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EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Michigan
Graduate Certificate in Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan
Graduate Teacher Certificate, University of Michigan
- 2006 M.A., Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2001 B.A., Anthropology and Music, Williams College
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Highest Honors in Music

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2014- *present* Assistant Professor, Institute of Gerontology and Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University
- 2013-2014 Research Fellow, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, International Institute, University of Michigan
- 2014 Lecturer I, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2013 Title VIII-Supported Research Scholar, Global Europe Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed

Books

- 2021 Robbins, J.C. *Aging Nationally in Contemporary Poland: Memory, Kinship, and Personhood*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. <https://www.rutgersuniversitypress.org/aging-nationally-in-contemporary-poland/9781978813960>

Articles

- In press* Buch, E., and Robbins, J.C. Age, Isolation, and Inequality in the Time of COVID-19. *Anthropology Now*.
- 2020 Robbins, J.C. Commentary: Towards an Inclusive Anthropology of Aging. *Łódzkie Studia Etnograficzne (Ethnographic Studies of Łódź)* 59: 231-237. <http://dx.doi.org/10.12775/LSE.2020.59.14>
- 2020 Robbins, J.C. Aging Societies, Civil Societies, and the Role of the Past: Active Aging beyond Demography in Contemporary Poland. *East European Politics, Societies & Cultures*. 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0888325419897750>
- 2019 Robbins, J.C. Expanding Personhood beyond Remembered Selves: The Sociality of Memory at an Alzheimer's Center in Poland. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 33(4): 483-500. <https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12534>
- 2019 Robbins, J.C., and Seibel, K.A. Temporal Aspects of Wellbeing in Later Life: Gardening among Older African Americans in Detroit. *Ageing and Society* 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0144686X19000813>

- 2019 Seaman, A., Robbins, J.C., and Buch, E. Beyond the Evaluative Lens: Contextual Unpredictabilities of Care. *Journal of Aging Studies*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaging.2019.100799>
- 2014 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. National Dimensions of Personhood among Older People in Poland. *Etnografia Polska (Polish Ethnography)* 58(1-2):159-174. [oai.rcin.org.pl:59893](http://oai.rcin.org.pl/59893)
- 2014 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. Thinking with “Postsocialism” in an Ethnographic Study of Old Age in Poland. *Cargo: Journal for Cultural/Social Anthropology* 12(1-2):35-50.
<http://cargojournal.org/index.php/cargo/article/view/15>
- 2013 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. Challenging Marginalization at the Universities of the Third Age in Poland. *Anthropology & Aging Quarterly* 34(2):157-169. <https://doi.org/10.5195/aa.2013.18>
- 2013 Robbins, J.C. Understanding *Aktywność* in Ethnographic Contexts: Aging, Memory, and Personhood in Poland. *Forum Oświatowe (Educational Forum)* 1(48):87-101.
- 2013 Robbins, J.C. *Aktywność i jej etnograficzne konteksty: starzenie się, pamięć i podmiotowość w Polsce*. Translation of the above, by Patrycja Poniatowska. *Forum Oświatowe*. 1(48):103-119.
- 2008 Robbins, J.C. “Older Americans” and Alzheimer’s Disease: Citizenship and Subjectivities in Contested Time. *Michigan Discussions in Anthropology*. 17:14-43.
- 2006 Robbins, J.C. “Starsi Amerykanie” a choroba Alzheimera. Biopolityka, podmiotowość i obywatelstwo. (“Older Americans” and Alzheimer’s Disease: Biopolitics, Subjectivities, and Citizenship.) Translated by Ania M. Nowak. In *Trzeci wiek drugiej płci: Starsze kobiety jako podmiot aktywności społecznej i kulturowej. (The Third Age of the Second Sex: Older Women as a Social and Cultural Entity.)* Edyta Zierkiewicz and Alina Łysak, eds. Wrocław, Poland: MarMar Press. Pp. 223-241.

