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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

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025 **Champion of Undergraduate Research Commendation**
Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Central Florida
- Recognizes undergraduate research mentorship
- 2024 **TONI (The Outstanding Names in 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
- 2022-2026 **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
- Recognizes impact on campus and in community
- 2018 **American Anthropological Association Annual Photo Contest Winner**
- Photograph from fieldwork in Mexico selected for 2019 calendar

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Special Sections, Editor-Reviewed

- 2025 Schlosser, Allison, and **Shana Harris** (Editors). **["Teaching Anthropology Through Contemporary Crises."](#)** *Teaching Anthropology* 14(1): 51-56.
- **Co-first author** publication
 - International distribution: published in United Kingdom

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

- 2026 Ahmed, Fatema Z., Barbara Andraka-Christou, **Shana Harris**, Rachel Totaram*, and Sarah Akil*. **["Factors Affecting Accessibility of Campus-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment in a U.S. College Sample."](#)** *Substance Use & Misuse*.
- International distribution: published in United Kingdom
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 1.7
 - Google Scholar Metrics: #19 in addiction journals

- 2026 Woody, Aislinn*, Mona Shattell, Sydney Long, Donna Neff, **Shana Harris**, Carmen Giurgescu, and Christa Cook. [“Triumphs and Challenges of Peer Recovery Work in Clinical Care.”](#) *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*.
- International distribution: published in United Kingdom
 - Impact Factor: 1.4
 - Acceptance rate: 17%
- 2025 Andraka-Christou, Barbara, **Shana Harris**, Whitney D. Margaritis*, M.H. Clark, Fatema Z. Ahmed, and Suhas Shewale. [“Syringe Service Program Leader and Participant Perspectives on Reasons for Opioid-Stimulant Co-Use in the United States.”](#) *Drug and Alcohol Dependence Reports* 17: 100396.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 2.9
 - Web of Science Metrics: #17 in substance abuse journals
- 2025 **Harris, Shana**. [“‘Where Woke Goes To Die’: Teaching Through Routine Crisis in Florida.”](#) *Teaching Anthropology* 14(1): 57-65.
- Special Section: Teaching Anthropology Through Contemporary Crises
 - International distribution: published in United Kingdom
- 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.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Impact Factor: 1.2
 - Flagship journal of Association for the Anthropology of Consciousness
- 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.
- International distribution: published in United Kingdom
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 4.756
 - Web of Science Metrics: #9 in substance abuse journals
- 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.
- International distribution: published in United Kingdom
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 2.164
 - Web of Science Metrics: #19 in substance abuse journals

- 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.
- Special Issue: Anthropological Responses to the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic
 - International distribution: published in United States
 - Flagship journal of Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2021 **Harris, Shana**. "[Possessing Drugs, Possessing Rights: On Harm Reduction and Drug Policy Reform in Argentina.](#)" *Contemporary Drug Problems* 48(3): 260-275.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Impact Factor: 2.3
- 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.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Impact Factor: 3.093
 - Acceptance rate: 29%
 - Flagship journal of American College Health Association
- 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.
- Special Issue: COVID Impacts
 - International distribution: published in United Kingdom
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 5.009
 - Web of Science Metrics: #4 in substance abuse journals
- 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.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 3.829
 - Web of Science Metrics: #8 in substance use journals
- 2019 **Harris, Shana**. "[Narrating the Unspeakable: Making Sense of Psychedelic Experiences in Drug Treatment.](#)" *Journal of Extreme Anthropology* 3(2): 116-140.
- Special Issue: Treating Addictions
 - International distribution: published in Norway
- 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.

- International distribution: published in United States
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Flagship journal of Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2016 **Harris, Shana.** [“The Social Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina: A ‘Latin’ Kind of Intervention.”](#) *Human Organization* 75(1): 1-9.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Flagship journal of Society for Applied Anthropology
- 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 Friedman. [“Heroin Use and Injection Risk Behaviors in Colombia: Implications for HIV/AIDS Prevention.”](#) *Substance Use & Misuse* 51(2): 230-240.
- International distribution: published in United Kingdom
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 2.164
 - Google Scholar Metrics: #19 in addiction journals
- 2015 **Harris, Shana.** [“To Be Free and Normal: Addiction, Governance, and the Therapeutics of Buprenorphine.”](#) *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 29(4): 512-530.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 2.475
 - Acceptance rate: 20%
 - Web of Science Metrics: #18 in anthropology journals
 - Flagship journal of Society for Medical Anthropology
- 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.
- International distribution: published in United States
- 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.
- International distribution: published in United Kingdom
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 2.748

Book Chapters, Editor-Reviewed

- 2026 **Harris, Shana.** [“From Crack House to Supervised Consumption Site: Overdose and the Politics of \(False\) Equivalency in the United States.”](#) In *Judging Drugs: Key Issues in Law and Society*, edited by Simon Flacks and Kate Seear, 106-122. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- International distribution: published in United Kingdom

- 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 Institute.
- International distribution: published in United States

Book Reviews, Editor-Reviewed

- 2024 **Harris, Shana.** [“Ayahuasca As Liquid Divinity: An Ontological Approach” by André van der Braak.](#) *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 38(4): 518-520. **(Invited)**
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Impact Factor: 2.0
 - Google Scholar Metrics: #15 in anthropology journals
- 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)**
- International distribution: published in Norway
- 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)**
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Google Scholar Metrics: #9 in Latin American Studies journals
 - Flagship journal of Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
- 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.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Flagship journal of Society for Humanistic Anthropology

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)**
- Blog of the Society for Cultural Anthropology
- 2012 **Harris, Shana.** [“Debating Decriminalization in Argentina: Past, Present, Future.”](#) Points, 11 May. **(Invited)**
- Joint Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society and the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy
- 2012 **Harris, Shana.** [“Road to Reform: An Introduction to Decriminalization in Latin America.”](#) Points, 4 May. **(Invited)**
- Joint Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society and the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy

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.”](#) Get Naloxone Now.

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 Funding

- 2023 **Fondation Brocher – Visiting Researchers Residency**
[“The Politics, Ethics, and Experiences of Cross-Border Medical Travel and Addiction Care in Mexico”](#)
- Peer-reviewed
 - Tier 1 grant
 - **PI: \$4,500** (4,500 Swiss francs, 100% credit)
 - **OR ID: EXTRPTONLY02**
- 2022 **Purdue University Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collection Research Center – Research Travel Grant**
“A Therapeutic Trip: Psychedelics and Addiction Care in Mexico”
- **PI: \$2,000** (100% credit)
 - **OR ID: EXTRPTONLY23**
- 2019 **Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research – Post-Ph.D. Research Grant**
[“The Last Resort: Medical Travel and Drug Treatment with Ibogaine in Mexico”](#)
- Peer-reviewed
 - Tier 1 grant
 - Success rate: 15-20%
 - **PI: \$18,150** (100% credit)
 - **OR ID: 1065712**
- 2018-2019 **Florida Education Fund – McKnight Junior Faculty Development Fellowship**
Awarded for research leave and writing
- Peer-reviewed
 - Tier 1 grant
 - **PI: \$15,000** (100% credit)
 - **OR ID: 1065137**
- 2016 **History of Science Society – National Science Foundation Travel Grant**
Awarded to present research at a professional conference

