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Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

2021 PhD in Anthropology

(expected) University of California, Los Angeles

2013 MA in Communication and Culture

Indiana University, Bloomington

2009 BA in Honors English Literature and Composition and

Individualized Major: Narrative and Ethnographic Technique

Indiana University, Bloomington, (*summa cum laude*, ΦBK)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Journal Articles**

2019 “On Anticipatory Accounts: Adjudicating Moral Being and Becoming in the Los Angeles Mental Health Court.” The *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology.* Special Issue on “Experiencing Anticipation,” Devin Flaherty and Christopher Stephan, eds. 37(1): 93-107

2016 Book Review: "The Right to Look: A Counterhistory of Visuality Mirzoeff, Nicholas. Durham: Duke University Press, 2011.” *American Anthropologist*. 118 (3):408

**Book Chapters**

Forthcoming: Mack, A. and C. J. Throop, “Suffering and Sympathy” In *The Cambridge Handbook of the Anthropology of Ethics*. James Laidlaw (ed).

**Online Publications**

2018 “[Waiting for Recurrence:](https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2018/04/04/waiting-for-recurrence-medical-uncertainty-as-system-as-experience/) Medical Uncertainty as System, As Experience” *Synapsis: A Health Humanities Journal*, Arden Hegele and Rishi Goyal, eds.

2018 “[What’s Culture Got to Do with It?:](https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2018/03/06/whats-culture-got-to-do-with-it-reading-jason-schnittkers-the-diagnostic-system/) Reading Jason Schnittker’s The Diagnositic System.” *Synapsis: A Health Humanities Journal,* Arden Hegele and Rishi Goyal, eds.

2018 “[Screen Play:](https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2018/02/07/screen-play-writing-ethnography-of-mental-healthcare-in-los-angeles/) Writing Ethnography of Mental Healthcare in Los Angeles” *Synapsis: A Health Humanities Journal,* Arden Hegele and Rishi Goyal, eds.

2017 “[Teaching Invisibilia](https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2017/11/28/teaching-invisibilia-culture-and-conceptions-of-mind-mental-illness-and-sanity-in-the-united-states/): Culture and Conceptions of Mind, Mental Illness, and Sanity in the United States.” *Synapsis: A Health Humanities Journal,* Arden Hegele and Rishi Goyal, eds.

2017 “[The Criminal Mind](https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2017/10/05/the-criminal-mind-discourses-of-mental-health-and-crime-part-1/): Discourses of Mental Health and Crime (Parts [I](https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2017/10/05/the-criminal-mind-discourses-of-mental-health-and-crime-part-1/), [II](https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2017/10/30/the-criminal-mind-discourses-of-mental-health-and-crime-part-2/), and [III](https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2018/01/11/the-criminal-mind-discourses-of-mental-health-and-crime-part-3/))” *Synapsis: A Health Humanities Journal*, Arden Hegele and Rishi Goyal, eds.

**AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2020 Dissertation Year Fellowship ($20,000 + Tuition and Fees)

UCLA Graduate Division

2019 Beatrice and John Whiting SPA Travel Grant ($400)

Society for Psychological Anthropology

2018 Seminar Fellowship, ($8,314 +Tuition and Fees)

Collegium of University Teaching Fellows, UCLA

2016 Ursula Mandel Scholarship, ($15,000 + Tuition and Fees)

UCLA Graduate Division

2016 UC Criminal Justice and Health Consortium Grant ($10,000)

Received with co-researchers:

Kristen Ochoa, (Los Angeles Office of Diversion and Re-Entry)

and Peter Davidson, (Department of Sociology, UCSD)

2016 Field Equipment Award ($1500)

UCLA Center for Language, Interaction and Culture

2015 Graduate Research Mentorship ($20,000 + Tuition and Fees)

UCLA Graduate Division

2015 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship ($6,000)

UCLA Graduate Division

2015 Robert Lemelson Fellowship Program, ($4,920, Award Declined) Society for Psychological Anthropology, Robert Lemelson Foundation

2015 Anthropology Research Grant, ($2,700)

Anthropology Department, UCLA

2014 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, ($6,000)

UCLA Graduate Division

2014 Anthropology Research Grant, ($3,000)

Anthropology Department, UCLA

2014 Anthropology Research Grant, ($750)

Anthropology Department, UCLA

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

**Invited Talks and Panels**

2019 “Becoming (In)Competent” co presented with Elinor Ochs. In “Plenary Session: Contributions of Psychological Anthropology to Contemporary Lifecourse Issues,” Society for Psychological Anthropology. Santa Fe, NM.