Book chapters

- 2017 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J. C. Aspiring to Activity: Universities of the Third Age, Gardening, and Other Forms of Living in Postsocialist Poland. In *Successful Aging: The Anthropology of a 21st Century Obsession*. S. Lamb, ed. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. Pp. 112-125.
- 2017 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. Responsibilities of the Third Age and the Intimate Politics of Sociality in Poland. In *Competing Responsibilities: The Ethics and Politics of Responsibility in Contemporary Life*. S. Trnka and C. Trundle, eds. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. Pp. 193-212.
- 2017 Lamb, S., Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C., and Corwin, A. Introduction. In *Successful Aging: A 21st Century Obsession*. S. Lamb, ed. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. Pp. 1-23.
- 2015 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. “Active” Aging as Citizenship in Poland. In *Generations: Rethinking Age and Citizenship*. R. Marback, ed. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Press. Pp. 270-286.
- 2013 Robbins, J.C. Shifting Moral Ideals of Aging in Poland: Suffering, Self-Actualization, and the Nation. In *Transitions and Transformations: Cultural Perspectives on Aging and the Life Course*. C. Lynch and J. Danely, eds. New York: Berghahn Books. Pp. 79-91.

Non-refereed

- 2019 Robbins, J. C. White Paper: Aging in Place. Other contributors: A. Leibing, A. Seaman, and A. Vallejos. <https://sarweb.org/blog-white-paper-aging-in-place/>
- 2018 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. Aging. In *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Wiley-Blackwell. H. Callan, ed.

- 2016 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. Exploring the “Shadow Side” of Ethnographic Research on Aging in Poland. Invited essay for centennial issue of *Lud* (journal of the Polish Ethnological Society). 100:143-152.
- 2016 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. “Little Sisters’ Home for the Aged Poor.” Digital story created with Katie Korth, as part of *Ethnic Layers of Detroit*. Digital humanities project, Dr. Krysta Ryzewski, PI.
- 2015 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. and Marback, R. Conclusion. In *Generations: Rethinking Age and Citizenship*. R. Marback, ed. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Press. Pp. 313-322.
- 2014 Červinková, H., Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C., and Uherek, Z. Editorial. *Cargo: Journal for Cultural/Social Anthropology* 12(1-2):1-3.
- 2013 Robbins, J.C. (2013) Blog post for Wenner-Gren Foundation summarizing conference funded by Engaged Anthropology Grant. July 19.
<http://blog.wennergren.org/2013/07/engaged-anthropology-grant-jessica-robbins-and-beyond-active-aging-and-abandonment/>
- 2009 Robbins, J.C. Aging, Memory and Personhood in Poland. *Anthropology News*. 50(8):15-16.

Reviews

- 2020 Robbins, J.C. Review of *As The World Ages: Rethinking a Demographic Crisis*, by Kavita Sivaramakrishnan. For *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. July 21.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12604>
- 2017 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. Beyond Catastrophe: The Pasts and Futures of Kinship in Colonial Congo. Part of Book Forum on *A Nervous State: Violence, Remedies, and Reverie in Colonial Congo*, by Nancy Rose Hunt. January 6. <http://somatosphere.net/2017/book-forum-nancy-rose-hunt-a-nervous-state.html/>
- 2015 Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C. Review of *Dying Unneeded: The Cultural Context of the Russian Mortality Crisis*, by Michelle A. Parsons. For *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. February 17.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12197>
- 2012 Robbins, J.C. Review of *Disability and Mobile Citizenship in Postsocialist Ukraine*, by Sarah Phillips. For *Somatosphere*. April 4.
<http://somatosphere.net/2012/04/sarah-phillips-disability-and-mobile-citizenship-in-postsocialist-ukraine.html>

Editorships of journals

- 2014 Červinková, H., Robbins-Ruszkowski, J.C., and Uherek, Z. Issue Editor, “Critical Anthropologies in/of Central Europe.” *Cargo: Journal for Cultural/Social Anthropology*, vol. 12.
- 2008 Robbins, J.C. Issue Editor, “New Directions in Medical Anthropology.” *Michigan Discussions in Anthropology*, vol. 17.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External (PI unless marked with +)

- 2018+ *The Impact of Community-Based Programs on Quality of Life of Seniors and Youth Living in Flint, Michigan*
PI: Reza Amini, University of Michigan-Flint; Co-PIs: Tam E. Perry, WSU; Jessica Robbins, WSU; Chris Harrington, Juveniles Recognizing Other Choices (JROC), Flint

MI; Iana Harrington, Project Director, Juveniles Recognizing Other Choices (JROC), Flint, MI
Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHR), University of Michigan, Community-University Partnership Seed (CUPS) Grant (\$5,000)
Returned for administrative reasons.

