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CURRICULUM VITAE

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1. EDUCATION

PhD: University of Texas at San Antonio, Anthropology, 2013

MPH: University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, Environmental Health, 2006

BA: University of North Texas, Radio/TV/Film, Emphasis in Photojournalism, 1998

2. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Department of Population and Community Health, UNT Health Ft Worth, Summer 2025-present
- Director, Medical Humanities graduate program, University of Dallas, Spring 2025- Summer 2025
- Director, Latin American Studies concentration, University of Dallas, Fall 2023
- Director, Anthropology and Sociology concentration, University of Dallas, 2022-2025
- Associate Professor, Biology Department, University of Dallas, 2021-2025
- Chair, Department of Human and Social Sciences, University of Dallas 2021-2023
- Associate Professor, Department of Human and Social Sciences, University of Dallas, 2020-2023
- Director, Latin American Studies concentration, University of Dallas, 2019-2021
- Assistant Professor, Department of Human and Social Sciences (previously: Human Sciences in the Contemporary World), University of Dallas, 2014-2020
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Hospital Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, 2013-2014
- Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2013-2014
- Co-director, Ethnographic field school in Guatemala, North Carolina State University, 2010-2012, 2014
- Associate Director, Ethnographic field school in Guatemala, North Carolina State University, 2008-2010
- Assistant Director, Ethnographic field school in Guatemala, North Carolina State University, 2006-2008

3. RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- Contract Researcher, Baylor Scott & White Research Institute, 2025- present
- Contract Researcher, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, 2024- present
- Affiliated Researcher, Community Assistance Research, University of Dallas, 2014- present
- Research Associate, Department of Hospital Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, 2008-2013
- Research Associate, Veterans Evidence Based Research Dissemination and Implementation Center, South Texas Veterans Health Care System, 2008-2013

- Visiting Researcher, Brocher Foundation, 2013
- Clinical Research Coordinator, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin, 2008
- Clinical Research Coordinator, School of Public Health, University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, 2006-2008
- National Study Coordinator, Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, 2005-2006
- Bilingual (Spanish/English) Interviewer, Trauma Department, Parkland Hospital, 2003-2006

4. **HONORS AND AWARDS RECEIVED**

- Outstanding Volunteer, National Association for the Practice of Anthropology, 2022
- Honorary Faculty Member, Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, 2022
- Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology, 2018
- Leadership Fellow, American Anthropological Association, 2018
- Outstanding Dissertation, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education, co-sponsored by Educational Testing Service, 2014
- Visiting Researcher, Brocher Foundation, 2013
- Student Paper Award, National Association for the Practice of Anthropology, 2012
- Valene Smith Tourism Poster Award, Society for Applied Anthropology, 2012
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2010

5. **SCHOLARSHIP**

A. **Publications**

Refereed Articles (*denotes current or former student)

1. Rogg Magda*, **Pezzia Carla** (under review at *The Gerontologist*). Ethics of Care in Primary Care and COVID-19 Vaccination among Vulnerable Older Adults
2. Wieberg Aubrey*, **Pezzia Carla** (under review at *Poverty and Public Policy*). “America’s ‘Pitiful Burden of Poverty’: A Qualitative Inquiry Examining the Multidimensionality of Food Insecurity, Poverty, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”
3. Rogg Magda*, **Pezzia Carla** (revise and resubmit at *Food and Humanity*). Food sociality among older adults accessing food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Sukh Makhnoon, PhD Fabian Robles, BS Jessica L. Lee, MS D’Angelo Grant, BS Marisol Rojas, BS La’Shonda Thomas, BS Ang Gao, PhD **Carla Pezzia**, PhD Navid Sadeghi, MD Song Zhang, PhD Thomas Hulsey, BS Rebecca Renn, MS Erin L. Williams, MS Heather Kitzman, PhD David E. Gerber, MD (accepted at *Cancer Medicine*). Implementation of a patient navigation program to increase representative enrollment in cancer clinical trials
5. **Pezzia Carla**, Albin Jaclyn, Bowen Michael, Hollis-Hansen Kelseanna, Pruitt Sandi, Siler Milette, Wadkins Chambers Benaye, Leonard Tammy (accepted at *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*). From Food to Finances: Early Phase Qualitative Evaluation of a Novel Resource Coaching Program
6. Albin Jaclyn, Leonard Tammy, Wong Willis, Siler Milette, Haskins Carolyn, Turcios Jessica, Pruitt Sandi, Bowen Michael, **Pezzia Carla**, Ford Alisha, Schinzer Bianca, Hollis-Hansen Kelseanna (2025). Providing medically tailored groceries and food resource coaching through the charitable food system to patients of a safety-net clinic: a randomized controlled trial protocol. *BMJ Open* 15(1). <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2024-096122>

