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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Anthropology, Binghamton University, 2021.

Dissertation: Disrupting SthlmTech: An Anthropological Guide to Stockholm's Startup Ecosystem

Advisor: Douglas R. Holmes, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Binghamton University.

M.A. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi, 2010.

B.S. Department of Anthropology, Grand Valley State University, 2005.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-present Assistant Professor. Department of Anthropology, Texas State University.

VISITING POSITIONS

2017-2018 Visiting Researcher. Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Under Review. "Disciplining SthlmTech: An Argument for the Displacement of Innovation and the Disunity of Entrepreneurship." *Engaging Science, Technology, and Society.*

2015 "Tweeting Sweden: Technological Solutionism, #RotationCuration, and the World's Most Democratic Twitter Account." Special issue, "Theorizing the Web," *Interface* 1(1):1-37. <http://dx.doi.org/10.7710/2373-4914.1004>

2010 "Web-Mediated Resource Distribution for a Library Website," with Sigrid Kelsey.
Codex: The Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACRL 1(1): 49-82.

Book Chapters

2010 "Agency and Practice Theory." In *21st Century Anthropology: A Reference Handbook*.
Birx, James ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781412979283.n49>

Book Reviews

2017 Review of *Superconnected: the Internet, digital media, and techno-social life* by Mary
Chayko, *Information, Communication and Society*, published online July 3, 2017.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2017.1346137>

AWARDS & HONORS

2020 Award of Excellence for Dedicated Service and Outstanding Accomplishments.
Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology, & Computing. American
Anthropological Association.

2013 EduStyle Award for Best Annual or Community Report. For Rowan-Cabarrus
Community College Annual Report.

2010 CLS ProQuest Innovation in College Librarianship Award, with Sigrid Kelsey.

2008 Irmgard H. Wolfe Award for Best Graduate Paper in Anthropology, University of
Southern Mississippi.

2005 Walton Boston Koch Distinguished Merit Scholarship. Grand Valley State University.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2020 Registration Grant for Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science.
Society for Social Studies of Science. (\$100)

2017 Dissertation Research. Thord-Gray Memorial Fund Fellowship. American-Scandinavian
Foundation. (\$23,000)

2016 Preliminary Dissertation Fieldwork. Graduate Student Organization and Department
of Anthropology Travel Grants, Binghamton University. (\$600)

INVITED TALKS

2018 Innovation in #SthlmTech. Department of Social Anthropology's Research Seminar
Series, Stockholm University, April 16.

2013 Web Design Lessons from an Anthropologist. North Carolina Community College

Digital Designers and Developers Association (DiDD) Lecture Series, May 24.

2007 Heartland and Dogwood Ridge Preliminary Results of Archaeological Excavations. Mississippi National Guard and USDA Forest Service Government-to-Government Consultation, March 21.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

2018 Invited Panel, "Inter-topia: Productive tensions within the collisions of techno-utopianism and techno-dystopianism," with Jeremy Trombley. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 14.

2016 "Infrastructures of Collaboration," with Amy Robbins. Biennial Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Ithaca, NY, May 14.

2014 Invited Panel, "Accidentally by Design: Producing Difference and Inequality through Technological Designs," with Jordan Kraemer. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 6.

Papers Presented

2020 "Disciplining SthlmTech: An Argument for the Displacement of Innovation and the Disunity of Entrepreneurship." Kauffman Symposium on Anthropology and Entrepreneurship, American Anthropological Association, November 5-14.

2020 "SthlmTech is a Unicorn Factory: How a fact about billion-dollar startups transformed Stockholm's entrepreneurial landscape." Joint meeting of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology and the Society for Social Studies of Science, August 19.

2018 "We're going to change the world with that meaningless buzzword": Innovation and social entrepreneurship in Stockholm's startup ecosystem." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 14.

2018 "Developing the Good Life: Social Entrepreneurship in #SthlmTech." European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Conference, Stockholm, Sweden, August 14-17.

2016 "Design by Committee: Learning from the Lore of Collaboration in Computer Programming." Biennial Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Ithaca, NY, May 14.

2015 "Aligned Anxieties: Rethinking Critiques of the Internet through the Anxieties of Web Professionals." Theorizing the Web, Manhattan, NY, April 18.

2014 "It Knows the World: What the Wolfram Language Can Teach Anthropologists about the Problematic Nature of Ontological Approaches." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 6.

