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EDUCATION

- 2012 **Ph.D.**, Medical Anthropology
University of California, Berkeley / University of California, San Francisco
Dissertation: *Out of Harm's Way: The Politics and Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina*
Committee: Judith C. Barker (chair), Vincanne Adams, Philippe Bourgois, Cori Hayden
- 2004 **M.A.**, Anthropology
University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2002 **B.A.**, Sociology / Anthropology
Lewis & Clark College
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, Departmental Honors
Thesis: *The Social Dis-ease of "Epidemic": Myth, Power, and Language in the Construction of the Contemporary Scottish Heroin Epidemic*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023-present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine (Secondary Joint Appointment)
University of Central Florida
- 2020-2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine (Secondary Joint Appointment)
University of Central Florida
- 2016-2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
University of Central Florida
- 2015-2016 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology
University of Central Florida
- 2013-2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Behavioral Science Training in Drug Abuse Research Program
National Development and Research Institutes

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical and cultural anthropology; drug use and interventions; global and public health; health policy and practice; science, technology, and medicine; Latin America; United States

HONORS

- 2024 **Recognizing Outstanding Instruction Award**
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida
(Recognizes outstanding high impact and high-quality instruction)
- 2023 [Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award](#)
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida
(Recognizes outstanding graduate-level teaching)
- 2022 **Teaching Incentive Program (TIP) Award**
University of Central Florida
(Rewards teaching productivity and excellence with \$5,000 salary increase)
- 2022-2024 **Affordable Instructional Materials (AIM) Initiative Recognized Faculty**
University of Central Florida
(Recognizes achievements in making course materials affordable)
- 2020 [Women’s History Month Honoree](#)
University of Central Florida
- 2018 **American Anthropological Association Annual Photo Contest Winner**
American Anthropological Association
(Photograph from fieldwork in Mexico selected for 2019 calendar)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles, Peer-Reviewed [*indicates student co-author]

- Under review Akil, Sarah*, Rachel Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez. “More Than Syringe Exchange: The Range of Services Provided By Harm Reduction Programs in the United States.” *Substance Use & Misuse*.
- 2023 Orozco, Maria*, and **Shana Harris**. [“Psilocybin and the Meaning Response: Exploring the Healing Process in a Retreat Setting in Jamaica.”](#) *Anthropology of Consciousness* 34(1): 130-160.
- 2022 Bartholomew, Tyler S., Barbara Andraka-Christou, Rachel K. Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Susanne Doblecki-Lewis, Lily Oster, David P. Serota, David W. Forrest, Teresa A. Chueng, Edward Suarez, and Hansel E. Tookes. [“We Want Everything in a One-Stop Shop’: Acceptability and Feasibility of PrEP and Buprenorphine Implementation with Mobile Syringe Services for Black People Who Inject Drugs.”](#) *Harm Reduction Journal* 19: 133.
- 2022 Andraka-Christou, Barbara, Thuy Nguyen, **Shana Harris**, Danielle N. Atkins, Rachel Totaram*, Olivia Golan*, Andriy Koval, and Jody Madeira. [“Harm Reduction Policy Support Among Students at Two U.S. Universities.”](#) *Substance Use & Misuse* 57(8): 1185-1195.

- 2021 **Harris, Shana**, and Allison Schlosser. [“At the Intersection of Harm Reduction and COVID-19: The Role of Anthropologists During and Post-Pandemic.”](#) *Human Organization* 80(4): 272-281.
- 2021 **Harris, Shana**. [“Possessing Drugs, Possessing Rights: On Harm Reduction and Drug Policy Reform in Argentina.”](#) *Contemporary Drug Problems* 48(3): 260-275.
- 2021 Andraka-Christou, Barbara, Thuy Nguyen, **Shana Harris**, Jody Madeira, Rachel Totaram*, Olivia Randall-Kosich*, and Danielle N. Atkins. [“A Pilot Study of U.S. College Students’ 12-Step Orientation and Its Relationship with Medications for Opioid Use Disorder.”](#) *Journal of American College Health* 70(8): 2383-2391.
- 2020 Schlosser, Allison, and **Shana Harris**. [“Care During COVID-19: Drug Use, Harm Reduction, and Intimacy During a Global Pandemic.”](#) *International Journal of Drug Policy* 83: 102896.
- 2020 Andraka-Christou, Barbara, Thuy Nguyen, **Shana Harris**, Jody Madeira, Rachel Totaram*, Olivia Randall-Kosich*, Danielle Atkins, and Jason Ford. [“College Students’ Perceived Knowledge of and Perceived Helpfulness of Treatments for Opioid Use Disorder at Two American Universities.”](#) *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse* 46(5): 589-603.
- 2019 **Harris, Shana**. [“Narrating the Unspeakable: Making Sense of Psychedelic Experiences in Drug Treatment.”](#) *Journal of Extreme Anthropology* 3(2): 116-140.
- 2018 Manzano, Russell Rice*, Joanna Mishtal, and **Shana Harris**. [“The Effect of Second Reception Center Practices on Refugee Experiences in Sicily.”](#) *Human Organization* 77(2): 79-89.
- 2016 **Harris, Shana**. [“The Social Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina: A ‘Latin’ Kind of Intervention.”](#) *Human Organization* 75(1): 1-9.
- 2016 Mateu-Gelabert, Pedro, **Shana Harris**, Dedsy Berbesi, Ángel María Segura Cardona, Liliana Patricia Montoya Vélez, Inés Elvira Mejía Motta, Lauren Jessell, Honoria Guarino, and Samuel R. Friedman. [“Heroin Use and Injection Risk Behaviors in Colombia: Implications for HIV/AIDS Prevention.”](#) *Substance Use & Misuse* 51(2): 230-240.
- 2015 **Harris, Shana**. [“To Be Free and Normal: Addiction, Governance, and the Therapeutics of Buprenorphine.”](#) *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 29(4): 512-530.
- 2015 **Harris, Shana**, Valentina Nikulina, Camila Gelpí-Acosta, Cory Morton, Valerie Newsome, Alana Gunn, Heidi Hoefinger, Ross Aikins, Vivian Smith, Victoria Barry, and Martin J. Downing, Jr. [“Prescription Drug Diversion: Predictors of Illicit Acquisition and Redistribution in Three U.S. Metropolitan Areas.”](#) *AIMS Public Health* 2(4): 762-783.
- 2007 Barker, Judith C., **Shana L. Harris**, and Jo E. Dyer. [“Experiences of Gamma Hydroxybutyrate \(GHB\) Ingestion: A Focus Group Study.”](#) *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs* 39(2): 115-129.

Book Chapters, Editor-Reviewed

- Under review **Harris, Shana.** “From Crack House To Safe Consumption Site: Overdose and the Politics of (False) Equivalency in the United States.” In *Judging Drugs: Critical Perspectives on Law, Alcohol and Other Drugs*, edited by Simon Flacks and Kate Seear. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2009 Rossi, Diana, **Shana Harris**, and Marcela Vitarelli-Batista. [“The Impacts of the Drug War in Latin America and the Caribbean.”](#) In *At What Cost? HIV and Human Rights Consequences of the Global “War on Drugs,”* 111-138. New York: Open Society.

