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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Anthropology, Gender Equity, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Healthcare Access, Midwifery, Social Movements, Indigenous Rights, Environmental Justice, Latin America

HIGHER EDUCATION

- 2018 French qualification to the functions of Associate Professor in Anthropology (*Maîtresse de Conférence*).
- May 2016 PhD, Cultural Anthropology, University at Albany, State University of New York. Dissertation: "Porque Tienen Mucho Derecho." Parteras, *Biomedical Training and the Vernacularization of Human Rights in Chiapas*. Committee: Jennifer L. Burrell (Chair), Elise Andaya, Walter E. Little.
*University at Albany Distinguished Dissertation Award 2016 (Winner)
*Featured among Anthropology Works' 50 best dissertations in cultural anthropology, 2016
* New England Council on Latin American Studies (NECLAS) Dissertation Award 2017 (Winner)
- 2010 M.A. (*magna cum laude*), Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, EHESS Paris.
Master's Thesis: *Weaving Gender. Textile Production and Gender Relations in Chiapas, Mexico*. Committee: Sophie Desrosiers (Chair), Anath Ariel de Vidas.
- 2008 B.A. (*magna cum laude*), Cultural Anthropology, Lyon 2 University, France.
2007 - 2008 Exchange student. University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2007 B.A. (*cum laude*), Political Science, Lyon 2 University, France Thesis: *Why getting involved? Humanitarian engagement at Doctors Without Borders, Lyon*.

POSITIONS

Research

- 2017 (11 months) Researcher, "Collaboration, Participatory Action Research, and Health," La Fabrique des Territoires Innovants, Paris
- 2017 (1 month) Research assistant, "Challenging Corruption & Grassroots Democracy in Guatemala," SUNY Albany.
- 2016 (3 months) Researcher, "Good ageing in rural France", La Fabrique des Territoires Innovants, Paris
- 2016 (2 months) Research assistant, "Living in Security: Mayan Transnational Lives in the New Millennium," SUNY Albany.
- 2014 (2 months) Research Assistant, Burrell, Jennifer and Ellen Moodie 2015. The Post–Cold War Anthropology of Central America. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 44.
- 2013 (4 months) Research Assistant, "Consolidating Lessons Learned from Projects Affecting Indigenous People," Interamerican Development Bank, Multilateral Investment Fund.
- 2013-2014 Research Assistant, Institute for Mesoamerican Studies, University at Albany.
- 2012-2013 Research Assistant, Ethnology laboratory, New York State Museum.

Teaching

- 2017 (Coordinator) 2017-2018 Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, "*Le collaboratif, un champ mouvant*", Fabrique des Territoires Innovants.
- 2014 - 2017 Instructor of Record, Department of Anthropology, University at Albany. "The Anthropology of Gender" (ANT 381). 4-Week online course (Blackboard).
- 2017 Instructor, "Birth through an intercultural lens", L'Horizon Institute for Social Workers, Malakoff, France. February 2017.
- 2014-2015 (Co-organizer), Monthly Research Seminar "*La Partería en Chiapas*," PROIMMSE-UNAM, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico.
- 2012-2013 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University at Albany. "Introduction to Cultural Anthropology" (ANT 108).

Project Coordination

- 2016 (3 months) Project Manager, Women in Tech program. Simplon.co, Paris. Organization of a 4-week training on gender bias in STEM.
- 2014-2015 Adviser, Women and Midwives Section. Organization of Indigenous Doctors of Chiapas, Mexico. Grant writing, social media manager & organization of

community health workshops.

- 2011-2012 Network Coordinator, Animafac, Paris. Management of a team of six youth organizers. Cultural competency trainings for student organizations; meetings with regional institutions, organization of a national Forum (12,000 visitors).
- 2010-2011 Project Manager, Latin American projects. Etudiants et Développement, Paris. Organization of workshops in intercultural competency, and gender and development education.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2017 El Kotni, Mounia and Alba Ramírez Pérez. Actas que reconocen, actas que vigilan. Las Constancias de Alumbramiento y el Control de la Partería en Chiapas. *LiminaR: Estudios Sociales y Humanísticos*. Vol. 15(2):96-109.
- Forthcoming Dixon, Lydia Z., Mounia El Kotni and Veronica Miranda. The Impact of Healthcare Reform in Mexico. A Tale of Three Midwives. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*.

