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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Anthropology, Gender, Reproductive Health, Midwifery, Social Movements, Indigenous Rights, Ecofeminism, Mexico, 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

- 2019 – 2021 Postdoctoral Researcher, “Maya women’s mobilization for environmental justice,” Cems-EHESS Paris. Fondation de France fellow.
- 2017 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

- 2018 Instructor of Record, Social and Health Sciences Department, Paris 13 University.
- 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

2018-present Independent consultant:

*Update of the index cards on Gender and Development for the French network F3E (December 2020-February 2021)

*Gender Diagnostic for the French NGO CCFD-Terre Solidaire (October 2018-April 2019).

- *Training “Integrating Gender in Development Projects.” French Agency for Development (AFD) and F3E. October 2018
- *Training “Implementing a Gender Strategy.” Mexican Agency for Cooperation (AMEXCID) and United Nations Development Program (PNUD). July 2018.
- *Training “Integrating Gender in Development Projects.” French Agency for Development (AFD) and F3E. May 2018.
- 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

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming El Kotni Mounia, and Chiara Quagliariello. “L’injustice obstétricale : une approche intersectionnelle des violences obstétricales”. *Cahiers du Genre* special issue on obstetric violence.
- 2020 Burrell, Jennifer, Mounia El Kotni and Ramiro Fernando Calmo. “The Anti/Corruption Continuum: Generation, Politics and Grassroots Anti-Corruption Mobilization in Guatemala.” *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 25(4) :610-630.
- 2020 El Kotni, Mounia. “Defending Indigenous Midwifery: Finding a Common Path Among Researchers, Midwives, and Activists.” *Annals of Anthropological Practice* 44(2) :192-197.
- 2019 Dixon, Lydia Z., Mounia El Kotni and Veronica Miranda. “A Tale of Three Midwives: Inconsistent Police and the Marginalization of Midwifery in Mexico.” *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 24(2): 351-369.
- 2019 El Kotni, Mounia. “Regulating Traditional Mexican Midwifery: Practices of Control, Strategies of Resistance.” *Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness* 38(2):137-151.
- 2018 El Kotni, Mounia. “Between Cut and Consent: Indigenous Women’s Experiences of Obstetric Violence in Mexico.” *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 42(4): 21-41.

- 2018 El Kotni, Mounia. “*La place du consentement dans les expériences de violences obstétricales au Mexique.*” *Autrepart* 85, 2018/1: 39-55.
- 2018 El Kotni, Mounia and Alfonsina Faya-Robles. “*Politiques de santé materno-infantile au Brésil et au Mexique,*” *Cahiers des Amériques Latines* 88-89:61-78. Available at <https://journals.openedition.org/cal/8837>
- 2018 Andaya, Elise L., El Kotni, Mounia. “Socio-Cultural Approaches to the Anthropology of Reproduction.” *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*. Ed. John Jackson. New York: Oxford University Press. Available at: <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/abstract/document/obo-9780199766567/obo-9780199766567-0197.xml>
- 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.

Books

- 2021 Mounia El Kotni and Maëlle Sigonneau, *Im/patiente. Une exploration féministe du cancer du sein*. First éd.
- 2020 Mathilde Blézat, Naïké Desquesnes, Mounia El Kotni, Nina Faure, Nathy Fofana, Hélène de Gunzbourg, Marie Hermann, Nana Kinsky, Yéléna Perret, *Notre corps, nous-mêmes* [new French edition of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*] Hors d’Atteinte.