Book Reviews, Editor-Reviewed

- In press **Harris, Shana.** “Ayahuasca As Liquid Divinity: An Ontological Approach” by André van der Braak. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. **(Invited)**
- 2019 **Harris, Shana.** [“A War on People: Drug User Politics and a New Ethics of Community” by Jarrett Zigon.](#) *Journal of Extreme Anthropology* 3(2): 180-183. **(Invited)**
- 2019 **Harris, Shana.** [“Domesticating Organ Transplant: Familial Sacrifice and National Aspiration in Mexico” by Megan Crowley-Matoka.](#) *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 24(1): 284-286. **(Invited)**
- 2014 **Harris, Shana.** [“The Social Value of Drug Addicts: Uses of the Useless” by Merrill Singer and J. Bryan Page.](#) *Anthropology and Humanism* 39(2): 210-212.

Digital Publications, Editor-Reviewed

- 2020 **Harris, Shana.** [“Traveling for Treatment: Psychedelics and Addiction Care in Mexico.”](#) Society for Cultural Anthropology Hot Spots Series: The Psychedelic Revival, 21 July. **(Invited)**
- 2012 **Harris, Shana.** [“Debating Decriminalization in Argentina: Past, Present, Future.”](#) Points: Joint Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society and the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, 11 May. **(Invited)**
- 2012 **Harris, Shana.** [“Road to Reform: An Introduction to Decriminalization in Latin America.”](#) Points: Joint Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society and the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, 4 May. **(Invited)**

Educational Materials

- 2014 Simmons, Janie, Alexander Walley, Sharon Stancliff, Maya Doe-Simkins, Sara Jencke, Sonali Rajan, Nabil El Sanadi, Todd LeDuc, Michael Dailey, Caroline Baptista, Magdalena Del Angel, **Shana Harris**, and Michael Grabinski. [“Computer-Based Training Module on Opioid Overdose Prevention for First Responders.”](#)

Other Publications

- 2014 **Harris, Shana**, and Joanna Mishtal. [“The Long and Short of It: Preparing Conference Papers for Discussants.”](#) *Anthropology News* 55(3): e86-e94.

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External

- 2023 **Visiting Researchers Residency**
Fondation Brocher
For research project, [“The Politics, Ethics, and Experiences of Cross-Border Medical Travel and Addiction Care in Mexico”](#) (PI, peer-reviewed, \$4,500 (4,500 Swiss francs))
- 2022 **Research Travel Grant**
Purdue University Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center
For research project, “A Therapeutic Trip: Psychedelics and Addiction Care in Mexico” (PI, competitive application, \$2,000)
- 2019 **Post-Ph.D. Research Grant**
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
Awarded for research, [“The Last Resort: Medical Travel and Drug Treatment with Ibogaine in Mexico”](#) (PI, peer-reviewed, success rate of 15-20%, \$18,150)
- 2018-2019 **McKnight Junior Faculty Development Fellowship**
Florida Education Fund
Awarded for research leave and writing (PI, peer-reviewed, \$15,000)
- 2016 **National Science Foundation Travel Grant**
History of Science Society
Awarded to present research at a professional conference (competitive application, \$220)
- 2013-2015 **Behavioral Science Training in Drug Abuse Research Postdoctoral Fellowship**
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Research Training Grant
National Institutes of Health / National Institute on Drug Abuse
Awarded for postdoctoral research (competitive application, \$86,796, PI: Greg Falkin)
- 2009-2010 **Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellows**
National Institutes of Health / National Institute on Drug Abuse
Awarded for dissertation research and writing, [“Drug Use and Harm Reduction in Argentina”](#) (PI, peer-reviewed, success rate: 36%, \$31,626)
- 2009 **Graduate Student Professional Development Scholarship**
Golden Gate Speranza Lodge
Awarded for dissertation writing (\$5,000)
- 2007-2008 **Dissertation Fieldwork Grant**
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
Awarded for dissertation research, “Out of Harm’s Way: HIV, Human Rights, and the Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina” (PI, peer-reviewed, success of 11-15%, \$15,770)

Internal

- 2023-2024 **Department of Medical Education Internal Research Award**
University of Central Florida
Awarded for research, “Harm Reduction Program Initiation and Sustainability in the United States” (Co-PI, Total award: \$15,000/33% credit: \$5,000)
- **Collaborators:** B. Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida) and C. Hernandez (University of Central Florida)
- 2023 **UFF-UCF Travel Gap Grant**
United Faculty of Florida
Awarded to present research at a professional conference (competitive application, \$500)
- 2022-2023 **Interdisciplinary Research Award**
University of Central Florida
Awarded for research, “The Co-Use of Opioids and Methamphetamine: Causes, Practices, and Harm Reduction Responses to an Emerging Polysubstance Use Trend in the United States” (PI, peer-reviewed, total award: \$22,450/33% credit: \$7,483)
- **Collaborators:** B. Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida) and M.H. Clark (University of Central Florida)
- 2021-2022 **Department of Internal Medicine Internal Award**
University of Central Florida
Awarded for research, “Harm Reduction Program Feasibility in Downtown Orlando” (Co-PI, total award: \$5,360/25% credit: \$1,340)
- **Collaborators:** A. Andrews (University of Central Florida), B. Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida), and C. Hernandez (University of Central Florida)
- 2020-2021 **Department of Internal Medicine Internal Award**
University of Central Florida
Awarded for pilot research, “Harm Reduction Program Feasibility in Downtown Orlando” (Co-PI, total award: \$5,000/33% credit: \$1,650)
- **Collaborators:** B. Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida) and C. Hernandez (University of Central Florida)
- 2019-2020 **VPR Advancement of Early Career Researchers Grant**
University of Central Florida
Awarded for pilot research, “Understanding UCF Student Barriers to Substance Use Disorder Treatment” (PI, competitive application, total award: \$4,105/50% credit: \$2,053)
- **Collaborator:** B. Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida)
- 2017 **College of Sciences/Office of Research & Commercialization Research Travel Grant**
University of Central Florida
Awarded to meet with National Science Foundation Program Director (\$1,000)
- 2017 **UFF-UCF Travel Gap Grant**
United Faculty of Florida
Awarded to present research at a professional conference (competitive application, \$400)

