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EDUCATION

2014-present Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Lexington
2017 Graduate Certificate in Gender & Women's Studies
In progress Graduate Certificate in College Teaching & Learning

Dissertation: *Who's Doing the Dishes?: Reproductive Labor, Middle-Class Aspirations & Anxieties in Rabat, Morocco*

2018 M.A., Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky

2014 M.L.A., Gastronomy Program, History and Culture Concentration, Boston University

2012 B.A., Department of Anthropology, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Thesis: *Exploring Identities: The Struggle between Traditional and Modern Moroccan Cuisine in an Urban Context*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reproductive Labor; Gender; Social Class; Labor & Identity; Anthropology of the Family; Anthropology of Food; Ethnography; Applied Anthropology; Morocco

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in Process

2021 *Under review.* "The Machine Does It!": Using Convenience Technologies to Analyze Care, Reproductive Labor, Gender and Class in Urban Morocco. Revised and resubmitted to *Economic Anthropology* November 2020.

2022 *In preparation.* Men "Doing Domesticity:" Reproductive Labor & Gendered Subjectivities in Urban Morocco. Preparing for submission to *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* June 2021.

Article

2014 "Exploring Moroccan Identities in the Diaspora," *Digest: A Journal of Foodways & Culture*, 3 (1).

Book Review

2016 Oil for Food: The Global Food Crisis and the Middle East by Eckart Woertz.

Graduate Journal of Food Studies, 3(1): 71-72.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2015 "Moroccan American Food" in *Ethnic American Food Today*. Long, Lucy (Ed.) AltaMira Press.
- 2015 "Family Farms and Rural Depopulation" in *Food Issues*. Albala, Ken (Ed.) Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

External

- 2018-2019 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant, United States Department of Education (\$36,976)
- 2018 Lambda Alpha Dissertation Research Grant (\$2,000)
- 2016 Halperin Award for Pre-Dissertation Research, Society for Economic Anthropology (\$2,500)
- 2015 Summer Arabic & North African Studies Program Scholarship, Al Akhawayn University (\$2,600)
- 2015 Study Abroad Grant, Foundation of Global Scholars (\$2,000)
- 2011 International Education of Students Africa Scholarship, IES Abroad (\$1,000)

Internal

- 2021 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$7,500)
- 2020 Dissertation Writing Fellowship, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Kentucky (\$7,500)
- 2019 Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky (\$300)
- 2019 International Conference Student Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$600)
- 2018 Food Connection Student Opportunity Grant, University of Kentucky (\$3,500)
- 2018 Adelski Dissertation Research Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$3,000)
- 2018 Conference Student Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, University of

- Kentucky (\$400)
- 2016 Susan Abbott-Jamieson Award for Pre-Dissertation Research, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$2,000)
- 2016 Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Kentucky (\$400)
- 2016 Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky (\$300)
- 2016-2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$14,871)
- 2015 Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Kentucky (\$400)
- 2015-2016 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$14,871)
- 2015 International Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Kentucky (\$400)
- 2014-2015 Graduate Assistant, Presentation UI, University of Kentucky (\$18,000)
- 2013 Gastronomy Program Travel Scholarship, Boston University (\$400)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019-2020 P.E.O. Scholar Award, International Chapter of the P.E.O. (\$15,000)
- 2017 Academic Excellence Award for a Graduate Student, Student Government Association, University of Kentucky (\$1,000)
- 2013 Sue Samuelson Foodways Essay Prize, 2nd Place “Exploring Moroccan Identities in the Diaspora,” American Folklore Society
- 2013 The Julia Child Award for Academic Excellence in Food Ethnography, Boston University (\$1,000)
- 2012 Outstanding Graduate: Honorable Mention from the University of Tennessee Knoxville Department of Anthropology

PRESENTATIONS

Sessions Organized

- 2020 *Submitted, cancelled due to COVID-19.* Kinship Shaping Change in MENA Societies. Organized Session, Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2019 “*Graduate Student Mental Health Crisis: Challenges & Solutions*” Organized Roundtable. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24.

