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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015-	Assistant Professor, School of Anthropology Core Faculty, Transgender Studies Initiative Affiliated Faculty, Institute for LGBT Studies University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
2012-2015	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology Postdoctoral Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows Affiliated Faculty, Doctoral Program in Anthropology & History University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
CATION	

EDUCATION

PhD	University of California Berkeley, Anthropology	2012
MA	University of Chicago, Social Sciences	2005
BA	DePauw University, History, cum laude	1999

AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Trans- Studies	Medical Anthropology	Science & Technology Studies
Sex and Gender	Clinical Ethnography	Political Economics of Health
Surgical Practice	Epistemologies/Expertise	Anthropology of the Body

May 2017

MONOGRAPH

2017 *The Look of A Woman: facial feminization surgery and the aims of transmedicine.* Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

SPECIAL ISSUE JOURNAL EDITOR

2018 The Surgery Issue, *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*. With Chris Straayer (New York University)

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2017 Formations of Femininity: Science and Aesthetics of Facial Feminization Surgery. *Medical Anthropology*. Special issue on surgery edited by Alex Edmonds and Samuel Taylor-Alexander [DOI: 10.1080/01459740.2017.1298593]
- 2017 Jens U. Berli, Luis Capitán, Daniel Simon, Rachel Bluebond-Langner, <u>Eric Plemons</u>, Shane D. Morrison. Facial Gender Confirmation Surgery: Review of the Literature and Recommendations for Version 8 of the WPATH Standards of Care. *International Journal of Transgenderism*. [DOI:10.1080/15532739.2017.1302862]
- 2015 Anatomical Authorities: On the epistemological exclusion of transsurgical patients. *Medical Anthropology* 34(5): 425-441. [DOI: 10.1080/01459740.2015.1036264]
- 2014 Description of Sex Difference as Prescription for Sex Change: On the Origin of Facial Feminization Surgery. *Social Studies of Science* 44(5): 657-679. [DOI: 10.1177/0306312714531349]
- 2014 It Is As It Does: Genital Form and Function in Sex Reassignment Surgery. *Journal of Medical Humanities* 35(1): 37-55. [DOI: 10.1007/s10912-013-9267-z]
- 2013 The Surgical Suite. *Journal of Medical Humanities* 34(2): 245-247. Invited submission for special issue, *Queer In The Clinic* [DOI: 10.1007/s10912-013-9227-7]

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Forthcoming Reconceiving the Body: A Surgical Genealogy of Trans- Therapeutics. In *The Emergence of Trans*. Iggi Moon, Ruth Pearce, and Deborah Lynn Steinberg, eds. London: Routledge. [anticipated publication early 2018]

2010 Envisioning The Body in Relation: finding sex, changing sex. In *The Body Reader: Essential Social and Cultural Readings*. Lisa Jean Moore and Mary Kosut, eds. New York: New York University Press. Pp. 317-328. (Collection for undergraduate readers)

BOOK REVIEW

2013 Bodies in Formation: An Ethnography of Anatomy and Surgery Education by Rachel Prentice. *Anthropological Quarterly* 86(3): 941-946.

ONLINE PUBLICATION

2017	The Future of Trans- Medicine Under Trump. <i>Medical Anthropology Quarterly: Critical Care.</i> (http://medanthroquarterly.org/2017/01/23/the-future-of-trans-medicine-under-trump/)
2015	The Problem with Transgender Generality. <i>The Huffington Post</i> for the American Anthropological Association. (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/american-anthropological-association/the-problem-with-transgen_b_7622294.html)
2015	How Sex Reassignment Surgery Works in America. <i>The Feminist Wire</i> . (http://thefeministwire.com/2015/05/how-sex-reassignment-surgery-works-in-america/)
2015	Medicare's New Coverage for "Transsexual Surgery" Relies on Dated Notions of Gender. <i>The Feminist Wire</i> . (http://thefeministwire.com/2015/05/medicares-new-coverage-for- transsexual-surgery-relies-on-dated-notions-of-gender/)
2015	Transgender Medicine: Medicare Access to What? <i>The Feminist Wire</i> . (http://thefeministwire.com/2015/06/transgender-medicine-medicare-access-to-what/)
2014	Cut. Somatosphere. (http://somatosphere.net/2014/03/cut.html)

WORK CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

Ethnicity and Masculinity as Facial Excess: sexualizing ethnic features in the practice of facial feminization surgery. In revision for *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.

