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EDUCATION

- September 2017-
Ongoing
Santa Barbara, CA
PHD STUDENT IN ANTHROPOLOGY
EMPHASIS ON ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY
EMPAHSIS ON GLOBAL STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA
Ph.D. student in the Department of Anthropology in the sociocultural wing with emphasis on: Haiti, (I)NGOs, environment and society, political ecology, food systems, globalization. Community involvement includes: executive position at UCSB Graduate Student Association, participating in Anthropology Graduate Student Council.
- August 2015- May 2017
DeKalb, IL
MASTER OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY
CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Graduate of MA program in the Department of Anthropology in the cultural anthropology track with emphases on: Haiti, Caribbean studies, (I)NGOs, globalization, food systems, applied anthropology. Community involvement included: president of Anthropology Graduate Student Council; participation in departmental curriculum-review initiative; participation in on-campus events related to environmental justice.
- August 2006- January 2011
Portland, OR
BACHELOR OF ARTS
REED COLLEGE
Cultural anthropology major with emphases on: Middle Eastern studies, anthropology of violence, visual anthropology, social justice and social movements. Studied abroad at the American University in Cairo, conducted research in Israel and Palestine. Community involvement included: participation in school chapter of Amnesty International; participation in the Students for Education, Empowerment, and Direct Service (SEEDS) program, and 2+ years of volunteering with at-risk youth and people experiencing homelessness in Portland, OR.

HONORS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Spring 2020
San Diego, CA
IGCC DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP
UC INSTITUTE ON GLOBAL CONFLICT & COOPERATION
Received dissertation research support for exploring IGCC theme of *food security, human security global health, nontraditional and emerging threats*
- Summer 2019;
Summer 2018
Santa Barbara, CA
UCSB SUMMER BLOCK GRANT FOR RESEARCH
UCSB DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
Received grant funding to conduct independent research in Haiti to enrich pre-dissertation research
- Summer 2018
Miami, FL
FOREIGN LANGUAGE & AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL U.

Received a summer fellowship to study Haitian Creole at the Kimberly Greene Latin American and Caribbean Center at Florida International University

Spring 2017

AWARDED GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (GRFP)
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Received a three-year graduate research fellowship from the National Science Foundation to support continuing graduate education and original research.

Spring 2017
DeKalb, IL

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD
Recipient of Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Graduate School at Northern Illinois University.

SELECT CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

October 2019
Gainesville, FL

PAPER PRESENTATION
HAITIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
Presented original research paper, "Ghosts in the Grand'Anse? Exploring INGOs Through a Framework of Haunting" in a panel entitled "Madness and Ghosts as Literary Tropes and Critical Tools."

March 2019
Portland, OR

PAPER PRESENTATION
SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY CONFERENCE
Presented original research paper, "Haunting and (In)Visibility: The Paradoxical Presence and Absence of NGOs in Rural Haiti in a panel entitled "Progress and Challenges in Development."

November 2017
New Orleans, LA

PANEL PRESENTATION
HAITIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
Presented original research paper, "Beyond 'Feeding the Multitudes'" in a panel presentation entitled "Exclusionary Aid, Local Agency: Studying the Long-Term Impacts of NGOs in Haitian Communities"

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fall 2018-Winter 2020
Santa Barbara, CA

TEACHING ASSISTANT/LEAD TA
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA
Employed as a TA for UCSB Department of Anthropology. Attended lectures and led sections for three quarters, and was lead TA for one quarter, of ANTH2: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and two quarters of ANTH3: Introduction to Archaeology.

Summer 2016-2017;
Summer 2019
Grand'Anse, Haiti;
DeKalb, IL

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT
MARK SCHULLER, NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Employed as a research assistant for Professor Mark Schuller under his National Science Foundation CAREER award. Conducted ethnographic research in the Grand'Anse region of Haiti for three summers, and conducted data entry and analysis for one academic year at Northern Illinois University.