

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### Education

- 2011      **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** in Anthropology and Social Work, Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. USA.  
  
Committee: Dr. Gillian Feeley-Harnik (Co-Chair, Anthropology), Dr. Beth G. Reed (Co-Chair, Social Work), Dr. Holly Peters-Golden (Anthropology), Dr. Letha A. Chadiha (Social Work), Dr. Marcia C. Inhorn (Anthropology, Yale University)  
  
Dissertation Title: *Transplanting Kinship: Transplantation, Kin Relatedness, and Daily Home Life in the U.S. Midwest*. (Nominated for a “Proquest Distinguished Dissertation Award”)
- 2006      **Master of Arts (MA)** in Socio-Cultural Anthropology. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. USA.
- 2004      **Master of Social Work (MSW)** in Interpersonal Practice and Health. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. USA.
- 1998      **Bachelor of Arts (BA)** in Sociology, emphasis in Anthropology. Creighton University, Omaha, NE. USA. Alpha Kappa Delta, Summa Cum Laude.

#### Scholarly Interests

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| Medical Anthropology          | Kinship, Daily Home Life, Health Care             |
| Caregiving                    | Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Medicine |
| Anthropology of North America | Forced Migration, Displacement, and Health        |

## Research

2016,  
forthcoming *(New Project in Development, to begin preliminary data collection in Summer 2016)*  
Co-Investigator with Dr. Barbara Dilly as Principal Investigator, and in collaboration with other Creighton and community partners. **(Study Title TBD)**  
New study in early stages of development, to explore and assess **rural community context and health infrastructures**, using comparative ethnographic methods. We intend to include two different communities in this comparative examination. One initial orienting goal will be to identify a community health needs assessment model that is sensitive to the effects of policy on rural health issues. This research endeavor will involve students on a regular and ongoing basis.

Funding/Support: Will apply for funding through the Rural Futures Institute.

2016,  
forthcoming *(New Project in Development for Eventual Sabbatical Research)*  
Principal Investigator. **From Hospital to Home: Ethnographic Explorations of Daily Life Following Inpatient Hospitalization.**  
New study (beginning with pilot research) to better understand post-hospitalization care. Will use ethnographic methods to examine: 1) the hospital discharge process, including clinical and family decision-making in hospital settings, and pre-discharge planning for transitioning out of inpatient care; 2) post-hospitalization care in the home and in outpatient clinical settings, with particular attention to families' management of the patient's health-related needs alongside other obligations. Will gather data in both urban and rural contexts. [Current status: Identifying and reviewing relevant literature to refine research study design.]

2015-2016 Key Personnel. **Creighton University Interprofessional Health and Wellness.**  
Interdisciplinary collaboration at Creighton University with Thomas L. Lenz (PharmD), Principal Investigator; Lisa Black (PT, DPT); Cindy Costanzo (PhD); MMA Student Mason McCain; and Omaha community partner Carol Allensworth (MS, MPH, Douglas County Health Department). Project has involved 1) collecting and summarizing the artifacts that led to the development of the Center for Health Promotion and Well-Being and each of its components, and 2) presenting background data for the Center's first community partnership project, with the Omaha non-profit organization, "75 North."

Funding/Support: Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) Interprofessional Prevention Education Institute Evaluation Subgrant.

