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curriculum vitae
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Professional Appointments

- 2020- Associate Professor of Anthropology, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University
- 2020- Director, MA Program in Social Justice and Human Rights, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University
- 2011-2020 Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2013-2020 Director, Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights Program, UTK
- 2011-2014 Vice Chair of Africana Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2006-2011 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2005-2006 Visiting Scholar, International Institute, University of California, Los Angeles
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Entrepreneurial Activity in Economic History and Development
- 2004-5 Lecturer in Anthropology, University of California, Irvine

Education and Professional Training

- 2009 Certificate in Refugee Issues and Forced Migration
Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto
- 2004 Ph.D. Anthropology, Michigan State University
Certificate Program in African Studies
- 2000 M.A. Anthropology, Michigan State University
summa cum laude
- 1996 B.A. Anthropology, Barnard College, Columbia University
magna cum laude

Research and Teaching Interests

- Horn of Africa (Eritrea) and Great Lakes Region (N. Uganda)
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Conflict, Peace, and Transitional Justice
- Militarization, Militarism, Anti-Militarism
- Critical Approaches to Human Rights
- Political and Legal Anthropology
- Classic and Contemporary Theory
- Public/Engaged Anthropology
- Ethnographic and Creative Writing
- Ethnographic Dimensions of Forensic Investigation

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Books

- 2015** Berger, Iris, **Tricia Redeker Hepner**, Benjamin Lawrence, Joanna Tague and Meredith Terretta, eds. *African Asylum at a Crossroads: Activism, Expert Testimony and Refugee Rights*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.
- 2013** Omeje, Kenneth and **Tricia Redeker Hepner**, eds. *Conflict and Peacebuilding in the African Great Lakes Region*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

- 2009 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** *Soldiers, Martyrs, Traitors and Exiles: Political Conflict in Eritrea and the Diaspora.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. Ethnography of Political Violence Series.
- 2009 O’Kane, David and **Tricia Redeker Hepner**, eds. *Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the 21st Century.* Co-edited with David O’Kane. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books. Dislocations Series.

Journals

- 2005 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker** and Bettina Conrad, eds. *Eritrea Abroad: Critical Perspectives on the Global Diaspora.* *Eritrean Studies Review* Special Edition 4: (2). Lawrenceville: The Red Sea Press, Inc.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2021 Treiber, Magnus and **Tricia Redeker Hepner.** “The Immediate, the Exceptional, and the Historical: Migration from Eritrea and Research Since the 1960s.” *Canadian Journal of African Studies.* *In press.*
- 2020 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “On the Boundary of Life and Death: Notes on Eritrea and Northern Uganda.” *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review.* 10: (1): 127-142.
- 2019 Kim, Jaymelee and **Tricia Redeker Hepner.** “Of Justice and the Grave: The Role of the Dead in Post-Conflict Uganda.” *International Criminal Law Review* 19 (5): 1-26.
- 2019 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Pragmatic Solidarity and Asylum Expert Witnessing.” *Journal of Human Rights.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2019.1570094>
- 2015 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Generation Nationalism and Generation Asylum: Eritrean Migrants, the Global Diaspora, and the Transnational Nation-State.” *Diaspora* 18: (1-2): 184-207. [2009].
- 2014 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Religion, Repression and Human Rights in Eritrea and the Diaspora.” *Journal of Religion in Africa* 44: 151-188.
- 2013 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker** and Samia Teclé. “New Refugees, Development-Forced Displacement, and Transnational Governance in Eritrea and Exile.” *Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development* 42 (3-4): 377-410.
- 2008 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Transnational Governance and the Centralization of State Power in Eritrea and Exile.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies.* 31 (3): 476-502.
- 2007 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker** and Lynn Fredriksson. “Regional Politics, Human Rights, and U.S. Policy in the Horn of Africa.” *Africa Policy Journal of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University,* Vol. 3, Spring 2007. Pp. 22-48.
- 2005 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker** and Bettina Conrad. “Eritrea Abroad: An Introduction.” *Eritrean Studies Review* Special Edition, *Eritrea Abroad: Critical Perspectives on the Global Diaspora.* T.R. Hepner and B. Conrad, eds. 4 (2): v-xvii.
- 2005 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Transnational *Tegadelti*: Eritreans for Liberation in North America and the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front.” *Eritrean Studies Review* Special Edition, *Eritrea Abroad: Critical Perspectives on the Global Diaspora.* 4 (2): 37-83.
- 2003 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Religion, Nationalism, and Transnational Civil Society in the Eritrean Diaspora.” *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* 10 (3): 269-293.
- 2000 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Pride, Prejudice, and the Ethnicization of the Eritrean Nation.” *Ufahamu: Journal of the African Activist Association.* 28 (2-3): 87-103.
- 2000 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Collective Memories and Embodied Events: Eritrean ‘Nation History.’” *Journal of Imperial and Postcolonial Historical Studies.* 1 (1): 41-69.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2019 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “The End of Refugees? Forced Migration and the New World Disorder.” In *Cultural Anthropology: Contemporary, Public and Critical Readings. Second Edition.* Edited by Keri Vacanti Brondo. Oxford University Press. Pp 212-219.

