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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology, University of Iowa
Dissertation Title: "Farmers and Farmworkers: Negotiating Labor and Identity in Rural Northeast Tennessee"
- 2008 M.A. Cultural Anthropology, University of Iowa
- 2004 B.A. Anthropology, minor in History, Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado
summa cum laude

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020 August – present Teaching Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University
- 2014 August – July 2020 Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2018 August – present Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

- Donaldson, Susanna. 2011. "From Neighbors to Migrants: The Shifting Organization of Agricultural Labor in East Tennessee." *Anthropology of Work Review* 32(1):9-20.

Photo Essays

- Donaldson, Susanna. 2011. "A Snapshot of Burley Tobacco." *Anthropology of Work Review* 32(1):21-29.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

- 2018 Jacqueline Spiropoulos, Ann Morris, and **Susanna Donaldson**, "Cultural Perceptions of Cancer among a College-Going/College-Educated Population in North Central West Virginia." Paper presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 "Farmers, Farmworkers, and the 'Difficult, Dirty, and Sometimes Dangerous' Work of Burley Tobacco." Paper presented at the 116th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C.
- 2017 "Farmers" or "Farmwives"? Negotiating Gender in the Industrialized Tobacco Patch."

- Paper presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association, Blacksburg, VA.
- 2015 Ann Morris and **Susanna Donaldson**, “A Multi-factorial Discussion of Cancer Health Disparities in West Virginia.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Pittsburgh, PA.
 - 2013 “Farmers and Farmworkers: Negotiating Unequal Identities in a Rural Appalachian Community.” Paper presented at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
 - 2013 “‘Sharing’ the ‘Resource’ of Anthropology: Doing and Applying Anthropology among Farmers and Farmworkers.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, Colorado.
 - 2012 “Farmers and Farm Work: Burley Tobacco, Worker Safety, and the Definition of ‘Hard Work.’” Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Baltimore, MD.
 - 2012 “Tobacco Baskets: The Embodiment of Cultural Memory.” Paper presented at the 35th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference, Indiana, PA.
 - 2011 “Public Policy vs. Agrarian Culture? How Public Health Initiatives Influence Farm Families who Grow Burley Tobacco.” Paper presented at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Quebec, CA
 - 2010 “Farmers and Farmworkers: Negotiating the Meaning of Farm Work and A Working Identity.” Paper presented at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 - 2009 “‘I’m Just a Small Family Farmer:’ Agricultural Identity in the United States.” Paper presented at the 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 - 2009 “From Neighbors to Migrants: The Shifting Organization of Agricultural Labor in East Tennessee.” Paper presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
 - 2008 “Tobacco in Transition: East Tennessee Burley Growers in a Post-Subsidy Market.” Paper presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, Tennessee.
 - 2007 “A Case Study for Co-Management: The Rural Resettlement Administration and the Farm Security Administration.” Paper presented at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, San Jose, California.

Conference Posters

- 2020 Talia Buchman, Daniel Dillon, **Susanna Donaldson**, and Ann Morris. “Perception of Cancer among a College-going/College-educated Population in the Appalachian Region.” Poster presented virtually at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, temporarily published online.
- 2013 “Farmers and Farmworkers: Negotiating Unequal Identities in a Rural Appalachian Community.” Poster presented at the 14th Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology, St. Louis, Missouri.

- 2008 “Labor Pains in Burley Tobacco: The Difficulty of Adapting a Labor Intensive Product to an Industrializing Market.” Poster presented at the 107th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, California.

Roundtables

- 2021 “Fly Over Anthropology.” *Discussant* at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Norfolk, Virginia (Virtual).
- 2018 “Stimulating Undergraduate Anthropology Excellence: Scholarship and Other Funding, Awards, and Recognition.” *Discussant* at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California.
- 2015 “Imagining a Rural Anthropology.” *Chair/Discussant* at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, Colorado.
- 2015 “Agrarian Labor and Its (Commodity) Chains.” *Discussant* at the 75th Annual Meeting for the Society for Applied Anthropology, Pittsburgh, PA.

Organizer, Chair, and/or Discussant

- 2017 “Autoethnography of Appalachia: Exploring the Culture(s) of Appalachia by Combining Self-reflection and Traditional Research.” *Organizer, Chair, and Discussant* at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association, Blacksburg, West Virginia.
- 2017 “Critical Interventions in Women’s and Gender Studies.” *Discussant*, at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association, Blacksburg, West Virginia.