- 2015 Co-Investigator. **Social Capital in Refugee Resettlement in Omaha.**  
Interdisciplinary collaboration at Creighton University with Margo Minnich (EdD, MSN, RN), Dr. Laeth Nasir (MD), Dr. Alexander Rödlach (PhD); Creighton undergraduate students Chaitri Desai and Melanie Kim; and community partners Claire Herzog (YMCA Omaha), Joseph Voorhees (Lutheran Family Services), and Celeste Mitchell (independent scholar). Qualitative study to understand social capital, including its maintenance and potential erosion during the resettlement process, among both new and longer-term members of refugee communities in Omaha.
- 2011-2014 Co-Investigator. **Pilot Study: The Florence Clinic, Refugee Populations, and Community Health.**  
Interdisciplinary collaboration at Creighton University with Margo Minnich (EdD, MSN, RN), Dr. Laeth Nasir (MD), Dr. Alexander Rödlach (PhD), and Dr. Dianne Travers Gustafson (RN, PhD), along with Creighton students and community partners. Qualitative study to identify the needs and concerns of patients who seek care at a family medicine clinic in Omaha, NE, with special attention to those with a migration and/or refugee background.  
Funding/Support: Creighton University President's Faculty Research Fund Award: Interdisciplinary Team category.
- 2007-2010 Principal Investigator. **Transplanting Kinship – Organ Transplantation, Kinship, and Daily Life in the U.S.** (Dissertation Research).  
Interdisciplinary ethnographic fieldwork to understand the everyday lives of adult transplant recipients and their caregivers. Participant observation in clinical, home, and community settings in a Midwestern region of the United States; face-to-face semi-structured, unstructured, genealogical, and life-history interviews with patients, caregivers, and clinical personnel.  
Funding/Support: National Science Foundation (BCS – Cultural Anthropology) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant; UM CEW Cecilia Anne Stiborik Dreyfuss Scholarship; UM Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant; UM Social Work-Social Science Summer Funding; Creighton University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Visiting Scholar Program; UM Susan Lipschutz Award; UM School of Social Work Alumni Award; UM School of Social Work Doctoral Dissertation/Thesis Grant; UM School of Social Work Henry J. Meyer Scholarship Award; UM Rackham/Department of Anthropology Block Grant.
- 2005 Principal Investigator. **Negotiating the Liver Transplant Process: A Cross-Sectional Exploratory Research Project.**  
Preliminary ethnographic fieldwork in liver transplant clinic and inpatient hospital unit in U.S. Midwest. Gathered data to inform dissertation research design.

- 2004-2005 Principal Investigator. **Social contexts in the diagnosis of children with an inherited genetic condition: Parents' perspectives on cystic fibrosis.**  
(Independent Research Internship)  
Qualitative interdisciplinary social work and anthropological research with parents of children with cystic fibrosis. Semi-structured face-to-face interviews in participants' homes.
- 2004-2005 Research Assistant and Research Associate. **PILOT PROJECT: Defining Parents' Needs When Their Child Has a Genetic Diagnosis.**  
(PI: Deborah R. Schild, PhD, University of Michigan School of Social Work)  
Grant co-author; assisted in design of qualitative, longitudinal, multi-sited research protocol, semi-structured telephone interview protocol, and recruitment advertising tools; worked with collaborators at other institutions in Michigan; conducted ongoing literature review and analysis.  
Funding/Support: UM Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) Grant; UM Social Work Graduate Student Research Assistantship; UM School of Social Work Faculty Research Funds.

ALL RESEARCH: Approval through appropriate Institutional Review Boards and other human subjects research review boards; active Certification through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI).

### **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

- 2015 Interprofessional Prevention Education Institute Evaluation Subgrant, "Creighton University Interprofessional Health and Wellness." Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR). (Faculty Collaborator; offered minor proposal edits). Award: \$4,000.
- 2012 President's Faculty Research Fund Award: Interdisciplinary Team category, "Pilot Study: The Florence Clinic, Refugee Populations, and Community Health" (Proposal Co-Author). Creighton University.
- 2011 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship. Department of Anthropology and Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2010 Block Grant. Department of Anthropology and Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2009 Henry J. Meyer Scholarship Award for best paper integrating social work and social science. School of Social Work, University of Michigan.
- 2009 Alumni Award (formerly "Sims Medal") for best paper illuminating/improving interactive effects of multiple environments on the functioning of the family. School of Social Work, University of Michigan.

- 2009 Susan Lipschutz Award for graduate students demonstrating exceptional scholarly achievement, a sense of social responsibility and an interest in the success of women in the academic community. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2009 Doctoral Dissertation/Thesis Grant. School of Social Work, University of Michigan.
- 2009 Graduate Student Research Grant (For Candidates). Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2009 Travel Grant (competitive), to attend the 2009 Society for Medical Anthropology Meeting. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Grant, PI: Mark Padilla, PhD, MPH. School of Public Health, University of Michigan.
- 2007-2008 Cecilia Anne Stiborik Dreyfuss Scholarship. Center for the Education of Women (CEW) Scholarship Program for Returning Women Students, University of Michigan.
- 2007 Graduate Student Research Grant (For Pre-Candidates). Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2006 National Science Foundation (BCS – Cultural Anthropology) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: “Transplanting Kinship – Organ Transplantation, Kinship, and Daily Life in the U.S.”
- 2006/07/08 Social Work-Social Science Summer Funding. School of Social Work, University of Michigan.
- 2005 Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) Faculty Grant Award for Pilot Research: “Defining Parents’ Needs When Their Child Has a Genetic Diagnosis” (Proposal Co-Author); PI: Deborah R. Schild, PhD, MSW, MPH. OVPR Faculty Grants and Awards Program, University of Michigan.
- 2002-2005 Rackham Regents’ Fellowship Award. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan.

