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Curriculum Vitae

Education

BA in Anthropology, Religion

May 2015

Luther College / Decorah, IA

MA in Medical Anthropology

C.G.S. in Health Disparities

SUNY—University at Albany

Current

Research Interests

- Medical Anthropology
- Cultural/Sociological/Institutional barriers to health care
- Harm reduction/violence prevention
- Syringe Services for intravenous drug users
- Vaccination resistance/anxiety
- Equitable distribution of health care resources
- Participatory action research

Papers/Presentations

“Coalitions, Communities, and Culture: Public Health as a Bridge between Practice and Theory in Social Work and Anthropology” Final paper for Cultural Diversity in Social Work Practice at SUNY Albany, Fall 2017

“Effective Models of Healthcare Intervention: Anthropological Approaches Giving “Teeth” to Community-Based Public Health Initiatives,” Capstone Paper & Presentation for BA in Anthropology, Religion at Luther College, Spring 2015

“Cultural Barriers to Health Care Initiatives: Anthropology and Public Health.”
Guest Presentation to the Rotary Club of Decorah, Spring 2015

“Vaccination Resistance and Delivery in Rural Maharashtra and Inner City Pune: A Study of Religious Identity and Public Health Education,” Submitted for final course approval at ACM Pune study abroad program, Fall 2014

Research Experience

Undergraduate Research, Pune, India

Fall 2014

- During final year at Luther College, interest in medical anthropology led to an ethnographic study examining the vaccination experience of Muslim families, with respect to the reported areas of resistance to India’s widespread efforts to eradicate polio through community vaccination campaigns.
- Research conducted in Pune, India during a study-abroad program from the Associated Colleges of the Midwest, supervised by Dr. Hemant Apte, a former Professor of Anthropology, Health & Research Methodology at the University of Pune.

Graduate Research, Albany, NY

Fall 2017

- Program evaluation of In Our Own Voices, Albany NY. Assessing policy, services, funding, and advocacy goals.

Academic Awards

Preus Presidential Scholarship

2011-2015

Luther Grant

2011-2015

Weston Noble Anniversary Scholarship

2011-2015

References

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