- 2017+ Winner, with Tam Perry, Kimberly Seibel, Colleen Linn, and Maxwell Smith, of the Betty J. Cleckley Minority Research Award from the Aging and Public Health Section of the American Public Health Association, for manuscript entitled “Health Maintenance in Challenging Times: Older Adults’ Experiences in the Flint Water Crisis.”
- 2016-2018+ *Older Adults' Experiences and Understandings of the Flint Water Crisis*
Jessica Robbins, Co-PI; Tam Perry, Co-PI
WSU Flint Area Community Health and Environment Partnership (FACHEP)
State of Michigan, Department of Health and Human Services. (\$35,570)
Valley Area Agency on Aging (\$1,000)
McFarlan Charitable Corporation (\$10,000)
- 2016-2017 *Cultivating Life in a Revitalizing City: Understanding Social Relations and Health through an Ethnographic Study of Gardening among Older African Americans in Detroit*
Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR) Pilot Scholar, National Institutes of Health, P30 AG015281. (\$19,945).
- 2014 *Growing Old in Postsocialist Poland: Health, Education, and Morality*
IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Fellowship (\$7,762).
- 2013 *Creating “Euro”Seniors through “Active Aging”: (Post-)Socialist Histories of the Sciences of Aging in Poland*
East European Studies Research Grant, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (\$13,200).
- 2013 *Beyond “Active” Aging and Abandonment: Relations of Suffering, Care, and Hope in Postsocialist Poland*
Wenner-Gren Foundation, Engaged Anthropology Grant (\$5,000).
- 2011 National Science Foundation Travel Grant, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science (\$150).
- 2010 *Making and Unmaking Polish Persons: Aging and Memory in Postsocialist Poland*
Elderhostel K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant, Elderhostel/Road Scholar: Adventures in Lifelong Learning (\$5,000).
- 2008-2010 *Making and Unmaking Polish Persons: Aging and Memory in Postsocialist Poland*
Gillian Feeley-Harnik, PI; Jessica Robbins, Co-PI.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$8,800).

2008-2010 *Making and Unmaking Polish Persons: Aging and Memory in Postsocialist Poland*
Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$16,267).

Wayne State University

2017-2018 *Care and Abandonment in Neoliberal Times: Older Adults' Experiences and Understandings of Water Issues in Flint and Detroit*
University Research Grant, Office of the Provost (\$10,000).

2017-2018+ *Care and Abandonment in Neoliberal Times: Older Adults' Experiences and Understandings of the Flint Water Crisis* (Jessica Robbins, Co-PI, Tam Perry, Co-PI)
Faculty Fellowship, Humanities Center (\$6,000)

2016-2018 Faculty Competition for Postdoctoral Fellows (\$60,000). Hired Kimberly Seibel, Ph.D. (Northwestern University)

University of Michigan

2013 One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, Rackham School of Graduate Studies

2012 Milford H. Wolpoff Graduate Student Writing Award, Department of Anthropology

2012 Department of Anthropology Block Grant

2012 CREES Research, Internship, and Fellowship Award, Center for Russian and East European Studies

2012 Sweetland Junior Fellow, Sweetland Center for Writing

2011 Rackham Humanities Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School

2010 Institute for Research on Women and Gender Graduate Fellowship

2009 Jean Monnet Fellowship, EU Center of Excellence/ European Commission/ Rackham School of Graduate Studies

2008 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Rackham School of Graduate Studies

2008 Grant for Dissertation Research in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology

2005-2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Russian and East European Studies

2007, 2006 CREES Research, Internship, and Fellowship Award, Center for Russian and East European Studies

2006 Margaret Wray French Fund Fellowship, Department of Anthropology

2005 Summer Language Institute Fellowship, Summer Language Institute

2005 Kenya Mayfield Service Award, Department of Anthropology

INVITED TALKS

2020 "Aging Nationally in Contemporary Poland." Keynote at "Anthropology of State Performance, Kinship, and Relatedness." Rīga Stradiņš University, Riga, Latvia. November 5-6.

2020 "Aging Nationally in Contemporary Poland: Memory, Kinship, and Personhood." Invited talk by University of Michigan Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, as part of the Area Studies Showcase Lecture Series, U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center. Online. October 14.

