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EDUCATION

University of Connecticut, Storrs CT, 2000-2010

Ph. D. in Cultural and Medical Anthropology, 2010

Dissertation: "Sanctions and Sanctuary Revisited: Domestic Violence and Cultural Models of Intervention"

M.A. in Cultural and Medical Anthropology, 2004

Thesis: "Fitness Benefits of Prostitution in St. Lucia, West Indies"

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, 1994-1998

B.A., Anthropology and Asian Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor: Department of Anthropology
Trinity College, Hartford CT 06106

Spring 2012

- Designed introduction to cultural anthropology course for private liberal arts college with a focus on student research and ethnographic methods.

Adjunct Instructor: Department of Anthropology
University of Connecticut, Storrs CT 06269

2007- present

- Designed and taught various introductory, 3000-level, and writing-intensive anthropology and women's studies courses. Built syllabi, selected readings, prepared and administered exams and quizzes. Guided students through successive paper revisions with focus on strong thesis construction and appropriate academic writing techniques. Employed wide range of teaching formats, including lectures, discussions, group work, and information technology.

Adjunct Instructor: Department of Anthropology
Quinebaug Valley Community College, Willimantic CT 06226

Spring 2011

- Designed and taught introductory anthropology class at public two-year coeducational, nonresidential college.

Training Consultant: Domestic Violence Prevention Program
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford CT, 06105

2009- present

- Researched state-wide hospital protocols on domestic violence, then designed and implemented a new training program that teaches health care providers how to conduct effective screenings for domestic violence.

Instructor: English as a Second Language
Goodwin College, East Hartford CT, 06108

2007- 2011

- Instructed beginner to upper-intermediate ESL students in grammar, writing, reading and listening. Coordinated logistic and administrative issues for evening classes.

Teaching Assistant: Department of Anthropology
University of Connecticut, Storrs CT 06269

2000- 2007

- Provided assistance to head professors for large introductory and intermediate-level anthropology courses. Ran weekly discussion sections, graded papers and exams, assigned and graded homework. Also independently taught writing-intensive courses, with a focus on research and paper revisions.

COURSES TAUGHT

Anthropology 1000: Other People's Worlds

Anthropology 1000W: Other People's Worlds, Writing Intensive

Anthropology 1006: Introduction to Anthropology

Anthropology 2000: Sociocultural Anthropology

Anthropology 2000W: Sociocultural Anthropology, Writing Intensive

Anthropology 3300: Medical Anthropology

Anthropology/Women's Studies 3350: Anthropological Perspectives on Women

Anthropology 3202W: The Anthropology of Illness and Curing, Writing Intensive

Anthropology/ Women's Studies 3263: Women and Violence

Anthropology/ Women's Studies 3351: The Anthropology of Sex and Gender

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Research: Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut, 2007-2010

"Sanctions and Sanctuary Revisited: Domestic Violence and Cultural Models of Intervention"

- Mixed-method ethnography utilizing open-ended vignette interviews and a structured internet survey with samples stratified by gender and exposure to violence
- Determined the foundations for cultural norms that promote or inhibit intervention to stop instances of violence
- Used qualitative and quantitative data analysis tools, including text, regression, and factor analyses

Training Consultant Research: Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, 2009

- Researched current hospital-based domestic violence protocols for Department of Social Services-funded grant
- Made recommendations and implemented new training programs

Research Assistant: University of Connecticut, Department of Anthropology, 2003- 2007

Conducted interviews, organized and analyzed data for various anthropological research projects.

- Organized and administered economic games experiments under the supervision of Dr. Richard Sosis
- Developed and implemented pilot project with Dr. Danielle Wozniak- Rites of Passage and Healing Efficacy: An Ethnographic Study of an Intimate Partner Violence Intervention
- Conducted life-history interviews in Women's Sexual Lives Over the Life Course, with Dr. Danielle Wozniak

- Member of Dr. Erickson's research team for CDC-funded project on communication and sexual decision-making processes among African Americans and Latinos living in Hartford
- Interviewer for Dr. W. Penn Handwerker in CDC-funded oral health research project

Masters Research: Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut, 2000-2003
"Fitness Benefits of Prostitution in Saint Lucia, West Indies"

- Utilized various ethnographic field methods to locate difficult to reach population of sex workers
- Collected life histories, structured and semi-structured interviews
- Used text analysis to test various theories on gender, economics, health, and violence

PRESENTATIONS

"Bridging health care and domestic violence care: A collaborative training model for screening and referral." Poster to be presented at the National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence, San Francisco CA, 2012

"But what can I do? Domestic Violence and cultural models of interventions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans LA 2010

"Why deterrents to violence don't work and what can be done about it." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society for Applied Anthropology, Washington D.C. 2007

"Sex and Violence Revisited: A new look at power and agency in the survivors of domestic abuse." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C. 2005

"What's Missing: Cultural incompetence in the delivery of health care for young women's sexual health." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society for Applied Anthropology, Dallas TX, 2004

"Fitness Benefits of Prostitution in St. Lucia, West Indies" Poster presented at the Annual Meeting for the American Anthropological Association, Chicago IL, 2002

PUBLICATIONS

DiVietro, Susan (in prep). Domestic Violence Interventions by Friends and Family: Barriers and Cultural Models in a Vignette-Based Ethnographic Study. *Current Anthropology*.

DiVietro, Susan, Jordan Kiper, and Benjamin Purzycki (in prep). I Know I Should, but I Wouldn't: Evolved Moral Cognition and Its Application in Domestic Violence Interventions. *Evolutionary Psychology*.

"Taoist Sexual Practices", *The Lehigh Review*, v. 35, Spring 1999

AWARDS

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award, University of Connecticut 2010
Outstanding Scholar Award, University of Connecticut 2000-2003
Presidential Scholar Award, Lehigh University 1999

FUNDING

2010 University of Connecticut, Dean's Fund Graduate Fellowship
2004 University of Connecticut Graduate School, Summer Fellowship
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2002 University of Connecticut Graduate School, Summer Fellowship
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender, power, and violence; domestic violence, health care and social support; community engagement; feminist perspectives; interventions; sexual health; prostitution; behavioral ecology; healing; cultural models; Asian, Caribbean and Latin cultures; prison populations