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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

	DEGREE	DATE
Stanford University	Ph.D.	1998
Stanford University	M.A.	1992
Haverford College	B.A.	1990

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2008- Associate Professor, Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2007-2008 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2003-2007 Lecturer, Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2002-2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Pitzer College, Claremont Consortium
2000-2002 Adjunct Assistant Professor, John W. Draper Interdisciplinary Master's
Program in Humanities and Social Thought, Anthropology, and Urban
Studies, New York University
2001 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Lehman College, CUNY
1999-2000 Lecturer, Anthropology, Princeton University
1998-1999 Lecturer in Anthropology, Program in Cultures, Ideas, and Values,
Stanford University
1996-1998 Teaching Affiliate, Anthropology, Stanford University
1991-1992 Teaching Assistant, Anthropology, Stanford University

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Belasco Prize for Scholarly Excellence, Association for the Study of Food & Society 2009
Class of 1957 Career Development Professorship 2008
James A. and Ruth Levitan Prize in the Humanities 2008
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Post-Ph.D. Research Grant 2007
Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Research Fellowship 2005
Faculty Research Award, Pitzer College, Claremont Consortium 2002
Second Place, Dissertation Prize Competition, Modern Greek Studies Association 1998
Robert Bayard Textor Award for Outstanding Anthropological Creativity 1997
Foundation for Hellenic Studies Dissertation Writing Grant 1996
O'Bie Shultz Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for International Studies, Stanford 1996
Mellon Dissertation Write-up Grant, awarded through Stanford Anthropology 1995
National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Grant 1993
Departmental Honors in Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College 1990
Phi Beta Kappa, Haverford College 1990

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2004 *Making Modern Mothers: Ethics and Family Planning in Urban Greece.*
Berkeley: University of California Press.

Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2008 “Post-Pasteurian Cultures: The Microbiopolitics of Raw-Milk Cheese in the United States.” *Cultural Anthropology* 23(1): 15-47.
- 2006 “Reproduction as Spiritual Kin Work: Orthodoxy, IVF and the Moral Economy of Motherhood in Greece.” *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 30(4): 481-505.
- 2005 “Slow Food in a Fat Society: Satisfying Ethical Appetites.” *Gastronomica* 5(1): 14-18.
- 2003 “With or Against Nature? IVF as a Proper Means of Reproduction in Greece.” *Social Science and Medicine* 56(9): 1853-1866.
- 2002 “Rationalizing Sex: Family Planning and the Making of Modern Lovers in Urban Greece.” *American Ethnologist* 29(2): 307-344.
- 1997 “Gender and Genealogy, Diaspora and Demography: Anthropological Notes on Greek Population Policy.” *South European Society and Politics* 2(2): 34-56.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2007 “A Fluid Mechanics of Erotas and Aghape: Family Planning and Maternal Consumption in Contemporary Greece.” In *Love and Globalization: Transformations of Intimacy in the Contemporary World*, Mark B. Padilla, Jennifer S. Hirsch, Miguel Muñoz-Laboy, Robert E. Sember, and Richard G. Parker, eds. Pp. 120-138. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press.
- 2006 “Artisanal Cheese and Economies of Sentiment in New England.” In *Fast Food / Slow Food: The Cultural Economy of the Global Food System*. Richard Wilk, ed. Pp. 201-217. Lanham, MD: Altamira.
- 2005 “Family Planning, Human Nature, and the Ethical Subject of Sex in Greece.” In *Sex in Development: Science, Sexuality, and Morality in Global Perspective*. Vincanne Adams and Stacy Leigh Pigg, eds. Pp. 95-124. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2005 “Underfertility’s Challenge to Family and Gender Relations in Urban Greece.” In *Barren States: The Population ‘Implosion’ in Europe*. Carrie B. Douglass, ed. Pp. 137-157. Oxford, UK: Berg Press.
- 2005 (with Stefan Helmreich) “Sex on the Brain: A Natural History of Rape and the Dubious Doctrines of Evolutionary Psychology.” In *Why America's Top Pundits Are Wrong: Anthropologists Talk Back*. Hugh Gusterson and Catherine Besteman, eds. Pp. 180-205. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Book Reviews and Commentaries

