

Amanda Hilton
Curriculum Vitae

School of Anthropology
University of Arizona
1009 E South Campus Drive
Tucson, AZ 85721
520 639 5263
ajhilton@arizona.edu

EDUCATION

- 2020 PhD, Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Arizona
Dissertation: *Selling or Saving Cultural Heritage? Sicilian Protected Geographical Indication Extra-Virgin Olive Oil*
Minor: Geography
- 2015 MA, Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Arizona
Thesis: *Food Sovereignty at Ndee Bikiyaa, The People's Farm*
Report: *Ndee Bikiyaa Food Sovereignty Community Assessment Report (2014)*
- 2007 BA, Anthropology and Religious Studies, Colby College, *summa cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2020–present Research Scientist, Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2021 Instructor, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona
- 2019 Instructor, Syracuse Academy/ACCENT for University of California Education Abroad Program, Siracusa, Sicily, Italy

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2018 Fulbright EU-NATO Seminar Participant, Belgium and Luxembourg
- 2015 Selected participant, NSF Summer Institute for Research Design in Cultural Anthropology

SELECTED FUNDING

- 2022 National Science Foundation, “Addressing Demographic Disparities in Students’ Choice of Engineering Discipline,” Co-PI, \$440,500
- 2019–2020 University of Arizona School of Anthropology Haury Dissertation Fellowship, \$20,000
- 2018–2019 P.E.O. Scholar Award, \$15,000
- 2017–2018 Fulbright International Institute of Education, Italy, \$16,630
- 2017 American Philosophical Association Lewis and Clark Fund for Field Research, \$5,000
- 2007–2008 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Scholarship

Special Issues

Hilton, Amanda and Angela D. Storey, eds.

2022 Collaborative Futures in the Making. *Collaborative Anthropologies*, 14(2). Includes seven peer-reviewed articles.

Articles

Hilton, Amanda

2022 *Amara e Bella*, Bitter and Beautiful: A praxis of care in valuing Sicilian olive oil and landscapes. *Economic Anthropology*, 9(2): 257–269.

Hilton, Amanda and Angela Storey

2022 Making Collaborative Futures: An Introduction to the Special Issue. *Collaborative Anthropologies*, 14(2).

Hilton, Amanda

2018 Collaboration in Anthropology: The (Field)Work of Grounded Practice. In *Cambio: Rivista Sulle Trasformazioni Sociali*, 8 (15): 113–126.

Book Chapter

Hilton, Amanda

2022 Whose Arancino/a?: The Multiple Making of Place through an Iconic Sicilian Food. In *Food in Memory and Imagination: Space, Place and Taste*. Beth Forrest and Greg de St. Maurice (Editors). Bloomsbury Publishing.

Under Review

2022 Quality and Genuineness in the World of Sicilian Olive Oil. In revisions for *Gastronomica* as part of a Special Collection including contributions by Jillian Cavanaugh, Cristina Grasseni, Elizabeth Krause, and Lauren Crossland-Marr.

In Preparation

Hilton, Amanda

Nd Sicilian Place Identity: The Southern Answer. In preparation for Fall 2022 submission to *American Ethnologist*.

McMahan, Ben (University of Arizona), Amanda Hilton, Melanie Moriarty and Kathleen Bergeron (United Houma Nation)

Nd Movement and Community Cohesion in Southern Louisiana: Collaborative Community Ethnography and the Transition from Triage to Recovery Following Major Hurricanes. In preparation for Spring 2023 submission to *Human Organization*.

Book Review

Hilton, Amanda

2016 Review of *Latino Immigrants and the Transformation of the US South*, Mary E. Odem and Elaine Lacy, eds. In *Transforming Anthropology* 24(1): 86–87.

Technical Reports

Hilton, Amanda, Sydney Pullen, Elizabeth Eklund, and Diane Austin
2022 Community-University Relations: Community Perspectives on their Interactions with The University of Arizona. The Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

Hilton, Amanda and Diane Austin
2017 Composting Toilets in Nogales, Sonora: Assessing a Neighborhood Project After Seven Years. Prepared for the Asociación de Reforestación en Ambos Nogales. The Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

S. Hart, T.J. Ferguson, and M.T. Hopkins (Eds.)
2016 Ethnographic Literature Review. In O’odham Trails on the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument: The Western and Central Travel Corridors. School of Anthropology, University of Arizona.

Penney, Lauren and Amanda Hilton
2014 BARA Report on Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona Client Survey 2014. Prepared for the staff of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. The Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

Ndee Bikiyaa and Amanda Hilton
2014 Ndee Bikiyaa Survey Report. Prepared for the staff of Ndee Bikiyaa, The People’s Farm, an effort of the Water Resources Division of the White Mountain Apache Tribe

Bulletts, Charley, Shanan Anderson, Mike Osife, Kevin Bulletts, Megan Sheehan, Amanda Hilton, Diane Austin
2014 Southern Paiute Consortium Colorado River Corridor Resource Evaluation Program: Annual Report of Activities. Prepared in conjunction with the Southern Paiute Consortium, Pipe Spring, Arizona and Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona for the National Park Service.

Hilton, Amanda and Ryan Powers
2013 BARA Report on Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona Client Survey 2013. Prepared for the staff of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. The Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Internal Funding

2020, 16, 15 School of Anthropology William and Nancy Sullivan Scholarship Award
2020, 16, 15 School of Anthropology Traditions, Transitions, and Treasures Research Award
2019 University of Arizona Graduate College Fellowship
2019 Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award
2019, 17 Diebold BARA and The Salus Mundi Foundation Graduate Research Award
2015–2016 Cacioppo Foundation Mentored Research Experiences for Success Award
2015, 2013 The Salus Mundi Foundation Graduate Travel Award

- 2015, 14, 13 Diebold BARA Graduate Travel Award
- 2015, 14 Comins Native American Studies Award
- 2014 Edward H. Spicer Fund Award
- 2014 School of Anthropology Graduate Student Travel Scholarship Fund
- 2013 Student-Faculty Interaction Award

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker Presentations

- 2023 Colby College Center for Humanities Lecture Series: Food for Thought. Colby College, Waterville, Maine, scheduled for February 27.
- 2022 Living Landscapes in Sicilian Oliviculture: A Political Ecological Approach. Guest lecture for Master's Seminar *L'antropologia tra conservazione e trasformazione: riflessioni metodologiche e etnografiche*, Anthropology between conservation and transformation: methodological and ethnographic reflections, University of Catania, May 11 (online).
- 2019 The Olive in Sicily and the Mediterranean. Guest lecture for Anna Tasca Lanza Cooking School's 10-week Cook the Farm Program, Regaleali, Sicily, November 8.
- 2019 The Olive in Sicily and the Mediterranean. Guest lecture for Ethnobotany, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, April 4.
- 2013 Experiences as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Italy. Invited speaker at "Language Makes a Difference" Panel at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, April 19.

Panels Organized

- 2022 Sensory Approaches to Landscapes, Labor, Livelihoods, and Lifeworlds. Organized with Cari Tusing. Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky (hybrid), March 24–26.
- 2021 Constructing Quality: Power and Negotiation in Commodity Chains. Organized with Emma McDonell. The American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland, November 19.
- 2020 Collaborative Futures in Practice: Methods and pedagogies for imagining and doing anthropology together [PechaKucha]. Organized with Angela Storey and Alessandro Lutri. Panel at the European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference. Lisbon, Portugal (online), July 24.
- 2018 Fixing territory: bodies and socionatures in flux (part 1); Fixing territory: place-based products out of place (part 2). Organized with Emma McDonell. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Jose, California, November 18.
- 2017 Examining the 'How': Experiences with Creative Research Methodologies. Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, February 25.

Paper Presentations

- 2022 Living oil, living landscapes: Multispecies relationality and vitality in Sicilian oliviculture. Accepted for presentation at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, November 12.
- 2022 *Vivere la terra*: Living landscapes of Sicilian oliviculture. Paper presented at the European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland, July 26–29.
- 2022 Italians lives matter? Belonging and gastronationalism in Sicilian PGI olive oil. Paper presented at The Umbra Center for Food & Sustainability Studies Biennial Conference in Perugia, Italy, June 9–12. (postponed from 2020 because of COVID-19)
- 2022 Harvesting olives in Sicily: A sensory multispecies ethnographic exploration. Paper presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky (online), March 25.
- 2022 Geographical Indications and Precarious Heritage: Sicilian Perspectives. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 26.
- 2021 Authentic or Not? Quality versus Genuine Sicilian Olive Oil. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, November 19.
- 2021 Protected Geographical Indication of Love? The Parallel Lifeworlds of Sicilian Olive Oil. Paper presented at the Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, online, March 4.
- 2021 “Twenty years ago there didn’t exist a family that didn’t have oil in the house”: The Local Lifeworld of Sicilian Extra-Virgin Olive Oil. Paper presented at Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky (online), February 19.
- 2019 Cultural heritage, intellectual property, and the invention of tradition. Paper presented at Indigenous Inequalities: Intersections of property, place, and rights in the United States and Australia Conference in Tucson, Arizona (online from Sicily), November 14.
- 2019 The Promise of Protected Geographic Indication Sicilian Olive Oil. Paper presented at 12th Italian National Conference of Environmental Sociologists in Salerno, Italy, September 27.
- 2019 Selling or Saving Cultural Heritage? The Case of Sicilian PGI Olive Oil. University of Arizona. Paper presented at the Center for Regional Food Studies Graduate Student Panel, Tucson, Arizona, February 13.
- 2019 Precarious heritage: Sicilian Protected Geographic Indication olive oil and traditional cultural landscapes. Paper presented at the Food Security and Social Justice Network Graduate Student Research Panel, Tucson, Arizona, April 11.

- 2018 Sicilian PGI olive oil pushing the boundaries. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, California, November 18.
- 2018 Abandoned olive groves and protected cultivars: the pasts and futures of Sicilian olive oil. Paper presented at the European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, August 16.
- 2017 Taking the Ecological Seriously: The Ethnobotany of Sicilian Olive Oil Production. Paper presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, February 25.
- 2016 Farming for Holistic Wellbeing: The Meanings of Food Sovereignty at Ndee Bikiyaa, the People's Farm. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 1.
- 2015 Holistic Wellbeing through Agriculture at Ndee Bikiyaa (The People's Farm). Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 21.
- 2015 Harvey, Clayton (Community Member), Danya Carroll (MPH, Community Member), Breann Clarkson (Community Member), Cheryl Pailzote (MS, Community Member), and Amanda Hilton. Benefits and Challenges of Food Policies on a Southwest Tribally Owned Farm. Was not present for oral paper presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 2.
- 2015 "In Apache, Land and Mind Mean the Same Thing": The Cultivation of White Mountain Apache Wellness Through Traditional Agriculture. Paper presented at Il cibo e il sacro: tradizioni e simbologie (Food and the Sacred: Traditions and Symbols) Conference, Rome, Italy, July 8.
- 2015 Lessons from Ndee Bikiyaa, the People's Farm: The Healing Potential of Food Sovereignty in White Mountain Apache Territory. Paper presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, February 28.
- 2015 Food Sovereignty at Ndee Bikiyaa (The People's Farm). Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 25.
- 2014 Food Insecurity in Southern Arizona: Working with Food Banks as Community Partners. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 19.

Roundtable Presentations

- 2023 Considering Mentorship: The Practicalities, Challenges, and Rewards of Mentored Projects and Research. Submitted for the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 28–April 1.

Poster Presentations

- 2016 Hilton, Amanda, Sydney Pullen, Jessica Harris, Julia Nestor, Elizabeth Koleski, Darya Anderson. Composting Toilets in the Sonoran Desert. Poster presented at the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Arizona Annual Conference, Tucson, Arizona, March 21.
- 2015 Hilton, Amanda and Will Robertson. The Burden of Cost: A Mixed-Methods Approach Exploring Differences in Cost as a Barrier to Medication Adherence. Poster presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 21.

