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Education

1990-97 Harvard University, Ph.D., Social Anthropology
1985-86 University of Cambridge, M. Phil., Social Anthropology
1982-84 College of Wooster, B.A., Cultural Areas Studies of Africa
1980-82 Northwestern University, Certificate of African Studies

Professional Experience

2018-present Senior Research Associate, Begun Center for Violence Prevention, Research and Education, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), Cleveland, OH

2017-18 Research Associate, Begun Center, CWRU

2014-18 Research Assistant 2, Early Palliative Care Demonstration Project, (funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, University Hospitals' Seidman Cancer Center, awardee), Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, CWRU

2010-14 Senior Research Associate and Project Manager, "Researching the Social Dynamics of a Local Methamphetamine Market" (funded by the National Institutes of Health, Hoffer & Bobashev, awardees), Department of Anthropology, CWRU

2009-14 Vulnerable Community Specialist, Medical Exchange International, Inc. (NY), co-directing "Model for TB/HIV and MDR-TB Infection Control: Prioritizing Vulnerable Communities with High-Risk Factors for Infectious Disease," Makassar, Sulawesi, Indonesia

1998-2008 Associate/Assistant/Adjunct Professor, Department of Classical Studies, Anthropology and Archaeology at The University of Akron, Akron, OH

Book

2005 Food, Culture and Survival in an African City. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

Additional Publications

Under review:

- 2018 “The Utility and Impact of ACHES on Substance Abuse Treatment Adherence among Youth in an Intensive Outpatient Program.” Co-authored with D. Hussey and M. Gearhart. Journal of Child and Adolescent Social Work.

Peer-reviewed publications in print:

- 2018 “Structural Misgendering of Transgender Sex Workers in Chicago via Mug Shots? A Case Study of Practicing in the Social Sciences.” Co-authored with R. Lovell and M. Luminais. Practicing Anthropology, 40(1), 48-52.
- 2017 “Transitioning Illicit Drug Preferences and Identities in Ohio: The Proliferation of Methamphetamine Use among African-Americans.” Co-authored with L. Hoffer. Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse, July, 1-22, doi: [10.1080/15332640.2017.1325809](https://doi.org/10.1080/15332640.2017.1325809)
- 2007 “Street Credit: The Cultural Politics of African Street Children’s Hunger.” A chapter in Food and Culture: A Reader (2nd edition) edited by C. Counihan and P. Van Esterik (Routledge).
- 2006 “Ethical Dilemmas in Research with a Tanzanian NGO Supporting Street Girls and Boys.” Co-authored with M. Kudrati. Practicing Anthropology 28(4), 21-25.
- 2003 “Weaving a Stronger Food-Assistance Net.” Co-authored with C. Behrman and A. Hanlin. Practicing Anthropology, 25(2), 7-10.
- 2002 “Teaching the Day After: An Assessment of American University Pedagogy in the Wake of September 11, 2001.” Co-authored with T.J. Boisseau. Anthropology and Education Quarterly, 33(3), 350-367.
- 2002 “Gender, Power and Entitlement Theory.” Co-authored with C. Behrman. Nutritional Anthropology. 25(1), 35-8.
- 2001 “Urban Agriculture in Mwanza, Tanzania.” AFRICA. 71 (4), 666-691.
- 1999 “Food, Gender and Survival Among Street Adults of Mwanza, Tanzania.” Food and Foodways, 8(1), 1-30.

Edited Journal Issue:

- 2008 “Centering Gender and Women’s Experiences in Katrina’s New Orleans.” Co-authored chapter and co-edited issue with T.J. Boisseau, K. Feltey, L. Gelfand, and M. Triece. National Women’s Studies Association Journal, New Orleans: A Special Issue on Gender, the Meaning of Place, and the Politics of Displacement 20(3), vii-xvii.

Book reviews:

- 2008 Poor Families in America's Health Care Crisis. American Anthropologist 110(1), 82.
- 2006 Food Aid After 50 Years: Recasting Its Role. African Studies Review, 49(3), 62-63.
- 2004 Safe Haven: The Story of a Shelter for Homeless Women. Association for Feminist Anthropology website www.sscl.berkeley.edu-afaweb (first available 8/20/04).
- 1997 Mwalimu: The Influence of Nyerere. International Journal of African Historical Studies, 30(2), 407-409.
- 1996 Crisis, Urbanization, and Urban Poverty in Tanzania. International Journal of African Historical Studies, 29(3), 23-5.