Manuscripts in Review

- Special Issue El Kotni, Mounia and Alfonsina Faya-Robles. Médicalisation et sanitisation des corps féminins. Une analyse socio-anthropologique croisée des politiques de santé materno-infantile à destination des femmes pauvres au Brésil et au Mexique, Accepted for a special issue of *Cahiers des Amériques Latines*, « Naissance en Amérique Latine », coordinated by Carole Brugeilles and Françoise Lestage.
- Special Issue El Kotni, Mounia. « Un médecin qui obtient ton consentement, ça n'existe pas ». Les violences obstétricales à l'intersection des violences institutionnelles, systémiques et de genre au Mexique. Accepted for a special issue of *Autrepart*, "Les violences de genre," coordinated by Arlette Gautier and Zahia Ouahad-Bedidi
- Special Issue El Kotni, Mounia, "Training midwives to control poor women's reproduction in Southern Mexico." In preparation for the Special Issue "Articulating Human Rights and Reproductive Governance: Ethnographic Engagements in Transnational Perspective," *Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness*. Exp. 2019.

Editor

- Exp. 2019 Co-editor with Elyse O. Singer (Brown University) of a Special Issue “Articulating Human Rights and Reproductive Governance: Ethnographic Engagements in Transnational Perspective,” *Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness*.
- 2017 Co-editor with Aurélie Landon (LAVUE) for the first volume of the *Revue des Territoires Innovants*, “Collaborer sur les territoires”.
- 2016 Co-editor with Eliza Williamson (Rice University), Childbirth in the Americas series. *Anthropology News*.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming El Kotni, Mounia. Structural Violence as a Cause of Maternal Mortality and Morbidity among Indigenous Women in Chiapas, Mexico. In Schwartz, David (editor), *Maternal Health, Pregnancy-Related Morbidity and Death Among Indigenous Women of Mexico & Central America: An Anthropological, Epidemiological and Biomedical Approach*. Springer.
- In Review Dixon, Lydia Z, Vania Smith-Oka and Mounia El Kotni, “Teaching about Childbirth in Mexico: Working across Birth Models,” in Davis-Floyd, Robbie (editor), *Birth in Seven Cultures: a Cross-Cultural Investigation*. Waveland Press.

Scholarly reviews

- 2017 Book Review (Invited). Ostrach, Bayla, 2017 Health Policy in a Time of Crisis. Abortion, Austerity and Access, New York and London: Routledge, 189 p. *Anthropology-News*, June 2017.
- 2017 Book Review. "Haunting Images: A Cultural Account of Selective Reproduction in Vietnam by Tine Gammeltoft." *Anthropologica*, 59(1):171–172.
- 2016 Book Review (Invited). Hinojosa, Servando Z. In this Body: Kaqchiquel Maya and the Grounding of Spirit. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2015, 249 p. *Anthropology and Humanism* 41(2):226-228.
- 2015 Book Review. Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies. Migrant Farmworkers in the United States. Seth Holmes. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: University of California Press, 2013, 234 pp. *Student Anthropologist* 4(1):65-66.
- 2010 Book Review. « Taube Karl, Mythes aztèques et mayas » Editions du Seuil, , 2010, 155p. , IESR – European Institute on Science of Religion, updated: 12/16/2016, <http://www.iesr.ephe.sorbonne.fr/ressources-pedagogiques/comptes-rendus-ouvrages/mythes-azteques-mayas>
- 2010 Book Review. « Baudez Claude-François, Une histoire de la religion des Mayas.

