of Applied Anthropology, *SfAA Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC.
- Mar 2004 Valuing (or Devaluing) Social Capital: Planning an Anti-Family Violence Initiative in Rural Northwestern Ecuador, *Panel*: Social Capital: Public Health Panacea or Palliative? *SfAA Annual Meeting*, Dallas, TX.

INVITED TALKS and LECTURES

- 2025 Sex, Culture and Sexuality, Prof. Papavillousou, Georgia State University. Webex Class Lecture and Q&A, May 27.

- 2024 Vernacularization and the Prism of Human Rights: book talk and research overview. AN215: Anthropological Theory course, Prof. Scandlyn, The Colorado College, Colorado Springs. Nov 4.
- 2023 '¡Ya no aguantamos más!' Mujeres repensando la violencia y la justicia en la costa Ecuatoriana. Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile. June 27, 2023 (in Spanish)
- 2017 Women's Rights, Gender Violence and Body Politics in Coastal Ecuador. Lucile B. Price Endowed Lecture, Luther College, October 2.
- 2016 "The Violence of Human Rights: Women's Organizing and Gender Violence in Coastal Ecuador". University of Texas at San Antonio, Public Lecture, Women's History Month,
- 2015 "Human Rights, Gender Violence, and Applied Anthropology in Coastal Ecuador." New Mexico Highlands University, Public Lecture, October 13.
- 2015 "¡El Machismo es Violencia!" Sex, Human Rights, and Masculinity on the Ecuadorian Coast. School for Advanced Research Fall Colloquium Series, Santa Fe, NM. Sept. 2015
- 2015 "The Violence of Human Rights: Women's Organizing and Gender Violence in Coastal Ecuador," Public Lecture/Anthropology Department Speaker Series, University of North Carolina Wilmington, April 23.
- 2015 "The Violence of Human Rights: Women's Organizing and Gender Violence in Coastal Ecuador," The Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Colloquium Series, Wake Forest University
- 2015 "The Paradox of Human Rights: Producing Violence and Well-Being in Coastal Ecuador," Anthropology Department Speaker Series, Appalachian State University
- 2009 "Violent Frontiers: Women's Rights, Intimate Partner Violence & the State in Ecuador," Department of Anthropology, Lecture Series, The University of Arizona

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024+: **Principal Investigator**, Bodily Awareness and Self-Surveillance in Contested Illness Management in Sweden and the United States. Pilot research underway.
- 2014-16: **Principal Investigator**, *¡La Revolución Ciudadana! (The Citizen's Revolution): Cuba-Ecuadorian Health Care Diplomacy and Cultivated Citizenship*
- Conducted participant-observation and semi-structured interviews with health clinic staff, Cuban doctors in Ecuador, and health clinic patients about changes in health care provision, and perceptions of health care effectiveness and state-belonging.
- 2007-9: **Principal Investigator**, Dissertation Fieldwork (15 months + ongoing). *La Violencia Adentro: Women's Rights, Gendered Violence, and State-NGO-Community Relations*
- Conducted participant-observation, semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and oral histories with local men and women: participation in community-based, state, and NGO

programs; understandings of gender-based rights, citizenship, and state responsibility; sources of family conflict; perceptions of and responses to intimate partner violence.

- Interviewed NGO staff about past interventions and programs, institutional missions, encounters with victims of gender violence, and perceptions of effectiveness of national legislative, medical and judicial systems, and suggestions for interventions and reform.
- Reviewed archival holdings at ten institutions in Ecuador to investigate historical patterns of gender violence. Analyzed migration and patterns of violence, gendered division of labor, land conflict, marriage and family laws, violence on Ecuador's coast.

2007-8: **Research Assistant, Veteran's Ethnography Project**, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, PI: Dr. Linda Green

- Conducted semi-structured interviews with veterans returned from Iraq and Afghanistan, focusing on reintegration and trauma.

2003-8: **Research Consultant, Various Projects, Fundación Naturaleza Humana**

- Collected oral histories of 10 men and women focusing on life histories, experiences with violence over time and reasons for migration (2006)
- Evaluated health center services and outreach, specifically prenatal care and vaccination coverage in El Páramo, Ecuador, using structured interviews and focus groups (2005)
- Conducted research on community knowledge and practice about malaria and various reproductive health issues, to develop health education curriculum (2003)
- Composed and administered 110 surveys on demographics, illness prevalence, treatment methods, nutritional health, household economics and health services (2001-2)
- Coordinated and implemented health and demographic survey (150 interviewees, 18 communities) (2000-2002)

2005-6: **Research Assistant**. Supervisor: Dr. Leslye Obiora, Professor of Law, U. Arizona

- Assisted with coordination of micro-credit and women's empowerment initiative in Nigeria for a project founded and managed by Dr. Leslye Obiora
- Conducted research on human rights, gender, social capital and law

2001-2: **Research Assistant**. Supervisor: David Eisenman, M.D., UCLA, Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research

- Investigated relationships between health care seeking, access, and incidence of PTSD among Central American patients in low-income clinics in Los Angeles.

2000-1: **Research Assistant**. Venice Family Clinic, Venice, California

- Developed culturally sensitive diabetes program for Mexican American patients

PUBLIC and PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **Expert Witness** on 22 U.S. asylum cases related to gender and political violence in Ecuador (2013-25)
- Co-founder (2003+) and Vice-President (2024-5), The Minga Foundation (2003-present)
- **Book Prize Committee Member**, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (2015)
- **NGO Project Coordinator**, 2024-5 SEIINAC, Reproductive Health and Safe Abortion in Hidalgo, Mexico (with Minga Foundation); 2015-20, Carrazedo Brazil: for a water & alternative economies project with quilombola community in Northeastern Brazil (The Minga Foundation, 2015-2021); Women, Empowerment, and Education in Ecuador (Feminist Review Trust and Minga), 2015-8).
- **Co-Chair**, Gender-Based Violence Topical Interest Group, Society for Applied Anthropology and **Newsletter Coordinator and Editor** (2015-8)
- **Annual Meeting Program Committee**, Society for Applied Anthropology (2016-7)
- **Graduate Student Paper Prize Reviewer & Committee Chair**, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (2016) & Virchow Award, Society for Medical Anthropology (2011-2)
- **Junior Board Member**, APLA: Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (2014)
- **Manuscript Reviewer (2012-2025)**: Feminist Anthropology (x2); Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFÉ); Medical Anthropology (x2); The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (x3); International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Human Organization (x2); Ethnos: The Journal of Anthropology; Critique of Anthropology; PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review; American Ethnologist; Rutgers University Press.
- **Grant Reviewer**, National Science Foundation (x2)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- *Fellow*, the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
- *Member*, American Anthropological Association (AAA), Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA): Critical Anthropology of Health Network, *Member*, Association for Feminist Anthropology, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA), including NGOs and Nonprofit Interest Group
- *Member*, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Sections: Ecuadorian Studies, Gender and Feminist Studies

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- *English*: Native
- *Spanish*: Fluent
- *French*: Intermediate
- *Swedish*: Intermediate