WORK IN PREPARATION

- Facial Gender Confirmation Surgery. In collaboration with Jens Berli. Invited submission to edited volume.
- Bodies That Satisfy: The Work of a Category in Trans- Medicine. To be submitted to *Social Science and Medicine*.
- Circulation of Expertise: surgical techniques for a contested specialty. To be submitted to *Cultural Anthropology*.
- Figures of Suicide, Figures of Regret: Moral Levers for Justification in Trans- Medicine. In collaboration with Tey Meadow (Sociology, Columbia University).

Pathological Kinship: The Fraternal Birth Order Effect and the Uterine Search for Transsexual Origins. To be submitted to *Science as Culture*.

AWARDS & GRANTS

2017	University of Arizona LGBTQ Affairs Fabulous Faculty Award
2017	University of Arizona Provost's Author Support Award
2016	Faculty Stipend Award, SBS Dean of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Engagement
2015-2016	University of Arizona Transgender Studies Initiative Faculty Research Grant
2015	Golden Apple Award Nominee (University of Michigan's student nominated award for outstanding university teaching)
2013	Faculty Seed Grant, University of Michigan Institute for Research on Women and Gender (to fund preliminary field research in Ghent, Belgium)
2012-2015	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Michigan Society of Fellows
2011	Dissertation Year Fellowship, UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Sexual Cultures
2011	Kenneth W. Payne Prize, Association for Queer Anthropology, American Anthropological Association

AWARDS & GRANTS (cont)

2011	Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, The Wenner-Gren Foundation
2010	University of California Regents Fellowship
2010	Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2009	Dissertation Research Grant, UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Sexual Cultures
2008	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship: Spanish
2008	Ford Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2007	Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, Commended Scholar

INVITED LECTURES

2017	Duke University. Durham, NC The Look of a Woman: Facial Feminization Surgery and the Aims of Trans- Medicine. Invited by the program in Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies
2017	Butler University. Indianapolis, IN The Look of a Woman: Facial Feminization Surgery and the Aims of Trans- Medicine
2017	DePauw University. Greencastle, IN Facial Feminization Surgery and the Changing Aims of Trans- Medicine.
2016	University of Utah, College of Medicine. Salt Lake City, UT Grand Rounds Presentation to the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology. The Past and Future of Transgender Medicine and Surgery.
2015	University of Arizona, College of Medicine. Tucson, AZ Trans- Medicine in America: Past, Present and Potential Futures.
2015	University of Michigan, College of Medicine. Ann Arbor, MI Trans- Healthcare in America. Invited by OUT MD.
2014	University of Copenhagen. Denmark Did the Operation Work? Measuring Outcomes of Surgical Sex Reassignment. Invited by the Centre for Medical Science and Technology Studies.

INVITED LECTURES (cont)

2014	University of California Berkeley. Berkeley, CA Trans- Surgery Matters. Transgender Studies Matters Symposium. Invited by the Center for Race and Gender and the Haas Diversity Initiative.
2013	Pacific University, Portland, OR Making the Gendered Face. Invited by the Anthropology Department.
TALKS & PRESE	ENTATIONS
2017	Standards and Strategies in Facial Feminization Surgery. The Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities. Hofstra University. Long Island, NY.
2016	Temporalities of Surgical Feminization. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN.
2016	Access to What? Accounting for Variation in Trans- Surgical Practice. Transgender Studies Conference. Tucson, AZ.
2016	Demands on the Institution: Activist Pressure for Expanded Services in Trans- Medicine. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
2016	Contested Authority: epistemic claims to transgender surgical outcomes. Medical Knowledge in a Social World. Medical Humanities Initiative, University of California, Irvine. Irvine, CA.
2016	Technologies for Recognition. Gender, Bodies and Technology Conference. Virginia Tech. Roanoke, VA.
2016	Trans- Medicine and the Surgical Question. Deep Dish. University of Arizona, Institute for LGBT Studies. Tucson, AZ.
2015	Moderator. Panel on "Trans: Bodies and Histories." New Articulations/ New Translations: Feminist Research Activism. Institute for Research on Women and Gender. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
2014	Bodies Unknown: Negotiating Forms in the Practice of Genital Sex Reassignment Surgery. Interruptions: Sciences, Feminisms, Knowledges Conference. UC Berkeley Center for Science, Technology Medicine and Society. Berkeley, CA.