- 2019 Aging in Place. School for Advanced Research. Salon leader, Creative Thought Forum. Santa Fe, NM. June 6.
- 2017 “Ethnographic Perspectives on Gardening, Social Relations, and Health among Older African Americans in Detroit.” Breakout presentation at the annual NIH-NIA Resource Centers on Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) conference. San Francisco, CA. April 12-13.
- 2016 “The Politics and Poetics of Ageing Societies: Notes from an Ethnography of Ageing in Contemporary Poland.” Keynote at “Ageing Societies: Transnational Contexts, Technologies & Practices.” University of Leeds, UK. July 28-29.
- 2016 “Demographic Change and Social Policy in Poland and Hungary.” Presentation at analytic exchange, US Department of State, May 11.
- 2015 “‘Old Age Is No Joy’? Moral Personhood among Older People in Poland.” Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, January 30.
- 2013 “Gerontologia z perspektywy antropologii kulturowej: wnioski z badań etnograficznych nad starzeniem się w Polsce.” (“Gerontology from a Cultural Anthropological Perspective: Findings of an Ethnographic Study of Aging in Poland.”) Presentation (given in absentia) at “Wyzwania współczesnej geriatry i gerontologii” (“Challenges of Contemporary Geriatrics and Gerontology”), an interdisciplinary conference organized by the Greater Poland Organization of Palliative Care Volunteers. Poznań, Poland. November 22-23.
- 2013 “Aktywność i jej etnograficzne konteksty: starzenie się, pamięć i podmiotowość w Polsce.” (“Understanding *Aktywność* in Ethnographic Contexts: Aging, Memory, and Personhood in Poland.”) Lecture, Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Adam Mickiewicz University. Poznań, Poland. May 24.

CONFERENCES

Conferences co-organized

- 2013 Beyond “Active” Aging and Abandonment: Relations of Suffering, Care, and Hope in Postsocialist Poland. University of Lower Silesia. Wrocław, Poland. May 15-16.

Panels co-organized

- 2016 “Evidence of Friendship: Intimacy, Obligation, and Affection across Time and Space,” with Seth Messinger. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, MN. November 15-20.
- 2015 Familiar Strangeness of Place and Person: Ethnographic Investigations of “Aging in Place,” session with Aaron Seaman. Designated as Invited. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. November 18-22, 2015, Denver, CO.
- 2014 “Successful Aging: The Anthropology of a 21st-Century Obsession,” with Sarah Lamb. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C. December 3-7.
- 2014 “Successful Aging: Connecting Critical Gerontology and Critical Anthropology,” with Sarah Lamb. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Washington, D.C. November 5-9.
- 2012 “Crossing from Abandonment to Hope: Transformations in Practices of Care,” with Eva-Marie Dubuisson. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco. November 14-18.
- 2010 “Keeping Time Alive: Rhythms of Meaning and Memory in Person and Place,” with Rebecca Carter. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. New Orleans. November 17-21.

Paper presentations (refereed abstracts; sole author unless marked with +)

- 2021 “Histories of Uncertainty: A Comparative Exploration of Aging, Wellbeing, and the Moral Imagination in Poland and the US.” Part of panel “Chronic Living, Aging and Dying? Exploring Temporality and Ethics in Old Age.” At “Chronic Living: Quality, Vitality, and Health in the 21st Century.” University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. March 4-6.
- 2020 “Could Practices of Remembrance Reduce Social Isolation in Late Life? Ethnographic Evidence From Poland and Detroit.” Part of symposium “Addressing Older Adult Social Isolation in Various Settings With Unique Conflating Trajectories of Care Models.” Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Online. November 4-7.
- 2020+ “Anthropology and Its (Elder) Other.” At “Aging and Social Justice.” Biennial meeting of the Association for Anthropology, Gerontology, and the Lifecourse. Online. June 28. (Authors: Elana Buch, Jessica Robbins.)
- 2019+ “Community Meetings as Sites of Resilience and Trauma: Investigating Advocacy in Flint, Michigan.” Part of the panel “Moving Beyond Individual Coping to Developing Systems Level Interventions for Community Dwelling Adults.” Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Austin, TX. November 13-17. (Authors: Tam Perry and Jessica Robbins.)
- 2019 “Towards a Comparative Study of Collective Memory in Dementia.” Arts of Caring, Arts of Knowledge: Workshop on Dementia Practices. University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. September 19-20.
- 2019+ “Seasons and Sociality: Temporalities of Aging and Gardening among Older African Americans in Detroit. Part of the panel “Aging Temporalities of Person, Place, and Culture.” TrentAging2019: Take Back Aging: Power, Critique, Imagination. Trent Centre for Ageing & Society, Trent University, Peterborough, ON, Canada. May 28-31. (Authors: Jessica Robbins and Kimberly Seibel.)
- 2019+ “Transformations in Citizenship: Meanings of Justice for Older Adults Living with the Flint Water Crisis.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Portland, OR. March 19-23. (Authors: Colleen Linn, Jessica Robbins, Tam Perry).
- 2019+ “Transformations in Citizenship: Meanings of Justice for Older Adults Living with the Flint Water Crisis.” Transformations: Anthropology Graduate Student Conference. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. March 8. (Authors: Colleen Linn, Jessica Robbins, Tam Perry).
- 2018+ “The Social Life of Gardening among Older African Americans in Detroit.” Refereed abstract. “Green Cities: Inequality, Space, and Sustainability.” Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. September 28. (Authors: Jessica Robbins and Kimberly Seibel.)
- 2018 “National Belonging and Responsibilities of the Third Age in Poland.” At “Visegrád Belongings: Freedoms, Responsibilities and Everyday Dilemmas.” Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany. June 7-8.
- 2017+ “Sustaining Life in an Anthropogenic Crisis: The Role of Kinship among Older Adults in the Flint Water Crisis.” Part of the panel “Kinship Labor and Livelihood: The Political Economy of Obligation and Dependency.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. November 29-December 3. Washington, D.C. (Authors: Tam Perry, Jessica Robbins, Kimberly Seibel)
- 2017+ “Voices from the Flint Water Crisis: Older Adults Perspectives on Health & Wellbeing.” Part of the panel “Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Aging.” Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. November 4-8. Atlanta. (Authors: Jessica Robbins, Tam Perry)