- Competitive application
- **PI: \$220** (100% credit)
 - **OR ID: 1061842**

2013-2015 **National Institutes of Health – Behavioral Science Training in Drug Abuse Research Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Research Training Grant

Awarded for postdoctoral research

- Program PI: Greg Falkin
- Total grant: \$86,796 (2-year fellowship)

2009-2010 **National Institutes of Health – Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellows**

[“Drug Use and Harm Reduction in Argentina”](#)

- Peer-reviewed
- Tier 1 grant
- Success rate: 36%
- **PI: \$31,626**

2009 **Golden Gate Speranza Lodge – Graduate Student Professional Development Scholarship**

Awarded for Ph.D. writing

- **PI: \$5,000**

2007-2008 **Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research – Dissertation Fieldwork Grant**

“Out of Harm’s Way: HIV, Human Rights, and the Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina”

- Peer-reviewed
- Tier 1 grant
- Success rate: 11-15%
- **PI: \$15,770**

Internal Funding

2026-2027 **Richard Tucker Gerontology Applied Research Grant – Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE)**

University of Central Florida

“Chronic Disease Management among Older Adults with Substance Use Disorder Experiencing Homelessness in Orlando”

- Competitive application
- Collaborators: Mari Mackiewicz (University of Central Florida) and Joy Scheidell (University of Central Florida)
- Total funding: \$3,425
- **Co-PI: \$1,141** (33% credit)

2023-2024 **Department of Medical Education Internal Research Award**

University of Central Florida

“Harm Reduction Program Initiation and Sustainability in the United States”

- Collaborators: Barbara Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida) and Caridad Hernandez (University of Central Florida)
- Total funding: \$15,000
- **Co-PI: \$5,000** (33% credit)

2023

UFF-UCF Travel Gap Grant

United Faculty of Florida

Awarded to present research at a professional conference

- Competitive application
- **PI: \$500** (100% credit)

2022-2023

Interdisciplinary Research Award

University of Central Florida

“The Co-Use of Opioids and Methamphetamine: Causes, Practices, and Harm Reduction Responses to an Emerging Polysubstance Use Trend in the U.S.”

- Peer-reviewed
- Collaborators: Barbara Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida) and M.H. Clark (University of Central Florida)
- Total funding: \$22,450
- **PI: \$7,483** (33% credit)
 - **OR ID:** AWD00001765

2021-2022

Department of Internal Medicine Internal Award

University of Central Florida

“Harm Reduction Program Feasibility in Downtown Orlando”

- Collaborators: Anya Andrews (University of Central Florida), Barbara Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida), and Caridad Hernandez (University of Central Florida)
- Total funding: \$5,360
- **Co-PI: \$1,340** (25% credit)

2020-2021

Department of Internal Medicine Internal Award

University of Central Florida

“Harm Reduction Program Feasibility in Downtown Orlando”

- Collaborators: Caridad Hernandez (University of Central Florida) and Barbara Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida)
- Total grant: \$5,000
- **Co-PI: \$1,650** (33% credit)

2019-2020

VPR Advancement of Early Career Researchers Grant

University of Central Florida

“Understanding UCF Student Barriers to Substance Use Disorder Treatment”

- Competitive application
- Collaborator: Barbara Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida)
- Total grant: \$4,105
- **PI: \$2,053** (50% credit)
 - **OR ID:** 1066724

- 2017 **College of Sciences/Office of Research & Commercialization Research Travel Grant**
 University of Central Florida
 Awarded to meet with National Science Foundation Program Director
- **PI: \$1,000** (100% credit)
- 2017 **UFF-UCF Travel Gap Grant**
 United Faculty of Florida
 Awarded to present research at a professional conference
- Competitive application
 - **PI: \$400** (100% credit)
- 2011 **Becker Award**
 Department of Anthropology, History & Social Medicine, University of California, San Francisco
 Awarded to present research at a professional conference
- Competitive application
 - **PI: \$500** (100% credit)
- 2008 **Graduate Student Research Award**
 Graduate Division, University of California, San Francisco
 “Out of Harm’s Way: The Politics and Practice of Harm Reduction in Argentina”
- **PI: \$2,000** (100% credit)
- 2007-2008 **Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship**
 University of California Pacific Rim Research Program
 “Out of Harm’s Way: HIV, Human Rights, and Harm Reduction Practices in Argentina”
- Competitive application
 - **PI: \$20,100** (100% credit)
- 2006 **Tinker Summer Field Research Grant**
 Center for Latin American Studies, University of California, Berkeley
 “AIDS, Drug Use, and Harm Reduction in Argentina”
- Competitive application
 - **PI: \$1,000** (100% credit)
- 2004-2008 **Graduate Dean’s Health Science Fellowship**
 University of California, San Francisco
 Awarded to support graduate studies
- **\$35,849** (over 4 years)
- 2003 **Pre-dissertation Research Award**
 Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder
 Awarded to conduct pre-Ph.D. research in Argentina
- **PI: \$500** (100% credit)
- 2001-2002 **Mary Stuart Rogers Scholarship**
 Lewis & Clark College
 Awarded to support undergraduate studies
- Competitive application
 - **\$5,000**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2026-present **United States:** “Substance Use Disorder and Chronic Disease Management Among Unhoused Older Adults”
Mixed methods research on managing substance use disorder and chronic disease among unhoused older adults in Orlando
- **Role:** Co-Principal Investigator
 - **Collaborators:** Mari Mackiewicz (University of Central Florida) and Joy Scheidell (University of Central Florida)
- 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 across the U.S.
- **Role:** Principal Investigator
 - **Collaborators:** Barbara Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida) and M.H. Clark (University of Central Florida)
- 2020-2024 **United States:** “Harm Reduction Program Initiation and Sustainability”
Qualitative research on starting and continuing harm reduction programs across the U.S.
- **Role:** Co-Principal Investigator
 - **Collaborators:** Barbara Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida), Caridad Hernandez (University of Central Florida), and Anya Andrews (University of Central Florida)
- 2019-2021 **United States:** “Understanding College Student Barriers to Substance Use Disorder Treatment”
Qualitative research on barriers to U.S. college student access to campus-based drug treatment
- **Role:** Principal Investigator
 - **Collaborator:** Barbara 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 U.S. college student perspectives on harm reduction and drug treatment
- **Role:** Co-Investigator
 - **Collaborators:** Barbara Andraka-Christou (University of Central Florida), Thuy Nguyen (University of Michigan), Danielle Atkins (University of Central Florida), Jody Madeira (Indiana University), Jason Ford (University of Central Florida), and Andriy 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
- **Role:** Principal Investigator
- 2013-2015 **Colombia:** “Heroin Use and HIV Risk in Colombia”
Quantitative analysis of heroin injection risk behaviors in Medellín and Pereira
- **Role:** Research Associate