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS (cont)

2014	To Build a Better Vulva: Knowledge and Practice in American Sex Reassignment Surgery. Lesbian, Gay, Queer Research Initiative Colloquium Series. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
2013	Physical Anthropology in the Queer Present. AQA Invited Roundtable: Queer Routes in Anthropology. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, IL.
2013	The Operation as Event: Temporalities of Surgical Transformation. Anthro-History Symposium: What is an Event? Comparing Perspectives from Anthropology and History. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
2013	Discussant. Michigan Graduate Student Association. Four Field Conference. Ann Arbor, MI.
2012	The Sciences of Facial Feminization Surgery. Science, Technology, Medicine and Society Colloquium. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
2012	Discussant. Queer Science: Feminist Science Studies program. Papers by Paul Vasey and Jennifer Terry. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
2012	The Operating Room. The Socio-Cultural Workshop. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
2012	The Compulsion and Compassion of Trans- Surgery. Trans/Formations: Ethics and Politics of Trans- Medicine and Healthcare. UC Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.
2011	Of Bones and Other Materials: Facial Feminization Surgery and the Location of Sex. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Montreal, Quebec.
2011	Anticipation and (Un)Certainty: The Promise of Surgical Embodiment. The Reinvention of Time: Articulations of the Scientific Future in the Past and Present. UC Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.
2011	Genital Form, Genital Function. Medicalization of Sex Conference. Simon Frasier University. Victoria, British Columbia.
2011	It Is As It Does: Genital Form and Function. Gender Symposium. Lewis and Clark College. Portland, OR.

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS (cont)

2010	The Look of a Woman: constructions of femininity. UC Berkeley Center for Race & Gender. Berkeley, CA.
2010	From the Bone Room to the Operating Room: techniques of building a feminine face. UC Berkeley Science Technology and Society Center. Berkeley, CA.
2009	Surgical Compassion: The Mark on the Market and the Ethics of Mercy. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA.
2008	Look Natural! Surgical Imaginations of the Social Body. Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology. Long Beach, CA.
2008	Genitals as Technologies. New Directions in Scholarship: Science/Gender/Race/Nation. UC Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.
2005	Constructing Sex Change in the United States. Graduate Symposium on Women and Gender History. University of Illinois. Urbana, IL.

GUEST LECTURES IN CLASSROOMS & SEMINARS

2016	Interrogating "Culture-bound Diseases" in Diseases and Human Evolution. University of Arizona.
2014	Techniques of Gender. Theory and Practice in Medical Anthropology. University of California, Berkeley.
2013	Surgery and Rhetorics of Choice. In Global Perspectives in Gender, Health and Reproduction. Department of Gender and Women's Studies. University of Michigan.
2013	The Plasticity of Sex. In History of Sexuality. Department of History. University of Michigan.
2013	Sex: Debates of the Late 20 th Century. In Nature/Culture Now! Department of Anthropology. University of Michigan.
2012	Dualism and Its Discontents. In Critical Theory in Medical Anthropology. Department of Anthropology. University of Michigan

EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS ORGANIZED

2012	Co-organizer. Conference: "What's New About 'New Materialisms?" Two-day event. Sponsored by the Science, Technology and Society Center. UC Berkeley.
2012	Organizer. Event: "Trans/Formations: Ethics and Politics of Trans- Medicine and Healthcare." Co-sponsored by Berkeley Center for the Study of Sexual Cultures; Center for Science, Medicine, Technology and Society. UC Berkeley.
2011	Co-convener. Panel: In Epistemic Cultures: Tracing Novelty Through Distinctions. Annual Meeting of AAA.

