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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION:

- 2016 Stanford University
 Ph.D. in Anthropology
2006 University of California, Los Angeles
 B.A. *Summa Cum laude* in Anthropology, minor in African Studies, with College and
 Departmental Honors

APPOINTMENTS:

- 2017– Postdoctoral Researcher at the Rank of Instructor
 Stevanovich Institute on the Formation of Knowledge, University of Chicago

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

- 2016 Scientific Capacity Building and the Ontologies of Herbal Medicine in Ghana. *Canadian Journal of African Studies / Revue canadienne des études africaines*, 50(3): 437–454.
2016 Networking Health: The Multi-Level Marketing of Health Products in Ghana. *Anthropology & Medicine*, 23(1): 1–13.
2014 Ironies of Laboratory Work during Ghana's Second Age of Optimism. *Cultural Anthropology*, 29(2): 363–384.
2010 The Business of 'Getting Up': Street Art and Marketing in Los Angeles. *Visual Anthropology*, 23: 98–114.

Book Chapters:

- 2016 "Demonic Voices: One Man's Experience of God and Witches," in Luhrmann, T.M. and Marrow, J. (eds.) *Our Most Troubling Madness: Case Studies of Schizophrenia in Other Cultures and Our Own*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Book Reviews:

- 2017 Review of *Traces of the Future: An Archaeology of Medical Science in Africa*, by Paul Wenzel Geissler, Guillaume Lachenal, John Manton, and Noémi Tousignant (eds.). *Somatosphere.net*, June 21.
2016 Review of *The Experiment Must Continue: Medical Research and Ethics in East Africa, 1940–2014*, by Melissa Graboyes. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 30(3).

In Preparation:

- Postcolonial Techno-Optimism: Enduring Attachments to Technoscience in Ghana's Herbal Medicine Clinics.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS:

- 2016 Stanford Department of Anthropology Commencement Award for Academic Performance
 2014-15 Stanford Humanities Center Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellowship
 2013 Diana Forsythe Dissertation Award for Social Studies of Science, Technology, and Health
 2011 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (co-sponsored by Cultural Anthropology and STS)
 2010 Stanford Center for African Studies Graduate Summer Research Fellowship
 2009-14 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

INVITED TALKS:

- 2016 The Anthropology of Race, Racism, and Migration in the United States. California State University, East Bay, Museum of Anthropology. May 5.
 2014 Weedy Science: Cultures of Herbal Medicine Research in Ghana. University of California, San Francisco, Department of Anthropology, History, and Social Medicine. April 23.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:**Conference Presentations:**

- 2017 Alternative Medicine Diagnostic Equipment and the Promises of Technoscience in Ghana's Herbal Medicine Clinics, American Ethnological Society Meeting, March 30–April 1.
 2016 Medicinal Plants and the Identity Politics of Science in Postcolonial Ghana, African Studies Association Meeting, December 1–3.
 2016 Defining the Medical Herbalist in Ghana: The Personal and Professional Stakes of Boundary Work, American Anthropological Association Meeting, November 16–20.
 2015 Electronic Pulse Massage and the Promise of High-Cost Technological Medicine in Ghana, American Anthropological Association Meeting, November 18-22.
 2015 Weedy Science: Ghanaian Herbal Medicine Clinics and a Shared Culture of Optimism, Society for Social Studies of Science Meeting, November 11-15.
 2015 Non-Linear Spectral Analysis: The Genealogy of an Unorthodox Technology, Faking It: Counterfeits, Copies, and Uncertain Truths in Science, Technology, and Medicine, University of California, Berkeley, April 10-11.

- 2014 Buying Science: The Technological Sublime in Ghanaian Herbal Medicine, American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 3-7.
- 2014 Reluctant Avatars of Science: Medical Herbalism in a Ghanaian University, African Studies Association, Indianapolis, November 20-23.
- 2014 Introducing Absence: Modernity and Its Lack in a Ghanaian Laboratory, Making Scientific Capacity in Africa, Cambridge University, June 13-14.
- 2014 Introducing Absence: Modernity and Its Lack in a Ghanaian Laboratory, Matters Out of Place: Landscapes of Absence and Dislocation, University of California, Santa Cruz, April 12.
- 2014 Buying Science: The Technological Sublime in Ghanaian Herbal Medicine, Fields of Inquiry, University of California, Berkeley, March 7-8.
- 2013 "This is Not a Modern Lab:" Introducing Absence in a Ghanaian Laboratory. American Anthropological Association, Chicago. November 20–24.
- 2013 Postcolonial Molecules: The Ontological Politics of Herbal Medicine in Ghana. Society for the Social Study of Science, San Diego. October 9–12.
- 2013 After African Science: Irony in a Ghanaian Laboratory, Is there a New Development? University of California, Berkeley. April 5–6.
- 2012 "Miracle Tree:" The Transnational Career of *Moringa oleifera*. Mobile Africa, Stanford University. October 27.
- 2012 Networking Health in the Global South: Multi-Level Marketing of Health Products in Ghana. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco. November 14–18.
- 2012 "In Interest of Humanity:" Functionalism and the Regulation of Traditional Medicine in the Gold Coast. African Studies Association, Philadelphia. November 29–December 1.
- 2010 Synergy and the Science of African Herbal Medicine. Uncertainty: Ambiguity and Doubt in Knowledge Production, Stanford University. April 23–24.
- 2006 The Business of "Getting Up:" Street Art and Advertising in Los Angeles. UCLA Anthropology Departmental Honors Conference.

Conference Panels Organized:

- 2017 Ethnographies of Techno-Optimism: Affective Attachments to the Promises of Technoscience. American Ethnological Society. Stanford, CA. March 30–April 1.
- 2014 Magical Machines: Mysticism and Modern Technology. American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC. December 3–7.
- 2014 Science as a Vocation in Africa. African Studies Association, Indianapolis. November 20–23.

Events Organized:

- 2013 Governing Technology: Material Politics and Hybrid Agencies, Stanford University. Conference Organizing Committee. May 9–10.
- 2012-13 Science and Technology in the Postcolonial World. Geballe Research Workshop, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University. Coordinator.
- 2010 Uncertainty: Ambiguity and Doubt in Knowledge Production, Stanford University. April 23–24. Conference Organizing Committee.

TEACHING:

Stanford University

Method and Evidence

Pre-Field Research Seminar

Theories of Science, Technology, and Culture

Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology (summer session)

Science, Technology, and Medicine in Africa

Prison University Project

Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology (co-taught)

California State University, East Bay

Medical Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE:

Manuscript Review:

Anthropology & Medicine

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Science as Culture

Professional Associations:

American Anthropological Association

Society for the Social Study of Science

African Studies Association

Ghana Studies Association