- 2018 Hepner, Tricia Redeker**, Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, and Julia R. Hanebrink. "Sowing the Dead: Massacres and the Missing in Northern Uganda." In *Massacres: Bioarchaeological Interpretations of the Human Past: Local, Regional, and Global Perspectives*. Cheryl P. Anderson and Debra L. Martin, eds. University Press of Florida. Pp. 136-154.
- 2015 Berger, Iris, Tricia Redeker Hepner**, Benjamin Lawrence, JoAnn Tague and Meredith Terretta. "Asylum, Expertise, and Protean Ideas about African Migrants," in Berger et al. eds. *African Asylum at a Crossroads: Activism, Expert Testimony and Refugee Rights*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press. Pp. 1-37.
- 2015 Hepner, Tricia Redeker**. "The 'Asylum-Advocacy Nexus' in Anthropological Perspective: Agency, Activism, and the Construction of Eritrean Political Identities." in Berger et al., eds. *African Asylum at a Crossroads: Activism, Expert Testimony and Refugee Rights*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press. Pp. 225-246.
- 2013 Tricia Redeker Hepner**. "Emergent Eritrean Human Rights Movements: Politics, Law and Culture in Transnational Perspective." In *Worlds of Human Rights: Ambiguities of Rights Claiming in Africa*, edited by William Derman, Anne Hellum, and Kristen Bergtora Sandvik. Leiden: Brill Publishers. Pp. 277-302.
- 2013 Omeje, Kenneth and Tricia Redeker Hepner**. "Introduction: Conflict and Peacebuilding in the African Great Lakes Region." In *Conflict and Peacebuilding in the African Great Lakes Region*, edited by Kenneth Omeje and Tricia Redeker Hepner. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Pp. 1-24.
- 2013 Opiyo, Lindsay McClain and Tricia Redeker Hepner**. "Youth in Transition: The Arts and Cultural Resonance in Post-Conflict Northern Uganda." In *Conflict and Peacebuilding in the African Great Lakes Region*, edited by Kenneth Omeje and Tricia Redeker Hepner. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Pp. 179-196.
- 2012 Hepner, Tricia Redeker**. "Militarization, Generational Conflict, and the Eritrean Refugee Crisis." In *African Childhoods: Peacebuilding, Education, and Development in the Youngest Continent*. Marisa O. Ensor, ed. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. Pp. 152-175.
- 2009 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and David O'Kane**. "Introduction: Biopolitics, Militarism and Development in Contemporary Eritrea." In D. O'Kane and T.R. Hepner, eds. *Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the 21st Century*. New York: Berghahn Books. Pp. ix-xxxvii.
- 2009 Hepner, Tricia Redeker**. "Seeking Asylum in a Transnational Social Field: Struggles for Autonomy and Human Rights." In D. O'Kane and T.R. Hepner, eds. *Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the 21st Century*. New York: Berghahn Books. Pp. 115-133.
- 2009 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and David O'Kane**. "Conclusion: Biopolitics and Dilemmas of Development in Eritrea and Elsewhere." In D. O'Kane and T.R. Hepner, eds. *Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the 21st Century*. New York: Berghahn Books. Pp. 159-170.
- 2001 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Randal L. Hepner**. "Gender, Community and Change among the Rastafari of New York." In *New York Glory: Religions in the City*. Tony Carnes and Anna Karpathakis, eds. New York: NYU Press. Pp. 333-353.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications (selected)

