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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Medical Anthropology; Medical Training; Hospital Ethnography; Anthropology of Reproduction; Culture of Obstetrics Wards; Obstetric Violence; Perinatal Health; Research Methods in Anthropology; Feminist Ethnography; Mentorship and Peer Networks; Indigenous Health; Mexico; United States; Kenya; Finland.

HIGHER EDUCATION

2006	Ph.D. Anthropology. Joint program of University of Illinois at Chicago and Field Museum of Natural History. *Dissertation: National Policies, Local Knowledge: Women's Health and Political Ecology in an Indigenous Mexican Village*. Committee: Anna Roosevelt (chair), Joel Palka, John Monaghan, Gayatri Reddy, Mark Liechty, Alan Sandstrom
2001	M.A. Anthropology (Graduate Minor in Ecology). University of Florida.
1998	B.A. *(cum laude*). Biology, Anthropology, and Environmental Studies. Lawrence University.
1994-95	Biology. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2014-2023	Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame.
2021 (Spring)	Interim Director, John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values, University of Notre Dame
2016-2020	Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
2006-2014	Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame.
2008-2011	Nancy O'Neill Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame.

PUBLICATIONS

* Indicates graduate student co-author
** Indicates undergraduate student co-author

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS:

2021 **V. Smith-Oka**. *Becoming Gods: Medical Training in Mexican Hospitals*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- Honorable Mention: 2023 Council on Anthropology of Reproduction Book Award
- Honorable Mention: 2022 Leah M. Ashe Prize for the Anthropology of Medically–Induced Harm, Society for Medical Anthropology.

2013 **V. Smith-Oka**. *Shaping the Motherhood of Indigenous Mexico*. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press.

EDITED BOOKS:

In Prep C. Chautems, I. Maffi, R. Chadwick. & **V. Smith-Oka**, eds. *Reframing caesarean births: Challenges, transitions, and politics*. Fertility, Reproduction and Sexuality series. New York: Berghahn Books. (equal division between co-editors)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:

Submitted A. García-Martínez, G. Morán-Rangel, R. Santamaria (**), K. Bucci (**), E. Horwitz (**), **V. Smith-Oka**. "We don't inhale the smoke as much": Examining Indigenous women's use of improved cookstoves (ICS) and their perceptions on respiratory health and gender empowerment. (Senior author; 50% contribution)

2022 **V. Smith-Oka** & B. Flores (*). Competing Narratives: Examining Obstetricians' Decision-Making Regarding Indications for Cesarean Sections and Abdominal Incisions. *Social Science & Medicine*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115238. (Impact Factor: 4.634). (75% contribution)

2022 **V. Smith-Oka**. You're Joking: Humor, Humiliation, and Shame within Medical Encounters. *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice, 1*-7. DOI: 10.1111/jep.13741. (Impact Factor: 2.431). Special issue on "Respect and Shame in Healthcare and Bioethics" (Supriya Subramani and Luna Dolezal, eds).

2022 **V. Smith-Oka**. Commentary: Apprenticeship, Learning to be an Expert. *Medicine Anthropology Theory* 9(1): 1-11. Special issue on "Therapeutic Apprenticeship: Uncovering Truths and Performing Responsibilities" (Amy Cooper and David Ansari, eds).

2022 **V. Smith-Oka**. Cutting Women: Unnecessary Cesareans as Iatrogenesis and Obstetric Violence. *Social Science and Medicine* 296: 114734. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.114734. (Impact Factor: 4.634)

2022 **V. Smith-Oka**, S.E. Rubin, & L.Z. Dixon. Obstetric Violence in Their Own Words: How Women in Mexico and South Africa Expect, Experience, and Respond to Violence. *Violence Against Women* 28(11):2700–2721. DOI: 10.1177/10778012211037375. (Impact Factor 1.558). (equal division between co-authors)

2019 A. Kristensen-Cabrera (**), E. Perez-Then, M. Miric, & **V. Smith-Oka**. Factors Associated with the Practice of Breastfeeding for Mothers in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. *Public Health Review* 2(2):1-10.

2019 **V. Smith-Oka** & M.K. Marshalla (**). Crossing Bodily, Social, and Intimate Boundaries: How Class, Ethnic, and Gender Differences in Mexico are Perpetuated in Medical Training. *American Anthropologist* 121(1):113–125. *DOI:10.1111/aman.13174.* (Impact Factor: 1.58). (75% contribution)

2018 J. Oluoch-Aridi, **V. Smith-Oka**, E. Milan (*), & R. Dowd. Exploring Mistreatment of Women during Childbirth in Dandora, Kenya: Experiences and Perceptions of Women and Healthcare Providers. *Reproductive Health* 15:209 (14 pages), https://doi.org/10.1186/s12978-018-0643-z*.* (Impact Factor: 2.295). (50% contribution)

2015 **V. Smith-Oka.** Microaggressions and the Reproduction of Social Inequalities in Medical Encounters in Mexico. *Social Science & Medicine* 143:9-16*.* (Impact Factor: 2.814)

2014 **V. Smith-Oka.** Fallen Uterus: Social Suffering, Bodily Vigor, and Social Support Among Women in Rural Mexico. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 28(1):105–121. (Impact Factor: 1.298)

2013 **V. Smith-Oka.** Managing Labor and Delivery among Impoverished Populations in Mexico: Cervical Exams as Bureaucratic Practice. *American Anthropologist* 115(4):595-607. (Impact Factor: 1.539)

2012 **V. Smith-Oka.** Bodies of Risk: Constructing Motherhood in a Mexican Public Hospital. *Social Science and Medicine* 75(12):2275–2282. (Impact Factor: 2.699)

2012 **V. Smith-Oka.** An Analysis of Two Indigenous Reproductive Health Illnesses in a Nahua Community in Veracruz, Mexico. *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine* 8:33. DOI: 10.1186/1746-4269-8-33. (Impact Factor: 2.39)

2009 **V. Smith-Oka.** Unintended Consequences: Exploring the Tensions between Development Programs and Indigenous Women in Mexico in the Context of Reproductive Health. *Social Science and Medicine* 68:2069-2077. (Impact Factor: 2.604)

2008 **V. Smith-Oka.** Plants used for Reproductive Health by Nahua Women in Northern Veracruz, Mexico. *Journal of Economic Botany* 62(4):604-614. (Impact Factor: 1.018)

BOOK CHAPTERS:

In Prep **V. Smith-Oka** & L.Z. Dixon. *Incisions Decisions: Tracing the History of the Cesarean Skin Incisions and its Current Practice*. In *Reframing caesarean births: Challenges, transitions, and politics*. Edited by C. Chautems, I. Maffi, R. Chadwick. & **V. Smith-Oka**. New York: Berghahn Books. (equal division between co-authors)

In Prep L.Z. Dixon & **V. Smith-Oka**. *"We don't know what consequences this has for medium- and long-term health": Obstetricians' perceptions of cesarean skin incisions on patients' postpartum health*. Invited chapter for Postpartum Care, Edited by Verónica Miranda. School for Advanced Research. (equal division between co-authors)

2023 **V. Smith-Oka** & L.Z. Dixon. *On Risk and Responsibility: Contextualizing Practice among Mexican Obstetricians*. *In* Cognition, Risk, and Responsibility in Obstetrics: Anthropological Analyses and Critiques of Obstetricians' Practices, Edited by Ashish Premkumar & Robbie Davis-Floyd. Berghahn Books. (equal division between co-authors)

