

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2019 PhD, Anthropology & Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
Dissertation: *Biosociality and Political Economy of Waiting at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya*
- 2014 MA, Anthropology, Western Michigan University
- 2010 AB, Music and Anthropology, Davidson College

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Biocultural and economic anthropology; Neuroendocrine, immune, and inflammatory stress physiology; Social Network Analysis; Refugee market economies; Resilience; Humanitarian aid and development; Research sites: East Africa & the United States

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2019 Lee T. Gettler, Mallika S. Sarma, **Rieti G. Gengo**, Rahul C. Oka, and James J. McKenna. “Testosterone moderates the effects of social support on cardiovascular disease risk factors among older U.S. men.” *American Journal of Human Biology* 31(4):e23248.
- 2018 **Rieti G. Gengo**, Rahul C. Oka, Mark Golitko, and Lee T. Gettler. “Positive Effects of Refugee Presence on Host Community Nutritional Status in Turkana County, Kenya.” *American Journal of Human Biology* 30(1):e23060.
- 2017 Lee T. Gettler, Mallika Sarma, **Rieti G. Gengo**, Rahul C. Oka, and James J. McKenna. “Adiposity, CVD-risk factors and testosterone: variation by partnering status and residence with children in U.S. men.” *Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health* 2017(1):67-80.

In preparation

Rieti G. Gengo, Rahul C. Oka, and Lee T. Gettler. “Refugee and Host Community Narratives of Violence, Indignity, and Cooperation in Northern Kenya.” Target journal: *Journal of Refugee Studies*.

Rieti G. Gengo, Rahul C. Oka, and Lee T. Gettler. “Market density and ethnically variable economic specialization predict energetic status at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya.” Target journal: *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*.

Rahul C. Oka, **Rieti G. Gengo**, and Lee T. Gettler. “Political and Economic Marginality and Nutritional Precarity among Turkana Men, Kenya.” Target Journal: *Social Science & Medicine*.

Research Report

2016 Varalakshmi Vemuru, Rahul C. Oka, **Rieti G. Gengo**, Lee T. Gettler, and Jelena Jankovic. *Refugees and Their Turkana Hosts: Social Impact Analysis of the Kakuma Refugee Camp, Turkana County, Kenya*. Washington, D.C.: The World Bank.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014–19 Full funding for graduate study, University of Notre Dame: tuition, fees & stipend
- 2014–19 University Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame
- 2017 National Science Foundation – Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (BCS#1732077): “Biosocial Responses to Political Invisibility in a Refugee Camp”; \$17,500 (cost sharing with Wenner-Gren)
- 2017 Wenner-Gren Foundation – Dissertation Fieldwork Grant: “Biosocial Correlates of Political Invisibility Among Asylum Seekers at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya”; \$14,049 (cost sharing with NSF)
- 2017 Conference travel funding, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame; Human Biology Association; \$1,500
- 2015–17 Doctoral Affiliate, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2016 United States Department of State—Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM): “Understanding Stakeholders’ Interpretations and Use of Voucher-Based Relief Assistance”; Rahul C. Oka, PI; \$199,999
- 2016 Graduate Student Research Award, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame: “Biosocial Impacts of Long-Term Encampment/“Warehousing” of Refugees: A Case Study from Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya”; \$7,000
- 2016 Summer research funding, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame: “Biosocial Impacts of Long-Term Encampment/“Warehousing” of Refugees: A Case Study from Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya”; \$2,000
- 2016 Conference travel funding, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame; American Association of Physical Anthropologists and Second City Anthropology Conference; \$1,500
- 2016 Conference travel funding, Graduate Student Union, University of Notre Dame; American Association of Physical Anthropologists; \$300

- 2015 Conference travel funding, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame; American Anthropological Association and American Association of Physical Anthropologists; \$1,500
- 2015 Summer research funding, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame; \$3,800
- 2015 Summer research funding, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame; \$2,000
- 2012–14 Full-time teaching assistantship, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University: tuition, fees & stipend

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Podium/Panel Presentations

- 2018 Rahul Oka, Ewoton Arumah, Varalakshmi Vemuru, **Rieti G. Gengo**, and Lee Gettler. It's Our Water, but We'll Remain Thirsty: The Social Economies of Subsistence, Development, Conflict and Water Extraction at Lotikipi Reservoir, Turkana County, Kenya. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, Arizona State University.
- 2016 **Rieti G. Gengo**. Refugee-Host Conflict at Kakuma, Kenya: Opposing Narratives of Violence and Vulnerability. Second City Anthropology Conference, University of Illinois–Chicago.
- 2016 **Rieti G. Gengo**. Addressing Refugee-Host Conflict: A Narrative Lens for Peacebuilding, Development, and Community Integration at Kakuma, Kenya. “Brown Bag” Presentation Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame.
- 2015 **Rieti G. Gengo**. Health in the Shadow of Ferguson: The Past and Future of Embodied Racism in America. *Invited panel presentation*. Panel title: "Public Health Contending With Public Sentiment: Collaborative Responses to the Real Risks of ‘Crisis’ and Alarmist Representations.” 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2015 **Rieti G. Gengo**. “Race Becomes Biology”: Co-occurring Oral and Systemic Disease Processes as Embodiment of Structural Violence in Skeletal Remains. 84th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.
- 2014 **Rieti G. Gengo**. Reading Structural Violence in Skeletal Remains. 1st Annual WMU Graduate Student Pecha-Kucha Conference, Western Michigan University.