- **Collaborators:** Pedro Mateu-Gelabert (National Development and Research Institutes), Dedsy Berbesi (Universidad CES), Ángela María Segura Cardona (Universidad CES), Liliana Patricia Montoya Vélez (Universidad CES), Inés Elvira Mejía Motta (Universidad de los Andes), Lauren Jessell (National Development and Research Institutes), Honoria Guarino (National Development and Research Institutes), and Samuel 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 patterns in New York City, South Florida, and Washington, D.C.
 - **Role:** Principal Investigator
 - **Collaborators:** Valentina Nikulina (Queens College), Camila Gelpi-Acosta (LaGuardia Community College), Cory Morton (Rutgers University), Valerie Newsome (National Development and Research Institutes), Alana Gunn (Binghamton University), Heidi Hoefinger (Berkeley College), Ross Aikins (University of Pennsylvania), Vivian Smith (Cabrini College), Victoria Barry (Harlem Hospital Center), and Martin 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 U.S.
 - **Role:** 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
 - **Role:** Principal Investigator

- 2005-2006 **United States:** “Recreational Gamma Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) Use in Northern California”
Qualitative research on experiences associated with GHB use in Northern California
 - **Role:** Research Assistant
 - **Collaborators:** Judith C. Barker (University of California, San Francisco) and Jo E. Dyer (University of California, San Francisco)

- 2005 **United States:** “Buprenorphine Programs in the San Francisco Bay Area”
Ethnographic research on use of buprenorphine to treat opioid use in San Francisco Area
 - **Role:** Principal Investigator

- 2003-2004 **Argentina:** “HIV/AIDS Pharmaceutical Policies in Argentina”
Ethnographic fieldwork on antiretroviral medication policy in Buenos Aires and Rosario
 - **Role:** Research Assistant
 - **Collaborator:** Donna Goldstein (University of Colorado, Boulder)

- 2000 **Scotland:** “Heroin Addiction Recovery in Scotland”
Ethnographic research on recovery services for heroin use and recovery in Glasgow
 - **Role:** Principal Investigator

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Sessions Organized and Chaired – National and International Professional Conferences

- 2023 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Toronto, Canada**
“Teaching Anthropology Through Contemporary Crises”
- **Invited Co-chair** with Amelia Moore (University of Rhode Island)
- 2020 **Society for Medical Anthropology Conference – Havana, Cuba**
“Shifting Perspectives in Medicine, Medical Anthropology, and Global Health”
- **Invited Co-chair** with Hope Bastian (Brown University)
- 2019 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Vancouver, Canada**
“Recovering, Rehabilitated, Healthy: Critical Anthropological Perspectives on Addiction Treatment Buzzwords”
- **Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair** with Aleksandra Bartoszko (VID Specialized University)
- 2019 **Contemporary Drug Problems Conference – Prato, Italy**
“Changing Consumption”
- **Invited Chair**
- 2017 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C., USA**
“Re-examining Medical Narratives: The Uses, Limits, and Politics of ‘Storytelling’”
- **Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair** with Theresa MacPhail (Stevens Institute of Technology)
 - Society for Medical Anthropology **Invited Session**
- 2017 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C., USA**
“Health, Care, and Well-Being in Trump's America”
- **Invited Co-moderator** with Danya Glabau (Brooklyn Institute for Social Research)
- 2016 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Minneapolis, USA**
“(Re)Discovering Psychedelics in the 21st Century”
- **Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair** with Hilary Agro (University of Western Ontario)
- 2016 **History of Science Society Annual Meeting – Atlanta, USA**
“Harm Reduction and Public Health”
- **Invited Chair**
- 2014 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C., USA**
“Professional Perspectives in the Anthropology of Drugs”
- **Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair** with Tazin Karim (Michigan State University)
- 2013 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Chicago, USA**
“Looking Back, Moving Forward: Reflections on Public Engagement in the Anthropology of Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco”
- **Invited Co-organizer** with Tazin Karim (Michigan State University)

- 2012 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Baltimore, USA**
 “Unmasking Discursive Strategies: Population Impacts”
- **Invited Chair**
- 2012 **Latin American Studies Association International Congress – San Francisco, USA**
 “Il/Legalities and Public Health in Neoliberal Latin America”
- **Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair** with Donna Goldstein (University of Colorado, Boulder)
- 2011 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Montreal, Canada**
 “When Informants Theorize Back: Confronting Anthropological Legacies of the Theorized Other”
- **Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair** with Beatriz Reyes-Foster (University of Central Florida)
- 2009 **Medical Anthropology at the Intersections – New Haven, USA**
 “The Circulation and Travel of Public Health Models: Critical Intersections”
- **Invited Co-organizer/Co-chair** with Beatriz Reyes-Foster (University of California, Berkeley)

Workshops Organized – National and International Professional Conferences

- 2024 **University of Central Florida Global Health Conference – Orlando, USA**
 “Foundations of Harm Reduction”
- **Invited Organizer**

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

- 2026 **Florida Harm Reduction Conference – St. Petersburg, USA**
 “Timing and Methods of Opioid-Stimulant Co-Use in the United States: Implications for Harm Reduction Practice and Policy”
- Co-authors: **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, Whitney D. Margaritis*, M.H. Clark, Fatema Z. Ahmed, and Suhas Shewale
- 2025 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – New Orleans, USA**
 “Hype, Hope, and History in Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment in Mexico”
- 2025 **Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance Use and Addiction Annual Conference – Portland, USA**
 “Association of State Political Orientation, Location of Services, Funding Source, and the Range of Services Provided in Syringe Service Programs in the United States”
- Co-authors: Suhas Shewale, Barbara Andraka-Christou, **Shana Harris**, Fatema Z. Ahmed, Whitney Margaritis*, M.H. Clark, and Sarah Akil*
- 2025 **Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance Use and Addiction Annual Conference – Portland, USA**
 “Perceived Reasons for Co-Using Opioids and Stimulants in the United States: A Mixed Methods Study”
- Co-authors: Fatema Z. Ahmed, Barbara Andraka-Christou, **Shana Harris**, Whitney Margaritis*, M.H. Clark, Suhas Shewale, and Sarah Akil*