2023 **V. Smith-Oka** & M.K. Marshalla (**). *Crossing Bodily, Social, and Intimate Boundaries: How Class, Ethnic, and Gender Differences Are Reproduced in Obstetric Training in Mexico*. In Cognition, Risk, and Responsibility in Obstetrics: Anthropological Analyses and Critiques of Obstetricians' Practices, Edited by Ashish Premkumar & Robbie Davis-Floyd. Berghahn Books. (75% contribution)

2023 **V. Smith-Oka** & S. Spiegel (*). *Into Doctors Hands: Obstetric Praxis in Anthropology*. *In* A Companion to the Anthropology of Reproductive Medicine and Technology, Edited by Cecilia C. Van Hollen & Nayantara Sheoran-Appleton. Wiley Blackwell Handbook. (equal division between co-authors)

2022 **V. Smith-Oka** & K. Hurd (*). "*We Work with What We Have, Not with What We Would Like to Have": Hospital Care in Mexico*. *In* The Work of Hospitals: Global Medicine in Local Cultures (Pp. 147-161), Edited by William C. Olsen and Carolyn Sargent. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. (equal division between co-authors)

2022 J. Oluoch-Aridi, **V. Smith-Oka**, J. Dailey (*), & E. Milan (*). *Making Dignified Care the Norm: Examining Obstetric Violence and Reproductive Justice in Kenya*. *In* The Routledge Handbook of Anthropology and Reproduction, Edited by Sallie Han & Cecilia Tomori. Routledge. (50% contribution)

2020 **V. Smith-Oka**, N. Nissen (**), R. Wornhoff (**), & S.G. Sheridan. *"I Thought I was Going to Die": Examining Experiences of Childbirth Pain in Latin America*. *In* Purposeful Pain: The Embodiment of Intentional Suffering, Edited by Susan G. Sheridan and Lesley Gregoricka. Springer Press. (equal division between co-authors)

2019 L.Z. Dixon**, V. Smith-Oka,** & M. El Kotni. *Teaching about Birth in Mexico: Working Across Birth Models. In* Birth in Eight Cultures (Pp. 17-47). Edited by R. Davis-Floyd & M. Cheney. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press. ((equal division between co-authors)

2018 **V. Smith-Oka** & M. Rokhideh (*). *Social Support and Social Suffering: Uterine Health among Indigenous Women in Mexico. In* Maternal Health, Pregnancy-Related Morbidity and Death Among Indigenous Women of Mexico & Central America: An Anthropological, Epidemiological and Biomedical Approach (Pp. 225-247). Edited by David Schwartz. Springer Press. (equal division between co-authors)

2015 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Being a Doula when Birth Choice Is Limited: Supporting Birthing Mothers in a Mexican Hospital*. *In* Intimate Care: Doulas and the Birthing Body. Edited by Angela Castañeda and Julie Searcy. Toronto: Demeter Press.

2013 **V. Smith-Oka.** *"Es Mejor Tener Pocos": Las Decisiones de las Mujeres Nahua Respecto a la Planificación Familiar* ("It is Better to Have Few:" Nahua Women's Decisions Regarding Family Planning). *In* La Tercera Realidad: La Huasteca Como Espejo Cultural (Pp. 67-86). Edited by J. Ruvalcaba Mercado. México: Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social.

2012 **V. Smith-Oka.** *"They Don't Know Anything": How Medical Authority Constructs Perceptions of Reproductive Risk among Low-Income Mothers in Mexico.* In Risk, Reproduction, and Narratives of Experience (Pp. 103-121). Edited by L. Fordyce and A. Maraesa. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

NON-REFEREED ARTICLES:

2018 **V. Smith-Oka**. How Working Mothers Can Be Role Models for Breastfeeding. *World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action*, 16(1):22-23. https://waba.org.my/v3/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Breastfeeding-Mother-Support-E-Newsletter-English-V16N1.pdf#11

2016 **V. Smith-Oka.** Examining Boundaries in Adolescent Birth in Mexico. Part of Childbirth in the Americas (Part 6). *Anthropology News*.

BOOK TRANSLATIONS:

2011 Bauer, B. S., **V. Smith-Oka**, and G. Cantarutti, translators. *Report on the Fables and Rites of the Incas by Cristóbal de Molina*. Austin: University of Texas Press.

2007 Bauer, B. S. and **V. Smith**, translators. *The History of the Incas by Pedro Sarmiento de Gamboa*. Austin: University of Texas Press.

REPORTS:

2023 **V. Smith-Oka**, H. Beidinger-Burnett, J. Dailey (*), V. Toledo (**), J. Ruelle (**), & C.G. Ibarra-Monterroso. Tasas de Cesáreas en los Hospitales en Puebla: Un Proyecto Piloto. Report to the Christus Muguerza Hospital System in Mexico.

2009 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Plants used for Reproductive Health among the Modern-Day Nahua*. Part of website published by MexicoLore (http://www.mexicolore.co.uk/index.php?one=azt&two=hea&id=408&typ=reg).

2006 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Traditional Medicine among the Nahua: Comparing Contemporary and Ancient Medicinal Plant Use*. Report for the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. (http://www.famsi.org/reports/05063/index.html)

BOOK REVIEWS:

2020 **V. Smith-Oka.** *No Alternative: Childbirth, Citizenship, and Indigenous Culture in Mexico*. Rosalynn A. Vega. Austin, University of Texas Press, 2018. 272 pp. Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, https://doi-org.proxy.library.nd.edu/10.1111/jlca.12447.

2011 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives*. Edited by Carole H. Browner and Carolyn F. Sargent. Durham: Duke University Press, 2011. Studies in Family Planning 42(4):313–314.

2003 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Women in Mexico: A Past Unveiled*. By Julia Tuñón Pablos. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1999. Nahua Newsletter 35(1).

INVITED LECTURES AND ADDRESSES

2024 Keynote Speaker. *Why So Much Cutting? An Exploration of (Un)Necessary Cesareans and Obstetric Violence*. Reframing Caesarean Births: Challenges, Transitions, and Politics Conference. University of Lausanne, September 5, 2024.

2024 Invited Speaker. *Becoming Gods: Medical Training in Mexican Hospitals.* Santa Clara University. May 22, 2024.

2024 Invited Panelist, *Reproductive Justice Roundtable: Anthropological Research and Advocacy around Maternal and Infant Health*. Panel with Veronica Miranda, Lydia Dixon, Jim McKenna, **Vania Smith-Oka**. Santa Clara University. May 22, 2024.

2024 Invited Speaker. *Becoming Gods Book Talk*. University of Texas El Paso. February 28, 2024. Virtual.

2023 Invited Speaker. *Tasas de Cesáreas en los Hospitales en Puebla*. Comite de Bioética del Sistema Hospitalario Christus Muguerza. March 9, 2023. Virtual.

2022 Invited Speaker. *Cutting Women: Unnecessary Cesareans as Forms of Iatrogenesis*. Yale University. November 7, 2022. Virtual.

2021 Invited Senior Scholar Speaker. *Microaggressions as Forms of Humiliation and Shame within Medical Encounters*. Respect and Shame in Healthcare and Bioethics Series. Supriya Subramani and Luna Dolezal, co-organizers. University of Zurich and University of Exeter. Fall 2021. Virtual.

2021 Invited Keynote Speaker. *Investigando las Consecuencias de la Estrecha Relación entre las Mujeres Nahua, el Personal Médico y las Políticas Nacionales de Planificación Familiar en Ixhuatlán de Madero*. Seminario Permanente de Estudios sobre la Huasteca 'Lorenzo Ochoa

Salas', Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social y el Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, UNAM. July 1, 2021. Virtual.

2019 Invited Speaker. *Knowing When to Cut: Obstetric Violence as a Reproduction of Social Inequality in Mexico*. Kent Family Foundation Speaker Series, University of Central Florida, Anthropology Department, October 9, 2019.