Du panthéisme au panthéon » Albin Michel, 2010, 472p., IESR – European Institute on Science of Religion, updated: 12/16/2016, <http://www.iesr.ephe.sorbonne.fr/ressources-pedagogiques/comptes-rendus-ouvrages/histoire-religion-mayas-du-pantheisme-au-pantheon>

2010 Book Review. Recinos Adrian, Popol Vuh : Le Livre des Indiens Mayas Quichés » Albin Michel, 2010, 213p., IESR – European Institute on Science of Religion, updated: 12/16/2016, <http://www.iesr.ephe.sorbonne.fr/ressources-pedagogiques/comptes-rendus-ouvrages/popol-vuh-livre-indiens-mayas-quiches>

Research Dissemination

2018 El Kotni Mounia and Bérénice Thouin 2018 « Le diagnostic dynamique territorial : une affaire de méthode L'exemple de la SCIC InnôVill'âge à Guéret », *Revue des Territoires Innovants* 1: 18-19
<http://territoiresinnovants.org/publications/publications/62-1-revue-des-territoires-innovants>

2018 El Kotni, Mounia 2017 « Notes from the field: obstetric violence hits the headlines in France » *Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Newsletter*
<https://sway.com/mQTZ0C5IWY6RzYGg?ref=Link>

2017 El Kotni, Mounia « L'épisiotomie fait la Une : Retour sur la semaine où ma veille s'est emballée », blog post <https://mouniaelkotni.com/2017/07/31/lepisiotomie-fait-la-une-retour-sur-la-semaine-ou-ma-veille-sest-emballee/>

2016 El Kotni, Mounia. Long-Distance Ethnography. *Anthropology News* 57(8):e106-e109.

2016 El Kotni, Mounia. Chiapas Health Workers Strike Against Reforms. *Roar Magazine*, July 9, <https://roarmag.org/2016/07/09/chiapas-health-workers-strike-reforms>

2016 Williamson, Eliza and Mounia El Kotni. Introduction to the Childbirth in the Americas series. *Anthropology News* 57(2): e3.

2016 El Kotni, Mounia. Reforming Pregnancy Care and Childbirth in Chiapas. Childbirth in the Americas series. *Anthropology News* 57(2):e7-e8.

2015 El Kotni, Mounia. *Les sages-femmes traditionnelles du Chiapas: Une approche holistique de la grossesse et de l'accouchement*. *Grandir Autrement* Hors-Série 9.

2015 El Kotni, Mounia. Plant Use in Women's Reproductive Health in Chiapas. Photo Essay. *Newsletter of the Society for Medical Anthropology* 3(2).

2015 El Kotni, Mounia. Learning with Indigenous Midwives in Chiapas, Mexico, *Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Newsletter* 22(1):6-7.

PRESENTATIONS

Organized Sessions

- 2017 (Invited Session) Medical Anthropology in the Trump Era: Engagement, Activism, and Resistance beyond Academic Frontiers. Panel Chair. American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Washington D.C. November 29-December 3. with Thurka Sangaramoorthy (University of Maryland).
- 2016 Articulating Human Rights and Reproductive Governance: Ethnographic Engagements in Transnational Perspective. Panel Organizer. American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Minneapolis. November 16-20. with Elyse O. Singer (Washington University in St Louis).
- 2015 Humanizing Childbirth: Negotiating Women's Reproductive Rights in the Face of Obstetric Violence. Panel Chair. American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Denver. November 19-22. with Lydia Z. Dixon (UC Irvine).