RESEARCH

Independent

- 2016–present 12 weeks scoping fieldwork in 2015-16; 14 months of ethnographic fieldwork in 2017-18 in Sicily, Italy to comprise the data for a PhD dissertation. Conducted participant observation harvesting and pressing olives in 2 growing seasons as well as ethnobotanical walking and semi-structured interviews with growers, millers, marketers, auditors, and taste-testers of extra-virgin olive oil. Collaborations with academic colleagues and farmers ongoing.
- 2014 10 weeks of fieldwork on the Fort Apache (White Mountain) Reservation in eastern Arizona, USA. Lived at Fort Apache and worked as a farmhand at Ndee Bikiyaa (The People's Farm), while conducting pile sorts and semi-structured interviews with White Mountain Apache Tribal participants. This fieldwork research was conducted to achieve a Master's thesis in sociocultural anthropology.

Collaborative

- 2022–present *Cultivating Equitable Food Policy in Pima County*.
With CLIMAS (Climate Assessment for the Southwest) and Dr. Gigi Owen and the Center for Regional Food Studies and Dr. Laurel Bellante.
Funded by Thriving Communities Grant, Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.
Researcher: Research design, focus group and participant observation data collection ongoing.
- 2020–present *Addressing Demographic Disparities in Students' Choice of Engineering Discipline*.
Funded by The National Science Foundation.
Co-PI: Mixed methods research design and grant proposal; supervision and mentoring of post-baccalaureate researchers; participant observation, focus groups, semi-structured interviews; data collection ongoing.

Climate, culture, movement: Navigating decision-making in a shifting landscape for a resilient United Houma Nation.

Funded by The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine: Gulf Research Program.

Ethnographer: Participant observation, semi-structured interviews; data cleaning and analysis; write-up.

Long Term Effectiveness of Healthy Homes Interventions.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For and with Sonora Environmental Research Institute, Inc.

Project Manager and Researcher: Supervision and mentoring of graduate students and undergraduate interns; survey development, data collection ongoing.

2013–present *Southern Paiute Consortium Grand Canyon Citizen Science Monitoring and Evaluation Program.*

Funded by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Consultant, Research Scientist, and Graduate Research Assistant: Project support; field data collection, analysis, and write-up.

2021–2022 *Community-University Relations: Community Perspectives on Their Interactions with The University of Arizona.*

Internally funded.

PI: Project management, interviews (zoom), data cleaning and analysis, and write-up.

2017 Graduate Research Assistant, *A Study on Urban Ethnohydrology: Exploring green infrastructure and xeriscaping practices and policies in the arid Southwest.*

With Dr. Lucero Radonic at Michigan State University.

Graduate Research Assistant: Interviews, project and data management.

2016–2017 *Composting Toilets in Colinas del Sol, Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.*

For the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology (BARA) at The University of Arizona.

Graduate Research Assistant: Data cleaning and analysis, and write-up.

2014–2016 *Medication Adherence and Health Literacy.*

Funded by The National Institutes of Health.

Supervisor: Dr. Susan Shaw at The University of Arizona.

Graduate Research Assistant: Quantitative data analysis and project support.

2013–2016 *BARA Internship Program.*

For BARA at The University of Arizona.

Graduate Research Assistant: Oversight, mentoring, and team leadership of undergraduate interns, project completion and presentation.

2014 *O’odham Salt Trails in Organ Pipe National Monument Project.*

For Organ Pipe National Monument.

Supervisor: Dr. T.J. Ferguson at The University of Arizona.
Graduate Research Assistant: Ethnographic literature review and community meetings.