2019 “Anthropology on the Frontlines: “Mass Incarceration and Mental Illness in Los Angeles.” University of California, Los Angeles Centennial Celebration, Los Angeles California.

2018 **Invited Panel: “**Speaking, Experiencing, Being: A Panel in Honor of Elinor Ochs,” Co-Organized with Devin Flaherty. American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, San Jose, CA. Panel Co-Sponsored by the Society for Psychological Anthropology and the Society for Linguistic Anthropology.

**Conferences and Symposiums Organized**

2018 Organizing Committee Member

“Experiencing (In)Competence: A Symposium in Honor of Elinor Ochs”

UCLA Center for Language, Interaction and Culture

2016 Organizing Committee Member

Racialized State Violence from a Global Perspective,

Department of Anthropology and the Center for the Study of Women

UCLA.

2013 Organizing Committee Member.

Annual Landscape Space and Place Conference,

Departments of Geography and Communication and Culture

Indiana University, Bloomington.

**Roundtables and Panels Organized**

2019 “Critical Hermeneutics: A Roundtable Discussion on the Anthropology of Potentiality.” Co-Organized with Megan Raschig. American Anthropological Association and Canadian Anthropology Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC

2019 “Pondering the Imponderable, Listening to the Unspeakable: Hidden Formations in Ethnographic Encounters.” Co-Organized with Matthew McCoy. American Anthropological Association and Canadian Anthropology Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC

2019 “The Inner State of Others: Psychological Attribution in Institutional Context” Co-organized with Paul Brodwin. Society for Psychological Anthropology, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico.

2017 “Bureaucracy, the Individual, and Conditions of Possibility.” Co-Organized with Yael Assor. Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Conference.

New Orleans, LA.

2016 “Unsettling Temporality: Ethnography and (Moral) Experience of Precarity (Part 1, Part 2) . Co-Organized with Sylvia Tidey. American Anthropological Association National Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

2015 “Contesting and Effecting Futures: Breaches and Convergences.” Co-Organized with Rachel Flamenbaum, Devin Flaherty and Christopher Stephan. Breaking Futures: Indiana University English Department Graduate Student Conference. Bloomington, IN.

**Papers Presented**

2019 “The Methy Feel and Free Will.” American Anthropological Association and Canadian Anthropology Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC.

2019 “Vigilance and Safety Logics: Attributions of Patient Criminality in a Psychiatric Inpatient Unit,” Society for Psychological Anthropology. Santa Fe, NM

2018 **“**What are we doing?: The Narrative Dimensions of Moral Experience.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, San Jose, CA.

2017 “The Methy Feel.” Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Conference. New Orleans, LA.

2017 “On Vigilance and the Vigilant Gaze,” Crisis and the Ordinary Workshop, University of Amsterdam

2017 “Intimate Threat” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington DC

2016 “Habitual Emergency: Psychiatric Care and Moral Experience in Los Angeles.”

American Anthropological Association National Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

2016 “I would like to Speak for Myself:” On Being Competent in the Los Angeles Mental Health Court, American Ethnological Society Annual Conference.

2015 “‘He had a plan:’ The Makings of a 5150 Case in the Los Angeles Mental Health Court” Society for Psychological Anthropology Annual Conference.

2015 “Certainly Imagining Another Way: Re-inventing Moral Sensibility in LA’s Mental Health Court,” Breaking Futures: Imaginative (Re)visions of Time, Indiana University

2015 “The Writ Hearing Information Sheet: The Form and Emergent Performance in the LA Mental Health Court,” American Ethnological Society Annual Conference

2014 “Holding Out Hope: Mental Competency Evaluations and the Possibilities of Care in Court” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington DC.