Papers Presented

- 2020 *Submitted, cancelled due to COVID-19.* Marriage & Families Shaping the Market: Middle-Class Anxiety & Identity in Morocco. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2020 “*Incorporating Gender, Class and Generation into Convenience as Care,*” Annual meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology, Held Online due to COVID-19. April 30-May 1.
- 2019 “*Who’s doing the laundry?: Middle-Class Moroccan Families’ Technology & Reproductive Labor,*” Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24.
- 2019 “*Moving in and out of Paid Labor with Middle-Class Moroccan Families,*” American Institute for Maghreb Studies (AIMS) Graduate Student Writing Workshop, Santa Cruz, CA, October 25-26. Lodging & transportation provided.
- 2019 “*Men Cooking and Women Working: Switching Gender Roles with Middle-Class Moroccan Families,*” Kentucky Gender and Women’s Studies (KYGWS) Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, September 28.
- 2019 “*Who’s doing the dishes? Moroccan Middle-Class Anxieties & Reproductive Labor,*” Twenty-sixth Annual Moroccan Studies Symposium, Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (MACECE), Rabat, Morocco, April 29.
- 2018 “*Gendered Labor In- and Outside the Household for Middle-Class Moroccan Couples,*” Twenty-fifth Annual Moroccan Studies Symposium, Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (MACECE), Rabat, Morocco, May 3-4.
- 2018 “*Gendered Labor In- and Outside the Household for Middle-Class Urban Newlywed Moroccans,*” Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA, April 3-7.

- 2017 *“Food, Space, and Labor: Moroccan Women Working in Souqs and Supermarkets,”* Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology, Poster Presentation. Iowa City, IA, April 6-8.
- 2016 *“Gendered Politics of Food-Related Labor in Morocco,”* Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 17- 20.
- 2015 *“Using Intersectionality to Examine Shifting Foodways in Morocco,”* Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO, November 18-21.
- 2015 *“Scrutinizing the Relationship between Traditional and Modern Cuisine using Intersectionality in a Moroccan Urban Context,”* Al Akhawayn Social Sciences and the Dynamics of Change and Continuity in Morocco Conference, Ifrane, Morocco, May 23-24.
- 2014 *“‘They are Like My Children:’ Constructing Masculinity in the Moroccan Diaspora,”* Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC., December 4-7.
- 2014 *“‘Ya’ll Come Back Now:’ Construction of White Southern Identity Through Cookbooks, 1941-1975,”* Southern Foodways Alliance/William Winter Institute Graduate Student Conference, Jackson, MS, September 25-26; Association for the Study of Food & Society Conference, Burlington, VT, June 18-22.
- 2013 *“Exploring Evolving Moroccan Identities in the Diaspora,”* Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 20-24.
- 2012 *“Exploring Moroccan Identities: The Tension between Traditional and Modern Cuisine in an Urban Context,”* Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA., November 14-18.

Invited External Presentations

- 2020 Reproductive Labor & Post-Colonial Feminist Marxist Theory: Reflections from Urban Morocco. ASPIRE International Workshop: Anthropological Theories and Practices: Past & Present. Aspire Valluvan, June 4.

Invited Internal Presentations

- 2018 Marriage, Family and Households in Morocco, Guest Lecturer, ANT 222 Middle East Cultures, University of Kentucky, October 1.
- 2016 Gender and Anthropology, Guest Lecturer, ANT 101 Introduction to Anthropology, University of Kentucky, October 24.
- 2015 Principles of Visual and Digital Communication, Guest Lecturer, CIS 111 Composition and Communication II, University of Kentucky, April 13.

