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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**2015-present** ***Associate Professor***

Department of Anthropology

Southern Methodist University

Dallas, TX

**2015-17** ***Director of Graduate Studies***

Department of Anthropology

Southern Methodist University

**2008-15*****Assistant Professor***

Department of Anthropology

Southern Methodist University

Dallas, TX

**POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING**

**2005-07** **NIMH Postdoctoral Fellow**

Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

**EDUCATION**

**2005**  **Ph.D. Anthropology**

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

**2002** **M.A. Anthropology**

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

**1996** **B.A. Anthropology**

Emory University

Atlanta, GA

**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

**2018** Maguire Center for Ethics in Public Policy Faculty Course Development Incentive Grant ($10,000)

**2015-16** Hamilton Scholars Program, SMU ($3,000; 2011-12, $3,000)

**2010-11** Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Research Grant for Tenure-Track

Assistant Professors in Texas at University of Texas, Austin ($15,000)

**2010-11** Embrey Human Rights Education Program, SMU Faculty Course

Development Grant for “Gender Violence: Anthropological Perspectives” ($5,000)

**2009** University Research Council Award, SMU ($7,995)

**2008** Sam Taylor Fellowship ($1,500)

**2006-07** Institute for Research on Women Seminar “Health and Bodies” ($3,000)

**2004-05** University and Louis Bevier Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University

Graduate School ($14,000)

**2003-04** Graduate Fellowship, Rutgers University Graduate School ($10,000)

**2002-03** Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Abroad Grant, US Department of

Education ($31,368)

**2002-03** Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Dissertation

Grant ($19,400)

**2002-03** Fulbright IIE Dissertation Grant, US Department of State ($19,000,

Declined: could not accept concomitant to Fulbright-Hays)

**2001** Dean’s Special Opportunity Fund Grant, Rutgers University ($2,000)

**1992-96** Emory College Scholarship (1992-96)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

**2014** Godbey Book Award, SMU (2014)

**2013** Top 10 Haute Young Authors, SMU Central Libraries Tables of Content

**2005** Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Young Researchers’ Conference (2005)

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

**SCHOLARLY MONOGRAPH**

**2013** Parson, Nia. *Traumatic States: Gendered Violence, Suffering and Care in Chile*.

Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

**2014 Parson, Nia** and Carina Heckert.

The Golden Cage: The Production of Insecurity at the Nexus of Intimate Partner Violence and Unauthorized Migration in the US. *Human Organization*. 73:4.

**2014 Parson, Nia**; Camilla Carruthers; Rebecca Escobar; Mariam Merced; and Anna

Trautwein. “Health at the Intersections of Precarious Documentation

Status and Gender Based Partner Violence” *Violence Against Women: International and Interdisciplinary Journal*. Published on-line first on August 21, 2014.

**2010 Parson, Nia**. "Transformative Ties: Gendered Violence, Forms of Recovery, and Shifting Subjectivities in Chile" *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 24(1).

**2010 Parson, Nia**. “‘I am not [just] a rabbit who has a bunch of children!’: Agency in the Midst of Suffering at the Intersections of Global Inequalities, Gendered Violence, and Migration” *Violence Against Women: International and Interdisciplinary Journal* 16(8): 858-901.

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

**2016 Parson, Nia**. Constructing the Aftermath: Competing Narratives of ‘Recovery’after the 2010 Earthquake/Tsunami in Chile. In Gregory V. Button and Mark Schuller, eds. *Disasters without Borders: Globalization, Media and Knowledge in the Construction of Catastrophe*

**2015 Parson, Nia**. “In the Good Times and the Bad”: Gendered Notions,

Economic Inequality, Intimate Partner Violence and Lessons from Chile to Move Beyond Judicial Reform. In Leigh Goodmark and Rashmi Goel, eds. *Comparative Perspectives on Domestic Violence: Lessons from Efforts Worldwide*. Oxford University Press.

**2013 Parson, Nia**. Gendered Citizenship in the Post-Dictatorship State: Domestic Violence Policy and Women’s Subjectivities. In Caroline B. Brettell and Carolyn F. Sargent, eds. *Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective*. 6th Edition. Boston: Pearson.

**OTHER PRINT AND ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS**

**Parson, Nia.** 2009. Book Review *Everyday Harm: Domestic Violence, Court Rites, and*

*Cultures of Reconciliation* by Mindie Lazarus-Black. *Violence against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal*. 15(10)

**Parson, Nia**. 2013. “2012 Dissertation Award Winner” *Anthropology News*.

Association for Feminist Anthropology Column. American Anthropological Association.