Academic Research and Applied Work among Vulnerable Communities—by location
Northeastern Ohio (Researcher, Case Western Reserve University)

- 2017-present As a research associate in CWRU's Begun Center for Violence Prevention, Research and Education—among other research, evaluation and grant-writing responsibilities—I am a qualitative research specialist on the *Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Heroin and Crime Initiative: Informing the investigation and prosecution of heroin-related overdose* (National Institute of Justice, 2018-21), as well as on the *ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program* (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2016-20).
- 2014-18 As a research assistant in CWRU's School of Nursing, I oversee data collection and management for the *Seidman Cancer Center Palliative Care Demonstration Grant* (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2014-18). I also participated in patient enrollment, work-flow troubleshooting and the development of proprietary information technology.
- 2010-14 As project manager for the NIH-funded project, *The Social Dynamics of a Local Methamphetamine Network*, I was lead ethnographic interviewer and surveyor of active methamphetamine users in Summit County, Ohio, as well as supervised instrument development, quantitative/qualitative data collection and management, write-up of research findings for academic publication and NIH annual reviews, managed research team members, and administered Institutional Review Board compliance.

Northeastern Ohio (Director, Plumeria Social Research)

2010-2011 Co-directing and -writing a service evaluation for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, I oversaw qualitative, quantitative, and geographic information systems (GIS) research exploring the relationship between the Foodbank's outreach, 870+ food-insecure community members, and 205 food-distribution agencies in eight Northeast Ohio counties. The resulting evaluation clearly highlighted vital service gaps, promising opportunities, and sustainable successes on which the Foodbank's management and board of directors could focus to better fulfill the Foodbank's mission to fight hunger and feed people.

Northeastern Ohio (Visiting/Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, The University of Akron)

2003 As principal investigator for *A Situational Analysis of Homeless Teenage Girls in Akron: Identifying Approaches to Promote Success in School*, I interviewed over 50 homeless girls in Akron to determine how best to support them in Akron Public Schools.

1999-2002 As co-principal investigator for *Regional Food Networks: Food Procurement Sources and Strategies of the Homeless and Very Poor*, I conducted ethnographic interviews among clients of Summit County food pantries and hot-meal programs to identify ways to increase their access to free and low-cost food.

Sulawesi, Indonesia (as Vulnerable Community Specialist for NY-based Medical Exchange International, Inc., in association with LPTM, Makassar, Sulawesi)

2009-12 I co-developed and -administered health programming in large-group settings among urban poor in Makassar. Supervised informed consent and co-directed TB education, intake screening, and TB testing and diagnoses for over 220 high-risk community members. Oversaw identification and training of TB Community Leaders from among urban poor. Co-coordinated with local private and public stakeholders (including National TB Program, Makassar City Department of Health, Hasanuddin University Faculty of Medicine, and the national FAJAR News) to increase awareness of vulnerable community members' health-seeking behaviors, and advocate for resources to support accessible pathways to infectious-disease treatment among the urban poor.

2009 I directed a situational analysis of a vulnerable community in Makassar, Sulawesi, through informal one-on-one discussions with 80 women and youth, as well as targeted group discussion of income-generation, housing, health-seeking, and TB awareness.

Mwanza, Tanzania (as Assistant/Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, The University of Akron)

2000, 2006 As principal investigator of two projects, *The Meaning of Street Children* and

Uncertain Trajectories: Tanzanian Street Children's Transitions to Adulthood, I interviewed over 75 independent homeless children to learn how to better eliminate the stigma of homelessness and facilitate these children's transitions to adulthood.

1993-1994 Among other data collection activities with diverse community members, as a doctoral candidate I conducted ethnographic interviews with street children and street adults to learn about their daily food-acquisition, support groups, life histories, and future goals.

Funded Research

- 2006 "Uncertain Trajectories: Tanzanian Street Children's Transitions to Adulthood—(pilot project)," The University of Akron Faculty Research Grant for Spring Semester (Principal Investigator)
- 2004 "Toward Improving Student Outcomes: Using the ConcepTest process and CPS technology to promote peer instruction and enhance teaching effectiveness in General Education Anthropology classes," Center for Collaboration and Inquiry and the Institute for Teaching and Learning at The University of Akron (Co-Principal Investigator)
- 2004 "Caregivers' and Advocates' Perceptions of Homeless Teenage Girls in Akron: Identifying Approaches to Promote Success in School," Women's Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation (Principal Investigator)
- 2003 "A Situational Analysis of Homeless Teenage Girls in Akron: Identifying Approaches to Promote Success in School," Women's Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation (Principal Investigator)
- 2002 "REFOCUST: Supporting teaching-technology upgrades," College of Education at The University of Akron (Principal Investigator)
- 2001 Continued funding for research of "Regional Food Networks: Food Procurement Sources and Strategies of the Homeless and Very Poor," (northeastern Ohio), Urban University Program, Institute for Policy Studies at The University of Akron (Co-Principal Investigator)
- 2000 Summer research funding for "The Meaning of Street Children" (Mwanza, Tanzania), funders included the Office for Research Services and Sponsored Programs, Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of Classical Studies, Anthropology and Archaeology at The University of Akron (Principal Investigator)
- 2000 Continued funding for research of "Regional Food Networks: Food Procurement Sources and Strategies of the Homeless and Very Poor," (northeastern Ohio), Urban University