Conference Presentations

- 2018 Generation, Politics and Grassroots Anti-Corruption Mobilization in Guatemala, with Jennifer Burrell, *Latin American Studies Association* annual meeting in Barcelona, May 23-27.
- 2018 An Intersectional Approach to Obstetric Violence in Mexico (and France). *Society for Applied Anthropology* annual meeting in Philadelphia, April 3-7.
- 2017 Enthusiasm and Defiance: Evaluating collaborative health projects in rural France at times of political readjustments. American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Denver. November 29- December 3.
- 2017 *Médicalisation et sanitisation des corps féminins. Une analyse socio-anthropologique croisée des politiques de santé materno-infantile à destination des femmes pauvres au Brésil et au Mexique*, with Alfonsina Faya-Robles. Migrant and Health Trajectories around Childbirth. Views from Research and Practice. Brussels, Belgium, February 2-3.
- 2016 Claiming Rights to Resist State-Sponsored Trainings: Indigenous Midwives in Mexico. American Anthropological Association annual meeting. Minneapolis, Nov. 16-20.
- 2015 The Hospital is Where Women Die: Traditional Indigenous Midwives' Narratives of Obstetric Violence in Chiapas, Mexico. American Anthropological Association annual meeting. Denver. November 19-22.
- 2015 Why Don't You Learn Tsotsil? Learning Tseltal, Being Scolded in Tsotsil, and the

Challenges of a Multilingual Fieldsite. New England Council on Latin American Studies (NECLAS). Tufts University. November 8.

- 2015 Risky Births in Southern Mexico. State Discourse, Women's Decisions and Indigenous Midwives' Resistance. European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) meeting. Brighton, England. September 9-11.
- 2015 *Caminando Juntas. Construyendo una Colaboración Transnacional con Parteras, de Francia a Chiapas*. Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology meeting. Oaxaca, Mexico. March 26-28. With Micaela Icó Bautista and Alice Bafoin.
- 2014 *Refuerzando Vínculos Transnacionales: los Textiles como Expresión de la Identidad Triqui en el Norte de Estados Unidos*. 1er Encuentro de Textiles Mesoamericanos (TEXTIM). Oaxaca, Mexico. October 17-18. With Ashley Bishop and Walter E. Little.
- 2014 *A Través las Tramas del Tiempo: Conectando el Pasado al Presente con los Textiles en la Era Digital*. 1er Encuentro de Textiles Mesoamericanos (TEXTIM). Oaxaca, Mexico. October 17-18. With Walter E. Little and Ashley Bishop.
- 2014 Indigenous Midwives Responding to Gendered Structural Violence in Chiapas, Mexico. Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual meeting. Albuquerque. March 18-22. With Micaela Icó Bautista.
- 2013 Indigenous Women's Healthcare Access in Chiapas: Defending Reproductive Rights. American Anthropological Association annual meeting. Chicago. November 19-23.
- 2013 "Artisans in the World Market... and Anthropologists in the Museum" New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS), Wheaton College. November 9.
- 2013 The Integration of Gender in International Cooperation Projects: Questioning "Empowerment". Rockefeller College Graduate Symposium. Albany. March 13.

Invited Talks

- 2018 *Marginalisation des sages-femmes Mayas au Mexique*. Research seminar "Regards Croisés sur la Petite Enfance", EHESS Paris, March 16.
- 2017 *Application de la loi sur les violences obstétricales au Mexique : pour une perspective anthropologique critique du consentement*. Research seminar "Technologies de la Reproduction", EHESS Paris, November 13.
- 2017 *Formations des sages-femmes Mayas au Mexique : Intersection de rapports de domination et de hiérarchisation des savoirs médicaux*, Symposium « Soigner : aider ou dominer ? Les rapports de pouvoir en santé sexuelle et reproductive »,