**Parson, Nia**. 2012. “Research on Violence and Health” *Anthropology News*. Ethical

Currents. American Anthropological Association.

**Parson, Nia**. 2012. “First AFA Dissertation Award” *Anthropology News*.

Association for Feminist Anthropology Column. American Anthropological Association. 53(1).

**Parson, Nia**. 2007. “The Gendered Politics of Security.” *Anthropology News*.

Association for Political and Legal Anthropology Column. American Anthropological Association. 48(1): 46-47.

**Parson, Nia**. 2010. Blog Post, The International Violence against Women Act of

2010 and Undocumented Immigrants in the United States. AccessDenied: A Conversation on Un/authorized Im/migration and Health. <http://accessdeniedblog.wordpress.com/2010/04/14/the-international-violence-against-women-act-of-2010-i-vawa-and-undocumented-immigrants-in-the-united-states/>.

#### RESEARCH AND FIELD WORK

**2018-present Exploratory Research on Mind/Body and Integrative Health Practices**

**Dallas, TX**

**2015-17** **Interventions for Early Psychosis**

**Dallas, TX**

Research partner on Dr. Neely Myers’ NIH/Hogg Foundation for Mental Health funded project to research social contexts of interventions in early psychosis for Latino/as.

**2010-13** **Migration, Mental Health and Domestic Violence**

**Dallas, TX**

Funded by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health (2010-11)

**2012 Aftermath of the 2011 Chilean Earthquake**

**Santiago, Chile**

**2011 Domestic Violence and Health**

**Santiago, Chile (July-August 2011)**

**2009 Domestic Violence and Health**

**Santiago, Chile (May-June 2009)**

**2007-08 Center for Mental Health and Criminal Justice Research**

**Rutgers University**

Qualitative Data Analysis

**2006-08 Collaborative Research on Immigration and Domestic Violence**

**New Jersey**

**2006 Santiago, Chile: Ethnographic Fieldwork**

**2002-04 Santiago, Chile: Ethnographic Fieldwork**

**2002 Rutgers University: Research Interviews:**

Department of Sexual Assault Services and Crime Victim Assistance

**2001 Santiago, Chile: Ethnographic Fieldwork**

**2000 Santiago, Chile: Ethnographic Fieldwork**

**1995 Zimbabwe Study Abroad Program (Summer 1995)**

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES**

**2017 Invited Panel Chair, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting** “Violence, Temporality, and Layers of Harm: Broadening the Lens on Domestic Violence” Washington, DC (A colleague read my paper at the conference in my absence.)

**2015 Invited Panel Discussant Society for Psychological Anthropology Conference** “Affecting Migration” Boston, MA

**2015** **Invited Scholar,** **University of Chicago** **Self and Subjectivity Workshop**

Department of Comparative Human Development “Traumatic Subjects: Suffering and Resilience in Santiago, Chile” University of

Chicago, Department of Human Development, Self and Subjectivity Workshop: Vulnerability and Responsibility, Chicago, IL (December 2014)

**2014** NSF/NIJ Invited Participant “How Can Intimate Partner Violence Be Prevented?” (With Leigh Goodmark, University of Maryland School of Law) Arlington, VA

I was among nationally and internationally recognized researchers from diverse disciplines to be invited to critically discuss IPV prevention from interdisciplinary perspectives.

**2014** “The Golden Cage: The Production of Insecurity at the Nexus of Intimate Partner

Violence and Unauthorized Migration in the US” presented by invitation of the Department of Anthropology, Department of Sociology, Women’s and Gender Studies Department, Department of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Center for Research on Violence Against Women, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

**2012** “Women’s Health at the Intersections of Gender Based Violence and Migration,”for theTexas Civil Rights Project, Austin, TX.