Editor

- Forthcoming Co-editor with Priscille Sauvegrain and Aurélie Racioppi of the special issue “*Soins différenciés en santé périnatale*” for the journal *Anthropologie et Santé*.
- 2021 Alarcón Lavín, Rafael, Toci Alejandra Alarcón Salazar, Diana Álvarez Romo, Valentina Arana Miranda, María José Araya Morales, Thais Brandão, Sylvia M. Casillas Olivieri, Mounia El Kotni, Irazú Gómez, Amaranta Moral Sosa, Judith Ortega Canto, Patrizia Quattrocchi, Veronika Sieglin (ed.), *Las parterías tradicionales en América Latina : cambios y continuidades ante un etnocidio programado*. Luscinia CE.
- 2020 Co-editor with Lydia Z. Dixon and Veronica Miranda of the online series “Co-authorship as feminist writing and practice” *Cultural Anthropology* <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/co-authorship-as-feminist-writing-and-practice-1>
- 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* 38(2).
- 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*.

Editor-reviewed Book Chapters

- 2021 El Kotni, Mounia. “Midwifery in Cross-Cultural Perspective”. In Han, Sallie and Cecilia Tomori, *The Routledge Handbook of Anthropology and Reproduction*. Routledge.

- 2021 El Kotni, Mounia. “*La capacitación de parteras tradicionales en Chiapas. Un mecanismo de gobernanza reproductiva*”. In Rafael Alarcón Lavín et al., *Parterías en las Américas*. Luscinia CE.
- 2019 Dixon, Lydia Z, Vania Smith-Oka and Mounia El Kotni, “Teaching about Childbirth in Mexico: Working across Birth Models,” in Davis-Floyd, Robbie and Melissa Cheyney (eds.), *Birth in Eight Cultures*, Waveland Press, pp. 17-45.
- 2018 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, pp.147-167.

Podcast

- 2019 **Co-creator** of the podcast *Im/patiente* with Maëlle Sigonneau, on breast cancer. Produced by Nouvelles Ecoutes. www.nouvellesecoutes.fr/impatiente

Non refereed publications

- 2021 El Kotni, Mounia, “Caring for women in a contaminated environment”, EnviroSociety Blog, <https://www.envirosociety.org/2021/08/caring-for-women-in-a-contaminated-environment>
- 2020 El Kotni, Mounia “*Prendre soin de toutes*”, “Et si...” project, Alternatiba <https://et-si.alternatiba.eu/prendre-soin-de-toutes>
- 2020 El Kotni, Mounia “*Anticoncepción forzada en el sistema de salud pública mexicano*”, Publication of the Escuela de Estudios de Género, Colombia, *Boletina* n7 « Género y Salud Sexual y Reproductiva », pp.58-66. http://www.humanas.unal.edu.co/2017/unidades-academicas/escuelas/application/files/5015/8378/5255/Boletina_7_genero_y_SSR_compressed_1.pdf
- 2020 El Kotni, Mounia, Lydia Z. Dixon et Veronica Miranda, “Introduction to the series : Co-authorship as feminist writing and practice”, series “Co-authorship as feminist writing and practice” <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/co-authorship-as-feminist-writing-and-practice-1>
- 2020 Miranda, Veronica, Mounia El Kotni et Lydia Z. Dixon “ ‘Yes, we all Count Equally!’: Navigating Ethnographic Co-authorship among Junior Scholars”, series “Co-authorship as feminist writing and practice” <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/yes-we-all-count-equally>
- 2019 Burrell, Jennifer and Mounia El Kotni “Corruption, Waiting, Exhaustion,” *Cultural Anthropology* Hotspot series “Behind the Migrant Caravan: Ethnographic Updates from Central America,” <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1653-behind-the-migrant-caravan-ethnographic-updates-from-central-america>
- 2018 El Kotni, Mounia « Maltraitance des corps et mépris des pratiques culturelles dans les maternités publiques au Mexique », *Actualités Sage-femme* 93:24-26.
- 2018 El Kotni, Mounia « Retour des violences obstétricales sur le devant de la scène », blog post <https://mouniaelkotni.com/2018/07/02/retour-des-violences-obstetrichales-sur-les-devant-de-la-scene/>
- 2018 El Kotni, Mounia and Bérénice Thouin. « Agir pour son territoire : les défis d’une société coopérative au service du bien vieillir en Creuse ». *POUR* 233 :155-161.