- 2013–2014 *Client Survey.*
For Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona partnered with BARA at The University of Arizona.
Graduate Research Assistant: Team leadership, survey development, administration, analysis, and write-up
- 2013 *Tohono O’odham Summer Health Careers Research Camp.*
For SEAHEC (South-Eastern Arizona Health Education Center) and Tohono O’odham Nation partnered with BARA at The University of Arizona.
Graduate Research Consultant: Summer program development and implementation.
- 2013 *EcoCasa Demonstration Site Development*
For Asociación para la Reforestación de Ambos Nogales (ARAN) partnered with BARA at The University of Arizona.
Graduate Research Assistant: Community partnership development and project support.
- 2012 *Urban Landscape Assessment.*
For the Watershed Management Group and the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona partnered with BARA at The University of Arizona.
Graduate Research Assistant: Data collection and analysis.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- 2017–2018 Università degli Studi di Palermo (University of Palermo)
Visiting Scholar, Department of Agrarian and Forestry Sciences
- 2018–2019 Università degli Studi di Catania (University of Catania)
Visiting Scholar and Guest Instructor, Department of Humanistic Sciences

INSTRUCTION

Instructor

- 2021 University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development
Introduction to Critical Food Studies
- 2019 Syracuse Academy and ACCENT for University of California Education Abroad Program, “Mediterranean Politics, Food and Culture Program in Syracuse, Barcelona and Florence,” Siracusa, Sicily
Sicilian Foodways: Migration, Labor, and Identity in the Mediterranean (study abroad site-specific condensed course)
- 2017 University of Arizona, School of Anthropology
Ecological Anthropology

Co-instructor

- 2019 Università degli Studi di Catania (University of Catania), Dipartimento di Scienze Umanistiche (Department of Humanistic Sciences)
Etnografie ambientali della Sicilia (Environmental Ethnographies of Sicily) (2-month laboratory course)
- 2018 Università degli Studi di Palermo (University of Palermo) and the Anna Tasca Lanza Cooking School
What is Good, Clean, and Fair? An Experiential Ethnographic Engagement with Valledolmo's Food System
(1-week experiential learning course combining University of Palermo students with international cooking school students in central Sicily)
- 2017 University of Arizona, Food Security and Social Justice Network (Graduate Student Group)
Breaking Down Our Food System: A Two-day Introduction to Critical Food Studies

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- 2013–2019 University of Arizona, School of Anthropology
ANTH150: Many Ways of Being Human, Dr. Brian Silverstein (Spring 2019), Dr. Tad Park (Fall 2013)
ANTH150A1: Race, Ethnicity, and the American Dream, Dr. Maisa Taha (Spring 2015)
CLAS329: Art History of the Cinema, Dr. David Soren (Spring 2017, Spring 2013)

SERVICE

- 2022–present At-large Board Member, Society for Economic Anthropology
- 2021–present Nominations Chair, Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition
- 2020–present Advisory Board Member, Culture & Agriculture's Sensorium, an editor-reviewed, virtual platform that highlights engagement with the senses
- 2019–present Founding and board member, Associazione Food Heritage, Palermo, Italy
- 2019–2020 Volunteer, after school program for migrant children at CIAO (Centro Interculturale di Aiuto ed Orientamento, Intercultural Center for Help and Orientation), Siracusa, Italy
- 2014–2019 Founding member and Organizer, Food Security and Social Justice Network at the University of Arizona
- 2014–2017 Leadership Council member, Pima County Food Alliance, Tucson, AZ
- 2016–2017 President, Food Security and Social Justice Network at the University of

Arizona

- 2016 Graduate Student Representative, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Search Committee for Food Studies Strategic Hire, University of Arizona
- 2016 President, Anthropology Graduate Students at the University of Arizona
- 2015 Treasurer, Anthropology Graduate Students at the University of Arizona
- 2013–2014 Teaching Assistants' Ombudsperson, Anthropology Graduate Students at the University of Arizona
- 2013–2014 Mentor, Office of Academic Success and Achievement, University of Arizona

Review for Academic Journals and Awards

Antropologia Pubblica, City & Society, Culture & Agriculture's Sensorium, Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition Christine Wilson Undergraduate Paper Award, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst German Academic Exchange Service PRIME Fellowship Award

LANGUAGES

English – native fluency

Italian – near-native fluency in written and spoken Italian

Spanish – strong written proficiency, moderate conversational proficiency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association

Anthropology and Environment Society

Culture and Agriculture

European Association of Social Anthropologists

Political Ecology Society

Society for Applied Anthropology

Society for Economic Anthropology

Society for the Anthropology of Europe

Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition