136 Dragonfly Lane Boone, NC 28607 Garrett.Alexandrea. McDowell@gmail.com C: 601.299.0629 Honors Academic Mentor (Social Science, Pre-law, & Business), Director of Communications, and Adjunct Instructor The Honors College at Appalachian State University

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### **EDUCATION**

### Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D., AnthropologyMAY 2009M.A., AnthropologyJanuary 2006

**DISSERTATION:** Eating Potato Chips with Chopsticks: Nikkei Latin Americans Making Home, Shaping Family and Defining Selves

### University of Texas at Austin

M.A., Visual Communication & Photojournalism

DECEMBER 1999

**THESIS:** Part of Me: A Visual Ethnography of Southern Culture in Brewton, Alabama

### Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

**B.A.**, Sociology & History; Japanese Minor

MAY 1995

### JAPANESE CULTURE AND INTENSIVE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Sophia University; Tokyo, Japan Kansai Gaidai University; Osaka, Japan

SUMMER 1993

FALL 1993

# PROFESSIONAL GOAL & INTERESTS

In working towards my professional goal—the integration of service, teaching and research—I am committed to an interdisciplinary and engaged model of learning. My primary interest is the human condition broadly, and within that, I focus on culture, visual culture, and social hierarchies as related to food and identity. My areas of expertise listed below reflect my interdisciplinary interests.

### THEORETICAL EXPERTISE

- ▶ Local/Global Food & Culture
- ▶ The Global Economy & Neoliberalism
- ▶ Globalization of Agriculture & The Global Food System
- ► Sustainability: Environment & Culture
- ▶ Political Economy & Development
- ▶ Medical Anthropology: Food, Nutrition, & Global Health
- ► Transnationalism, Migration & Identity
- ▶ Social Inequalities: Gender, Race, & Class
- ▶ Visual Anthropology: Visual Culture & Society

- ▶ Communication, Visual Communication, & Photojournalism
- ▶ Critical Cultural Analysis: Public Discourse, Consumerism, & Media
- ▶ Postmodernism, Representation and Power

#### METHODOLOGICAL EXPERTISE

- ▶ Qualitative & Ethnographic Research Methods
- ▶ Visual Anthropology & Photojournalism
- ▶ Life History & Oral History
- Applied Anthropology
- ▶ Experiential Learning, Service-learning & Community-engaged Research
- ▶ Narrative Ethnography & Cross-disciplinary Truth-making

#### **GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTISE**

- ▶ Latin America
- ► Asia: Japanese Studies
- ▶ Latino USA
- ▶ The American South
- ▶ The Global Food System

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY, The Honors College

### HON 2515: Food Fights

Spring 2015 & Spring 2016

Everyone knows the saying, "you are what you eat." This course will question the current reality of this phrase by examining the relationship between food and culture. We will explore how culture is being altered in the modern, global context. This will include an analysis of all aspects of subsistence (how we feed ourselves) including food production, preparation, and consumption. Recent economic and environmental trends have led to increasing dependence on the global food system, and, in reaction, alternative food movements. In this class we will consider both sides of such food fights and the impact to culture/s including aspects of taste, health, family structures, economics, migration, religion, identity, sustainability, etc. Readings will span the disciplines of anthropology, literature, and investigative journalism, and will include political activism, philosophy, ethnography, an eco-fable, a novel, and a memoir.

#### HON 1515: Balanced Brains

Fall 2016

In this course, we will explore visual, intuitive, right brain intelligence. Through exercises, students will come to understand and condition their own visual and intuitive intelligence, and learn to integrate that with their more commonly exercised verbal, rational, left brain intelligence in order to develop whole-mind cognition. Specifically, students will learn and practice visualization, drawing, photography, meditation, and the analysis of their own dreams and media images. Working from the model presented by Williams and Newton (2007) in Visual Communication: Integrating Media, Art, and Science, and with the goal of what Williams labels "omniphasism," students will come to better value, strengthen, and integrate their many forms of intelligence to be "all in balance." Students will read and discuss debates forming the foundation for the theory of omniphasism drawn from anthropology, art, biology, communication, media, neuroscience, and psychology. In addition, global, cross-cultural differences in teaching and learning will be explored and compared to better understand social, structural, and systematic influences over intelligence. The goal of the course

is for students to develop more balanced brains. As more creative, better decision makers, it is hoped that students will become more competent problem solvers and, with whole mind synthesis, able to engage with and contribute to society.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY, Department of Anthropology

Instructor August 2009 – July 2010

**Assistant Professor** 

AUGUST 2010 - MAY 2014

(Independently teach the following courses on regular rotation):

Anth/Geog 103: *Humans and Their Environments* (environmental anth) Anth/Geog 233: *People and Cultures of the World* (environmental anth)

Anth 243: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Anth/Eng/Span 303: Storytelling at the Crossroads\*

\*INTERDISCIPLINARY, COURSE THAT I DEVELOPED, TEAM-TAUGHT WITH MARY AYALA

Anth 333: Anthropology and Development (political-economic anth)

Anth 340: Indians of North America Anth/Soc 350: Medical Anthropology Anth 415: Ethnographic Methods Anth 432/532: Indians of the Southwest

Anth 492: Anthropological Perspectives (theory for undergraduate majors)
Anth 500: Anthropological Foundations (theory for graduate students)
Anth 522: Imaging in Anthropology (photography & graphic design)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, Dept. of Anthropology & Sociology

**Adjunct Instructor** (Independently taught the following course):

Anth 101: Introduction to Anthropology (4-field) FALL 2008

PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY, Department of Liberal Arts

**Adjunct Instructor** (Independently taught the following course):

L352: Area Studies Latin America Spring 2006

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, Department of Anthropology

**Adjunct Instructor** (Independently taught the following courses):

Anth Co61: Cultures of the World

Summer I 2003 & Fall 2005

Anth 101: Introduction to Anthropology (4-field)

Summer II 2004

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, Department of Journalism

**Teaching Assistant** (Independently taught a lab section and also assisted professors in grading, developing course structure, and execution of student work in the following courses):

J<sub>311</sub>K Visual Literacy
J<sub>310</sub> Photographic Communication

FALL 1997 & SPRING 1999 SPRING 1998 & FALL 1999

GRANTS & AWARDS

American Anthropological Association Leadership Fellowship (\$500) (Supported mentorship of future leaders of the association) June 2012-May 2013

ENMU Internal Research Grant (\$3000)

JULY 2012-June 2013

(Supported "The Eat Project" research)

ENMU Internal Research Grant (\$2988)

JULY 2011-June 2012

(Supported "The Eat Project" research)

Dissertation Research Award (\$25, 812) OCTOBER 2007-JUNE 2008

Temple University Graduate School (Supported dissertation research)

Edward Spicer Student Travel Award (\$500)

The Society for Applied Anthropology March 2006

(Supported conference presentation research)

Preliminary Dissertation Research Grant (\$1000) MAY-AUGUST 2004

Temple University College of Liberal Arts

(Supported dissertation research)

Shell Grant-in-Aid of Research (\$350) MAY-AUGUST 1999

University of Texas at Austin College of Communication (Supported thesis research)

Press Club of Dallas Scholarship (\$2500)

JANUARY-DECEMBER 1999

Press Club Foundation

(Supported graduate coursework)

## SCHOLARSHIP | MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION:

BLINDING SUN IN MY EYES: CHALLENGES TO COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH AND SERVICE-LEARNING

GLOBALISED HOME-MAKING: NIKKEI RETURN-MIGRATION AND IMPACTS IN ACACOYAGUA, CHIAPAS, MEXICO

QUE CHEVERE! (How cool!): NIKKEI ETHNIC IDENTITY IN THE CONTEXT OF POST-1990 RETURN MIGRATION

FOR OR AGAINST THE GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM? THE VIABILITY OF AN ALTERNATIVE FOOD MOVEMENT IN PORTALES, NEW MEXICO

GLOBALIZED EATING: HOW PRIVATE STRATEGIES OF RESISTANCE ARE PUBLICLY ENACTED

#### CONFERENCES

National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Meeting,

Seattle, WA OCTOBER 2016

The North Carolina Honors Association Annual Meeting,

Asheville, NC SEPTEMBER 2015

The National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Meeting,

Denver, CO November 2014

## Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration,

CONEHEC's 13<sup>TH</sup> North American Higher Education Conference, Houston, TX

**APRIL 2010** 

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Session Title: Is There Value to a Jetta in a BMW World?

Abstract: Neoliberal forces of ubiquitous marketability drive higher education today limiting investment in long-term value, Honors, and liberal education broadly. At Appalachian State we are feeling the brunt of these trends; it has led to a leadership transition that leaves us in a state of liminality, particularly in our mission. Before January 2016, we were an Honors College selling the allusion of a BMW, but we were hanging on behind a veneer worn thin. We are now exposed as the actual Jetta, and with emissions problems. In this session, Honors staff, faculty, and students in the Honors College(?) at AppState, discuss our current identity crisis. We introduce survey data highlighting our past misrepresentation (as a BMW) and reflecting the lack of administrative support, which led to disappointment for students and extends across our Honors community. We offer little hope of changing trends in higher education. However, if we address our emissions problems, and call it what it is—a Jetta—perhaps there is hope for our program, and salvaging the value of liberal education for students and the local/global communities that we all share.

The National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Meeting,

Seattle, WA (Scheduled) OCTOBER 2016

Cacao and Green Chile: The Role of Local Food Culture in Alternative Food Movements. (Presented in Absentia by Dr. Jeff Boyer) For Food For Generations to Come Consortium with Universal Exposition,

Milan, Italy, OCTOBER 2015

Beyond the Classroom: Anthropology and Food Studies. For Panel, "Destinations for Learning." The Annual Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting,
Albuquerque, NM,

MARCH 2014

<u>Panel Chair & Co-Organizer</u>: "Destinations for Learning." The Annual Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting, Albuquerque, NM,

MARCH 2014

Globalized Eating: How Private Strategies of Resistance are Publicly Enacted (co-authored with Danielle Holmes). For Panel, "Politics of Public Food and Hospitality: Diasporic and Transnational Tables." The Annual American

Anthropological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL,

NOVEMBER 2013

Misadventures: The Truth of Ethnographic Fieldwork. Invited Lecture: ENMU Department of Communication, Annual Faculty Lecture Series, Portales, NM,

SEPTEMBER 2013

"Messy Goodness": The Anthropology of Local Food Culture through Community Service-learning (co-authored with Erica Govich). For Panel, "Edible Anthropology: Maximizing Borders of the Anthropology of Food." The Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA,

NOVEMBER 2012

<u>Panel Chair & Co-Organizer</u>: "Edible Anthropology: Maximizing Borders of the Anthropology of Food." The Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA,

NOVEMBER 2012

Home in Multiple Homelands: The Practice of Auto and Visual Ethnography.

Invited Lecture: ENMU Department of Communication, Annual Faculty Lecture
Series, Portales, NM,

September 2012

Fieldwork Stories: The Art of Cultural Knowledge. For Panel, "Cuentos:

Storytelling and Cultural Knowledge." The Annual Southwest Council of Latin

American Studies Meeting, Miami, FL,

MARCH 2012

Washing it All Away: Laundering and Water Challenges in the Soconusco.

For Panel, "Laundry: Traces of Intimate Labor in the Field and Beyond."

The Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting, Montreal,

Quebec, Canada,

NOVEMBER 2011

Truth and Storytelling in Latin America (co-authored with Mary Ayala).

For Panel, "Cubanisms, Memory and Storytelling in Latin-America." The Annual Southwest Council of Latin American Studies Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico,

MARCH 2011

Fitting in and across Disciplines: Comments from a Novice Academic. For Panel, "Beyond the Discipline: Fostering a Collaborative Culture of Teaching."

The Annual Southwest Council of Latin American Studies Meeting,
San Juan, Puerto Rico,

MARCH 2011

<u>Panel Moderator</u>: "Beyond the Discipline: Fostering a Collaborative Culture of Teaching." The Annual Southwest Council of Latin American Studies Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico,

MARCH 2011

Going in order to Stay: Environmental, Economic and Social Devastation "from Above" in the Soconusco Region of Chiapas, Mexico. For Panel, "Capitalism's Costs and Benefits to the Individual." The Annual Southwest

Council of Latin American Studies Meeting, Santa Fe, NM,

**MARCH 2010** 

i Que Chevere!: Nikkei Latin American Kinship Strategies. For Panel, "The Fictions of Kinship: Relatedness, Mobility and Global Capital." The Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA,

DECEMBER 2009

Intimate choices: Nikkei Return Migrants Making "Home," the Consequences of Leaving and How Family is Shaped Back "Home." For Panel, "Transnational Intimacies." The Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting,
San Francisco, CA,

NOVEMBER 2008

Re-defining Ethnic Identity: An Analysis of Nikkei Latin Americans in the Context of the Film "White Like the Moon." Center for the Humanities at Temple, Associates Conference, Philadelphia, PA,

APRIL 2006

Back "Home" in the Americas: The Impacts of Massive Out-migration on Nikkei Sending Communities. For Panel, "East Asian Migration." The Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, MARCH 2006

A Hermeneutic Approach to Anthropological Photography in Web Media
Exemplified through an Ethnographic Analysis of Weddings. For The Visual
Research Conference of The Annual American Anthropological Association
Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA,

DECEMBER 2004

First Comes Love, Then Comes...: Reinventing Social Structures through the Negotiation of Symbolic Capital. For Panel, "Field Sights: Visual Anthropological Approaches to Problems of Place, Presence, and Identity."

The Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL,

NOVEMBER 2003

<u>Panel Organizer:</u> "Field Sights: Visual Anthropological Approaches to Problems of Place, Presence, and Identity." The Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL,

NOVEMBER 2003

SERVICE

Service-Learning Faculty Fellow, Appalachian State

NOVEMBER 2016

Appalachian Honors Association, Advisor,

JANUARY 2015-2016

Supervising Committee of the following ASU Honors Thesis:

<u>Brittney Lynn Maslowski</u>: With or Without Your Blessing: Elizabeth Grimball and the Struggle of a Southern Teacher May 2015

Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and

## Community-Based Research

FACULTY MENTOR, 2012-PRESENT

### American Anthropological Association

LEADERSHIP FELLOW: TRAINING FOR FUTURE LEADERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, 2012-2013 Mentor: Florence Babb, Ph.D. (University of Florida)

#### The Southwest Conference for Latin American Studies

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY CHAIR, 2010-2013

#### Portales Arts Council

BOARD MEMBER, AUGUST 2013-MAY 2014

### Eastern New Mexico University:

FACULTY SENATE, DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE FALL 2012- MAY 2014 FACULTY SENATE, AD HOC FACULTY EVALUATION REVIEW COMMITTEE SPRING 2014 Undergraduate Admissions & Standards Committee FALL 2012- MAY 2014 Mu Alpha Nu Anthropology Club, Faculty Advisor FALL 2012- MAY2014 **DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR** FALL 2011- MAY 2014 AD HOC GRADE REVIEW COMMITTEE, MEMBER & CHAIR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2012 FACULTY SEARCH COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY **SPRING 2012** FACULTY SEARCH COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF ART **SPRING 2012** ART SELECTION COMMITTEE, ART AND ANTHROPOLOGY BUILDING **SPRING 2012** 

# Curriculum Development for Anthropology Major, Undergraduate Course Catalog, ENMU

FALL 2013

### "Emphasis: Anthropology of Visual Communication

This emphasis contributes to the holistic endeavor of anthropology by offering students a well-rounded liberal arts background with a comprehensive understanding of the world's varied systems of visual representation and communication. This curriculum allows students to apply the approach and perspective of cultural anthropology (and potentially other areas of study) toward the study and practice of visual communication.