- 2025 **Contemporary Drug Problems Conference – Manchester, United Kingdom**
 “‘We Need Every Little Ounce of Hope We Can Get’: The Hype and Hope of Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment in Mexico”
- 2025 **AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting – Minneapolis, USA**
 “Association of State Political Orientation, Location of Services, Funding Source, and the Range of Services Provided in Syringe Service Programs in the United States”
- Co-authors: Suhas Shewale, Barbara Andraka-Christou, **Shana Harris**, Fatema Z. Ahmed, M.H. Clark, Whitney Margaritis*, and Sarah Akil*
- 2025 **AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting – Minneapolis, USA**
 “Perceived Reasons for Co-Using Opioids and Stimulants in the United States: A Mixed Methods Study”
- Co-authors: Barbara Andraka-Christou, **Shana Harris**, Fatema Z. Ahmed, Whitney Margaritis*, M.H. Clark, Suhas Shewale, and Sarah Akil*
- 2024 **University of Central Florida Global Health Conference – Orlando, USA**
 “The Co-Use of Opioids and Stimulants: Causes, Practices, and Harm Reduction Responses to an Emerging Polysubstance Use Trend in the United States”
- Co-authors: Sarah Akil*, **Shana Harris**, Whitney Margaritis*, Rachel Totaram*, M.H. Clark, and Barbara Andraka-Christou
- 2023 **Florida Harm Reduction Conference – Miami, Florida**
 “The Co-Use of Opioids and Stimulants: Causes, Practices, and Harm Reduction Responses to an Emerging Polysubstance Use Trend in the United States”
- Co-authors: **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, M.H. Clark, Rachel Totaram*, Whitney Margaritis*, and Sarah Akil*
- 2023 **Contemporary Drug Problems Conference – Paris, France**
 “Of Crack Houses and Supervised Consumption Sites: Overdose and the Politics of (False) Equivalency in the United States”
- 2023 **University of Central Florida Global Health Conference – Orlando, USA**
 “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
- Co-authors: Sarah Akil*, Rachel Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez
- 2022 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Seattle, USA**
 “Women and Gendered Experiences with Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment in Mexico” **(Invited)**
- 2022 **Florida Harm Reduction Conference – Treasure Island, USA**
 “Opening and Sustaining a Syringe Services Program: Perspectives of Harm Reduction Program Leaders in the United States”
- Co-authors: **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, Rachel Totaram*, Sarah Akil*, and Caridad Hernandez **(Invited)**
- 2022 **Psychedemia 2022 – Columbus, USA**
 “Traveling for Treatment: Accessing Psychedelics and Addiction Care in Mexico”

- 2022 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Salt Lake City, USA**
 “Understanding Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment for U.S. College Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic”
- Co-authors: **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, Rachel Totaram*, Olivia Randall-Kosich*, and Raul Rivera-Atilano*
- 2021 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Norfolk, USA (online)**
 “Harm Reduction and COVID-19: The Role of Anthropologists During and Post-Pandemic”
- Co-authors: **Shana Harris** and Allison Schlosser
- 2020 **Society for Medical Anthropology Conference – Havana, Cuba**
 “Tripping and Traveling: Medical Travel and the Use of Psychedelics for Drug Treatment in Mexico”
- 2019 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Vancouver, Canada**
 “‘It Changes You’: Discourses of Addiction and Recovery in Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment” **(Invited)**
- 2019 **Contemporary Drug Problems Conference – Prato, Italy**
 “Cure, Catalyst, Rebirth, Reset: Discourses of Change in Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment”
- 2019 **Arizona Psychedelics Conference – Tempe, USA**
 “‘Ibogaine Works’: An Anthropological Analysis of the Effectiveness of Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment” **(Invited)**
- 2018 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – San Jose, USA**
 “Whose Lives Matter? An Anthropological Analysis of Public Discourse of Opioid Overdose in the U.S.” **(Invited)**
- Co-authors: **Shana Harris** and Janie Simmons
 - **Executive Session**
- 2018 **Plantas Sagradas en las Américas – Ajijic, Mexico**
 “El último recurso: Ibogaína, drogadicción y la experiencia de viaje médico en México” **(Invited)**
- 2017 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C., USA**
 “Narrating the Unspeakable: Making Sense of Psychedelic Experiences in Drug Treatment”
- 2017 **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting – Atlanta, USA**
 “Overdose Invention among Young Opioid Users in New York City.”
- Co-authors: Samuel R. Friedman, Elizabeth Goodbody, Pedro Mateu-Gelabert, **Shana Harris**, and Honoria Guarino
- 2017 **Contemporary Drug Problems Conference – Helsinki, Finland**
 “Narrating the Unspeakable: Researching, Retelling, and Re-creating Psychedelic Experiences in Drug Treatment”

- 2017 **Harm Reduction International Conference – Montreal, Canada**
 “Whose Lives Matter? A Qualitative Analysis of Newspaper Readers’ Comments about Opioid Overdose and Naloxone in the U.S.”
- Co-authors: Janie Simmons, **Shana Harris**, and Laura Patricia Garcia Ortiz
- 2017 **Psychedelic Science 2017 – Oakland, USA**
 “‘Ibogaine Works’: Examining the Effectiveness of Psychedelic Drug Treatment from an Anthropological Perspective” **(Invited)**
- 2016 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Minneapolis, USA**
 “‘Ibogaine Works’: Questions of Effectiveness and the Use of Psychedelics in Drug Treatment”
- 2016 **History of Science Society Annual Meeting – Atlanta, USA**
 “Harm Reduction as a ‘Global’ Model? Historical and Ethnographic Insights from Argentina” **(Invited)**
- 2015 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Denver, USA**
 “Medical Travel in Mexico: The Case of Ibogaine for Drug Treatment”
- 2015 **Contemporary Drug Problems Conference – Lisbon, Portugal**
 “Out of the Margins: Poverty and the Social Scripting of the ‘Paco Problem’ in Argentina”
- 2015 **International Harm Reduction Conference – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**
 “Parallels Between HIV and HCV Epidemics among Young Injectors in Two Countries: New York City, USA and Medellín, Colombia.”
- Co-authors: Pedro Mateu-Gelabert, Dedsy Berbesi, Honoria Guarino, Stephanie Campos, **Shana Harris**, Lauren Jessell*, and Samuel R. Friedman
- 2014 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C., USA**
 “Debating Decriminalization in Argentina: The Role of Harm Reductionists in Drug Policy Reform” **(Invited)**
- 2014 **Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting – San Francisco, USA**
 “The ‘Paco Problem’ in Argentina: A Cost and Consequence of the War on Drugs”
- 2014 **Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting – San Francisco, USA**
 “Prescription Drug Diversion: An Assessment of Illicit Acquisition and Redistribution Predictors.”
- Co-authors: Heidi Hoefinger, Camila Gelpí-Acosta, **Shana Harris**, Valentina Nikulina, Martin J. Downing, Jr., Cory Morton, Valerie Newsome, and Alana Gunn
- 2014 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Albuquerque, USA**
 “Constructing Harm Reduction as a “Global” Strategy: Impacts on Intervention”
- 2014 **NIDA International Forum – San Juan, Puerto Rico**
 “Heroin Production in Colombia: A Time Bomb for a Drug Injection-Driven HIV Epidemic?”

- Co-authors: Pedro Mateu-Gelabert, Dedsy Berbesi, Inés Elvira Mejía Motta, Lauren Jessell, **Shana Harris**, and Honoria Guarino

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

Roundtables – National and International Professional Conferences

- 2025 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – New Orleans, USA**
“Canceled Vaccine Requirements and the Social Landscape of a ‘Healthy Again’ America” **(Invited)**
- 2023 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Toronto, Canada**
“Teaching Anthropology Through Contemporary Crises”