- 2014 "Tweeting Sweden: Complicating Anthropology through the Analysis of the World's Most Democratic Twitter Account." Theorizing the Web, Brooklyn, NY, April 25.
- 2013 "Being a Curious Potential: Collaborating With Muslims On Ethnography and Conversion." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 22.
- 2012 "Content Management Systems – WordPress." IIPS (Institutional Information Processing System Users Group) Conference, New Bern, NC, October 24.
- 2012 "Mobile Strategies – Responsive Design." IIPS (Institutional Information Processing System Users Group) Conference, New Bern, NC, October 24.
- 2012 "College Print & Web Catalog Production with WordPress." IIPS (Institutional Information Processing System Users Group) Conference, New Bern, NC, October 23.
- 2009 "Who I Am/Am Not: The Performance of Identity Among a Group of Muslim American Women." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2.
- 2007 "Heartland and Dogwood Ridge Preliminary Results of Archaeological Excavations." Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Archaeology Association, Grenada, MS, February 17.

Other Presentation & Conference Activity

- 2021 Technology & Art Invited Panelist. "Anthropology and the Public: Pressing Questions, Responsibilities and Opportunities Confirmation." Cool Anthropology. March 1.
- 2012 Organized Web Track, Institutional Information Processing System Users Group, North Carolina Community College System. New Bern, NC, October 24.

CAMPUS & DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2012 Using the Internet Safely and Efficiently Update. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Staff Association Professional Development, November 15.
- 2011 Using the Web Inside and Outside the Classroom. Summer Institute, Center for Teaching and Learning, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, June 9.
- 2011 Using the Internet Safely and Efficiently. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Staff Association Professional Development, April 17.
- 2009 Who I Am, Am Not: The Performance of Identity Among a Group of Muslim American Women. University of Southern Mississippi Graduate Research Symposium, March 27.
- 2005 Mortuary Practices and Environmental Possibilism. Grand Valley State University Student Scholarship Day, April 13.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Adjunct Instructor.

Introduction to Anthropology (Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

University of Southern Mississippi, TA Instructor of Record.

Introduction to Anthropology (Fall 2007, Spring 2008)

Guest Lectures

2020 Facts & Unicorns: How a Mythical Creature Came to Dominate SthlmTech. Guest Lecture, Cornell University, April 6.

2015 Alternative Presentation Methods for Academic Presentations. Guest Lecture. Binghamton University, March 3.

2014 Beyond Professional Writing: Using the Internet to Write but with Cats, Gifs and Image Macros. Guest Lecture, Binghamton University, September 18.

Workshops Facilitated

2018 Thinking Through Futures: A Para-Ethnographic Workshop. GoTo 10, Internet Foundation of Sweden (Internetstiftelsen), August 10.

2010 Tools, Techniques and Tips for Managing Research. Louisiana State University's Faculty Technology Center Coffee Talk Series, with Rebecca Miller and Jenna Ryan, April 14.

2009 Using Delicious and The Subject Guide Toolbox. Louisiana State University Libraries Professional Development Training Series, November 20.

2009 Library-licious: Using Delicious to Create Subject Guides, Louisiana State University Information Technology Share Fair, October 21.

2008 HTML, CSS and Basic Web Design for Librarians. Louisiana State University Libraries Professional Development Training Series, December 5.

2008 Using PowerPoint Effectively in the Classroom. Department of Anthropology and Sociology at the University of Southern Mississippi, February 4.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014-2015 Research Assistant. Virtual Advanced Placement Evaluation Project. Graduate School of Education, Binghamton University.

2012 Researcher. Community Study for Re-Branding Initiative. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

2011 Researcher. Website Usability and Accessibility framed by Social Behavior and

Community Values Study. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

2007 Student Researcher. Women's Day Out Oral History Project. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi.

2007 Field Supervisor. Archaeological Excavation at Winterville Mounds. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi.

2006-2007 Graduate Assistant. Archaeological Survey and Preliminary Excavation at Camp Shelby. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi.

2006-2007 Lab Assistant. Lithic Mass and Attribute Analysis from Camp Shelby. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi.

2006 Field Supervisor. Archaeological Survey and Excavation. Department of Anthropology Field School, Grand Valley State University.

2005-2006 Lab Assistant. Department of Anthropology Archaeology Lab, Grand Valley State University.

2004 Student. Archaeological Survey and Excavation. Department of Anthropology Field School, Grand Valley State University.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Web Producer, Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing (CASTAC), General Anthropology Division of the American Anthropological Association. (2015-Present)

Co-Leader, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Apply Club, Applied Anthropology Network, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA).

Article peer reviewer, *Multicultural Perspectives*. (2018)

Book Proposal Reviewer, Springer. (2016)

Associate Web Producer, Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing (CASTAC), General Anthropology Division of the American Anthropological Association. (2013-2014)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

2014-2015 Librarian. Anthropology Graduate Organization, Binghamton University.

2013-2016 Graduate Student Member. Material and Visual Worlds Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence, Binghamton University.

2013-2014 Secretary. Anthropology Graduate Organization, Binghamton University.

