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EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D., Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida
Concentration: Biocultural Medical Anthropology
2015 M.P.H, University of South Florida
Concentration: Maternal and Child Health
2010 M.A., Anthropology, University of Nevada Las Vegas
2005 B.A., Anthropology and Spanish (minor), University of Arizona

RESEARCH AREAS

Medical anthropology, biocultural approaches to health, maternal and child health, reproductive health, obstetric violence, reproductive health, food insecurity, nutrition, , Latin America.

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

International: Costa Rica, Peru
U.S.: Las Vegas, Nevada; Tampa, Florida

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Spanish
Speaking: Advanced
Writing: Proficient

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020-present Research Internship Advisor, the Monteverde Institute
2020-present Co-coordinator, Statistics and Census Sub-Commission, District of Monte Verde
COVID-19 Emergency Response Team
2018-present Instructor, Monteverde Institute
2017-present Adjunct College Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, New Mexico
State University
2009-present Senior Research Affiliate, Monteverde Institute
2019-2020 Instructor, STEM and Society, Council on International Education Exchange
(CIEE), Monteverde
2019 Community Engaged Projects Internship Advisor, CIEE/CORCLIMA,
Monteverde
2019 Educational Consultant, CIEE, Monteverde
2016-2017 Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Texas at El
Paso
2014-2016 Academic Director and Instructor, Goucher/Mount Holyoke Semester Abroad,
Monteverde Institute
2014-2015 Program Evaluator (Lead), College of Public Health, University of South Florida

- 2013-2015 Graduate Student Instructor, Globalization and Community Health Field School (NSF-REU), University of South Florida
- 2011-2014 Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida
- 2011-2014 Graduate Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida
- 2008-2010 Graduate Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- 2005-2006 Public Programs Assistant, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE (CIEE)

- 2020 Global Change and Environment (Online)(Spring)
- 2019 Science Writing and Communication
- 2019 Global Change and Environment

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

- 2020 Medical Anthropology (Online)(Fall)
- 2019 Medical Anthropology (Online) (Spring/Summer/Fall)
- 2018 Sex, Reproduction, and Birth (Graduate/Undergraduate)(Spring)
- 2018 Medical Anthropology (Spring)
- 2017 Medical Anthropology (Online and Face to Face)(Spring/Fall)

GOUCHER/MOUNT HOLYOKE SEMESTER ABROAD

- 2020 Gender and Health in Costa Rica (Spring)
- 2019 Gender, Health, and Development in Costa Rica (Spring)
- 2016 Human Health and Development in the Costa Rica (Spring)
- 2015 Human Health and Development in the Tropics (Spring)

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

- 2017 Medical Anthropology (Hybrid)(Spring)
- 2017 Social Inequality (Spring)
- 2016 Medical Sociology (Fall)
- 2016 Professional Development for Graduate Students (Graduate) (Fall)

GLOBALIZATION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH FIELD SCHOOL (NSF-REU)

- 2013-2015 Quantitative Analysis (Summer)(Graduate/Undergraduate)
- 2013-2015 Qualitative Analysis (Summer)(Graduate/Undergraduate)
- 2013-2015 Anthropometrics (Co-taught)(Summer)(Graduate/Undergraduate)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

- 2013-2014 Exploring Cross-cultural Diversity (Fall, Spring)
- 2012-2013 Introduction to Anthropology (Fall, Spring)
- 2012 Biological Anthropology Lab (Spring)
- 2011 Introduction to Anthropology Discussion Section (Fall)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2019 **Cantor, Allison R.** Tourism & Maternal Health: Customs, Beliefs, and Everyday Practices. Lexington Books.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- 2018 **Cantor, Allison R.**, Chan, Isabella, and Baines, Kristina. "From the *Chacra* to the *Tienda*: Dietary Delocalization in the Peruvian Andes." *Food and Foodways*:1-25
- 2016 Vamos, Cheryl A., Thompson, Erika T., **Cantor, A.**, Detman, Linda, Bronson, Emily, Phelps, Annette, Louis, Judette M., Gregg, Anthony, Curran, John S., and William Sappenfield. "Contextual factors influencing the implementation of the Obstetrics Hemorrhage Initiative in Florida." *Journal of Perinatology* 37 (2): 150-156
- 2016 Vamos, Cheryl A., **Cantor, Allison**, Thompson, Erika T., Detman, Linda, Bronson, Emily, Phelps, Annette, Louis, Judette M., Gregg, Anthony, Curran, John S., and William Sappenfield. "The Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative (OHI) in Florida: The Role of Intervention Characteristics in Influencing Implementation Experiences among Multidisciplinary Hospital Staff." *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 20 (10): 2003-2011.
- 2015 Chan, Isabella, Bronson, Emily, and **Allison Cantor**. "Vaginal Birth after Cesarean Section: Provider Perspectives and Maternal Decision Making." *Florida Public Health Review*. 12: 41-48.
- 2014 Himmelgreen, David A., Romero-Daza, Nancy, **Cantor, Allison**, and Sara Arias. "Is the Cup Half-Empty or Half-Full?: Experiences and Perceptions of Food Security in the Face of Economic Transition in Rural Costa Rica." In *Off the Edge of the Table: Women Redefining the Limits of the Food System and the Experience of Food Insecurity*, edited by Janet Page-Reeves, 167-192. London, Lexington.
- 2014 Himmelgreen, David A., **Cantor, Allison**, Arias, Sara, and Nancy Romero Daza. "Using a Biocultural Approach to Examine Migration/Globalization, Diet Quality, and Energy Balance." *Physiology & Behavior* 134:76-85.
- 2013 **Cantor, Allison**, Peña, Jenny, and David Himmelgreen. "'We Never Ate Like That, Not Fast Food, or Junk Foods.' Accounts of Changing Maternal Diet in a Tourist Community in Rural Costa Rica." *Ecology of Food and Nutrition* 52 (6): 479-496.
- 2013 Selander, Jodi, **Cantor, Allison**, Young, Sharon M., and Daniel C. Benyshek. "Human Maternal Placentophagy: A Pilot Survey of Self-Reported Motivations and Experiences Associated with Placenta Consumption." *Ecology of Food and Nutrition* 52 (2): 93-115.

IN PREPARATION

Cantor, Allison R. "'Yo trato de no llorar: When Birth Becomes Violence.'" For submission to Latin American Research Review.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Becca Bosquetorno, Bosquetorno S.A., (\$1500), "Assessment of Baseline Line Grey Water Issues in the Monteverde Zone, Costa Rica"
- 2015 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, USF (\$8500)

- 2015 IFE Scholarship, College of Public Health, USF (\$700), “Prenatal Dietary Diversity in Monteverde, Costa Rica”
- 2014 Research Scholarship, College of Public Health, USF (\$2000), “Tourism, the Nutrition Transition, and Women’s Pregnancy Experiences in Rural Costa Rica,”
- 2014 Education Abroad Scholarship, USF (\$750)
- 2014 Conference Presentation Grant, Student Government, USF (\$500)
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- 2012 Honorary Award for Research and Practice, College of Public Health, USF (\$750)
- 2012 Community and Family Health Graduate Student Travel Award, College of Public Health, USF (\$500)
- 2012 Challenge Grant (PI), Graduate College, USF (\$5000), “Maternal Nutrition in Rural Peru: opportunity for assessment and action within an international framework.”
- 2011 Conference Presentation Grant, Student Government, USF (\$500)
- 2010 Honorable Mention Best Student Presenter Award, Biological Anthropology Society, AAA Annual Meeting
- 2010 Spring Research Forum Best Presentation Award (first place), Graduate and Professional Students Association, UNLV (\$100)
- 2010 Spring Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Students Association, UNLV (\$450)
- 2009 Travel Award, Institute for Latin America, UNLV (\$1500)
- 2009 Edward and Olswang Grant, Department of Anthropology, UNLV (\$1500)
“Impacts on maternal diet in a transitional community in rural Costa Rica: Potential implications for the developmental origins of obesity-related disorders.”
- 2009 Fall Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Students Association, UNLV (\$450)
- 2009 Research Grant, Graduate and Professional Students Association, UNLV (\$750)