- 2011 **Becker Award**
 Department of Anthropology, History & Social Medicine, University of California, San Francisco
 Awarded to present research at a professional conference (competitive application, \$500)
- 2008 **Graduate Student Research Award**
 Graduate Division, University of California, San Francisco
 Awarded for dissertation research, “Out of Harm’s Way: The Politics and Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina” (PI, competitive application, \$2,000)
- 2007-2008 **Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship**
 University of California Pacific Rim Research Program
 Awarded for dissertation research, “Out of Harm’s Way: HIV, Human Rights, and the Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina” (PI, peer-reviewed, \$20,100)
- 2006 **Tinker Summer Field Research Grant**
 Center for Latin American Studies, University of California, Berkeley
 Awarded for preliminary dissertation research, “AIDS, Drug Use, and Harm Reduction in Argentina” (PI, competitive application, \$1,000)
- 2004-2008 **Graduate Dean’s Health Science Fellowship**
 University of California, San Francisco
 (\$35,849 over 4 years)
- 2003 **Pre-dissertation Research Award**
 Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder
 Awarded to conduct research in Argentina (\$500)
- 2001-2002 **Mary Stuart Rogers Scholarship**
 Lewis & Clark College
 (Competitive application, \$5,000)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022-present **United States:** “The Co-Use of Opioids and Stimulants and Harm Reduction Responses”
 Mixed methods research on concurrent opioid and stimulant use and related harm reduction interventions (PI)
 - **Collaborators:** B. Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida) and M.H. Clark (University of Central Florida)
- 2020-2024 **United States:** “Harm Reduction Program Initiation and Sustainability in the United States”
 Mixed method research on harm reduction program feasibility in Orlando, Florida (Co-I)
 - **Collaborators:** B. Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida), C. Hernandez (University of Central Florida), and A. Andrews (University of Central Florida)
- 2019-2021 **United States:** “College Student Barriers to Substance Use Disorder Treatment”
 Qualitative research on barriers to college students’ access to drug treatment (PI)
 - **Collaborator:** B. Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida)

- 2018-2021 **United States:** “College Student Knowledge and Attitudes of Harm Reduction and Opioid Use Disorder Treatment”
Quantitative research on college students’ knowledge and attitudes of harm reduction and opioid use treatment (Co-I)
- **Collaborators:** B. Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida), T. Nguyen (University of Michigan), D. Atkins (University of Central Florida), J. Madeira (Indiana University), J. Ford (University of Central Florida), and A. Koval (University of Central Florida)
- 2015-present **Mexico:** “Medical Travel and the Use of Ibogaine in Drug Treatment”
Ethnographic research on psychedelic-based drug treatment in Baja California (PI)
- 2013-2015 **Colombia:** “Heroin Use and HIV Risk in Colombia”
Quantitative research on heroin injection risk behaviors in Medellín and Pereira (Research Associate)
- **Collaborators:** P. Mateu-Gelabert (National Development and Research Institutes), D. Berbesi (Universidad CES), Á.M. Segura Cardona (Universidad CES), L.P. Montoya Vélez (Universidad CES), I. E. Mejía Motta (Universidad de los Andes), L. Jessell (National Development and Research Institutes), H. Guarino (National Development and Research Institutes), and S.R. Friedman (National Development and Research Institutes)
- 2013-2014 **United States:** “Practices and Perceptions of Prescription Drug Use and Diversion”
Quantitative research on prescription drug use and diversion in the eastern U.S. (PI)
- **Collaborators:** V. Nikulina (Queens College), C. Gelpí-Acosta (LaGuardia Community College), C. Morton (Rutgers University), V. Newsome (National Development and Research Institutes), A. Gunn (Binghamton University), H. Hoefinger (Berkeley College), R. Aikins (University of Pennsylvania), V. Smith (Cabrini College), V. Barry (Harlem Hospital Center), and M.J. Downing, Jr. (Public Health Solutions)
- 2012 **United States:** “Translation into Practice of HIV Prevention Program”
Qualitative analysis of delivery of community-based HIV prevention program across the U.S. (Consultant)
- 2006-2008 **Argentina:** “The Politics and Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina”
Ethnographic research on drug use, public health, and harm reduction interventions in Buenos Aires and Rosario. (PI)
- 2005-2006 **United States:** “Gamma Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) Use in Northern California”
Qualitative research on experiences associated with GHB use in Northern California (Research Assistant)
- **Collaborators:** J.C. Barker (University of California, San Francisco) and J.E. Dyer (University of California, San Francisco)
- 2005 **United States:** “Buprenorphine Programs in the San Francisco Bay Area”
Ethnographic fieldwork on use of buprenorphine as alternative to methadone for treating opioid addiction in the San Francisco Bay Area (PI)

- 2003-2004 **Argentina:** “HIV/AIDS Pharmaceutical Policies in Argentina”
Ethnographic fieldwork on antiretroviral medication policy in Buenos Aires and Rosario
(Research Assistant)
- **Collaborator:** D. Goldstein (University of Colorado, Boulder)
- 2000 **Scotland:** “Heroin Addiction Recovery in Scotland”
Ethnographic research on recovery services for heroin use and recovery in Glasgow (PI)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Conferences Organized

- 2023 Florida Harm Reduction Conference, Miami, Florida
(Invited Conference Committee Member)

Sessions Organized and Chaired – National and International Professional Conferences

- 2023 “Teaching Anthropology Through Contemporary Crises”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
(Invited Co-chair with A. Moore – University of Rhode Island)
- 2020 “Shifting Perspectives in Medicine, Medical Anthropology, and Global Health”
Society for Medical Anthropology Conference, Havana, Cuba
(Invited Co-chair with H. Bastian – Brown University)
- 2019 “Recovering, Rehabilitated, Healthy: Critical Anthropological Perspectives on Addiction
Treatment Buzzwords”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
(Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair with A. Bartoszko – VID Specialized University)
- 2019 “Changing Consumption”
Contemporary Drug Problems Conference, Prato, Italy
(Invited Chair)
- 2017 “Re-examining Medical Narratives: The Uses, Limits, and Politics of ‘Storytelling’”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
**(Society for Medical Anthropology/Society for Humanistic Anthropology Invited
Session, Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair** with T. MacPhail – Stevens Institute of
Technology)
- 2017 “Health, Care, and Well-Being in Trump's America”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
(Invited Co-moderator with D. Glabau – Brooklyn Institute for Social Research)
- 2016 “(Re)Discovering Psychedelics in the 21st Century”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota
(Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair with H. Agro – University of Western Ontario)

- 2016 “Harm Reduction and Public Health”
History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
(Invited Chair)
- 2014 “Professional Perspectives in the Anthropology of Drugs”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
(Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair with T. Karim – Michigan State University)
- 2013 “Looking Back, Moving Forward: Reflections on Public Engagement in the
Anthropology of Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
(Invited Co-organizer with T. Karim – Michigan State University)
- 2012 “Il/Legalities and Public Health in Neoliberal Latin America”
Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Francisco, California
(Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair with D. Goldstein – University of Colorado,
Boulder)
- 2012 “Unmasking Discursive Strategies: Population Impacts”
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland
(Invited Chair)
- 2011 “When Informants Theorize Back: Confronting Anthropological Legacies of the
Theorized Other”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada
(Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair with B. Reyes-Foster – University of Central
Florida)
- 2009 “The Circulation and Travel of Public Health Models: Critical Intersections”
Medical Anthropology at the Intersections, New Haven, Connecticut
(Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair with B. Reyes-Foster – University of California,
Berkeley)

Workshops Organized – National and International Professional Conferences

- 2024 “Foundations of Harm Reduction” **(Invited)**
University of Central Florida Global Health Conference, Orlando, Florida

Presentations – National and International Professional Conferences [*indicates student co-author]

Papers

- 2024 Akil, Sarah*, **Shana Harris**, Whitney Margaritis*, Rachel Totaram*, M.H. Clark, and
Barbara Andraka-Christou. “The Co-Use of Opioids and Stimulants: Causes, Practices,
and Harm Reduction Responses to an Emerging Polysubstance Use Trend in the United
States”
University of Central Florida Global Health Conference, Orlando, Florida

- 2023 **Harris, Shana**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, M.H. Clark, Rachel Totaram*, Whitney Margaritis*, and Sarah Akil*. “The Co-Use of Opioids and Stimulants: Causes, Practices, and Harm Reduction Responses to an Emerging Polysubstance Use Trend in the United States”
Florida Harm Reduction Conference – Miami, Florida
- 2023 **Harris, Shana**. “Of Crack Houses and Supervised Consumption Sites: Overdose and the Politics of (False) Equivalency in the United States”
Contemporary Drug Problems Conference, Paris, France
- 2022 **Harris, Shana**. “Women and Gendered Experiences with Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment in Mexico” (**Invited**)
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington
- 2022 **Harris, Shana**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, Rachel Totaram*, Sarah Akil*, and Caridad Hernandez. “Opening and Sustaining a Syringe Services Program: Perspectives of Harm Reduction Program Leaders in the United States” (**Invited**)
Florida Harm Reduction Conference – Treasure Island, Florida
- 2022 **Harris, Shana**. “Traveling for Treatment: Accessing Psychedelics and Addiction Care in Mexico”
Psychedemia 2022, Columbus, Ohio
- 2022 **Harris, Shana**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, Rachel Totaram*, Olivia Randall-Kosich*, and Raul Rivera-Atilano*. “Understanding Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment for U.S. College Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic”
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2021 **Harris, Shana**, and Allison Schlosser. “Harm Reduction and COVID-19: The Role of Anthropologists During and Post-Pandemic”
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia (online)
- 2020 **Harris, Shana**. “Tripping and Traveling: Medical Travel and the Use of Psychedelics for Drug Treatment in Mexico”
Society for Medical Anthropology Conference, Havana, Cuba
- 2019 **Harris, Shana**. “‘It Changes You’: Discourses of Addiction and Recovery in Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment” (**Invited**)
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- 2019 **Harris, Shana**. “Cure, Catalyst, Rebirth, Reset: Discourses of Change in Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment”
Contemporary Drug Problems Conference, Prato, Italy
- 2019 **Harris, Shana**. “‘Ibogaine Works’: An Anthropological Analysis of the Effectiveness of Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment” (**Invited**)
Arizona Psychedelics Conference, Tempe, Arizona
- 2018 **Harris, Shana**, and Janie Simmons. “Whose Lives Matter? An Anthropological Analysis of Public Discourse of Opioid Overdose in the U.S.” (**Invited – Executive Session**)
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, California

- 2018 **Harris, Shana.** “El último recurso: Ibogaína, drogadicción y la experiencia de viaje médico en México” **(Invited)**
Plantas Sagradas en las Américas, Ajijic, Mexico
- 2017 **Harris, Shana.** “Narrating the Unspeakable: Making Sense of Psychedelic Experiences in Drug Treatment”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Friedman, Samuel R., Elizabeth Goodbody, Pedro Mateu-Gelabert, **Shana Harris**, and Honoria Guarino. “Overdose Intravention among Young Opioid Users in New York City”
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2017 **Harris, Shana.** “Narrating the Unspeakable: Researching, Retelling, and Re-creating Psychedelic Experiences in Drug Treatment”
Contemporary Drug Problems Conference, Helsinki, Finland
- 2017 **Harris, Shana.** “‘Ibogaine Works’: Examining the Effectiveness of Psychedelic Drug Treatment from an Anthropological Perspective” **(Invited)**
Psychedelic Science 2017, Oakland, California
- 2016 **Harris, Shana.** “‘Ibogaine Works’: Questions of Effectiveness and the Use of Psychedelics in Drug Treatment”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2016 **Harris, Shana.** “Harm Reduction as a ‘Global’ Model? Historical and Ethnographic Insights from Argentina” **(Invited)**
History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2015 **Harris, Shana.** “Medical Travel in Mexico: The Case of Ibogaine for Drug Treatment”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado
- 2015 **Harris, Shana.** “Out of the Margins: Poverty and the Social Scripting of the ‘Paco Problem’ in Argentina”
Contemporary Drug Problems Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2014 **Harris, Shana.** “Debating Decriminalization in Argentina: The Role of Harm Reductionists in Drug Policy Reform” **(Invited)**
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 **Harris, Shana.** “The ‘Paco Problem’ in Argentina: A Cost and Consequence of the War on Drugs”
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California
- 2014 Hoefinger, Heidi, Camila Gelpf-Acosta, **Shana Harris**, Valentina Nikulina, Martin J. Downing, Jr., Cory Morton, Valerie Newsome, and Alana Gunn. “Prescription Drug Diversion: An Assessment of Illicit Acquisition and Redistribution Predictors”
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California

- 2014 **Harris, Shana.** “Constructing Harm Reduction as a “Global” Strategy: Impacts on Intervention”
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2013 **Harris, Shana.** “On Marginality: Poverty and the Social Scripting of the ‘Paco Problem’ in Argentina” **(Invited)**
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
- 2012 **Harris, Shana.** “A View to the Social: Harm Reduction, Latin American Style”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California
- 2012 **Harris, Shana.** “Debating Decriminalization and the Drug User-Criminal in Argentina” **(Invited)**
International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, California
- 2012 **Harris, Shana.** “On the Border of Legality and Illegality: Debating Drug Policy in Argentina”
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland
- 2011 **Harris, Shana.** “A Predicament of Theory: Notes on Negotiating Social Theory in Argentina” **(Invited)**
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada
- 2010 **Harris, Shana.** “Harm Reduction as Global Form?”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2010 **Harris, Shana.** “Rights, Exclusion, and the Drug Decriminalization Debate in Argentina”
States of Belonging Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2009 **Harris, Shana.** “Drug Use and Uses of Harm Reduction in Argentina” **(Invited)**
Medical Anthropology at the Intersections, New Haven, Connecticut
- 2007 **Harris, Shana.** “Shifts in Treatment, Shifts in Subjectivity: Discourses of a New Pharmaceutical Technology in the Treatment of the Opiate-Addicted Body”
Bio[X]: New Iterations of Lively Bodies, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2006 **Harris, Shana.** “Treating the Addicted Body: Normalcy, Subjectivity, and a New Mode of Opiate Addiction Treatment”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, California
- 2006 **Harris, Shana.** “Responding to Risk: Socialization, Perception, and GHB Use”
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- 2004 **Harris, Shana.** “Harm Reduction as Human Right? HIV/AIDS and Drug Use in Argentina” **(Invited)**
Center on Rights Development Symposium, University of Denver

Posters

- 2023 Akil, Sarah*, Rachel Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez. “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
University of Central Florida Global Health Conference, Orlando, Florida
- 2017 Simmons, Janie, **Shana Harris**, and Laura Patricia Garcia Ortiz. “Whose Lives Matter? A Qualitative Analysis of Newspaper Readers’ Comments about Opioid Overdose and Naloxone in the U.S.”
Harm Reduction International Conference, Montreal, Canada
- 2015 Mateu-Gelabert, Pedro, Dedsy Berbesi, Honoria Guarino, Stephanie Campos, **Shana Harris**, Lauren Jessell, and Samuel R. Friedman. “Parallels Between HIV and HCV Epidemics among Young Injectors in Two Countries: New York City, USA and Medellín, Colombia”
International Harm Reduction Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2014 Mateu-Gelabert, Pedro, Dedsy Berbesi, Inés Elvira Mejía Motta, Lauren Jessell, **Shana Harris**, and Honoria Guarino. “Heroin Production in Colombia: A Time Bomb for a Drug Injection-Driven HIV Epidemic?”
NIDA International Forum, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Roundtables – National and International Professional Conferences

- 2023 “Teaching Anthropology Through Contemporary Crises”
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- 2021 “Integrating Best Practice Evidence-Based Harm Reduction Methods Across Florida for Persons Who Use Drugs” (**Invited**)
9th Annual Prevention Summit, Tampa, Florida
- 2019 “Entheogens as a Treatment for Addiction” (**Invited**)
Arizona Psychedelics Conference, Tempe, Arizona
- 2017 “Health, Care, and Well-Being in Trump's America” (**Invited**)
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Presentations – Local Conferences and Symposia [*indicates student co-author]

Papers

- 2024 Akil, Sarah*, **Shana Harris**, Whitney Margaritis*, Rachel Totaram*, M.H. Clark, and Barbara Andraka-Christou. “The Co-Use of Opioids and Stimulants: Causes, Practices, and Harm Reduction Responses to an Emerging Polysubstance Use Trend in the United States”
Substance Use Policy Evaluation and Research (S.U.P.E.R.) Symposium, Orlando, Florida

2023 Totaram, Rachel*, Sarah Akil*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez. “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
University of Central Florida Public Administration Research Conference, Orlando, Florida

Posters

2024 Akil, Sarah*, Rachel Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez. “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
Substance Use Policy Evaluation and Research (S.U.P.E.R.) Symposium, Orlando, Florida

2023 Akil, Sarah*, Rachel Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez. “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
University of Central Florida Student Scholar Symposium, Orlando, Florida

2023 Totaram, Rachel*, Sarah Akil*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez. “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
University of Central Florida College of Community Innovation and Education Research and Impact Showcase, Orlando, Florida

2023 Akil, Sarah*, Rachel Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez. “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
Florida Undergraduate Research Conference, Miami, Florida

Workshops/Knowledge Exchanges

2024 Ethical Challenges of Conducting Human Subjects Research (**Invited**)
Fondation Brocher

- Co-presenters: Brietta Clark (Loyola Marymount University) and Haihong Zhang (Peking University)

2023 Judging Drugs: Critical Issues in Law and Society (**Invited**)
School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Paris, France

2019 IPEDs and Polydrug Use: Knowledge, Services, and Gaps (**Invited**)
University of Stirling, United Kingdom

Invited Lectures and Presentations [*indicates student co-author]

International

2023 “The Politics, Ethics, and Experiences of Cross-Border Medical Travel and Addiction Care in Mexico”
Fondation Brocher, Hermance, Switzerland

National

- 2019 “‘Ibogaine Works’: An Anthropological Analysis of the Effectiveness of Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment”
Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2018 “The Last Resort: Treating Drug Addiction with Ibogaine in Mexico”
Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, Tempe, Arizona

Local

- 2024 “Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment in Mexico”
Orange County Drug Free Coalition Drug Prevention Conference, Winter Park, Florida
- 2022 “Harm Reduction Leaders’ Perceptions of Opening and Sustaining a Syringe Service Program”
Department of Internal Medicine, University of Central Florida
- Co-presenters: Rachel Totaram (University of Central Florida)*, Sarah Akil (University of Central Florida)*, Barbara Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida), and Caridad Hernandez (University of Central Florida)
- 2020 “Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment in Mexico”
Department of Internal Medicine, University of Central Florida
- 2014 “Out of Harm’s Way: An Ethnography of Harm Reduction in Argentina”
Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
- 2011 “Out of Harm’s Way: The Politics and Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina”
Department of Anthropology, History & Social Medicine, University of California, San Francisco
- 2007 “The Possibilities of Buprenorphine: ‘Normalcy’ in Opiate Addiction Treatment”
Drug User Research Seminar, San Francisco General Hospital
- 2006 “Bupe in the Bay Area: Narratives of Normalcy and Feelings of Freedom with a New Opiate Addiction Treatment Modality”
Qualitative Inquiry on Drug Use Seminar, University of California, San Francisco
- 2006 “AIDS, Drug Use, and Harm Reduction in Argentina”
Center for Latin American Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 2006 “Do the Concepts of ‘Normalization’ and ‘Sub-culture’ Fit When Thinking About GHB Use?”
Qualitative Inquiry on Drug Use Seminar, University of California, San Francisco
- Co-presented with Judith C. Barker (University of California, San Francisco)
- 2004 “Drug Use in the Times of AIDS: Harm Reduction in Argentina”
Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder

Lecture

- 2022 “Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment in Mexico”
Undergraduate/graduate course: Seminar in Culture, Drug Use, and Addiction, University of Nebraska, Omaha
- 2019 “Public Anthropology of Drugs, Addiction, and Policy”
Graduate seminar: Public and Applied Anthropology, University of Central Florida
- 2019 “Ethics in Cultural Anthropology: Lessons from Fieldwork on Drugs and Addiction”
Graduate seminar: Ethics in Anthropology, University of Central Florida
- 2017 “Traveling to Mexico for Addiction Treatment: The Story of Ibogaine”
Undergraduate course: Global Health in Anthropological Perspective, University of Central Florida
- 2017 “The Last Resort: Treating Drug Addiction with Psychedelics in Mexico”
Undergraduate course: Cultural Anthropology: Global Perspectives, Local Contexts, University of Central Florida
- 2016 “Traveling for Treatment: The Use of Psychedelics for Drug Treatment in Mexico”
Undergraduate course: Global Health in Anthropological Perspective, University of Central Florida
- 2016 “The Last Resort: Treating Drug Addiction with Psychedelics in Mexico”
Undergraduate course: People and Cultures of Latin America, University of Central Florida
- 2016 “The Last Resort: Treating Drug Addiction with Psychedelics in Mexico”
Undergraduate course: Culture, Disease, and Healing, University of Central Florida
- 2015 “Using Drugs and Reducing Harm in Argentina”
Undergraduate course: Medical Anthropology, University of Central Florida
- 2015 “Drug Use and Harm Reduction in Argentina”
Undergraduate course: Honors General Anthropology, University of Central Florida
- 2014 “Drug Use and Harm Reduction in Argentina: An Ethnography of Intervention”
Undergraduate course: Culture, Disease, and Healing, University of Central Florida
- 2013 “Harm Reduction in Argentina: An Ethnography of Intervention”
Undergraduate course: Medical Sociology, Saint Mary’s College of California
- 2010 “Harm Reduction: Insights for Future Health Professionals”
DeCal undergraduate course: Spanish for Future Doctors, University of California, Berkeley
- 2009 “Health, Human Rights, and Harm Reduction in Contemporary Argentina”
Undergraduate course: Medical Sociology, Saint Mary’s College of California