- AMADES CERTOP, Université de Toulouse Jean-Jaurès, March 24.
- 2016 "A l'hôpital, les mamans meurent." *Violences obstétricales en terres Mayas*. URMIS-Germes Research Seminar, Paris Diderot University, December 13.
- 2016 Governing the Reproduction of the Nation. Birth Certificates and the Control of Indigenous Midwifery in Southern Mexico. Anthropology Department, University of Notre Dame, November 14.
- 2016 The many faces of midwifery in contemporary Mexico. Graduate Seminar of the Jaime Lucero Mexican Studies Institute, City University of New York. May 18.
- 2016 "Al gobierno no le importa": de la résistance publique à l'indifférence, portraits de sages-femmes Mayas face à la médicalisation de la santé reproductive au Mexique. Research Seminar "Avatars du monde contemporain," Toulouse 2 Jean-Jaurès University. February 8.
- 2015 Improving Indigenous Maternal Health in Chiapas: the Unintended Consequences of Public Health Policies. IREX Scholars Meeting. Global Institute for Health and Human Rights, University at Albany, November 16.
- 2015 *Más que Recetas. El Recetario de las Parteras de la OMIECH desde la Ecología Política*. Video presentation during the public Seminar "La Partería en Chiapas," PROIMMSE-UNAM, San Cristóbal de las Casas. November 10.
- 2015 Understanding Indigenous Midwives' Rights in the framework of *Ich'el ta Muk'*. Graduate Seminar "Human Rights, Humanitarianism and Development (ANT670)", Department of Anthropology, University at Albany, November 5.
- 2015 *La Interculturalidad en los Servicios de Salud y el Desplazamiento de la Partería Tradicional en Chiapas*. Undergraduate Seminar "Saberes y Diversidad Cultural," Department of Intercultural Development and Management, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). May 29.
- 2014 Experiencing Equity at the Escuelita Zapatista. Presentation at the Institute for Mesoamerican Studies, UAlbany. with Jeanne Simonelli. February 28.
- 2013 Exercizing Rights. Indigenous Women's Organizations in Chiapas, Undergraduate Lecture, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, SUNY Albany, April 9.
- 2012 Promoting Equity : Women's Organizations in Chiapas, Mexico. Undergraduate Lecture, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT108), SUNY Albany, November 13.

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Professional Service

- 2017-2018 Reviewer for *Anthropologie Sociale/ Social Anthropology and Medical Anthropology : Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness*
- 2017 Adele E. Clarke book award (Repronetwork) Committee member. Chair: Lara Freidenfelds (Princeton Research Forum).
- 2017-2019 Social Media co-manager, Association for Feminist Anthropology.
- 2016-2018 Membership Coordinator, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction, Society for Medical Anthropology.
- 2016 External Reader, Undergraduate thesis. Ramírez, Alba, *Mujeres y parteras. La atención del embarazo y parto en la periferia norte de San Cristóbal de Las Casas*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Chiapas (UNACH).
- 2015-2017 Co-editor of the Association for Feminist Anthropology News Column, *Anthropology News*.
- 2013 - 2016 Community Manager, Society for Applied Anthropology, Gender-Based Violence Topical Interest Group

Professional Memberships

United States

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

- Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)
- Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)
- Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (SLACA)
- National Association of Practicing Anthropologists (NAPA)

Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)

- Gender-Based Violence Topical Interest Group.

Latin American Scholars Association (LASA)

Europe

European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)

France

Société d'Histoire de la Naissance (SHN)

Anthropologie Médicale Appliquée au Développement et à la Santé (AMADES)

Groupe d'Etudes Mésoaméricaines (Gemeso)

Professional Development

- 2018 Participant, online course “Environmental Justice”, University of East Anglia (5 weeks)
- 2017-2018 Participant, research seminar “Technologies of Reproduction”, EHESS Paris.
- 2017-2018 Participant, “Migration, Ethnicity and Health”, research seminar, Research Unit on Migration and Society (URMIS-Germes), Paris-7 Diderot University.
- 2017 Participant, Masterclass “Maternity in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts,” Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi (San Francisco State University), EHESS Paris, May 19.
- 2016-2017 Participant, “Migration, Ethnicity and Health”, research seminar, Research Unit on Migration and Society (URMIS-Germes), Paris-7 Diderot University.
- 2015 Symposium, “Passerelles Recherche-Consultance”. EHESS Paris. November 26.
- 2013 Symposium, *Encuentro Pueblos y Frontera 2013: Megaproyectos de desarrollo en el Sureste de México: lógicas y resistencias*. PROIMMSE-UNAM, San Cristóbal de Las Casas, May 29-31.
- 2013 Seminar, *Roles de género y construcción del cuerpo. Transgresión y delito*, Dr. Dolores Juliano (Universidad de Barcelona). San Cristóbal de Las Casas, June 10-14.