- IP Hepner, Tricia Redeker**. "From Margins to Center: The Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights Program at the University of Tennessee." In *Proceedings of the 53rd Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society*. Submitted 2020.
- 2018 Hepner, Tricia Redeker**. "MPAAC, Sexual Harassment, and Immigration." *Anthropology News*, February 14, 2018.
- 2017 Hepner, Tricia Redeker**. "Human Rights in an Age of Immorality and Unreason." *American Anthropological Association: AAA Blog*. December 10, 2017.

- 2017 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Democracy in Turkey (but not for Kurds).” *Anthropology News, Human Rights Monitor*. January 17, 2017.
- 2012 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Open Letter to Israel: Eritreans are Not Economic Refugees.” Translated to Hebrew. *Maariv*, June 6, 2012.
- 2011 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Eritrean Immigrants.” In *Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*. Edited by Ron Bayor. Greenwood Publishing. Vol. 2, pp. 617-655.
- 2011 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Human Tsunamis: Refugees and the Failure of Forced Migration Policy.” *CounterPunch*, April 24-26. <http://www.counterpunch.org/hepner04222011.html>
- 2011 Bah, Abu Bakarr, Mark Davidheiser, Niklas Hultin, and **Tricia Redeker Hepner.** “Introduction to *ACPR: African Conflict in Global Perspective*.” *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review (ACPR)*. 1: (1): 1-7.
- 2003 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Eritreans.” *Encyclopedia of Chicago*. Grossman, James R., Ann Durkin Keating, and Janice L. Reiff, eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- 2000 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** *African Immigrants Directory: A Guide to Community Resources in the Greater Philadelphia Area*. Philadelphia: Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies.
- 1998 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Making Local Fictions International Facts.” *Los Angeles Times*, Op-Ed, June 23. Reprinted in *Eritrea Profile*, July 1998. Translated and published in Italian, Spring 1999: “Transformare le storie locali in eventi internazionali.” *Africhi E Orientali: rivisti di studi ai confini tra africa mediterraneo e medio oriente*.

Review Essays and Book Reviews (selected)

- 2017 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “*Understanding Eritrea: Inside Africa’s Most Repressive State*, by Martin Plaut.” *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 50 I-B: 26-27.
- 2016 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “*This Side of Silence: Human Rights, Torture, and the Recognition of Cruelty*, by Tobias Kelly.” *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. September 2016. <https://polarjournal.org/2016/09/18/tobias-kellys-this-side-of-silence-human-rights-torture-and-the-recognition-of-cruelty/>
- 2013 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “*Frontiers of Violence: Genealogies of Conflict in Northeast Africa*, by Richard Reid.” *American Historical Review*. 118 (3): 973-974
- 2011 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Eritrea: Africa in Focus, by Mussie Tesfagiorgis.” *Northeast African Studies*. 12 (1): 324-6.
- 2010 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Transforming Displaced Women in Sudan: Politics and the Body in a Squatter Settlement by Rogaia Mustafa Abusharaf.” *American Ethnologist*. 37: 4: 851-852.
- 2010 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “Catherine Besteman and the Somali Bantu Experience: Collaborative Anthropology Comes to Life.” *American Anthropologist, Public Anthropology Reviews*. 113: (2): 344-346.
- 2003 **Hepner, Tricia Redeker.** “From Guerrillas to Government: the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front by David Pool.” *African Studies Review* 46: (2): 177-179.

Works in Progress

Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Daniel Rezene Mekonnen. “‘Justice Futures’: Forensic Investigation and the Potential for Transformation in Eritrea.” Journal article manuscript in preparation.

Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Dawnie Wolf Steadman. “Restless Spirits and Human Remains: The Dead and Disappeared in Northern Uganda.” Book chapter for *Anthropology of Violent Death: Theoretical Foundations for Forensic Humanitarian Action*, edited by Roberto Parra and Douglas Ubelaker. Under contract with Wiley Blackwell Publishers.

Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Dawnie Wolf Steadman, Jaymelee J. Kim, Julia Hanebrink, and Hugh H. Tuller. *Restless Spirits and Human Remains: Life, Death, and Justice in Northern Uganda*. Book manuscript in preparation.

Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Magnus Treiber. “The Anti-Refugee Machine: A New Framework for Refugee and Migration Studies.” Funding proposals in preparation for co-edited journal edition or book project.

Hepner, Tricia Redeker. *Pillars of Salt: Captivity and Resistance in the Eritrean Refugee Experience*. Monograph.

Selected External Grants and Fellowships

Submitted, under review

- 2021 Fritz Thyssen Foundation (Germany).** “The Anti-Refugee Machine: A New Framework for Refugee and Migration Studies.” Co-PIs: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Ph.D. and Magnus Treiber, Ph.D. Workshop proposal submitted February 26, 2021. €14,563.00
- 2021 US Department of State.** “Consortium to Build an East African Forensic Anthropology Team.” Response to RSOI – Global Transitional Justice and Forensic Anthropology Programs, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. Co-PIs: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, Ph.D., D-ABFA and Tricia Redeker-Hepner. Ph.D. \$700,000-900,000. Pre-Proposal submitted January 14, 2021.

Awarded

- 2020 National Science Foundation.** “Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of International Human Rights Law and Practice.” Conference Grant. Role: Co-Principal Investigator. PI: Heather Smith-Cannoy; Co-PIs: Audrey Comstock, Kendall Funk, and Magda Hinojosa. Amount funded: 33,160.00. Awarded July 2020.
- 2019 Center for Advanced Studies, Short Term Research Fellowship, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität (University of Munich)** Research fellowship for summer 2020, to collaborate with Dr. Magnus Treiber on refugee-related research and publications.
- 2019 School of Advanced Research, National Science Foundation Research Team Grant** To enable development of book project, *Restless Spirits and Human Remains: Life, Death and Justice in Post-War Northern Uganda*. Co-Chair: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman. *Note: postponed to September 2021 due to Covid-19.*
- 2017 Fulbright-III/CIES US Scholar Award** Research and Teaching fellowship in Munich, Germany, fall 2017. Host: Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (University of Munich).
- 2016 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Individual Post-Ph.D. Research Grant.** \$20,000.00 awarded for project, “The Agency of the Dead and Transitional Justice in Northern Uganda.”
- 2015 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant** \$8,995.00 awarded to co-PI Ms. Krista Billingsley, Ph.D. Candidate, for project “Transitional Justice in Nepal: Endemic Violence and Marginalized Perspectives.”
- 2015 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant .** \$37,792.00 awarded to co-PI Ms. Krista Billingsley, Ph.D. candidate, for project “Transitional Justice in Nepal: Endemic Violence and Marginalized Perspectives.”
- 2013 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDRIG).** \$7329.00 awarded to co-PI Ms. Jaymelee Kim, Ph.D. candidate, for project “Transitional Justice in a Canadian Colonial Context: A Critical Analysis of Transitional Justice Method and Theory.”
- 2013 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant**

\$20,000.00 awarded to Co-PI Ms. Jaymelee Kim, Ph.D. candidate, for project “Transitional Justice in a Non-Transitioning Society: Perceived Efficacy of Canada’s Justice and Reconciliation Efforts.”

- 2010 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Individual Post-Ph.D. Research Grant.** \$24,600.00 (Grant # 8194) awarded for project “Generation Asylum: New Eritrean Refugees, Human Rights, and the Politics of Forced Migration,” undertaken in the US, Germany, and Ethiopia.
- 2006 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles**
Postdoctoral research position under Professor Kenneth Sokoloff (deceased), Center for Entrepreneurial Activity in Economic History and Development; Visiting Scholar, International Institute

Selected Major Presentations (last 5 years)

- 2021** “Multisector Collaborations for Transitional Justice in Uganda.” with Julia Hanebrink, Jaymelee J. Kim, Hugh Tuller, Dawnie Steadman, and Paul Emanovsky. Poster presentation, Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center.
- 2021** “The Anti-Refugee Machine: How the EU and Eritrea Exacerbate Migration and Undermine Asylum,” University of Arizona, Africa Table Speakers Series, February 19.
- 2021** “The Nuts and Bolts of Serving as an Expert Witness,” invited panelist for Latin American Studies Association Expert Witness Workshop Series. January 14.
- 2020** “The Anti-Refugee Machine: A Conceptual Frame,” with Magnus Treiber. Presented at ASU-sponsored research workshop, *The Anti-Refugee Machine: A Framework for Refugee and Migration Studies*, organized by Tricia Redeker Hepner and Magnus Treiber, December 10.
- 2019** “Anthropology and Human Rights: A New Statement.” Roundtable presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, November 20-24.
- 2019** “Tackling the Refugee Crisis: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue.” Invited panelist, Georgia State College and University, Milledgeville, GA, February 12, 2019.
- 2018** “Practices and Ethics of Anthropologists as Expert Witnesses in Asylum Cases.” Roundtable Presenter. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 14-18.
- 2018** “The Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights Program: From Margins to Center.” Spotlight on Innovation Invited Keynote, Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, TN, April 20-21.
- 2018** “The Agency of the Dead: Roundtable on Northern Uganda.” Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights Program Conference, Knoxville, TN, February 9-11.
- 2017** “Transnational Neoliberal Collusion in the Creation of a Post-Refugee World, Or, Do Eritrean Refugees Still Exist?” (with Magnus Treiber). American Anthropological Association 116th annual meeting, Washington DC, November 28 –December 3.
- 2017** “Pillars of Salt: Captivity and Resistance in the Eritrean Refugee Experience.” Institute for Ethnology, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. November 6.
- 2017** “Transnational Political Histories and Contemporary Refugee Claims: Eritrea and Its Diasporas.” Gordon F. Henderson Speaker Series in Refugee History, University of Ottawa, April 6, 2017.
- 2017** “Refugees and Resettlement Today.” Keynote talk at Refugees, Displacement, and Resettlement: a UT Conference and Workshop. University of Tennessee, Knoxville. February 24, 2017.
- 2016** “On the Boundary of Life and Death: Notes from Eritrea and Northern Uganda.” American Anthropological Association 115th annual meeting, Minneapolis, November 16-20, on panel “Life and Death,” co-organized by Tricia R. Hepner and Carole McGranahan (U of Colorado).
- 2016** “Human Rights, the Academy, and Beyond: How Anthropologists Engage.” Roundtable presenter, Committee for Human Rights, American Anthropological Association 115th annual meeting, Minneapolis, November 16-20.

- 2016** "Roundtable: Africa, Africans, and the Global Migration 'Crisis.'" Chair and moderator. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, December 1-4.
- 2016** "Roundtable: Publish That Article!" Presenter (representing *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*). African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, December 1-4.
- 2016** "Legal Battles in Eritrean Transnational Communities," With Daniel Rezene Mekonnen. Eritrea Silver Jubilee Conference Geneva, May 20.

Awards, Honors, and Other Recognition

- 2020 Arizona State University SUN Award** for exemplary service, demonstrating leadership, and supporting student success. October 15.
- 2019 University of Tennessee, National Alumni Association, Winner, Outstanding Teacher Award**
- 2019 Faculty Fellow, Global Security Program, Howard Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, University of Tennessee**, three-year appointment to join prestigious group of faculty at UTK working in the area of human security and public policy.
- 2017 American Anthropological Association, President's Award** for service and leadership in AAA Committee for Human Rights and Members' Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee
- 2016 University of Tennessee, Chancellor's Honors Awards, Finalist, Excellence in Advising**
- 2012 University of Tennessee, College of Arts and Sciences, Winner, Excellence in Teaching Award**
- 2011 University of Tennessee, Chancellor's Honors Awards, Winner, Extraordinary Contribution to the Ready for the World Initiative**
- 2010 University of Tennessee, College of Arts and Sciences Nominee, Junior Teaching Award**
- 2009 University of Tennessee, College of Arts and Sciences**
Nominee, Junior Research Award
- 2009 Meritorious Medal for Outstanding Service, Eritrean Community for Human Rights and Refugee Protection** Awarded by research participants for support and dedication to the Eritrean refugee community.
- 2008 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, Nominee**
Selected as one of two UTK faculty members to compete nationally.
- 2008 Certificate of Recognition, Amnesty International USA** For outstanding work on behalf of prisoners of conscience.

Courses Taught

Lower Division

First Year Studies: "Anthropology Lite? Reading National Geographic"
 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
 Introduction to Globalization
 Topics in African Ethnography

Upper Division and Graduate

Conflict and Peacebuilding in Northern Uganda (Gulu Study and Service Abroad Program)
 Political Anthropology
 Anthropology of Human Rights
 Refugees and Displaced People
 Anthropology of Warfare, Violence, and Peace
 Forms of Social Inequality
 Anthropology of Policy and Law
 Method and Theory in Cultural Anthropology
 Research Design and Proposal Writing
 Ethnographic Writing

Action Research

Theses Directed

Doctoral

- 2009 Caroline Tyers, “Hidden Atrocities: The Forensic Investigation and Prosecution of Genocide”
- 2013 Shelly Yankovskyy, “Medicalizing Suffering: Postsocialist Reforms in the Mental Health System of Ukraine”
- 2013 Joshua Schendel, “The Post-Human Gamer: Reflections on Fieldwork in World of Warcraft”
- 2014 Tony Van Winkle, “Communities of Abundance: Sociality, Sustainability, and the Solidarity Economies of Local Food-Related Business Networks in Knoxville, Tennessee”
- 2014 Jaymelee J. Kim, “They Made Us Unrecognizable to Each Other: Human Rights, Truth, and Reconciliation in Canada” (co-advised with Dawnie Steadman)
- 2016 Amanda Jo Reinke, “Advancing Social Justice Through Conflict Resolution Amid Rapid Urban Transformation of the San Francisco Bay Area”
- 2018 Krista Billingsley, “Children and Transitional Justice in Nepal: Endemic Violence and Marginalized Perspectives”
- 2019 Tyler B. Howe, “‘Considering Themselves Permanently Settled’: An Ethnohistory of 19th Century Cherokee Hyper-Displacement”
- 2019 Eliza Guyol-Meinrath Echeverry, “‘Our Bodies and Our Lands are Not for Sale’: Violence, Development, and Canada’s New Transnational Jurisprudence”
- IP Julia R. Hanebrink, “Which Doctors are Witchdoctors? An Analysis of Medical Syncretism in Uganda” (co-advised with Dawnie Steadman)
- IP Hugh H. Tuller, “The Influence and Expectations of the Forensic Sciences in Post-Conflict Regions” (co-advised with Dawnie Steadman)

Masters

- 2009 Elizabeth Harmon-Gross, “Seeking Resettlement and Navigating Transnational Politics: The Intersection of Policies, Human Rights, and Individuals in Shimelba Refugee Camp”
- 2010 Jessica Winslow, “East Meets West: Middle Eastern Muslims in the Southeastern United States” (co-advised with Gregory Button)
- 2010 Eliza Guyol-Meinrath, “Locating Human Rights in Post-Genocide Reconstruction: Reconnecting the Global, National, and Local”
- 2015 Adrienne Kembel, “When the Dead are Not Silent: The Investigation of Cultural Perspectives Concerning Improper Burials in Northern Uganda”
- 2017 Wilfred Luke Komakech, “Internally Displaced Persons’ Burials in Pabbo Town Council in Northern Uganda”
- 2018 Kayla Davis, “Perceptions of the Urban Poor in Kampala Slums”
- IP Mary Ruth Wossum-Fisher, “Anthropologists as Experts in Refugee and Asylum Proceedings.” (co-advised with De Ann Pendry)

Arizona State University:

- 2021 Ella Burrus, “Making Meaning of the Mundane.” Applied project.
- 2021 Alexis Faulkner-King, “Rap Music as Empowerment: An Ethnographic Content Analysis of Gangsta Rap and Conscious Rap Lyrics as a Step Towards Black Liberation.” Applied Project.