## **Publications**

### **Under Review:**

Heinemann, Laura L., Margo Minnich, Laeth Nasir, Alexander Rödlach, Claire Herzog, Celeste Mitchell, Joseph Voorhees, Chaitri Desai, and Melanie Kim.

(Chapter manuscript under revision for proposed edited volume, under review by Berghahn Books.) “Social Capital(s) in Refugee Resettlement.” Ch. in *The Crux of Refugee Resettlement: Rebuilding Social Networks* [working title]. Andrew Nelson, Alexander Roedlach, and Roos Willems, Volume Editors.

**In Print and/or Online:**

Heinemann, Laura L.

2016. *Transplanting Care: Shifting Commitments in Health and Care in the United States*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Heinemann, Laura L.

2015. "Accommodating Care: Transplant Caregiving and the Melding of Health Care with Home Life in the United States." *Medicine Anthropology Theory* 2(1): 32-56.

Heinemann, Laura L.

2014 Care: Deviation. *Fieldsites – Fieldnotes, Cultural Anthropology Online*, April 02, 2014, <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/519-care-deviation>.

Heinemann, Laura L.

2014 For The Sake of Others: Reciprocal Webs of Obligation and The Pursuit of Transplantation as a Caring Act. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 28(1): 66-84.

Heinemann, Laura L.

2013 Review of Inhorn, Marcia C., and Emily A. Wentzell (eds.): *Medical Anthropology at the Intersections: Histories, Activisms, and Futures*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2012. 343 pp. ISBN 978-0-8223-5270-9. (*Anthropos* 108[2]:667-669).

Heinemann, Laura L., Margo Minnich, Laeth Nasir, Alexander Roedlach, Dianne Travers Gustafson, Claire Herzog, Celeste Mitchell.

2013 Medical Interpreting for Burmese and Bhutanese Refugees in Omaha: Transforming Clinical and Community Space. Society for Medical Anthropology Column in *Anthropology News* 54 (11-12): 53-54.

Heinemann, Laura L.

2011 Part of the Plan? Faith In and Through Solid Organ and Blood-Forming Stem Cell Transplantation. Theme issue, "Religion, Health, and Healing: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry," edited by Barbara J. Dilly and Alexander Rödlach. *Journal of Religion and Society* Supplement 7: 216-234.

Online: <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/2011/2011-36.html>

Heinemann, Laura L.

2008 Transplantation and Body Politics: Toward Assessing and Addressing Inequalities. *Michigan Discussions in Anthropology*. 17(1): 76-107.

## Academic Presentations

- 2016 “The Road Leads to Transplant: Care and the Navigation of Looping Detours, Dead Ends, and Long Distances in a Fragmented Network of U.S. Health and Social Policy” (Single-Author paper abstract accepted; Panel Co-Organizer with Alexander Rödlach – Session Title: “Policy Interventions At the Level of Care: Caregivers’ Navigations of Policy Constraints.”) *Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Vancouver, BC, Canada (To be held March 29-April 2, 2016).
- 2015 “ ‘Dehospitalization’ and the Mobilization of Health-Compromised Caregivers: Moral and Political Economic Entanglements in Transplant-Related Care.” (Single-Author Paper, accepted by peer review; Panel Co-Organizer with Alexander Rödlach – Session Title: “Shifting Obligations and Moral Relations of Care: The Extra and The Ordinary.”) *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Denver, CO.
- 2015 “Social Capitals in Successful Refugee Resettlement: Comparing Cases in Omaha.” (Paper Co-Authored with Margo Minnich, Laeth Nasir, Alexander Rödlach, Claire Herzog, Celeste Mitchell, Joseph Voorhees, Chaitri Desai, and Melanie Kim.) *Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2014 “Refugees and Social Capital as a Human Right.” (Paper Co-Authored with Margo Minnich, Laeth Nasir, Alexander Rödlach, Dianne Travers Gustafson, Claire Herzog, and Celeste Mitchell.) *Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology* (Co-Sponsored by the Society for Medical Anthropology), Albuquerque, NM.
- 2013 “At Home with Caregiving Men: Reckoning Masculinities and Informal Transplant Care in the U.S. Midwest.” (Co-Organizer with Alexander Rödlach for Panel: “Caregiving and Communities: Challenging and Transforming Health Care”) *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 “Communities and Communication: Health Care for Bhutanese and Burmese Refugees in Omaha.” (Paper Co-Authored with Alexander Rödlach, Margo Minnich, Laeth S. Nasir, Dianne Travers-Gustafson, and Samantha Buglewicz) *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 “Caregiving Men: Reckoning Masculinities and Transplant Care in the U.S.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology* (Co-Sponsored by the Society for Medical Anthropology), Baltimore, MD.
- 2011 “Transplanting Care: The Transfer and Transformation of Nurturance Between Homes and Hospitals In Organ Transplant Caregiving.” *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- 2010 “ ‘I mean, they’re *family!*’ Revealing and Reframing Relatedness Through Organ Transplantation in the U.S.” *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 “Part of the Plan? Faith In and Through Solid Organ and Blood-Forming Stem Cell Transplantation.” “*Religion, Health, and Healing*” *Symposium of the Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society*, Creighton University, Omaha, NE.