**2012** “Women’s Health at the Intersections of Gender Based Violence and Migration,”Department of Anthropology, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX

**PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS/PRESENTATIONS**

**2017** Mind and Life Summer Research Institute “Interconnection, Inclusivity and Transdisciplinary Collaboration in Contemplative Research” Mind and Life Institute. Garrison, NY June 5-11

**2016** International Symposium for Contemplative Studies, Mind and Life Institute, San Diego, CA

**2015** Sex/Gender Research at the Intersection of Culture, Brain & Behavior Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

**2014** Roundtable Participant, Teaching About Violence, American Anthropological

Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (December 4, 2014)

**2013** “Disorder in Social Worlds: Using Symptoms as Pathways to Addressing

Etiologies of Emotional Distress,” Paper delivered at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

**2013** “The Work of Ethnography in Provision of Care” Society for Medical Anthropology and EASA conference (Tarragona, Spain)

**2012** “Incorporating Undergraduates into Social Science Research,” Presentation for the Teaching Excellence Symposium, SMU Center for Teaching Excellence (August 2012)

**2012** “Gender Based Violence and Strategies for Survival” for the panel “Across Borders Migration and Refugee Health: Crossing Borders” (sponsored by the Society for Medical Anthropology) American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) (Paper accepted but unable to attend)

**2012** “Intimate Violence and the Logic of Care in Chile” paper presented for the panel

“Rethinking the Boundaries of Care, Intimacy, and Health, Part I” Society for Medical Anthropology and Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting (Baltimore, MD)

**2011** “Translating Affect: Symptomatology and Subjectivity at the Intersections of

Gender Based Violence and Global Migration,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada)

**2011** “Constructing the Aftermath: Competing Narratives of Recovery from the Earthquake/Tsunami in Chile” Paper Presented for the Session “Thinking

Globally, (re)acting Locally: Toward New Approaches to Disasters”at the

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference (Seattle, WA)

**2010** “Rebranding the Chilean State: Comparing the State’s Valuing of Lives Following the 2010 Earthquake and the Mine Entrapment” in a panel “Conversations across the Americas: Political Economy of Disasters” at the American Anthropological Association Conference (November 2010, New Orleans, LA)

**2010** Co-Organizer of “The Impacts of Global Circulations on Gendered Violence,” Executive Session for the 2010 American Anthropological Association Conference (November 2010, New Orleans, LA)

**2009** “Intimacy Gone Awry: Gender Violence Matters in Health Care for

Undocumented Immigrants” for the panel, "Do 'Illegal' Migrants Have a Right to Health? Toward a Critical Medical Anthropology of Unauthorized Migration and Health" American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA

**2009** “The Structures of Feeling: Gender Violence, Trauma, and Subjectivity in

Chile” paper presented for the panel “Health, Medicine, and the Body in Latin America” Society for Medical Anthropology Conference, Yale University

**2009** Chair, Panel: “Feminism, Security, Sexuality, and the Body”; Paper delivered:

“Security in the Home and in the Country: Gendered Violence and Claims for Citizenship” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**2008** Organizer, Panel: “Intimate Violence, Global Migration, Suffering and

Survival”; Paper delivered: “‘They take into account only the physical, not the interior’: Migration, Intimate Violence and Erasures of Suffering” AAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

**2007** “Globalizing Psychiatry and the Entrenchment of Structural Violence in

Chile,” Paper for “Assessing Violence and Traumatic Stress: Intradisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Cultural Difference and Inequality,” Invited Session, AAA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

**2007** Riding the Currents: Families, Mental Health, and Economic Change, NIMH Family Research Consortium IV Summer Institute

**2007** “The Intimate, Local and Global Processes of Violence against Women and their Emotional Effects” Paper for the Institute for Research on Women Seminar “Health and Bodies” Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

**2006** Seminar Presentation for Project L/EARN (NIMH funded program for

minority undergraduate students in health research): “Qualitative Research Methods” and “Ethnographic Research Methods,” Rutgers University, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research

**2006** “Women’s Health at the Intersections: Domestic Violence and Immigration in Chile.” Paper for “Critical Women: Negotiating Reproduction, Body Image and Health Care in a Gender Stratified World” AAA, San Jose, CA

**2006** “Trauma, the State and Recoveries from Domestic Violence in Santiago, Chile: Women’s Agency is Central.” Paper for “Living with Trauma: Applied Anthropological Approaches” Society for Applied Anthropology/Society for Medical Anthropology Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada

**2006** “Domestic Violence and Women’s Health in Santiago, Chile in the Neoliberal Post-dictatorship Era.” Paper for “Health, Sexuality and Politics in Latin America: Body, Gender and Inequalities in Interdisciplinary Perspective II” Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico

**2005** “Destabilizing Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: The State and the Gendered Suffering of Domestic Violence Survivors in Santiago, Chile.” Paper for “Domestic Violence, Sex and the State” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

