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### Education

- 2018 Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, Cornell University
- 2009 M.A., Social Sciences: Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2006 B.A., Department of English, Mills College

### Appointments

- 2023-2026 Teaching Faculty & Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College
- 2020-2022 Adjunct Faculty, St Michael's College, Colchester, VT
- 2019-2023 Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College
- 2020-2021 Consulting Scholar, The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2013-2018 Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University
- 2010-2013 Ph.D. Student, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University
- 2008-2009 M.A. Student, Program in Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2007-2008 Fulbright Research Fellow, The Fulbright Commission, Kathmandu, Nepal

### Selected Fellowships and Awards

- 2025-2028 [pending] PI, "Cooperation, Communication, and Social Networks in the Context of Inland Riverine Flooding Recovery," National Science Foundation Senior Cultural Anthropology Award (\$359,056)
- 2025 Co-PI, "Quilting for Resilience: Stitching Together Stories of Mutual Aid from Vermont's Floods." Dartmouth College Arts Integration Grant (\$11,000)
- 2024 Co-PI, Mitigation Matters Research Award, Natural Hazards Center, UC Boulder (\$10,000)
- 2024 PI, Weather Ready Research Award, Natural Hazards Center, UC Boulder (\$10,000)
- 2024 Co-PI, National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Senior Grant. A Dream Deported: Race, Crime, and Deportation in Transnational Haiti (\$215,464)
- 2023-2024 Faculty Awardee, Claire Garber Goodman Grant for Faculty Research, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College
- 2023 Faculty Research Grant, Ethics Institute, Dartmouth College
- 2023 Nominee, Inaugural Community Impact Social Justice Award by Dartmouth Health Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) Employee Resource Group
- 2021-2022 Keith S. Thomson Research Fellow at the Consortium for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine. Philadelphia, PA and London, England
- 2020 Eugene W. J. Pearce, MD and Lunetta A. Pearce, MD Fellow, Clendening Historical Medical Library of the University of Kansas Medical Center
- 2017-2019 F.C. Wood Fellow at the Historical Medical Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia (x3)

## Selected Publications

- [forthcoming] “Boneset/break” in *Anthropology and Humanism*
- [forthcoming] “Tendrils: a Brief Cultural History of the Benjamin Rush Medicinal Garden at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.” in *Vegetal Anima: Why Plant Studies ...Now?* Duke University Press. ed. Banu Subramaniam & Sushmita Banerjee. [2025]
- [manuscript in progress] *Materials of the Medicine: An Ethnography of Plant-Human Relations in Western Herbalism*. Proposal invited to University of Minnesota Press, Lexington Press, and University of Washington Press Feminist Technoscience Series
- [under review] “Enchanting with Paperwork: Herbalist Technoscience Vitalism in North America” for *Anthropology and Medicine*
- [in progress] “Making Medicine Out of Ashwagandha: History and Politics of a Vital Plant” for *Environmental Humanities* [expected 2025]
- [in progress] “Naming the Wound: Boneset and the North American Materia Medica” for *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine* [expected 2025]
- 2022 Book Review, “Divided Bodies: Lyme Disease, Contested Illness, and Evidence-Based Medicine. Abigail A. Dumes. Duke University Press, 2020, 360 pp.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. June 23, 2022
- 2020 “Care.” In *Lexicon for an Anthropocene Yet Unseen*, eds. Howe, C. and A. Pandian. Earth, Milky Way: punctum books.
- 2020 “[Unsettling Herbalism](#).” *The Ethnobotanical Assembly*. Issue 6, Autumn 2020.
- 2019 “Listening So They Can Speak: How to Pay Attention to Plant Communication.” *Anthropology Today*. Vol. 35, No. 2, April 2019. (pp. 23-27)
- 2018 “PlantTime.” In *Loanwords to Live With*. Eds. Bellamy, B. R.; Bilodeau, C. and M. Schneider-Mayerson. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- 2016 “An Ethic of Care for Resilience: Addressing Resilience’s Problem of the Present in the ‘Transition Towns’ model.” In the *Routledge Handbook of International Resilience*. Eds. Chandler, D., and J. Coaffee.

## Invited Talks

- 2025 Speaker, Global Health Undergraduate Fellows Symposium, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College
- 2024 Panelist, Dartmouth Symposium on Energy and Society: The Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society, Dartmouth College
- 2024 “Health and Sustainability Panel,” Dartmouth Sustainability Office.
- 2022 Fellows’ Seminar, Consortium on the History of Science, Technology and Medicine
- 2022 Food Sovereignty, Food Justice panel at Honors College Annual Symposium, Saint Michael’s College, Colchester, VT
- 2020 “Poison: Evidence and the Production of Boundaries in Medicine,” Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine, University of Kansas at Kansas City
- 2019 “Poison: Substance and Act,” The College of Physicians of Philadelphia.
- 2018 “Body as World: Practices of Herbalism in Contemporary North America.” F.C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

## Selected Teaching

### Postsecondary Courses

- Anthropology of Disaster
- Anthropology of Food
- First Year Writing Seminar: Medicine, Environment, and the Body
- Environmental Justice
- Asian Medical Systems
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Introduction to Geography
- Writing Seminar: Ecologies of Medicine: Anthropology Where Body Meets World
- Writing Seminar: Zombie Apocalypse! Ideas of Collapse in American Culture
- Bioethics
- Integrated Plant Studies: Healing Plants and The People Who Use Them
- Ethnographies of Violence