Public Service

- 2017-2019 **Member** of the collective “Notre Corps, Nous-Mêmes”, reediting the French version of *Our Bodies, Ourselves* (expected 2019)
- 2018 **Organizer** and **Discussant**, Roundtable, *Violences obstétricales : écouter et accompagner la parole*, sponsored by the organization Notre Corps, Nous-Mêmes and Maison de la Vie Associative et Citoyenne du 10e arrondissement de Paris, March 23.
- 2018 **Discussant**, Roundtable, *Maltraitements gynécologiques et obstétricales*, Cer(v)yx Festival, organized by CERYX, La Sorbonne, Paris, March 9.
- 2017 **Discussant**, Debate on Obstetric Violence, *Festival des Solidarités*, Rennes, November 23.
- 2017 **Co-founder**, organization *Bas Les Pailles*, raising awareness on plastic pollution.
- 2017 **Co-founder**, *Groupe de Réflexion Féministe* monthly meetings in Paris, France.
- 2017 **Mentor**, *Hackaton pour l’Egalité Femmes-Hommes*, French Ministry for Women's Rights, Paris, France, March 3-5.
- 2015 **Interpreter** (Spanish to English), Helping Babies Breathe workshop, San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas. May 22.

- 2015 **Interpreter** (Spanish to English), Operation Smiles surgery campaign, San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, April 16-17.
- 2015 **Jury member** *Commission d'Appui aux Projets Amérique Latine, Etudiants et Développement*, Paris, France, March 21.
- 2015 **Discussant**, *La Césarienne: Regards Croisés France-Mexique*, Association Mâ. Rennes, France, March 18.
- 2012 - 2016 **Board Member**, *Association Mâ* (elected).
- 2012 - 2016 **Student Associate**, Institute for Mesoamerican Studies, University at Albany
- 2012 - 2014 **Representative**, Anthropology Graduate Student Organization, UAlbany

Media Coverage

- 2018 *Episode Bonus : Maltraitements gynécologiques et obstétricales*, La Poudre podcast by Lauren Bastide, March 22.
- 2018 *Enquête : la sexualité pendant les règles, un tabou qui résiste*, Judith Bouchouchoua. <http://jelislesintelloes.com/enquete-sexualite-pendant-regles/>
- 2017-2018 Numerous Media coverage (radio, newspaper, web) as co-founder of the NGO Bas Les Pailles. www.baslespailles.org
- 2017 *#Hackeuses! Le numérique au féminin*, interview for the *Fondation SNCF* <https://www.fondation-sncf.org/fr/hackeuses-numerique-feminin/>
- 2017 *Les Expertes*, promotional video for an international platform of female experts <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPDS0InNLYs>
- 2012 Returning after an intercultural project. Discussant. Radio program: *Hors du Bocal.*, Besançon, France. March 7.

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Scholarships and Fellowships

- 2015 University at Albany Dissertation Research Fellowship Award, 2014-2015. Project: “The Impact of Biomedical Training on Traditional Midwives' Practices in Chiapas, Mexico: Tales of Resistance.” [\$1,000]
- 2007 - 2008 Explor'a Sup Scholarship. For outstanding Student Studying Abroad. Rhône-Alpes Region [€3,500]
- 2004 - 2006 Merit Scholarship, for outstanding French students. French Government [€2,700]

Grants and Sponsored Programs

- 2014 AWESOME Foundation Grant (Editor). Project “Sharing Knowledge: An Encounter of Indigenous Midwives”, to the benefit of the Association Mâ and

OMIECH [\$1,000].

2011 Grundtvig Lifelong Learning Program, European Union (Editor). Project: “Wiki-Week for Development”. On behalf of *Etudiants et Développement* [€25,600].

