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EDUCATION

- Currently Doctoral Student, **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, Sociocultural Anthropology
- May 2007 B.S. in Foreign Service, **Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service**, Culture & Politics
Concentration in Anthropology and Certificate in Justice & Peace Studies
- Summer 2006 Chile Study Abroad Program, **Universidad de Alberto Hurtado**, Social Justice Community-Based Learning Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2011 *Teaching Assistant*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- Responsible for leading discussion sections for more than 100 students in two semesters of Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
 - Created and graded exam and quiz questions and consulted with faculty instructors, other teaching assistants, and students regarding course material and the students' written work

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Individual Research

- Summer 2012 *Pre-dissertation Researcher*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Project: Community Development and Housing Experts and Prospective Home Buyers' Perspectives on the Strengths and Challenges of Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention and Home Ownership Promotion Initiatives
- Conducted preliminary dissertation research in the Oakland and San Francisco offices of a grassroots community organization dedicated to advocacy and political activism around the rights of tenants, homeowners, and immigrants in working class communities of color in the Bay Area.
 - Shadowed and interviewed housing staff, organization members, and homeowners regarding their experiences of foreclosure, displacement, and housing activism
 - Participated in trainings, rallies, and strategy sessions regarding foreclosure prevention locally and nationally

- Researched foreclosure procedures in California, a non-judicial foreclosure state, to identify potential allies in foreclosure prevention and possible community-based solutions to the mortgage crisis
- Gathered demographic and economic data on the areas served by the organization, and completed other marketing and administrative tasks

Summer 2011 *Pre-dissertation Researcher*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Project: Community Development and Housing Experts' Perspectives on the Strengths and Challenges of Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Initiatives

- Conducted preliminary dissertation research at the Chicago offices of a national community development organization dedicated to promoting, facilitating, and sustaining homeownership in low income communities in the United States, as well as at the Cook County Court's Chancery Division foreclosure proceedings and the Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program
- Shadowed and interviewed housing counselors, pro bono attorneys, administrators, and policy staff regarding foreclosure prevention initiatives in Cook County, including the mediation program and federal and state programs such as the Making Home Affordable mortgage modification initiative and the Hardest Hit Fund
- Analyzed the social, political, and interpersonal dynamics among counselors, attorneys, and clients facing foreclosure as well as the assessments of counselors and attorneys with respect to the morality of their clients' behavior and the efficacies of their work in preventing foreclosure
- Completed exploratory research on future office sites for the community organization using data from the 2010 U.S. Census and American Community Survey

Team Research

2011-Present *Research Assistant*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Carry out archival and academic research for Dr. Andrew Orta for his project on the history of international business education in MBA programs in the United States in preparation for a forthcoming article and monograph

2012 *Research Assistant*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Carried out research for Dr. Nancy Abelmann on intergenerational mobility in South Korea and the United States and collaborated with her and other doctoral students on forthcoming articles on the ethnographic treatment of intergenerational mobility in the U.S. in the 20th century and youth unemployment and social unrest in the United States, South Korea, and Japan in the 21st century.

2011-Present *Research Team Member*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Participated in a collaborative ethnographic research project of the internationalization of the University of Illinois' undergraduate population, *The American University Meets the Pacific Century*, with principal investigators Drs. Nancy Abelmann, Adrienne Lo, Soo Ah Kwon, and Tim Liao and other graduate and undergraduate student researchers
- Assisted Dr. Tim Liao in the creation, implementation and analysis of a survey administered to undergraduates in the Schools of Business, Engineering, and Liberal

Arts & Sciences at the University of Illinois regarding the increasing number of international undergraduates at the university using SPSS.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Value and debt; housing; social class; social reproduction and mobility; law and morality; kinship and families; economic anthropology; anthropology of North America; urban anthropology; economic crises; ethnography of institutions