Professional and Teaching Panels/Workshops

- 2017 Alyssa Wright (Organizer and Presenter), Kelly Diamond (Organizer and Presenter), Sarah Morris (Presenter), **Susanna Donaldson (Presenter)**. “The Fake, Bad, and the Ugly: Helping students become Critical Information Consumers,” Celebrate Expo, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

- 2021 – Present Faculty Mentor, SOCA Archaeology Lab, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University
- 2019 – Present Faculty Affiliate, EXCEL Program, Honors College, West Virginia University
- 2019 (Summer) Mentor, WVU Summer Undergraduate Research Experience
Student: Grace Belknap
- 2018 – Present Mentor, WVU Research Apprenticeship Program (RAP)
Students: Bryan Hill (2020- present), Kailia Puaauli (2020-present), Talia Buchman (2019-present), Daniel Dillon (2019-present), Tanisha Adams, (2019-2020), Samantha Hensley (2018-2020), Jamie Billman (2018-2019).
- 2017 – 2019 Mentor, WVU McNair Scholars Program
Student: London Orzolek; Project title: “‘You Keep Using That Word. I Don’t Think It Means What You Think It Means’: Defining College-Going Culture and Student Success”
- 2017 – 2018 Mentor, WVU Summer Undergraduate Research Experience
Student: Jacqueline Spiropoulos
- 2017 (Fall) Mentor/Instructor, Anthropology Capstone Project (Independent Study)
Student: Artur Wawrzak; Project title: “Masculinity and Enculturation within the Veteran Population”

- 2016 – 2017 Convener/Mentor, refereed paper session at Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting (five WVU student presenters), March 2017. Session title: “Autoethnography of Appalachia: Exploring the culture(s) of Appalachia by combining self-reflection and traditional research”
- 2016 – 2017 Mentor, WVU McNair Scholars Program
Student: Aaron Colhouer; Project title: “Exploring Community and Culture in EVE Online”

GUIDED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

- 2021 **Talia Buchman** “Educating the Zoo-going Public: Using Nonhuman-animal Enrichment to Engage and Educate the Public.” Paper presented at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Norfolk, VA (Virtual).
- 2020 **Talia Buchman** “Perception of Cancer among a College-going/College-educated Population in the Appalachian Region.” Paper presented at the 4th Annual (Virtual) Undergraduate Spring Symposium, Undergraduate Research, West Virginia University. (Published online).
- 2020 **Tanisha Adams** “Undergraduate Anthropology as White Academic Space: Perceptions and Experiences of Minority Anthropology Students at WVU.” Paper presented at the 4th Annual (Virtual) Undergraduate Spring Symposium, West Virginia University. (Published online).
- 2020 **Tanisha Adams** “Undergraduate Anthropology as White Academic Space?: Perceptions and Experiences of Minority Anthropology Students at West Virginia University.” Poster presented at the 2020 (Virtual) Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. (Published online).
- 2020 **Samantha Hensley** “Cultural Perceptions of Child and Adolescent Farm Labor: An Appalachian Case-Study.” Poster presented at the 2020 (Virtual) Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. (Published online).
- 2019 **Grace Belknap** “An evaluation of free-listing as a method to elicit and identify cultural perceptions of cancer and cancer care: a central Appalachian case-study.” Poster presented at the 2019 Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium, West Virginia University.
- 2019 **Jamie Billman** Poster presented at the 3rd Annual Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium, West Virginia University.
- 2019 **Samantha Hensley** Poster presented at the 3rd Annual Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium, West Virginia University.
- 2018 **London Orzolek** “‘You Keep Using That Word. I Don’t Think It Means What You Think It Means’: Defining College-Going Culture and Student Success.” Paper presented at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California.
- 2018 **Jacqueline Spiropoulos** “Cultural Perceptions of Cancer among a College-Going/College-Educated Population in North Central West Virginia.” Poster presented at the 2018 Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium, West Virginia University.
- 2017 **Eliot Hough** “Queerpalachia: Examining Rural Queerness through an Appalachian Lens.” Paper presented at the 40th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference, Blacksburg,

Virginia.

- 2017 **Ashlyn Shultz** “The Negative Affect of an Appalachian Dialect.” Paper presented at the 40th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia.
- 2017 **Olivia Given** “Iron Grannies’ and ‘Mountain Mamas’: The Women of Appalachia and Their Erasure from Regional Histories.” Paper presented at the 40th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia.
- 2017 **Olivia Seibert** “Placemaking for the Future: Why are Millennials Fleeing West Virginia?” Paper presented at the 40th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Eberly Interdisciplinary Research Collaborative Seed grant, West Virginia University with Daniel Totzkay, Communication Studies, WVU. (\$10,000)
- 2013 Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Iowa (\$18,000)
- 2013 Marcus Bach Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2013, declined (\$13,000)
- 2013 Center for Global & Regional Environmental Research (CGRER), University of Iowa Travel Grant for conference presentations
- 2013 Executive Council of Graduate & Professional Students (ECGPS), University of Iowa Travel Grant for conference presentations
- 2013 ECGPS Professional Development Grant for conference travel, University of Iowa
- 2013 University of Iowa Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Travel Grant for conference presentations
- 2012 University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology Summer Research Funding
- 2012 GSS Travel Grant for conference presentation, University of Iowa
- 2012 CGRER Travel Grant for conference presentations, University of Iowa
- 2011 International Programs Graduate Student Conference Travel Award, University of Iowa
- 2010 CGRER Dissertation Research Grant, University of Iowa
- 2010 ECGPS Dissertation Research Grant, University of Iowa
- 2010 University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology Summer Research Funding
- 2009 CGRER Travel Grant for conference presentations, University of Iowa
- 2008 CGRER Travel Grant for conference presentations, University of Iowa
- 2008 ECGPS Travel Grant for conference presentations, University of Iowa
- 2008 University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology Summer Research Funding
- 2007 University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology Summer Research Funding

