

Personal Information

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Citizenship Canadian

Degrees

- 2003 Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC
 Dissertation Title: “*Harm Reduction in an Epidemic: The Lost Opportunities of the HIV/AIDS Action Plan in the Downtown Eastside, 1998 to 2000*”
- 1995 M.A. Symbolic Anthropology, University of Western Ontario, London, ON
 Thesis title: “*An Ethnography of Artist’s Models and Feminist Theories of Representation*”
- 1992 B.A. Anthropology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

Teaching and Research Interests

Methodology and analysis in qualitative research
Community/participatory research
HIV medications and treatment programs
Harm reduction and addictions
Social/health policy convergence
Marginal social groups
Research ethics
Community/not-for profit service provision
Art, popular culture and society

Awards

- 2002 National Association for the Practise of Anthropology (NAPA) Student Achievement Award for single-authored report
- 1997 Humanities Research Group, University of Windsor
 Scholarship (Health Canada and SSHRC) for travel and residence at the International Summer Institute on the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV/AIDS Research

Scholarships/Fellowships

- 2000 Soros Harm Reduction Fellowship.
- 1999 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Graduate Fellowship, SFU
- 1999 President's Research Stipend, SFU
- 1998 British Columbia Health Research Foundation (BCHRF) Studentship Scholarship, SFU
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- 1996 British Columbia Health Research Foundation (BCHRF) Studentship Scholarship, SFU
- 1996 Graduate Fellowship, SFU
- 1995 Graduate Teaching Scholarship, SFU
- 1995 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, SFU
- 1994 Special University Scholarship, UWO
- 1993 Special University Scholarship, UWO

Research Grants

- 2001 NHRDP HIV/AIDS Community-Based Research Program: Research Funds (declined). Principal Investigator of the *Rooming House Harm Reduction Project* with VANDU and the Portland Hotel Society
- 2000 Lindesmith Center: Soros Harm Reduction Fellowship. Principal Investigator of the *VANDU Health Network Research Project*

Recent Research/Fieldwork Positions

- 2004 Consultant, P2P User Group Evaluation Project
Qualitative and survey research to develop a model of drug user organizing to carry out health and support programs under the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2006 "The VANDU Health Network: Developing Peer-Run Harm Reduction Programs in Vancouver, BC". Forthcoming in *The NAPA Bulletin*. National Association for the Practice of Anthropology, University of California Press
- 2005 "Harm Reduction as Paradigm: Is Better Than Bad Good Enough?" Published in the September issue of *Critical Public Health*
- 1998 Article in edited volume: "The Body of Art and the Mantle of Authority". Pp. 91-107. In *Consuming Fashion: Adorning the Transnational Body*. Edited by: Anne Brydon and Sandra Niessen. Berg Publishers, London

Publications in Progress

“Action Research and the Politics of Conditional Empowerment”. Prepared for submission to the peer-reviewed journal *Human Organization*

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2001 “The VANDU Health Network Research Project Final report”. Ethnographic analysis of a health intervention project with the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users. Winner of the 2002 NAPA Student Achievement Award.
<http://www.mydocsonline.com/pub/gwroe/VHNfinal.pdf>

Teaching

- 2006-7 *Kwantlen University College*
One year full-time faculty replacement appointment
Teaching introductory courses and second year courses in Visual Anthropology and the Anthropology of religion
- 2006 *University College of the Fraser Valley*
Instructor, Anth 102 “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology” (2 sections)
Instructor, SMCS 235 “Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods”
- 2005 *Langara Community College*
Instructor, Anth 2260 “Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective”
- 2005 *University College of the Fraser Valley*
Instructor, Anth 102 “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology”
Thompson Rivers University
- 2005 One semester faculty replacement at Assistant Professor level
Instructor, Anth 121: “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology”
Instructor, Anth 215: “Studies in Ethnography”
Instructor, Anth 225: “Sex, Gender and Culture”
Instructor, Anth 415: “Religion and Society”
Simon Fraser University
- 2005 Instructor, SA 301: “Key Ideas in Anthropology: Contemporary Ethnography”
- 2004 Instructor, SA 356: “Ethnography and Qualitative Methods”
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- 2003 Certificate Program in University Teaching and Learning, SFU