2018 Invited Speaker. *Women Can't Be Trauma Doctors, and Other Gendered Stories of Medicine.* Christina Research Seminar – SKY Advanced Research Seminar series, University of Finland, Helsinki, April 24, 2018.

2018 Keynote Speaker. *Authoritative Knowledge, Inequality, and Obstetric Violence in Hospital Birth in Mexico: Strange or Comfortable Bedfellows*? Finnish Reproductive Studies Network (FiResNet) spring seminar, University of Finland, Helsinki, April 20, 2018.

2014 Invited Speaker. *Medical Anthropology, Medicine, and Empathy*. Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Medical College, Pune, India. June 19, 2014.

2014 Invited Speaker. *Shaping the Motherhood of Indigenous Mexico*. Lehman College, NY. February 26, 2014. Virtual.

2010 Invited Lecture. *The Power of Plants: Medicinal Plants and Traditional Healing in an Indigenous Mexican Village*. North Central College, Naperville, IL. November 11, 2010.

2007 Invited Speaker. *Teoría de Decisión Aplicada a la Salud Reproductiva de la Mujer Nahua (Decision-Making Theory as Applied to Nahua Women's Reproductive Health)*. Universidad Veracruzana Intercultural, Ixhuatlán de Madero, Mexico. June 14, 2007.

DISTINCTIONS, HONORS, AWARDS

2024-2027 Nancy O'Neill Professor of Anthropology Collegiate Chair, University of Notre Dame.

2023 Honorable Mention: Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Book Award. For the book, Becoming Gods: Medical Training in Mexican Hospitals.

2022 Honorable Mention: Leah M. Ashe Prize for the Anthropology of Medically–Induced Harm, Society for Medical Anthropology. For the book, Becoming Gods: Medical Training in Mexican Hospitals.

2019 Outstanding Director of Graduate Studies Award, University of Notre Dame

2012-present Faculty Fellow, Eck Institute for Global Health, University of Notre Dame

2010-present Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology

2007-present Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

2011 Ruth Benedict Global Citizenship Award for Achievements in Public Anthropology, Center for a Public Anthropology

2009-2011 Chair, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction

2008-2011 Nancy O'Neill Assistant Professor of Anthropology Collegiate Chair, University of Notre Dame.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS:

2022-25 Humanities Without Walls: Grand Research Challenge. *The Latinx Obstetric Violence Project: Art and Literature as Tools of Reciprocal and Redistributive Knowledge*. (Principal Investigator with Vanesa Miseres). ($149,642)

2022-25 National Science Foundation (NSF BCS 2116779). *Structural and Individual Predictors of Variation in Cesarean Incisions*. (Principal Investigator, with Lydia Z. Dixon as Co-PI). ($164,297).

2021-23 Reciprocal Innovation Planning Grant to the NIH Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. (Grant: EPAR2425). *Investigating Indications for Cesareans: Employing the Robson Classification to Address Maternal Health in Indiana and Mexico*. (Principal Investigator, with Heidi Beidinger-Burnett as co-PI). ($15,700).

2005-06 Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. (Grant: 05063). *Traditional Medicine among the Nahua: Comparing Contemporary and Ancient Medicinal Plant Use*. (Principal Investigator). ($4,000).

INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS:

2019 *Investigating How Doctors Take Decisions in Hospitals in Puebla, Mexico*. Notre Dame International Mexico Faculty Grant Program, University of Notre Dame. ($9,380). (Principal Investigator). Start date moved to 2022 because of COVID-19.

2019 *Past and Present Parturition: Assessing the Timing and Duration of Childbirth using the Neonatal Line*. Department of Anthropology Internal Grant, University of Notre Dame. ($8,500). (Co-Principal Investigator, with PI Susan G. Sheridan). Start date moved to 2021 because of COVID-19.

2019 *Maternity Spaces and Integral Human Development: Healthy Settings in Maternal-Child Health Centers in Kenya, A Pilot Study*. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Faculty Research Grant, ($28,316). (Principal Investigator, with co-PIs Nicoletta Setola, John Onyango, and Jacqueline Oluoch-Aridi). Start date moved to 2021 because of COVID-19.

2017 *Investigating the Cesarean Epidemic: How Micro-Processes Shape Decision-Making and the Health of Vulnerable Patients*. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Faculty Research Grant, ($5,780). (Principal Investigator).

2015 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Small Research and Creative Grant for research assistant in Puebla, Mexico. ($2,400). (Principal Investigator)

2015 *Mentoring Medicine: Learning to be a Doctor in Mexican Obstetrics Wards*. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Faculty Research Grant, ($14,400). (Principal Investigator).

2015 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Small Research and Creative Grant for research travel to Puebla, Mexico. ($1,405). (Principal Investigator)

2014 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Small Research and Creative Grant to carry out pilot research in Pune, India. ($2,490). (Principal Investigator)

2014 *Good Mentors: An Anthropological Approach to Track the Effect of Networks on Empathy*. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Faculty Research Grant ($2,310). (Principal Investigator)

2013 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Book workshop and launch award ($3,150).

2013 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Small Research and Creative Grant to travel to Poza Rica, Veracruz, Mexico. ($1,110). (Principal Investigator)

2013 *A Longitudinal Study of Mexican Medical Student Training and its Effect on Empathy In Medical Care*. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Faculty Research Grant ($4,820). (Principal Investigator)

2011 *Midwives and Reproductive Health Outcomes in a Mexican Public Hospita*l. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Faculty Research Grant ($6,650). (Principal Investigator)

2011 *Midwives and Reproductive Health Outcomes in a Mexican Public Hospital*. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Large Bi-Annual Spring Research Grant. ($6,000). (Principal Investigator).

2008 *Reproductive Health from Rural to Urban: A Preliminary Look at Women's Health in Puebla, Mexico*. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. Faculty Research Grant ($3,690). (Principal Investigator)

2007 *Reproductive Constraints: The Effects of Globalization and Development on Women's Health in an Indigenous Mexican Village*. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. ($5,350). (Principal Investigator)

2003 *The Ecological and Political Landscape of the Nahua of the Huasteca, Veracruz, Mexico (AD 1800-1950)*. Provost Award for Dissertation Research. Graduate College, University of Illinois at Chicago. ($3,000). (Principal Investigator)

INTERNAL TEACHING, TRAVEL, & MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS:

2019 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Co-organized with Dr. Eric Haanstad. Henkels Mini-Conference Grant for "What Will You Do With That? Thinking Like An Anthropologist Beyond Academia", April 4-5, 2019. ($2,770).

2016 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Henkels Mini-Conference Grant for guest speaker Dr. Riikka Homanen ($900).

2016 Teaching Beyond the Classroom Grant, Dean of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame. Grant to bring in guest speakers, Dr. Riikka Homanen and Dr. Amanda Veile, to speak in Anthropology of Reproduction Class ($1,475).

2013 Teaching Beyond the Classroom Grant, Dean of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame. Grant to bring in guest speaker, Dr. Claire Wendland, to speak in College Seminar ($1,350).