7. Maupin Jonathan, Driese Mary Catherine, **Pezzia Carla** (2023). Stigma toward psychiatric disorders and cultural constructs of distress in Guatemala. *Stigma and Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/sah0000477>
8. Rogg Magda*, **Pezzia Carla** (2023). Victimization and Distress in Indigenous Maya Women: A Qualitative Investigation of Gender-Based Violence and Mental Health Outcomes in Rural Guatemala. *Journal of Family Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-023-00500-2>
9. **Pezzia Carla**, Rogg Magda*, Leonard Tammy (2023). Food security status in seniors over their life course. *Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy* 45(1): 300-316. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aepp.13334>
10. **Pezzia Carla**, Rogg Magda*, Leonard Tammy (2022). Social, Resource, and Institution Disruptions and the Evolving Lives of Economically Vulnerable Older Adults: Implications for Policies and Programs in the New Normal. *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8(8): 88-103. <https://doi.org/10.7758/RSF.2022.8.8.05>
11. Whapham Ted, **Pezzia Carla** (2022). Homilies - the Ideal and the Real: A Study of Attitudes toward Preaching in the Catholic Diocese of Dallas. *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 15(3): 297-310.
12. **Pezzia Carla**, Hernandez Luisa* (2022). Suicidal ideation in an ethnically mixed, highland Guatemalan community. *Transcultural Psychiatry* 59(1): 93-105.
13. Puri, Puneet, Lee, William M., Fontana, Robert J., Kim, Nak-Kyeong, Durkalski, Valerie, McGuire, Brendan, Liou, Iris, **Pezzia, Carla**, Stravitz, Todd R. (2020). Effects of alcohol consumption on the severity and outcome of acute liver injury/failure. *Liver International* 20(2): 360-367.
14. **Pezzia Carla**, Leykum Luci, Lanham Holly, Pugh Jacqueline. (2018) Psychiatric consultation requests by inpatient medical teams: an observational study. *BMC Health Services Research* 18: 336 [9 pp].
15. Higashi Robin, Craddock Lee Simon, **Pezzia Carla**, Quirk Lisa, Leonard Tammy, Pruitt Sandi. (2017). Family and Social Context Contributes to the Interplay of Economic Insecurity, Food Insecurity, and Health. *Annals of Anthropological Practice* 41(2): 61-67.
16. **Pezzia Carla**, Sanders Corron, Welch Suzanne, Bowling Angela, Lee William M., and the Acute Liver Failure Study Group. (2017). Psychosocial and behavioral factors in acetaminophen acute liver failure: the role of impulsivity. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research* 101: 51-57.
17. Pruitt Sandi, Leonard Tammy, Xuan Lei, Amory Richard, Higashi Robin, Nguyen Oanh, **Pezzia Carla**, Swales Stephanie. (2016). Who is food insecure? Implications for targeted recruitment and outreach, National health and nutrition survey, 2005-2010. *Preventing Chronic Disease* 13:160103.
18. Leykum Luci, Chesser Hannah, Lanham Holly, **Pezzia Carla**, Palmer Ray, Ratcliffe Temple, Reisinger Heather, Agar Michael, Pugh Jacqueline. (2015). The Association between sensemaking during physician team rounds and hospitalized outcomes. *Journal of General Internal Medicine* 30(12), 1821-1827.
19. McAllister Caitlin, Leykum Luci, Lanham Holly, Reisinger Heather, Kohn Jamie, Palmer Ray, **Pezzia Carla**, Agar Michael, Parchman Michael, McDaniel Ruben. (2014). The impact of inpatient physician team relationships on outcomes of hospitalized patients. *Journal of General Hospital Medicine* 9(12): 764-771.

