

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- 2011 **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** 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: *Transplanting Kinship: Transplantation, Kin Relatedness, and Daily Home Life in the U.S. Midwest.*
- 2006 **Master of Arts (M.A.)** in Socio-Cultural Anthropology. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. USA.
- 2004 **Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)** in Interpersonal Practice and Health. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. USA.
- 1998 **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)** in Sociology, emphasis in Anthropology). Creighton University, Omaha, NE. USA. Alpha Kappa Delta, Summa Cum Laude.

Scholarly Interests

Medical Anthropology

Kinship and Health Care

Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Medicine

Anthropology of North America

Social Justice, Outreach and Advocacy

Health Social Services

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

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, 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.

Teaching Experience and Pedagogical Training

- 2010 Guest Lecturer. “Research Questions in Qualitative Research” for **ANT 209 – Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences** (Instructor: Dr. Alexander Rödlach). Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Creighton University. (April)
- 2009 Instructor. **ANT 111 – Introduction to Anthropology**. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Creighton University. (Spring)
- 2008 Guest Lecturer. “Kinship, Biomedicine, and Organ Transplantation” for **ANT 363 – Medical Anthropology**; “Conducting Ethnographic Research” for **ANT 209 – Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences**; and “Nuer Kinship, Cattle, and Conflicts” for **ANT 342 – Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa**. (Instructor: Dr. Alexander Rödlach). Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Creighton University. (March)
- 2007 Graduate Student Instructor. **ANT 344 – Medical Anthropology**. (Primary Instructor: Dr. Holly Peters-Golden). Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. (Winter)
- 2007 Participant. **Postdocs and Faculty Work at Liberal Arts Colleges**. Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan. (January)
- 2006 Graduate Student Instructor. **ANT 101 – Introduction to Anthropology**. (Primary Instructor: Dr. Holly Peters-Golden). Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. (Fall)
- 2006 Graduate Student Instructor. **ANT 344 – Medical Anthropology**. (Primary Instructor: Dr. Holly Peters-Golden). Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. (Winter)
- 2005 Graduate Student Instructor. **ANT 101 – Introduction to Anthropology**. (Primary Instructor: Dr. Holly Peters-Golden). Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. (Fall)
- 2005 Participant. **Graduate Student Instructor Teaching Orientation**. Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan. (August)
- 2005 Participant. **GSI Training – Teaching Writing in the Disciplines Advanced Training Seminar**. Sweetland Writing Center, University of Michigan. (Fall)
- 2005 Guest Lecturer. “Are We All Cyborgs?” for **ECON 490–The Economics of Pricing Human Beings** (Instructor: Dr. Sherrie A. Kossoudji). Department of Economics, University of Michigan. (May)
- 1998 Teaching Assistant. **SOC 223 – Social Problems**. (Instructor: Dr. Charles Harper). Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Creighton University. (Fall)

Research

- 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 Michigan. 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 in Michigan.
- 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 Certifications through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) and the University of Michigan Program for Education and Evaluation in Responsible Research and Scholarship (PEERRS).

Publications and Manuscripts in Progress

Heinemann, Laura L. (In press.) Part of the Plan? Faith In and Through Solid Organ and Blood-Forming Stem Cell Transplantation. *Journal of Religion and Society*.

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

Heinemann, Laura L. For The Sake of Others: Local Moralities and The Pursuit of Transplantation as a Caring Act. (Manuscript in preparation.)

Heinemann, Laura L. Home or Hospital? Practitioner or Partner? Blending Home Life and High-Tech Health Care in the United States. (Manuscript in preparation.)

Heinemann, Laura L. Local Moralities and Reciprocal Webs of Care in Transplant: How Negotiated Values Can and Could Shape U.S. Biomedical Practices. (Manuscript in preparation.)

Academic Presentations

- 2011 "Transplanting Care: The Transfer and Transformation of Nurturance Between Homes and Hospitals In Organ Transplant Caregiving." Paper accepted for presentation at *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.

Professional Service

- 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

- 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 placement experience in Adult Liver Transplant Program. University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI.

Other 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

American Anthropological Association

Society for Medical Anthropology

Society for the Anthropology of North America

Medical Anthropology Student Association

American Ethnological Society

Society for Applied Anthropology

Central States Anthropological Society

Society for Social Work and Research