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

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

- 2026 **University of California, San Francisco/University of California, Berkeley Joint Medical Anthropology Program 50th Anniversary Conference – San Francisco and Berkeley, USA**
 “One Foot in Two Camps: ‘Applying’ Medical Anthropology in and Outside the Discipline”
- 2025 **University of Central Florida College of Community Innovation and Education Research Impact Showcase – Orlando, USA**
 “Reasons for Co-Using Opioids and Stimulants in the United States: A Mixed Methods Study”
 - Co-authors: Fatema Z. Ahmed, Whitney Margaritis*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, M.H. Clark, Suhas Shewale, Rachel Totaram*, and Sarah Akil*
- 2025 **University of Central Florida College of Community Innovation and Education Research Impact Showcase – Orlando, USA**
 “Association of State Political Orientation, Location of Services, Funding Source, and the Range of Services Provided in Syringe Service Programs in the United States”
 - Co-authors: Suhas Shewale, Fatema Z. Ahmed, Barbara Andraka-Christou, **Shana Harris**, Whitney Margaritis*, M.H. Clark, and Sarah Akil*
- 2024 **Substance Use Policy Evaluation and Research Symposium – Orlando, USA**
 “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
 - Co-authors: Sarah Akil*, Rachel Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez
- 2024 **Substance Use Policy Evaluation and Research Symposium – Orlando, USA**
 “The Co-Use of Opioids and Stimulants: Causes, Practices, and Harm Reduction Responses to an Emerging Polysubstance Use Trend in the United States”
 - Co-authors: Sarah Akil*, **Shana Harris**, Whitney Margaritis*, Rachel Totaram*, M.H. Clark, and Barbara Andraka-Christou
- 2023 **University of Central Florida Public Administration Research Conference – Orlando, USA**
 “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
 - Co-authors: Rachel Totaram*, Sarah Akil*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez

- 2023 **University of Central Florida College of Community Innovation and Education Research Impact Showcase – Orlando, USA**
 “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
- Co-authors: Rachel Totaram*, Sarah Akil*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez
- 2023 **University of Central Florida Student Scholar Symposium – Orlando, USA**
 “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
- Co-authors: Sarah Akil*, Rachel Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez
- 2023 **Florida Undergraduate Research Conference – Miami, USA**
 “A Qualitative Study of Barriers/Facilitators to Harm Reduction Program Sustainability”
- Co-authors: Sarah Akil*, Rachel Totaram*, **Shana Harris**, Barbara Andraka-Christou, and Caridad Hernandez

Workshops and Knowledge Exchanges

- 2024 **Fondation Brocher – Hermance, Switzerland (online)**
 Ethical Challenges of Conducting Human Subjects Research (**Invited**)
- Co-presenters: Brietta Clark (Loyola Marymount University) and Haihong Zhang (Peking University)
- 2023 **School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences – Paris, France**
 Judging Drugs: Critical Issues in Law and Society (**Invited**)
- 2019 **University of Stirling – Stirling, United Kingdom**
 IPEDs and Polydrug Use: Knowledge, Services, and Gaps (**Invited**)

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

International

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

National

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

Local

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

Lectures

- 2025 “The Hype and Hope of Psychedelic-Based Drug Treatment in Mexico”
Undergraduate/graduate course: Seminar in Culture, Drug Use, and Addiction, University of Nebraska, Omaha

- 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 course: Public and Applied Anthropology, University of Central Florida
- 2019 “Ethics in Cultural Anthropology: Lessons from Fieldwork on Drugs and Addiction”
Graduate course: 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 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

Assistant/Associate Professor

Anthropology of Drugs and Addiction (ANT 4481 - M)
 Anthropology of the Body (ANT 4486 - M)
 Culture, Disease, and Healing (ANT 4408 - M)
 Science, Technology, and Culture (ANT 4081 - M)
 Sex, Gender, and Culture (ANT 3302)
 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)

Visiting Lecturer

Peoples of the World (ANT 3212)
 General Anthropology (ANT 2000)

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Student Instructor

The Ethics, Methods, and Pragmatics of Global Practice (IAS 105)

University of Colorado, Boulder

Teaching Assistant

Frontiers of Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2100)

Graduate Courses

University of Central Florida

Assistant/Associate Professor

Anthropology of the Body (ANG 5468 - M)
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)
Doctoral Dissertation (ANG 7980)

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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

2016 **New Course Development**
Anthropology of Drugs and Addiction (ANT 4481)
University of Central Florida

TEACHING AND MENTORING DEVELOPMENT

2025 Participant – Mentor or Coach? Optimizing Support for Today's Healthcare Leaders
Educating Nurses for Engagement, Research, Mentoring Excellence & Reinforcing
Interpretation Access (ENFERMERÍA), University of Central Florida

2024 Generative AI for Innovative Teaching and Learning
Office of the Provost, 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
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 – Ph.D. Dissertation

Abigail Shepherd – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida
Florida
Dissertation: *An Assemblic Analysis of Drug-Related Overdose Prevention and Mitigation Efforts in Central Florida*

- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- National Institutes of Health Certificate of Confidentiality
- In progress

Whitney Margaritis – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida

Dissertation: *Access, Treatment, and Experience: The Use of Cannabis for Chronic Pain in Florida*

- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- National Institutes of Health Certificate of Confidentiality
- In progress

Chair – M.A. Thesis

Kylir Gruwell – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. In progress.

Thesis: *A Qualitative Study of Healthcare Experiences among Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People in Orlando, Florida*

- In progress

Abigail Shepherd – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida

Thesis: *An Anthropological Study of the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Drug Treatment*

- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- Completed Summer 2022

Sherman Crane – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida

- Chair for 3 semesters (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)
- Withdrew from program (Fall 2019)

Co-Chair – M.A. Thesis

Russell Manzano – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida (Primary Chair: Joanna Mishtal)

Thesis: *Life After the Boat: Understanding the Needs of Refugees Living in Second Reception Centers in Sicily*

- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- Completed Spring 2017

Research Mentor – College of Medicine Focused Inquiry & Research Experience (FIRE) Module

Mark Kreychman – M.D., University of Central Florida.

Project: *Implementation of Ketamine-Assisted Interventions for Alcohol Use Disorder: A Review of Methods and Delivery Frameworks*

- In progress

Danielle Springer – M.D., University of Central Florida

Project: *Drug Injection Initiation and Assistance from the Perspective of Experienced Injectors: A Review of the Literature*

- Completed Spring 2025

Melissa Riess – M.D., University of Central Florida

Project: *Comparing Complementary and Alternative Therapies for Treating Substance Use Disorder*

- Completed Spring 2020

Chair – Honors Undergraduate Thesis

Maria Ocando Monaco – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida

Thesis: [*Out of Sight, Out of Mind: An Anthropological Exploration of Overdose Prevention Experiences and Perceptions among People Who Use Drugs in Orlando, Florida*](#)

- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- National Institutes of Health Certificate of Confidentiality
- Completed Spring 2024

Rebecca Galiñanes – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida

Thesis: [*Experiences of Healing with Ayahuasca in the United States*](#)

- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- National Institutes of Health Certificate of Confidentiality
- Completed Spring 2024

Saoulkie Bertin – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida

Thesis: [*“It’s Still Easy To Get”: An Anthropological Analysis of Nicotine Activist Efforts and User Perspectives in Central Florida*](#)

- **McNair Scholar**
- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- Completed Fall 2023

Delaney McLinden – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida

Thesis: [*Beauty in Sorority Life: An Anthropological Analysis of Beauty Ideals and Body Modification*](#)

- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- Completed Spring 2023

Megan Sarmento – Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida

Thesis: [*Reimagining Drugs: An Anthropological Analysis of U.S. Drug Policy Frameworks and Student Activism*](#)

- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- Completed Fall 2018

Research Mentor – Undergraduate Directed Independent Research

Maria Orozco – B.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida

Project: [*An Anthropological Analysis of Psilocybin-Assisted Retreats in Jamaica*](#)

- IRB approval for research with human subjects
- Completed Spring 2020

Research Advisor – Global Health Internship

Margaret Brown – B.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Fall 2025.