#### Public Education

- 2024 18<sup>th</sup> Century Medicine Plants and their People, Cavendish Historical Society
- 2023 How to Unsettle Yourself, and Why; invited talk for Where There Be Dragons
- 2022 How to Unsettle Yourself, and Why, a workshop for Krocka Expedition School, Marlowe NH
- 2021 Cultural Competency Training (for Vermont Works for Women, Winooski, VT)
- 2020-2022 Unsettling Settler Colonialism: Practicing Sovereignty, Building Relationship. Collaboration with members of Nüümü, Hupa, and Tolowa Nations (offered 4x, invited by Green New Deal Network; Sierra Club; multiple community groups)
- 2021 Practicing Solidarity with Indigenous Water Protectors (experiential immersion for Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)
- 2021 Water is Life: Upholding Indigenous Sovereignty. (Experiential immersion for Where There Be Dragons in collaboration with Kin-sin-ta Joseph, Kris Hohag, and Nüümü/Newe community members)
- 2020 Social Innovation in Nepal Partnership Program, University of Virginia and Where There Be Dragons (experiential immersion designed; canceled)
- 2020 Activate! Borderlinks Immigration Justice Program. Tucson, Arizona (experiential immersion)
- 2019 Exploring Global Justice: Social Justice Curricula for Experiential Education (teacher training for Where There Be Dragons in collaboration with este Orantes Migoya)
- 2017-2018 Independent Study Research Design Course: Himalayan Studies Gap Semester, Where There Be Dragons

#### Selected Conferences and Panels Organized

- 2025 [pending] “Haunting root and branch: future memory, colonial specters, and imperial ghosts among ethnographers in plant studies.” Executive Session for the American Anthropological Association’s Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA.
- 2024 Disaster Justice Symposium; Coordinator and Facilitator
- 2019 Collaborating Creator, Medical Assemblages Roundtable, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, BC. Canada.
- 2017 “The Scales on our Eyes: Climate Change and the Shifting Landscape of Risk.” Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2016 “Lessons for Care in the Anthropocene,” American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota

## Selected Conference Talks

- 2025 [pending] “Relocalize your medicine: weedy visions of collapse in North American herbalism.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA
- 2025 [pending] “Rural Rivers Team: Interdisciplinary Research in Action.” Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, Broomfield CO.
- 2025 “Rural Rivers Project: Teaching Critical Disaster Studies with Undergraduate Students,” Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR.
- 2024 “Mutual Aid for Resilience: Mapping Vermont’s 2023 Floods,” for Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2020 “Body/World/Care,” at University of Vermont’s EcoCultures Lab conference, *When Corona Met Climate Change... What Changed?*
- 2020 “Plants and solidarity: herbalist mutual aid practices in a time of COVID-19.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Late-breaking session
- 2019 “Awkward/Healing: Herbalist Practices for Building Relations in Resistance to the Racist Settler-Colony.” Medical Assemblages Roundtable Participant. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
- 2019 “Friendship: Settler Herbalism in Occupied Territory.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

## Selected Service

### Peer Reviewer

- Annals of Anthropological Practice
- Medical Anthropology
- Annals of Cultural Anthropology
- Journal of Ethnobiology
- Medical Anthropology Quarterly
- Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience
- Anthropology of Consciousness
- Philosophies
- Plant Perspectives

- 2023 Coordinator, Environment and Ethnography Lab, Dartmouth College
- 2023 Coordinator and Host, Dr Elizabeth Reddy Campus Visit, workshop and colloquium, Dartmouth College
- 2022 Co-Host, Truong Tran Campus Visit, workshop, and readings, Dartmouth College
- 2022 Coordinator, Graduate and Faculty co-writing space, Dartmouth College (mentorship)
- 2019-2020 Guest Editor, “Plant Medicine in Settler Colonial Contexts” *The Ethnobotanical Assembly* blog

## Professional Development

- 2023-2024 Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning (DCAL) Faculty Workshops: Teaching with Generative AI; Grading for Equity; Academic Ableism and Crip Pedagogy
- 2024 Institute for Writing and Rhetoric Faculty Workshop: Reviewing Student Work
- 2023 Faculty Fellow: Course Design Initiative Summer 2023
- 2023 End-of-Life Doula Certificate, University of Vermont Larner School of Medicine
- 2022 Stop-The-Bleed trainer certification

2018 Wilderness First Responder certification

## Public Engagement

2024-2029 Appointed Member, Vermont State Health Improvement Plan Workgroup on Housing

2022-2025 Appointed Member, Town of Springfield, Vermont, Inclusion Committee

2022-2023 Steering Committee Member, Springfield Health District Community Health Equity Project (CHEP)

2020- Member and Organizer, Freedom Park Neighborhood Coalition

2020- Founding member, Springfield Community for Change

## Media

2024 Okemo Valley Local Access Television: BRAT and the Culvert Crawlers

2021 Podcast interview for stage initiative of the Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary. [\*Nonlinear networks of mycelium, flesh, and wheat, promptly surfacing to the earth\*](#)

2020 Podcast interview for University of Minnesota Press.

[\*Hope and Art while the World is Falling Apart\*](#)

2018 Podcast interviews for Healing Culture podcast.

[\*Healing, Cooperation, and Critiquing the Anthropocene\*](#)

[\*Transition Towns, Settler Colonialism, and the Need for Cultural Healing\*](#)

## Languages

Nepali: conversationally fluent spoken; can read with dictionary

French: conversationally fluent spoken, good skill with reading

Spanish: elementary skill spoken, can read with dictionary

## Affiliations

American Anthropological Association

American Ethnological Society

Society for Applied Anthropology

Society for the Anthropology of North America

Society for Cultural Anthropology

Society for Medical Anthropology

Anthropology and Environment Society

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