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**Education**

2012-pres. MA, MPhil, PhD, Department of Anthropology, New York University (NYU)

2015 Certificate in Culture and Media, NYU

2012 MDiv, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University

2008 BA, University of Chicago

**Scholarships and Grants**

**External**

2018-2019 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship

2018 Dissertation Fellowship, Global Religion Research Initiative, Notre Dame [declined]

2016-2017 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council

2016-2017 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation

2014 Lemelson/Society for Psychological Anthropology Pre-Dissertation Award

2013-2014 Research Experience Grant, National Science Foundation

2009 Fund for Theological Education Fellowship

**Internal**

2018 Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, NYU [able to accept in part only]

2018 Provost’s Graduate Research Institute Fellowship, NYU (Paris and London)

2016-2017 Elaine Brody Fellowship for the Humanities, NYU

2012-2018 MacCracken Fellowship, NYU

2009-2012 Presidential Fellowship, Harvard University

**other Honors**

2012 Hopkins Shareholder Award, Harvard University

2008 Mansfield-Wefald Senior Thesis Prize, Telluride Association

2008 Ignacio Martín-Baró Human Rights Essay Prize, University of Chicago

2008 Honors: General and Concentration, University of Chicago

2007 Phi Beta Kappa (junior year), University of Chicago

2003 Governor’s Award for Civic Engagement, State of Montana

**Writing**

**Edited Collections**

2018 *The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology* 36 (1). Special issueon cognitive disability. Co-edited with Patrick McKearney; contributions from Anne Zogas, Annelieke Driessen, Faye Ginsburg, Rayna Rapp, Michele Friedner, and James Faubion.

**Journal Articles**

in review “Appearances of Disability and Christianity in Uganda” (Submitted to *Cultural Anthropology*)

2018 “The Possibilities of Failure: Personhood and Cognitive Disability in Urban Uganda,” *The* *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology* 36(1): 61-79.

2018 “For an Anthropology of Cognitive Disability,” *The* *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology* (co-written with Patrick McKearney) 36(1): 1-22.

**Reviews**

2018 Knut Christian Myhre, ed. *Cutting and Connecting: “Afrinesian” Perspectives on Networks, Relationality, and Exchange* (Berghahn, 2016) in *Social Anthropology* (Forthcoming)

2017 Shanti Parikh, *Regulating Romance: Youth Love Letters, Moral Anxiety, and Intervention in Uganda's Time of AIDS* (Vanderbilt, 2016) in *Anthropological Quarterly* 90(2): 565-569.

2016 Susan Reynolds Whyte, ed., *Second Chances*: *Surviving AIDS in Uganda* (Duke, 2014) in *Social Anthropology* 24(3): 412-413.

2013 The 36th Annual Margaret Mead Film Festival. *Visual Anthropology Review* 29(1): 72-75.

**Policy Reports**

2010 “Best and Promising Practices in Accessible and Affordable Housing.” *The State of Housing in America in the 21st Century: A Disability Perspective.* Washington, DC: National Council on Disability. (With Mary Lou Breslin)

2009 *The Current State of Health Care for People with Disabilities*. Washington, DC: National Council on Disability. (Contributor)

**Other Writing**

2018 “All Too Superhuman,” *In Media Res* (contribution to special series on “Advertising and Social Justice”). <http://mediacommons.futureofthebook.org/imr/2018/03/10/all-too-superhuman>

2017 “Creating an Accessible Online Presentation,” SCA Meetings, *Cultural Anthropology* website (November). <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1335-creating-an-accessible-online-presentation>

**Film**

2016 *The Ladies*. (13 min. color HD)

To be distributed by Documentary Educational Resources. Screenings include:

Margaret Mead Film Festival, 2015; Flathead Lake International Cinemafest, Polson, Montana, 2016; Queens World Film Festival, Queens, NY, 2016; Ethnografilm, Paris, 2016; Minneapolis/St. Paul Film Festival, 2016; Chicago Underground Film Festival, 2016; New York Picture Start Film Festival, 2016; Society for Visual Anthropology Festival, 2017; Florida State University, 2017