- 2017+ “When Urban Disparities Meet Environmental Crisis: Older Adults’ Experiences with The Flint Water Crisis.” At “Disparities in Development: Global, Regional, and Local.” 6th Annual Conference of the Sociology of Development section of the American Sociological Association. Wayne State University, Detroit. October 5-7. (Authors: Jessica Robbins, Tam Perry, Maxwell Smith)
- 2017 “Cultivating Life in a Revitalizing City: Gardens and Health among Older African Americans in Detroit.” Part of the panel “Research Centers on Minority Aging: State of the Art Research.” IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics. San Francisco. July 23-27.
- 2017 “Policies, Politics, and Poetics of Aging Societies: Anthropological Perspectives on Aging in Poland.” Part of the panel “Demographic Change, Politics, and Policy Dilemmas in Hungary and Poland.” 24th International Conference of Europeanists, “Sustainability and Transformation.” University of Glasgow, UK. July 12-14.
- 2016 “Valuing Life’s Ends: Old Age in Postsocialist Poland.” Accepted to panel “STS and Normativity: Analyzing and Enacting Values.” At “Science and Technology by Other Means.” Society for the Social Studies of Science/European Association for the Study of Science and Technology conference. Barcelona. August 31-September 3.
- 2016 “New Friends in Old Age: Memory, Affinity, and Sociality Among Older People in Poland.” Part of co-organized panel, “Evidence of Friendship: Intimacy, Obligation, and Affection across Time and Space.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, MN. November 15-20.
- 2016 “The Difference Age Makes: Kinship, Aging, and the Politics of Belonging in Contemporary Poland.” At “Politics of Difference: Migration, Nation, Postsocialist Left and Right?” Annual Soyuz Symposium. University of Chicago. March 11-12.
- 2015 “The Spatiotemporality of Aging: Creating Moral Persons and Places in Poland.” Part of co-organized panel, “Familiar Strangeness of Place and Person: Ethnographic Investigations of “Aging in Place.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. November 18-22, 2015, Denver, CO.
- 2015 “Imagining and Living a Good Old Age in Postsocialist Poland.” Presentation at the Wayne State University Humanities Center Conference: The Good Life. November 6, 2015.
- 2014 “Education, English, and Embroidery: The Sociality of Aging in Poland.” Part of co-organized panel, “Successful Aging: The Anthropology of a 21st-Century Obsession.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C. December 3-7.
- 2014 “Remembering Personal and National Loss among Older People in Poland.” Part of the panel “Critical Junctures: Material Practices of Memory-Making and Value-Assessing in Romania and Poland.” Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. San Antonio. November 20-23.
- 2014 “The Politics of Successful Aging in Poland: Findings from an Ethnographic Study.” Part of co-organized symposium, “Successful Aging: Connecting Critical Gerontology and Critical Anthropology.” Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Washington, D.C. November 5-9.
- 2014 “Kinning and Dekinning the National Past: Moral Dimensions of Aging and Memory in Poland.” Part of the panel “Kinning the State - State Kinning: Reconnecting the Anthropology of Kinship and Political Anthropology.” At “Collaboration, Intimacy & Revolution,” Biennial Conference of the European Association for Social Anthropology: Estonian Institute of Humanities, Tallinn University. Tallinn. July 31-August 3.

