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Areas of Specialization

Cultural anthropology; medical anthropology; anthropology of gender and sexuality; global health; reproduction; HIV/AIDS; cancer; globalization; development; nationalism; South Asia

Education

- Ph.D. Medical Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
and University of California, San Francisco, May 23, 1998
Advisor: Lawrence Cohen
- M.A. Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, May 1992
Advisor: Arjun Appadurai
- B.A. Anthropology and Religious Studies, Brown University, May 1987
Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa
University of Wisconsin-Madison Year in India Program in Madurai, India, 1986–87

Professional Experience

Academics:

Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, August 2007–present

Affiliated Faculty Member, International Relations Program, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University, September 2016–present.

Affiliated Faculty Member, Department of Women's & Gender Studies, Syracuse University, August 2011–present

Affiliated Faculty Member, South Asia Studies Program, Syracuse University, August 2003–present.

Visiting Adjunct Associate Professor, Asian Studies Program, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, August 2012–May 2013

Trustee, American Institute for Indian Studies (AIIS), 2017–present; 2010–2012.

Executive Committee Member & Trustee, South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI), 2010–2012.

Director, Department of Education National Resource Center for South Asian Studies, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, August 2010–August 2012

Undergraduate Director, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, August 2006–August 2008

Co-Director, Gender and Globalization Group. Moynihan Institute, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, August 2005–August 2008

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, August 2003–August 2007

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, August 2000–August 2003

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, UC-Berkeley, “Gender and Power in South Asia,” Summer 1999

Lecturer, Women’s Studies Department, UC-Berkeley, “Gender & Reproductive Science and Technology: A Global Perspective,” Spring 1999

Research Assistant, Organs Watch, Department of Anthropology, UC-Berkeley, Fall 1998

Graduate Student Instructor, UC-Berkeley, “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology,” Fall 1997; Fall 1996

Reader, UC-Berkeley, “Anthropology of Aging and the Life Course,” Spring 1996

Teaching Assistant/Writing Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, “India through Western Eyes,” Fall 1990

International Development and Other Non-Academic Experience:

Consultant to the BBC Natural History Unit, UK on childbirth rituals in India for four-part documentary about rituals across the globe. April 2016.

Consultant/Delegate to Oxfam’s “South Asia Consultation on Maternal Health-Regional Dialogue and Way Forward.” Kathmandu, Nepal, February 5-6, 2015

Consultant for documentary film on “Global Moms,” Directed by Justine Shapiro, 2006

Program Assistant, The Asia Foundation, San Francisco, 1988-1989

Assistant Bay Area Coordinator, Pueblo-to-People, San Francisco 1987–1988

Internships

International Development Exchange (IDEX), San Francisco, 1992

Institute for Food and Development Policy (Food First), San Francisco, 1987

The Asia Society, Washington, D.C., 1985

Publications:

Books:

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2013 *Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India*. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press. (274 pgs)

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2003 *Birth on the Threshold: Childbirth & Modernity in South India*. Berkeley: University of California Press. (295 pgs). [Also published by Zubaan, Delhi, India].

Articles and Chapters:

Van Hollen, Cecilia

(In Progress) *Cancer and the Kali Yuga: the biopolitics of cancer causality in reproductive cancer screening in South India*. (To be submitted to *BioSocieties* for Special Issue on *Cancer and the South*, to be edited by Carlo Caduff and Cecilia Van Hollen. Special Issue has been accepted).

Van Hollen, Cecilia

(Forthcoming) *Handle with Care: Rethinking the rights vs. culture dichotomy in cancer disclosure in India*. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. (42 pgs. Manuscript accepted on 7/18/2017; has been sent for typesetting) (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia

(Forthcoming) *May the Force be with You: An Indian homeopathic doctor's approach to the gendered ills of our time*. Chapter submitted for edited volume by Arima Mishra on *Local Health Traditions: Pluralism and Marginality in South Asia*. Invited Book to be published by Orient Blackswan (Delhi). (25 pgs. submitted on Feb. 6, 2017. This is a publisher-Invited edited volume that has been approved for publication). (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia; Krishnan, Shweta; Rathnam, Shibani

(Forthcoming 2018) "It's Partly in Our Hands; It's Partly in the Hands of the Goddess": Cancer patients' quest for well-being in India. Special Issue. *Purushartha: Social Sciences in South Asia*, Issue Number 36. (*Journal of L'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales*, Paris). (35 pgs). (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2017 Feminist Critical Medical Anthropology Methodologies: Implications for understanding gender and healthcare in India. *In Re-presenting Feminist Methodologies: Interdisciplinary Explorations*. Kalpana Kannabiran and Padmini Swaminathan, eds. Pp. 330-347. NY: Routledge. [Revised reprint of article published by Economic and Political Weekly in 2016] (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2016 Trump and the Establishment Boogeyman: What is “the establishment” and why was it scorned this election cycle? *Anthropology News*. Online, December 14, 2016 <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2016/12/14/trump-and-the-establishment-boogeyman/>

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2016 Feminist Critical Medical Anthropology Methodologies: Implications for understanding gender and healthcare in India. Special Issue. *Economic and Political Weekly* 51(18):72-79. (Refereed)

Sheoran, Nayatara; Deomampo, Daisy; Van Hollen, Cecilia

2015 Extending Theory, Rupturing Boundaries: Reproduction, Health, and Medicine Beyond North-South Binaries. Special Issue. *Medical Anthropology* 34(3):185-191. (Refereed).