2013 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Travel to International Conferences Grant. (Travel to Prague, Czech Republic for Inter-Disciplinary conference). ($2,225).
2013 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Grant for copyediting support. ($1,000)
2012 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Grant for indexing book. ($1,100)
2012 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Mini-conference grant for guest speaker (Mr. Surjit Randhava). ($350).
2012 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Book subvention grant. ($5,000)
2011 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Travel to International Conferences Grant. (Travel to Montreal, Canada for AAA conference). ($2,009).
2011 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Small Research and Creative Work Grant. ($1,575)
2010 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Travel to International Conferences Grant. (Travel to Toronto, Canada for LASA conference). ($1,578).
2009 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Miscellaneous Research and Materials Grant for book editing support. ($1,150)
2008 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Henkels Interdisciplinary Visiting Speaker Grant for Dr. Carolyn Sargent (Wash. U.), 7-9 April 2009. ($600)
2008 College of Arts and Letters Language Across the Curriculum, University of Notre Dame. Proposal for Societies and Cultures of Latin America for Spring 2009. ($1,500)
2008 Learning Beyond the Classroom Grant, University of Notre Dame. Support for Guest Speakers. Dr. Linda Whiteford (USF; October 2008) and Dr. Carolyn Sargent (Wash. U; March 2009). ($1,040)
2008 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Henkels Interdisciplinary Visiting Speaker Grant for Dr. Linda Whiteford (USF), 7-9 October 2008. ($790)
2008 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Research and Materials Grant for book editing support. ($1,000)
2007 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame. Travel to International Conference Grant (Travel to CIESAS Conference in Ciudad Valles, Mexico). ($741)
2006 Learning Beyond the Classroom Grant of the College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame. "Day of the Dead Celebration:" Travel with Societies and Cultures of Latin America class to Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, Chicago. ($950)

MENTORED EXTERNAL GRADUATE GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2024 *Doctoral Dissertation Research: Impacts of Midwifery Healthcare Training on Maternal Outcomes*. (Principal Investigator; Simona Spiegel, co-PI). National Science Foundation, DDRIG (NSF BCS-2417031).
2023 *NSF Graduate Research Fellowship*. Awarded to Simona Spiegel. National Science Foundation.
2022 *Doctoral Dissertation Research: Improved Modeling of Medical Decision-Making around Maternal Health Care*. (Principal Investigator; Jessica Dailey, co-PI). National Science Foundation, DDRIG (NSF BCS-2217698). ($25,200).
2021 *Doctoral Dissertation Research: A Biocultural Investigation of Comfort Food during COVID-19 in Oaxaca, Mexico*. (Principal Investigator; Kayla Hurd, co-PI). National Science Foundation, DDRIG (NSF BCS-2116848). ($15,862).

GRANTS IN REVIEW OR PREPARATION

In Review *Latinx Women Cafecitos Project*. (Co-PI, with Vanesa Miseres as PI). National Endowment for the Arts. ($71,544). Submitted February 28, 2024.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2004-2005; 2001-2002 University Fellowship. Competitive award given to outstanding incoming graduate students. University of Illinois at Chicago. ($26,000/year)

1999-2006 Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología Scholarship (National Council for Science and Technology – Mexico). Competitive award given to outstanding Mexican students (6,000/year)

PUBLIC MEDIA

2021 *Author Interview*. New Books Network: https://newbooksnetwork.com/becoming-gods
2023 *Cafecitos Nurture Conversations About Motherhood*. Humanities Without Walls https://www.humanitieswithoutwalls.illinois.edu/news/cafecitos

OTHER NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

ORGANIZED CONFERENCE SESSIONS

2024 *Interrogating Expertise: Anthropological Perspectives on Praxis* (Co-Organized with Lydia Dixon). American Anthropological Association meeting. Tampa, FL, November 21-24, 2024.
2024 *Deep Cuts: Towards an Anthropology of Surgery* (Co-Organized with Lydia Dixon). Society for Applied Anthropology meeting. Santa Fe, NM, March 28-30, 2024.
2019 *Responding to the Problem of Violence, Disrespect, and Abuse within Maternal Healthcare* (Co-organized with Lydia Dixon, Sarah Rubin, Emma Varley, and Catherine Smith). American Anthropological Association meeting. Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24, 2019.
2014 *Revisiting Midwifery: New Approaches to an Old Profession*. (Co-organized with Lydia Dixon). American Anthropological Association meeting. Washington, DC, December 3-7, 2014.
2010 *Negotiating Inclusion and Exclusion of Reproductive Technologies in Local Contexts of Men and Women's Reproduction*. (Co-organized with Crystal Patil). Society for Applied Anthropology meeting. Mérida, Mexico, March 24-28, 2010.
2009 *Responsibility and Blame: Social and Biomedical Constructions of Reproductive Risk* (Co-organized with Lauren Fordyce). Society for Medical Anthropology, New Haven, CT, September 24-27, 2009.
2009 *Violence in Structure and Structure in Violence* (Co-organized with Rahul Oka). Society for Applied Anthropology meeting. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009
2008 *Reproductive Constraints: Addressing Current Reproductive Health-Care Policies* (Co-organized with Lara Braff). Society for Applied Anthropology meeting. Memphis, TN, March 25-29, 2008.
2007 *Global Health Policies and Local Realities: Differences in Reproductive and Infant Health* (Co-organized with Crystal Patil). American Anthropological Association meeting. Washington, DC. November 28-December 2, 2007.
2006 *Critical Intersections: Medicinal Plants and Transitioning Cultures in a Global Latin America* (Co-Organized with Lynn Sikkink). American Anthropological Association meeting. San Jose, CA, November 15-19, 2006.

INVITED DISCUSSANT

2021 "*Therapeutic Apprenticeship: Uncovering Truths and Performing Responsibilities*" at the American Anthropological Association meeting. Baltimore, MD, November 17, 2021. Virtual.
2019 "*Responding to the Problem of Violence, Disrespect, and Abuse within Maternal Healthcare*" at the American Anthropological Association meeting. Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24, 2019.
2015 "*The Ontological Politics of Motherhood: Ordinary Exceptions*" at the American Anthropological Association meeting. Denver, CO, November 18-22, 2015.
2014 "*Anthropological Approaches to Conditional Cash Transfer Programs*" at the American Anthropological Association meeting. Washington, DC, December 4, 2014.
2014 *5th Annual Medical Anthropology Young Scholars* (MAYS) Meeting, Freie Universität, Berlin, July 4-5, 2014.
2013 "*Challenging Communities: Power, Boundaries, and Resistance*" at the University of Illinois's Second City Anthropology Graduate Conference. Chicago, IL. March 9, 2013.
2011 "*Reproductive Choice and Romantic Desire: Explorations of Intimacy, Sexuality, and Evolving Gender Norms*" at the Society for Psychological Anthropology meeting, Santa Monica, CA. March 31-April 3, 2011.
2010 "*Comparative Perspectives on Fertility Regulation*" at the Latin American Studies Association meeting, Toronto, Canada. Oct. 6-10, 2010.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

2024 **V. Smith-Oka** & V. Miseres. *Latinx Cafecitos: Art and Literature as Reciprocal Knowledge Production Around Motherhood and Gender-Based Violence*. European Association of Social Anthropologists, Barcelona, Spain, July 18, 2024. (Online Session)

2024 **V. Smith-Oka.** *"Obstetrics is a Bloody Business:" Structural Factors Impacting How Obstetricians Decide on Cesarean Incisions.* Society for Applied Anthropology meeting. Santa Fe, NM, March 28-30, 2024.

2023 **V. Smith-Oka**, H. Beidinger-Burnett, J. Dailey (*), V. Toledo (**), J. Ruelle (**), & C.G. Ibarra-Monterroso. *Under the Knife: Employing the Robson Classification to Address Maternal Health in Indiana and Mexico.* Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Retreat "Indiana's Impact on Global Health." Notre Dame, IN, March 8, 2023. Poster.

2022 **V. Smith-Oka**, K. Hurd (*), & A. Fernandes (**). *Teaching Strategies from the "Culture of Medicine Lab.*" American Anthropological Association meeting, Seattle, WA. November 9-13, 2022.