Program, Institute for Policy Studies at The University of Akron (Co-Principal Investigator)

- 2000 “Adolescent Health and Social Services” (northeastern Ohio), Urban University Program, Institute for Policy Studies at The University of Akron (Co-Principal Investigator)
- 1999 “Regional Food Networks: Food Procurement Sources and Strategies of the Homeless and Very Poor,” (northeastern Ohio), Urban University Program, Institute for Policy Studies at The University of Akron (Co-Principal Investigator)
- 1993 Fulbright Grant for Ph.D. dissertation research, Institute of International Education
- 1991 Mellon Early Dissertation Research Support, Harvard University

Research/Academic Fellowships

- 1995 Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
- 1992 Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for Kiswahili Training in Tanzania, U.S. Department of Education,
- 1992 Mellon Language Study Fellowship, Harvard University
- 1990 & 1991 Peabody Merit Fellowships for graduate study, Harvard University

Additional Research-Related Training/Conferences

- 2011 Tuberculosis Intensive Workshop, New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute, Newark, NJ, April 12-14
- 2004 Ending Homelessness: A Community Forum, presentations and training seminars on homelessness in Northeastern Ohio, Continuum of Care for the Homeless of Summit County and the Summit County Housing Network, Akron, May 19.
- 2004 Homeless Education State Conference, presentations and training seminars on educating homeless youth. Ohio Department of Education, Columbus, May 15.
- 2004 Ethical Issues in the Conduct of Social Science Research, IRB seminar, John Carroll University, May 7.
- 2004 Understanding the Patient Privacy Rule’s (HIPAA) Impact on Research, a workshop sponsored by the Office of Research Services, The University of Akron, March 30.
- 2003 Homeless Education State Conference, presentations and training seminars on educating homeless youth. Ohio Department of Education, Columbus, May 15.

- 1992 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Fellowship for Intensive Advanced Kiswahili Training (9 weeks, Tanzania)

Workshops and Panels Organized

- 2004 Sessions I and II: “Food, Poverty and Hunger: Complexities of Survival Strategies and Community Responses,” panel chair and organizer, Annual Meetings of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Hyde Park, NY, June 13.
- 2002 “(Un)Imaginable Lessons: Anthropological Perspectives on Education After September 11, 2001,” panel chair and organizer, the 101st American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 20.
- 2002 “Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Agency Seminar and Workshop.” Co-organized workshop with Dr. Carolyn Behrman to disseminate food-networks research results to, and to facilitate discussion of findings with, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank agencies. Akron, May 14 and 23.
- 1993 “Working with Street Children: A Workshop on Community Awareness and Practical Action.” Co-organized workshop, facilitated participation of government officials, educators, donors, and media representatives, and compiled and edited workshop proceedings for publication by UNICEF. Nyegezi, Tanzania, October 18-20.

Presentations

- 2018 “The Utility and Impact of ACHES on Substance Abuse Treatment Adherence among Youth in an Intensive Outpatient Program,” poster presentation with David Hussey, 31st Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health. Tampa, FL, March 4.
- 2018 “Adult Usage of and Satisfaction with Addiction Comprehensive Health Enhancement Support System (ACHES) during Substance Abuse Treatment in Cuyahoga County, Ohio” invited presenter, Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, February 14.
- 2011 “Model for TB/HIV and MDR-TB Infection Control: Prioritizing Vulnerable Communities with High-Risk Factors for Infectious Disease,” invited presenter, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Jakarta, Indonesia, September 26.
- 2008 “Street Credit: The Politics of African Street Children’s Hunger,” invited lecturer, Yale University’s Agrarian Studies Colloquium Series, New Haven, CT, February 15.