**Research Interests**

Disability, Religion, Kinship, Personhood, Medical Anthropology, Visual Anthropology; Uganda, East/Central Africa

**Languages**

Luganda: advanced speaking/reading/writing

French: advanced reading/writing, intermediate speaking

Spanish: advanced reading, dormant speaking

Attic and Koine Greek: reading

**Invited Lecture and Workshops**

2018 “Appearances of Christianity and Disability in Uganda,” Lecture invited by Africana Studies and Disability Studies and Human Development, Stonybrook University

2018 “The Work of Humanity,” Invited presentation, joint meeting of African Studies and Disability Studies workshops, University of Chicago.

2018 “Being in Touch,” University seminar, Disability, Culture, and Society, Columbia University

2017 “What is Disability Studies? Interdisciplinary Perspectives and the View from Uganda,” Kyambogo University, Faculty of Special Needs and Rehabilitation

**Conference Panels**

2018 “TOUCH” double session. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, co-organizer with Zoë Wool

2017 “Beyond the Therapeutic Gaze.” African Studies Association annual meeting, co-organizer with China Scherz, Chicago

2017 “Disability from the South?” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, co-organizer with Michele Friedner, Washington, DC

**Conference Presentations**

2018 “The Work of Humanity,” for TOUCH double-session, American Anthropological Association meeting, San Jose

2018 Roundtable presenter, “Exploratory Session: Sound as Religion,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Denver

2018 “Appearances of Disability and Christianity in Uganda,” Disability and the Social World conference, Columbia University, New York City

2017 Roundtable presenter, “Disability from the South?”, American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC

2017 “The Possibilities of Failure: Portraits of Intellectual Disability in Urban Uganda.” African Studies Association annual meeting, Chicago

2017 “Ad Hoc Autism: A Diagnosis but not a Condition in Uganda,” The Globalisation of Autism conference, Queen Mary, University of London

**Teaching**

Adjunct Instructor: Human Society and Culture (Fall 2013, Fall 2015)

Anthropology, NYU

Indigenous Australia (Fall 2014)

Anthropology, NYU

Course Assistant: Medical Anthropology (Spring 2016)

Anthropology, Rayna Rapp, NYU

Religion and Media (Spring 2015)

Anthropology/Religious Studies, Angela Zito, NYU

Religious Bodies (Spring 2014)

Anthropology/Religious Studies, Angela Zito, NYU

Culture and Media II (Spring 2013)

Anthropology, Tejaswini Ganti, NYU

Guest Lectures: Disability, Dependency and the Good Life, graduate seminar (Spring 2018)

Comparative Human Development, Michele Friedner, UChicago

Disability Worlds undergraduate seminar (Fall 2017)

Anthropology/Disability Studies, Faye Ginsburg and Rayna Rapp, NYU

Cultures of Biomedicine graduate seminar (Spring 2015)

Anthropology, Rayna Rapp, NYU

**Manuscript Reviewer**

*Brain Research Bulletin,* *Ethnos, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, South Atlantic Quarterly*

**Service**

2018 Juror, Cultural Horizons Article Prize, Society for Cultural Anthropology

2018 Conference Rapporteur, Wenner-Gren Symposium, “Disability Worlds,” Tucson, AZ

2018 Accessibility Advisor, Society for Cultural Anthropology 2018 Annual Meeting

2017-pres. Chair, Steering Committee Member, Disability Research Interest Group, American Anthropological Association

2017-2018. Member, Search Committee for Dean of the Division of Libraries, NYU

2015 Chair, Student Committee, NYU Anthro. of Religion Faculty Search

2013 Juror, Society for the Anthropology of Religion Graduate Student Essay Prize Competition

**Professional Memberships**

African Studies Association, American Academy of Religion, American Anthropological Association, Society for Disability Studies