2022 L. Iannuzzi, N. Setola, S. Borgianni, **V. Smith-Oka**, C. Mical, P. Perrin, & J. Onyango. *Are birthplaces designed to enhance respectful care a reality, a possibility, or a luxury? Insights from multidisciplinary research in Kenya*. 21st International Normal Labour And Birth Research Conference. Copenhagen, Denmark, September 12-14, 2022. Poster.

2021 Fernandes, A. (**), Couri, J. (**), Cox, K. (**), Dinh, R. (**), Tibbot, T. (**), & **V. Smith-Oka**. *Mentorship and Medicine: Ethnography among Medical Interns in Mexico*. Society for Applied Anthropology meeting, Norfolk, VA. March 23-27, 2021. Virtual Poster.

2019 **V. Smith-Oka.** *How to Cut: Exploring Justice and Stratified Reproduction of Obstetric Incisions in Mexico*. XI AFIN International Conference 'Towards Reproductive (In)Justice? Mobilities, Technologies, Labourings and Decisions." Granada, Spain, September 3-5, 2019.

2018 L. O'Connell (**), C. Arega (**), S. Berumen (**), K. Hurd (*), & **V. Smith-Oka**. *Syndrome or Symptom? Exploring Susto through Ethnobotanical Data*. American Anthropological Association. San Jose, CA. November 15, 2019. Poster.

2017 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Existence-Based Medicine: Doing Ethnography in the Hospital Wards in Mexico*. American Anthropological Association meeting. Washington DC, November 30-December 3, 2017.

2016 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Authoritative Knowledge, Inequality, and Obstetric Violence in Hospital Birth in Mexico: Strange or Comfortable Bedfellows?* American Anthropological Association meeting. Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20, 2016.

2016 M. Marshalla (**) & **V. Smith-Oka**. *Mentoring Medicine: Learning to be a Doctor in Mexican Obstetrics Wards*. American Anthropological Association meeting. Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20, 2016.

2015 **V. Smith-Oka**, N. Nissen (**), & R. Wornhoff (**). *Purposeful, Anticipated, Intermittent, and Normal: Grappling with the Familiar/Strange Dichotomy of Childbirth Pain*. American Anthropological Association meeting. Denver, CO, November 18-22, 2015.

2015 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Making Modern Mothers: How Neoliberal Welfare Policies in Mexico Mold Low-Income Women's Motherhood*. 9th European Feminist Research Conference. Rovaniemi, Finland, June 3-7, 2015.

2014 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Invisible Midwifery: The Paradox of Definition among Mexican Midwives*. American Anthropological Association meeting. Washington, DC, December 3-7, 2014.

2014 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Like a Font of Holy Water: The Presence of Gender-Based Violence in Obstetrical Encounters in a Public Hospital in Mexico*. Society for Applied Anthropology. Albuquerque, NM, March 19-23, 2014.

2013 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Not Just Supporting the Physician: Nurses' and Midwives' Negotiation of Power in Mexico*. American Anthropological Association. Chicago, IL, November 20-24, 2013.

2013 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Birthing for the First Time: How Boundaries Define, Confine, and Refine Adolescent Reproduction*. "Probing the Boundaries of Reproduction: Origins, Bodies, Transitions, Futures", 1st Global Conference. Prague, Czech Republic, May 12-14, 2013.

2011 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Birthing Along the Passages: How Medical/Non-Medical Spaces are Created in an Obstetrics Ward in Mexico.* American Anthropological Association. Montreal, Canada, November 15-20, 2011.

2010 **V. Smith-Oka.** *"It's Like Giving Birth in a Private Hospital:" Analyzing the Connection Between Technology and Low-Income Women's Perceptions of Birth Outcome*. Society for Applied Anthropology meeting. Mérida, Mexico, March 24-28, 2010.

2009 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Conceiving Right(s): Exploring the Connection between Medical Violence and Women's Reproductive Rights in Mexico*. American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6, 2009.

2009 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Risking Modernity, Blaming Mothers: Exploring the Tensions Between the State and Women's Reproduction in Mexico*. Society for Medical Anthropology, New Haven, CT, September 24-27, 2009.

2009 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Beyond Structural Violence? Exploring "Violent" Birth in Medical Encounters in Mexico*. Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009

2008 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Risking Body and Child: Biomedical and Local Perceptions of Pregnancy and Birth in Mexico*. American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA, November 19-23, 2008.

2008 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Are Fewer Always Better? An Examination of Mexican Population Policies*. Society for Applied Anthropology. Memphis, TN, March 25-29, 2008.

2007 **V. Smith-Oka.** *National Policies, Local Lives: Development and Family Planning in Rural Mexico*. American Anthropological Association. Washington DC, November 28-December 2, 2007.

2007 **V. Smith-Oka.** *La Salud Reproductiva de la Mujer Nahua Dentro del Marco del Desarrollo y la Globalización (Nahua Women's Reproductive Health Within Development and Globalization)*. XV Encuentro Nacional de Investigadores de la Huasteca, Ciudad Valles, SLP, Mexico, October 8-12, 2007.

2007 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Global Solutions, Local (Mis)Interpretations: Implementing Family Planning Policies in Rural Mexico*. Society for Applied Anthropology. Tampa, FL, March 27-31, 2007.

2006 **V. Smith-Oka.** *From Plants to Needles: Nahua Midwives' Response to Globalization*. American Anthropological Association. San Jose, CA, November 15-19, 2006.

2006 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Politics and Prayer: Relations between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Veracruz, Mexico*. North Central Council of Latin Americanists. Mankato, MN, November 3-4, 2006.

2006 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Reinterpreting Development: Evaluating the Oportunidades Program at the Local Level*. Society for Applied Anthropology. Vancouver, Canada, March 28-April 2, 2006.

2005 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Negotiating the Reproductive Body: The Role of Nurses Regarding Birth Control in a Rural Mexican Clinic*. American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC, November 30-December 4, 2005.

2004 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Where to be Healed? Attitudes Concerning a Pluralistic Health System in an Indigenous Mexican Community*. North Central Council of Latin Americanists. Decorah, IA, October 22-23, 2004.

2003 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Gendered Perspectives on Healing and the Political Ecology of the Nahua of the Huasteca, Mexico*. Midwest Conference for Latin American Studies. Eau Claire, WI, April 24-25, 2003.

2003 **V. Smith-Oka.** *Political Ecology of Nahua Healers of the Huasteca, Mexico*. University of Illinois Institute for the Humanities Conference. Chicago, IL, February 27-28, 2003.

1999 C. M. Kusimba, R. C. Oka, and **V. Smith**. *Wither Elderhood? Changing Perceptions of Elderhood in Kenya*. American Anthropological Association. Chicago, IL, November 17-21, 1999.

PRESENTATIONS GIVEN AT NOTRE DAME

2024 Gender Studies Faculty Research Workshop. *The Latinx Obstetric Violence Project: Art, Literature, and Motherhood in the South Bend Community*. U. Notre Dame. Co-Presented with Vanesa Miseres. March 22, 2024.

2017 J. Oluoch-Aridi, **V. Smith-Oka**, & E. Milan (*). *Exploring Mistreatment of Women During Childbirth in Dandora: Experiences and Perceptions of Women in a Kenyan Informal Settlement*. The Soul of Development: The 50th Anniversary of Populorum Progressio. University of Notre Dame, March 23-25, 2017.

2015 Invited Discussant. "*The International Labor Organization's Andean Indigenous Program in Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile, 1950-1975*," presented by Dr. Mercedes Prieto, Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow. Notre Dame, IN, November 12, 2015.