- 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
- 2018 El Kotni, Mounia « Notes from the field: obstetric violence hits the headlines in France » *Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Newsletter* <https://sway.com/mQTZ0C51WY6RzYGG?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.

Scholarly reviews

- 2019 Book Review "Vega, Rosalynn A. 2018. No Alternative, Childbirth, Citizenship, and Indigenous Culture in Mexico. Austin: University of Texas Press. 272 pp. US\$29.95 ISBN: 978-1-4773-1677-1" *Social Anthropology / Anthropologie Sociale*.
- 2018 Book Review "Midwives and Mothers: The Medicalization of Childbirth on a Guatemalan Plantation, Sheila Cosminsky, Austin: University of Texas Press, 2016, 303 pp." Association for Feminist Anthropology, <http://afa.americananthro.org/book-review/midwives-and-mothers-the-medicalization-of-childbirth-on-a-guatemalan-plantation/>
- 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>

PRESENTATIONS

Organized Sessions

- 2021 Laboring from Home: Reflections on the tolls of reproductive labor and the way forward. Roundtable co-organizer, with Veronica Miranda (Santa Clara University) and Lydia Z. Dixon (Southern California University). American Anthropological Association annual meeting online, November 19.
- 2018 Examining the Challenges and Productive Possibilities of Collaborative Academic Writing from a Feminist Perspective . Roundtable Chair, with Veronica Miranda (Santa Clara University) and Lydia Z. Dixon (Southern California University). American Anthropological Association annual meeting in San Jose, November 14-18.
- 2018 Resistance, Resilience, and Reproductive Governance in Latin America: Centering Reproductive Politics in Imaginative Transformation. Organizer. American Anthropological Association annual meeting in San Jose, November 14-18. with Rebecca Martinez (University of Missouri) and Clara Mantini-Briggs (UC Berkeley).
- 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).

Organization of academic conferences

- 2021 **Co-organizer** of the Second annual symposium of the network SHS/Pesticides, May 11-12.

2019 **Co-organizer** of the symposium “*Regards socio-anthropologiques sur la santé périnatale,*” with Priscille Sauvegrain (Inserm, EPOPé) and Aurélie Racciopi (URMIS), March 24.

Conference Presentations

- 2021 *Soigner le corps, protéger la terre : l’analogie du corps-territoire dans la lutte contre les violences obstétricales au Mexique*, conference “*Le corps maternel à l’épreuve du ‘progrès’ : perspectives internationales sur la techno-obstétriques et ses critiques*” March 5.
- 2020 *Intersections entre justice climatique et justice reproductive*, International congress “*Femmes, jeunes et justice climatique*”, organized by Collectif des Femmes, Louvain, Belgium, March 3.
- 2020 *L’agroécologie comme ‘option de vie’. Mobilisation de femmes pour les alternatives aux pesticides dans le Sud du Mexique*, International symposium of the SHS/Pesticide network “*L’objet ‘pesticides’ en sciences humaines et sociales. Quels savoirs pour quelle transition écologique ?*”, EHESS Marseille, Feb. 6-7.
- 2019 *Pour une analyse intersectionnelle des violences obstétricales: l’injustice obstétricale*, with Chiara Quagliariello, conference “*Les violences obstétricales : Enjeux épistémologiques et controversies*”, INED, Paris, December 6.
- 2019 “*Dicen que la partera tiene la culpa*” *L’effacement des savoirs des sages-femmes traditionnelles au Mexique : entre racisme historique, violence épistémique et création de l’ignorance*. congress “*Ignorance, pouvoir et santé*”, MSH Paris Nord, October 21-22.
- 2019 *La marginalisation des savoirs des sages-femmes traditionnelles au Mexique : impacts sur la santé des femmes pauvres*”, International symposium “*La santé dans les Amériques au prisme des sciences sociales*”, Rouen University and MSH Paris Nord, September 26.
- 2019 “*It’s like destroying part of the community life.*” Tracing the impact of plant rarefication on indigenous women’s reproductive health in Mexico. *XI AFIN International Conference* in Granada, Spain, September 4-7.
- 2019 *Obstetric violence, a global struggle? Exploring the intersections between reproductive rights and social/racial injustice in Latin America and Europe*. with Chiara Quagliariello. *XI AFIN International Conference* in Granada, Spain, September 4-7.
- 2019 *La naissance humanisée et la stratification de l’accès aux soins au Mexique*, Symposium “*Regards socio-anthropologiques sur la santé périnatale : Comment étudier les discriminations ? Quels retours aux terrains par les chercheur.e.s ?*”, Paris-Diderot University, March 26.
- 2018 *Intercultural health policies and the broken temazcal: the challenges of integrating traditional midwifery in a Mexican public hospital*. *American Anthropological Association* annual meeting in San Jose, November 14-18.
- 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 *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, Toulouse Jean-Jaurès University, March 24.
- 2017 *Médicalisation et sanitarisación 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

- 2021 Obstetric Violence in Mexico », Guest lecturer for the class *Cultural Anthropology*, SUNY Albany, May 4
- 2021 *Le corps, un territoire à défendre ?*, Guest lecturer for the research seminar “*Processus et rapports sociaux de genre*”, Paris Nanterre University, April 2
- 2021 *Notre corps, nous-mêmes : une expérience intime, un outil collectif*, research seminar “Ateliers du genre”, Caen University, Feb. 12
- 2021 *Perception des sages-femmes des enjeux de santé environnementale dans le Sud du Mexique*, research seminar “Anthropologie américaniste,” LAS, le LESC et le CERMA-Mondes Américains, Feb. 5
- 2020 Defending Mother earth in southern Mexico: when environmental concerns meet reproductive justice, research seminar “Santé reproductive, techno-pouvoirs et féminismes,” EHESS Paris, March 2.
- 2019 A Fourth Feminist Wave? Questions raised around the new French edition of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, with Marie Hermann, research seminar “Gouverner le « progrès » et ses dégâts (1810-2016). Histoire et sciences sociales,” December 3.
- 2018 Discussant, “Sexual Humanitarianism: Migration, Sex Work and Trafficking” Nicola Mai and Calogero Giametta. URMIS-Germes research seminar Paris 7 University, May 15.
- 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

Public Speaking

- 2021 **Speaker**, *Discriminations de genre dans l'accès aux soins*, Rennes 2 University, April 6.
- 2021 **Speaker**, *Gynécologie, cancer: les femmes face au sexisme médical*, conference "Le féminisme n'a jamais tué personne," Bibliothèque Publique d'Information, Paris, Feb. 22
- 2021 **Speaker**, *Pour une approche féministe de la santé*, conference at the Laboratoires d'Aubervilliers, Feb. 13
- 2020 **Speaker**, WETOO Festival, May 29
<https://www.facebook.com/WetooFestival/videos/249874423110851>
- 2020 **Speaker**, workshop "Women4Climate in Motherhood", Women4Climate Paris, May 12
- 2019 **Discussant**, roundtable "*Hormones et patriarcat*," Sang Rancune Festival, Paris, November 16.
- 2019 **Speaker**, roundtable "When women take the lead", third annual Women4Climate conference, Paris, Feb. 21.
- 2018 **Discussant**, roundtable "*Décolonisons la gynécologie*," Sang Rancune Festival, Paris, Nov. 10.
- 2018 **Speaker**, roundtable "*Les nouveaux enjeux des règles*," Sang Rancune Festival, Paris, Nov. 10.
- 2018 **Discussant**, research seminar, URMIS-Germes, Paris 7 University, Sexual Humanitarianism: Migration, Sex Work and Trafficking, by Nicola Mai and Calogero

Giametta. May 15.

- 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 **Speaker**, Roundtable, *Maltraitements gynécologiques et obstétricales*, Cer(v)yx Festival, organized by CERYX, La Sorbonne, Paris, March 9.
- 2017 **Speaker**, Debate on Obstetric Violence, *Festival des Solidarités*, Rennes, Nov. 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.

Advising

- 2020-2021 Advisor, Midwifery Thesis. Boyer, Alice, "*La bienveillance en obstétrique*," Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Reims.
- 2020 External Reader, Doctoral thesis. Alicia Paramita, "*Madres y matronas: prácticas y políticas reproductivas en el distrito Sikka de la isla Flores, Indonesia*" *Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (UAB)*, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2019 External Reader, Master's thesis. Ramírez, Alba "*Prácticas de atención del embarazo, parto y puerperio en la Sierra Mixe-Zapoteca*," Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores CIESAS- Pacífico Sur, Oaxaca, Mexico.
- 2017-2019 Advisor, Midwifery Thesis. Macias, Amandine, "*Perception du débat sur les violences obstétricales par les professionnels, sages-femmes et gynécologues- obstétriciens*," Paris Descartes University, Baudelocque Midwifery School. Nominated for the 2019 Evian Prize for Midwifery Schools.
- 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)*, Mexico.

Professional Service

- 2019 New England Council on Latin American Studies (NECLAS) Dissertation Award,

- Committee member.
- 2018 Council on Anthropology and Reproduction (CAR) Book Award, Committee member.
- 2017-2019 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.
- 2017-2019 Social Media co-manager, Association for Feminist Anthropology.
- 2016-2018 Membership Coordinator, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction, Society for Medical Anthropology.
- 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
- 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
- Topical Interest Group

Reviewer

- **Frontiers in Sociology*
- **Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural studies in Health and Illness*
- **The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*
- **Cahiers François Viète*
- **Routledge*
- **Presses de l'Université de Laval*

Professional Memberships

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)

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

- 2020 Participant Raising Our Voices (AAA virtual event), Nov. 5-14.
- 2019 Participant in the congress “Genre, mémoire, violences et (dé)colonialité,” Paris-Diderot University, Nov. 21-22.
- 2019 Participant in the First Mexican Congress of Agroecology, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, May 12-17.
- 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.

Media Coverage

Newspaper and television

- 2021 “*Quand on est fatigué-es, les gens disent « c’est le bébé ». Mais c’est pas le bébé, c’est l’organisation du travail, de la société en fait ! Au Chiapas, les enfants sont intégrés à la vie*”, interview for the Newsletter *Mauvaises herbes*, Feb 11.
<https://desmauvaisesherbes.medium.com/interview-quand-on-est-fatigu%C3%A9-es-les-gens-disent-cest-le-b%C3%A9b%C3%A9-489a64f462b>
- 2021 “*Mounia El Kotni : « Parler d’islamogauchisme à l’université est une attaque raciste à peine masquée à l’encontre des chercheurs et chercheuses racisé-es »*”, interview for *Causette* magazine, Feb 19 <https://www.causette.fr/societe/en-france/mounia-el-kotni-parler-dislamogauchisme-a-luniversite-est-une-attaque-raciste-a-peine-masquee-a-lencontre-des-chercheurs-et-chercheuses-racises>
- 2020 “*Au Chiapas, les sages-femmes traditionnelles sont transgressives*”, interview by Géraldine Magnan, *Profession sage-femme* n265, oct 2020, pp.43-45.
- 2020 “*Notre corps, nous-mêmes : connaître son organisme pour être libre*”, *France 24*, March 6.

- 2020 “*Faire corps dans un monde dévasté*”, by Coline Guérin and Léna Silberzahn, *Terrestres* <https://www.terrestres.org/2020/03/02/faire-corps-dans-un-monde-devaste>
- 2019 Interview for the article “*Mouvement pour le climat: dans toutes les luttes, les femmes sont présentes*” by Amélie Quantel, *Les Inrocks* <https://www.lesinrocks.com/2019/03/14/actualite/actualite/mouvement-pour-le-climat-dans-toutes-les-luttes-les-femmes-sont-presentes/>
- 2019 Interview about the revised edition of *Notre Corps, Nous-Mêmes* (Our Bodies, Ourselves), *Cahiers de l’Atelier n559*.
- 2017-2019 Numerous Media coverage (radio, print, web) as co-founder of the organization Bas Les Pailles. www.baslespailles.org
- 2018 Interview for the article “*Lesbophobie et transphobie ordinaires en milieu gynécologique: ‘ce qu’il s’est passé n’est pas normal’*”, by Morgane Fabre-Bouvier, *Komitid* <https://www.komitid.fr/2018/07/30/lesbophobie-et-transphobie-ordinaires-en-milieu-gynecologique/>
- 2018 *Enquête : la sexualité pendant les règles, un tabou qui résiste*, Judith Bouchouchoua. <http://jelislesintelloes.com/enquete-sexualite-pendant-regles/>
- 2017 *#Hackeuses! Le numérique au féminin*, interview for the *Fondation SNCF* <https://www.fondation-sncf.org/fr/hackeuses-numerique-feminin/>

Podcast

- 2021 *Accoucher et résister à Abya Yala avec Mounia El Kotni, #30, N’Autre Histoire* by Lissell Quiroz and Angeline Available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/fr/podcast/30-accoucher-et-r%C3%A9sister-%C3%A0-abya-yala-avec-mounia-el-kotni/id1511417581?i=1000532737954>
- 2021 *Série Forum Génération Egalité : Mounia El Kotni, episode 3, Expertes en tous genre(s). Le podcast du genre et de l’égalité.* Expertes genre. Available at <https://podcast.ausha.co/expertes-en-tous-genre-s/serie-forum-generation-egalite-episode-n03-mounia-el-kotni>
- 2021 *Mounia El Kotni, autonomie et justice reproductive, episode 19, Les femmes sages*, by Géraldine Grenet. Available at <https://podcast.ausha.co/les-femmes-sages/episode-19-mounia-el-kotni-autonomie-et-justice-reproductive>
- 2021 *Mounia El Kotni, celle qui nous encourage à connaître notre corps, episode 10, Divines* podcast by Anne Francin. Available at <https://open.spotify.com/episode/2dG2mVIFdAKMKkQBF7k21b>
- 2021 *Le sexisme en médecine, episode 6, La Salle d’Attente*, podcast by Medfem x Culot. Available at <https://open.spotify.com/episode/1g9w0eLiTOiZ2lrqd0oRme>
- 2018 *Episode Bonus : Maltraitances gynécologiques et obstétricales*, La Poudre podcast by Lauren Bastide, Nouvelles Ecoutes. Available at <https://art19.com/shows/la-poudre/episodes/3ca93bb2-f43e-4e83-9539-618cd862a206>

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Scholarships and Fellowships

- 2019-2021 Fondation de France fellow, Environmental Health Research scholarship.
- 2018 #Women4Climate Paris Fellow, C40 mentoring program. Mentor: Valéria Bessolo-

Llopiz, Elle International.

- 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. 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

- 2019 Winner, Documentary category for “Im/patiente,” Paris Podcast Festival.
- 2018 Elsa Chaney Award (Winner), Latin American Studies Association (LASA) [\$500]
- 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 Maya 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

- 2020 Ethnographic field research, San Cristóbal de Las Casas [January, 2 weeks]
- 2019 Ethnographic field research, San Cristóbal de Las Casas [May-July, 9 weeks]
- 2018 Ethnographic field research, San Cristóbal de Las Casas [July, 2 weeks]
- 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

Microsoft Publisher

Macintosh

Adobe Indesign

Nvivo software for qualitative data analysis

Website management (Wordpress and
Adobe Dreamweaver)

Google Digital Active Certification