Dr. Nelson uses her research in the Caribbean to explore the process of creating a research study, collecting and analyzing data in biological anthropology, and the context in which we complete these projects. Specifically, what happens to the social and physical health of children when the home, as it is articulated culturally in West Indian communities, is not available to them. This research applies theories popularized in evolutionary ecology to a study of sociality and health in Manchester Parish, Jamaica. Child health was assessed using anthropometric analyses and suggests that investment relationships in Jamaica, specifically with relatives, serve as one important factor in the maintenance of good individual health. These relationships are particularly important for young boys in the context of Jamaica’s risky and unstable economic environment. The process of collecting these data, and interrogate the conditions under which anthropologists conduct field research is also presented, with particular reference to the recent findings of Dr. Nelson’s co-authored “Survey of Academic Field Experiences” (2014 Plos One. 9(7): e102172.)