2015 Invited Discussant. "*Understanding Human Dignity*" at the University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame, IN, January 28, 2015.

2008 Invited Speaker. *Analyzing the Unforeseen Complexities of National Development Policies in Mexico*. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. February 5, 2008.

ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD RESEARCH

2022- *The Latinx Obstetric Violence Project: Art and Literature as Tools of Reciprocal and Redistributive Knowledge*. Principal Investigator.
2022- *Structural and Individual Predictors of Variation in Cesarean Incisions*. Principal Investigator.
2021-2023 *Investigating Indications for Cesareans: Employing the Robson Classification to Address Maternal Health in Indiana and Mexico.* Principal Investigator.
2021-2022 *Maternity Spaces and Integral Human Development: Healthy Settings in Maternal-Child Health Centers in Kenya, A Pilot Study.* Co-Principal Investigator.
2020 *Medical Care in the World of COVID-19: Virtual Ethnography with Physicians in Mexico*. Principal Investigator.
2018-2019 Pilot Research. *Investigating the Cesarean Epidemic: How Micro-Processes Shape Decision-Making and the Health of Vulnerable Patients*. Principal Investigator.
2016 *Mentoring Medicine: Learning to be a Doctor in Mexican Obstetrics Wards*. Puebla, Mexico. Principal Investigator.
2014 Pilot research. *Comparative Research Program on the Factors Shaping Medical Empathy*. Pune, India. Principal Investigator.
2013-2014 *A Preliminary Study of Mexican Medical Student Training and its Effect on Empathy in Medical Care. Puebla, Mexico*. Principal Investigator.
2011 *Midwives and Reproductive Health Outcomes in a Mexican Public Hospital*. Puebla, Mexico. Principal Investigator.
2008 *Reproductive Health from Rural to Urban: A Preliminary Look at Women's Health in Puebla, Mexico*. Principal Investigator.
2007 *Reproductive Constraints: The Effects of Globalization and Development on Women's Health in an Indigenous Mexican Village*. Principal Investigator.
2005 *Ethnographic and Ethnobotanical Research in Northern Veracruz, Mexico*. Ph.D. research. Principal Investigator.
2004 *Research about Religious Celebration of Tonantsin, The Mother Goddess Of The Nahua*. Principal Investigator.
2003-2004 *Ethnographic, Ethnobotanical, and Archival Research In Mexico City And Northern Veracruz, Mexico*. Ph.D. research. Principal Investigator.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2020-2021 *Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED) seminar series*. Co-managed by Dr. Cecilia Lucero and Patrick Clauss (U. Notre Dame). Academic Year 2020-2021.
2019 *How to Teach Film Across the Humanities*. Taught by Dr. James Collins (U. Notre Dame). Notre Dame, May 20-24, 2019.
2016 *Statistics for Ethnographers Workshop*. Taught by Dr. David Nolin (U. Missouri-Columbia) and Jeremy Koster (U. Cincinnati). Short Courses on Research Methods, NSF-Cultural Anthropology/U. Florida Grant. July 17-22, 2016.
2015 *Text Analysis Workshop*. Taught by Amber Wutich (Arizona State U.) and Elizabeth Krause (U. Massachusetts-Amherst). Short Courses on Research Methods, NSF-Cultural Anthropology/U. Florida Grant. July 13-18, 2015.
2014 *Social Network Analysis Workshop*. Taught by Chris McCarthy (U. Florida) and Jeff Johnson (E. Carolina U.). Society for Applied Anthropology meeting. March 20, 2014.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

COURSES TAUGHT

2006 – Present University of Notre Dame (Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor) (Each taught multiple times).

Undergraduate-only classes: University Seminar: Exploring Anthropology (ANTH 13181); Fundamentals of Social and Cultural Anthropology/Global Cultural Worlds (ANTH 20203); The Art of Cutting: Medical Anthropology of Surgery (ANTH 20225); Societies and Cultures of Latin America (ANTH 20360); How Doctors Think (CSEM 23101); People, Environment, and Justice (ANTH 30325); Cultural Difference and Social Change (ANTH 40855)

Undergraduate/Graduate classes: Gender and Health (ANTH 40825); Culture of Medicine (ANTH 43307); Anthropology of Reproduction (ANTH 45826)
Graduate-only classes: Analytical Methods in Anthropology (ANTH 60314); Research Design in Anthropology (ANTH 63500)

GRADUATE THESES/DISSERTATIONS COMMITTEE

PHD CHAIR

2024-present	Alexalín González-Madrid	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2021-present	Simona Spiegel	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2019-2024	Jessica Dailey	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2017-2023	Kayla Hurd	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology (Placement: NIH)

PHD COMMITTEE

2023-present	Prakash B.K.	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2021-2023	Aldo Ivan Orozco	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Psychology
2019-2023	Ayse Bursali	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2014-2023	Todd Marek	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2017-2022	Symone Johnson	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2019-2021	Kelsey Reese	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2020-2021	Mónica Uribe	Universitat de Girona, Spain, Gender Studies
2018-2020	Kristina Hook	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2008-2009	Jaime Urrego	Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Public Health

MA/MS CHAIR

2019-2020	Brenda Flores	University of Notre Dame, Master's in Global Health
2016-2017	Ellyn Milan	University of Notre Dame, Master's in Global Health

MA/MS COMMITTEE

2015-2020	Persephone D'Shaun	University of Notre Dame, Anthropology
2019-2020	Ivan Orozco	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Psychology
2016-2017	Jaclyn Cruz `	Macquarie University, Australia, Anthropology
	Amber Lalla	University of Notre Dame, Master's in Global Health
2014-2015	Angela Gomez	University of Notre Dame, Master's in Global Health
	Lucy Smith	University of Notre Dame, Master's in Global Health
2013-2014	Zoe Newman	University of Massachusetts-Boston, Conflict Resolution
2008-2009	Mariangeli Freitas	Universidad de las Américas, Puebla, México, Anthropology

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR SUPERVISION

2024-2025	Pyar Seth	Program in Health, Humanities, and Society, U. Notre Dame
2021-2023	Katherine McCabe	Program in Health, Humanities, and Society, U. Notre Dame
2021-2023	Ijeoma Kola	Program in Health, Humanities, and Society, U. Notre Dame

UNDERGRADUATE THESES AND DIRECTED RESEARCH

ANTHROPOLOGY SENIOR THESES

2023-2024	Molly McNamara (*The Ritualization of Spirituality Amongst Spiritual Healthcare Practitioners*)
2020-2021	Orry Marciano (*The Culture of Medicine in U.S. Healthcare and its Implications for Black/Latino Populations During the Pandemic*)
2017-2018	Lauren O'Connell *("Empieza con Nosotros" (It Begins With Us): Tobacco Use and Visibility of Medical Students in Puebla, Mexico*)
	Candice Park (*Analysis of Stable Isotopes and Social Variables within a New Delhi Population*),
	Chandler Turner (*Physician Burnout: The Causal Factors and Possible Solutions*)
2016-2017	Bernadette Miramontes (*Healthcare Access, Attitudes, and Knowledge of HIV+ Women in Maharashtra, India*)
	Katherine Egan (*The Impact of Patient Research on the Length of Diagnostic Delays Experienced by Cluster Headache Sufferers*)
2014-2015	Anna K. Simon (*Going Green in Mexico: Steps Toward Sustainable Water Management in Toluca*)

Alexis Palá (*No Somos Animales: Stigma, Discrimination, and Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in Spain and Chile*)