- 2009 Review of *The Gospel of Food: Everything You Think You Know about Food is Wrong*, by Barry Glassner. *Agricultural History* 83(1): 126-127.
- 2008 Review of *The Atlas of American Artisan Cheese*, by Jeffrey P. Roberts. *Gastronomica* 8(4): 105-106.
- 2008 “Pro-Choice/Pro-Life.” In *International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences, 2nd Edition*. William A. Darity, ed. New York: Macmillan Reference USA/Thompson Gale. Pp. 501-503.
- 2005 “Abortion/Anti-Abortion Conflict.” In *Science, Technology, and Society*. Sal Restivo, ed. Pp. 1-2. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 2005 Review of *Not by Bread Alone: Social Support in the New Russia*, by Melissa L. Caldwell. *Postcolonial Studies* 8(1): 127-131.
- 2002 Review of *The Elusive Embryo: How Women and Men Approach New Reproductive Technologies*, by Gay Becker, and *Ideologies and Technologies of Motherhood: Race, Class, Sexuality, Nationalism*, by Heléna Ragoné and France Winddance Twine, eds. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 16(1): 110-112.
- 2001 Review of *Contraception Across Cultures: Technologies, Choices, Constraints*, by Andrew Russell, Elisa Sobo and Mary Thompson, eds. *American Ethnologist* 28(3): 716-717.
- 2001 Review of *The Politics of Duplicity: Controlling Reproduction in Ceausescu’s Romania*, by Gail Kligman. *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 1(2): 164-166.
- 1999 Review of *From Duty to Desire: Remaking Families in Rural Spain*, by Jane F. Collier. *South European Society and Politics* 4(2): 251-252.
- 1990 “‘I’m a Thee, Too’: The Uses and Meaning of Quaker Plain Speech.” *Friends Journal* 6: 18-20.

SEMINARS, COLLOQUIA, ETC.

- May 2009 “Locating Value in Artisan Cheese: Staking ‘Terroir’ Claims in New World Imaginaries.” Presented at the panel on The Territories of Our Food at the Joint Meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society, College Station, PA.
- March 2009 “What Makes Artisan Cheese *Artisanal*? Art, Craft, and Science in American Artisan Cheesemaking?” Presented at the Critical Studies in Food and Culture group, University of California at Davis.
- March 2009 “The ‘Microbiopolitics’ of Raw-Milk Cheese in the U.S.” Presented at The Anthropology of Science and Technology Series, Committee on Science and Technology Studies and Dept. of Anthropology, Brown University, Providence, RI.

- February 2009 “Cheese Cultures: American Tastes and Traditions of Artisan Invention.” Presented at *Tasting Histories: Food and Drink Cultures Through the Ages*, Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, University of California at Davis.
- November 2008 “What Makes Artisan Food Artisanal?” Presented at the panel on Knorks and Mezzalunas: Cutting Edges of Food Studies in Anthropology at the 107th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- May 2008 “The Paradox of Maternal Citizenship: Pronatal Nationalism and Family Planning in Urban Greece.” Presented at the Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean, Mytilini, Greece.
- May 2008 “Reproduction as Spiritual Kin Work: IVF and the Moral Economy of Motherhood in Greece.” Presented at *Motherhood in the Forefront: Recent Research in Greek Ethnography*, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean, Mytilini, Greece.
- December 2006 “Reverse-Engineering *Terroir*: Crafting Nature-Culture in American Artisanal Cheese Production.” Presented at the Anthropology Program, MIT.
- November 2006 “The Raw and the Regulated: The Microbiopolitics of Raw Milk Cheese in the U.S.” Presented at the panel on Regulating Bodies: Codified Dieticity and the Formation of Subjects at the 105th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.
- June 2006 “Sheep, Goats, and Cows: An Animal Anthropology of Artisanal Cheeses and their Landscapes.” Presented at the panel on Animals and Agriculture at the Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Cambridge, MA.
- June 2006 “Cultivating *Terroir* in American Artisanal Cheese Production.” Presented at the panel on Cows, Milk and Cheese in Regional Space at the Joint Meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Boston, MA.
- May 2006 “Consumption.” Discussant commentary presented at *What’s Wrong with America?*, MIT
- March 2006 “Microbiopolitics of Artisanal Cheese: Starter Cultures, Risk Cultures, Taste, and *Terroir*.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Rice University.
- December 2005 “Democratizing Maternal Citizenship by Medicalizing Reproductive ‘Choice.’” Presented at the panel on Producing the Nation: The Scientific Politics of Reproduction at the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.

- September 2004 “Women as Symbols or Agents of the Nation? The Paradoxical Politics of Pronatalism and Family Planning in Greece.” Presented at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University.
- August 2004 “Cheese Cultures, or Camembert Meets French DNA.” Presented at the panel on Microbiopolitics at the meetings of the Society for the Social Study of Science, Paris, France. (Panel organizer with Stefan Helmreich)
- April-May 2004 “Love in the Time of Prophylaxis: Erotas, Aghape and Subjectivity in Contemporary Greece.” Presented at *Love and Globalization*. Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.
- April 2004 “Sustainable Food System or Elite Treat: The Cultural Economy of Artisanal Cheese in New England.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology, Decatur, GA.
- January 2004 “Ethics and Abortion: Medicalizing the Moral Discourse of Women’s Reproductive Agency in Urban Greece.” Presented at the Anthropology Program, Scripps College, Claremont University Consortium.
- November 2003 “Socializing Reproductive Technology: Making Biological and Spiritual Kinship in an Athens IVF Clinic.” Presented at the panel on Divine Interventions and Sacred Conceptions: Religion in the Global Practice of IVF at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- January 2003 “Anthropology of Ethics: Family Planning and the Transformation of Abortion in Urban Greece.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Cornell University.
- November 2002 “Scaling the Ethical Body: Gender and Reproductive Health in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Fractal Body Politics: Scaling Reproductive Agency from Individual to Institution at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA. (Panel organizer)
- November 2002 “Agency and Affect: Notes on Pragmatism and Ambivalence in Women’s Reproductive Stories.” Discussant commentary on the panel History, Technology, Agency: Imagining the Future of the Reproductive Body at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- October 2002 “Slow Food: Satisfying Ethical Appetites.” Presented at the panel on Edging the Work of Hillel Schwartz into Cultural Studies of Science at the meetings of the Society for Literature and Science, Pasadena, CA.
- February 2002 “Transforming the Ethical Body: Family Planning and Abortion in Urban Greece.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College.