Project: [*Physician-Patient Communication in a Clinical Context in Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, India*](#)

Jeffrey Pamblanco – B.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Fall 2023.

Project: *Medical Pluralism, Environmental Risk, and Healthcare Delivery in Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, India*

Haley Juroviesky – B.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2023.

Project: *Women's Health and Healthcare in Piracicaba, Brazil*

Isabella Atandi – B.S. in Biomedical Sciences, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2019.

Project: *Water Sources and Usage in Mare Brignol, Haiti*

Committee Member – Ph.D. Dissertation

Md Abdur Rahman – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Chair: Beatriz Reyes-Foster)

Dissertation: *Transition to Retirement: Emotional Expression, Cultural Narratives, and the Anthropology of Aging in Central Florida*

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

Dissertation: *Slow Cooking Violence: Exploring Heat Coping Strategies and Food Practices Amid Ecosyndemic Marginalized Contexts in Southern Merida, Mexico*

Konok Chapa Das – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida. In progress. (Co-Chairs: Beatriz Reyes-Foster and Ty Matejowsky)

Dissertation: *Navigating Reproductive Choices in Exile: An Ethnographic Study of Rohingya Decision-Making, Coping Mechanisms, and Resistance Strategies in Cox's Bazar Refugee Camps in Bangladesh*

Megan Sarmiento – Ph.D. in Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida. In progress. (Co-Chairs: Daniel Lende and Jason Wilson)

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

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

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

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

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

Aislinn Woody – Ph.D. in Nursing, University of Central Florida. Completed Fall 2025. (Chair: Mona Shattell)

Dissertation: *The Politics, Practice, and Possibilities of Peer Recovery Workers in the United States*

Trinity Johnson – Ph.D. in Integrative Anthropological Sciences, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2025. (Chair: Beatriz Reyes-Foster)

Dissertation: [Down By The Tracks, Ova 'Cross the Trussle: Exploring Systemic and Structural Barriers to Perinatal Healthcare Access for Black Women in Rural Alabama](#)

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

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

Committee Member – M.A./M.S. Thesis

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

Thesis: [Understanding the Processes of Information Sharing in Gendered Illness Experience Discourses Through Online Health Communities](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Megan Sarmiento – M.A. in Anthropology, Georgia State University. Completed Spring 2021. (Chair: Kathryn 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. Completed Spring 2020. (Chair: Jennifer 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: Beatriz 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: Joanna Mishtal)
Thesis: [*The Wonder Women: Understanding Feminism in Cosplay Performance*](#)

Mary Hager – M.A. in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2018. (Chair: Joanna 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: Joanna 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: Joanna 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

Sterlin Bass – Interdisciplinary Honors in Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2025. (Chair: Donovan 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: Joanna Mishtal)
Thesis: [*Curanderismo and Healing: Insights from Hispanic Young Adults*](#)

Leia Rausch – Honors in Sociology, University of Central Florida. Completed Spring 2023. (Chair: Amy 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: Sandra 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: Tyler 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: Sandra Sousa)

Thesis: [*Systemic Inequalities for Afro-Brazilians*](#)

John Christian Foerster – Honors in History, University of Central Florida. Completed Summer 2020. (Chair: Yovanna 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: Joanna 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: Joanna 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: Joanna 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: Robert 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. (Chair: Beatriz Reyes-Foster)

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

STUDENT AND MENTORING ACHIEVEMENTS

Student Peer-Reviewed Publications [*indicates student co-author]

- 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.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Flagship journal of Association for the Anthropology of Consciousness
- 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.
- International distribution: published in United States
 - Tier 1 journal
 - Flagship journal of Society for Applied Anthropology

Student Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

External

- 2025 **American Association of University Women Orlando/Winter Park Branch Scholarship**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.)
Awarded to support graduate education
- Award: **\$1,000**
- 2024 **National Association for the Practice of Anthropology Volunteer of the Year**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)
Awarded for outstanding volunteer work for online content creation
- 2024 **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**
Saoukie Bertin (HUT)
Awarded for research-based graduate education in STEM
- Award: **\$159,000** (three years of support)
 - 15% success rate
- 2022 **Tobacco Free Florida Outstanding Achievement in Tobacco Control Research**
Saoukie Bertin (HUT)
Awarded for research: “Setting Local Tobacco and Nicotine Policy and Attitudes: An Anthropological Analysis of Tobacco and Nicotine Activist Groups and Users”
- 2016 **American Anthropological Association Annual Photo Contest Winner**
Russell Manzano (M.A.)
Photograph from fieldwork with refugees in Sicily selected for AAA 2017 calendar

Internal

- 2025 **Founders' Day Outstanding Honors Undergraduate Thesis Award**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT)
Awarded for thesis: *Out of Sight, Out of Mind: An Anthropological Exploration of Overdose Prevention Experiences and Perceptions among People Who Use Drugs in Orlando, Florida*
- **Sole winner** in Social Sciences, Business, and Education category
 - Award: **\$500**
- 2024 **Student Scholar Symposium Judges Choice Award**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT)
Awarded for poster presentation: “An Anthropological Exploration of Overdose Prevention Perceptions Among People Who Use Drugs in Orlando, Florida”
- 2023 **3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition Finalist**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)
Selected to participate in competition to effectively convey dissertation research significance in three minutes

- 2023 **College of Sciences Dean's Doctoral Fellowship**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)
 Awarded for academic accomplishments and undergraduate teaching excellence
- Award: **\$5,000**
- 2023 **Student Scholar Symposium Judges Choice Award**
Saoukie Bertin (HUT)
 Awarded for poster presentation: "Setting Local Tobacco Policy and Attitudes: An Anthropological Analysis of Tobacco Activist Groups and Users in Central Florida"
- 2018 **College of Sciences Award for Outstanding Master's Thesis**
Russell Manzano (M.A.)
 Awarded for thesis: *Life After the Boat: Understanding the Needs of Refugees Living in Second Reception Centers in Sicily*
- Award: **\$250**

Grants and Fellowships for Research and Conferences

External

- 2025 **Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society Graduate Student Award**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.)
 Awarded to support research: "An Assemblage Analysis of Drug-Related Overdose Prevention Efforts in Central Florida"
- Award: **\$2,000**
- 2024 **Society for Medical Anthropology – Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group Graduate Student Travel Award**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)
 Awarded to present research at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting Tampa, Florida
- Award: **\$100**

Internal

- 2026 **Trevor Colbourn Anthropology Endowment Fund Award**
Kylir Gruwell (M.A.)
 Awarded for research: "A Qualitative Study of Healthcare Experiences among Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People in Orlando, Florida"
- Award: **\$499**
- 2026 **College of Graduate Studies Graduate Presentation Fellowship**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.)
 Awarded to present research at Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Award: **\$500**
- 2026 **College of Graduate Studies Graduate Presentation Fellowship**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)

Awarded to present research at Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting
Albuquerque, New Mexico

- Award: **\$500**

2025 **Trevor Colbourn Anthropology Endowment Fund Award**

Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.)