**Roundtable Presentations**

2020 “Future Imperfect: Language in Times of Crisis and Hope.” Society for Linguistic Anthropology (Cancelled)

2019 “Unhoused Potential.” In “Critical Hermeneutics: A Roundtable Discussion on an Anthropology of Potentiality” co-organized with Megan Raschig. American Anthropological Association and Canadian Anthropology Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC

**Campus Talks**

2018 “Danger on the Horizon” Futures: A UCLA and University of Amsterdam Workshop, UCLA Department of Anthropology.

2017 “No Man’s Land” or “On Negative Space” Fragile Formations: A University of Copenhagen and UCLA Workshop, UCLA Department of Anthropology

2016 “Involuntary Psychiatric Commitment.” The Anthropology of Deviance and Abnormality: Undergraduate Course. Aidan Seale-Feldman, Instructor.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching Fellow, Department of Anthropology, UCLA**

“The Anthropology of ‘Deviance’ and ‘Abnormality,’” Undergraduate Seminar (Summer 2020)

“The Anthropology of ‘Deviance’ and ‘Abnormality,’” Undergraduate Seminar, (Summer 2019)

“Cultures of Mental Health in the United States,”

Collegium of Teaching Fellows, Undergraduate Seminar (Spring 2019)

“Culture and Society: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology” (Summer 2018)

**Teaching Associate, Department of Anthropology, UCLA**

“Introduction to Archaeology,” Undergraduate Discussion Section (Fall 2018)

“Introduction to Medical Anthropology,” Undergraduate Discussion Section (Spring 2015)

“Culture and Society: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology,”

Undergraduate Discussion Section (Winter 2015)

“Introduction to Psychological Anthropology,” Undergraduate Discussion Section (Fall 2014)

**Associate Instructor, Department of Communication and Culture,**

**Indiana University, Bloomington**

“A Cultural Approach to Interpersonal Communication,” Undergraduate Seminar (2012-2013)

“Public Speaking,” Undergraduate Seminar (2011-2012)

**Associate Instructor, Student Academic Center, Groups Scholar Program,**

**Indiana University, Bloomington**

“Critical Reading and Reasoning for the New College Student (Summer 2012)

**RESEARCH AND FIELD EXPERIENCE**

**Primary Investigator:**

“The Ethics of Involuntary Psychiatric Commitment: Danger, Safety, and Freedom in Los Angeles ”

Department of Anthropology, UCLA

2014; No2016-2017

Los Angeles

**Research Assistant:**

Homeless Outreach Strategies Field Research – Quality Improvement

Partnership in Mental Health Program, Semel Institute, UCLA

Department of Mental Health, Los Angeles County

January 2019- Present

Dr. Elizabeth Bromley (PI)

“Understanding Resilience in Residency”

Department of Anthropology, UCLA

March 2018-Present

Drs. Elizabeth Bromley and C. Jason Throop (Co-PIs)

“Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial-Community Based Restoration Outcomes Analysis”

Office of Diversion and Re-Entry, Los Angeles County

March 2016 – January 2019

Drs. Kristen Ochoa and Peter Davidson (Co-PIs)

**PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Service to the Profession**

Present Manuscript Reviewer: *Social Science and Medicine*.

2017-2018 Contributing Essayist, *Synapsis: A Health Humanities Journal*

2014 Managing Editor, Editorial Board Member,

*Crossroads of Language, Interaction, and Culture*

**University Service**

2019-2020 Graduate Student Coordinator, Mind, Medicine, And Culture Work Group (MMAC), Department of Anthropology, UCLA

2015-2016 Graduate Student Faculty Search Committee Member, Linguistic Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, UCLA

2014-2015 President, Anthropology Graduate Student Association,

Department of Anthropology, UCLA

**EMPLOYMENT/ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

2016-Present Research Affiliate, Center for Social Medicine and Humanities, Semel Institute, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

2015-2017 Selected Participant, University of California Criminal Justice and Health Consortium**,** University of California

2015-Present Research Assistant, Professor Elinor Ochs, Department of Anthropology, UCLA

**Professional Memberships**

American Anthropological Association

Society for Psychological Anthropology

Society for Linguistic Anthropology

Society for Medical Anthropology

**LANGUAGES**

English: Native

Spanish: Near-Fluency (conversational, reading, writing)

French: Reading Proficiency

**REFERENCES**

C. Jason Throop, Professor and Chair

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