AWARDS

- 2021 Outstanding Teacher, Eberly College, West Virginia University
- 2018 Outstanding Honors College Advisor, Honors College, West Virginia University
Donaldson

- 2012 June Helm Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, graduate student service award
- 2010 Eric R. Wolf Prize, Society for the Anthropology of Work, graduate student paper prize
- 2007 Juried Paper Award Winner, 70th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, San Jose, California.
- 2004 Most Outstanding Graduating Senior, Fort Lewis College, Department of Anthropology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University

Teaching Associate Professor

2020 – present Introduction to Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology of Appalachia, Ethnographic Field Methods, The Craft of Anthropology

Instructor, Upward Bound

Summer 2017 Forensic Anthropology

Summer 2016 Cultural Anthropology and the Summer Olympics

Teaching Assistant Professor

2014 – 2020 Introduction to Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, Economic Anthropology, Anthropology of Appalachia, The Craft of Anthropology

Kirkwood Community College

Adjunct Instructor

2010 – 2012 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Distance Learning Program, instructor of record

The University of Iowa

Graduate Student Instructor

2012 – 2013 Evolution of Human Sex, Department of Anthropology, instructor of record

2012 – 2013 Anthropology of Violence, Department of Anthropology, instructor of record

2009 – 2010 Anthropology of Science Fiction and Fantasy, Department of Anthropology, instructor of record

2009 – 2010 Anthropology of Violence, Department of Anthropology, instructor of record

2007 – 2009 Rhetoric, Department of Rhetoric, instructor of record

Graduate Student TA, University of Iowa

Fall 2006 Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems, Department of Anthropology

Tusculum College

2005	Upward Bound Instructor, TRIO Programs
2004 – 2005	Professional Tutor, Tutoring Center

ACADEMIC ADVISING EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University

2015 – Present	Advising Specialist, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
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SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2020 – present	Program Committee Member, 2022 Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association, Morgantown, WV
2019 – 2020	Section Program Editor, Culture & Agriculture Section, American Anthropological Association
2017 – 2018	Section Program co-Editor, Culture & Agriculture Section, American Anthropological Association
2017 – 2020	Member at Large, Culture & Agriculture Section, American Anthropological Association
2012 – 2017	<i>Anthropology News</i> Section Editor, Society for the Anthropology of Work, American Anthropological Association
2011 – 2018	Member, Book Prize Committee, Society for the Anthropology of Work, American Anthropological Association
2011 – 2014	Member, Program Committee, Culture & Agriculture, American Anthropological Association
2010 – 2013	<i>Anthropology News</i> Section Editor, Culture & Agriculture Section, American Anthropological Association
2009 – 2011	Student Representative to the Board, Society for the Anthropology of Work, American Anthropological Association

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

2021 – Present	Member, Antiracism Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University
2019 – Present	Faculty Mentor, Honors EXCEL Program, Honors College, West Virginia University
2019 – 2021	Faculty Affiliate, Honors EXCEL Program, Honors College, West Virginia University
2018 – Present	Chair, Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University
2017 – Present	Faculty Advisor, WVU Anthropology Club
2016 – 2019	Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholars Program
2016 – 2018	Completion Committee, Office of Undergraduate Studies, Eberly College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University

2015 – Present	Faculty Sponsor, Alpha of West Virginia chapter of Lambda Alpha, National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology
2014 – Present	Undergraduate Studies Advisory Council, Office of Undergraduate Studies, Eberly College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University
2012 – 2014	Mentor, Critical MASS Program, University of Iowa
2012 – 2013	Vice-President, Anthropology Graduate Student Association, University of Iowa
2008 – 2009	President, Anthropology Graduate Student Association, University of Iowa
2006 – 2011	Union Steward, Anthropology Department, Campaign to Organize Graduate Students (COGS) at the University of Iowa, UE Local 896

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Assessment Essentials, Teaching and Learning Commons, West Virginia University, 2019-2020
National Science Foundation Short Courses on Research Methods: Cultural Domain Analysis.
Duke University Marine Lab, North Carolina, 2015
National Science Foundation Summer Institute for Research Design, Duke University Marine Lab, North Carolina, 2009

MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association: Culture & Agriculture, Society for the Anthropology of Work, Society for the Anthropology of North America, and Society for Economic Anthropology sections
Society for Applied Anthropology
Southern Anthropology Society
Appalachian Studies Association
Lambda Alpha (National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology)