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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
<i>Cultural & Medical Anthropology</i>
<i>Advisor: Professor Donna Goldstein</i>
<i>Dissertation: "Radioactive Knowledge: State Control of Scientific Information in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan"</i> | 2014 |
| M.A. | University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
<i>Anthropology, with Distinction</i> | 2007 |
| B.A. | University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware
<i>Majors: Anthropology; History</i>
<i>Minor: Sociology</i>
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> | 2003 |

THEORETICAL & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cultural and Medical Anthropology; Science, Technology and Society Studies; Anthropology of Policy; Nuclear Testing and Health; Health Disparities; Cold War Science; Low-Dose Radiation; Political Economy; Neoliberalism; Environmental Governance; Bioethics; Subjectivity; Global Security; Post-Soviet Transformations; NGOs and Civil Society; Central Asia; Kazakhstan

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

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| 2025- | Associate Professor
Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina |
| 2018-2025 | Assistant Professor
Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina |
| 2016-19 | Fellow
The Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, North Carolina |
| 2016-18 | Teaching Scholar
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University. Raleigh, North Carolina |

- 2015-16 MacArthur Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow**
Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University. Stanford, California
- 2014-15 Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow**
Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University. Stanford, California
- 2008-13 Graduate Part Time Instructor (GPTI)**
Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado
The Instructor of Record for 2 lower-division and 1 upper-division anthropology courses
- 2004-13 Teaching Assistant**
Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado
TA for 18 anthropology courses
- 2004-08 Research Assistant**
Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado
Global Pharmaceuticals, Brazil

Affiliations

- 2024- Co-Director of Russian and Eurasian Area Studies Program**
Walker Institute, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2023- Consultant**
Norwegian People's Aid: "Global Needs Assessment after Nuclear-Weapons Testing: Addressing the Impact of Soviet Testing in Kazakhstan and Novaya Zemlya." Oslo, Norway
- 2019-24 Visiting Researcher**
Danish Institute for International Studies; Peace and Violence. Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2018- Faculty Associate**
Walker Institute, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books – Monograph

- 2025 **Stawkowski, Magdalena.** *Atomic Collective: Radioactive Life in Kazakhstan*. Toronto, Canada: University of Toronto Press. (in press, May 2025)

Articles & Book Chapters

- Forth. Goldstein, Donna and **Magdalena Stawkowski**. "Of Drosophila, Butterflies, and Men: The Scientific Meaning of Extrapolation Across the Human-Insect Divide." *Journal of the History of Biology*.
- Forth. **Stawkowski, Magdalena** and Donna Goldstein. "The Scientific Meaning of Extrapolation Across the Human-Insect Divide." In Timothy Oakes ed., *Living in Nuclear Asia: Sociotechnical Perspectives on Nuclear Power Development, Risk, and Vulnerability*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- Forth. **Stawkowski, Magdalena** and Davide Orsini. "Permanence in Ruins: Anthropology and "Post-Cold War" Life." *History and Anthropology*.

- Forth. **Stawkowski, Magdalena** and Dana Yermolyonok. "Addressing the Impact of Soviet Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan and Novaya Zemlya." In *Is It Safe? A Framework Study for Assessing Needs for Victim Assistance and Environmental Remediation from Nuclear-Weapons Testing*. Oslo, Norway: Norwegian People's Aid.
- Forth. **Stawkowski, Magdalena**. "Spectral Sovereignty and Toxic Legacies Haunting Landscapes of Nuclear and Biological Contamination in Kazakhstan." *Journal of Disaster Studies*.
- 2023 **Stawkowski, Magdalena**. "The Town that Fell Asleep: Malignant Infrastructures of Soviet-era Nuclear Ruins in Kazakhstan." In Jacob Darwin Hamblin and Linda Marie Richards, eds., *Making the Unseen Visible: Science and the Contested Histories of Radiation Exposure*. Corvallis: Oregon State University Press. Pp. 92-106. <https://doi.org/10.1353/book.119293>
- 2023 **Stawkowski, Magdalena**. "Manipulative Statecraft: The Disinformation Campaigns and Presidential Powers of Trump and Putin." In Donna Goldstein and Kristen Drybread, eds., *Corruption and Illiberal Politics in the Trump Era*. Abington: Routledge. Pp. 182-200. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003152729>
- 2017 **Stawkowski, Magdalena**. "Life on an Atomic Collective: The Post-Soviet Retreat of the State in Rural Kazakhstan." *Études Rurales*. 200(2):196-219. <https://doi.org/10.4000/etudesrurales.11762>
- 2017 **Stawkowski, Magdalena**. "Radiophobia Had to Be Reinvented." *Culture, Theory and Critique*. 58(4):357-374, special issue "Invisible Harm." <https://doi.org/10.1080/14735784.2017.1356740>
- 2017 **Stawkowski, Magdalena**. "Everyday Radioactive Goods? Economic Development at Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan." *The Journal of Asian Studies*. 76(2):423-436, special issue "Catastrophic Asia." <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0021911817000079>
- 2016 **Stawkowski, Magdalena**. "I am a Radioactive Mutant": Emergent Biological Subjectivities at the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site." *American Ethnologist*. 43(1):144-157. <https://doi.org/10.1111/amet.12269>
- Winner of the 2017 American Anthropological Association Soyuz article prize
- 2015 Goldstein, Donna and **Magdalena Stawkowski**. "James V. Neel and Yuri E. Dubrova: Cold War Debates and the Genetic Effects of Low-Dose Radiation." *Journal of the History of Biology*. 48(1):67-98. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10739-014-9385-0>

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 **Stawkowski, Magdalena**, Stephanie Hopkins, and Elizabeth Alvarez. "Kazakhstan Physical Distancing Policies and Epidemiology from January – September 2020: A Case Report." *Policy Frameworks and Epidemiology of COVID-19 Working Group*. Hamilton, Ontario: McMaster University. <https://covid19-policies.healthsci.mcmaster.ca/research/publications/>
- 2024 **Stawkowski, Magdalena**, Janany Gunabalasingam, Stephanie E. Hopkins, and Elizabeth Alvarez. "Denmark Physical Distancing Policies and Epidemiology from January – September 2020: A Case Report." *Policy Frameworks and Epidemiology of COVID-19 Working Group*. Hamilton, Ontario: McMaster University. <https://covid19-policies.healthsci.mcmaster.ca/research/publications/>
- 2024 **Stawkowski, Magdalena** and Donna Goldstein. "Of Drosophila, Butterflies and Men: The Scientific Meaning of Extrapolation Across the Human-Animal Divide." In *Fallout: Asian Networks of Nuclearity*. Boulder, Colorado: University of Colorado Boulder. <https://www.colorado.edu/cas/sites/default/files/attached-files/stawkawskigoldstein.pdf>

- 2022 **Stawkowski, Magdalena.** “Kazakhstan’s Legacy of Nuclear Testing and Its Post-Soviet Nuclear Future.” *Nonproliferation Review*. Book Review, *Atomic Steppe: How Kazakhstan Gave Up the Bomb*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Togzhan Kassenova. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10736700.2022.2117885>
- 2022 **Stawkowski, Magdalena.** “Foreword: The Atomic Now.” In Livia Monnet ed. *Toxic Immanence: Decolonizing Nuclear Legacies and Futures*. Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press. Pp. xv-xvii.
- 2022 **Stawkowski, Magdalena.** COVID-19 Policies and Epidemiology Database on Policy Relevant Factors: Denmark and Kazakhstan. *Policy Frameworks and Epidemiology of COVID-19 Working Group*. Hamilton, Ontario: McMaster University. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fGFkplp2eoie9g5pVn15PNMLlslLYE1s6YJXITxzyg8/edit#gid=0>
- 2021 Androus, Zachary, **Magdalena Stawkowski**, and Robert Kopack. “Introduction: Theorising Special Territorial Status and Extraterritoriality.” In Zachary Androus, Magdalena Stawkowski, and Robert Kopack eds., Special Issue Theorising Special Territorial Status and Extraterritoriality. *Culture, Theory and Critique*. 62(1-2):1-6. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14735784.2021.1942109>
- 2021 **Stawkowski, Magdalena.** “L’indemnisation des Victimes des Essais Nucléaires aux États-Unis et en Russie.” [Compensation to Victims of Nuclear Tests in the United States and Russia]. *European Center for Research on Risk, the Law of Collective Accidents and Disasters*. Université Haute-Alsace, France.
- 2020 **Stawkowski, Magdalena.** “Forgotten Ground Zeros: Local Populations Exposed to Radiation from Former Nuclear Test Sites.” *Danish Institute for International Studies Policy Brief*. April 16. Online: <https://www.diis.dk/node/23937>
- Winner of the 2023 Society of Medical Anthropology ARHE Policy Brief Award
- 2016 **Stawkowski, Magdalena.** “The Continuing Danger of Semipalatinsk.” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. October 6. Online: <https://thebulletin.org/2016/10/the-continuing-danger-of-semipalatinsk/>

EXTERNAL GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS (External Funding: \$1,137,376, with \$271,424 credited to me)

- 2024 *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)*. First Book Subvention Winner for *Atomic Collective: Radioactive Life in Kazakhstan*. (\$2500 paid directly to the University of Toronto Press).
- 2022 *Wenner-Gren Foundation*. Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship. Project title: *Mutant Encounters: Radioactive Life on the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan*. Project nr: Gr. 10187. Fall 2022 to Spring 2023. (PI; \$40,000).
- 2018 *Danish Council for Independent Research* in collaboration with the Danish Institute for International Studies. Project title: *Radioactive Ruins: Security in the Age of the Anthropocene*. Project nr: 8019-00020A. Three-year multi-sited research project Spring 2019 to Spring 2024. PI: Rens Van Munster and Lis Kaiser. (PI; \$893,925; co-PI/consultant participant share \$156,000).
- 2013 *Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, Wilson Center*. Ten-day immersion seminar in Allumiere, Italy. Funded Summer. (Tuition and fees covered; estimated \$5000).
- 2012 *Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Eurasia Program Dissertation Development Award Fellowship*. Project title: *Radioactive Knowledge: State Control of Scientific Information in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan*. Dissertation write-up. Fall 2012 to Fall 2013. (PI; awarded \$21,000; \$15,473 received due to other funding).

- 2012 *P.E.O. Scholar Award*. Project nr: 5711. Grant awarded for dissertation write-up. Fall 2012 to Fall 2013. (PI; \$15,000).
- 2011 *The International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program (IARO)*. Fall 2010 to Fall 2011. Fellowship awarded for dissertation research in Kazakhstan. (PI; \$21,951).
- 2011 *Museums Community and Collaborations Abroad Educational Grant* for the Atomic Testing Museum (Nevada) and the Karaganda EcoMuseum in Kazakhstan titled: “Nuclear Weapons Testing Legacy: The Tale of Two Cultures.” Consulted on the project to produce a joint documentary film on nuclear testing. Co-Investigators: Dimitry Kalmykov. (co-PI; Museums were funded \$120,000 for project support).
- 2010 Recipient of the *National Science Foundation REG (Research Experiences for Graduates) Supplement* grant to Professor Donna Goldstein’s “Global, National, and Local Articulations: The Case of Pharmaceutical Policies in Argentina and Mexico” NSF grant. The title of the project is “Radioactive Knowledge: State Control of Scientific Information in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan.” Funded Fall 2009-Spring 2010. (PI; \$5,000).
- 2007 Recipient of *Kosciuszko Foundation Grant* for research on Polish Diaspora in Kazakhstan. (PI; \$3,000).
- 2006 Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages (SWSEEL) award for a summer study of Kazakh language. Tuition and Stipend. (PI; \$10,000).

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS (Total Internal Funding: \$44,267)

- 2024 *Excel Funding Program*. Project title: *Radioactive Pastures: Livestock Breeding on the Soviet-era Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan*. Project nr. 135900-24-66456. Spring 2024 to Spring 2025. (PI; \$17,740).
- 2024 University of South Carolina College of Arts and Sciences Book Manuscript Finalization Support. (\$3000)
- 2012 *Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship*. Grant used for dissertation write-up. University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado. (\$9527 plus tuition and fees; estimated total \$15,527).
- 2011 Recipient of the *Goldstein Altman Award*, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado. (\$1500).
- 2009 Recipient of the *Albert E. Smith Fund for the New Nuclear Age* related research. University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado. (\$2000).
- 2009 Recipient of the *Goldstein Altman Award*, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado. (\$2500).
- 2008 Recipient of the *Albert E. Smith Fund for the New Nuclear Age* related research. University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado. (\$2000).
- 2007 Graduate Preliminary Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado. (\$2500).
- 2006 Co-Recipient of the *Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS) Grant*, University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado. (\$1000).
- 2006 Graduate Preliminary Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado. (\$2500).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AT NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2024 *"Tritium as a Silenced Contaminant: Scientific Consensus in the Absence of Inquiry."* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 20-23. Tampa, Florida.
- 2022 *"Manipulative Statecraft: The Disinformation Campaigns and Presidential Powers of Trump and Putin."* Society for Linguistic Anthropology, Spring Conference, April 7-9. Boulder, Colorado.
- 2021 *"Nuclear Waste: Landscapes and Timescapes"* The Political Ecology Society: The Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, March 23-27. Norfolk, Virginia | Zoom. Invited presenter.
- 2019 *"Doctor's Orders, Fifty Grams of Vodka: Normalizing Ill Health and Residual Radioactivity on the Soviet-Era Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan."* The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, November 23-26. San Francisco, California.
- 2019 *"Former Closed Cities in Kazakhstan: Governance and the New Political Economies of Industrial Reinvestment and Decline."* Island Dynamics, Extraterritoriality Conference, January 20-25. Svalbard, Norway.
- 2018 *"Post-Nuclear Affects and Close Encounters at Kazakhstan's Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site."* The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, December 6-9. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2018 *"The Nuclear Neverland: Toward Kazakhstan's New Economic Plan."* European International Studies Society. September 12-15. Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2018 *"Ethnography in Toxic Places."* The Canadian Anthropology Society, May 16-20. Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.
- 2017 *"The Nuclear Never-Land: Towards Kazakhstan's New Economic Plan."* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 28-December 3. Washington, D.C.
- 2017 *"Summoning the Past: Contestations of Matter, Space, and Time in the Reproduction of State Power."* Discussant and Presenter: *"Life on an Atomic Collective."* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 28-December 3. Washington, D.C.
- 2017 *"Radiophobia and the Soviet Legacies of Nuclear Toxicity."* Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting. March 28-April 1. Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 2015 *"Life Among 'Radioactive Microbes': Survival on the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site."* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. November 18-22. Denver, Colorado.
- 2014 *"Experimental Rabbits: Replicating Western Radiation Studies in Kazakhstan."* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. November 20-23. Washington, D.C.
- 2014 *"We Have Adapted to Radiation: Emergent Subjectivities and Health Strategies among Rural Kazakhs at Semipalatinsk."* The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. November 20-23. San Antonio, Texas.
- 2012 *"Clean Air Is Our Death": Emerging Health Strategies on a post-Soviet Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan.* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. November 13-18. San Francisco, California.
- 2012 *"Radioactive Knowledge: 'Self-Help' in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan."* The Association of Central Eurasian Students Conference. March 3. Bloomington, Indiana.

- 2009 *"Inverse Interpretation of Soviet Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan."* Memory and Truth Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Colorado Boulder. September 25-26. Boulder, Colorado.
- 2008 *"Lolita as Homo Sacer: Violence and Sacrifice"* American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages. December 27-30. San Francisco, California.
- 2008 *"Radioactive Knowledge: State Control of Scientific Information in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan."* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. November 19-23. San Francisco, California.

PANELS ORGANIZED AT NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2018 *"Authoritarian Science and the Search for Ideal Research Populations."* Conference panel co-organizer with Donna Goldstein (University of Colorado Boulder): *"Temporalities of Toxicity."* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. November 14-18. San Jose, California.
- 2016 *"Radiophobia and Radiophobes: Kazakhstan's Nuclear Futures."* Conference panel co-organizer with Vasilina Orlova (University of Texas Austin): *"Affect and the Materiality of Ruins: Radioactive Subjects, Contested Futures, and Evidence of Lost Worlds."* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. November 16-20, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2015 *"Social and Environmental Legacies of Cartographic Invisibility."* Conference panel organizer and discussant. The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention. November 19-22. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2013 *"Na Zdorovye": The Medicinal Properties of Vodka On a Nuclear Test Site."* Conference panel organizer, chair, and presenter. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. November 18-24, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2012 *Ethnography and Biography: The Practice and Product of Writing Lives*, graduate student interdisciplinary conference organizer. September 28-29, University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado.

INVITED LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

- 2025 *Indiana University, Environmental Futures Program.* "Ecologies of Waste Symposium." Bloomington, Indiana. February 7. Invited presenter.
- 2025 *Cornell University, Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies.* "Nuclear Colonialism and Its Discontents." Ithaca, New York | Zoom. February 6. Invited presenter.
- 2024 *Norwegian People's Aid.* "Global Needs Assessment after Nuclear Weapons Testing." Presentation: "Kazakhstan and Novaya Zemlya." Oslo, Norway | Zoom. March 18. Invited presenter.
- 2023 *University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology.* "Atomic Collective: Radioactive Life on the Polygon." Orlando, Florida | Zoom. October 29. Invited speaker.
- 2023 *University of Colorado Boulder, The Center for Asian Studies.* "Fallout: Asian Networks of Nuclearity." Paper title: "Of Mice, Beagles, Butterflies, Drosophila and Humans: Extrapolation and Radiation Effects Across the Human-Animal-Insect Divide." Boulder, Colorado. October 26. Invited presenter.
- 2023 *University of St. Andrews, Department of Anthropology.* "Embracing Radiation on the Semipalatinsk Test Site in Kazakhstan." St. Andrews, Scotland | Zoom. March 14. Invited speaker.
- 2023 *University of Arkansas, Department of History.* "From Hiroshima to Fukushima: Nuclear Security in Asia." Fayetteville, Arkansas | Zoom. January 27. Invited speaker.

- 2022 *Harvard University, Kennedy Belfer Center | Harvard University Center for the Environment*. “Managing the Atom: Withstanding the Test: Social, Political, and Cultural Responses to Nuclear Testing in Indigenous Communities.” Cambridge, Massachusetts | Zoom. December 2. Invited presenter.
- 2022 *Nazarbayev University*. “Mutant Subjectivities”: Survival and Health Strategies at the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan. Astana, Kazakhstan | Zoom. February 9. Invited presenter.
- 2021 *University of South Wales, Department of History*. “Nuclear History and the Archive.” Caerleon, Wales. Online workshop | Zoom. September 7. Invited workshop/seminar participant and presenter.
- 2021 *Stanford University, Department of History*. “Soviet Environmentalism.” Stanford, California | Zoom. March 4. Invited seminar lecturer.
- 2020 *European Center for Research on Risk, the Law of Collective Accidents and Disasters (CERDAAC)*. “Compensation to Victims of Nuclear Tests in the United States and Russia.” Université Haute-Alsace. Mulhouse, France | Zoom. November 20. Invited presenter.
- 2020 *Environmental Humanities*. “Radioactive Life: Survival on the Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan.” Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg. Freiburg, Germany | Zoom. July 20. Invited speaker, seminar talk.
- 2020 *Docs & Talks*. The Anthropocene/Radioactive Ruins. Cinemateket (multimedia project). Copenhagen, Denmark. February 3. Invited presenter/collaborator.
- 2020 *INALCO*. “Mutant Biologies and Health Strategies at the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan.” *History and Memories of the Centre d’Experimentation du Pacifique*. INALCO. Paris, France. January 27. Invited presenter.
- 2019 *The Explorers Club, South Carolina Chapter*. “Adapting to Radiation on an Atomic Landscape: Living and Working at the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan.” Columbia, South Carolina. September 13. Invited presenter.
- 2019 *Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture*. “Economic Development of the Soviet-Era Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan.” University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway. June 12. Invited speaker, seminar talk.
- 2019 *Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies*. “Residual Radiation as a Banal Everyday Occurrence: The Case of the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan.” Stanford University. Stanford, California. May 10. Invited presenter.
- 2019 *Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies*. “Economic Development of the Soviet-Era Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan.” Stanford University. Stanford, California. May 9. Invited speaker, public talk.
- 2019 *South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference*. “Ethnography in Toxic Places.” University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina. April 13. Invited keynote speaker.
- 2018 *Genetic Engineering and Society Center*. “Mutant Biologies: Survival and Health Strategies at Kazakhstan’s Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site.” North Carolina State University. Raleigh, North Carolina. January 23. Invited presenter.
- 2016 *“Moral Economies of Medicine Working Group.”* University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. October 14. Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Invited seminar presenter.

- 2016 *"Pollution Revisited: Boundaries, Knowledge, and Experience."* Stanford University. May 5. Stanford, California. Invited workshop participant and seminar presenter.
- 2016 *"Chernobyl: 30 Years After."* Stanford University. April 28. Stanford, California. Invited roundtable discussant.
- 2016 *"Futures and Ruins: A Workshop on Crisis and Possibility."* Duke University. March 25-26. Durham, North Carolina. Invited workshop participant and presenter.
- 2015 *"I am a Radioactive Mutant: Post-Human Adaptation at the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site."* Hamilton College. October 7. Clinton, New York. Invited speaker.
- 2015 *"Forsaking the Nuclear Devil and the Opium of the Military Atom: Kazakhstan's Embrace of Uranium Futures."* Workshop: Sheila Jasanoff: Technology and Democracy: Imagining and Designing Futures. Stanford University. May 8, 2015. Stanford, California. Invited workshop participant.
- 2014 *"From Mutant Butterflies to Mutant Subjectivities: Everyday Survival on the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site."* Workshop: Nuclear Landscapes in Eastern Europe and Asia: Knowledge—Practices—Social Change. Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg. November 27-28. Heidelberg, Germany. Invited speaker and workshop participant.
- 2014 *"Radioactive Knowledge: State Control of Scientific Information in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan, or (alternatively) Adapted to Radiation?: Mutant Genes and Subjectivities in Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan."* Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC). Stanford University. November 13. Stanford, California. Invited speaker.
- 2014 *"Radioactive Knowledge: State Control of Scientific Information in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan."* Stanton Foundation Nuclear Security Seminar. October 15-17. Washington, D.C. Invited speaker and seminar participant.
- 2014 *Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, Wilson Center.* Eight-day workshop in Stanford University. September 6-14. Stanford, California. Invited speaker and participant.
- 2014 *"Radiation Adaptation: Emergent Subjectivities and Health Strategies Among Indigenous Kazakhs at Semipalatinsk."* Center for Asian Studies: Catastrophic Asia Symposium. University of Colorado Boulder. April 4. Boulder, Colorado. Invited speaker.
- 2012 *"Disease at the Edges of a Nuclear Test Site: Emerging Health Strategies in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan."* Center for Asian Studies. University of Colorado Boulder. April 3. Boulder, Colorado. Invited speaker.
- 2011 *"Two Decades without Nuclear Weapons Testing."* Invited Round Table Discussion Participant. The Atomic Testing Museum. September 1. Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2007 *"In a Distant Siberian Steppe: Polish Diaspora in Kazakhstan."* Indiana University. July 27. Bloomington, Indiana. Invited speaker.

HONORS & RECOGNITION

- 2023 Winner of Policy Brief Professional Award from the Society for Medical Anthropology Anthropological Responses to Health Emergencies (ARHE) (September 15).
- 2023 McCausland Faculty Fellow, recognizing committed teachers and rising stars in their academic discipline. (three-year fellowship beginning Fall 2023).

- 2017 Winner of the Soyuz article prize, recognizing outstanding article in postsocialist studies by a junior scholar: "I am a Radioactive Mutant": Emerging Biological Subjectivities at the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site." *American Ethnologist*. 43(1):144-157.
- 2013 Awarded the *Haskell-Houghtelin* Scholarship for scholarly service to the department and broader engagement with the discipline of anthropology. Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- 2013 Nominated for the Graduate Part-Time Instructor (GPTI) Teaching Excellence Award. Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- 2012 Nominated for the Graduate Part-Time Instructor (GPTI) Teaching Excellence Award. Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- 2011 Awarded for outstanding contribution to the anti-nuclear movement. Recognized by Olzhas Suleimenov, the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to UNESCO, Kazakh poet, and the founder of the Nevada-Semipalatinsk Anti-Nuclear Movement in Kazakhstan.
- 2007 Master's Degree with Distinction, Department of Anthropology. University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses

- *Understanding Other Cultures* (100-level)
- *Cultural Anthropology* (200-level)
- *Humans Going Nuclear: Atomic Bombs, Cold War, and the Fallout* (200-level/core)
- *Anthropology of Magic and Religion* (200-level)
- *Anthropology of Central Asia* (300-level)
- *Pandemic: Life and Death in the Time of COVID-19* (300-level)
- *Disease, Health and Social Inequities* (300-level)
- *Global Women's Health* (300-level)
- *Toxic Environments and Invisible Harms* (300-level)
- *Anthropology of Global Health* (300-level)
- *Medical Anthropology* (500-level)

Graduate Courses

- *Medical Anthropology* (500-level)
- *Anthropological Inquiry* (700-level)

Student Mentoring

Chair: PhD Dissertations

Morgan Carroll: Title: TBD (In Progress)

Chair: Masters Theses

Sami Real: "Essential Empowerment: Latino Migrant Workers and Community Partnerships in North Carolina during the COVID-19 Pandemic" (all but thesis completed)

Chair: Undergraduate Honors Theses

Lily Eppes: “Hungry for Knowledge, Starving for Food: Food Insecurity among College Students at the University of South Carolina” (Completed May 2025).

Dalton Bridges: “Atomic Utopia: Nuclear Power at the Oconee Power Station in Seneca, South Carolina.” (Completed May 2023)

Megan Chambers: “Silence as Violence: The Failures of Government Response to Nuclear Hazards at the Westinghouse Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility” (Completed December 2020)

Kinsey Besser and Kaleigh Lingman: “When I Do Fail, I Feel Like a Moron”: An Account of Imposter Syndrome Among South Carolina Honors College Students” (Completed December 2019)

Committee Member: PhD Dissertations

Aimee Herring: Title: “Lithuania, Citizenship, and the New Migration Landscape” (Chair: Jennifer Reynolds; In progress)

Larissa Daniels-Hill: Title: “The Intersections of Racialized Stress: 20th-Century “Black” Americans in the Hamann-Todd Osteological Collection” (Chair: Carlina de la Cova; In progress)

Preston Kerns: “An Anthropological Analysis of the Opioid Epidemic in South Carolina: Cultural Perceptions Surrounding Opioid Use Disorder and Overdose Among Emergency Healthcare Providers” (Chair: David Simmons; In progress)

Emily Brennan: “Histories of Stress: A Life Course Approach to Population Health in Medieval Germany” (Chair: Sharon DeWitte; Completed March 2024)

Charles Mabelitini: “British Fortification Strategy in the South Carolina Backcountry during the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution: Archaeological and Historical Perspectives on Infrastructure and Landscape” (Chair: Stephen McBride; Completed March 2024)

External Committee Member: PhD Dissertations

Maksat Zhanibek: “Teaching History of Nuclear Explosions at the Semipalatinsk Test Site (1949-1991) in Modern History of Kazakhstan.” Kazakh Humanitarian-Legal Innovative University of Semey, Kazakhstan. (Chair: Arafat Mamyrbekov); In progress)

Committee Member: Masters Theses

Yichi Zhang: Title: “Play Softcore in a Hard Way: The Softcore Sexual Transaction Behind Virtual Lover Service on Chinese Social Media.” (Chair: Marc Moskowitz; In progress)

David Hansen: “Dying of Pestilence: Gender, Stature and Mortality during a Plague Epidemic in 14th Century Kyrgyzstan (Chair: Sharon DeWitte; Completed June 2022)

Patrick McKenzie: “Life in the Time of COVID-19: The Everyday Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Amman, Jordan (Chair: Jessica Barnes and David Kneas; Completed May 2022)

Committee Member: Honors Theses

McLean Brown: Title: “Kazakh Means Freedom”— Kazakh Language Policy and National Identity Before and During the Ukraine War. (Chair: Judith Kalb; Completed April 2024)

Jacob Miller: “Secrecy, Conspiracy, and the Media During the CIA-Contra Affair.” (Chair: Jennifer Reynolds; Completed May 2022)

Ashley Fellers: “The Health and Environmental Effects of Ionizing Radiation in Chernobyl.” (Chair: Timothy Mousseau; Completed May 2019)

Spencer Hardwick: “Death of a Beer Salesman: How Changing Consumer Tastes are Shaking Up the Beer Industry.” (Chair: Sandy Strick; Completed May 2019)

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

2021	Co-created the Medical Anthropology Minor, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina (in Spring 2021 USC catalog)
2020	Created ethnographic field school in Kazakhstan at the USC Global Carolina; experiential learning
2019	Teaching Towards Inclusive Excellence Certificate, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
2019	Fostering Proactive Learning Environment Certificate, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina

SERVICE & OUTREACH**Department Service**

2024-	Lambda Alpha Anthropology National Honor Society faculty sponsor. Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
2024-	Ad-Hoc graduate curriculum committee member. Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
2023	Ad-Hoc internal chair search committee member. Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
2023	Ad-Hoc department bylaws committee member. Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
2021	Co-created the Medical Anthropology Minor, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina (in Spring 2021 USC catalog)
2020-21	Ad-Hoc merit committee member. Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
2019-	Advisor for Anthropology Graduate Organization for Research, Action, and Ethics (AGORAE). Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina (active)

- 2018-22 Faculty colloquium co-organizer. Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2016 Curriculum Committee. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University. Raleigh, North Carolina
- 2013 Graduate student representative on the Assistant Professor job search committee. Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, Colorado
- 2008 *Holocaust Film Series* member, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder. Boulder, Colorado
- 2007 *Ethnographic Methods in Anthropology Colloquium Series* co-founder, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder. Boulder, Colorado
- 2004-06 *Brown Bag Committee* member whose role was to arrange speaker series for faculty and graduate students, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder. Boulder, Colorado

College Service

- 2024- Committee Member (in lieu of Director) for Russian and Eurasian Studies Program Walker Institute, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2024 Excel Funding Program reviewer. College of Arts and Sciences. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2019 Support to Promote Advancement of Research and Creativity (SPARC) graduate research grant review committee member. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2018 Assessor for the Program in International Studies. North Carolina State University. Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 2018 *Polish Week* co-organizer. The Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- 2015 Interdisciplinary nuclear reading group organizer. Sanford University. Stanford, California
- 2013 Co-founder and graduate student representative of the *Survival in Nuclear Age Initiative*, the Center to Advance Research and Teaching in Social Science (CARTSS) sponsored program, University of Colorado, Boulder. Boulder, Colorado
- 2012 *The Center to Advance Research and Teaching in Social Sciences (CARTSS)* graduate student representative board member, University of Colorado, Boulder. Boulder, Colorado
- 2009 *CU Center to Advance Research and Teaching in Social Sciences (CARTSS)*, graduate student representative board member, University of Colorado, Boulder. Boulder, Colorado