2013-2014 Margeaux Prinster (*Ephemeral Empowerment? An Exploration of Rajasthani Women's Development Programs within Gendered Social Spaces*)
Amy Klopfenstein ("*Men Are Being Trafficked Too:" Masculinity and Vulnerability in the Human Trafficking Discourse*)
Catherine Cichon (*When Health Systems Meet: Narratives of International Partnerships and Medical Education in Rwanda*)

2012-2013 Katelyn Melloh (*How to Face the Consequences: A Comparative Study of International Development Projects in Peru and Uganda*)
Margot Morris (*Community Dialogue and Participation: Influencing Malaria Prevention and Health Education in Rural Cambodia*)

2011-2012 Shelly Birch (*The Nature of Care and Caring: The Doctor-Patient Relationship in a Low-Resource Hospital in Mexico*)
Kelly Colas (*Birth Experience for Young Mothers at a Public Mexican Hospital*)
Hanna O'Brien (second reader; *Quality of Life for the Sick and Dying: Perspectives of Health Disparities, Challenges in Ugandan Palliative Care and its Relation to Disease-Modifying Services*)
Isaias Montaño Hernández – Universidad Veracruzana Intercultural, Mexico (second reader, *La Importancia De La Revitalización De La Danza Indígena Montesón En La Comunidad De Puyecaco, Ixhuatlán De Madero, Ver*.)

2010-2011 Claire Naus *("It Feels Bad": Hunger, Food Insecurity, And The Liminal Status Of Women In Lesotho*); Elizabeth Benson (*Structural Violence, Patient-Physician Communication and the Challenge of Compliance: Diabetes at a Health Center in South Bend, Indiana*)

2007-2008 Andrea Dreyfuss (*Autism Treatment in Peru: The Role Played by Family and Social Networks*)
Kathryn Bouskill (*Barren Beliefs: The Sterilization Campaign and Contraception in Peru*)

2006-2007 Emily Kelley (*Identity Formation for Rwandan Asylee Women in Northern Indiana: The Impact of Legality, Employment, and Community*)
Bryan Hambley (*Malaria and HIV in Cambodia*)

THESES AND CAPSTONES IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS

GENDER STUDIES

2019-2020 Dinuka Cooray (*Fetal Mortality in St. Joseph County, Indiana*)

2016-2017 Moira Horn (*La Fortaleza De La Mamá Chiapaneca: Maternal Identity and Wellbeing in the Sierra Madre of Chiapas, Mexico*)
Gabrielle Marzke ("*The Crisis in Our Nation": Rhetorical Construction of Responsible Parenthood and Reproduction in the Context of Indiana Social Services*)

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

2023-2024 Ashleigh Cotter (*Maternity in Migration: Evaluating the Maternal Healthcare Experiences of Migrant Women in Monterrey, Mexico*) (Published in *Through Gendered Lenses*, the undergraduate journal of gender studies research)

2019-2020 Taylor Buck (*Social Networks and Maternal Health: Examining Spousal Joint Involvement and Outcomes in Bududa, Uganda*)

2018-2019 Vivian Nweze (*Experiences of Female Migrants and Refugees in Spain's Healthcare System*)
Eunice Agyapong (*Analyzing Dynamics Of Physician-Patient Social Relationships In Ghana*)

2017-2018 Rosemary Agwuncha (*Compassionate Care in Anambra State, Nigeria: Perceptions and Obstacles*)

2015-2016 Nicholas Nissen (*Examining the Dominican Republic's Cesarean Epidemic*)
Alexandria Kristensen-Cabrera (*Factors associated with the practice of breastfeeding for mothers in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*)
Lauren Antozs (*Adolescent Mothers and Schooling in Santiago, Chile*)

GLYNN HONORS PROGRAM

2023-2024 Julia Ruelle (*Community Health Workers as the "Lynch-Pin": Narrative Medicine Across Cultural Barriers*)

2021-2022 Analie Fernandes. (*Communities that Care: Implications of Trauma Processing Groups on Individual and Community Healing)*
2020-2021 Catherine O'Leary (*Hispanic Ethnicity and Retinopathy of Prematurity: How health outcome studies can combat "race as biology" mentality*)

COMPASSIONATE CARE IN MEDICINE

2024-2025 Elizabeth Horwitz (*COVID Doctors and Compassion*)
2023-2024 Matt Kianpour (*Salud, Stress, and Healthcare Seclusion: A Mixed Methods Study of Psychological Stress of Latina Mothers in South Bend, Indiana*)

ANTHROPOLOGY DIRECTED READING/RESEARCH/CULTURE OF MEDICINE LAB STUDENTS

2024-2025 Elizabeth Horwitz, Kayla Bucci, Milan Booker, Montse Curran, Avery Njau, Kat Lauinger, Maggie Gazda, Valentina Morillas, Sophia López, Becca Dosch, Skylar Jones, Aislinn Fernandes, Sarah Hirsch (Culture of Medicine Lab)
2024 Jhoseline Trejo, Sophia López. CSC Summer Fellowship mentees.
2023-2024 Matt Kianpour, Chris Hernández, Julia Ruelle, Elizabeth Horwitz, Kayla Bucci, Milan Booker, Montse Curran, Avery Njau, Kat Lauinger, Maggie Gazda, Valentina Morillas, Skylar Jones (Culture of Medicine Lab)
2022-2023 Victoria Toledo, Matt Kianpour, Chris Hernández, Julia Ruelle, Elizabeth Horwitz, Kayla Bucci, Kate Brandin, Milan Booker (Culture of Medicine Lab)
2021-2022 Analie Fernandes, Rachel Dinh, Juliana Couri, Banafo Abbeyquaye, Victoria Toledo, Clare Pryor (Culture of Medicine Lab)
2020-2021 Natalie Munguia (Directed Reading)
Analie Fernandes, Rachel Dinh, Teagen Tibbot, Lena Do (Culture of Medicine Lab)
2019-2020 Teagen Tibbot, Katie Cox, Rachel Dinh, Juliana Couri, and Analie Fernandes (Culture of Medicine Lab)
2017-2018 Nicole Waddick (Directed Research)
2014-2015 Bernadette Miramontes; Megan Fuerst (Directed Research)
2013-2014 Alexis Palá (Directed Research)
Annie Kuster (Directed Reading)
2012-2013 Daniel Balcarcel; Katya Simon; Caroline Merriam; Catherine Cichon (Directed Reading)
2011-2012 Laura Larkin (Directed Reading)
2010-2011 Hanna O'Brien (Directed Research)
Shelly Birch (Directed Reading)
2009-2010 Hanna O'Brien (Directed Reading)
2008-2009 Nicole Yamaguchi (Directed Research)
Stephanie Fairhurst; Kerry Pecho (Directed Reading)
2007-2008 Vivian Urbieta; Nathan Serazin; Stephanie Fairhurst; Andrea Martin (Directed Research)
Lisa Rauh (Directed Reading)
2006-2007 Nicole Yamaguchi; Vivian Urbieta; Jenna Johnson; Jennifer Zabel (Directed Reading)
Lisa Rauh (Directed Research)

GRADUATE SCHOOL SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (SROP)

2021 Amalachukwu Ozumba (Emory University): Maternal Mistreatment in Kenya
2018 Carolina Ponce (San Diego State University): Reproductive Health Fears Present in Nahua Indigenous Women

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL:

2008-present Member of Panel of Experts for MexicoLore (United Kingdom)
2013-2015 Member of Editorial Board of the Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine

NATIONAL:

2025 External Reviewer for Full Professor Case, flagship state university
2024-2025 Mentor, Association for Latino/Latina Anthropologists (ALLA) Mentoring Program.
2022-2024 Panelist, National Science Foundation Review (Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant)

