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### EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO  
Ph.D. in Anthropology, *expected Spring 2021*.

Dissertation: “Ecological Intimacies in the Anthropocene: Contemporary Foragers and Ethnobotanical Cultures of the American Southwest”

Committee: Kathryn Goldfarb (chair), Alison Cool, Donna Goldstein, Jerry Jacka, Veronica House (Denver University), Tatiana Chudakova (Tufts University)

Colorado State University, Fort Collins CO

M.A. in Anthropology, Specialization in Health and Wellbeing, received Summer 2015

M.A. Thesis: “The Ecological Self: Embodiment, Ecology and Worldview of Zen Buddhist Monastic Practice”

Committee: Jeffrey Snodgrass (chair), Lynn Kwiatkowski, Matt Mackenzie

Goucher, College, Towson, MD

B.A. *magna cum laude* in Psychology, specialization Cognitive Science and Neuroscience, May 2011

Educational exchange experience:

Johns Hopkins University, MD, 2011, select classes in Neuroscience

University of Sussex, England, 2009 select classes in Cognitive Neuroscience

University of Ghana, Ghana, 2010 select classes in Evolutionary Psychology

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Ethnobotany, traditional and modern uses of wild, edible plants of the American Southwest

Food Justice, structural and political dimensions of food inequity, indigenous foodways

Microbiome; entanglements of humans, microorganisms and plants

Resilience, socio-ecological systems, complexity, emergence

### PUBLICATIONS

2021

*Pending work*

House & Zepelin. “When the Land Writes: The Rhetorical and Reciprocal Lives of Land and Plants” In *Food Justice Activism and Pedagogies: Literacies and Rhetorics for Transforming Food Systems in Local and Transnational Contexts*, edited by Eileen E. Schell, Dianna Winslow, Pritisha Shrestha. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

- 2017 Graves, K.A. (2017, August) The ABC's of Emotions: A practical framework for becoming aware of and working with emotional intensity and transforming emotional struggle into inner wisdom. *Mindful Magazine* Retrieved from [www.mindful.org/the-abcs-of-emotions](http://www.mindful.org/the-abcs-of-emotions)
- 2017 Graves, K.A. (2017, November) 4 Strategies for Mindful Parenting. *Mindful Magazine* Retrieved from [www.mindful.org/4-strategies-mindful-parenting](http://www.mindful.org/4-strategies-mindful-parenting)
- 2011 Grossenbacher, P.G., GRAVES, K.A. & Davis, D.M. (2012). Cultivating Concord Through Inter-Viewing: A New Method for Inter-Lineage Contact. In K. Dhammasami, P. de Silva, S. Shaw, D. Peoples, & J. Cresswell (Eds.), *Unifying Buddhist Philosophical Views: United Nations Day of Vesak Conference Volume* (pp. 234-246). Bangkok, Thailand: Thai Raiwan Printing.

#### **RESEARCH FUNDING**

- 2019 University of Colorado Boulder Cartwright Award
- 2019 University of Colorado Boulder Research Award, Cultural Anthropology
- 2018 Hope Schultz Jozsa Award, Beverly Sears Named Grant
- 2019 University of Colorado Anthropology Department Predissertation Research Grant
- 2018 University of Colorado Anthropology Department Predissertation Research Grant
- 2016 Sheryl R. Young Memorial Fellowship, exceptional female researchers

#### **FELLOWSHIPS AND ACADEMIC HONORS**

- 2021 University of Colorado Boulder Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
- 2012 Fulbright Scholar Program, University of Peradeniya, Kandy, Sri Lanka
- 2011 Pearl Simon Research Award, Goucher College, Kathmandu, Nepal, June 2011
- 2011 Goucher College Kratz Creative Writing Fellowship, Kathmandu, Nepal, August 2011
- 2011 *Phi Beta Kappa*
- 2011 Goucher College Honors in Psychology
- 2010-11 Goucher College Presidential Research Fellowship, Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana, India

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS**

- 2016 Research Assistant for Prof. Kathryn Goldfarb, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2014 Research Assistant for Prof. Katherine E. Browne, Colorado State University
- 2013-15 Research Assistant for Prof. Jeffrey Snodgrass, Colorado State University
- 2010-12 Research Assistant, Consciousness Laboratory, Naropa University
- 2010-12 Research Assistant, Ethnographic Teaching and Research Lab, Colorado State University
- 2008-11 Research Manager, Laboratory for Long-Term Memory, Goucher College

#### **CONFERENCE AND MEETING PRESENTATIONS**

- 2018 "Rewilding the Gut, Microbial Intimacies in the Age of the Microbiome," Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2015 "Advocating for a Collaborative Approach to Contemplative Science: An Anthropological Case," Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2012 "The Compassionate Brain and Interpersonal Perception of Long-Term Sri Lankan Meditators," Fulbright Southeast Asian Conference, Kerala, India
- 2012 "Loving Awareness: A Cognitive and Neurological Awareness of Other," Annual Psychology Department Conference, University of Peradeniya, Kandy, Sri Lanka

- 2011 “Indian Yogis Excel in Embodied Spatial Transformation,” Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2010 “Self-regulation in the classroom predicts memory performance in the laboratory.” Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Brooklyn Bridge, New York

### **TEACHING APPOINTMENTS**

- 2021 Teaching Assistant, Explorations in Cultural Anthropology: Tibet, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2020 Grader, The Caribbean in Post-Colonial Perspective, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2020 Grader, Death and Dying, Sociology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2019 Grader, Drugs in U.S. Society, Sociology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2019 Teaching Assistant, Culture & Environment, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, The Caribbean in Post-Colonial Perspective, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Gender, Culture and Film, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
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- 2015 Teaching Assistant, The Caribbean in Post-Colonial Perspective, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology Department, Colorado State University
- 2014 Co-Instructor, Ethnopsychiatry and Spiritual Healing, Colorado State University
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology Department, Colorado State University
- 2009-11 Quantitative Research Methodology Assistant Instructor, Goucher College

### **COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT**

- 2020 Instructor, Anthropological Approaches to Culture, Plants and Bioregional Ecoliteracy, University of Colorado Boulder, *proposed Summer B-Term, 2020*
- 2016 Instructor, Buddha and the Brain, University of Colorado Boulder, Cultural Anthropology Department, Summer 2016.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- 2016 Planning team member, “The Ethnographic Turn: On Theory, Method and Practice in Anthropology,” Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2015 Planning team member, “Engaged Anthropology: Responsibility and Scholarship in the Current Political Moment,” Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2007-11 Undergraduate Writing Instructor, Goucher College

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

2021 Guest Lecturer, Oberlin College, Online, June 25th  
2021 Research presentation, Bare Community, Online, June 12th  
2019 Research presentation, Eagle County Conservation District, Eagle, CO, Aug. 7  
2014 Research presentation to Weld County City Council, Mar. 15  
2011 Research presentation, University of Peradeniya, Kandy, Sri Lanka, Nov. 24  
2009 Panelist, United Nations Day of Vesak, Bangkok Thailand, May 28

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Association for the Advancement of Science  
Colorado Native Plant Society

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

2019 Rocky Mountain Field Botany  
2015 Graduate Teaching Certificate

**LANGUAGE COMPETENCY**

Spanish: Beginner written and spoken  
Sinhala: Beginner spoken