- 2014 How to Present a Pitch, Guest Lecturer, MGT 309 International Business, University of Kentucky, December 3.
- 2014 Formal Writing within APA Format, Guest Lecturer, CIS 110 Composition and Communication I, University of Kentucky, October 24.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Transylvania University, Spring
ANTH 3614 Representing the Middle East (Online Instructor)
- University of Kentucky, Spring
ANT 245 Food Culture & Society (Hybrid Instructor)
- 2020 University of Kentucky, Summer
ANT 103 Sports, Culture & Society (Online Instructor)
- 2018 University of Kentucky, Summer
ANT 103 Sports, Culture & Society (Online Instructor)
- West Kentucky Community & Technical College, Spring
ANT 220 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Online Instructor)
ANT 235 Food & Culture (Online Instructor)
- 2017 West Kentucky Community & Technical College, Fall
ANT 221 Native Peoples of North America (Online Instructor)
ANT 235 Food & Culture (Online Instructor)
- University of Kentucky, Spring
ANT 103 Sports, Culture & Society (Teaching Assistant)
- 2016 University of Kentucky, Fall
ANT 101 Introduction to Anthropology (Grader)
- University of Kentucky, Spring
ANT 103 Sports, Culture & Society (Teaching Assistant)
- 2015 University of Kentucky, Fall
ANT 160 Cultural Diversity in the Modern World (Teaching Assistant)

ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

- 2018-2019 *Gendered Labor In- and Outside the Household for Middle-Class Moroccan Couples*, Rabat, Morocco: Conducting 17 months of ethnographic fieldwork

examining the influence of women working outside the home on the distribution of labor inside the home

- 2016 *Gendered Politics of Food-Related Labor in Morocco*, Rabat, Morocco: Conducted preliminary ethnographic fieldwork analyzing the gendered dimensions of working in supermarkets and souqs and their spatial distribution throughout the city
- 2014 *The Political Economy of Moroccan Americans*, Lexington, KY, USA: Studied economic, political, and sociocultural forces that influence Moroccan immigration to the US and perceptions of work
- 2013 *They are like my Children: Performing Masculinity in the Moroccan Diaspora*, Boston, MA, USA: Conducted food-centered life histories with four Moroccan Bostonians examining food production and gender performance
- 2012 *Exploring Evolving Moroccan Identities in the Diaspora*, Boston, MA, USA: Investigated the struggles and solutions to re-creating Moroccan cuisine in Boston
- 2011 *Exploring Moroccan Identities: The Tension between Traditional and Modern Cuisine*, Rabat, Morocco: Conducted 25 ethnographic interviews in English and French, exploring how gender, age, and socioeconomic status differences affect opinions about foodways

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Article Reviews

- 2020 Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology
- 2013 Student Anthropologist

National Service

- 2018 *Editorial Assistant (Appointed)*, Human Organization
- 2013-2016 *Student Representative (Appointed)*, Society for the Anthropology of Food & Nutrition (SAFN)
- 2017-present *Call For Papers Editor*, SAFN FoodAnthro.com Blog

University and College Service

- 2016-2017 *Finance Chair & Core Organizer*, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference Organizers
- 2014-2017 *Catering Liaison*, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference Organizers
- 2014-2017 *Member*, Finance Committee, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference Organizers

2014-2016 *Member, Dinner with the President Committee, Graduate Student Congress*

Department Service

2016-2017 *Vice President, Anthropology Graduate Student Association*

2014-2018 *Member, Distinguished Lecture Series Committee, Anthropology Graduate Student Association*

2014-2017 *Member, Picnic Committee, Anthropology Graduate Student Association*

Community Outreach

2021 Gendered Labor In- and Outside- the Household in Morocco and Beyond, Guest Speaker, PEO Kentucky Founders' Day Luncheon. March 13 (*rescheduled from 2020 due to COVID-19*).

2019 Gendered Labor: An Introduction to Moroccan Culture & Society, Guest Speaker, PEO Monthly Meeting, Chapter AO. October 9.

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Colloquial Moroccan Arabic: Advanced

Modern Standard Arabic: Intermediate

French: Intermediate

Spanish: Elementary

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

2019-present Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)

2016-present Society for the Anthropology of Work (SAW)

2015-present Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA)

2014-present American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

2013-present Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN)

2012-present American Anthropological Association (AAA)

2012-present Middle East Section (MES)

2011-present Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society