- 2009 “Drug Use and Harm Reduction in Argentina”
Undergraduate course: Introduction to Sociology, University of San Francisco
- 2005 “Ethnography of Intervention: The Case of Harm Reduction in Argentina”
Undergraduate course: Medical Sociology, Saint Mary’s College of California
- 2003 “Medical Anthropology: Insights from Fieldwork in Scotland and Argentina”
Undergraduate course: Frontiers of Cultural Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2003 “Heroin Use in Contemporary Scotland”
Undergraduate course: Frontiers of Cultural Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

University of Central Florida

Anthropology of Drugs and Addiction (ANT 4481)
 Anthropology of the Body (ANT 4486)
 Culture, Disease, and Healing (ANT 4408)
 Science, Technology, and Culture (ANT 4081)
 Sex, Gender, and Culture (ANT 3302)
 Peoples of the World (ANT 3212)
 General Anthropology (ANT 2000)
 Internship (ANT 3940)
 Directed Independent Research (ANT 4912)
 Honors Directed Reading I (ANT 4903H)
 Honors Directed Reading II (ANT 4904H)
 Honors Undergraduate Thesis I (ANT 4970H)
 Honors Undergraduate Thesis II (ANT 4971H)

University of California, Berkeley

The Ethics, Methods, and Pragmatics of Global Practice (IAS 105) – Graduate Student Instructor

University of Colorado, Boulder

Frontiers of Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2100) – Teaching Assistant

Graduate Courses

University of Central Florida

Anthropology of the Body (ANG 5468)
 Seminar in Cultural Anthropology (ANG 6930)
 Ethnographic Research Methods (ANG 6801)
 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Anthropology (ANG 6498)

Directed Independent Study (ANG 6908)
Thesis (ANG 6971)
Doctoral Research (ANG 7919)

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- 2023 **New Course Development**
Science, Technology, and Culture (ANG 5082)
- 2020 **New Course Development**
Anthropology of the Body (ANG 5468/ANT 4486)
- 2017-present **Global Health Internship – Haiti, Puerto Rico, Brazil, India**
Development of undergraduate internship, intern advising, and ongoing review and selection of new interns with colleagues in collaboration with International Medical Outreach student organization. Launched Fall 2018.
Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
- 2017 **General Education Program Course Designation – Cultural and Historical Foundation Category**
Cultural Anthropology: Global Perspectives, Local Contexts (ANT 2410)
University of Central Florida
(Collaborators: J. Mishtal and B. Reyes-Foster)
- 2017 **New Course Development**
Science, Technology, and Culture (ANT 4081)
- 2016 **General Education Program Course Designation – Diversity Requirement**
Culture, Disease, and Healing (ANT 4408)
University of Central Florida
(Collaborator: J. Mishtal)
- 2016 **New Course Development**
Anthropology of Drugs and Addiction (ANT 4481)

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

- 2024 Generative AI for Innovative Teaching and Learning
Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Central Florida
- 2024 Participant, Summer Faculty Development Institute
Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Central Florida
- 2023 Accessibility By Design: From Social Justice to Classroom Access Training
Student Accessibility Services, University of Central Florida
- 2023 Digital Accessibility Basics Training
Office of Institutional Equity, University of Central Florida

- 2022 Participant, Summer Faculty Development Conference
Florida Prison Education Program, University of Central Florida
- 2018 Participant, Summer Faculty Development Conference
Writing Across the Curriculum Program, University of Central Florida
- 2016 Participant, IDL 6543: Online Course Development
Center for Distributed Learning, University of Central Florida
- 2016 Participant, Summer Faculty Development Conference
Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Central Florida
- 2009 Participant, Pedagogy Training Course
International and Area Studies Teaching Program, University of California, Berkeley

RESEARCH ADVISING AND MENTORING

Chair, Graduate Dissertation or Thesis

Abigail Shepherd – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida. In progress.
Dissertation: TBD

Whitney Margaritis – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida. In progress.
Dissertation: *Access, Treatment, and Experience: The Use of Cannabis for Chronic Pain in Florida*

Abigail Shepherd – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Summer 2022
Thesis: [*An Anthropological Study of the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Drug Treatment*](#)

Sherman Crane – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. (Served as Chair for 3 semesters – Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)

Co-Chair, Graduate Thesis

Russell Manzano – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2017. (Primary Chair: Dr. J. Mishtal)
Thesis: [*Life After the Boat: Understanding the Needs of Refugees Living in Second Reception Centers in Sicily*](#)

Chair, College of Medicine Focused Inquiry & Research Experience (FIRE) Module

Danielle Springer – M.D., University of Central Florida. In progress.
Project: *Drug Injection Initiation and Assistance from the Perspective of Experienced Injectors: A Review of the Literature*

Melissa Riess – M.D., University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2020.
Project: *Comparing Complementary and Alternative Therapies for Treating Substance Use Disorder*

Chair, Honors Undergraduate Thesis

Maria Ocando Monaco – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2024.
progress.
Thesis: *Out of Sight, Out of Mind: An Anthropological Exploration of Overdose Prevention Experiences and Perceptions among People Who Use Drugs in Orlando, Florida*

Rebecca Galiñanes – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2024.
Thesis: *Experiences of Healing with Ayahuasca in the United States*

Saoukie Bertin – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Fall 2023.
Thesis: *“It’s Still Easy To Get”: An Anthropological Analysis of Nicotine Activist Efforts and User Perspectives in Central Florida*

- **McNair Scholar**

Delaney McLinden – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2023.
Thesis: *Beauty in Sorority Life: An Anthropological Analysis of Beauty Ideals and Body Modification*

Megan Sarmento – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Fall 2018.
Thesis: *Reimagining Drugs: An Anthropological Analysis of U.S. Drug Policy Frameworks and Student Activism*

Advisor, Undergraduate Directed Independent Research

Maria Orozco – B.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2020.
Project: *The Fungus Among Us: An Anthropological Analysis of Psilocybin-Assisted Retreats in Jamaica*

Committee Member, Graduate Dissertation or Thesis

Juan Ancona Manzanilla – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chair: B. Reyes-Foster)
Dissertation: TBD

Konok Chapa Das – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chairs: B. Reyes-Foster and T. Matejowsky)
Dissertation: TBD

Megan Sarmento – Ph.D. in Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida. In progress. (Chair: D. Lende)

Dissertation: *Addressing the Hepatitis C Epidemic: An Applied Critical Medical Anthropology Approach To Healthcare For People Who Use Drugs*

Tracy Brannstrom – Ph.D. in Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago. In progress. (Chair: E. Raikhel)