University Service

- 2024- Boren Student Scholarship Committee member. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina

- 2023 Producer of campus-wide event: silent film “The Ancient Law” (1923), with live-accompaniment by Grammy-winning violinist, Alicia Svigals and celebrated film pianist, Donald Sosin. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina (November 13)
- 2023 Boren Student Scholarship Committee member. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2022 Fulbright Campus Committee regional expert evaluator. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2021-22 Boren Student Scholarship Committee member. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2020-21 Carolina Judicial Council faculty representative. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2020 Fulbright Campus Committee regional expert evaluator. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina
- 2019 Producer of campus-wide event: silent film “The Yellow Ticket” (1918), with live-accompaniment by Grammy-winning violinist, Alicia Svigals and Canadian pianist, Marilyn Lerner. Columbia, University of South Carolina (March 31)

Other Synergistic Activities

- 2024 Established Kazakh-U.S. University Consortium Partnership Program
- 2024 Consultant for ProactiveMD. Greenville, South Carolina

PEER-REVIEWER

Journal Reviewer

- 2025 Reviewer for *Anthropology and Medicine*
- 2024 Reviewer for *Anthropology Quarterly*
- 2024 Reviewer for *Ethnologica Europea*
- 2024 Reviewer for *Development Policy Review*
- 2024 Reviewer for *PLOS One*
- 2022 Reviewer for *Nonproliferation Review*
- 2021 Reviewer for *Cahiers du Monde Russe*
- 2020 Reviewer for *American Anthropologist*
- 2019 Reviewer for *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*
- 2019 Reviewer for *Cahiers du Monde Russe*
- 2018 Reviewer for *Laboratorium*
- 2016 Reviewer for *American Ethnologist*
- 2016 Reviewer for *Culture, Theory and Critique*

Research Grant Proposal Reviewer

- 2020 Grant reviewer for *Oak Ridge Associated Universities: Nazarbayev University Research Council*
- 2019 Grant reviewer for *National Science Centre, Poland*

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2024 University of South Carolina. [Anthropologist Proposes Changes to Radiation Zone Policies](#). *College of Arts and Sciences News*. January 3.
- 2023 [Can Kazakhstan Bury Its Nuclear Past?](#) *Foreign Policy*. Cheryl Reed, January 28.
- 2022 Evans, Clay Bonnyman. [Fifteen Scholars Weigh Trump ‘Corruption’](#). *Colorado Arts and Sciences Magazine*. University of Colorado, Boulder. Clay Bonnyman Evans. October 6.
- 2020 [Jeg en er Radioaktiv Mutant](#). *Weekendavisen*. Anne Sand Jensen. February 28. (Denmark)
- 2019 *The Explorers Log: Profile*. James Barton. October.
- 2019 *SRB Podcast, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (The Eurasian Knot) at University of Pittsburgh*. [The Radioactive Mutants of Semipalatinsk](#). Sean Guillory, October 10.
- 2019 [Soviet Nuclear Program Leaves Grim Legacy](#). *KBIA Radio, NPR affiliate*. Jason McLure, July 11.
- 2016 2016. “No Polygon, No Problem.” David Mould, in *Postcards from Stanland: Journeys in Central Asia*. Athens: Ohio University Press. p. 233-257.
- 2012 [Nuclear Radiation: A Life Shaped in its Shadow](#). *CBCRadio Dispatches*. Rick MacInnes-Rae, February 9.
- 2012 [Warming to Life in the Hot Zone](#). *Times Higher Education*. David Mould, January 12. p. 41-43.
- 2011 [Soviet Nuclear Legacy surfaces at Atomic Museum](#). *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Keith Rogers, Sept. 3.
- 2011 [Tras el Sueno Atomico de la URSS](#). *El Pais*. Pilar Bonet, July 7.
- 2011 [In Kazakhstan, the Grass is Greener on a Nuclear Test Site](#). *Transitions Online*. David Mould, June 9.

LANGUAGES

Polish (native); Russian (fluent); English (fluent); Kazakh (basic/reading)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Anthropological Association (member since 2004)
- American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (member since 2005)
- Anthropology and Environment Society (member since 2006)
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (member since 2005)
- Central Eurasian Studies Society (member since 2007)
- European International Studies Association (member since 2017)
- Society for Applied Anthropology (member since 2014)
- Society for Cultural Anthropology (member since 2004)
- Society for Medical Anthropology (member since 2007)
- Society for Social Studies of Science (member since 2016)
- The Canadian Anthropology Society (member since 2017)