- 2014 “Studying Old Age in Anthropology: Reflections on Creating an Interdisciplinary Career Path.” Part of the panel “Anthropology as a Vocation and Occupation.” At “Collaboration, Intimacy & Revolution,” Biennial Conference of the European Association for Social Anthropology. Estonian Institute of Humanities, Tallinn University. Tallinn. July 31-August 3.
- 2014 “Thinking with ‘Postsocialism’ in an Ethnographic Study of Old Age in Poland: Categories of Practice and Categories of Analysis.” “Rethinking Anthropologies in Central Europe for Global Imaginaries.” Prague. May 26-27. (Paper given in absentia.)
- 2014 “The Afterlives of Kinship and Work among Polish Women Retirees.” Part of the panel “The Work of Relations: Continuity and the Production of Difference in Labor and Kinship.” Biennial meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology. Detroit. May 9-10.
- 2013 “Generational Dis/Continuities: Old Age, Care, and Relatedness in Poland.” Part of the panel “Care between Past and Future: Continuity and Discontinuity in Contemporary Caregiving.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago. November 20-24.
- 2013 “Socialist and Postsocialist Dimensions of the Geronto-/Psy-ences in Poland: The Case of Universities of the Third Age.” At “From the New Socialist Person to Global Mental Health: the Psy-ences and Mental Health in East Central Europe and Eurasia.” University of Chicago. Chicago. April 29-30.
- 2012 “Transformations in Aging: Temporalities of Care and Scales of Personhood in Poland.” Part of co-organized panel, “Crossing from Abandonment to Hope: Transformations in Practices of Care.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco. November 14-18.
- 2012 “Making and Unmaking Polish Persons: Aging and Memory in Postsocialist Poland.” Workshop presentation at “Therapeutic Encounters: Emerging Research in Health and Medicine in Eastern Europe.” Indiana University. Bloomington. April 13-14.
- 2012 “‘Active’ Aging as Citizenship in Poland.” At “Generations: Rethinking Age and Citizenship.” Center for the Study of Citizenship. Wayne State University. Detroit. March 30-31.
- 2011 “Creating ‘Euro-seniors’: Aging and Personhood in Postsocialist Poland.” Part of the panel “Socialist Legacies in Contemporary Medical Work.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Montreal. November 16-20.
- 2011 “Creating ‘Euro-seniors’: Aging and Personhood in Postsocialist Poland.” At Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science. Cleveland. November 2-5.
- 2011 “No Country for Old People.” At the First Annual Midwest Historians of East Central Europe Workshop. University of Illinois-Chicago. Chicago. October 27-28.
- 2011 “Aging in Contemporary Poland: *Aktywność*, Disability, and Moral Experience.” At Medical Humanities Conference. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo. September 29-30.
- 2011 “Contemporary Conflicts in Elder Care in Poland: Ethnographic Perspectives on *Aktywność* and Disability.” At Seventh International Carework Conference. Las Vegas. August 19.
- 2010 “Moral and Memorial Narrative Practices: Aging and Memory in a Polish Rehabilitation Center.” Part of co-organized panel, “Keeping Time Alive: Rhythms of Meaning and Memory in Person and Place.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. New Orleans. November 17-21.
- 2010 “Aging and the Polish Nation: An Ethnographic Analysis of Older Women’s Everyday Moral Strategies.” At “Polish Studies in the 21st Century.” Third International Conference on Polish Studies. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. September 16-18.

- 2009 “Narrating Loss, Creating Relatedness: Aging and Illness in a Polish Rehabilitation Center.” At “Medical Anthropology at the Intersections,” Society for Medical Anthropology conference. Yale University. New Haven. September 24-27.

Posters (refereed abstracts; sole author unless marked with +)