PUBLICATIONS

- “Fighting Foreclosure in the Bay Area and Beyond: A Conversation with Housing Activist Jesse Trepper” in the Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology Section of *Anthropology News*, February 2013.
- “Rereading the Archives: Uncovering Spaces of Feminist Engagement in IWAC (International Women's Anthropology Conference)” co-authored with Jamie Arjona, Ofira Fuchs, Agnes Sohn and Natalye Tate in the Public Anthropology Section of *American Anthropologist* 114(3): 521-523, September 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter of “Foreclosed and in Limbo: Homes and Homeowners in Contested Spaces” at the Society for the Anthropology of North America Conference. Durham, NC, 2013
- Presenter of “Community in Foreclosure: Visions of Preservation and Development in Two Foreclosure Prevention Programs” at the University of Illinois at Chicago Second City Anthropology Conference. Chicago, IL, 2013.
- Presenter of “Community in Foreclosure: Visions of Preservation and Development in Two Foreclosure Prevention Programs” at the University of Illinois Graduate Student Symposium. Urbana, IL, 2013.
- Organizer, Chair, & Discussant for the Society for Urban, National and Transnational/Global Anthropology Community Interlocutor Roundtable: “A Conversation with Housing Activist Jesse Trepper.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco, 2012.
- Coauthor of “Lost Youth Futures and the Crisis of Social Reproduction: Comparative Notes on Media-takes in Japan, South Korea and the United States.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco, 2012.
- Presenter of “The Price of Assistance: Distressed Homeowners and the Asymmetric Exigencies of Mortgage Modification.” Central States Anthropology Society Annual Meeting. Toledo, Ohio, 2012.
- Presenter of “The Price of Assistance: Distressed Homeowners and the Asymmetric Exigencies of Mortgage Modification.” University of Illinois Transnational Studies Workshop. Urbana, Illinois, 2011.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- Graduate Student Summer Research Assistance Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Summer 2012.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Included in the Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall 2010 & Spring 2011
- Cum Laude Graduate of Georgetown University

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009-2010 *Paralegal*, Schopf & Weiss LLP, Chicago, IL
- Handled diverse case management responsibilities including legal research and document review, organization and retention
 - Assisted attorneys in research and analysis for major anti-trust insurance brokerage litigation suit pending in the United States District Court of New Jersey
- 2007-2009 *Project Assistant*, Foley & Lardner LLP, Chicago, IL
- Conducted extensive financial, corporate, and legal research regarding troubled companies and those filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and produced daily reports as part of a firm-wide marketing initiative
 - Provided comprehensive administrative and case management support to attorneys in the commercial litigation and business reorganization practice groups
- 2004-2007 *Sales Associate*, Bridge Street Books, Washington, DC
- Offered knowledgeable and personalized customer service to promote long term patron relationships
 - Performed business transactions and administrative tasks for independent bookstore
 - Trained and supported new employees
- 2006 *Social Work Intern*, Cerro Navia Joven Community Center, Santiago, Chile
- Empowered young, low-income mothers through weekly life skills workshops
 - Participated in home-based daycare program to promote financial stability and well being for families
- 2005 *Marketing Intern*, Chantelle, New York, NY
- Researched market and sales trends for print advertising campaign
 - Compiled and analyzed data from 435 customer surveys
- 2003-2005 *Tutor*, DC Schools Project, Washington, DC
- Tutored/mentored El Salvadorian elementary student in her home twice per week

- Planned and implemented activities aimed at increasing tutee's success in language and writing tasks

2004

Summer Research & Policy Associate, Department of STD Prevention and Control, Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA

- Designed bilingual Chlamydia self-test kit and accompanying educational materials targeting young women
- Coordinated with local pharmacies and community-based organizations serving study population
- Managed the assembly and distribution of testing and educational materials within the Mission District
- Educated young women and community organizations about Chlamydia and the health services available to them
- Advised peer health educator team in promotion and continued management of testing program

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Economic Anthropology
- Society of Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology
- Society for the Anthropology of North America
- Central States Anthropological Society
- National Association of Student Anthropologists

SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

- Elected Student Councilor, Society of Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology, American Anthropological Association (2012-2014)
- Interim Student Councilor, Society of Urban, National and Transnational Anthropology, American Anthropological Association (2011-2012)
- Graduate Student Mentor for University of Illinois Undergraduate Anthropology Majors (2011-2013)
- Member, University of Illinois Graduate Anthropology Student Association
- Alumni Interviewer, Georgetown University (2011-present)
- Founding Member, Georgetown University Anthropology Collective (2006-2007)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Spanish (read, write, speak)

REFERENCES

Academic Advisor and Committee Chair:

Dr. Andrew Orta

Anthropology Department Head and Associate Professor of Anthropology, Latin American and Caribbean Studies and LAS Global Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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