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2011 Breast or Bottle? HIV-Positive Women’s Responses to Global Health Policy on Infant Feeding in India. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 25(4):499-518. (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2011 Birth in the Age of AIDS: local responses to global policies and technologies in South India. *In Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives*. Carolyn Sargent and Carole Browner, eds. Pp. 83–95. Durham: Duke University Press. (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2011 HIV/AIDS: Global Policies, Local Realities. *In Companion to the Anthropology of India*. Isabelle Clark-Deces, ed. Pp. 464–481. Sussex, UK: Wiley-Blackwell Publishers. (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2010 HIV/AIDS and the Gendering of Stigma in Tamil Nadu, South India. *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 34(4):633–657. (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia
2007 Navigating HIV, Pregnancy, and Childbearing in South India: Pragmatics and Constraints in women's decision-making. *Medical Anthropology* 26(7): 7–52. (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia
2005 Nationalism, Transnationalism, and the Politics of “Traditional” Indian Medicine for HIV/AIDS. *In Asian Medicine and Globalization*. Joseph Alter, ed. Pp. 88–106. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia
2004 Jonathan P. Parry. *In Biographical Dictionary of Anthropology*. Vered Amit, ed. Pp. 95–96. London: Routledge.

Van Hollen, Cecilia
2004 Bernard Cohn. *In Biographical Dictionary of Anthropology*. Vered Amit, ed. P. 401. London: Routledge.

Van Hollen, Cecilia
2003 Invoking *Vali*: Painful Technologies of Modern Birth in South India. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 17(1):49–77. (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia
2002 “Baby Friendly” Hospitals and Bad Mothers: Maneuvering Development in the Postpartum Period in Tamil Nadu, South India. *In The Daughters of Hariti: Birth and Female Healers in South and Southeast Asia*. Santi Rozario and Geoffrey Samuel, eds. Pp. 163–181. New York: Routledge.

Van Hollen, Cecilia
1998 Moving Targets: Routine IUD Insertions in Maternity Wards in Tamil Nadu, India. *Reproductive Health Matters* 6(11):98-106. (Refereed)

Van Hollen, Cecilia
1994 Perspectives on the Anthropology of Birth [A Review Article of Three Books]. *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 18: 501–512.

Blogs:

Van Hollen, Cecilia
2015 Maternal Healthcare in South Asia as the MDGs Wind Down. Invited blog for the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Global Health Policy. May 15, 2015. <http://www.smartglobalhealth.org/blog/entry/maternal-healthcare-in-south-asia-as-the-mdgs-wind-down/>

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2014 Reflections on the U.S.- India Standoff on Generics. Invited blog for the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Global Health Policy. November 5, 2014. <http://www.smartglobalhealth.org/blog/entry/reflections-on-the-u.s.-india-standoff-on-generics/>

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2014 Closing the Gap in India: How Shortages of Anti-retroviral Therapies Could Jeopardize India's Race to Eradicate AIDS. Invited Blog for Stanford University Press on World AIDS Day. <http://stanfordpress.typepad.com/blog/2014/12/closing-the-gap-in-india-1.html>

Book Reviews:

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2015 *Review of* Given to the Goddess: South Indian Devadasis and the Sexuality of Religion. Lucinda Ramberg. Medical Anthropology Quarterly. Forthcoming in Print. Published Online May 2015.

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2015 *Review of* Multiple Voices and Stories: Narratives of Health and Illness. Arima Mishra and Suhita Chopra Chatterjee, Eds. Anthropology and Medicine. 22(1): 90-93.

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2014 *Review of* Fertile Disorder: Spirit Possession and its Provocation of the Modern. Kalpana Ram. Journal of Asian Studies 73(1): 273-274.

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2010 *Review of* Where There is No Midwife: Birth and Loss in Rural India. Sarah Pinto. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 24(1):129–131.

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2007 *Review of* Yoga in Modern India: The Body Between Science and Philosophy. Joseph Alter. Journal of Asian Studies 66(2):562–564.

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2006 *Review of* Birthing in the Pacific: Beyond Tradition and Modernity? Vicki Lukere and Margaret Jolly, Eds. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 12(1): 250–251.

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2005 *Review of* Living with the AIDS Virus: The Epidemic and the Response in India. Samiran Panda, Anindya Chatterjee, and Abu S. Abdul-Quader, Eds. Science, Technology & Society 10(1):143–150.

Reports

Van Hollen, Cecilia

2016 Exploring the Context of Cancer Treatment in India. In Syracuse University Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs South Asia Center Outreach Bulletin. Spring 2016. p.2.

Awards and Honors

2016 Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award to a faculty member whose dedication to graduate students and commitment to excellence in graduate teaching and mentoring has made a significant contribution to graduate education at Syracuse University.

2012 Steven Polgar Paper Prize from the Society for Medical Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association for the Best Paper Published in *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* in 2011-12 (\$250)

Book chapter “Birth in the Age of AIDS: local responses to global policies and technologies in South India” was published in the *Reproduction, Globalization, and the State: New Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives* edited by Carolyn Sargent and Carole Browner which won the 2012 Society for Medical Anthropology’s Eileen Basker Memorial Prize for its contribution to scholarship on gender and health.

2007 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award for outstanding teaching, research and service by an untenured Maxwell School faculty member, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University (\$7,300)

2005 Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy Book Prize from the Association for Asian Studies to *Birth on the Threshold: Childbirth and Modernity in South India* for Best Book in South Asian Studies published in 2003 (\$1,000)

Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University 1987

Minnie Helen Hicks Award for Excellence in Anthropology, Brown University 1987

Grants and Fellowships

Public Policy Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C. for research on “Living with Cancer at the Crossroads: Assessing risks and seeking cures for reproductive cancers in India.” February—May, 2018 (\$24,000)

Maxwell School Summer Project Assistantship, Office of the Dean, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs for “Living with Cancer at the Crossroads: Assessing risks and seeking cures for reproductive cancers in India.” Summer 2017 (\$1,800)

Appleby-Mosher Fund Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy, Syracuse University for research on “Living with Cancer at the Crossroads: Assessing risks and seeking cures for reproductive cancers in India.” 2016-17 (\$2,000)

Office of Research Small Grant, Syracuse University. “Cancer Screening & Treatment in India: A Medical Anthropological Study” (2015-16) (\$5,822)

American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Senior Short Term Research Fellowship for four-month research project on “Socio-cultural Perspectives and Responses to Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening and Treatment in India.” (Fellowship awarded in 2014 for research in 2015 and 2016; Approx. \$11,000)

Maxwell School Summer Project Assistantship, Office of the Dean, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs for “Socio-cultural Responses to Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening Projects in India” Summer 2014 & 2015 (\$1,800)

Appleby-Mosher Fund Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy, Syracuse University for research on “Socio-cultural Perspectives and Responses to Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening and Treatment in Tamil Nadu, India.” 2014-15 (\$1,200)

Appleby-Mosher Fund Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy, Syracuse University for research on “Biographical Sketch of Miron Winslow: Language, Education, Missionaries, and Identity Politics in Colonial Ceylon and India.” Award granted in 2009, 2010, 2012 (\$1,200 each)

American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Senior Short Term Fellowship for research project on “HIV/AIDS, Women, and Childbearing in Tamilnadu, India.” Summer 2008 (\$3,950)

Summer Project Assistantship Program, Office of the Associate Dean of Sponsored Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs for “Sociocultural aspects of HIV/AIDS, pregnancy, and childbearing among lower class communities in India.” Summer 2005 (\$1,250)

Appleby-Mosher Fund Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy, Syracuse University for research on “HIV/AIDS, Medicine, and Gender: How pregnant women negotiate options to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Tamil Nadu, India.” Summer 2005 (\$1,000)

Fulbright Scholar Program Research Award for “AIDS, Medicine, and Gender: How pregnant women negotiate options to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Tamil Nadu, India.” January–July 2004. (\$21,615)

Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Pilot Fund for Faculty-Student Research in the Social Sciences for research on “AIDS, Medicine, and National Identity Politics in India” 2002 (\$10,600)

Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Course Development Grant, University of Notre Dame. Summer 2001 (\$3,500)

Research Fellow, International and Area Studies, UC-Berkeley 1998-99

Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Grant in Women’s Studies 1997–98 (\$1,500)

Fulbright Hayes Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship 1995–1996 (\$29,587)

American Institute of Indian Studies Dissertation Fellowship 1995 (declined)

Regent’s Graduate Study Fellowship UC-Berkeley 1994, 1996-1997

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship 1989-1994 (Tamil and Hindi)

Robert H. Lowie Graduate Scholarship UC-Berkeley 1993, 1997

Pre-dissertation Research Grant, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, 1993

Pre-dissertation Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, 1991

Courses Taught

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; Global Encounters: Comparing Worldviews and Values Cross-Culturally; Contemporary Anthropological Theory; Critical Issues in Medical Anthropology; Theory and Method in Medical Anthropology; Health, Healing, and Culture; The Anthropology of Reproduction; Culture & Reproductive Health & Medicine; Modern South Asian Cultures; Problems in the Anthropology of South Asia; Gender & Sexuality in South Asia; Medicine, Science, and Power in South Asia; Medicine and the Body in India; Ethnographic Techniques.

Professional Presentations

Papers Presented

Invited Lectures/presentations

“Healthcare Policy Initiatives for Medical Anthropology in the Trump Era” to be presented at AAA Executive Session, “Reimagining Political Horizons.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2017.

“Backward Women and Bad Rice: precarious discourses of causality in reproductive cancer screening in South India” to be presented at a workshop on Cancer in the South: Thinking with Precarity. Kings College, London. May 31—June 1, 2017. (Invited, expenses paid)

“Medical Anthropology and Advocacy for Congressional Policy” Presented at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) Executive Committee Workshop on Anthropology & Policy. AAA Headquarters, Arlington, VA, May 15-16. 15 minutes. (Invited, expenses paid)

“Handle with Care: Beyond the rights vs. culture dichotomy in cancer disclosure in India” presented at Yale-NUS, Singapore, January 13, 2017. 45 minutes. (Invited, expenses paid)

“Kashmir: An overview of the conflict” presented to the General Assembly at the Central New York Model United Nations (CNYMUN) Conference, Syracuse University, January 6, 2017. 30 minutes (Invited)

“The Establishment Boogeyman,” Roundtable Presenter on “The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election: Anthropologists Reflect on What Just Happened.” Invited Session of the American Ethnological Society (AES) for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 19, 2016. 10 minutes. (Invited Roundtable)

“Handle with Care: Beyond the rights vs. culture dichotomy in cancer disclosure in India” presented at the Science Technology and Medicine in Pre-Conference for the Madison South Asia Conference, presented on October 20, 2016. 15 minutes (Invited, pre-conference)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India.” Presented at the Center on Health, Risk and Society (CHRS), American University. October 8, 2014. 45 minutes. (Invited; expenses paid)