- December 2001 “Underfertility’s Challenge to ‘Modern’ Gender and Family Relations in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Barren States: the Population Implosion in Southern and Eastern Europe at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- October 2001 “From an Ethic of Service to an Ethic of Choice: The Biomedicalization of Abortion in Greece.” Presented at the Health and Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania.
- May 2001 “The Difference that Ethics Makes: Changing Gender Inequalities in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Humanism, Ethics, and Neo-Liberalism at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Montreal, Canada.
- November 2000 “Pronatalism Meets Family Planning: Reproducing ‘Tradition’ Through ‘Modern’ Means in Greece.” Presented at the panel on Stratified Reproduction, Reproductive Strategies: The Intersection of State Policies with Local/Global Formations in Women's Reproductive Choices at the 99th Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA
- November 1999 “Thinking Gender Through Ethics: Modernizing the Moral Discourse of Women’s Gender Identity in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Traveling Science: Medicine and Rationality in Alternative Modernities at the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- December 1998 “Questioning the Logic of Family Planning as a ‘Modern’ Means of Population Control in Greece.” Presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology invited panel on Population Control Within Socialist and Socialized Medical Systems: Policy, Discourse, and Practice at the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- November 1997 “‘A Necessary Evil’: Abortion and Maternal Morality in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Abortion: Comparative Cultural Constructions, Public Discourses, and Situated Ethics at the 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC. (Panel organizer)
- March 1997 “In Vitro Fertilization in Athens, Greece: Making Babies, Making Parents.” Presented at the panel on New Technologies, New Ethnographies: Studies of Reproduction in Greece at the Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Seattle, WA. (Panel organizer with Joanna Skilogianis)
- November 1996 “Conception, Contraception and Procreative Agency in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Inhabiting Feminine Spaces at the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.

- September 1996 “Gender and Genealogy, Diaspora and Demographics: Notes on Greek Population Policy.” Presented at the *Workshop on Procreation Theories*. Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics. Subsequently presented (in November 1996) at *The Mediterranean World*, sponsored by the Stanford Humanities Center and the Department of Classics, Stanford University.
- September 1996 “Rationalizing Sex: Conception and Contraception in Urban Greece.” Presented at *Changing Contraceptive Technologies*. University College, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham Univ., UK.
- November 1995 “Demographics, Abortion, and the Greek State.” Presented at the panel on Disciplining Modern Citizens at the 94th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- March 1995 “Demographics, Women, and the Greek State.” Presented at the *Upper House Seminar Series*, British School of Athens, Greece.
- January 1995 “Why is a Feminist Archaeology Necessary?” Presented at the *Finlay Forum Series*, British School at Athens, Greece.
- December 1994 “Archaeology, Representation, and the State of Greece.” Presented at the panel on All Things Weird and Wonderful: Past and Present Nationalist Ethnicities in British Archaeology at the 16th Annual Theoretical Archaeology Group Conference, Bradford University, UK.
- February 1994 “Gender, Kinship, and Fertility Control in Athens.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Panteion University, Athens, Greece.
- July- August 1993 “Rethinking Relatedness through Reproduction.” Presented at the 13th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Mexico City.
- April 1992 “Motherhood, Metaphor, and the Cultural Logic of Contract Pregnancy.” Presented at the panel on Gendered Machinations: Representations of Gender, Technologies of Power at *Shifting Boundaries: The Eleventh Annual Lewis and Clark College Gender Studies Symposium*, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Anthropological Association
 Society for Cultural Anthropology
 Society for the Social Study of Science
 Association for the Study of Food and Society
 Council on Anthropology and Reproduction

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

Article referee, *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Anthropology and Medicine*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (formerly *MAN*), *Medical Anthropology*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Research in Economic Anthropology*

Manuscript reviewer, University of California Press, Vanderbilt Press, Berghahn Press.

Grant reviewer, National Science Foundation, Wellcome Trust (History of Medicine), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Marsden Fund of New Zealand

1999-2001 Steering Committee Member and Newsletter Co-Editor of the Council on Anthropology and Reproduction, an Interest Group of the Society for Medical Anthropology

2002-2003 Book Prize Committee Member, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction, an Interest Group of the Society for Medical Anthropology