- 2020 “Toward a Comparative Study of Collective Memory and Citizenship Among Older Adults With Dementia.” Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Online. November 4-7.
- 2019+ “Adaptive Gardening Practices among Older Adults in Detroit.” Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Austin, TX. November 13-17. (Authors: Jessica Robbins, Kimberly Seibel.)
- 2019 “Towards a Comparative Study of Collective Memory in Dementia: Findings from Ethnographic Studies in Poland and Detroit.” Third Annual Research Symposium, Michigan Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center. Grand Rapids, MI. June 19.
- 2019+ “‘The Things that Keep Me Going:’ Caring for Garden, Self, and Kin among Older African Americans in Detroit.” Graduate and Postdoctoral Research Symposium, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. March 5. (Authors: Laura Sutherland, Jessica Robbins.)
- 2019+ “A Case of Two Sisters: Connection and Disconnection to Place and Relations through Gardening among Older African Americans in Detroit.” Lifespan Alliance Research Day. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. March 1. (Authors: Laura Sutherland, Jessica Robbins.)
- 2018+ “Meanings of Justice in (Infra)Structural Challenges: Older Adults’ Understandings of the Flint Water Crisis.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology Water & Economy. Tempe, AZ. March 1-4. (Authors: Jessica Robbins, Tam Perry, Colleen Linn.)
- 2018+ “What Does Care Mean in a Water Crisis? Perspectives of Residents and Staff from a Senior Living Facility in Flint, MI.” Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC. January 10-14. (Authors: Tam Perry, Jessica Robbins, Maxwell Smith.)
- 2017 “Aging in Remembered and Imagined Places: Findings from an Ethnographic Study of Aging in Poland.” Part of session “Age-Related Policy.” IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics. San Francisco. July 23-27.

Campus and departmental talks (sole author unless marked with +)

- 2020 “Gardening, Memory, and Wellbeing in Later Life: Comparative Insights from Ethnographic Research in Poland and Detroit.” Humanities Center Brownbag Series. Wayne State University. February 12.
- 2018+ “Connecting with the Past and Future: Creating Social Relations through Gardening among Older African Americans in Detroit.” Invited brownbag presentation. Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. April 17. (Authors: Jessica Robbins, Kimberly Seibel.)
- 2018+ “Care and Abandonment in Neoliberal Times: Older Adults Experiences and Understandings of the Flint Water Crisis.” At “Revolution: Humanities Center Faculty Fellows Conference.” Wayne State University. March 23. (Authors: Jessica Robbins, Tam Perry.)
- 2018+ “Older Adults’ Understandings of the Flint Water Crisis.” Humanities Center, Wayne State University. February 13. (Authors: Jessica Robbins, Tam Perry.)
- 2015 “‘Old Age Is No Joy’? Moral Personhood among Older People in Poland.” Invited brown-bag presentation, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University, Detroit, April 16.

- 2015 “*Aktywność*, not Active Aging: Learning from Ethnographic Research on Aging in Poland.” Invited colloquium, Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University, Detroit, January 13.

Discussant/chair/moderator (invited)

- 2020 Moderator for panel “Dementia Tensions.” At “Aging and Social Justice.” Biennial meeting of the Association for Anthropology, Gerontology, and the Lifecourse. Online. August 14.
- 2018 Discussant for panel “Resisting Biomedicine: Politics, Practices, and Logics of Care.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Jose, CA. November 14-18.
- 2015 Moderator for panel “Governmentality: Techniques, Technologies, Rhetoric (Part One).” At “Governance & Citizenship.” 12th Annual Conference in Citizenship Studies. Wayne State University. Detroit. March 12-14.
- 2014 Discussant for panel “Documentary Convergences.” At “Ebbs and Flows: New Directions in Circulation, Exchange, and Transaction,” Michigan Anthropology Graduate Association Four-Field Conference. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor. March 21-22.
- 2012 Discussant for panel “Affections: Generations.” At “Affections/Afflictions/Afterlives,” 20th Annual Symposium of SOYUZ: The Research Network for Postsocialist Cultural Studies. Ann Arbor. March 23-24.
- 2009 Chair for panel “Health Care and the Legacy of Socialism.” At “Medical Anthropology at the Intersections,” Society for Medical Anthropology conference. Yale University. New Haven. September 24-27.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Wayne State University

- Introduction to Anthropology (Winter 2019, Winter 2015, Fall 2014)
Anthropology of Health and Illness (Fall 2020, Winter 2017)
Proseminar in Anthropology II (Winter 2021, Winter 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2016)
Kinship and Social Relations (Winter 2018, Fall 2015)

University of Michigan

- Introduction to Anthropology (Winter 2014)
Writing Health and Illness (Fall 2012)

ADVISING

Postdoctoral fellow

- Kimberly Seibel, Ph.D. (2016-2018)

Ph.D. committee chair

- Mariah McClendon-Smith, Fall 2020 – present

Ph.D. committee co-chair (Social Work and Anthropology)

- Laura Sutherland, Fall 2017 – present
Kathryn Wright, Fall 2018 – present

Ph.D. committee member

- Molly Hilton, 2015 – present
Robert Johnson, 2015 – present

Andrés Romero, 2015 –present
Summar Saad, 2015 – present
Kimberly Shay, 2019 – present
Erin Stanley, 2021 – present
Angela Guy-Lee, Ph.D. (2017)

Ph.D. mentorship (external)

Barbara Pieta, Ph.D. candidate, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany
Mentorship for outline of Ph.D. thesis. August 2020.
Anna Giulia Macchiarelli, Ph.D. student, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy
External discussant for dissertation prospectus. September 2020.