The courses in this emphasis draw on social sciences, humanities and media arts. Training in the anthropology of visual communication is applicable to a variety of careers, including jobs in museums and other educational institutions, non-profit organizations, government agencies, the arts, tourism, advertising, journalism, and mass media, as well as in university-based teaching and research.

Students in this avenue will develop technical skills that will prepare them to communicate effectively and across all audiences (Different cultures, classes, jobs, nations, genders, etc.). In addition, students will be exposed to theoretical knowledge that will empower them to critically evaluate the processes and products of visual communication."

### Chair, Supervising Committee of the following M.A. Theses, ENMU:

<u>Jessica Schroeder</u>: Museum Audiences and Visual Displays: A Study of

Eastern New Mexico University's Archaeological Museums and Their
Educational Goals
May 2014

Erin Goslin: Archaeology and Mescalero Identity December 2012

Erica Govich: Making Something Out of Nothing: An Ethnography of Flint Knappers in Portales, NM MAY 2012

### Southeastern New Mexico Science Fair

JUDGE, REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION 2010 – 2013

### Temple U. Graduate Association of Visual Anthropologists

ORGANIZER, Annual Visual Culture Conference 2005-PRESIDENT 2004-2005 VICE PRESIDENT 2003-2004

# PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association

Society for Urban, National and Transnational/Global Anthropology

Culture and Agriculture

Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition

Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

Committee on Refugees and Immigrants

Society for East Asian Anthropology

Society for Visual Anthropology

Anthropology and Humanism

The Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

Southwest Conference for Latin American Studies

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Photographer and Graphic Designer

August 1999-Present

Freelance: Sizzle Fuse Media

Graphics Extern September 2005-June 2006

Temple University, Graphics Media Center, Office of Student Activities

Research Associateship September 2005-May 2006

Temple University, College of Liberal Arts, Center for Humanities

Research Assistantship June 2003-May 2005

Temple University Department of Geography and Urban Studies, *The Metropolitan Philadelphia Indicators Project* (statistical analysis and GIS)

Art Director/Web Designer OCTOBER 2000-SEPTEMBER 2002

Stratfor.com (Strategic Forecasting), Austin, TX

Graphic Designer APRIL 2000-OCTOBER 2000

Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Austin, TX

Graphic Designer/Photographer APRIL 1999-FEBRUARY 2000

Skrudland Photo, Inc., Austin, TX

English Teacher June 1995-July 1997

Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET), Hiroshima, Japan

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Portales, NM, USA
Lima, Peru
November 2007-June 2008
Acacoyagua, Chiapas, Mexico
OCTOBER 2006-SEPTEMBER 2007

The American South May-August 1998

SKILLS 35MM SLR AND DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

GRAPHIC DESIGN:

Adobe Creative Suite

QuarkXPress

Macromedia Dreamweaver

Macromedia Flash

RESEARCH METHODS (QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE):

Hyper Research

Microsoft Access

Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS)

GIS: ARC Map, ARC Info, IDRISI Kilamanjaro

LANGUAGE

SPANISH (proficient)
JAPANESE (basic)

# **REFERENCES**

### Dr. Ted Zerucha

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## Dr. Leslie Sargent Jones

Past Director (2008-January 2016), The Honors College Professor, Department of Biology Appalachian State University ASU Box 32027, Boone, NC 28608-2027 jonesls@appstate.edu 828.262.2671

## Dr. Heather Waldroup

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