Distinctions, Honors, Awards

2018 Elsa Chaney Award (Winner), Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

2017 New England Council on Latin American Studies (NECLAS) Dissertation Award 2017 (Winner) [\$200]

2017 Anthropology Works, [50 Best Dissertations in Cultural Anthropology, 2016](#)

2016 Committee on World Anthropologies Travel Award. American Anthropological Association [\$400]

2016 University at Albany Distinguished Dissertation Award (Winner).

2016 UAlbany Benevolent Association Award. Project: “Analysis of Mayan Women’s Accounts of Obstetric Violence” [\$453]

2016 David Scotchmer Essay Award (Winner), for the essay “‘The Hospital is Where Women Die’: Indigenous Midwives Denounce Obstetric Violence in Mexico”, Institute for Mesoamerican Studies, University at Albany [\$100]

2015 Emerging Leaders in Anthropology Program (Winner), National Association of Student Anthropologists, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology [\$500]

2015 Zora Neale Hurston Travel Award (Winner). Association for Feminist Anthropology [\$500]

2015 Karen R. Hitchcock New Frontiers Fund Award. Initiatives for Women, University at Albany. Project: “Disseminating Research Results: Raising Awareness about Mayan Midwives’ Struggle” [\$500]

2015 UAlbany Graduate Student Association Professional Development Award, to attend the 2015 American Anthropological Association Meeting [\$440]

2014 UAlbany Benevolent Association Award. Project: “Defending Indigenous Midwifery in Chiapas: an Encounter” [\$500]

2014 UAlbany Graduate Student Association Professional Development Award, to attend the 2014 Society for Applied Anthropology meeting [\$210]

2013 De Cormier Scholarship, Institute for Mesoamerican Studies at UAlbany. Project: “Defining and Defending Women’s Rights in Chiapas” [\$880]

2013 Initiatives for Women Award, University at Albany, Project: preliminary dissertation fieldwork [\$400]

- 2013 UAlbany Graduate Student Association Professional Development Award, to attend the 2013 American Association for Anthropology meeting [\$350]
- 2013 New York State / Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU) Professional Development Award [\$300]

ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD RESEARCH

- 2017 Ethnographic field research, Todos Santos Cuchumatán, Guatemala. Research project "Challenging Corruption & Grassroots Democracy in Guatemala," Dr. Jennifer Burrell [June-July, 4 weeks]
- 2016 Ethnographic field research, Creuse, France for the project "Ageing in Rural France," La Fabrique des Territoires Innovants [October, 2 weeks]
- 2016 Ethnographic field research, San Cristóbal de Las Casas [June, 1 week]
- 2016 Ethnographic field research, Todos Santos Cuchumatán, Guatemala. Research project "Living in Security," Dr. Jennifer Burrell [June-July, 4 weeks].
- 2014-2015 Doctoral Dissertation Fieldwork. Highlands Chiapas. [9 months]
- 2014 Doctoral Dissertation Fieldwork. San Cristóbal de Las Casas. January [4 weeks]
- 2013-2014 Fieldwork with homebirth midwives in the Albany Capital Region [6 months]
- 2013 Doctoral Dissertation Fieldwork. San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas [9 weeks]
- 2009 Master's Fieldwork. San Cristóbal de Las Casas and Tenejapa, Chiapas. [4 weeks]
- 2008 Fieldwork with the student organization MEChA de UCLA, Los Angeles, California [6 months]
- 2007 Undergraduate Thesis Fieldwork with *Médecins Sans Frontière*, Lyon, France [9 months]

LANGUAGES

<u>French:</u>	Native speaker	<u>Arabic:</u>	Full Oral Fluency(Moroccan)
<u>English:</u>	Full Professional Fluency	<u>Maya-Tseltal:</u>	Conversational Fluency
<u>Spanish:</u>	Full Professional Fluency	<u>Japanese:</u>	Beginner [2004-2007]

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office Suite	Nvivo software for qualitative data analysis
Microsoft Publisher	Website management (Wordpress and Adobe Dreamweaver)
Macintosh	
Adobe Indesign	<i>Google Digital Active Certification</i>