Awarded for research: “Preventing and Mitigating Overdose in Central Florida”

- Award: **\$1,500**

2025 **College of Graduate Studies Graduate Presentation Fellowship**

Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.)

Awarded to present research at Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting
Portland, Oregon

- Award: **\$500**

2025 **College of Sciences Dean’s Graduate Conference Travel Award**

Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.)

Awarded to present research at Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting
Portland, Oregon

- Award: **\$400**

2024 **College of Graduate Studies Graduate Presentation Fellowship**

Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)

Awarded to present research at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
Tampa, Florida

- Award: **\$300**

2024 **College of Graduate Studies Graduate Presentation Fellowship**

Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)

Awarded to present research at Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting
Santa Fe, New Mexico

- Award: **\$500**

2024 **Trevor Colbourn Anthropology Endowment Fund Award**

Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.)

Awarded for research: “A Qualitative Study of Peer Overdose Reversal Among People
Who Use Drugs in Orange County, Florida”

- Award: **\$1,495**

2024 **Office of Undergraduate Research Conference Presentation Travel Award**

Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT)

Awarded to present research at National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Long Beach, California

- Award: **\$500**

2023 **Learning Institute for Elders at UCF – Richard Tucker Gerontology Applied
Research Grant**

Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)

Awarded for research: “Cannabinoid Use among Older Adults with Chronic Pain”

- Award: **\$2,300**

- 2023 **Trevor Colbourn Anthropology Endowment Fund Award**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)
 Awarded for research: “A Study of Cannabinoid Use among People with Chronic Diseases”
- Award: **\$1,500**
- 2023 **College of Graduate Studies Graduate Presentation Fellowship**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.)
 Awarded to present research at Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting Cincinnati, Ohio
- Award: **\$500**
- 2023 **College of Graduate Studies Graduate Presentation Fellowship**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)
 Awarded to present research at Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting Cincinnati, Ohio
- Award: **\$500**
- 2022 **Ronald E. McNair Summer Research Institute Scholarship**
Saoukie Bertin (HUT)
 Awarded for research: “Setting Local Tobacco and Nicotine Policy and Attitudes: An Anthropological Analysis of Tobacco and Nicotine Activist Groups and Users”
- Award: **\$5,000**
- 2021 **Office of Undergraduate Research Student Research Grant**
Delaney McLinden (HUT)
 Awarded for research: “Beauty in Sorority Life: An Anthropological Analysis of Beauty Ideals and Body Modification”
- Award: **\$750**
- 2021 **Trevor Colbourn Anthropology Endowment Fund Award**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.)
 Awarded for research: “A Mixed Methods Study of Cannabinoid Use among People with Autoimmune Diseases”
- Award: **\$880**
- 2019 **Office of Undergraduate Research Student Research Grant**
Maria Orozco (B.A.)
 Awarded for research: “An Anthropological Analysis of Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy in Jamaica”
- Award: **\$1,000**
- 2016 **College of Graduate Studies Graduate Presentation Fellowship**
Russell Manzano (M.A.)
 Awarded to present research at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Award: **\$500**
- 2015 **College of Graduate Studies Graduate Presentation Fellowship**
Russell Manzano (M.A.)

Awarded to present research at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
Denver, Colorado

- Award: \$500

Student Research Presentations

International and National

- 2026 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Albuquerque, USA**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2026 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Albuquerque, USA**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2026 **Florida Harm Reduction Conference – St. Petersburg, USA**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2025 **Harm Reduction International Conference – Bogotá, Colombia**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT): poster presentation
- 2025 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Portland, USA**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2024 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Tampa, USA**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2024 **Florida Harm Reduction Conference – St. Petersburg, USA**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT): poster presentation
- 2024 **Southern Harm Reduction Conference – Atlanta, USA**
Danielle Springer (FIRE): poster presentation
- 2024 **National Conference on Undergraduate Research – Long Beach, USA**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT): poster presentation
- 2024 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Santa Fe, USA**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2024 **University of Central Florida Global Health Conference – Orlando, USA**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.): poster presentation
- 2024 **University of Central Florida Global Health Conference – Orlando, USA**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT): poster presentation
- 2024 **University of Central Florida Global Health Conference – Orlando, USA**
Saoulikie Bertin (HUT): poster presentation
- 2023 **University of Zagreb Student Research Symposium – Varaždin, Croatia**
Saoulikie Bertin (HUT): oral paper presentation
- 2023 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Cincinnati, USA**

- Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2023 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Cincinnati, USA**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2022 **University of Maryland, Baltimore County McNair Scholars Research Conference – Baltimore, USA**
Saouلكie Bertin (HUT): oral paper presentation
- 2022 **University of California, Los Angeles National McNair Conference – Los Angeles, USA**
Saouلكie Bertin (HUT): poster presentation
- 2017 **Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting – Santa Fe, USA**
Russell Manzano (M.A.): oral paper presentation
- 2016 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Minneapolis, USA**
Russell Manzano (M.A.): panel co-organizer and oral paper presentation
- 2015 **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – Denver, USA**
Russell Manzano (M.A.): oral paper presentation
- Local
- 2025 **University of Central Florida Focused Inquiry & Research Experience (FIRE) Conference – Orlando, USA**
Danielle Springer (M.D.): poster presentation
- 2024 **University of Central Florida Student Scholar Symposium – Orlando, USA**
Rebecca Galiñanes (HUT): poster presentation
- 2024 **University of Central Florida Student Scholar Symposium – Orlando, USA**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT): poster presentation
- 2024 **Florida Undergraduate Research Conference – Jacksonville, USA**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT): poster presentation
- 2024 **Substance Use Policy Evaluation and Research Symposium – Orlando, USA**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.): poster presentation
- 2024 **Substance Use Policy Evaluation and Research Symposium – Orlando, USA**
Saouلكie Bertin (HUT): poster presentation
- 2024 **Substance Use Policy Evaluation and Research Symposium – Orlando, USA**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT): poster presentation
- 2023 **University of Central Florida Student Scholar Symposium – Orlando, USA**
Delaney McLinden (HUT): poster presentation
- 2023 **University of Central Florida Student Scholar Symposium – Orlando, USA**
Saouلكie Bertin (HUT): poster presentation

- 2022 **University of Central Florida Integrative Anthropology Conference – Orlando, USA**
Abigail Shepherd (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2021 **University of Central Florida Integrative Anthropology Conference – Orlando, USA**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2020 **University of Central Florida Integrative Anthropology Conference – Orlando, USA**
Whitney Margaritis (Ph.D.): oral paper presentation
- 2020 **University of Central Florida Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence – Orlando, USA**
Maria Orozco (B.A.): poster presentation
(accepted but canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 **University of Central Florida Focused Inquiry & Research Experience (FIRE) Conference – Orlando, USA**
Melissa Riess (M.D.): poster presentation
- 2019 **University of Central Florida Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence – Orlando, USA**
Megan Sarmiento (HUT): poster presentation
- 2019 **Florida Undergraduate Research Conference – Jacksonville, USA**
Megan Sarmiento (HUT): poster presentation
- 2018 **University of Central Florida Integrative Anthropology of Societal Transformation Conference – Orlando, USA**
Megan Sarmiento (HUT): poster presentation