- 2006 “Feminist Perspectives on Survival Sex, Homosexuality, and Play among African Street Boys,” presenter and co-author with Tracey Jean Boisseau, Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 16.
- 2006 “Thirty Years of Exploring Hunger as Culturally Constructed,” invited lecturer, World History of Food course, Department of History, The University of Akron, Akron, OH May 18.
- 2006 “Exploring Narrative in Research on Homeless Youth,” invited presenter, “The Stories We Tell—Exploring Narrative in Feminist Research, Teaching and Writing,” The University of Akron, Akron, OH March 3.
- 2006 “U.S. Family Planning Policies and AIDS in Africa,” invited presenter, Planned Parenthood of Stark County, Canton, OH, February 21.
- 2005 “Politics, AIDS, and Africa,” invited presenter, Kent State Stark, November 3.
- 2005 “Akron’s Homeless Teenage Girls: Promoting their Success in School,” poster presenter at the Women’s Endowment Fund Annual Meeting, Akron, OH, April 27.
- 2004 “The Cost of Free Food: The Impact of Community Response to Hunger on People’s Strategies for Survival,” presenter and co-author with Carolyn Behrman, Annual Meetings of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Hyde Park, NY, June 13.
- 2003 “The Meaning of Street Girls and Boys in Mwanza, Tanzania,” presenter, African Studies Association 46th Annual Meeting, Boston, October 30.
- 2003 “Teaching the Day After: Faculty Responses to September 11, 2001,” presenter, Anthropology Club spring lecture series, The University of Akron, April 3.
- 2002 “Teaching the Day After: What American Academics *Really* Taught on September 12, 2001,” co-presenter with Dr. Tracey Jean Boisseau, American Anthropological Association 101st Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 20.
- 2002 “Ethical Dilemmas in Long-Term Research on a Tanzanian NGO Supporting Street Children,” co-presenter with Mustafa Kudrati, American Anthropological Association 101st Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 23.
- 2002 “40 Million and Counting: The Politics of HIV/AIDS,” panelist, International Education Week panel, The University of Akron, Akron, November 19.
- 2002 “AIDS in Tanzania,” highlighted speaker, International Education Week, The University of Akron, Akron, November 19.

- 2002 “Regional Food Networks: Research Findings,” co-presenter with Dr. Carolyn Behrman, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Agency Seminar and Workshop, Akron, May 14 and 23.
- 2002 “What The University of Akron Faculty Taught on September 12, 2001.” Co-presenter with Dr. Tracey Jean Boisseau, “Celebration of Excellence in Teaching and Learning” symposium, The University of Akron Institute for Teaching and Learning, Akron, April 19.
- 2002 “Community-Based Research with Street Children in Mwanza, Tanzania,” presenter, Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Atlanta, March 7.
- 2000 “Food Distribution, Gatekeeping Policies and the Hungry in Urban Ohio,” poster co-presenter with Dr. Carolyn Behrman, American Anthropological Association 99th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 16.
- 2000 “Perspectives on the Political-Economy of Hunger in Summit County,” co-presenter with Carolyn Behrman for Anthropology Week at The University of Akron, Akron, April 5.
- 2000 “Street Children in Mwanza, Tanzania,” presenter for Anthropology Week at The University of Akron, Akron, April 3.
- 1999 “When Time is Food: Perspectives on the Political-Economy of Hunger in the United States,” co-presenter with Dr. Carolyn Behrman, American Anthropological Association 98th Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 21.
- 1999 “Regional Food Networks in Northeastern Ohio,” presenter, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Annual Agency Seminar, July 17.
- 1998 “Urban Agriculture in Mwanza, Tanzania,” presenter, American Anthropological Association 97th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 2.
- 1998 “Exiled to the Streets: Destitute Children of Mwanza, Tanzania,” presenter, Symposium on Forcibly Displaced Persons: Development, Poverty, Problems, and Solutions, The 14th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Williamsburg, Virginia, July 31.
- 1998 “Introduction to the Grameen Bank of Bangladesh” and “Case Study of Members of Les Papillon Group, The Full Circle Fund, Women’s Employment Project (Chicago),” presenter, Comparative Case Studies in Women’s Entrepreneurship Workshop, Forum on Women and Development, Akron, June 25.
- 1998 “Research into Food Provisioning in Urban Mwanza, Tanzania,” invited lecturer, Interdisciplinary Anthropology Program, Department of Sociology at The University of Akron, Akron, February 20.

- 1997 “Food Provisioning in Urban Mwanza, Tanzania,” invited lecturer, Department of Anthropology at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 29.
- 1996 “Food, Gender and Survival among Street People of Mwanza, Tanzania,” presenter, American Anthropological Association 95th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 24.

Other Professional Activities

- 1999-2007 Member (Vice-Chair 2005-07), Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, The University of Akron; Vice Chair 2006-2007
- 2006-2007 Co-representative of The University of Akron to the Ohio Faculty Council
- 2003-2005 Member, Akron Public School’s Project R.I.S.E. Advisory Council, an organization of educators and administrators working to facilitate the education of homeless children
- 2002-2005 Member, HUD’s Continuum of Care Coalition, an organization comprised of service providers and researchers addressing homelessness in Summit County, Ohio.

Languages Very good Kiswahili; reading, writing and conversational knowledge of French; rudimentary conversational knowledge of Bahasa Indonesia