- 2010 “Transplantation, Local Moralities, and Reciprocal Webs of Care: How Negotiated Values Can and Could Shape the Practice of Biomedicine in the U.S.” *School of Social Work Colloquium Series*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2009 “Maintaining an Orderly Home: Commitment, Compliance, Embodiment and Transplantation in the U.S. Midwest.” *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 “Needing to Be There: Transplantation, the Obligation to Live, and Patients-As-Caregivers in the U.S. Midwest.” (Organizer for Panel: “Moralities at the Margins of Life: Obligations and Expectations in the Making and Unmaking of Persons and Social Relations”) *International Conference of the Society for Medical Anthropology*, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- \*\*Expanded paper was presented to faculty and students for September 2009 Visiting Scholar Lecture, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Creighton University.
- 2009 “Home Life and High-Tech Health Care: The Case of Transplantation.” *Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting*, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2006 “Cooperative Creation: Cystic Fibrosis, Diagnosis, and the Making of Meaning Through Everyday Parenting” (Poster Presentation). *Joint Meetings of the Society for Medical Anthropology and the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

### **Community Presentations**

- 2015 “Social Capitals in Successful Refugee Resettlement: Comparing Cases in Omaha.” (Co-Authored with Margo Minnich, Laeth Nasir, Alexander Rödlach, Claire Herzog, Celeste Mitchell, Joseph Voorhees, Chaitri Desai, and Melanie Kim.) Presented research findings and sought feedback from refugee community members and staff at Lutheran Family Services International Center of the Heartland, Omaha, NE. [\*\*Undergraduate students and community partners were co-authors and co-presenters of this paper.\*\*]
- 2014 “Refugees and Social Capital as a Human Right.” (Paper Co-Authored with Margo Minnich, Laeth Nasir, Alexander Rödlach, Dianne Travers Gustafson, Claire Herzog, and Celeste Mitchell.) Presented research findings and sought feedback from refugee community members and staff at Lutheran Family Services International Center of the Heartland, Omaha, NE.
- 2012 “Nurse-and-Patient or Husband-and-Wife? Four findings from One Study on Transplant Patient-Caregiver Relationships.” *2012 Transplant Reunion* (sponsored by The Nebraska Medical Center), Omaha, NE.

### **Teaching**

RSP 101	An Introduction to Collegiate Life
ANT 111	Introduction to Anthropology
ANT 113	Introduction to Anthropology: Social and Cultural Determinants of Health
ANT 363	Medical Anthropology

- JPS/ANT 400 Public Health and Social Justice in Haiti (*Faculty Led Program Away course, includes travel to Haiti*)
- SOC/ANT 499 Senior Capstone: Applying the Social Sciences
- MMA 600 Seminar in Medical Anthropology
- MMA 630 Health Care and Health Services: Anthropological Perspectives
- MMA 760 Methods II: Qualitative Field Research Methods
- IDC 135 Ethics and Legal Topics in Clinical Medicine
- (And several Independent Study courses at both the undergraduate and the graduate level.)