Acceptance to Graduate Programs

- 2025 **Physician Assistant Program Acceptance**
Delaney McLinden (HUT)
Matriculation at Duke University
- 2025 **M.S. Program Acceptance**
Saoulikie Bertin (HUT)
Matriculation at Emory University, Master's in Development Practice (full funding for 2 years)
- 2022 **Ph.D. Program Acceptance**
Abigail Shepherd (M.A.)
Matriculation at University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology (full funding for 4 years)
- 2019 **M.A. Program Acceptance**
Megan Sarmiento (HUT)
Matriculation at Georgia State University, Department of Anthropology (full funding for 2 years)

2017 **Ph.D. Program Acceptance**
Russell Manzano (M.A.)
Matriculation at University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology (full funding for 3 years)

Acceptance to Internships

2023 **Johns Hopkins University Diversity Summer Internship Program for Undergraduates**
Saoukie Bertin (HUT)
Acceptance and participation in program at Bloomberg School of Public Health (stipend and housing provided)

2022-2023 **Harm Reduction Internship**
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT)
Acceptance and participation in paid internship with IDEA Orlando Syringe Service Program at Hope & Help

Acceptance to Service Programs

2019 **Teach for America**
Megan Sarmiento (HUT)
Declined corps member position to enroll in M.A. program at Georgia State University

- 15% acceptance rate

Student Public Relations

2025 [“Anthropology Alumna Plays Vital Role in Overdose Prevention”](#)
Maria Ocando Monaco (HUT)
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida

2023 [“Research Week Spotlight with Delaney McLinden”](#)
Delaney McLinden (HUT)
College of Undergraduate Studies, University of Central Florida

2020 [“Psychedelic Study Inspires Undergrad’s Future Research”](#)
Maria Orozco (B.A.)
COS News, University of Central Florida

SERVICE

Service to Department

2026 Member – 20th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee
Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida

2026-present Faculty Advisor – Lambda Alpha Honor Society
Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida

- 2025-present Member – Graduate Program Committee
Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida
- 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
(Invited)
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
(Invited)
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

2025-present Member – Dean’s Advisory Council
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida

2023-2024 Member – Recognition & Scholarship Committee
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida

2023 Member – Interdisciplinary Seminar Committee **(Invited)**
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida

2020-2022 Member – Research Committee
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida

Service to University

2026 Member – Task Force to Recognize, Celebrate, and Champion Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity **(Invited)**
Office of Research, University of Central Florida

2026 Co-organizer – [*SHUFFLE*](#) Documentary Film Event
University of Central Florida

- Co-organizers: Medical Ethics Forum
- Event co-sponsored by Department of Anthropology and College of Medicine Chapman Initiative

2026 Mock Interview Panelist – Gates Cambridge Scholarship **(Invited)**
Office of Prestigious Awards, University of Central Florida

2025-2026 Co-chair – Faculty Collaboration and Engagement Ad Hoc Committee
Faculty Senate, University of Central Florida

2025-present Faculty Advisor – Pre-Health Students for Human Rights **(Invited)**
University of Central Florida

2025-present Faculty Advisor – Psychedelic Science Club **(Invited)**
University of Central Florida

2024 Research Judge – Global Health Conference **(Invited)**
College of Medicine, University of Central Florida

2023-2024 Secondary Faculty Advisor – Undergraduate Research Readiness Club **(Invited)**
University of Central Florida

2023 Guest Speaker – Undergraduate Research Readiness Club **(Invited)**
University of Central Florida

- 2023 Member – Fulbright Committee **(Invited)**
Office of Prestigious Awards, University of Central Florida
- 2023 Guest Speaker – Qualitative Research Club **(Invited)**
University of Central Florida
- 2023 Institutional Endorsement Panelist – Truman Scholarship **(Invited)**
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 **(Invited)**
College of Medicine, University of Central Florida
- 2021-2022 Institutional Endorsement Panelist – Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarships
(Invited)
Office of Prestigious Awards, University of Central Florida
- 2021 Guest Speaker – Medical Students Providing Across Continents (MedPACT) **(Invited)**
College of Medicine, University of Central Florida
- 2020, 2022 Panelist – Pre-Med Interdisciplinary Research Opportunities **(Invited)**
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 **(Invited)**
University of Central Florida
- 2017 Faculty Excellence Session Panelist – New Faculty Orientation **(Invited)**
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 **(Invited)**
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 **(Invited)**
University of Central Florida
- 2006-2007 Coordinator – Qualitative Inquiry on Drug Use Seminar
University of California, San Francisco

Service to Profession

- 2025-present [Associate Editor](#)
Contemporary Drug Problems
- 2025 Funding Expert Reviewer **(Invited)**
Wellcome Trust, United Kingdom
- 2025 Guest Speaker – Society of Psychedelic Science **(Invited)**
Florida International University
- 2025 Guest Speaker – Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group **(Invited)**
Society for Medical Anthropology
- 2022-present Advisory Board Member, [HUMANHARM – Human Rights and Social Harms](#) **(Invited)**
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
- 2016-2020 Chair – Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group
Society for Medical Anthropology
- 2013, 2015 Graduate Student Paper Prize Judge – Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Study Group
(Invited)
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 **(Invited)**
- *AMA Journal of Ethics* (1 review – 2025)
 - *Anthropology & Medicine* (2 reviews – 2014, 2015)
 - *Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Mental Health* – Flagship journal of International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (1 review – 2020)
 - *Contemporary Drug Problems* (5 reviews – 2017, 2020, 2024, 2025)
 - *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* (1 review – 2020)
 - *Drugs: Education, Prevention & Policy* (1 review – 2021)
 - *Global Public Health* (2 reviews – 2021, 2022)
 - *Harm Reduction Journal* (2 reviews – 2023)
 - *Health* (1 review – 2014)
 - *Human Organization* – Flagship journal of Society for Applied Anthropology (6 reviews – 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022)
 - *International Journal of Drug Policy* (3 reviews – 2022, 2024)

- *Journal of Extreme Anthropology* (1 review – 2025)
- *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment* (2 reviews – 2023)
- *Medical Anthropology* (1 review – 2020)
- *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* – Flagship journal of Society for Medical Anthropology (3 reviews – 2017, 2019)
- *Medicine Anthropology Theory* (2 reviews – 2016, 2017)
- *Science, Technology & Human Values* – Flagship journal of Society for Social Studies of Science (2 reviews – 2018, 2019)
- *Social Science & Medicine* (3 reviews – 2006, 2017, 2018)

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 faculty Joanna 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”](#)
The Charge, 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”](#)
The Charge, University of Central Florida
- 2022 [“Research in 60 Seconds: How Taking Psychedelics Can Be Therapeutic”](#)
UCF Today, University of Central Florida
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- Society for Cultural Anthropology
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