Poster Presentations

- 2019 **Rieti G. Gengo**, Lee T. Gettler, J. Josh Snodgrass, Geeta Eick, Jerrold S. Meyer, and Rahul C. Oka. Measuring Mental and Physical Health Among Refugees in Kakuma, Kenya: The Utility of the WHO Quality of Life Instrument and Associations with Physiological Biomarkers. 44th Annual Meeting of the Human Biology Association.
- 2018 **Rieti G. Gengo**, Rahul C. Oka, Mallika Sarma, James J. McKenna, and Lee T. Gettler. Social Support Moderates Testosterone's Effects in a Nationally Representative Sample of Aging US Men. 43rd Annual Meeting of the Human Biology Association.

- 2017 **Rieti G. Gengo**, Rahul C. Oka, and Lee T. Gettler. Market density and ethnically variable economic specialization predict energetic status at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. 42nd Annual Meeting of the Human Biology Association.
- 2016 **Rieti G. Gengo**, Rahul C. Oka, and Lee T. Gettler. Refugee Status is Positively Correlated with Host Community Nutritional Status in Turkana County, Kenya. 85th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.
- 2013 **Rieti G. Gengo**. Structural Violence Embodied: Toward a Peircean (Bio)semiotic Model. Anthropology Department poster session, Western Michigan University.
- 2013 **Rieti G. Gengo**. Rates of Periodontitis and Non-specific Periostitis in the Robert J. Terry Collection Vary by Race and Sex. Midwest Bioarchaeology and Forensic Anthropology Association (BARFAA).

Panel Facilitation

- 2016 Discussant. Panel title: “Refugees Worldwide: Exclusion, Tolerance, and Acceptance.” Notre Dame Student Peace Conference.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2019 Davidson College. EDU 208: Comparative & International Education Policy. “Decolonizing Development: Ethnographic Interventions in Policy and Practice.” 16 April.
- 2018 Catholic University of East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. Department of Social Science and Development Studies. “Killing Time, Wasting Life: Biosocial Responses to the Refugee Wait at Kakuma.” 7 February.
- 2015 University of California, Santa Cruz. ANTH 103B: Bioarchaeology & Forensic Anthropology. “Race, Ancestry & Ethnicity: A Critical Look.” 21 May.
- 2015 University of California, Santa Cruz. ANTH 110F: Biocultural Approaches to Food. “Paradoxes of Plenty.” 21 May.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame. Awarded for role as TA in “Humankind Unplugged” (Dr. James McKenna, instructor)
- 2014 Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University. Awarded for role as TA/lab instructor in “Introduction to Biological Anthropology”
- 2014 Erika Loeffler Award for academic excellence in anthropology, Western Michigan University
- 2014 First Prize, campus-wide Graduate Student Pecha-Kucha Competition, Western Michigan University

TEACHING & RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2019 Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame. IIPS 33101: Perspectives on Peacebuilding, Spring semester. Rashied Omar, instructor.
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame. ANTH 20105: Human Ethology, Fall semester. James McKenna, instructor.
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame. ANTH 20201: Fundamentals of Biological Anthropology, Spring semester. Susan Sheridan, instructor.
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame. IIPS 20101: Introduction to Peace Studies, Spring semester. Atalia Omer, instructor.
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame. ANTH 10209: Human Ethology, Fall semester. James McKenna, instructor.
- 2013–14 Teaching Assistant, Western Michigan University. ANTH 2500: Introduction to Biological Anthropology, 3 semesters. Jacqueline Eng, instructor.
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Western Michigan University. ANTH 1100: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Fall semester. John Holtzman, instructor.
- 2010 Research Assistant, Osteology Lab, Department of Anthropology, Davidson College. Helen Cho, supervisor.

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Institutional Service

- 2018–19 Search Committee member, Assistant Professor in biological anthropology (tenure-track), Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
- 2018–19 Student Representative to the Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
- 2015–16 Invited Speakers Committee member, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
- 2015–16 Search Committee member, Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding (tenure-track), Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame
- 2015 Selection Committee member, Visiting Research Fellow in Gender, Peacebuilding, and Post-Accord Transformation, Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame
- 2013–14 President, Anthropology Graduate Collective, Western Michigan University
- 2013, 14 Judge, Undergraduate Paper Prize, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University

Consultancy Work

- 2019 Control Risks; follow-up consultation on IFC project “Kakuma as a Marketplace”

- 2018 USAID; Project: “Broad Listening and Stakeholder Perspectives”
2016-2017 International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group); Project: “Kakuma as a Marketplace”

Outreach & Community Service

- 2018 Podcast interview: “Bags of Fingernail Clippings and Muslim Refugees with Rieti Gengo”; *Sausage of Science* podcast, Human Biology Association. 21 May 2018.
2016–pres Volunteer, Surgery waiting room, Memorial Hospital, South Bend, IN
2016 Volunteer, Archaeology Education Outreach, Kennedy Elementary School 2nd grade class, South Bend, IN
2015 Guest lecturer, “Anthropology & Race,” IB Anthropology class, John Adams High School, South Bend, IN. 17 April.
2013, 14 Volunteer, Anthropology Day, El Sol Elementary School, Kalamazoo, MI
2011 Volunteer, Kingston Residence (assisted living facility), Hickory, NC
2007–8 Volunteer, Concord Free Clinic, Concord, NC