### **Teaching-Related Awards and Recognition:**

- 2015 “College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Award for Professional Excellence in Major Advising.” Creighton University. Award: \$1,000 toward professional development.
- 2015 “Outstanding Teacher of the Week” Award, Theta Eta Chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority. (Recognition on 2 Separate Occasions)
- 2013 “IGGY Award” for outstanding freshman mentors, counselors, advocates and role models. Creighton University.
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### **Honors Thesis Faculty Mentor For:**

- 2016 Melanie Leigh Ladley (Thesis Title: “Christianity’s Role in Karen Refugees’ Assimilation into American Culture”)
- 2015 Augusta Herman (Thesis Title: “*Nanpwen Maludi Ki Pa Gen Reméd* (There is No Illness that Does Not Have a Cure): How Biomedical Intervention Fits into the Haitian Context”)

### **Master’s Thesis Committee Member For:**

- 2015 Cathy Orr (Thesis Title: “E-Cigarettes: Supporting Smoking Cessation or Big Tobacco’s New Frontier? Vapers Tell Their Stories in the Face of Pending Regulation by the United States Food and Drug Administration”)

### **Peer Reviewer For:**

Anthropology of Work Review  
Ethos  
Medicine Anthropology Theory

### **Department, College, and University Service**

2016-prsnt	College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Advising Task Force
2016-prsnt	Participant in Provost's Pilot Project for New Faculty and Staff Creighton Formation Program
2016-prsnt	ILD Curriculum Committee for MSL and EdD Programs
2016	Magis Core Assessment Workshop Participant
2015-prsnt	Public Health and Global/Community Health Planning Group.
2015-2016	75 North Initiative (Creighton University Collaboration Team), with Center for Health Promotion and Well-Being.
2014-prsnt	Honors Program Advisor.
2014-present	Faculty Mentor for "Medlife," Creighton Chapter. Creighton University
2014-2015	Center for Health Promotion and Well-Being Academic Programs Curriculum Committee. Creighton University
2014	Navigator, Project Homeless Connect, hosted by Creighton University.
2014	Implementation Team [Team A], Center for Health Promotion, Wellness, and Aging. Creighton University
2013-prsnt	Pre-Health Advisor.
2013-2016	Partners in Mission Committee. Creighton University
2013-2016	CCAS Mission Catalyst Committee. Creighton University
2013-present	Faculty Mentor for MASS ("Medical Anthropology and Sociology Society"). Creighton University
2013-2016	Medical Anthropology Faculty Advisor for IHI Open School Chapter. Creighton University
2007	Graduate Student Representative. Doctoral Committee. University of Michigan School of Social Work.
2007	Co-Founder and Coordinator. The Ethnography as Activism Working Group for integrating social justice with ethnographic practice and methods. University of Michigan.
2005-2007	Founder and Coordinator. Michigan Medical Anthropology Reading Group. University of Michigan.
2004-2007	Coordinator. Conversations Across Social Disciplines (CASD) Interdisciplinary Workshop Series to integrate scholarship in social work and social science. University of Michigan.

### **Other Experience, Training, and Appointments**

2014-2015	Jesuit Higher Education Seminar, Creighton University.
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- 2009-2011 Visiting Scholar. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Creighton University.
- 2004-2006 Spanish language training. Department of Romance Language and Literatures, University of Michigan.
- 2003 Interpersonal Practice Social Work Internship. Adult Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Unit, University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI. Served as patient advocate; co-facilitated patient and family/caregiver support and education group; reported patient progress at weekly interdisciplinary medical team meetings; completed HIPPA-Compliance training.
- 2003 Mini-Preceptorship. Additional MSW-level field experience in Adult Liver Transplan Program. University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI.

### **Other Awards and Honors**

- 2006 Pass with Distinction. Preliminary Examinations in Socio-Cultural Anthropology, University of Michigan.
- 1998 Dr. Jack Angus Award for an Outstanding Sociology Student. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Creighton University
- 1998 Director's Award. Honors Program, Creighton University.

### **Membership in Professional Organizations and Interest Groups**

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| American Anthropological Association              | American Ethnological Society           |
| Society for Medical Anthropology                  | Society for Applied Anthropology        |
| Society for the Anthropology of North America     | Central States Anthropological Society  |
| Association for the Anthropology of Policy        | AAA Aging and Lifecourse Interest Group |
| Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group |   |