Lyceum Invited Speaker, “Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India.” Presented at Oxford College, Emory University. September 25, 2014. 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India.” Presented at the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (MESAS), Emory University, Atlanta. September 24, 2014. 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India” presented at the Department of Anthropology, University of Hawaii, Honolulu Speakers Series. May 1, 2014. 45 minutes (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“AIDS Activism and Gender Justice for Widows in India” presented at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. November 24, 2013. 15 minutes. (Invited Session of the Committee on Gender Justice in Anthropology)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction and HIV/AIDS in India” Presented at the USAID Bureau of Global Health, Washington, D.C. October 25, 2013. 45 minutes. (Invited lecture)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India.” Presented at the French Institute of Pondicherry, India. July 24, 2013. 45 minutes. (Invited Lecture)

“Tamil Ethnic Politics in India and Sri Lanka.” Presented at the U.S. State Department, School of Foreign Service, Area Studies Division. Arlington, Virginia. March 19, 2013. 20 minutes. (Invited)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India.” Presented at Georgetown University in the "Global India" Series organized by The Office of the Dean of the School of Foreign Service, the Georgetown Asian Studies Program, and the Mortara Center for International Studies. February 16, 2012. 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“Healthcare Reform: Reflections from Capitol Hill” Invited Session on Society for Medical Anthropology Taskforce on Healthcare Reform, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 18, 2010. 15 minutes. (Invited Panel)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in South India” presented at the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. April 23, 2010. 60 minutes. (Invited lecture)

“From Global Health Initiatives to ‘Resistance *Sakti*’: Women’s responses to the shifting terrain of policy for HIV/AIDS and infant feeding in India” presented at the South Asia Studies Council, Yale University. October 14, 2009. 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“From Acceptability to ‘Resistance *Sakti*’: Women’s responses to the shifting terrains of science and policy for HIV and infant feeding in South India” presented at McGill University, Department of Social Studies of Medicine. October 15, 2008. 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“Poverty, Gender, and the State: Views from Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Tamil Nadu, India” presented at conference on “Poverty, Inequality, and the State in South Asia.” Sponsored by the North Carolina Center for South Asia Studies, and the University of North Carolina’s Center for Global Initiatives and the Center for Aging. Chapel Hill, N.C., January 11-13. 2008. 20 minutes. (Invited; expenses paid)

“HIV/AIDS and the Gendering of Stigma in Tamil Nadu, South India” presented at the University of Texas-Austin, South Asia Seminar on “New Directions in South Asia Studies,” October 18, 2007. 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“Health Care Transitions for HIV Transmission: Women’s responses to the shifting policy terrain for HIV and infant feeding in India” presented at the Syracuse University and Cornell South Asia Consortium conference on “Health Care in Transition in South Asia,” Syracuse University, Sept. 29, 2007. 30 minutes. (Invited)

Convocation for New Students Speech presented on the “Shared Reading” of Tracy Kidder’s book, *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*. Syracuse University, August 24, 2007. 15 minutes. (Invited)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: kinship, medical culture, and the state in South India” presented for the South Asia Program, Cornell University, February 12, 2007. 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Local responses to global policies and technologies in South India” Paper presented for a Rockefeller Foundation conference on “Reproduction, Globalization, and the State” Bellagio, Italy, June 1–7, 2006. (Invited; expenses paid; conference and travel funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and Wenner-Gren)

“HIV/AIDS, Pregnancy, and Childbearing in India: Structure and Agency in Women’s Decision-Making” presented as Keynote Speaker for World AIDS Day at SUNY-Potsdam, December 1, 2005 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“HIV/AIDS and Childbearing in India” presented at Hobart & William Smith Colleges. October 28, 2005. 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“HIV/AIDS, Pregnancy, and Birth in South India” presented for the South Asia Center and the Gender and Globalization group of the Maxwell School, Syracuse University, April 19, 2005. 45 minutes (Invited)

“The Biomedicalization of Pain and Maternal Health in India” presented to the Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, February 27, 2003. 45 minutes. (Invited; expenses paid)

“Childbirth and Modernity in India,” presented to the Asian Studies Program, DePauw University, March 5, 2003. 45 minutes. (Invited; honorarium and expenses paid)

“Nationalism, Transnationalism, and the Politics of ‘Traditional’ Indian Medicine for HIV/AIDS” presented at conference on Asian Medicine: Nationalism, Transnationalism, and the Politics of Culture, University of Pittsburgh, Nov. 14-16, 2002. 20 minutes. (Invited; expenses paid)

“Childbirth, Culture, and Technology in India” presented at the Center for Asian Studies Lecture Series, University of Notre Dame, March 2001. 45 minutes. (Invited)

“Invoking *Vali*: Painful Technologies of Modern Birth and the Reconceptualization of Maternity in South India” presented at the conference on Representing the Body in Colonial and Post-Colonial South Asia at Purdue University, February 24, 2001. 20 minutes. (Invited)

“Birth on the Threshold: Childbirth and Modernity in India” presented to the Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, February 16, 1999. 45 minutes. (Invited; expenses paid)

“Reproductive Health and Development Discourse in South India” presented to the Department of Anthropology and the School of Social Work, University of Michigan, February 18, 1999. 45 minutes. (Invited; expenses paid)

“The Medicalization of Childbirth among Lower Class Communities in Tamil Nadu, India” presented to the Department of Anthropology, Trinity College, February 23, 1998. 45 minutes. (Invited; expenses paid)

“Reproduction, Maternity and Modernity in South India” presented to the Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina–Charlotte, February 25, 1998. 45 minutes. (Invited; expenses paid)

Other Conference/Workshop Papers

“Listening to Sundari: Morality tales of reproductive cancer screening camps in South India,” presented for panel on “Embodied Interventions: Body, Gender and Technology in South Asia,” at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, March 17, 2017.