Invited Research Talks

- 2001 Speaker to Hepatitis C and HIV Divisions of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) on the VANDU Health Network Project. Atlanta GA
- 2000 Participant and discussant at the Vancouver Symposium on Networks, Needles, Drugs, Risk and Infectious Disease, Vancouver, BC
- 2000 Invited speaker to Rounds for Health Care and Epidemiology, UBC

Guest lecturer in Simon Fraser University, UBC, Langara and Kwantlen Colleges, on the ethical and methodological challenges of working with marginal populations, on street-level health programs and on the social construction of health problems

Conferences and Presentations

- 2006 Paper: "The Limitations of Medical Harm Reduction". Society for Applied Anthropology annual conference, Vancouver, BC
- 2003 Invited presenter at "Intergenerational Perspectives on Anthropology and Social Advocacy/Activism in an Age of Crisis". Canadian Anthropology Society/La Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie and Society for the Anthropology of North America annual conference, Halifax, NS
- 2001 Invited Fellowship recipient at The Lindesmith Center-Drug Policy Foundation annual conference. "Drug Policies for the New Millennium", Albuquerque, NM.
- 2000 Facilitator of workshop: "Enhancing Integrated Services in the Downtown Eastside: A Case Study". XII BC AIDS conference. Vancouver, BC
- 1999 Paper delivered: "Harm Reduction and Outreach: Evaluating the Consistency of Applications Outcomes". The Canadian Association of HIV Research (CAHR), Victoria, BC
- 1999 Paper delivered: "Doing Community Research and Never Having to Say Things Like 'Hermeneutic Epistemological Discursive Constructions of Power Relations and Desire in Marginalised Social Categories of Economic Sexual Exchange'". Advances in Qualitative Research (AQR) conference, Edmonton, AB
- 1998 Invited speaker and discussant. "Community Practise: What's Theory Got to do with It?" session. XI BC AIDS Conference. Vancouver, BC
- 1998 Vancouver's Coalition for Crime Prevention and Drug Treatment: International Symposium. Vancouver, BC
- 1998 Organizer: "What's to be Done about HIV/AIDS" Community Workshop.
- 1997 Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV/AIDS Research International Summer Institute, Picton, ON
- 1997 Paper delivered: "Ethnography and Outreach in Needle Exchange Programs". Canadian Anthropology Society/La Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie at the Learned Societies Conference, St. Johns, NFLD
- 1995 Papers delivered: "The Body as Adornment", and "Needle Exchange as Social Advocacy". Canadian Anthropology Society/La Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie at the Learned Societies Conference, Montreal, PQ

Additional Experience

Research Training

- 1998 Community Based Research workshops, Vancouver BC
May and June, BC Health Research Foundation
- 1998 Grounded Theory Workshops
February 19th to 20th, Barney Glaser at the Qualitative Health Research (QHR),
Vancouver, BC

Community Involvement

Mau Dan Gardens Housing Co-op
Board member, Treasurer since 2003
Community Based Research Ethics Committee, AIDS Vancouver
Member since 2004
Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU)
Supporting member since February 1999
Developing and implementing research projects on peer education and support
Peer to Peer (P2P) Peer Support Group
Supporting Member and Research Adviser
Developing and implementing research projects on peer education and support
Prostitution Alternatives Counselling and Education (PACE)
Assisting the organization develop and implement research on violence against
women in the sextrades, 1998
Counterpoint needle exchange program, London, Ontario
Volunteer, outreach and community services: 1992 to 1995
Advisory Committee member: 1992 to 1995
Needleworks needle exchange program, Edmonton, Alberta
Worker in fixed and mobile exchange sites, outreach worker: 1990 to 1992

University Involvement

Graduate Issues Officer (GIO), Simon Fraser Student Society Executive
Elected graduate representative to SFU Administration and Chair of the Graduate
Issues Committee. 1999-2000

University Committees

Assessment Committee for New Graduate Programs (ACNGP)
Harassment Resolution Policy Board (HRPB)
Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
Search Committee for Chief Information Officer (SCCIO)