20. **Pezzia, Carla.** (2012). Image and reality in travel decision-making: a case from Lake Atitlan, Guatemala. *Practicing Anthropology* 34(3):42-43.
21. Field Craig, Caetano Raul, and **Pezzia Carla.** (2008) Process evaluation of serial screening criteria to identify injured patients that benefit from brief intervention: practical implications. *Journal of Trauma* 65: 736-740.

Refereed Book Chapters

22. Melo Tijerina Milena, **Pezzia Carla,** Robertson Will, and Fleuriet K. Jill (2024). Bordering Health: Language, Anthropology, and Health. In *Handbook of Language in Public Health and Health Care*.
23. **Pezzia Carla.** (2015). Engaging mental health care in a disengaged system. In Anita Chary & Peter Rohloff (Eds.), *Privatization and the New Medical Pluralism: Shifting Healthcare Landscapes in Maya Guatemala* (pp. 121-136). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Non-Refereed Book Chapters

24. **Pezzia Carla** (2020). Healthcare for the middle class: A North American perspective. In José Espericueta, Philipp W. Rosemann, & Joshua Parens (Eds.), *The Middle Class: Philosophical, Political, and Historical Perspectives*. University of Costa Rica.

Non-Refereed Articles

25. **Pezzia Carla,** and Lind Jason D. (2016). The Future of anthropological local practitioner organizations. Anthropology News, National Association for the Practice of Anthropology section. <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2016/06/24/the-future-of-anthropological-local-practitioner-organizations/>
26. **Pezzia Carla.** (2016). When your method fails: stumbling upon new questions. Medical Anthropology Theory, Dissertating section. <http://www.medanthrotheory.org/read/5841/when-your-method-fails>
27. **Pezzia Carla.** (2013). Stigmatization in psychiatry: for the discipline and for the patient. *Anthropologies*, Issue 17: Whose Health Matters? <http://www.anthropologiesproject.org/2013/03/stigmatization-in-psychiatry-for.html>
28. **Pezzia Carla.** (2012). Rocking the boat: our professional ethics. *SfAA News* August 2012
29. **Pezzia Carla.** (2012). Interview with Richard N. Adams, Applied Anthropology Oral History Project of the Society for Applied Anthropology, July 29, 2012, Panajachel, Guatemala, transcript in progress, in the Oral History Collection of the University of Kentucky
30. **Pezzia Carla.** (2011). Caught in the crossfire: negotiating mental health care in a divided community. *SfAA Newsletter* August 2011
31. **Pezzia Carla.** (2009). One (not so straight) path to life as a medical anthropologist – Step two. *SfAA Newsletter* 20(1): 21-22.
32. **Pezzia Carla,** and Wallace, Tim. (2008). The NC State University field school: apprenticing ethnographic research in the Guatemalan Highlands. *SfAA Newsletter* 19(4): 17-19.

B. Presentations:

Invited Talks

1. Pezzia, Carla (2023) “Transdisciplinary Approaches.” Keynote Address. Phi Beta Kappa annual symposium, University of Dallas.

2. Pezzia, Carla (2022) "Food Security Status of Seniors over their Life Course." Food as Medicine (UT Southwestern Medical Center), Lunch & Learn, virtual.
3. Petersen, Mark, and Pezzia, Carla. (2021) "September: A History of Independence around Latin America" Dallas Public Library, community discussion, virtual.
4. Pezzia, Carla, and Leonard, Tammy. (2021) "Social, Resource, and Institution Disruptions and the Evolving Lives of Economically Vulnerable Older Adults: Implications for Policies and Programs in the New Normal" Russell Sage Foundation, article conference, virtual.
5. Pezzia, Carla. (2020) "Hispanic/Latino Community: Cultural Competency." Alzheimer's Association, Dallas and Northeast Texas chapter "huddle" meeting, virtual.
6. Pezzia, Carla. (2015) "Dispossessed Humanity: Intersection of Alcoholism, Suicide, Identity and Biopolitical Power." Brocher Foundation. Alumni meeting, Geneva.
7. Pezzia, Carla. (2014) "The Sober Self: Discourse and identity of recovering alcoholics in the Highlands of Guatemala." American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education. 9th annual meeting, Costa Mesa.