“Goddesses and Doctors: Adversaries or collaborators in cancer diagnosis and referral in Tamil Nadu, India” presented for the panel on Moments and Movements: Collaboration and Ambivalence Across South Asia and the Fragmented at the Society for Cultural Anthropology Annual Conference, Cornell University, May 13-14, 2016. Paper co-authored with Shweta Krishnan and Shibani Rathnam. 15 minutes. (panel selected)

Roundtable Presenter on “Revisiting ‘Testing Women, Testing the Fetus: The Social Impact of Amniocentesis in America’” in honor of Rayna Rapp presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, December 6, 2014, Washington, D.C. 15 minutes. (Roundtable selected)

“Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India” presented for the Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University. February 27, 2014. 45 minutes.

“Managing the uncertainty of an HIV-positive prenatal diagnosis in India” presented at the European Association of Social Anthropologist (EASA) Conference, Nanterre, France. July 10-13, 2012. 15 minutes (Panel Selected) [Note: I was unable to attend the conference but the paper was still presented as part of the panel]

“‘The HIV test is like an immunization’: Scenes from prenatal HIV counseling in South India” presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) & The International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii. March 31, 2011. 15 minutes. (Panel Selected)

“‘The HIV test is like an immunization’: Scenes from prenatal HIV counseling in Tamil Nadu, India” presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology Conference, “Medical Anthropology at the Intersections: Celebrating 50 Years of Interdisciplinarity.” Yale University, September 26, 2009. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“From Acceptability to “Resistance *Sakti*”: Women’s responses to the shifting terrains of science and policy for HIV and infant feeding in South India” presented at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 30, 2007. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“HIV, Pregnancy, and Childbearing in South India: structure and agency in women’s decision-making” presented at the South Asia Studies Annual Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 8, 2005. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“HIV/AIDS and the Transformation of Birth in South India” presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, April 7, 2005. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“Re-Producing Gender and Kinship through HIV-Testing and Treatment during Pregnancy in India” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 19-23, 2003. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“Childbirth, Pain, and Multiple Medical Modernities” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., November 2001. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“Invoking *Vali*: Painful Technologies of Modern Birth in South India” presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, March 1999. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“The Criminalization of Poor Mothers: The Discourse of Female Infanticide and the State Plan of Action for the Child in Tamil Nadu, India,” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, December 1998. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“Criminal Mothers and Superstitious Fathers: A Shift from the Mother to the Child in Tamil Nadu’s Maternal and Child Health Program,” presented at the South Asia Studies Annual Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 1998. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“‘Baby Friendly’ Hospitals and Bad Mothers: Maternal-Child Health Development Discourse in Tamil Nadu, South India,” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 1997. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“Moving Targets: The Routinization of IUD Insertions in Tamil Nadu’s Maternity Wards” presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology and the Society for Applied Anthropology Joint Meeting, Seattle, March 1997. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“The Institutionalization of Childbirth and Control Over Women’s Bodies in Tamil Nadu, South India,” presented at the South Asia Studies Annual Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 1996. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

“The Colonial Discourse on Bodies in Civil Society and the Civilizing Process: Edgar Thurston’s Ethnographic Exploits in South India,” presented at the South Asia Studies Annual Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 1993. 15 minutes. (Panel selected)

Conference Discussant

Respondent to paper by Kaushik Sunder Rajan on “Speculations on the Constitution of the Experimental Subject” at the Cornell-Syracuse Consortium 2016 South Asia Symposium, Cornell University, May 6, 2016 (15 minutes)

Discussant/Respondent for Syracuse University Humanities Center Symposium on “Stillbirth in the Spotlight: Negotiating New Narratives of Pregnancy Loss.” April 28, 2014. (15 minutes)

Panel Discussant on “Margins and Thresholds of the Medical in Contemporary India,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, March 27, 2014. (15 minutes) (Panel selected)

Panel Discussant on “At the Borders of Agency: Migration, Reproductive Health, and Regulation,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 15, 2012 (15 minutes) (Panel selected)

Panel Discussant on “Tracing Reproductive and Contraceptive Relations,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, November 18, 2011 (15 minutes) (Panel selected)

Panel Discussant on “The Ethnography of Safe Motherhood.” Society for Medical Anthropology Conference, “Medical Anthropology at the Intersections: Celebrating 50 Years of Interdisciplinarity” Yale University, September 25, 2009. (Panel selected)

Panel Discussant on “Techniques of Self: The Body, Violence, and Biopolitics in WHO Millennium Development Goals in Maternal and Child Health and HIV/AIDS,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 29, 2007. 15 minutes. (Invited Session).

Panel Discussant on “Globalizing Reproduction: Toward Theoretical Centrality,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 30-December 4, 2005. 15 minutes (Panel selected)

Round-Table Discussant on “Religion and Peacebuilding in South Asia” for Conference on “Women and the Contested State: religion, Violence and Agency in South Asia” Kroc Institute for International Peace, University of Notre Dame, April 11-12, 2003. 15 minutes.

Panel Discussant on “Maternal Birth Experiences: Historical and Anthropological Perspectives,” South Asia Studies Annual Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 1997. 15 minutes (Panel selected)

Organizer of conferences and conference sessions

“Food, Health, and Agriculture in South Asia” Syracuse University and Cornell University South Asia Consortium Annual Conference. March 29-30, 2012. (11 speakers) (As the Director of the South Asia Center, I oversaw the organization of this conference).

“Science, Medicine, and Policy: Power and Priorities.” Co-organized session for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., November 30, 2007.