2013-2017 Member. Anthropology Graduate Organization, Binghamton University.

2013 Search Committee Member for Graphic Designer. Rowan-Cabarrus Community

College.

2013 Search Committee Member for Web Designer. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

2012-2013 Vice President. College Staff Association, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

2012 Search Committee Member for College Foundation Manager. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

2011 Search Committee Member for Directory of College Relations. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

2011-2013 Member. College Staff Association, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

2011-2013 Member. College Faculty Association, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

2007-2008 Representative for Department of Anthropology and Sociology. Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Southern Mississippi.

2007-2008 President. University of Southern Mississippi Chapter, Lambda Alpha, National Anthropological Honor Society.

2005 Student Representative. Advising Task Force, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Grand Valley State University.

2005 Selection Committee Member for Pew Teaching and Excellence Award, Grand Valley State University.

2005 Selection Committee Member for Pew Teaching and Technology Award, Grand Valley State University.

2004-2005 Student Representative. Advisory Committee to the Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Grand Valley State University.

2004-2005 President. Grand Valley State University Chapter, Lambda Alpha, National Anthropological Honor Society.

2004 Selection Committee Member for Pew Teaching and Excellence Award, Grand Valley State University.

2004 Selection Committee Member for Pew Teaching and Technology Award, Grand Valley State University.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Web Design, Web Development, & Graphic Design

HTML, CSS, Javascript, PHP, MySQL, WordPress Plugin & Theme Development, Illustration, Branding, Accessibility Auditing

Software

Adobe Creative Suite (Dreamweaver, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, & Acrobat), Microsoft Office (Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, & Outlook), Microsoft SharePoint, Google

Drive (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, & Sites)

Language

Swedish. Can read and write with dictionary. Limited conversational.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2019-present Society for the Social Study of Science (4s)

2018-present European Association of Social Anthropologists.

Applied Anthropology Network (2020-Present)

2013-present American Anthropological Association.

Committee on the Anthropology of Science, Technology and Computing (CASTAC),
General Anthropology Division (2013-present)

Digital Anthropology Interest Group (DANG) (2012-present)

Society for Cultural Anthropology (2009-present)

2012-2015 North Carolina Community College Digital Designers and Developers Association
(DiDD), North Carolina Community College System. President 2012-2013.

2011-2015 Institutional Information Processing System Users Group, North Carolina
Community College System. Liaison for Webmasters 2012.

2007-2008 Sigma-Xi, Scientific Research Society, University of Southern Mississippi.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Columnist, Hattiesburg American Newspaper. (2007-2008)

Blogger, How to be an Anthropologist. Personal blog on professional development and
research in applied anthropology. (2011-2016)

COMPLETE WORK HISTORY

2021-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, San
Marcos, TX.

2015-2021 Freelance Web & Graphic Designer and Web Developer. Self-Employed.

2014-2015 Research Assistant. Virtual Advanced Placement Evaluation Project, Graduate
School of Education, Binghamton University, Vestal, NY.

2011-2014 Web Designer. Information Technology Services, Rowan-Cabarrus Community
College, Salisbury, NC.

2011-2013 Anthropology Instructor, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Salisbury, NC.

2008-2011 Library Associate II. Reference and Electronic Services, Louisiana State University Libraries, Baton Rouge, LA.

2007-2008 Anthropology Instructor. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS.

2007 Archaeological Field School Supervisor. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS.

2006-2007 Archaeological Field Supervisor and Laboratory Technician, Graduate Assistantship. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS.

2006 Archaeological Field School Supervisor. Department of Anthropology, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.

2006 Substitute Teacher. Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, Holland, MI.

2005-2006 Archaeological Laboratory Assistant. Department of Anthropology, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.

2005-2006 Private Music Instructor. Meyer Music, Holland, MI.

2005 Assembler. Employee Capital, Bradford Manufacturing, Holland, MI.

2005 Nanny. Private Residence, Grand Rapids, MI.

2004-2005 Sales Associate and Bridal Consultant. Bed Bath and Beyond, Holland, MI.

2003-2004 Ready-To-Wear Specialist. Younker's Department Store, Grandville, MI.

2002-2003 Server. Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and Restaurant, Walker, MI.

2001-2006 Private Music Instructor. Self Employed, Holland, MI.

2001-2004 Summer Orchestra Instructor. Holland Public Schools, Holland, MI.

2001-2002 Office Assistant. Orchestra Department, Holland Public Schools, Holland, MI.

1999-2003 Supervisor/Sales Associate. Kohl's Department Store, Holland, MI.

1998-1999 Cook. Papa Romano's Italian Eatery, Holland, MI.

1998 Gymnastics Instructor. Department of Recreation, City of Holland, Holland, MI.