Conference Papers (*denotes current or former student)

8. Pezzia, Carla. (2024) "CARE: A community academic partnership addressing social and health services for low-income populations." Society for Applied Anthropology. 84th annual meeting, Santa Fe.
9. Pezzia, Carla, and Apolinar, Evan*. (2023) "Intersections of Chronic Illness and Food Insecurity." Society for Applied Anthropology. 83rd annual meeting, Cincinnati.
10. Pezzia, Carla. (2022) "Project design for food security status in seniors over their life course." Southwestern Social Science Association. 101st annual meeting, San Antonio.
11. Pezzia, Carla. (2022) "Discourse and alcoholism boundary-making in Highland Guatemala." Society for Applied Anthropology. 82nd annual meeting, Salt Lake City.
12. Pezzia, Carla. (2017) "A network of one: Challenges with social network analysis research in highland Guatemala." Society for Applied Anthropology. 77th annual meeting, Santa Fe.
13. Pezzia, Carla. (2016) "Research design and IRB approval with alcoholic and addict Populations." American Anthropological Association. 115th annual meeting, Minneapolis.
14. Pezzia, Carla. (2016) "Healthcare for the middle class in Mexico and the US: A comparative analysis." UD/ITAM conference, On the Middle Class: Philosophical and Political Perspectives, Dallas.
15. Valdez, Mara I.,* and Pezzia, Carla. (2016) "Para locos: Latin@s in popular movies on mental illness." Society for Applied Anthropology. 76th annual meeting, Vancouver.
16. Hernandez, Luisa,* and Pezzia, Carla. (2016) "Suicidal ideation and self-understanding: A Guatemalan case study." Society for Applied Anthropology. 76th annual meeting, Vancouver.
17. Kuntz, Sarah M.,* Pezzia, Carla, Lanham, Holly J., Pugh, Jacqueline A., Ratcliffe, Temple A., and Leykum, Luci K. (2016) "Development of learner-physician identity through speech acts." Society for Applied Anthropology. 76th annual meeting, Vancouver.
18. Pezzia, Carla. (2014) "El Cadejo: Making meaning of alcoholism through folklore." South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica. 5th annual meeting, New Orleans.
19. Pezzia, Carla. (2014) "Using a standardized neuropsychiatric assessment tool to define global mental health." Society for Applied Anthropology. 74th annual meeting, Albuquerque.
20. Pezzia, Carla. (2013) "Vagrants and dogs: discursive constructions of identity for recovering alcoholics in the highlands of Guatemala." Society for Applied Anthropology. 73rd annual meeting, Denver.

21. Pezzia, Carla. (2012) "Understandings of alcoholism in the highlands of Guatemala." South Central Conference on Mesoamerica. 3rd annual meeting, Lubbock, TX.
22. Pezzia, Carla. (2011) "Para locos: Latinos and Latinas in popular movies on mental illness." Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.
23. Pezzia, Carla. (2011) "Research design and IRB approval with alcoholic and addict populations." Society for Psychological Anthropology, annual meeting 2011, Santa Monica, CA.
24. Pezzia, Carla. (2011) "The indigenous alcoholic as Homo Sacer." Society for Applied Anthropology. 71st annual meeting, Seattle.
25. Pezzia, Carla. (2010) "Response and recovery from limited health resources: negotiating treatment for alcoholism in the Western Highlands of Guatemala." American Anthropological Association. 109th annual meeting, New Orleans.
26. Pezzia, Carla. (2010) "Combating waters: a political ecology approach to an environmental health intervention." Society for Applied Anthropology. 70th annual meeting, Merida, Mexico.
27. Pezzia, Carla. (2009) "The Sober Self: discourse and identity of recovering alcoholics in the Western Highlands of Guatemala." Society for Medical Anthropology Conference. New Haven, CT.
28. Wallace, Tim, and Pezzia, Carla. (2008) "If you build it, will they come?": community-based tourism development in San Juan La Laguna, Guatemala." Society for Applied Anthropology. 68th annual meeting, Memphis.
29. Pezzia, Carla. (2006) "Different views on the environmental health in San Pedro, Guatemala." Society for Applied Anthropology. 66th annual meeting, Vancouver.