Dissertation: *Struggles Over Access to Care in the U.S. Opioid Crisis: Conflicts and Case Studies From New England*

Alyna Woodall – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chair: B. Reyes-Foster)

Thesis: *Assembling Magical Ethics and Perceptions of Justice: A Visual Exploration of the Values Guiding and Dividing Ritual Magic Practitioners*

Selina Hays – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chair: B. Reyes-Foster)

Thesis: *Understanding the Processes of Information Sharing in Gendered Illness Experience Discourses Through Online Health Communities*

Aislann Woody – Ph.D. in Nursing, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chair: M. Shattell)

Dissertation: *Holding Space: Peer Recovery Workers in Acute Care*

Trinity Johnson – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chair: B. Reyes-Foster)

Dissertation: *A Forgotten Population: Understanding Access to Reproductive Healthcare for Black Rural Women and Girls*

Suzanne Draper – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chair: B. Reyes-Foster)

Dissertation: *Bisexual+ Disclosures: Strategies for “Coming Out” in Intimate Partner Relationships and Its Implications for Mental Health*

Jacqueline Devaney – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Summer 2023. (Chair: J. Mishtal)

Thesis: [*Integrated Healthcare in the U.S. Safety-Net System: Meeting the Needs of Patients Through Comprehensive Medical and Social Care*](#)

Nicholas Skiados – M.S. in Biotechnology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2023. (Chair: A. Southwell)

Thesis: [*Preclinical Assessment of Psychoplastogens for Treatment of Psychiatric Symptoms and Neuroplasticity Deficits in Huntington Disease*](#)

Gabrielle Lehigh – Ph.D. in Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida. Completed Spring 2023. (Chair: D. Lende)

Dissertation: [*Transformative Psychedelic Experiences at Music Events: Using Subjective Experience to Explore Chemosocial Assemblages of Culture*](#)

Karli Reeves – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Summer 2021. (Chair: J. Mishtal)

Thesis: [To Cut or Not to Cut?: Exploring Parental Decision-Making About Neonatal Male Circumcision](#)

Gabriela Mansour – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Summer 2021. (Chair: J. Mishtal)

Thesis: [Queer Arab American Experiences: Navigating Cross-Cultural Expectations of Gender and Sexuality](#)

Megan Sarmento – M.A. in Anthropology, Georgia State University. Completed Spring 2021. (Chair: K. Kozaitis)

Thesis: [Enhancing the Safety of People Who Inject Drugs: A Program Evaluation of a Syringe Services Program in Atlanta](#)

Benjamin Scher – M.A. in Public Issues Anthropology, University of Waterloo, Canada. Completed Spring 2020. (Chair: Dr. J. Liu)

Thesis: [Biopower, Disciplinary Power, and Surveillance: A Qualitative Analysis of the Lived Experience of Drug Users in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside](#)

Lea Harvey – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Fall 2019. (Chair: Dr. B. Reyes-Foster)

Thesis: [Trouble in Paradise: Impacts of Theme Park Tourism on the Mental Health of Employees in Orlando, Florida](#)

Amber Grissom – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Summer 2019. (Chair: Dr. J. Mishtal)

Thesis: [The Wonder Women: Understanding Feminism in Cosplay Performance](#)

Mary Hager – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2018. (Chair: Dr. J. Mishtal)

Thesis: [Reproductive Rights and Justice Advocacy in Central Florida: Who is Represented?](#)

Deven Gray – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2018. (Chair: Dr. J. Mishtal)

Thesis: [Managing an Epidemic: Zika Interventions and Community Responses in Belize](#)

Allison Matos – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Fall 2016. (Chair: Dr. J. Mishtal)

Thesis: [Teach Them to Eat: Complexities of Community Based Organization and Nutrition Education Initiatives in the Prevention of Chronic Disease](#)

Committee Member, Honors Undergraduate Thesis

Madeline McNutt – Interdisciplinary Honors in History, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chair: B. Gannon)

Thesis: TBD

Sterlin Bass – Interdisciplinary Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chair: D. Adams)
Thesis: [*Florida's Gifted Education Program: Exploring the Nexus Between Giftedness and Choice of College Majors*](#)

Allisa Castro – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2024. (Chair: J. Mishtal)
Thesis: [*Perspectives of Hispanic Young Adults on Curanderismo as a Form of Care*](#)

Leia Rausch – Honors in Sociology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2023. (Chair: A. Donley)
Thesis: [*Provider Perceptions of the Usage of Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy to Influence Behavior Change in Individuals with Substance Use Disorder*](#)

Raphael Merritt – Honors in International and Global Studies, University of Central Florida. Completed Fall 2021. (Chair: S. Sousa)
Thesis: [*Antihaitianismo Analyzed: The Development of a Community and Underlying Social Issues in the Dominican Republic*](#)

Sophia Griemert – Interdisciplinary Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Summer 2021. (Chair: Dr. T. Fisher)
Thesis: [*Traditional Healing Beyond the Homeland: Yezidi Shamanic Healing in the Diaspora*](#)

Teya De Oliveira – Honors in Latin American Studies, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2021. (Chair: Dr. S. Sousa)
Thesis: [*Systemic Inequalities for Afro-Brazilians*](#)

John Christian Foerster – Honors in History, University of Central Florida. Completed Summer 2020. (Chair: Dr. Y. Pineda)
Thesis: [*Doctors and "Dopefiends": Perspectives on the U.S. Opiate Crisis, 21st Century*](#)

Javier Cintron – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2020. (Chair: Dr. J. Mishtal)
Thesis: [*The Experience of Limited English Proficiency \(LEP\) Patients in Healthcare*](#)

Caleb Hernandez – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2019. (Chair: Dr. J. Mishtal)
Thesis: [*Experiences of Young Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Latinx People in Healthcare*](#)

Sarah Davenport – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2018. (Chair: Dr. J. Mishtal)
Thesis: [*Whose Sustainability? An Analysis of a Community Farming Program's Food Justice and Environmental Sustainability Agenda*](#)

Anjali Cherukuri – Honors in Biomedical Sciences, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2017. (Chair: Dr. R. Borgon)
Thesis: [*The Role of Breastfeeding in Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS: A Comparative Case Study of Three Countries*](#)

Christy Box – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2017. (Dr. B. Reyes-Foster)

Thesis: [*The Effects of Hegemonic Support of Endangered Languages on Language Ideologies*](#)

SERVICE

Service to Department

2023-present	Member, Promotion & Tenure Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2022-2023	Member, Lecturer Search Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2022-2023	Chair, Colloquium Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2021-2022	Member, Inclusion & Diversity Ad Hoc Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2020-2022	Member, Doctoral Program Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2020-2022	Member, Colloquium Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2019-2020	Member, Trevor Colbourn Anthropology Endowment Fund Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2019-2020	Member, Master's Program Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2018	Guest Speaker, Graduate Anthropology Association Brown Bag Lecture Series Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2017-2018	Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2016-2019	Member, Department Policies and Procedures Committee Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2016	Guest Speaker, Graduate Anthropology Association Brown Bag Lecture Series Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
2015-2017	Co-moderator, Anthropology Writing Workshop Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida

- 2006-2007 Co-organizer, Medical Anthropology Speaker Series
Department of Anthropology, History & Social Medicine, University of California, San Francisco
- 2004 Graduate Student Representative, Cultural Anthropology Job Search Committee
Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2002-2004 Member, Colloquium Committee
Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder

Service to College

- 2023-2024 Member, Recognition & Scholarship Committee
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida
- 2023 Member, Interdisciplinary Seminar Committee
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida
- 2020-2022 Member, Research Committee
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida

Service to University

- 2024 Research Judge, Global Health Conference
College of Medicine, University of Central Florida
- 2023 Guest Speaker, Undergraduate Research Readiness Club
University of Central Florida
- 2023 Member, Fulbright Committee
Office of Prestigious Awards, University of Central Florida
- 2023 Guest Speaker, UCF Qualitative Research Club
University of Central Florida
- 2023-present Secondary Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Research Readiness Club
University of Central Florida
- 2023 Institutional Endorsement Panelist, Truman Scholarship
Office of Prestigious Awards, University of Central Florida
- 2023 Member, Undergraduate Research Council
Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Central Florida
- 2022 Research Judge, Global Health Conference
College of Medicine, University of Central Florida
- 2021 Guest Speaker, Medical Students Providing Across Continents (MedPACT)
College of Medicine, University of Central Florida

- 2021-2022 Institutional Endorsement Panelist, Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarships
Office of Prestigious Awards, University of Central Florida
- 2020, 2022 Panelist, Pre-Med Interdisciplinary Research Opportunities
Burnett Honors College, University of Central Florida
- 2019-2020 Member, Graduate Policy Committee
Faculty Senate, University of Central Florida
- 2018 Guest Speaker, Students for Sensible Drug Policy
University of Central Florida
- 2017 Faculty Excellence Session Panelist, New Faculty Orientation
University of Central Florida
- 2016-2023 Faculty Advisor, Students for Sensible Drug Policy
University of Central Florida
- 2016 Guest Speaker, Students for Sensible Drug Policy
University of Central Florida
- 2016 Women Faculty Mentor, Career Transitions Mentoring Community
Center for Success of Women Faculty, University of Central Florida
- 2016 Internal Competition Review Committee Member, MacArthur Foundation 100&Change
Program
University of Central Florida
- 2006-2007 Coordinator, Qualitative Inquiry on Drug Use Seminar
University of California, San Francisco

Service to Profession

- 2022-present Advisory Board Member, [HUMANHARM – Human Rights and Social Harms](#)
VID Specialized University, Norway
- 2021 Book Manuscript Reviewer, Routledge
- 2021-2023 Vice Chair, [Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group](#)
Society for Medical Anthropology
- 2018-present Founder and Coordinator, [Florida Medical Anthropology Network](#)
- 2016-2021 Chair, [Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group](#)
Society for Medical Anthropology
- 2013, 2015 Graduate Student Paper Prize Judge, [Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group](#)
Society for Medical Anthropology
- 2012-2015 Resources Manager, [Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group](#)
Society for Medical Anthropology

- 2006-present Manuscript Reviewer for Peer-Reviewed Journals
- *Anthropology & Medicine*
 - *Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Mental Health*
 - *Contemporary Drug Problems*
 - *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*
 - *Drugs: Education, Prevention & Policy*
 - *Global Public Health*
 - *Harm Reduction Journal*
 - *Health*
 - *Human Organization*
 - *International Journal of Drug Policy*
 - *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment*
 - *Medical Anthropology*
 - *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*
 - *Medicine Anthropology Theory*
 - *Science, Technology & Human Values*
 - *Social Science & Medicine*

Service to Community

- 2024 Guest Speaker (**Invited**)
August H. Shaw Jr. Montessori School, Phoenix, Arizona
- 2022-present Member
[Florida Harm Reduction Collective](#)
- 2021-2024 Volunteer
[IDEA Orlando Syringe Service Program](#), Orlando, Florida
- 2021 Panelist, World AIDS Day HIV & Harm Reduction Panel (**Invited**)
[Hope & Help](#), Orlando, Florida
- 2021 Guest Speaker (**Invited**)
August H. Shaw Jr. Montessori School, Phoenix, Arizona
- 2019 Public Lecture Guest Speaker, “A Therapeutic Trip: Treating Drug Addiction with Psychedelics in Mexico”
[Central Florida Anthropological Society](#), Winter Park, Florida
- 2019 Panelist (**Invited**)
Central Florida Haitian-American Community Forum, Orlando, Florida
- 2019 Guest Speaker (**Invited**)
Circle Cross Ranch K-8 S.T.E.M. Academy, San Tan Valley, Arizona
- 2001-2002 Volunteer
Recovery Association Project, Portland, Oregon

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

- 2021 Inclusion Champion Certification
Office of Diversity and Inclusion, University of Central Florida
- 2020 LGBTQ+ Safe Zone Advocate Training
Office of Diversity and Inclusion, University of Central Florida
- 2017-2018 Office of Research & Commercialization Research Mentoring Opportunity Award
University of Central Florida
(Awarded to receive research mentorship from senior researcher Dr. J. Mishtal)
- 2017 Participant, Summer Faculty Development Conference
Center for Success of Women Faculty, University of Central Florida
- 2016-2017 Participant, New Assistant Professor Mentoring Program
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida
- 2016-present Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certification
(Research ethics training module in Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Human Subject Research Curriculum, re-certification required every 3 years)
- 2010 Fellow, Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty
Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- 2023 [“Ask Questions, Remember Your ‘Why’ Anthropology Professor Tells Grad Students”](#)
COS News, University of Central Florida
- 2023 [“FDA Approves Over-the-Counter Narcan, UCF Ahead of the Game”](#)
NSM Today, University of Central Florida
- 2022 [“As Florida Contends With the Fentanyl Crisis, ‘Harm Reduction’ Advocates Work To Save Lives”](#)
Florida Phoenix
- 2022 [“What Ethnographers Have Learned From People Who Use Drugs”](#)
Undark Magazine
- 2022 [“UCF Professor’s Research Seeks To Find If Psychedelic Drugs Helps Drug Addiction”](#)
NSM Today, University of Central Florida
- 2022 [“Research in 60 Seconds: How Taking Psychedelics Can Be Therapeutic”](#)
UCF Today, University of Central Florida
- 2019 [“UCF Students Learn to Recognize Health Benefits of Psychedelic Drugs”](#)
NSM Today, University of Central Florida

- 2019 [“Q&A with Dr. Shana Harris on Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment”](#)
HED Matters (Vol. 2, Issue 1 – Theme: Psychedelics)
- 2017 Guest, “Following Carl” Podcast
Episode 3 – An Anthropologist’s Take on Drug Abuse and Treatment
- 2017 [“Anthropologist Studies Alternative Treatment for Addiction”](#)
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LANGUAGES

English – native

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association

- Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Society for Medical Anthropology

Florida Medical Anthropology Network

Society for Applied Anthropology

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