M.A. advisor

Alexa Ruhfass, Fall 2020 – present
Tabitha Wesley, Winter 2019 – present
Corrinne Sanger, M.A. (2020)
Anna Žabicka, M.A. (2019)
Crystal Mitchell, M.A. (2018)
Kyle Dunn, M.A. (2017)
Kathryn Nowinski, M.A. (2017)
Livija Marina, M.A. (2017)

M.A. essay second reader

Elizabeth Riedman, M.A. (2018)
Glenda Wyatt-Franklin, M.A. (2018)

Institute of Gerontology mentoring committee member

Kimberly Shay, 2019 – present
Caitlin Cassady, 2016 – 2019
Gregory Thrasher, Ph.D. in Psychology (2017)

Undergraduate honors thesis advisor

Aryana Sharrak, B.S (2017)

DIRECTED STUDIES

Fall 2020, Feminist Anthropology (Bethany Hedden and Erin Stanley, Ph.D. students)
Fall 2020, Anthropology of Dementia and the Arts (Laura Sutherland, Ph.D. student)
Fall 2020, Anthropology of Vaccines (Corrinne Sanger, M.A. student)
Winter 2019, Anthropology of Health and Illness (Tamara Qawasmeh, B.A. student)
Winter 2018, Anthropology of Youth and Violence (Crystal Mitchell, M.A. student)
Winter 2016, Personhood, Memory, the Senses, and Emotions (Katie Nowinski, Ph.D. student)
Fall 2015, Preparation for qualifying exams and grant-writing (Andrés Romero, Ph.D. student)
Spring/Summer 2015, Poland in Historical and Anthropological Context (John Anderson, B.A. student)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for university presses

2020 Cornell University Press
Fordham University Press
University of California Press

Reviewer for academic journals

2021 *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*
2020 *Ageing & Society*
International Journal of Ageing and Late Life
Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology
Journal of Education, Culture, and Society
Medical Anthropology
Nature Aging
Qualitative Social Work
2019 *Ageing & Society*
American Anthropologist
American Ethnologist
Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry
Journal of Aging Studies
2018 *Anthropological Quarterly*
2016 *American Anthropologist*
Comparative Studies in Society and History
Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry
Medical Anthropology
Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees
2015 *Critique of Anthropology*
Journal of Education, Culture, and Society
Medical Anthropology Quarterly
2014 *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
2013 *Forum Oświatowe (Educational Forum)*
Medical Anthropology Quarterly
Student Anthropologist

Reviewer for grants and fellowships

2019 European Research Council

Other service to the profession

Co-chair, Margaret Clark Award, Association for Anthropology and Gerontology, 2019
Paper-prize reviewer, Soyuz: The Research Network for Postsocialist Cultural Studies, 2018
Secretary, Society for the Anthropology of Europe, 2015-2017
Abstract reviewer, Gerontological Society of America, 2015, 2016
Margaret Clark Award reviewer, Association for Anthropology and Gerontology, 2014

Wayne State University

Institute of Gerontology Training Faculty, 2014-present

Department of Anthropology Faculty Assembly, 2014-present

Steering Committee for Doctoral Program in Social Work and Anthropology (SWAN), 2014-2018, 2019-present

Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Committee, 2014-2015, 2016-present

AAUP-AFT Local 6075, AFL-CIO, Wayne State University Chapter, Council Representative, 2021-present

Department of Anthropology Search Committee, 2015-2016

Institute of Gerontology Olson Award Committee, 2015

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Global Studies Ad Hoc Committee, 2015

Community involvement

Volunteer, Art of Aging Successfully conference, Detroit, Michigan, 2016, 2017, 2019

Hospice volunteer, Arbor Hospice, Michigan, 2015-2016

Teacher, conversational English, University of the Third Age, Wrocław and Poznań, Poland, 2009-2010

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association

American Ethnological Society

Association for Anthropology and Gerontology

Gerontological Society of America

Polish Studies Association

Society for the Anthropology of Europe

Society for Medical Anthropology

SOYUZ: The Research Network for Postsocialist Cultural Studies