Organized Panels and Workshops

30. Pezzia, Carla. (2022) "Social, Psychological, and Medical Experiences Among Older Adults Vulnerable for Food Insecurity." Southwestern Social Science Association. 101st annual meeting, San Antonio.
31. Pezzia, Carla. (2019) "Promoting Inquiry and Engagement through Undergraduate Student Research." Society for Applied Anthropology. 79th annual meeting, Portland.
32. Pezzia, Carla. (2018) "Representations of identity and education." Society for Applied Anthropology. 78th annual meeting, Philadelphia.
33. Wallace, Tim, and Pezzia, Carla. (2015) "Tradition, tourism, and community in Sololá, Guatemala: Reports from the Ethnographic Field School of NC State University." Society for Applied Anthropology. 75th annual meeting, Pittsburgh.
34. Pezzia, Carla. (2014) "Socially responsible meetings for professional associations." Society for Applied Anthropology. 74th annual meeting, Albuquerque.
35. Pezzia, Carla, and Ho, Christine. (2014) "Emergent issues in human rights and social justice: Fracking." Society for Applied Anthropology. 74th annual meeting, Albuquerque.
36. Pezzia, Carla. (2014) "New media for human rights and social justice research." Society for Applied Anthropology. 74th annual meeting, Albuquerque.
37. Pezzia, Carla. (2012) "Activism beyond the classroom: student reflections on activist work." Society for Applied Anthropology. 72nd annual meeting, Baltimore.
38. McClary, Cheryl, Pezzia, Carla, Johnston, Barbara, McKinney, Bill, Schuller, Mark, Stonich, Susan, and Taylor, Betsy. (2012) "Beyond the IRB: Expert advice on the realities, risks, and

benefits in performing Human Rights and Social Justice Research.” Society for Applied Anthropology. 72nd annual meeting, Baltimore.

39. Pezzia, Carla, and Washington, Keahnan. (2011) “People in motion: Anthropologists' reflections on their work toward human rights and social justice for immigrant populations.” Society for Applied Anthropology. 71st annual meeting, Seattle.
40. Pezzia, Carla. (2009) “A life course perspective on research in Medical Anthropology: From student to professor.” Society for Medical Anthropology Conference, New Haven, CT.
41. Wallace, Tim, and Pezzia, Carla. (2007-2013) Tradition, tourism, and community in Sololá, Guatemala: Reports from the Ethnographic Field School of NC State University.” Society for Applied Anthropology. *Recurring* Annual meetings from 2007-2013.

Discussant Roles

42. Roundtable speaker for “Teaching in Turbulent Times.” (2019) Society for Applied Anthropology. 79th annual meeting, Portland.
43. Discussant for “Tradition, tourism, and community in Sololá, Guatemala: Reports from the Ethnographic Field School of NC State University.” (2019) Society for Applied Anthropology. 79th annual meeting, Portland.
44. Roundtable speaker for “Finding common ground: Reflections on developing coherent Latin American studies programs.” (2018) Latin American Studies Association. 36th annual meeting, Barcelona.
45. Discussant for “Tradition, tourism, and community in Sololá, Guatemala: Reports from the Ethnographic Field School of NC State University.” (2018) Society for Applied Anthropology. 78th annual meeting, Philadelphia.
46. Roundtable speaker for “Teaching about violence: Helping students navigate their emotional responses to learning about violence.” (2014) American Anthropological Association. 113th annual meeting, Washington DC.
47. Roundtable speaker for “Engaging students as public anthropologists: Crossing borders from classroom to public sphere.” (2012) American Anthropological Association. 111th annual meeting, San Francisco.
48. Discussant for “Tradition, tourism, and community in Sololá, Guatemala: Reports from the Ethnographic Field School of NC State University.” (2011) Society for Applied Anthropology. 71st annual meeting, Seattle.

Conference Posters (*denotes current or former student)

49. Sharma Ashley*, Pezzia Carla. (2024) “Prevalence and dimensions of wellness on quality of life among elderly populations.” University of Dallas, Undergraduate Research Day, Irving, TX.
50. Wieberg Aubrey*, Pezzia Carla. (2022) “America’s ‘pitiful burden of poverty’: A Qualitative analysis of food insecurity and poverty interviews across senior citizens in Dallas.” Southwestern Social Science Association, 101st annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.
51. Ketter Samantha*, Pezzia Carla. (2022) “Senior material well-being and food insecurity.” Southwestern Social Science Association, 101st annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.
52. Leonard Tammy, Andrews David, Pezzia Carla, Quirk Lisa, and Pruitt Sandi. (2017) “Ripple effects: do the details of food assistance delivery impact individual health?” Presented at: Improving Population Health: Now, Across People’s Lives and Across Generations to Come, Austin, TX.

53. Pezzia Carla, and Wallace Tim. (2012) “Image and reality in travel decision-making: a case from Lake Atitlan, Guatemala.” Society for Applied Anthropology, 72nd annual meeting, Baltimore.
54. Pezzia Carla. (2007) “Is an environmental health educational intervention sufficient to change behavior?” Texas Public Health Association, 82nd annual educational conference, Galveston, TX.
55. Field Craig, Caetano Raul, and Pezzia Carla. (2006) “A multidisciplinary approach to the implementation of screening and brief intervention for alcohol related injuries in a Level 1 trauma center.” American Public Health Association, 134th annual meeting, Boston.

Press

Russell Sage Foundation blog (2023). “RSJ Journal Contributors Discuss the Social and Political Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic.” <https://www.russellsage.org/news/rsf-journal-contributors-discuss-social-and-political-impact-covid-19-pandemic>

C. Work in progress

Manuscripts in Preparation (*denotes current or former student)

Pezzia Carla, Rogg Magda*, Whapham Theodore. Disaffiliated Catholics in the United States. (journal TBD)

Tran Taylor*, Pezzia Carla. Willingness to admit Mental Health Issues in Low-income Older Adults. (journal TBD)

Ketter Samantha*, Pezzia Carla. Senior Material Well-being and Food Insecurity, (journal TBD)

Pezzia Carla, Apolinar Evan*. Intersections of Chronic Illness and Food Insecurity. (journal TBD)

Sharma Ashley*, Pezzia Carla. Experiences of Childhood Trauma and Health in Older Adulthood (journal TBD)

Sharma Ashley*, Pezzia Carla. Wellness in Older Adulthood (journal TBD)

Ortiz Natalie Vega*, Pezzia Carla. Lived experience of widowhood among older Latine (journal TBD)

Pezzia Carla. Changes in food security and quality of life among older adults during the covid-19 pandemic (journal TBD)

6. GRANTS, FUNDING RECEIVED

1. Lilly Endowment, 2024-2028 (\$1,248,102). Thriving Congregations Initiative. (Role: Consultant)
2. American Heart Association, 2024-2025 (\$400,000). Medically Tailored Groceries and Food Resource Coaching for Patients of a Safety Net Clinic. (Role: co-I)
3. North Texas Cares, Communities Foundation of Texas, 2023-2024. From Foods to Finances Pilot Program Evaluation. (Role: Consultant)
4. Haggerty Scholar for research, University of Dallas, 2023
5. Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Vital Worship Teacher-Scholar Grant, 2021-2022 (\$18,000). “Some seed fell on rocky soil. . . (Mt 13:20)”: investigating the soil to address the challenge of deconversion. (Role: co-PI)
6. University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service, 2020-2022 (\$250,000). Food Security Status in Seniors over their Life Course. (Role: PI)

7. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2016-2019 (\$432,132). A Multisector Solution to Build a Culture of Health among Food Insecure Populations in Dallas County. (Role: Consultant)
8. American Association of University Women, 2018 (\$6,000). Sober Self: Alcoholism Recovery and Self-Change in Highland Guatemala. (American Fellowship)
9. Haggerty Scholar for research, University of Dallas, 2017
10. Junior Scholar Travel Grant, Brocher Foundation, 2013
11. Conference Travel Grant, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education, 2013
12. Small Research Grant, Anthropology Department, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2011
13. Presidential Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2010
14. Brackenridge Award Recipient, English Department (non-competitive), University of Texas at San Antonio, 2010
15. Teaching Fellowship, Anthropology Department, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2009
16. Teaching Fellowship, Anthropology Department, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2008

7. TEACHING

A. Public Health/Medical Anthropology Courses

Healthcare Issues (advanced undergraduate) 2023

(Chronic Disease) Epidemiology (undergraduate) 2023, 2024, 2025

Nutrition (advanced undergraduate)(in-person) 2022, 2023, 2024

Nutrition (advanced undergraduate)(online) 2023, 2024, 2025

Medical Anthropology (advanced undergraduate) 2022

Directed Reading/ Medical Anthropology of Latin America (advanced undergraduate), 2019

Social Work (undergraduate), 2017

Religion and Health in Latin America (advanced undergraduate), 2016

Global Public Health (advanced undergraduate), 2015, 2019, 2022, 2024

Social and Behavioral Theories of Public Health (undergraduate and graduate), 2013

Introduction to Public Health (undergraduate), 2012, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2023, 2025

B. Research Courses

Anthropological Methods/Junior Seminar (undergraduate), 2015-2020

Senior Seminar and Thesis (advanced undergraduate), 2015-2023

Ethnographic Field Methods (undergraduate and graduate), 2006-2012, 2014

C. Social Theory and Topical Courses

Animal Behavior (advanced undergraduate), 2024

Introduction to the Social Sciences (undergraduate), 2021, 2023

The World in the 21st Century (undergraduate), 2014, 2016, 2022

The Arts in Contemporary Cultures (advanced undergraduate and graduate), 2015, 2017, 2019, 2023, 2025

Philosophical Anthropology (advanced undergraduate and graduate), 2020, 2022, 2025

Conceptual Foundations of Human Sciences (advanced undergraduate), 2014, 2015

Science, Technology, and Society (advanced undergraduate), 2018, 2024

Tradition and Innovation (advanced undergraduate and graduate), 2016-2019, 2021

Criminology (undergraduate), 2019

Ethnomusicology (undergraduate), 2018

Anthropology of Latin America (undergraduate), 2018
Introducing the Human Sciences (undergraduate), 2016-2020
Peoples of Latin America (undergraduate), 2015
The Maya of the Western Highlands of Guatemala (undergraduate and graduate), 2010-2012, 2014
Tourism, Change, and Anthropology (undergraduate and graduate), 2006-2009

8. SERVICE

A. Service to the University

- i. Completed service at University of Dallas:
 - Director, Medical Humanities graduate program, Spring 2025- Summer 2025
 - Director, Anthropology and Sociology Concentration, Fall 2022-2025
 - IRB member, Fall 2022-2025
 - Chair, Faculty Handbook Committee, 2024-2025
 - Member, ad hoc Committee on Faculty Searches, 2024-2025
 - Vice Chair, Faculty Senate, 2024-2025
 - Faculty Senate, 2021-2023, 2023-2025, 2025-2027 (re-elected)
 - Chair, Senate Nominations Committee, 2024-2025
 - Organizer, Mental Health First Aid training course for faculty, Fall 2024
 - Speaker, Pizza with Dr. Pezzia, Catherine Hall RA-led event, Fall 2024
 - Speaker, Student Leaders for Racial Solidarity, Food Insecurity on College Campuses, Fall 2024
 - Grievance Panel member, 2022-2024
 - Chair, Faculty Senate ad hoc committee on library faculty review status, 2023-2024
 - Director, Latin American Studies Concentration, Fall 2023
 - Physics Search Committee member, Equal Opportunity representative, 2023-2024
 - Chair, Faculty Senate ad hoc committee on student mental health, 2022-2023
 - Chair, Human and Social Sciences Department, 2021-2023
 - Speaker, Student Leaders for Racial Solidarity, The War on Drugs: Mass Incarceration, Crime, and its Effects on Families, Spring 2023
 - Speaker, Student Leaders for Racial Solidarity, Systemic Pressures on the American Family, Spring 2023
 - Physics Search Committee member, Equal Opportunity representative, 2022-2023
 - Member, Constantin Curriculum Committee, 2021-2024
 - Physics Search Committee member, Equal Opportunity representative, 2021-2022
 - Biology Search Committee member, Fall 2021
 - TriBeta and ASM COVID vaccination panel speaker, Fall 2021
 - Chair, Climate and Culture Taskforce, Spring/Summer 2021
 - TriBeta COVID panel speaker, Fall 2020, Spring 2021
 - Faculty Advisor, JOLT student club, Spring 2020-
 - Director, Latin American Studies Concentration, Fall 2019-Spring 2021
 - Faculty Member, Committee on Student Discipline, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
 - Physics Search Committee member, Fall 2019
 - UD Reads Orientation book discussion leader, Fall 2019
 - Spanish Healthcare Student Club speaker, Spring 2019
 - Truman Finalist Mock Interview panelist for Madeleine Nerio, Spring 2019
 - IRB member, Fall 2018-Spring 2020