COURSES TAUGHT

GRADUATE COURSES

Sex, Gender, Science, Medicine	Arizona
Anthropology of the Body, Health, and Illness	Arizona
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES	
Bodies in Medicine	Arizona
Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality	Arizona
Introduction to Medical Anthropology	Arizona
Many Ways of Being Human	Arizona
Independent Study: Kinship and Biology	Arizona
Critical Theory in Medicine and Healing	Michigan
The Surgical Body	Michigan
The Problem of Sexuality	Michigan
Third Sex, Transsex, No Sex: Readings in Gender Variety	Berkeley
Sexuality	Berkeley
Anthropology of Gender	Berkeley

ADDITIONAL TEACHING ACTIVITY

2017 Designed and facilitated full-day faculty workshop on "teaching transgender," Butler University

ADDITIONAL TEACHING ACTIVITY (cont)

2013 Sponsored two students in the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, University of Michigan (2013-15)

Supervised Senior Independent Research, Keianka Smith

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Will Roberston	Comps Committee Dissertation Co-cha	1 05	University of Arizona , U of Massachusetts)
Mel Ferrara	MA Adviser	GWS	University of Arizona

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2016	Quoted in <i>Arizona Daily Star</i> , "Tucson building reputation as a good place for transgender patients," November 9
2016	Quoted in <i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i> , "Amid Heightened Interest, Transgender Studies Weighs Newfound Influence," September 9
2016	Quoted in <i>Inside Higher Education</i> , "A Push for Transgender Studies," June 22
2016	Featured on "The Show" on Phoenix NPR Affiliate (KJZZ), an interview to discuss the Transgender Studies Conference, September 8
2016	Featured in Arizona Public Media (89.1 FM) coverage of the Transgender Studies Conference, September 7
2016	Quoted in <i>TIME Magazine</i> , "What Science Says About the Bathroom Debate," May 19
2016	Quoted in <i>Arizona Sonora News</i> , "Transgender teens face obstacles accessing health care," February 25
2015	Guest speaker at The Loft Cinema (Tucson, AZ), Q&A following <i>Do I</i> Sound Gay? August 19
2015	Quoted in <i>The Guardian</i> , "Lives Transformed: Do Famous Transgender People Help The Cause?" August 23
2015	Research Support, ABC News, "Diane Sawyer," in preparation for "Bruce Jenner: the interview"

TO THE UNIVERSITY

2016-2017 Coordinator, Transgender Studies Initiative Speaker Series. Institute for LGBT Studies. University of Arizona

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- 2015-2017 Steering Committee, Transgender Studies Initiative. Institute for LGBT Studies. University of Arizona
- 2015-2016 Chair, Program Committee. Trans* Studies Conference. University of Arizona
- 2015-2016 Steering Committee, Trans* Studies Conference, University of Arizona
- 2015 Evaluation Committee, ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Competition, University of Michigan
- 2014 Seed Grant Review Committee, Institute For Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan
- 2011-2012 Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the LGBT Community at Cal, UC Berkeley
- 2009 UC Berkeley Medical Staff Training on Trans- Issues

TO THE DEPARTMENT

- 2016-2017 Curriculum Committee, University of Arizona Graduate Fellowships Committee
- 2015-2016 Scholarships and Awards Committee, University of Arizona
- 2013-2014 Socio-Cultural Colloquium Committee, University of Michigan
- 2012-2014 New Fellows Application Review, Michigan Society of Fellows

TO THE PROFESSION

- 2016-2018 Secretary, Association for Queer Anthropology, AAA
- 2015 Annual Meeting Program Committee, Association for Queer Anthropology, AAA

TO THE PROFESSION

Book Manuscript Review: New York University Press

Article Manuscript Review: Public Culture; Social Studies of Science; Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry

LANGUAGE

English (native), Spanish (proficient: speaking and reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association Association for Queer Anthropology Society for Medical Anthropology Society for Cultural Anthropology American Studies Association