SERVICE

- 2017-present Reviewer, Ecology of Food and Nutrition (Journal)
- 2018 Reviewer, Local Environment (Journal)
- 2014-2015 Research Consultant/Grant Writer, Monteverde Water Commission
- 2014 Volunteer, CASEM, Women’s Arts and Crafts Cooperative
- 2013-2014 President, Anthropology Graduate Student Organization, USF
- 2011-2012 PhD Liaison, Anthropology Graduate Student Organization, USF
- 2008-2010 Anthropology Department Representative, Graduate and Professional Students Association, UNLV
- 2010 Fundraising Chair, Hormone Disease Research and Resource Group, UNLV
- 2008-2010 Undergraduate mentor and Student Resources Committee Member, Lambda Alpha National Honor Society, UNLV
- 2008 Vice President, Anthropology Society, UNLV
- 2005-2006 Museum Docent, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona
- 2003-2006 Volunteer, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 **Cantor, Allison R.** (Session Chair). “Always Rice and Beans.” Using Food Culture to Promote Sustainable Futures Society for Applied Anthropology. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Chan, Isabella, San Pedro, Michelle, Gullette, Gregory, **Cantor, Allison R.** Notes from the Field: Research Reciprocity, Ethics, and the Role of the Activist-Researcher, Roundtable Discussion. Society for Applied Anthropology. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 **Cantor, Allison.** “I saw women who got mistreated because they were screaming a lot.....so I tried not to cry”: Accounts of Obstetric Violence in Costa Rica. Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fe, NM.
- 2015 Vamos, Cheryl A., **Cantor, Allison,** Thompson, Erika T., Detman, Linda, Bronson, Emily, Phelps, Annette, Louis, Judette M., Gregg, Anthony, Curran, John S., and William Sappenfield. Multi-level factors influencing implementation experiences of an Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative. 8th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, Washington, DC.
- 2015 Vamos, Cheryl A., **Cantor, Allison,** Thompson, Erika T., Detman, Linda, Bronson, Emily, Phelps, Annette, Louis, Judette M., Gregg, Anthony, Curran, John S., and William Sappenfield. Exploring factors influencing the implementation of the Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative (OHI) in Florida. 143rd Annual American Public Health Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 **Cantor, Allison,** Chan, Isabella, Baines, Kristina, and Curtis DeVetter. “Transforming Foodways: Sources of Nutrition in the Peruvian Andes.” (Poster) Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2013 **Cantor, Allison,** Chan, Isabella, DeVetter, Curtis, and Kristin Baines. “From the Chakra to the Tienda: Identifying Food Insecurity in Carhuaz, Peru.” (Session Chair) Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2013 DeVetter, Curtis, Kristina Baines, **Allison Cantor,** and Isabella Chan. *¡Comer Bien! Illuminating Nutritional Resources Using Multiple Tools in Carhuaz, Peru.* Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings. Denver, CO.
- 2013 Chan, Isabella, **Allison Cantor,** Kristina Baines and Curtis DeVetter. *‘Debemos Alimentarnos como Antes con las Cosas de la Chacra’: Understanding Shifts in Maternal Diets in Carhuaz, Peru through Participatory Action Research.* Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings. Denver, CO.
- 2012 **Cantor, Allison,** Chan, Isabella, DeVetter, Curtis, and Kristin Baines. “Maternal Diet in Rural Peru: Does a Globalized Economy Affect Local Foodways?” (Session Chair) The American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 “Developmental Origins of Health and Disease Paradigm (DOHaD): Applicability to anthropological research and methods.” (Session Chair) The Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

- 2010 “Maternal Diet in Rural Costa Rica, Identifying Cultural Norms and Changing Trends with implications for the developmental origins of obesity-related disorders.” The American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 *Resultados de la Encuesta de Hogares: Distrito de Monte Verde. Consejo Municipal del Distrito de Monte Verde. (COVID-19 Response)*
- 2020 *Violencia Obstetrica (Obstetric Violence). Día Internacional de la Mujer. Instituto Monteverde, Monteverde, Costa Rica.*
- 2018 "What is the Relationship Between Obstetric Violence and Health Disparities on the U.S./Mexico Border?" Southwest Institute for Health Disparities Research. New Mexico State University. Las Cruces, NM.
- 2015 Creencias, Costumbres y “Lo normal”: Una Investigación sobre Nutrición Prenatal en la Zona de Monteverde. Monteverde Institute. Monteverde, Costa Rica.
- 2015 From *Frescos* to Tang: Nutrition and Food Insecurity in the Monteverde Zone, Costa Rica. University of Mississippi Field Experience in Costa Rica. The Monteverde Institute. Monteverde, Costa Rica.
- 2014/2015 Doing Qualitative Research. University of Missouri Nursing Program International Field Experience. The Monteverde Institute. Monteverde, Costa Rica.
- 2014 *La Alimentación Durante Embarazo.* Santa Elena Clinic. Santa Elena, Monteverde, Costa Rica.
- 2012 Isabella Chan, Kristina Baines and Curtis DeVetter. *Methodologies for Addressing Malnutrition in the Carhuaz district, Peru.* University of Huaraz, Peru.

MEDIA

- 2018 *Birth in Pieces Documentary.* El Jardín Birth & Family Resource Center. El Paso, TX.

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS AND TRAINING

- 2015-present Certified Public Health, National Board of Public Health Examiners
- 2016 Building Research Experiences into Undergraduate Social Science Courses, Center for Undergraduate Research, University of Texas at El Paso

SKILLS

QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH

- Surveys
Twenty-four hour diet recall

Food insecurity measures (Household Food Insecurity Access Scale and Latin America and Caribbean Food Security Scale)
Anthropometrics (skinfolds, height, weight, blood pressure)
Biomarkers (hemoglobin and blood glucose)
Free listing
SPSS

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

Ethnography
Participant observation
Informal and formal interviewing
Focus groups
Participatory Action Research Workshops
Photovoice
Atlas.ti
Dedoose

OTHER

Mixed methods research design
Curriculum development
Instructional technology (Blackboard, Canvas)
Community-based participatory research (CBPR)