Undergraduate Research Council, 2018-2019

Faculty Development Committee, Fall 2018-Spring 2019 (filled in for regular member on sabbatical)

Psychology Search Committee member, EO representative, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

A Catholic Liberal Arts University Engages Complex Issues of Our Times speaker: panel on White Supremacy, Fall 2017

Across the Core Symposium presenter: Modern panel on wine, Spring 2017

HUSC roundtable discussant: Language (Fall 2016); Immigration (Fall 2016)

SPUD Wine Down Wednesday speaker: Latin American Studies (Fall 2016); Social Impacts of COVID-19 (Fall 2020)

Member, Equity Committee, 2016

Organized campus event with NAPA President-elect Lisa Henry (University of North Texas): *lecture*: Food: Politics and Access, November 2015

Organized campus event with NAPA Past President Tim Wallace (North Carolina State University): *lecture*: Art, Aesthetics, and Authenticity: The Commoditization of Indigenous Arts, *student meeting*: breakfast with career/graduate school advice supported by Discern, Experience, Achieve initiative, February 2015

Human Sciences Council and Executive Committee, Fall 2014-Spring 2021

Department Liaison to Career Services QEP, Fall 2014-Spring 2021

Department Bibliographer, Fall 2014-Spring 2020

B. Service to the Profession

i. Memberships in professional organizations

Society for Applied Anthropology, Fellow, since 2018

Society for Applied Anthropology, regular member, 2006-2018

Latin America Studies Association, since 2018

American Anthropological Association, since 2012

National Association for the Practice of Anthropology, since 2012

Society of Medical Anthropology, since 2012

ii. Professional activities outside the University

Undesignated Seat, Nominations Committee, American Anthropological Association, November 2019-2022

Member, Welcome Committee, National Association for the Practice of Anthropology, 2018-2023

Peer Reviewer (blind): *Community Health Equity Research and Policy*, 2024; *Annals of Anthropological Practice*, special issue, 2024; *Nutrition and Health*, 2023; *Transcultural Psychiatry*, 2020, 2023; *Journal of Chronic Diseases and Management*, 2017; *Human Organization*, 2015; Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, 2014

Textbook Reviewer: Jones and Bartlett Learning, 2016; Routledge, 2016; Sage Publishing, 2020

Member-at-Large, National Association for the Practice of Anthropology Governing Council, 2015-2017

Consultant, UNT Dallas, 2015-2016

Chair, Society for Applied Anthropology Human Rights and Social Justice Committee, 2013-2015

Committee Member, Society for Applied Anthropology Human Rights and Social Justice
Committee, 2012- 2015

Committee Member, Society for Applied Anthropology *Human Organization* editor search, 2009

Assistant Editor, Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter, 2008-2010

C. Service to the Community

Member, Irving Blue Zone Steering Committee, 2024-2025

Expert Witness/Consultant on immigration cases, 2015-

Volunteer, Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps, 2014-2020

Mentor, Holmgreen Center for children with behavioral health needs, 2013-2014

International Representative, Panajachel Municipal Commission on Security, 2011