**TEACHING**

**2008-present SMU Courses**

ANTH 1321 First Year Seminar: Violence and Social Suffering

ANTH/SOCI/CFB 3301: Health, Healing and Ethics

ANTH 2301: Introductory Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 3310: Gender and Sex Roles

ANTH/WGST 3328: Gender Violence: Anthropological Perspectives

ANTH 3354: Anthropology of Latin America

ANTH 4307: Global Health

ANTH 7341: Anthropological Writing

ANTH 5336: Health in Cross-Cultural Perspective

ANTH 6307: Global Health

ANTH 6316: Anthropology of Gender: Intersectional Perspectives

ANTH 6317: Violence and Social Suffering

ANTH 6317: Psychological Anthropology

ANTH 6343: Biomedicine, Culture and Power

ANTH 7341: Current Literature: Anthropological Writing

ANTH 7351: Research Strategies

**2007-08****Visiting Lecturer, New York University**

*Department of Anthropology*

New York, NY

ANTH-UA 112: Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality

ANTH-UA 35: Medical Anthropology

**2007-08Precept, Princeton University**

*Department of Anthropology*

Princeton, NJ

Medical Anthropology with Joao Biehl

**2008****Visiting Lecturer, Rutgers University**

*Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy*

*Graduate Program*

New Brunswick, NJ

34:833:628: Advanced Qualitative Research Methods

**2000-02 Instructor, Rutgers University**

*Department of Anthropology*

New Brunswick, NJ

ANTH 01:070:101: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

*Writing Program*

*Department of English*

New Brunswick, NJ

WP 355: 101 Expository Writing

WP 355: 201: Research in the Disciplines

**ACADEMIC SERVICE-EXTRAMURAL**

**2013 SMA/EASA 2013 International Conference, Stream Leader**

**2010-13 Editorial Board Member, *Violence against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal***

**2010-12 Board Member (elected position), Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)**

**2010-12 Chair, AFA Dissertation Award Committee**

**2012-14 Member, Del Jones Award Committee**

Society for Applied Anthropology

**Reviewer NSF**

**Reviewer *Gendered Perspectives on International Development***

**Reviewer *Violence against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal***

**Reviewer *Women’s Studies Quarterly* journal**

**Reviewer *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health***

**2013 IRB member, Salesmanship Club, Dallas, TX**

**2011-13 Member, Latinos Against Domestic Violence, Dallas, TX**

**ACADEMIC SERVICE-INTRAMURAL**

**2018- Co-Director, Health and Society Major Program, SMU**

**2015-17** **Director of Graduate Studies**

SMU Anthropology Department

**2015-2018 Institutional Review Board, SMU**

**2010-11**

**2016-present Women’s and Gender Studies Program Council**

**2008-09**

**2016-present Committee on Academic Petitions, Member**

**2017 Engaged Learning Advisor**

Jessica Pires-Jancose (2017-18)

Miguel Gutierrez (2015-16)

Sorsha Huff (2015-16)

Kimberly Mendoza (2012-13)

**2016-17** **Organizer, DCII Research Cluster “Life Challenges and Human**

**Resilience”**

(with Co-organizers Lorelei Rowe, Psychology and Maria del Pilar Melgarejo, Foreign Languages)

**2017 Organizer, DCII Public Interdisciplinary Panel at SMU**

**“Meditation, Mindfulness and Resilience”**

(with Co-organizers Lorelei Rowe, Psychology and Maria del Pilar Melgarejo) April 25, Theater, Hughes-Trigg Student Center, SMU

approximately 100 attendees from SMU and beyond, including the Director of the Crow Museum of Asian Art and a broadly interdisciplinary audience.

**2013-14 DCII Biopsychosocial Research Cluster**, **Participant**

Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute

**2014-15 University Curriculum Council, Member**

Health and Society Major, SMU Department of Anthropology (2012-present): As a core faculty member, my contributions thus far have included revision, submission and presentation of the Health and Society Major Proposal (authored by Dr. Carolyn Smith-Morris, et al) to the SMU Undergraduate Council during Fall 2013. I have maintained on-going involvement in launching the new major, including vetting of the inaugural cohort during summer 2014 and teaching core courses for the major during fall 2014 and spring 2015. I continue to meet periodically with the Director, Dr. Carolyn Smith-Morris, on various points throughout the creation and implementation of the major.)