2023	External Reviewer for Tenure Case, flagship state university
2023	Member, Graduate Paper Award Committee, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2023	Mentor, Council on Anthropology of Reproduction Mentorship Group
2021-present	Scientific Advisory Board Member, Irsay Institute, Indiana University.
2021-2022	Member, Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute Social and Structural Determinants of Health Project Development Team.
2022	Ad Hoc Reviewer, National Science Foundation, SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities
2021	Ad Hoc Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology
2021	Panelist, Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute Spring Core Pilot Funding Program.
2021	Member, Graduate Paper Award Committee, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2020	External Reviewer for Tenure Case, small liberal arts college
2015-2020	Administrator, BioAnthropology News. Facebook group with approximately 25K members. https://www.facebook.com/groups/BioAnthNews/
2017	External Reviewer for Tenure Case, large private research university
2016	Member, Book Prize Committee, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2015	External Reviewer for Tenure Case, flagship state university
2015	Reviewer, Graduate Paper Award Committee, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2011-2012	Advisor to the Chair, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2009-2011	Chair, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2008-2009	Chair-elect, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2007-2009	Advisor, Memorial Hospital, South Bend's Puebla Research
2006-2008	Member, Steering Committee, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2006-2007	Member, Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Sciences Inc., Ancient Maya Botanical Research Committee

Reviewer for the following journals: *American Anthropologist; Medical Anthropology Quarterly; Social Science and Medicine; American Ethnologist; American Journal of Human Biology; Medical Anthropology; Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology; Pan American Journal of Public Health; Human Organization; Ethnicity and Health; The Bulletin of the History of Medicine; Ethos; Feminist Anthropology; Political and Legal Anthropology Review; Culture, Health & Sexuality; Violence against Women*; *Journal of Gender-Based Violence; Anthropology and Humanism; Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine; PLoS One; Economic Botany; Gender, Work, & Organization; Mesoamerican Voices; Revista Chilena de Antropología*

Reviewer for the following book presses: *Cambridge University Press; Vanderbilt University Press; Rutgers University Press; Waveland Press; Berghan Books; Routledge Books.*

Reviewer for the following granting agencies: *National Science Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, The Wellcome Trust (UK), Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute*

UNIVERSITY:

2023-2025	Member, College Council, College of Arts and Letters
2024	Ad Hoc Member, Tenure Review Committee for Keough School for Global Affairs
2023	Guest Lecturer, Latino Health (ILS 43102) class (Prof. Nydia Morales-Soto & Prof. Karen Richman)
2023	Panelist, Eck Institute Global Health Case Competition Seminar
2020-present	Director, Health, Humanities, and Society, Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values
2011-present	Faculty Mentor, Kellogg Institute's International Scholars Program
2021-2023	Member, Teagle Cornerstones Grant
2021-2022	Member, Provost's University Committee on Internationalization.
2022	Judge, Eck Institute Global Health Case Competition on Obstetric Violence in Mexico
2021	Interim Director, John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values
2020-2021	Chair, Search Committee for Postdoctoral Scholar in History and Sociology of Medicine
2020-2021	Co-Chair, Social Determinants of Wellbeing Taskforce
2019-2021	Member, Steering Committee for the Provost's Health and Well-being Initiative
2018-2020	Member, Kellogg Institute Grants Committee

2016-2019	Social Science Faculty Representative, Academic and Faculty Affairs Committee on Board of Trustees
2018	Member, Clinical, Educational, & Translational Opportunities Assessment, sub-committee for the Provost's Science of Wellness Initiative
2018	Member, Review Committee for Eck Institute for Global Health Graduate Fellowship
2018	Judge, 3MT® competition, qualifying round, College of Arts and Letters.
2014-2017	Co-Chair, Mexico Working Group, Kellogg Institute
2015	Member, Review Committee for Kellogg Institute Visiting Faculty Fellows
2015	Reviewer for Large Grants for the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts
2014-2015	Faculty Mentor, Building Bridges Program, Multicultural Student Programs and Services
2013-2015	Social Sciences Representative, Gender Studies Steering Committee
2010-2014	Member, Latin American Studies Program Advisory Council
2014	Member, Review Committee for Kellogg Institute Undergraduate Research Grants
2013	Usher, Diploma Ceremony for Arts and Letters
2012, 2013	Member, Review Committee for Kellogg Institute Visiting Faculty Fellows
2012-2013	Member, International Development Studies faculty
2012	Member, Review Committee for Kellogg Institute Experiencing the World Fellowships
2011-2012	Faculty Mentor, Building Bridges Program, Multicultural Student Programs and Services
2011	Invited Moderator, Undergraduate Scholars Conference, session "Health Practice and Policy."
2009-2010	Faculty Mentor, Kellogg Institute's International Scholars Program.
2010	Invited Discussant, Ford Program's Student Conference "People, Power, and Pragmatism."
2009	Organized Guest Speaker (Dr. Carolyn Sargent), with support from Anthropology, ISLA, Gender Studies, and Learning Beyond the Classroom
2009	Invited Guest, International Development Research Council's "Coffee and Conversation" student event
2008-2009	Mentor, Building Bridges, Multicultural Student Programs and Services
2008	Organized Guest Speaker (Dr. Linda Whiteford), with support from Anthropology, Kellogg Institute, Learning Beyond the Classroom, ISLA, Economics and Policy Studies, and Poverty Institute.
2008	Orientation/Mentorship for students participating in Puebla, Mexico program
2008	Member, Review Committee for Kellogg Institute Visiting Faculty Fellows
2007	Organized Guest Speaker (Dr. Crystal Patil), with support from Gender Studies and Kellogg Institute.

DEPARTMENTAL:

2023-present	Member, Full Professor Committee (FPC)
2019-present	Member, Committee on Renewal, Promotion, and Tenure (CRPT)
2023-2024	Chair, Biological Anthropology Search Committee
2020-2022	Member, Department Speakers Committee
2020-2021	Co-Chair, Medical Anthropology Search Committee
2019-2020	Member, Curriculum Committee
2016-2020	Director of Graduate Studies
2019-2020	Member, Medical Anthropology Search Committee
2014-2019	Member, Committee on Appointments and Promotions (CAP)
2016-2017	Chair, Senior Sociocultural Anthropologist Search Committee
2014-2015	Member, Graduate Program Committee
2014-2015	Co-Chair, Medical Anthropologist Search Committee
2012-2015	Co-Chair, Kauffman Endowed Lecture Series Committee
2013-2014	Member, Latino Studies Anthropologist Search Committee
2011-2012	Member, Search Committee for Director of Undergraduate Studies for Anthropology
2010-2012	Advisor to the Anthropology Club and to the Honor Society of Lambda Alpha
2009-2010	Member, Student Internships Committee
2008-2009	Chair, Student Awards Committee
2007-2009	Member, Speakers Committee
2007-2008	Member, Student Awards Committee
2006-2008	Member, Curriculum Committee
2006-2007	Member, Archaeology Search Committee

COMMUNITY:

2022	STEM Women in Science Event. St. Joseph Public Library. February 5.
2018-2020	Expert Witness Testimony. I served as an expert witness in federal deportation proceedings on behalf of Mexican citizens. This included writing country conditions reports describing public medical care in Mexico and testifying in Federal Court.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Medical Anthropology
Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
Society for Applied Anthropology
Council on Anthropology and Reproduction

AFFILIATIONS

2012-2018	Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla. Mexico
2007-present	Universidad Veracruzana Intercultural. Mexico.
2005-present	Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social. Mexico.
2005-2007	Herbario de Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico.

LANGUAGES

Spanish – native speaker
English – native speaker
Nahuatl of the Huasteca region – working knowledge
Marathi – beginning