“Health Care in Transition in South Asia.” Co-organized conference for Syracuse University and Cornell South Asia Consortium. Syracuse University, September 28-29, 2007. (12 speakers)

“HIV/AIDS, Gender & Sexuality in the Globalized World.” Co-organized conference for the Gender and Globalization Initiative, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University, September 27-28, 2007. (10 speakers)

“Globalization and Reproductive Modernities.” Organized session for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., November 2001

“Maneuvering Development in South Asia” Organized session for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., November 1997

“The Modernization of Health Care in India: Women as Practitioners and Patients” Organized session for the South Asia Studies Annual Conference, University of Madison, Wisconsin, October 1996

Chair for conference sessions

Co-Chair for session on Public Health for the “Geography, Anthropology, and Careers Dedicated to the Public Good,” a Joint Symposium of the Geography and Anthropology Departments. Syracuse University, November 11, 2015.

Chair for session on “Transformations and challenges to health care in South Asia” for “Health Care in Transition in South Asia” conference, Syracuse University and Cornell South Asia Consortium. Syracuse University, Sept. 29, 2007.

Chair for session on “Political economies of women’s risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections” for “HIV/AIDS, Gender & Sexuality in the Globalized World” conference, Gender and Globalization Initiative, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University, September 28, 2007.

Chair for session on “Poverty/War/Displacement” for conference on “Seeking Gender Justice Beyond Beijing: Reflections, Dialogue, and Strategic Action.” The Ray Smith Symposium, Fall 2005. Co-sponsored by the Moynihan Institute and Global Affairs, Syracuse University. September 16-18, 2005.

Chair for Conference on “Partition and Memory: Ireland, India, and Palestine,” University of Notre Dame, December 6-9 2001.

Chair for session on “En-gendering Compassion: Interventions and Self-Determination in South Asian Women’s Health,” University of California, Berkeley, Annual South Asia Conference, February 1998 (panel selected).

Guest Lecturer for Courses

March 5, 2014 “Anthropology of AIDS” *Anthropology & Global Health*, Duke University. 60 minutes. (Videoconference; honorarium)

April 10, 2013 “Breast or Bottle? HIV-Positive Women’s Responses to Global Health Policy on Infant Feeding in India” *Medical Anthropology Graduate Seminar*, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University. 60 minutes. (Videoconference)

March 5, 2010 “Post-Structuralism” *Contemporary Anthropological Theory*. Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University.

April 26, 2007 “Childbirth and Modernity in India” *Peoples & Cultures of the World*, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University.

November 13, 2006 “Sri Lanka and the Ethnonationalist Conflict: Anthropological Perspectives” “Nations and States,” *International Relations Program*, Maxwell School, Syracuse University.

April 21, 2006 “Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Nationalism.” *Contemporary Anthropological Theory*, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University.

November 3, 2005 “Gender and HIV/AIDS in India.” *Gender and Globalization*, Syracuse University

October 28, 2005 “Childbirth and Development in India” *Economics and Gender*, Department of Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, New York

April 15, 2005 “Anthropological Perspectives on Childbirth in India” presented for undergraduate anthropology course, Department of Anthropology, Whitman College, Walla, Walla, WA. 40 minutes (Videoconference; honorarium)

March 3, 2005 “Childbirth and Personhood in India” *Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Personhood*, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University

February 2002 “Childbirth in India” *Introduction to Gender Studies*, Gender Studies Program, University of Notre Dame

Fall 2000 “Medical Anthropology, Gender, and the Construction of Pain” *Development of Anthropological Theory*, Univ. of Notre Dame

Spring 1997 “The Anthropology of Reproduction” *Graduate Seminar in Medical Anthropology*, UC-Berkeley

Spring 1996 “Childbirth and Modernity in South India” *Undergraduate Course in Medical Anthropology*, UC-Berkeley

Published Profiles/Podcasts/Radio Interviews about my work

January 15, 2014. Interview with Sabith Khan about *Birth in the Age of AIDS* posted on the MENASA website’s blog on: <http://menasaworld.com/2014/01/15/birth-in-the-age-of-aids-interview-with-dr-cecilia-van-hollen/>

November 29, 2013. USAID’s Bureau of Global Health posted a blog review my *Birth in the Age of AIDS*. This was one of three books USAID selected to review for World AIDS Day in celebration of USAID’s 10th anniversary for their work on HIV/AIDS under PEPFAR. <http://blog.usaid.gov/2013/11/birth-in-the-age-of-aids-women-reproduction-hiv-aids-india/>

May 8, 2013. Article by M.T. Saju in *Times of India-Chennai*. “Book on AIDS among Women Shows Despair, Courage in TN”
Nadu<http://epaper.timesofindia.com/Default/Scripting/ArticleWin.asp?From=Archive&Source=Page&Skin=TOINew&BaseHref=TOICH%2F2013%2F05%2F08&ViewMode=GIF&PageLabel=8&EntityId=Ar00801&AppName=1>

April 24, 2013. Georgetown University Asian Studies Multi-Media Podcast, Public Health in Asia Series: “Interview with Cecilia Van Hollen: ‘Birth in the Age of AIDS: Women, Reproduction, and HIV/AIDS in India’”: <http://www.aspmmedia.org/2013/featured/interview->

with-cecilia-van-hollen-birth-in-the-age-of-aids-women-reproduction-and-hiv-aids-in-india/ (49 minutes).

January 15, 2013. “Getting to Know: Cultural anthropologist Cecilia Van Hollen” by Lindsey Briggs, Syracuse University News, : <http://news.syr.edu/getting-to-know-cultural-anthropologist-cecilia-van-hollen/> [Also posted on the Syracuse University Website’s section on “Engaging the World”: <http://syr.edu/>]

Spring 2009. “Indians and AIDS” by Renée Levy. In *Maxwell Perspective*. Spring 2009.

Winter 2006. “A Voice for South Asian Women: Cecilia Van Hollen” by Amy Shires In *Syracuse University Magazine* Winter 2006–07, 23(4).

April 7, 2005. Reading and discussion about my book, *Birth on the Threshold: Childbirth and Modernity in South India*, for Women’s Voices Radio program on “Childbirth and Motherhood: Beliefs and Practices Around the World,” WAER, Public Radio, Syracuse. (14 minutes).

Service

Non-Syracuse University Service

Trustee, American Institute for Indian Studies (AIIS), 2017-present; 2010–2012.

Member, Editorial Board of the Maternal and Child Health Journal (published by Springer Nature), August 2016—present.

Member, Selection Committee, Graduate Student Paper Prize, Council on the Anthropology of Reproduction, Society for Medical Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, 2013–present.

Reviewer for the National Fellowships Committee for Graduate Women in Science (GWIS), Spring 2017.

Reviewer for Tenure & Promotion case at Emory University, 2014.

External Reviewer of book manuscript by Jan Brunsen, and participant in workshop discussion of manuscript, Department of Anthropology, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, May 2014.

Member, Women’s Studies Fellowship Committee, Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women’s Studies, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 2013-2014.

Executive Committee Member & Trustee, South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI), 2010–2012.

Member, Society for Medical Anthropology Task Force on Healthcare Reform, American Anthropological Association, 2009–2011.

Reviewer for Tenure & Promotion case at Tufts University, 2010.

Member, Charles Hughes Graduate Paper Prize Committee, Society for Medical Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, 2008.

Reviewer for Tenure & Promotion case at Northern Arizona University, 2006.

Member, Membership Committee, Council on the Anthropology of Reproduction, Society for Medical Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, 2000-2001.

Syracuse University Service:

Vice President (elected), Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, Syracuse University, Spring 2015-present.

Elected Member, Academic Senate, Syracuse University, 2013–present; 2008-2010.

Member, Senate Diversity Committee, Syracuse University, 2013-present.

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, 2013-present; 2003-2006.

Fulbright Reader/Evaluator for Syracuse University, 2014-present.

Faculty Mentor, Center for Fellowships and Scholarship Advising (CFSA)–Nationally Competitive Awards, 2012-present.

Member, Research Sub-Committee for Third Year Review, Department of Anthropology, 2017-18.

Chair, Research Sub-Committee for Promotion and Tenure Review, Department of Anthropology, 2016-17.

Member, Research Committee for Promotion and Tenure Review, Women’s and Gender Studies Department, 2016-17.

Member, Speakers Series Committee, South Asia Center, Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs, Syracuse University, 2014-2015; 2003-2005.

Member, Research Committee for Third Year Review, Department of Anthropology, 2013-2014.

Member, Senate Committee on Women’s Concerns, 2008-2010.

Chair, Foreign Languages and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Committee, South Asia Center, Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs, Syracuse University, 2010-2012; 2008.

~Member, FLAS Committee, 2004-2007.

Faculty Advisor, Syracuse Orange Bhangra Dance Team, 2010-2013.

Director, Department of Education National Resource Center for South Asian Studies, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2010–2012.

Chair, Bharati Memorial Grant Committee, South Asia Center, Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs, 2010-2012.

Member, Procedures Committee, Department of Anthropology, 2010-2012.

Member of group of four International Researchers selected for consultation by the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) site visit for Syracuse University’s Human Research Protection Program (IRB), December 1, 2010.

Chair, Teaching Sub-Committee for Promotion and Tenure Review, Department of Anthropology, 2009–2010.

Founder & Chair, Medical Anthropology Interest Group, Dept. of Anthropology, 2005-2010

Member, Faculty Council, Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University, 2008-2009

First Year Forum Leader, Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University, 2008-2009

Lower-Division Faculty Advisor, Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University, 2008-2009

Member, Moynihan Prize Committee, Maxwell School, 2009

Steering Committee Member, South Asia Center, Moynihan Institute, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2005-2009

Chair, Teaching Committee for Annual Review, Department of Anthropology, 2009

Guest Speaker, Future Professoriate Program, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, “Getting Your Foot in the Door: Approaching the Job Market,” April 8, 2009

Undergraduate Director, Department of Anthropology, 2006-2008

Co-Director, Gender and Globalization Group, Moynihan Institute, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2005-2008

Guest Speaker for Future Professoriate Program, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, "Protecting Yourself from Your Students: Handling Tough Student-TA Situations," January 30, 2008.

Guest Speaker for faculty for First Year Forum Faculty Workshop on "Paul Farmer, *Mountains Beyond Mountains*" the "shared reading" for incoming freshmen. August, 21, 2007. Sheraton Hotel, Syracuse. 45 minutes.

Member, Salary Committee, Dept. of Anthropology, 2004-2008
Undergraduate Advisor for First Year Students, Arts & Sciences, 2005-2007

Member, Appleby Mosher Committee, Maxwell School, 2006-2007

Member, Science, Technology and Society Committee on the Minor, 2005-2007

Member, Learning Communities Faculty for ANT 185, Fall 2005

Undergraduate Advisor (4 students), Department of Anthropology, 2004-2006

Member, Job Search Committee for position in Physical Anthropology, Dept. of Anthropology, 2005-2006

Member, Promotion Review Research Committee, Department of Anthropology, 2005-2006

Member, Curriculum Assessment Committee, Department of Anthropology, 2004-2005

Member, Gender and Globalization Group, Moynihan Institute, Maxwell School, 2003-2005

Guest Speaker for Future Professoriate Program, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, "Job Hunting for Anthropology Graduate Students," April 15, 2005

Organizer of South Indian Bharatanatyam dance performance for South Asia Center, Syracuse University, March 22, 2005

University of Notre Dame Service (2000-2003):

Member, Speakers Committee, Department of Anthropology, Notre Dame, 2000-2003

Member, Anthropology Awards Committee, Notre Dame, 2000-2003

Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Anthropology, Notre Dame, 2002-2003

Orientation leader for Arts and Sciences majors, Notre Dame, April 15, 2003

Speaker for “Graduate School Night” workshop for Notre Dame Anthropology Majors, October 16, 2002

Member, Anthropology Search Committee, Notre Dame, 2001-2002

Member, Speakers Committee, Center for Asian Studies, Notre Dame, 2001-2002

Member, Anthropology Department 10-Year Review Committee, Notre Dame, Spring 2002

Organizer & Presenter, “Orientation to India” for the Center for Social Concerns: Summer Program in India, University of Notre Dame, April 12, 2002

Organized performance of South Indian Bharatanatyam dance performance at Notre Dame, November 16, 2001

Orientation leader for First Year Students, Notre Dame, Fall 2000

Peer Reviewer:

American Ethnologist 2001

Cultural Anthropology 2003

Culture, Theory and Critique 2016

Current Anthropology 2004; 2005

Current Sociology 2008

Medical Anthropology 2002, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017

Medical Anthropology Quarterly 1999; 2005; 2013; 2014

Public Culture 2013

Reproductive Health Matters 1997, 2014

Ethnographic Fieldwork Research

June-August 2016

India: Chennai, Chandigarh, Delhi. Ethnographic research on Socio-cultural Perspectives and Responses to Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening and Treatment in India.

Ethnographic interviews and participant-observation with patients and medical practitioners.

June-August 2015

India: Chennai, Kanchipuram, Delhi. Ethnographic research on Socio-cultural Perspectives and Responses to Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening and Treatment in India.

Ethnographic interviews and participant-observation with patients and medical practitioners.

June-July 2013

India: New Delhi, Chennai. Exploratory research on women’s health projects with focus on cervical and breast cancer screening. Continued archival research on Miron Winslow.

August 2011

Sri Lanka: Colombo. Continued archival research on Miron Winslow.

July 2010

Sri Lanka: Colombo, Jaffna. Research on the history of Miron and Harriet Winslow, early 19th century American missionaries in Jaffna. Archival research in the Jaffna College Archives and at the C.S.I. Bishop’s library in Vaddukkodai.

April-May 2010

Sri Lanka: Colombo, Jaffna. Archival research on the history of Miron and Harriet Winslow, early 19th century American missionaries in Jaffna. Located relevant archives and visited early missionary schools, churches, and hospitals.

June 2008

Sri Lanka: Colombo. Research on reproductive health issues among Tamils in the “Estate Sector” in the context of the civil war in Sri Lanka. Met with government officials, researchers, and members of non-profit organizations.

May–June 2008

India: Chennai. Ethnographic fieldwork on “HIV/AIDS, Medicine, and gender: How pregnant women negotiate options to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Tamil Nadu, India.” Conducted 20 interviews with HIV-positive women in the prenatal clinic of YRG Care Centre for AIDS Research and Education, a private, non-profit organization. Interviewed medical and service-related staff at YRG Care.

January–July 2004

India: Chennai, Namakkal, Coimbatore. Ethnographic fieldwork on “HIV/AIDS, Medicine, and Gender: How pregnant women negotiate options to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Tamil Nadu, India. Conducted 115 ethnographic interviews with prenatal mothers and women living with HIV/AIDS about socio-cultural factors relating to HIV/AIDS for women in India. Interviewed governmental officials, medical personnel, social workers, and members of NGOs in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. Observations in the maternity hospitals with programs to prevent the transmission of HIV from mother to child. Participant observation in support group meetings, legal literacy workshops, media workshops, and government advocacy public hearings organized by women living with HIV/AIDS. Collected and translated media posters and brochures used in HIV prevention efforts in South India.

December 2002–January 2003

India: Chennai, Kochi, Delhi. Ethnographic fieldwork on social-cultural aspects of HIV/AIDS in India. Pilot study for research carried out in 2004.

May 1997

India: Chennai, Delhi. Conducted ethnographic research on 1) the effects of a new national reproductive health care policy on women’s experiences in public maternity hospitals, and 2) the role of Siddha medical practitioners during childbirth in Tamil Nadu.

January 1995–January 1996

India: Madras and other parts of Tamil Nadu. Ph.D. dissertation research on “Birthing on the Threshold: Childbirth and Modernity among Lower Class Women in Tamil Nadu, South India.” Conducted over 100 ethnographic interviews with pregnant and postpartum women, biomedical and traditional practitioners, and policy makers regarding the biomedicalization of childbirth in Tamil Nadu. Observations of hospital practices and religious rituals relating to birth. Collection of contemporary and archival materials on maternal and child health policy.

Spring 1993

India: Madras. Pre-dissertation ethnographic research on Reproductive Health with the Working Women's Forum.

Fall 1991

India: Delhi, Hyderabad, Madras. Pre-dissertation ethnographic research on women's development projects in India.

September 1986–April 1987

India: Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Fieldwork on a Mariamman (Hindu goddess) festival in Madurai, South India for undergraduate Senior Thesis while on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Year in India Program. Using participant-observation as well as interviews and photographic documentation, I examined differential gender roles in the organization and performance of this festival and the implications for women's empowerment in the public sphere.

Languages: Tamil, French

Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association

Association for Asian Studies

Society for Medical Anthropology

Society for Applied Anthropology

Council on Anthropology and Reproduction

AIDS and Anthropology Research Group