Bachelors (Honors Theses)

- 2009 Ashley Thomison, “The Kurdish Struggle for Self-Determination”
- 2009 Pamela McClendon, “Northern Maasai Women: Health Options for the Reproductive Years”
- 2012 Erin Cagney, “Post-Conflict Cultural Revival and Social Restructuring in Northern Uganda”
- 2013 Elliot Bertasi, “Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development: The PRDP for Northern Uganda”

- 2013 Hannah Durick, “Post-Conflict Development in Northern Uganda: The Importance of Holistically Addressing Sexual and Gender Based Violence”
- 2014 Sara Hamza, “Migrant Labor in the Arabian Gulf”
- 2014 Shannon Mullane, “Uprooted: A Film Analysis of Refugee Resettlement in Tennessee”
- 2015 Christopher Reese, “International Power Relations and State Collapse: The Ephemeral State of Sovereignty in the Modern World Order”
- 2016 Nicole Haines, “Suicide and Structural Violence in Native American Communities” (co-advised with Amy Mundorff)
- 2018 Joshua [Hera Jay] C. Brown, “Crisis Capitalism and Development: Jordan’s Failed Refugee Experiment”

Service

Disciplinary and Professional Academic Service

- American Anthropological Association, Members’ Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee (MPAAC), Chair (2016-2020)
- American Anthropological Association, Committee for Human Rights, elected member (2013-2016) and chair (2015-2017)
- Editorial Review Board, *African Studies Review* (2018-2020)
- Founding and Associate Editor (2012-2018), *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, a journal published by Indiana University Press, co-sponsored by the Africa Peace and Conflict Network and the West Africa Research Association
- Peer reviewer for journals, including *African Studies Review*; *Africa Peace and Conflict Network*; *American Anthropologist*; *American Ethnologist*; *Diaspora*; *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*; *International Migration Review*; *Journal of Modern African Studies*; *Journal of Refugee Studies*; *Northeast African Studies*; *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*; *Urban Anthropology*; *Journal of Religion in Africa*; *African Diasporas*; Ohio University Press; Palgrave MacMillan; University of Pennsylvania Press, Stanford University Press
- Eritrean Studies Association, Treasurer (2004-present); Secretary (1999-2002); Secretary-Treasurer (1998-1999)

Departmental Service

- UTK Budget Committee (2019-present)
- UTK Graduate Committee, member (2017-present)
- Anthropology Curriculum Committee (UTK), member (2015-present), chair (2018)
- Director, Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights Program, AY 2013-2020 (UTK)
- Director, Graduate Admissions, AY 2013-2014 (UTK)
- Ad-hoc Standing Committee on Graduate Program Restructuring (UTK)
- Anthropology Graduate Admissions Committee, AY 2010-2014; 2016-2020 (UTK)
- Chair, Anthropology Graduate Admissions Committee, AY 2013-2014 (UTK)

University/College Service

- Department of Geography, Internal Review Team Member, 2016 and 2019 (UTK)
- Africana Studies Executive Faculty (UTK)
- Center for the Study of Social Justice (UTK)
 - Chair, Migration and Refugee Studies Division
 - Member, Board of Directors
- Co-Founder and Co-Director, Gulu Study and Service Abroad Program (UTK)
- Faculty Senator, AY 2011-2014 (UTK)
- Chair, Social Science Caucus, Faculty Senate, AY 2013-2014 (UTK)
- Global Studies Faculty Group (UTK)
- Member, UT Systems Relations Committee, AY 2011-2014 (UTK)

External/Applied Volunteer Service

- Country Specialist, Eritrea, Amnesty International USA (2005-2014)
- Country of Origin Information expert, Eritrea, International Refugee Rights in Exile Network (since 2010)
- Expert witness and consultancy work, asylum and immigration cases nationally and internationally (approximately 350 cases to date)