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### EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Florida.
- 2006 M.A., Anthropology, University of Florida.
- 2002 M.A., African and African American Studies, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2001 B.A. with Distinction, Anthropology and History. University of Victoria, Canada.

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Sept. 2018- Associate Professor of Instruction, Program in Global Health Studies, Northwestern University
- Sept. 2015-Aug. 2018 Assistant Professor of Instruction, Program in Global Health Studies, Northwestern University
- Sept. 2012-Aug. 2015 Lecturer, Program in Global Health Studies, Northwestern University and Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University

Faculty affiliations at Northwestern University: Department of Anthropology, Program of African Studies, Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Science and Human Culture Program, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Sexualities Project at Northwestern.

### ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD

- Jan. 2019- Co-Director of Undergraduate Studies, Program of Global Health Studies, Northwestern University.

### RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

Biomedicine, health policy and reform, international volunteerism, altruism, institutions, bureaucracy and governance, transnational mobilities, development and globalization, ethnography, East Africa and United States.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2020 Sullivan, Noelle.  
“Like a *Real* Hospital”: Imagining Hospital Futures through Homegrown Public Private Partnerships in Tanzania. For special issue “Beyond Realism: Anthropology of Africa’s Medical Dreams.” *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute* 90(1): 209-228. Noémi Tousignant & P. Wenzel Geissler, guest editors. doi: 10.1017/S0001972019001013
- 2020 Marten, Meredith and **Noelle Sullivan**.  
Hospital Side Hustles: Funding Conundrums and Perverse Incentives in Tanzania’s Publicly-funded Health Sector. *Social Science and Medicine* 244, 112662. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.112662
- 2018 Sullivan, Noelle.  
International Clinical Volunteering in Tanzania: A Postcolonial Analysis of a Global Health Business. For special issue, “Mobility and (Dis)connectivity in the Global Health Enterprise,” Dominik Mattes and Hansjörg Dilger, guest editors, *Global Public Health* 33(3): 310-324. doi: 10.1080/17441692.2017.1346695
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle.  
Multiple Accountabilities: Development Co-operation, Transparency, and the Politics of Unknowing in Tanzania’s Health Sector. In special section “In Search of Results: Anthropological Interrogations of Evidence-Based Global Health.” Elanah Uretsky and Elsa Fan, special editors, *Critical Public Health* 17(2): 193-204. doi: 10.1080/09581596.2016.1264572
- 2012 Sullivan, Noelle.  
Enacting Spaces of Inequality: Placing Global/State Governance within a Tanzanian Hospital. In special issue, Hospital Heterotopias: Comparative Ethnographies of Biomedical Places. Alice Street and Simon Coleman, eds. *Space and Culture* 15(1):57-67. doi: 10.1177/1206331211426057
- 2011 Sullivan, Noelle.  
Mediating Abundance and Scarcity: Implementing an HIV/AIDS-Targeted Project within a Government Hospital in Tanzania. In special issue, Global AIDS Medicine in East African Health Institutions. Anita Hardon and Hansjörg Dilger, eds. *Medical Anthropology* 30(2):202-221. doi:10.1080/01459740.2011.552453
- 2010 **Sullivan, Noelle**, Hansjörg Dilger, and David Garcia.  
Negotiating Professionalism, Economics, and Altruism: An Appeal for Ethnographic Approaches to African Medical Migration. *African Diaspora* 3(2):237-254. doi:10.1163/187254610X526931

## Book Chapters

- 2016 Sullivan, Noelle.  
Hosting Gazes: Clinical Volunteer Tourism and Hospital Hospitality in Tanzania. In *Volunteer Economies: The Politics and Ethics of Voluntary Labour in Africa*. Ruth Prince and Hannah Brown, eds. Pp. 140-163. Rochester, NY: James Currey.
- 2016 Wendland, Claire, Susan Erikson, and **Noelle Sullivan**.  
Beneath the Spin: Moral Complexity and Rhetorical Simplicity in ‘Global Health.’ In *Volunteer Economies: The Politics and Ethics of Voluntary Labour in Africa*. Ruth Prince and Hannah Brown, eds. Pp. 164-182. Rochester, NY: James Currey.

## Invited Reviews and Commentaries

- 2016 Sullivan, Noelle.  
Hospital (In)Visibilities: Engaging the (Im)Possibilities of Ontological Instability: A Review of *Biomedicine in an Unstable Place: Infrastructure and Personhood in a Papua New Guinean Hospital*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. *Science as Culture*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09505431.2016.1182972>
- 2015 Sullivan, Noelle.  
Invited comment on “Partial Publics: The Political Promise of Traditional Medicine in Africa” (Stacey Langwick). *Current Anthropology* 56(4). 509-510.
- 2014 Sullivan, Noelle.  
Medical Insecurity in Ethiopia’s Somali Region: A Review of *The Aftermath of Aid: Medical Insecurity in the Northern Somali Region of Ethiopia*, by Lauren Carruth. For *Dissertation Reviews*, <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/8310>, posted April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Manuscripts in Preparation

Sullivan, Noelle. *The Business of Good Intentions: Reframing the Global Health Volunteering Debate*. Book manuscript in progress.

Sullivan, Noelle. *Stretch: A Sister’s Memoir in the Aftermath of Murder*. Book manuscript fully drafted, editing stages.

## TEACHING AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022 Office of Undergraduate Research Faculty Honor Roll for supporting undergraduate research and grant proposals over the previous decade. Northwestern University.
- 2022 Nominee, Northwestern Canvas Hall of Fame Award. Northwestern University.
- 2021-2022 Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll for Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University, for class “Beyond Porn”.

- 2018 Nominee, [Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching](#), Baylor University’s external honor recognizing excellent teachers.
- 2018-2021 [Charles Deering McCormick Distinguished Lecturer](#) (Northwestern University’s highest honor for teaching stream faculty).
- 2015-2016 Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll for Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University.
- 2009 Nominee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Teaching Award, University of Florida.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### **External Grants and Fellowships**

- 2008 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship: “Hospitals as a Window into Postsocialist Transition in Tanzania.”
- 2005 Fulbright-Hays Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Summer).
- 2003-05 Fulbright-Hays Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, University of Florida: for beginning and advanced Kiswahili.

### **Competitive Internal Fellowships, Grants, and Assistantships**

- 2019-2020 Faculty Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities.
- 2018-2021 Fellow, Sexualities Project at Northwestern Curricular Fellowship Program.
- 2018-2019 Fellow, Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University.
- 2016-2017 Public Voices/Op-Ed Project Fellow, Northwestern University.
- 2016 Alumnae of Northwestern University Academic Enrichment Project Grant for proposal “Sonny Assu: Contemporary Indigenous Artist to Foster Conversations on Indigenous Inclusion,” awarded to bring Mr. Assu to Northwestern in 2017.
- 2015 Program of African Studies Faculty Research Grant, Northwestern University.
- 2013 Program of African Studies Faculty Research Grant, Northwestern University.
- 2010 Finalist, Association for Academic Women Madelyn Lockhart Dissertation Fellowship, University of Florida.
- 2010 McGinty Dissertation Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida.
- 2007-09 Grinter Fellowship, provided by the Graduate School of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Florida.
- 2005-06 West African Research Association Graduate Assistantship.
- 2004 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad in Arusha, Tanzania, for 7-week intensive Kiswahili training.
- 2002-03 Graduate Assistantship, on matching funds to the Ford Foundation funded grant to E. Acosta-Belen and C. Bose for 2001-2002. University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2001-02 Graduate Assistantship, funded by the Ford Foundation on a grant to E. Acosta-Belen and C. Bose, on “Gender studies in global perspective.” University at Albany, SUNY.

### **Other Internal Grants**

- 2016 Hewlett Grant for Curricular Innovation, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences,

- Northwestern University.
- 2015-2016 Undergraduate Research Assistant Grant Award, for research project “Clinical Volunteer Marketing: An Empirical Investigation of Online Advertising Discourses.” Office of Undergraduate Research, Northwestern University (to support an undergraduate research assistant).
- 2014-2015 Program of African Studies Title VI Grant funding allocation, Northwestern University.
- 2014, 13 Office of the Provost Faculty-Student Interaction Grant, Northwestern University (2 grants).
- 2013-2014 Undergraduate Research Assistant Grant Award, for research project “Clinical Circulations Abroad: An Exploration of Experiences of Medical Professions Students and Practitioners on Clinical Placements in Low-Income Countries.” Office of Undergraduate Research, Northwestern University.
- 2013 Weinberg College Course Enhancement Grant, Northwestern University, fall quarter.
- 2010, 9, 4 Department of Anthropology Travel Grant, University of Florida (3 grants).
- 2010 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Florida.
- 2009 Graduate Research Division Travel Grant, University of Florida.
- 2009 Center for African Studies Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Florida.
- 2009 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, University of Florida.

### INVITED TALKS

- 2021 Invited Panelist (virtual), “Humanitarian Aid and the White Savior Complex,” Oxford Forum for International Development (OxFID) conference, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2020 Invited Panelist (virtual), “[The Challenges and Opportunities of Africa’s Health Systems](#),” Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management & International Studies (virtual panel), University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2020 Invited Speaker, “The Business of Doing Good: Reframing the Global Health Volunteering Debate.” York University, Toronto, Canada. To be presented March 19<sup>th</sup>—postponed due to COVID-19.
- 2019 Keynote Speaker, “Perverse Incentives and Commodified Health Care: Insights from the United States and Tanzania,” Ecole des Haute Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) thematic conference, “Health Systems and Health Care Organizations ‘in Crisis’—South and North,” Marseille, France, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Invited Speaker, “Commodified Altruism: International Clinical Volunteering from Advertising to Practice.” Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Feb. 26.
- 2017 Invited Speaker, Association of International Educational Administrators (AIEA) Thematic Forum “Improving the Quality and Value of Short-term Student Experiences in Global Health.” Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Keynote Speaker, “International Medical Volunteering: Perspectives and Practices from the Ground.” Symposium on the Ethics of Help: Creating Global Ambassadors for Patient Safety. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

- 2017 Invited Speaker, “Public Private Partnerships from Below: Remaking a Hospital in the Wake of ‘Global Health’ and Health Sector Reform,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, France, February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 Invited Speaker, “Ethics of Sending Medical Students on Short Term Electives Abroad.” 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Global Health Conference, “Advancing Global Health: Ethical and Logistical Issues”. Albert Einstein College of Medicine, December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 Invited Speaker, “The Use of Untrained Volunteers and Students in International Health Settings.” University of Iowa Global Health Conference: “Doing Harm by Doing Good: Ethics of Students Studying, Volunteering, and Working in Global Communities.” December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2016 Keynote Speaker, “The Quest for Standards—Clear-Eyed Environmental Analysis on International Clinical Volunteering,” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Service Learning Summit, Kansas State University, October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 Invited Speaker, “Ethical Conundrums of International Clinical Volunteering: Insights from a Case Study in Tanzania.” Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 Invited Speaker, “The Excesses of Global Health.” Conference “Big Stories and Close (Up) Research: Health and Science in the African World.” University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 Invited Speaker, “Public/Private? (Un)Settling Binaries in the Making of Health Services in Tanzania.” Center for African Studies, University of Florida, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 2015 Invited Speaker, “Exploring Differing Expectations of Students and Hosting Communities: Rethinking ‘Empowerment’ through a Case Study on Clinical Volunteering from Tanzania.” Faculty Conversation Series, “Service Through Learning: Ethics, Partnerships, and Best Practices.” NAFSA: Association of International Educators Global Learning Faculty Conversation. August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “Help, Hope and Hospitality: Exploring International Clinical Volunteering in Tanzania.” Indiana University Department of International Studies, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2013 Invited Speaker, “From Jungle Doctors to Clinical Tourists: Biomedicine and the Imperative to Intervene”. DePaul University International Studies Department conference “Interventions in the Post-Colonial World.” November 5<sup>th</sup>.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### **Panels Organized or Chaired**

- 2017 “Short-Term Global Health Travel: Good Intentions, Murky Ethics, and How Anthropology Matters.” Chair and Co-Organizer with Nicole Berry. Executive Session Selection for American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2017 “Consuming, Volunteering and Still ‘Developing’ Africa: Grounding Humanitarian Sentiment and the Political Economy of North-South Relations,” Panel Chair. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

- 2017 “Medical Cultures, Traditions, and Law” Conference, Panel Chair. Sponsored by the Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 “The Making and Unmaking of Global Health: Particularity, Practice and Politics in Comparative Perspective.” Co-Organizer with Peter Locke and Pierre Minn. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Nov. 21.
- 2013 “An Open Conversation on Anthropology and Global Health Education.” Panel Discussion Special Event, Co-Organized with Peter Locke. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago IL. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2010 “Selective Circulation: Transnational NGOs and Enclaves of Punctuated Development in Africa,” Chair and Co-Organizer with Claire Wendland. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 2009 “Tanzanian Politics and Policy.” Chair. African Studies Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Papers Presented**

- 2022 “Stretch: A Sister’s Memoir in the Aftermath of Murder.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle WA, invited session by Society for Humanistic Anthropology, presented Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 “Troubling Ecosystems of Care: Health Professionals and Foreign Volunteers Navigate Conflicting Visions of Biomedical Capacity in an Under-Resourced Health System in Tanzania.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 “Commoditized Global Health Travel: ‘Volunteer’ Entitlement and Ambiguity among Foreigners in Tanzanian Health Facilities.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 “South-South Encounters in Global Health: Privilege within Imaginaries of ‘Africa’ from Southern Perspectives.” With Ramah McKay (UPenn). African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. Nov. 16-18<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 “Local Engagements with ‘Global Health’ as Signifier: Public Private Partnerships and the Making of ‘Public’ and ‘Private’ in Tanzania.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 2015 “Within the Gaps of Global Health: Clinical Volunteering, Marketed Scarcities, and Emerging Connectivities in Tanzania.” European Association of Social Anthropologists Conference “MAGic2015: Anthropology and Global Health: Interrogating Theory, Policy and Practice.” University of Sussex, UK, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 “Imagining a Hospital Future: Public Private Partnerships and Performative Politics in Tanzania.” Conference “Dreaming of Health and Science in Africa: Aesthetics, Affects, Poetics and Politics”, Wellcome Trust Conference Center, Hinxton, UK, June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 “Documents as Currency in the Era of Public-Private Partnerships and ‘Global Health’: Material Practices and Politics in a Public Hospital in Tanzania.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 2013 “Clinical Tourists and Biomedical Intimacies in Tanzania: Collaboration and the Consumption of ‘Experiences’ in Global Health Education Abroad.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 20<sup>th</sup>.

- 2011 “Enacting Uneven Spaces: Tumaini’s Journey from Place to Space within a Tanzanian Hospital.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, PQ, Canada. November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2010 “Punctuated Development and Pregnant Bodies: Maternity Services and NGO Enclaves in a Tanzanian Government Hospital.” Invited session co-sponsored by the Association for Africanist Anthropology and the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, “Theorizing Infrastructure: Technopolitics of Development in Contemporary Africa,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 2010 “Reputation at the Expense of Service: How Managing Reputation Creates New Inequalities within a Semi-Urban Hospital in Northern Tanzania.” Workshop entitled “Urban Health in Sub-Saharan Africa” in Bamako, Mali, Jan 13-16. Funded by the German Research Foundation.
- 2009 “Imagining a ‘Modern’ Hospital: Creating a Visual Aesthetic in a Government Hospital in Tanzania.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 2009 “Negotiating the Spaces of Health: Mapping Global/State Governance within a Tanzanian Hospital.” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 2009 “The Social Life of Documents as Material Governance in Practice at a Public Hospital in Tanzania.” Society for Medical Anthropology Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, Sept. 26.
- 2009 “The Stakes of Creating Appeal within the New Context of Privatization in a Public Hospital in Tanzania.” Conference “Institutions, Collaborations, Power: Workshop on Hospital Ethnography” at the University of Sussex, UK, Feb. 19-20.
- 2004 “Alternative Medical Modernities: Creative Adaptation in the History of Missionary Medicine in Tanganyika.” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 11.

## CAMPUS TALKS AND PANELS

### Northwestern University

- 2020 “Creating Moral Commodities: Marketing in the For-Profit Global Health Volunteering Industry.” Montgomery Lecture for the Medical Humanities and Bioethics Program, October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 2020 “The Business of Good Intentions: Reframing the Global Health Volunteering Debate.” Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 2019 “Unpacking the White Savior Industrial Complex: Insights from the For-Profit Medical Voluntourism Industry in Tanzania.” Ethnography Workshop, Sociology Department. April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2019 “No Easy Answers: Inspiring Students to Tackle Messy Problems.” Teaching workshop in collaboration with Jill Wilson from Engineering school through the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 “‘Helper’ or ‘Savior’? The Debate over Short Term Global Health Activities,”



- 2017 Lecture with Judith Lasker (Lehigh University) for the Buffett Institute, May 10<sup>th</sup>.  
 “Why Good Intentions are Not Enough: Unintended Consequences of Altruism.”  
 Northwestern Family Weekend Faculty Lecture, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 “Global Reproductive Health on the Ground: From Formal ‘Magic Bullets’ to  
 Informal Volunteer Practice.” Feinberg School of Medicine Department of  
 Obstetrics and Gynecology Global Women’s Health Lecture Series, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2016 “Impacts of Volunteerism on Women’s Health in Low-Income Countries: A  
 Case Study of Tanzania”. Fireside talk to International Gender Equality  
 Movement student group, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 “Partnership and Sustainability.” Talk presented to the Buffett Institute Student  
 Group Coalition, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 “Intersections between Poverty and Best Intentions in Entrepreneurship.” Shepard  
 Residential College, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 “Understanding Context: Histories and Logics for Innovative Business Practice in  
 Tanzania and Kenya.” Presented to Kellogg Global Initiatives in Management  
 Program, Feb. 27.
- 2016 Panelist, “Global Development Roundtable: Cultural Competency.” Organized by  
 Engineering World Health, Engineers Without Borders, and Global Brigades.  
 Buffett Institute of Global Studies, Feb. 4.
- 2015-2019 “The Role of Traditional Healers in Global Health.” McGaw Global Health  
 Clinical Scholars Lecture, Feinberg School of Medicine, (1 lecture annually).
- 2015 “The Front Lines and Back Alleys of International Experiences: Insights from  
 Volunteering in Tanzania.” Presented to Northwestern University Chapter of  
 GlobeMed, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 Panelist, “Mentoring in the Field: Lessons from Remote Locations.” Workshop  
 hosted by the Graduate School for faculty, post-doctoral fellows and graduate  
 students, April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 “Water and the Politics of Doing ‘Good’: Altruism, Sustainability, and the  
 Pragmatics of Place.” Presented to Northwestern University Chapter of Engineers  
 Without Borders, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 “Is any Help Better than No Help at All? Case Studies in Clinical Volunteering  
 in Tanzania.” Presented to New Life Volunteering Association, Northwestern  
 University Chapter, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 “The Politics of ‘Making a Difference’: Learning/Teaching in the Narratives of  
 Clinical Volunteers in Tanzania.” Presented at the Buffett Center for International  
 and Comparative Studies Faculty and Fellows Colloquium, October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 Panelist, “Public Health Faculty Career Panel,” hosted by the Office of  
 International Program Development and Global Health Studies Program, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2014 Invited Panelist, National GlobeMed Summit, on panel “Disparities in Global  
 Health Education,” April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 “Aid vs. Investment: What does it Mean to Help?” Presented to Northwestern  
 University chapter of GlobeMed, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2013 Panelist, “Next Steps: A Summer Experience Forum.” Hosted by the Office of  
 Undergraduate Research, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 2013 “Preparing for International Fieldwork: Tales from the Field”. *And* “Interviewing Skills: Asking Good Questions.” Talks presented to Global Engagement Summer Institute student participants, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2013 Invited Panelist, “How can I Increase my Competitiveness for Top Programs?” Ph.D. Preparation Program for undergraduates, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2012 “The Impact and Potential of Engineering in Global Health.” Fireside talk presented to engineering students at the Slivka Residential College, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2012 “Emergent Biomedicine: Hospital Healing Beyond State/Donor Interest in Tanzania.” Presented to the Program of African Studies, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **University of Florida**

- 2011 “Healthcare Delivery in Resource-poor Settings: Views from a Tanzanian Hospital.” Keynote Speaker, general meeting, University of Florida chapter of the American Medical Students Association. April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 2011 “The Impact of Donor Programs on Healthcare Delivery in Tanzania; or, Tumaini’s Travels through the Government Hospital.” Presented at the Tropical Conservation and Development Student Group forum “Exploring Social and Environmental Dimensions of Health in Africa and Latin America: The View from Anthropology.” Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 2011 “Misconceptions about HIV/AIDS in Africa.” Presented to Recurso non-profit student organization meeting, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 2010 “Providing Scarcity: The Ambiguous Effects of HIV/AIDS Programs on Government Health Care Institutions in Tanzania, East Africa.” Presented at the Graduate Student Council’s 2010 Interdisciplinary Research Conference, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2007 “Creating a Universal Symptomatology: Exploring Psychiatric Notions of Depression in Africa, 1960-1981.” Presented at a Students in African Studies Association luncheon, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2013-2019 *Online and archival research*, “Marketing and Testimonials for International Clinical Volunteering.” Principal Investigator.
- 2011-2017 *Ethnographic research*, “Host and Visitor Experiences of Foreign Clinical Volunteering in Tanzania.” Principal Investigator across five field seasons in Arusha, Tanzania.
- 2013-2014 *Ethnographic research*, “Clinical Circulations Abroad: An Exploration of Experiences of (Pre-) Health Professions Students and Practitioners on Clinical Placements in Low-Income Countries.” Principal Investigator.
- 2008 *Ethnographic and archival research*, “Hospitals as a Window into Postsocialist Transition in Tanzania”, 11-months research in Arusha and Dar es Salaam.
- 2006 *Research Assistant* for interview project, “The Brain Drain of Health Professionals from Africa to the U.S.: A Preliminary Investigation.” Principal Investigator: Hansjörg Dilger. January-April.
- 2006 *Archival research* on psychiatric discourses surrounding depression and anxiety in former British colonies in Africa from 1960-1981. January-July.
- 2005 *Ethnographic field research* in Florida on how conservative Christian women

adapt to their role in church, within the household, and amid religiously-based gender constraints. August-December.

2005 *Pre-dissertation research* investigating life histories and practices of Tanzanian biomedical personnel in an HIV/AIDS clinic and a missionary health clinic in Arusha Region, Tanzania. May-July.

## TEACHING

### Northwestern University

Introduction to Global Health (F2022)

Introduction to International Public Health (annually from 2012-2022)

Beyond Porn: Sexuality, Health, and Pleasure W2022, S2023

Volunteerism and the Ethics of Help, F2016, F2017, F2018, F2020, F2021, F2022

Medical Heroes and Villains, F2021

Global Health from Policy to Practice, S2015, S2016, W2017, W2018, W2019

Qualitative Research Methods in Global Health, S2013, W2014, W2015, S2015, S2017, S2018, S2019

Biomedicine and Culture, W2013, F2013, W2015, W2017, W2018, W2019

Development in the Global Context, Summer 2018

Global Health and Indigenous Medicine, S2013, S2014, S2015, S2017

HIV/AIDS in Africa, F2012, F2014, F2016

Hospital Cultures, S2013

### University of Florida

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, S2009, Sum2009, F2009

HIV/AIDS in Africa, F2010, F2011

Human Sexuality and Culture, Sum2010, F2010, S2011, F2011

### Guest Lectures

2020 “Short Term Global Health Experiences: Rhetorics and Practices of Clinical Volunteering and Medical Missions,” for course Fundamentals of Global Health, taught by Dr. Madhukar Pai at McGill University (Canada), Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

2019 “Voluntourism and working with non-profits abroad.” For course on the anthropology of NGO’s, taught by Dr. Elsa Fan, Webster University, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

2016-2019 “Policies and politics of the US health care system” guest lecture for course Introduction to International Public Health, annually, taught by Dr. Peter Locke, Global Health Studies, Northwestern University.

2016, “Health care in Africa.” For course Contemporary African Worlds taught by Dr. Stephen Hill, Northwestern University, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## PROGRAM LEADERSHIP AND ADVISING

### Program Leadership

2014-2017 Program Head for Northwestern University's "Field Research in Public Health: Tanzania" undergraduate study abroad program, in collaboration with the University of Dar es Salaam and government representatives from Meru District, Arusha, Tanzania.

### Undergraduate Student Advising, Northwestern University

#### Primary Investigator on Undergraduate Research:

Isabelle Zinghini (B.A. 2019), Miriam Perez (B.A. 2017), Allison Park (B.A. 2017), Elaine Shen (B.A. 2016), Tomas Galluzi (B.A. 2016), Supriya Rastogi (B.A. 2014), Nouha Boundaoui (B.A. 2014), Riley Smith (B.A. 2014). Results of Smith's research published in 2015 in *Culture, Health and Sexuality*, and presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in 2013.

#### Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor

Miriam Perez (B.A. 2017). Winner of Friends of Anthropology Award for Distinguished Honors Thesis in Public Anthropology.

Srivarshini Cherukupalli (B.A. 2014). Recipient of 2014 Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences James Alton James Scholar in the Social Sciences Award, Winner of the Undergraduate Research and Arts Exposition Poster Prize.

#### Undergraduate Capstone Paper Advisor

Camille Blackman (B.A. 2016), Xe'Nedra Lucas (B.A. 2015), Kate Ritter, (B.A. 2015), Anna Radoff (B.A. 2014)

#### Student Group Research Advising

2012-2016 Advisor and Principal Investigator for Northwestern chapter of GlobeMed student research team projects in Uganda (Udita Persaud, Aysha Salter-Volz, Camille Cooley and James Wester, 2015-2016; Carol Feng, Marilyn Janisch, Neil Thivalapill and Victoria Zapater-Charrette 2014-2015; Neha Reddy, Amanda Blazek, and Rafa Ifthikhar 2013-2014; Matthew Zhou, Alissa Zhu, and Natalie Sack 2012-2013).

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

### Reviews for Academic Journals

2022 *Development and Change*

2021 *MEDICC Review, PLOS Global Health, American Ethnologist*

2019 *Social Science & Medicine, American Ethnologist, Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*

2018 *Social Science & Medicine, Critique of Anthropology, American Ethnologist*

- 2017 *Medical Anthropology Quarterly, Medical Anthropology, PLOS ONE*
- 2016 *Medical Anthropology Quarterly, International Journal of Health Planning and Management, Canadian Journal of African Studies*
- 2015 *African Studies Review, American Ethnologist, Critical African Studies, Medical Anthropology Quarterly*
- 2014 *Current Anthropology, Medical Anthropology*
- 2013 *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*
- 2012 *Current Anthropology, Medical Anthropology*

**Book Manuscripts and Proposal Reviews**

- 2023 Book Reviewer, *New York University Press*
- 2023 Book Proposal Reviewer, *Routledge*.
- 2019 Book Proposal Reviewer, *Cambridge University Press*.
- 2018 Book Proposal Reviewer, *Routledge*.
- 2015 Chapter Reviewer, *Lexington Books*.
- 2011 Book Proposal Reviewer, *Norton*.

**Grant Proposal Reviews**

- 2018 National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Program.
- 2017 National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Program.
- 2015 Icelandic Research Fund.

**Working Groups and Committees**

- 2016-2018 Member, Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Global Health Undergraduate/Masters Education Subcommittee.
- 2016-2017 Member, Content Committee for the “Symposium on the Ethics of Help: Creating Global Ambassadors for Patient Safety” conference at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, June 8-9, 2017.
- 2014- Member, Working Group on “Global Activities by Students at Pre-Health Levels” (GASP). GASP works on advancing best practice standards and ethics for undergraduates working or volunteering in health-related settings abroad, whether through formal university-based programs or extra-curricular involvement.

**Editorial Committees**

- 2004-2006 Editorial Committee Member, *African Studies Quarterly*

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Northwestern University**

- 2022-2025 Representative, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Teaching-Track Merit Review Committee (Elected Representative for Social Sciences).
- 2021-2022 Equity Representative, Hiring Committee for teaching line Assistant Professor in Global Health Studies.
- 2021 Chair, Hiring Committee for 3-year Visiting Assistant Professor position in Global Health Studies.

- 2021 Member, Promotion Committee, Program in Global Health Studies.
- 2019 Member, Promotion Committee, Program in Global Health Studies.
- 2018-2019 Member, Northwestern Consortium for Universities in Global Health (CUGH) Conference Planning Committee.
- 2017 Member, Selection Committee for 2017-2018 Public Voices Fellowship with The Op-Ed Project.
- 2016-2017 Steering Committee Member, Community-Engaged Scholarship Working Group, Buffett Institute of Global Studies.
- 2016 Chair, Hiring Committee for Swahili Language Instructor.
- 2015-2017 Member, Executive Committee, Program of African Studies.
- 2015-2016 Member, Working Group on Global Engaged Learning and Research, Buffett Institute of Global Studies.
- 2016 Member, Community Engagement Advisory Group
- 2012- Member, Program in Global Health Studies Curriculum Committee.
- 2013- Member, Global Health Fellowship Review Committee.
- 2013-2017 Member, Global Health Case Study Competition Faculty Advisory Committee, and Mentor for Competition Teams.
- 2013-2014 Member, Executive Committee, Program of African Studies.
- 2013-2014 Member, Global Health Studies Hiring Committee.

**University of Florida**

- 2009-2010 Graduate Student Representative, Subcommittee on Hiring, Department of Anthropology.
- 2005-2006 Graduate Student Representative, Subcommittee on Hiring, Department of Anthropology.
- 2005-2006 Chair, Students in African Studies Association.

**EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Northwestern University**

- 2014, 2018 Judge, Northwestern Undergraduate Research and Arts Exposition
- 2016-2018 Faculty Fellow, Shepard Residential College.
- 2016 Advisor, Buffett Institute for Global Studies Student Group Coalition.
- 2016 Delegate Mentor, Global Engagement Summit.
- 2013-2015 Faculty Sponsor, Undergraduate Public Health Club.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**Public Talks**

- 2019 Speaker, “Re-thinking International Voluntourism.” Presented to Evanston Township High School Students, The Block Museum, Northwestern University, March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Invited Speaker, “International Medical Voluntourism: What You Should

- Know before Booking that Trip.” Friday Forum lecture series of the University YMCA Champaign-Urbana, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Speaker, “Good Intentions, Good Business, Murky Ethics: Perceptions and Practices of Medical Voluntourism in Tanzania.” Presented to Niles North High School Students for fieldtrip “Exploring Contemporary Africa” at the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies, Northwestern University, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 Introducing Kilimani Elementary School, Tanzania, East Africa. Talk presented to 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Highland Elementary School, Skokie, IL. December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2010 Abundance and Scarcity in African Public Hospitals: The Politics of Donor Programs. Talk presented to the North Delta Rotary Club (British Columbia, Canada), June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Service and Consultancies**

- 2022 Expert Opinion, health sector conditions in Tanzania, for Law Office of Godfrey Y. Muwonge LLC medical humanitarian case, September.
- 2021- Ambassador Program Volunteer, Niles Township Government, providing translation services to township residents (Swahili, French).
- 2021-2025 Board Member (elected), Skokie School District 68.
- 2020 Member, Skokie School District 68 Metrics Committee, aiming to create a set of scientifically-informed metrics for determining when and how to have children return to in-person schooling during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2018-19 Swahili translation services for Congolese refugee family, through fair housing NGO Open Communities, Evanston IL.
- 2018 Expert Opinion, health sector conditions in Tanzania, for Law Office of Godfrey Y. Muwonge LLC medical humanitarian case, December.
- 2016 Expert Opinion, health sector conditions in Uganda, for Law Office of Godfrey Y. Muwonge LLC immigration case, December.
- 2015- Co-Director, Worldview Education and Care, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charity, funding and supporting health and education initiatives in Tanzania.
- 2014-2016 Founder and Leader of the Highland-Kilimani Letter Exchange program, in partnership with Northwestern University’s Swahili Language program, Highland Elementary School (Skokie, IL) and Kilimani Elementary School (Arusha, Tanzania).
- 2014-2015 Co-founder and facilitator, [Community Health Corps’](#) Health Information Resource Centers Utilizing Libraries in Evanston and Skokie (HIRCULES) Health Hub Initiative, a Northwestern grassroots student group initiative partnering with the City of Evanston and Village of Skokie Health Departments, Evanston and Skokie Public Libraries, and Erie Family Health Centers.

### **PUBLIC MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**

#### **Op-Eds**

- 2020 Shailey Prasad & Noelle Sullivan. “[COVID-19 is a Stress Test for the WHO.](#)” *The Hill*, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

- 2020 Sullivan, Noelle [“How to Inform and Empower Children during COVID-19.”](#) *The Hill*, March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Sullivan, Noelle & Lisa Ann Richey. [“There are Better Ways to Fight Poverty than Giving Money to Corporations.”](#) *Huffington Post*, May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Sullivan, Noelle. [“HIV’s Ancient ‘Cousin’ is Ravaging Australia and Could Spread Worldwide.”](#) *The Hill*, May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Baby Steps in the Senate are just That.”](#) *The Hill*, April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Marital Status should not Define a Woman.”](#) *Role Reboot*, April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Sullivan, Noelle. [“When Volunteering Abroad does more Harm than Good.”](#) *Huffington Post*, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle and Nicole Berry. [“Good Intentions and Murky Ethics: How Anthropology Matters in Short-Term Global Health Travel,”](#) *Anthropology News* November/December edition.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Who Leads WHO Matters: Why Misconceptions about Africa Persist.”](#) *Medium*, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“The AHCA Debate is Missing Crucial Healthcare Costs.”](#) *The Hill*, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“The Trouble with Medical ‘Voluntourism’”.](#) *Scientific American*, May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Why Market Logics Can’t Solve the US Health Care Crisis.”](#) *Truthout*, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“The Right Way to Give.”](#) *US News & World Report*, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Why International Medical Volunteering Does More Harm Than Good.”](#) *Role Reboot*, April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Neoliberalism is Killing Us: Economic Stress as a Driver of Global Depression and Suicide.”](#) *Truthout*. April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Telling the Anti-Vaccine Community They’re Wrong has been Tried for Years Now, and it Doesn’t Work—Here’s Another Approach.”](#) *AlterNet*, March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Global Gag Rule’s Impact Goes Far Beyond Abortion.”](#) *Footnote*, Feb. 10.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Pedestrians, Cyclists and Drivers Must Work Together to Ensure Safety.”](#) *The Daily Northwestern*, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Sullivan, Noelle. [“New Administration must look to Recent Past for Global Health Lessons.”](#) *The Hill*. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Why is Healthcare so Expensive in the United States?”](#) *The Hill*. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 Sullivan, Noelle. [“We Need to Stop Sending Unskilled Volunteers to Countries that Need Care.”](#) *VICE Motherboard*. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 Sullivan, Noelle. [“Global Poor’s Medical Care would be Unethical in U.S.”](#) *Orlando Sentinel*, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Media Interviews and Appearances

- 2021 Interviewee, [“Tourisme humanitaire, le business de la honte,”](#) *Temps Présent*, a



- production of Radio Télévision Suisse [an investigative documentary by Swiss Radio Television on the perils of voluntourism], aired Nov. 11.
- 2020 Interviewee, Episode #84 “Passports and Procedures: Receiving and Providing Care Abroad.” [Raw Talk Podcast](#), University of Toronto, aired Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 2020 Pai, Madhukar. “[Reciprocity in Global Health: Ain’t Easy but Vital](#).” *Forbes*. March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2019 *The Stream* (Al Jazeera English). Panelist on show “[Does humanitarian aid have a White Savior problem?](#)”, aired June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Schröder, Thorsten. “[Wenn die Lebensrettung plötzlich unbezahlbar wird](#)” [When a Life Saver Suddenly becomes Priceless] *Die Zeit* (German), Nov. 23.
- 2018 WGN Radio Saturday Night Special with Amy Guth, interviewed for show “[Volunteering and Non-Profit](#).” Feb. 3.
- 2017 Calacal, Celisa. “[A Not so Helping Hand: How Voluntourism Perpetuates a Dangerous Saviorship Complex](#).” *Buzzsaw*, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Schröder, Thorsten. “[Obamacare: Unbezahlbare Gesundheit](#)” [Obamacare: Invaluable Health] *Die Zeit* (German), Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Schröder, Thorsten. “[Obamacare: Ein krankes System](#)” [Obamacare: A Sick System] *Die Zeit* (German). March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 *The Stream* (Al Jazeera English). Panelist on show “[Medical Volunteerism](#).” August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2016 Fu, Megan. “[Amateurs play doctor for world’s poor](#).” *Daily Beast*, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## LANGUAGES

Swahili (Reading, Writing, Speaking: Advanced)  
 French (Reading, Writing, Speaking: Advanced)  
 Spanish (Reading, Writing, Speaking: Beginner)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

African Studies Association  
 American Anthropological Association  
 Association for Africanist Anthropology  
 Association for the Anthropology of Policy  
 Consortium of Universities for Global Health  
 Society for Medical Anthropology  
 Tanzanian Studies Association