**2014 Anthropology Graduate Teaching Seminar Session** “Teaching Through

Writing”

**2013 Foster Lecture Series Organizer**

Invited Lecturer: Dr. Peter Guarnaccia

**2012-13** **Curriculum Committee, Department of Anthropology**

**2012 Invited Panel Presentation, Teaching Excellence Symposium**

SMU Center for Teaching Excellence. Paper delivered: “Incorporating Undergraduates into Social Science Research"

**2015-16 Hamilton Scholar Advisor**

**2011-12** Angela Wang (2017-18)

Miguel Gutierrez (2015-16)

Jessica Barner (2012)

**2016-17 Fulbright Fellowship Program, SMU Campus Committee Member**

**2012**

**2010**

**2008**

**2010-12 University Research Assistant Mentor**

Dallas-based ethnographic project, “Translating Affect”

Abril Murrillo

Diana Gonzalez

Rachel Brown

Sarah Wiita

**2012 Scott-Hawkins Distinguished Lecture, Coordinator**

Invited Lecturer: Dr. Claire Renzetti

**2012 Invited Panelist, Annual Women’s Symposium Panel**

“Transformative Ties: Gendered Violence and Women as Agents of Change in Chile” SMU Women’s Center

**2011** **Maguire Center for Ethics in Public Policy Lecture Co-Organizer (**with Sarah Willen) Invited Lecturer: Dr. Sheila Rothman

**2011 Foster Lecture Series Co-Organizer (with Sarah Willen)**

Invited Lecturer: Dr. Jennifer Hirsch

**2011 Scott-Hawkins Distinguished Lecture Co-coordinator**

(with Dennis Cordell)

Invited Lecturer: Dr. Meredeth Turshen

**2011** **Organizer, Annual Anthropology Pig Roast Lecture**

Invited Lecturer: Dr. Srimati Basu

**2011 SMU Center for Teaching Excellence,**

Participant in Peer Mentoring Program

**2010-11 Anthropology Club Advisor, SMU**

**2010-12 Big iDeas Advisor, Health Literacy Dallas**

Matthew Gayer

**2011 Distinction in Anthropology, Committee Member: Catherine Myers**

**2011 Coordinator, Public lecture**: “Intimate Partner Abuse in Vietnam”

Invited Lecturer: Dr. Lynn Kwiatkowski

**2008-09** Distinction in Anthropology, Committee Member: Amanda Stone

Distinction in Anthropology, Advisor, Mary Byrd

**2008-11 Steed Award Committee, Department of Anthropology**

**2010 Dissertation Award Committee, Department of Anthropology**

**2010 Pre-Health Medical School Interview Committee**

SMU Pre-Health Program

**2008-09 Domestic Violence Awareness Coalition, Member, Dallas, TX**

**2009-13 Latinas/os Against Domestic Violence, Dallas**

**2008-09** **Medical Anthropology Faculty Search Committee, Member**

**DOCTORAL COMMITTEES-CHAIR**

Kerri Brown (ABD) Fulbright-Hays Fellowship, US Department of State, to complete

dissertation research on race, gender and medicine in Brazil 2016-present)

Megan Brown (Interim Advisor 2016-17)

Megan Latoya Bartrum

Katherine Fox (ABD)

Megan Hinrichsen, PhD 2015 (Tenure-track Assistant Professor of Anthropology,

Monmouth College, 2016-present; Fulbright IIE Fellow 2012-13 for research on gender, health and microfinance in Ecuador.)

Carina Heckert, PhD May 2015 (Tenure-track Assistant Professor of Anthropology,

University of Texas-El Paso, 2015-present;Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Dissertation Fellowship 2013-14 for research on gender and HIV/AIDS in Bolivia.)

Jessica Lott (PhD 2018)

Saira Mehmood, ABD

**DOCTORAL COMMITTEES-MEMBER**

Shay Cannedy (PhD 2016)

Kristen Corey (PhD 2008)

Lisa Haayen (PhD 2014)

Laura Jarvis (ABD)

Afshan Kamrudin (ABD)

Kacy Mullen (Psychology Department, SMU, PhD 2012)

Ashvina Patel (ABD)

Carrie Perkins (ABD)

Matthew Turner (PhD 2012)

Michaela Wallerstedt (ABD)

Sydney Yeager (ABD)

**MA MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY COMMITTEE-MEMBER**

Nazia Hussain, MA 2015

### ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association

Society for Applied Anthropology

Society for Medical Anthropology

Association for Feminist Anthropology