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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology | May 2025 (expected)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Master of Arts, Speech-Language Pathology | May 2016
University of Florida, Gainesville
GPA: 4.00/4.00

Bachelor of Science, Psychology | May 2013
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology
Teaching Certificate
University of Florida, Gainesville
Honors Program, GPA: 4.00/4.00

Primary Research Interests

Using:

biocultural anthropology of the lifespan
cultural & evolutionary psychology
psychological and linguistic anthropology

To understand:

human health, motivation, and well-being
aging, dying & death
religiosity
materiality and place

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Human Biology Association Conference Travel Award | March
2022.....\$550
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Anthropology Dept.

Outstanding Master's Student Award | May
2016.....\$1,000
University of Florida, Speech-Language Pathology Dept.
Description: Awarded by the faculty to the outstanding master's degree student with excellent clinical work experience, active participation in campus activities, and a strong commitment to the profession.

Publications, Projects, and Presentations

"You can't bring it with you": the value of material belongings for health and care in a transitory late-life culture
Doctoral dissertation project | May 2025 (expected)
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Materiality and Late Life

Graduate Research Interview and Feature | Sept 2022
University of Massachusetts Amherst Website

Dornisch, S.J. (2022, May) [Review of the book *Good Reasons for Bad Feelings: Insights from the Frontier of Evolutionary Psychiatry*, by R. Nesse]. *American Journal of Human Biology*, 34(5).

Dornisch, S.J. (2022, May). Language, Religion, and Learning to Embrace the Human Lifecourse. [Review of the Book *Embracing Age: How Catholic Nuns Became Models of Aging Well*, by A. Corwin]. *Anthropology Book Forum*, 8(21).

Anthropology of Lifespan, Aging, and Death

Podcast Interview | March 2022
Science for Social Change Podcast (AABA series)

The role of religion and religiosity in women's experience of symptoms at midlife in Campeche, Mexico

Published abstract & poster presentation | March 2022
Human Biology Association Annual Meeting

Psychological Science (textbook)

Supplemental instructional resources: exam questions, interactive pedagogy platform | May 2022
W.W. Norton and Co.

Sex, Gender, and Sexuality (textbook chapter edition update)

Psychology in Your Life | Feb. 2021
W.W. Norton and Co.

The Role of Speech Therapy in Assisted Living Facilities: Diagnosing and Treating Cognitive, Communicative, and Swallowing Disorders

Invited lecture | Feb. 2020
Woodland Towers Assisted Living in Deland, FL

Identifying Potential Swallowing Dysfunction in Skilled Nursing Facilities

Invited lecture | Aug. 2017
Glenbrook Health Center in Carlsbad, CA.

Oropharyngeal Swallowing in the Parkinsonian Syndromes: A Retrospective Description and Comparison

Masters Research and Thesis Project | May 2016
University of Florida, Speech-Language Pathology Dept.
University of Florida, Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration

Dysphagia and the Parkinsonisms

Research Poster Presentation | Feb. 2016
University of Florida Public Health & Health Professions Research Symposium

Academic Instruction

Graduate Teaching Assistantships

Anthro103: Human Origins and Variation (biological anthropology) | Fall 2022
Anthro103: Human Origins and Variation (biological anthropology) | Spring 2022
Anthro103: Human Origins and Variation (biological anthropology) | Fall 2021

Professional Affiliations

Human Biology Association | Sept. 2021 - Present

American Association of Biological Anthropologists | Sept. 2021 - Present

American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association | Sept. 2013 - Present

Certifications

Speech-Language Pathologist | Oct. 2017 - Present

CCC-SLP License Number: 14127885

Special Interest Group 15: Gerontology

American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (ASHA)

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) | Feb. 2021

Granted through TEFL in China

Employment and Enterprise

Speech-Language Pathologist | Nov. 2016 - Present

Clinical treatment of adult and adolescent disorders of cognition, communication, and swallowing

Author, W.W. Norton & Company | July 2019 - Present

Develop, edit, and review university-level psychology and anthropology educational publications

Graduate Hall Director, University of Florida | Aug. 2013 - May 2016

Supervise housing and residence education of undergraduate students

Manager, 18th Street Café | May 2002 - Present (seasonally)

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

Musical Performer | Nov. 2019 - Present

Founder/Instructor, North End Surf Lessons | May 2018 - Present (seasonally)

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

Founder/Printer, LongLine Design Co.

Design, screen print, and sell place-based apparel

Departmental Service and Community Leadership

Facets of Evolution: Biological Anthropology Speaker Series | Academic year 2021-2022

University of Massachusetts Amherst,

Role: Organizer and Host

Anthropology Graduate Student Caucus | Academic year 2021-2022

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Role: Treasurer

Wedding Officiant | Sept. 2019 - Present

Graduate National Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association | Oct. 2014 - Oct. 2015

University of Florida Chapter

Role: President

Friends Across the Ages | Oct. 2009 - May 2016

Gainesville, FL

Role: Volunteer

Provided psychosocial support to nursing home residents

Streetlight | Sept. 2011 - May 2013

Gainesville, FL

Role: Team Captain

Provided psychosocial palliative support to chronically and terminally ill adolescents

Big Brother/Big Sister | Sept. 2010 - March 2012

Gainesville, FL

Role: Volunteer Mentor

Provided community-based mentoring to at-risk youth in the community.