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MSU APPOINTMENT RECORD

Associate Professor, September 2013  
Tenure granted, December 2009  
Assistant Professor, September 2005

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of California, Los Angeles	1999	Anthropology Dissertation: "RU 486: French Women's Experience of Abortion and Embodiment"
M.A.	University of California, Los Angeles	1999	Anthropology Thesis: "Re-conceiving Pregnancy, Creating Mothers: Pregnancy Care Attitudes and Beliefs in African-American and Latino Women in Los Angeles"
B.A.	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	1989	Anthropology

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, PUBLICATIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Scholarly and Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Williams, W. M., Steinmetz, T., & Gerber, E. (2025). Artifacts of Ableism: Semiotics of the Built Environment and Disability Identity on University Campuses. *Journal of Disability Studies in Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1163/25888803-bja10037>

Gerber, Elaine and Talia Steinmetz. "Just Listen to Us:" *Applied findings for MSU from the Disability Culture on Campus project*. "White paper" for the MSU campus community, November 2024, [available online](#).

Gerber, Elaine. "Theater By The Blind: a retrospective look at an off-Broadway troupe, an international festival, and the making of disability culture", *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal*, Volume 16[1]: Spring 2020.  
<https://rdsjournal.org/index.php/journal/article/view/946>

Gerber, Elaine. "Ableism and Its Discontents: Food as a form of power, control, and resistance among disabled people living in U.S. Institutions." *Food and Foodways*, 28[1]: 1-21, 2020.  
DOI: [10.1080/07409710.2020.1718273](https://doi.org/10.1080/07409710.2020.1718273)  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/07409710.2020.1718273>

Gerber, Elaine. "Unbecoming Mother: Selected Notes on Miscarriage and Infertility." Chapter 7, In *Constructing (M)other: Narrative of Disability, Motherhood and the Politics of 'Normal,'* edited by Priya Lalvani. Peter Lang, 2019. <https://www.peterlang.com/document/1058299>

Gerber, Elaine, Kim Lynch, and Serena Anan. "Disability and Food" in *Disability in American Life: an Encyclopedia of Concepts, Policies, and Controversies* edited by Tamar Heller, Sarah Parker Harris, Carol Gill, and Robert Perry Gould. ABC-CLIO, December 2018.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/disability-in-american-life-9781440834226/>

Gerber, Elaine. "How Bad Is Food Insecurity for Disabled Americans? It's worse than the Census data show," Invited blog, published by the SAFN (Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition), Feb 20, 2018. Available online at: <https://foodanthro.com/?s=gerber>

Gerber, Elaine. "Eating, Feeding, & Disability" in *The Encyclopedia of Agricultural Ethics*, Springer, edited by Paul B. Thompson and David M. Kaplan, 2012. Published online at: <http://www.springerreference.com/docs/html/chapterdbid/307546.html>

Gerber, Elaine. "Describing Tragedy: The Information Access Needs of Blind People during Emergency Situations," *Human Organization*, Volume 68[1]: 73-81, 2009. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44148538?seq=1>

Kirchner, Corinne, Elaine Gerber, and Brooke Smith. "Designed to Deter: Community Barriers to Physical Activity for People with Visual or Motor Impairments", *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, Volume 34[4]:349 - 352, 2008. Online: <http://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S0749379708000068>

Gerber, Elaine. "Food Studies and Disability Studies: Introducing a Happy Marriage" in *Eat, Drink & Inclusion: The Politics of Disability & Food. Disability Studies Quarterly, Special Theme Issue*, Volume 27[3], 2007. Published online at: <http://www.dsqsds.org/article/view/19/19>

Gerber, Elaine. "Seeing Isn't Believing: Blindness, Race, and Cultural Literacy," *The Senses & Society*, 2[1]:27-40, 2007. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.2752/17458920779996965>

Gerber, Elaine and Brooke Smith. "Literacy & Controversy: Focus Group Data from Canada on Proposed Changes to the Braille Code (UEBC)," *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 100[8]:459-470, 2006. <https://web.archive.org/web/20240518165003/https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.859.4436&rep=rep1&type=pdf>

Gerber, Elaine. "The Benefits of and Barriers to Computer Use for Individuals Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired," *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 97[9]:536-550, 2003. <https://eric.ed.gov/?id=EJ676176>

Gerber, Elaine and Corinne Kirchner, "Livable Communities Throughout the Life Course," *Disability Studies Quarterly*, 23[2]: 41-57, 2003. Available online at: [http://www.dsqsds-archives.org/\\_articles\\_pdf/2003/Spring/dsq\\_2003\\_Spring\\_06.pdf](http://www.dsqsds-archives.org/_articles_pdf/2003/Spring/dsq_2003_Spring_06.pdf)

Gerber, Elaine, "Deconstructing Pregnancy: Seeing 'Eggs' and the Ambiguity of Very Early Conceptions," *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 16[1]:92-108, 2002. <https://anthrosource.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1525/maq.2002.16.1.92>

Gerber, Elaine and Corinne Kirchner, "Who's Surfing? Internet Access and Computer Use by Visually Impaired Youth and Adults," *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 95[3], 176-181, 2001. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0145482X0309700905>

## Other Publications

#EatDis Research Project – Executive Summary (August 2017), available online at:  
<https://msuweb.montclair.edu/~gerbere/food-disability-research-2017.1.html>

Foreword, Disability Feast, the “disability cookbook” project by the World Institute on Disability (2015) <https://disabilityfeast.wordpress.com/home/foreword/>

Leventhal, Jay and Elaine Gerber. "Buying Your Way on the MTA," *AccessWorld Extra*, August 2003, 3(4), published online at: [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

Gerber, Elaine. "Surfing By Ear: Usability Concerns of Computer Users Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired," *AccessWorld*, January 2002, 3(1). Available online at:  
<http://www.afb.org/afbpress/pub.asp?DocID=AW030107>

Gerber, Elaine, "Conducting Usability Testing With Computer Users Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired," published online at: [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

### Media and Press

“Is there a more accessible way to food shop?” <Lens15, Interview by Jason Strother, May 2023>  
<https://lens15.substack.com/p/is-there-a-more-accessible-way-to?sd=pf>

“Couples with disabilities risk benefits with marriage”, PBS, NJ Spotlight (26 mins), 02/16/2023  
<https://www.pbs.org/video/nj-spotlight-news-february-16-2023-1676565110/>

“Commitment ceremony held to draw attention to the rights of the disabled,” by Gene Myers, Feb 16, 2023  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/2023/02/16/commitment-ceremony-couples-with-disabilities-montclair-state-university-nj-patrice-jetter/69892097007/>

Covid Calls #263 “[Disability Justice and Covid-19](#)” on 4/21/2021; also available [on YouTube here](#)

The Making of “On Display” by Heidi Latsky; disability and the arts interview for promotional video; [available online](#)

“How Cooking Culture Excludes People With Disabilities,” By Seraphina Seow, July 2020, quoting me and featuring my research: <https://www.myrecipes.com/community/how-cooking-culture-excludes-disabilities>

“Healthy Cooking Can Come With Many Unfair Barriers for People With Disabilities,” By Elly Belle, July 2020, quoting me and featuring my research: <https://www.wellandgood.com/cooking-with-disability-barriers/>

### Guest Editor:

Guest Editor, *Disability Studies Quarterly, Special Theme Issue*, Summer 2007, Volume 27[3]: Eat, Drink & Inclusion: The Politics of Disability & Food. Online: <http://www.dsqsds.org/issue/view/2>

Student-Publications - Academic Advisor, Undergraduate students’ publications:

- Steinmetz, Talia. "Heroic Justice for Quasimodo Through Re-creation: Examining Disney's Denial of Romance and the Hero's Journey," *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal*. Special Issue: Disability and Film and Media. Vol. 17 No. 4, 2022. <https://www.rdsjournal.org/index.php/journal/article/view/1115>
- Will Williams, "Little Free Libraries: Creativity and Altruism as a Self-Healing Aid in the Time of COVID-19 2020." *Sociation*, 20(1), 26-42. [Available online](#).
- Hamna Khuld, "Vitiligo: Challenging Cultural Assumptions and Shaping Identity," *The Journal for Undergraduate Ethnography*, Volume 9(2), 2019
- Jennifer Rogers, "Authentic Representation and Author Identity: Exploring Mental Illness in *The Hobbit* Fanfiction," *Canadian Journal of Disability Studies*, Volume 7(3), 2018

### Book Reviews

Reviewed by Elaine Gerber, forthcoming 2026. *The Useless Way: How Clinging to Symptoms Helps Us Heal*, by Dr. Evan Pinto, Ginko Wellness, 2026.

Reviewed by Elaine Gerber for the University of Michigan Press. *Blindness Through the Looking Glass: The Performance of Blindness, Gender, and the Sensory Body*, by Gili Hammer. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2019.

Reviewed by Elaine Gerber in *Disability Studies Quarterly*, Winter 2001. Racino, Julie Ann. *Policy, Program Evaluation, and Research in Disability: Community Support for All*. New York, NY: The Haworth Press, 1999.

Reviewed by Elaine Gerber in *Disability Studies Quarterly*, Winter 2002, 22 (1) , 87-104. Bourgon, Luc, and French, Ian (Producers), and Sekulich, Daniel (Director). *Deadly Inheritance* [video]. Boston, MA: Fanlight Productions, 1997.

### Selected Presentations & Invited Lectures:

"Access This Way: an Access Scavenger Hunt at Montclair" by Elaine Gerber (Anthropology) and Judy Lieff (School of Communication and Media). *Active Learning and Engagement session, MSU Office of Faculty Excellence, Annual Faculty Showcase*. May 8, 2024.

"Access This Way: an Access Scavenger Hunt at Montclair" with Judy Lieff. MSU's 19th Annual Summer Institute for Teaching, Learning and Technology (ITDS). Montclair, NJ. June 5, 2024

Invited Lecturer, "The Social Model of Disability: where is the so-called problem of disability located?" Fort Lee Public Library, Ft Lee, NJ. June 17, 2024

"Alimentary Ableism." Symposium on Disability and Food Justice, invited guest expert, Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) and Chatham University's Falk School of Sustainability and the Environment. April 14th, 2023.

"Research Methods and Disability: anti-ableist and disability-inclusive research within public health and medicine." Disability Justice as Public Health (DJAPH) at Brown University, invited expert, April 2023.

"Artifacts of Ableism: Reflexive Photography as a Methodology for Studying Disability Culture and Access in a Campus Setting." With Talia Steinmetz and Will Williams. Presentation to the Disability Caucus, MSU. January 20, 2023.

Dume, N., Salotti, A., Ban, K., Dinour, L., Gerber, E., Vedwan, N., & O'Connor, S. (April 2023). The importance of affordable food options on campus. Poster, presented at the Montclair State University Student Research Symposium 2023.

“Community Based Participatory Action Research – summary of projects.” Presentation to the Community Engaged Teaching & Learning (CETL) Fellows. December 2022

“Course Accessibility: Design for Diversity.” Video for Office of Faculty Excellence. Spring 2022. <https://www.montclair.edu/faculty-excellence/universal-design-for-learning/> and <https://youtu.be/HfzKqsdPlo8>

“Disabling Food Scholarship & Activism: Future Prospects at the Intersections of Food Studies and Disability Studies,” roundtable participant. 2021 [Association for the Study of Food and Society \(ASFS\) Conference](https://www.food-culture.org/2021-conference/) (Just Food: because it is never *just food*) <https://www.food-culture.org/2021-conference/> June 14, 2021.

“Audio Description: a roundtable at the intersection of Visual Anthropology and Disability Studies.” Organized and co-chaired special session with President, Wenner Gren at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual conference, March 2020.

“Making Digital Materials Accessible To All,” invited presentation in response to the emergency pivot to ‘online only’ during pandemic, Office of Faculty Advancement, MSU, March 18, 2020.

“Body and Culture from a Disability Studies Perspective,” Invited international expert, Disability Before Disability project, Iceland, May 2019.

“If We Build It, They Will Come: that, and all the other good reasons for an accessible website,” Invited plenary speaker, ITDS Summer Institute, Montclair State University, June 2019.

“The Campus Access Project: generating activism and improving access through classroom assignments” – paper presented on panel, “Inclusion on campus: the role of anthropology,” Session Organizer (and podcast winner), The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual conference in Portland, March 2019.

“Disability Rights & Sustainability: a 4-fields roundtable discussion,” Session Organizer and Discussant, The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual conference in Philadelphia, March 2018.

“Myth of the Magic Diet,” Stockton College, School of Education’s “Nutrition and Disability: Facts and Myths, Interprofessional Education Panel,” Feb 22, 2018.

“Edible Ableism,” Marymount Manhattan College, University President’s Conversations on Diversity & Social Justice series, November 10, 2017.

“Edible Ableism: The Role Of Cultural Attitudes In Creating Barriers To Healthy Eating for Disabled People in the U.S.” – paper presented at panel session (U.S. Food Matters in Policy and Ethnography) at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual conference in Washington, DC, 2017.

“Disabling Markets: Barriers to healthy eating for disabled people in the US” – paper presented at panel session (Drug, Food, Medicine: Emerging Topics in the Anthropology of Consumption; co-organized with Juliet Lee) at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual conference in Santa Fe, March 2017.

“Ableism and Its Discontents: food as a form of power, control, and resistance among disabled people living in U.S. Institutions” – paper presented at panel session (The Anthropology of Food in Institutional Contexts) at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual conference in Minneapolis, November 2016.

“Is the Big Apple Accessible? Food Security & People with Disabilities in NYC” – invited speaker, Marymount Manhattan College, President’s Seminar Series on Diversity, Fall 2015.

“Disability Cookbook: Exploring Approaches to Enhancing Food Agency and Nutrition for People with Disabilities” - paper presented at the Society of Disability Studies (SDS) annual conference in Atlanta, June 2015.

“Food Security Among People With Disabilities In The U.S: The Role Of Cultural Attitudes In Creating Barriers To Healthy Eating”, The International Conference on Culinary Arts and Sciences (ICCAS), Montclair State University, June 2015.

"Disability Justice in the Food Movement" – paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual conference, Pittsburgh, March 2015.

"Are People with Disabilities Inherently Vulnerable?" – paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual conference, Pittsburgh, March 2015.

“Food Security Among People with Disabilities in the U.S.: the Role of Cultural Attitudes in Creating Barriers to Healthy Eating” – paper presented at Invited Session (Culturing Nutrients) of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual conference in D.C., December 2014.

“Is the Big Apple Accessible? Food Security & People with Disabilities in NYC” – invited speaker, Marymount Manhattan College, President’s Seminar Series on Diversity, October 2014.

“Using Participatory Action Research (PAR) to redefine ‘access’ to grocery stores and how ‘food deserts’ are measured” – paper presented at the Society of Disability Studies (SDS) annual conference in Minneapolis, June 2014.

“Destination Orange: CB/PAR on Food Security & Disability in New Jersey” – paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual conference, Albuquerque, March 2014.

“Disability Studies Beyond the Academy” (Professional Development Strand) – panel discussion at the Society of Disability Studies (SDS) annual conference, Orlando, June 2013.

“Newcomers Welcome: Q & A” –panel discussion at the Society of Disability Studies (SDS) annual conference, Orlando, June 2013.

“Food Systems and Disablement in the United States” – paper presented at the Joint Annual Meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS), Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), & Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN), New York City, June 2012.

“No Seat at the Table: Discourses of Food & Disability” – paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual conference, Baltimore, March 2012.

“What Am I Going To Do With My Degree To Support The Cause?: marketing qualitative research skills” (Professional Development Strand) - panel discussion at the Society of Disability Studies (SDS) annual conference, Denver, June 2012.

“Cultural Citizenship Thru Protest: Using Social Networks To Drive Inclusion” – paper presented at the Society of Disability Studies (SDS) annual conference, San Jose, June 2011.

“Disability Studies Contributes to Applied Anthropology: Personhood, Embodiment, and Inequality Created by Food & Eating.” Society for Medical Anthropology, New Haven, September 2009.

“Community Development & The Role of Anthropology: New Certificate Program at Montclair State University,” panelist, Society for Community Research and Action, Montclair State University, June 2009.

“A Disability Studies Perspective on Food Studies,” American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2008.

“Performing Verbal Description: A Hands-On Workshop,” Society for Disability Studies, New York, June 2008.

“Teaching Disability Studies,” panel moderator and discussant. Society for Disability Studies, New York, June 2008.

“Ability Studies: U.S. Cultural Assumptions about Non-disabled Partners of Disabled Adults,” Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, March 2008.

“What can Blindness Teach us about Race in the United States?” presentation at Montclair State University, Department of Anthropology Seminar Series, March 13, 2008.

“Problematics of Community-Based Research Among Blind People in the U.S.: A Perspective from Anthropology and Disability Studies,” Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, March 2007.  
“Assistive Mobility Technologies in Urban Neighborhood Environments: Research to Use and Improve ICF’s Environmental and Activity/Participation Domains” (with Corinne Kirchner, author, and Brooke Smith). Presentation at The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Collaborating Center conference on the World Health Organization’s International Classification of Functioning, Vancouver, June 2006.

“Transforming Theory Into Practice: Applied Anthropology at Montclair State University”, organized panel, Society for Applied Anthropology/Society for Medical Anthropology, Vancouver, March 2006.

“Promoting Physical Activity for People with Disabilities in the U.S.,” Society for Applied Anthropology/Society for Medical Anthropology, Vancouver, March 2006.

“Who Lives? Who Dies? Disasters, Bioethics, and Disability, Parts I and II”, discussant, Society for Applied Anthropology/Society for Medical Anthropology, Vancouver, March 2006.

“Active Living Research and People with Disabilities,” Breakfast Roundtable, Active Living Research Conference, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, San Diego, February 2006.

“Design for Diverse Users: Promoting Active Living for All Types of Bodies,” poster, Active Living Research Conference, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, San Diego, February 2006.

“Using the ICF to Measure Community Factors Affecting Physical Activity,” poster, American Public Health Association, December 2005.

“Active Living: Environmental Factors Affecting Physical Activity of People with Visual and Motor Impairments,” Society for Disability Studies, San Francisco, June 2005.

Research Roundtable, National and Emerging Leaders, and Research Track (Blindness as Public Health Agenda, Building a Research Agenda) presentations, Josephine L. Taylor Leadership Institute, Boston, March 2005.

"Environmental Correlates of Physical Activity Among Persons with Motor and Visual Impairments," Executive Summary, poster, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Active Living Research Conference, San Diego, February 2005.

"Active Living: How Community Features Can Promote Health For People Who Are Blind Or Visually Impaired." 2<sup>nd</sup> National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Conference, Washington, D.C., July 2004.

"Utilizing Media Attention for Public Education and Advocacy: AFB's Livable Communities Project," poster, Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Orlando, July 2004.

"Serving Up Disability Studies within an Anthropology of Food Course." & "The Future Is Online: The Past, Present, and Future of AFB's Technology Periodical, AccessWorld." Society for Disability Studies, St. Louis, MO, June 2004.

"Focus Group Research on the Unified English Braille Code," International Council On English Braille (ICEB) General Assembly, Toronto, Canada, March 2004.

"A Sociocultural Focus on Blindness." American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 2003.

"Common Ground: Environmental health and livable communities for people who are blind or visually impaired " (with Corinne Kirchner). American Public Health Association, San Francisco, November 2003.

"What Constitutes Livable Communities For People Who Are Blind Or Visually Impaired?" Society for Disability Studies, Washington D.C., June 2003.

"Imagining Livable Communities By People who are Blind or Visually Impaired in the U.S." American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, 2002.

"Healthy Choice: How Adults with Visual Impairments and/or Low Vision Literacy Skills Access Information on Health Care," Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Toronto, July 2002.

"Research Roundtable Sponsored Workshop in Qualitative Methods," Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Toronto, July 2002.

"Introduction to Accessibility and Accessibility Testing" (with Scott Duncan), Usability Professional Association, Orlando, July 2002.

"Emerging Ensemble: Lessons from the Second International Blind Theater Festival," Society for Disability Studies, Oakland, June 2002.

"Conducting Usability Testing with Computer Users Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired," Technology for People with Disabilities, California State University Northridge (CSUN), March 2002.

"Democratizing the Digital Divide: the Role of Computers in Improving the Lives of People with Disabilities," Society for Disability Studies, Winnipeg, Canada, June 2001.

"Current Issues with Medical Abortion" (with Tamara Fetters), IPAS, Chapel Hill, 2000.

"In France, Medicine is Stronger Than Religion': Resistance and Compliance to the Disciplinary Powers of Medical Abortion," American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, 2000.

"Time Embodied: Living The Unpredictability Of Time To Expulsion With The Use Of Medical Abortion," American Anthropological Association, Chicago, 1999.

"Constructing A Continuum of Fetuses: RU486, French Women's Embodied Knowledge, and the Discourse of 'Eggs,' " American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, 1998.

"Becoming Unpregnant": Preliminary Research Findings and Practical Implications from Doctoral Research. Dr. Elisabeth Aubeny's Clinic, Le Hôpital de Broussais, Paris, France, October 1996.

"Is Feminism Going Pronatalist: A Case Study of New Reproductive Technologies". UCLA Center for the Study of Women Graduate Student Research Conference, March 1995.

"RU 486" (with Francine Coeytaux). UCLA, Women's Health Grand Rounds, November 1994 .

"Issues in Reproductive Technology". UCLA Center for the Study of Women and The Gender Studies of Science, Technology and Medicine Program, October 1994.

"Cross-cultural Perspectives on RU 486 Acceptability: Preliminary Evidence from England and France". The Pacific Institute for Women's Health, October 1994.

"An Anthropological Perspective on the Politics of RU486/PG". UCLA Center for the Study of Women Graduate Student Research Conference, March 1994.

#### ADDITIONAL RESEARCH / APPLIED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Bridge Multimedia Consultant and Advisory Board member, Audio Description	2007 - ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research &amp; Evaluation on various grant initiatives</li></ul>	
National Science Foundation (NSF), Qualitative Text Analysis training	Summer 2016
World Institute on Disability, <i>Nutrition Education, Weight-management, Disability Obesity Options and Research</i> (NEW DOOR), consultant	2104 - 2017
American Foundation for the Blind Senior Research Associate, Policy Research and Program Evaluation	2000 - 2005
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted original research on various social aspects of blindness</li><li>• Informed policy decision-makers at local, national, and international levels</li><li>• Answered public information requests, statistical and qualitative</li><li>• See also Publications and Presentations</li></ul>	
Community Food Security Coalition Evaluation Consultant	1999

- Program Evaluation of “Farm to City” initiative (nutritional program, inner city Los Angeles)

Awards and Recognitions:

President Cole’s unofficial survey, “Best MSU Professor” – 2019

Fellow status, Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) – 2018 and ongoing

International Advisor, ‘Disability before Disability’ project, University of Iceland – 2018-2020  
*One of only 4 outside experts, and the only American, involved*

Chateaubriand Fellowship, French Embassy Cultural Ministry – 1996  
*Funded Year of Field Study in France*

Grants

CHSS Dean’s Interdisciplinary Initiatives: <i>Audio Description Task Force</i>	2022-23	\$2000
CHSS Dean’s Interdisciplinary Initiatives: <i>Interdisciplinary Food Access Work Group</i>	2021-22	\$2000
<i>Accessible Media Task Force</i>	2021-22	\$1800
High Impact Course Redesign, MSU Summer stipend <i>ANTH 180, Cross-cultural Health and Healing</i>	2022	\$1500
CHSS Dean’s Discretionary Fund (seed money for pilot project) <i>“Dine and Describe” movie nights, promoting Audio Description</i>	2019-2020	\$500
CHSS Dean’s Discretionary Fund (i.e., non-SBR) <i>“Food Insecurity &amp; People with Disabilities”</i>	2016-2017	\$5010
Center for Community Engagement, Montclair State University <i>“Food Insecurity &amp; People with Disabilities”</i>	2016	\$2000
Department of Anthropology, Overhead Fund (student support for <i>“Food Insecurity &amp; People with Disabilities”</i> )	2015-2016	\$750
Student-Faculty Scholarship, Montclair State University <i>“Food Insecurity &amp; People with Disabilities”</i>	2015-2016	\$2000
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Active Living Research <i>“Environmental Correlates of Physical Activity for People with Visual and Motor Impairments”</i>	2004-2006	\$100,000
New School University, Faculty Development Fund <i>“The Art and Science of Audio Description: course development, basic research, and outcome evaluation”</i>	2005-2006	\$5944

## MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTIONAL RECORD:

New program developed: Minor in Disability Studies (DS), approved Dec 2025

- Minor in Disability Studies, to begin Fall 2026, to be housed within the new Interdisciplinary College, CHSS

New courses developed:

- ANTH 414/ARGS 260: Disability justice and the Arts (co-taught Sp 25, revision in process)
- ANTH 205: Disability in US Popular Culture (interdisciplinary requirement; SEEDS)
- ANTH 105: Introduction to Disability, Rights, & Culture (social science requirement; SEEDS)
- ANTH 180: Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives (Non-western requirement; SEEDS)
- ANTH 414/585: The Body and Contemporary Social Issues (M.A. course proposal)
- ANTH 423/523: Community and Health (for Certificate Program in Community Development)

Independent study projects, theses, and dissertations directed:

Doctoral Committee member, 2024 - ongoing

Danielle Napoli, LMHC, NCC, LPC,

Ph.D. Student in Family Science and Human Development, Montclair State University

Doctoral Committee member, 2019 - ongoing

Washieka Torres, PhD student in Disability Studies, focus on food sovereignty  
Disability and Human Development Dept, University of Illinois, Chicago

Doctoral Committee member, 2009

Priya Lalvani, Psychology Department, City University of New York

Dissertation titled, "Ten Fingers and Ten Toes: Mothers of Children with Down Syndrome  
Constructing the Sociocultural Meaning of Disability and Motherhood."

Doctoral Committee member, 2008

Nina Slota, Psychology Department, City University of New York

Dissertation titled, "The Life Course Implications of Youth-Onset Traumatic Brain Injury in  
Youth and Early Adulthood."

Doctoral Committee, outside reader, 2007

Sarah Smith, Anthropology, University of Queensland

Dissertation titled, "Risk and Power: Dengue and Its Prevention and Control in Urban  
Cambodia"

Affiliated Scholar Program, mentor, 2011

Laura Lofaro, Society for Disability Studies ("In or Out: Disability as a Social Qualifying Factor")

Capstone Supervisor, Medical Humanities program, MSU:

- Megan Adams, "Reproductive Rights in Latin America"
- Emily Fields, "EthnoGraphic: Cross-cultural Notions of Race"

Independent Study Advisor, Bigel Grant, MSU:

- Will Williams, Bigel Award winner (Analyzing Disability Culture on Campus)

- Leanna Sanchez, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (*Isla Mujeres* Ethnographic Field School)
- Zeph Ramos, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Internship at Mushroom Queens)
- Michelle Garcia, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (*Isla Mujeres* Field School)
- Karina Gomez, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Closer to Home: Commensality Behavior Patterns at Montclair State University and Neighboring Colleges)
- Kimberly Lynch, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Minority Mental Health in Dublin, Ireland: a needs assessment of community-based agencies and clinic-based services")
- Hamna Khuld, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (*Vitiligo: Race and Gender in the U.S.*)
- Evelyn Gutierrez, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (*La Herencia de Papi: Dad's Inheritance*)
- Sophie Hudzik, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Culture of Spectacle in Antiquity & Present)
- Gray Buford, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Veganism in NJ)
- Michelle Carnella, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Montclair Senior Citizens Advisory Council, research intern)
- Emily Dunne, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Visual Ethnography & Classical Musicians)
- Lisa Williams, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (National Black Disability Coalition, intern)
- Melle Belloff, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Attitudes Toward Seatbelt Usage in N.J.)
- Stacy Borowsky, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Deaf Culture in the U.S.)
- Dawn Diamond, Bigel Award winner, Anthropology (Urban Gardens)

Letters of Recommendation & Student Advising, averages per academic year:

- 100 current students who receive academic, career, and other advisement in Anthropology and Disability Studies
- 20 letters of recommendation for current and former students, to support applications for internships, employment, and graduate school
- 5-10 multi-hour mentoring sessions and free consultation to former students

Supervise undergraduates' presentations at the Anthropology Showcase, for example:

- Heba Lashin "Representations of Islamic Culture in Media: Realities, Repercussions, and People," 2024 (Supervisor: Dr. Elaine Gerber)
- AJ Humenik "Transgender Students' Sense of Safety and Belonging at MSU," 2025 (Supervisor: Dr. Elaine Gerber)

#### MSU Teaching Awards & Honors:

- ❖ Engaged Teaching Fellow, program participant & mentor, 2013-2017
- ❖ Service Learning Fellow, 2014-2016
- ❖ Community Action Project, Center for a Public Anthropology, student award winners, 2012-2017
- ❖ CBPAR (Community-Based Participatory Action Research) Seminar Series, participant in pedagogical training, hosted by Service Learning, 2012-2104

#### MSU Courses revised and taught:

<u>Semester/Year</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Sp 2026	ANTH 440	Medical Anthropology	10
Sp 2026	ANTH 205	Disability in US Popular Culture	20
Sp 2026	ANTH 105	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
F 2025	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	14

F 2025	ANTH 180-02	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
F 2025	ANTH 201	Applied Anthropology	12
Sp 2025	ANTH 205	Disability in US Popular Culture	21
Sp 2025	ANTH 105	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
Sp 2025	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	14
F 2024	ANTH 180-05	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	34
F 2024	ANTH 105	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
F 2024	HONP 107-03	Community Matters	20
Sp 2024	ANTH 205	Disability in US Popular Culture	25
Sp 2024	ANTH 105	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
Sp 2024	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	20
F 2023	ANTH 180-05	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	38
F 2023	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
F 2023	ANTH 440	Medical Anthropology	18
Sp 2023	ANTH 205	Disability in US Popular Culture	25
Sp 2023	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
Sp 2023	ANTH 105-02	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
F 2022	ANTH 180-05	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	38
F 2022	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	12
F 2022	ANTH 440	Medical Anthropology	18
Sp 2022	ANTH 205	Disability in US Popular Culture	21
Sp 2022	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	40
Sp 2022	ANTH 105-02	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	40
F 2021	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	36
F 2021	ANTH 180-02	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	40
F 2021	ANTH 180-03	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	42
Sp 2021	ANTH 205	Disability in US Popular Culture	40
Sp 2021	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
Sp 2021	ANTH 105-02	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
F 2020	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	12
F 2020	ANTH 180-02	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	40
F 2020	ANTH 180-03	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	40
F 2020	ANTH 480-82	Independent Research in Anthropology	1
Sp 2020	ANTH 440	Medical Anthropology	19
Sp 2020	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
Sp 2020	ANTH 105-02	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	35
F 2019	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	19
F 2019	ANTH 180-02	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
F 2019	ANTH 180-03	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	32
Sp 2019	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	36

Sp 2019	ANTH 180-01	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	33
Sp 2019	ANTH 180-02	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	34
F 2018	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	19
F 2018	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	32
F 2018	ANTH 105-02	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	33
Sp 2018	ANTH 414-02	Special Topics: Anthropology of The Body	16
Sp 2018	ANTH 180-01	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	34
Sp 2018	ANTH 180-02	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
F 2017	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	17
F 2017	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	30
F 2017	ANTH 105-02	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	26
Sp 2017	ANTH 440	Medical Anthropology	20
Sp 2017	ANTH 180-01	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
Sp 2017	ANTH 180-02	Health & Healing, Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
F 2016	ANTH 301	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	21
F 2016	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	29
F 2016	ANTH 105-02	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	26
Sp 2016	sabbatical	(Food Security among Disabled People in NJ)	
F 2015	ANTH 301-02	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	21
F 2015	ANTH 105-01	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	29
F 2015	ANTH 105-02	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights & Culture	27
Sp 2015	ANTH 460	Field Methods in Visual Anthropology	15
Sp 2015	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
Sp 2015	ANTH 180-02	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
F 2014	ANTH 301-01	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	14
F 2014	ANTH 301-02	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	9
F 2014	ANTH 105	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights, & Culture	34
Sp 2014	ANTH 105	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights, & Culture	23
Sp 2014	ANTH 110-01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	33
Sp 2014	ANTH 110-02	Anthropology of Multicultural America (online)	35
F 2013	ANTH 301-01	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	18
F 2013	ANTH 301-02	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	20
F 2013	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	34
Sp 2013	ANTH 110-01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	35
Sp 2013	ANTH 110-03	Anthropology of Multicultural America (online)	35
Sp 2013	ANTH 523/423	Community & Health	19
F 2012	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	37
F 2012	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	33
F 2012	ANTH 301-01	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	27

Sp 2012	ANTH 110-01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	12
Sp 2012	ANTH 110-05	Anthropology of Multicultural America	13
Sp 2012	ANTH 523/423	Community & Health	16
F 2011	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
F 2011	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	34
F 2011	ANTH 301-01	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	21
Sp 2011	ANTH 110-01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	34
Sp 2011	ANTH 110-03	Anthropology of Multicultural America	35
Sp 2011	ANTH 523/414-02	Community & Health	20
F 2010	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
F 2010	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	36
F 2010	ANTH 301-01	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	15
Sp 2010	ANTH 110-01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	35
Sp 2010	ANTH 110-05	Anthropology of Multicultural America	35
Sp 2010	ANTH 523/414	Community & Health	11
F 2009	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
F 2009	ANTH 180-02	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	35
F 2009	ANTH 301-01	Methods: Anthropological Research & Practice	19
Sp 2009	ANTH 110 -01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	35
Sp 2009	ANTH 100 05	Cultural Anthropology	35
Sp 2009	ANTH 180-01	Health and Healing: Cross-cultural Perspectives	36
F 2008	ANTH 110 01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	34
F 2008	ANTH 100 04	Cultural Anthropology	35
F 2008	ANTH 100 06	Cultural Anthropology	35
Sp 2008	ANTH 100 09	Cultural Anthropology	23
Sp 2008	ANTH 110 01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	40
Sp 2008	ANTH 440 01	Medical Anthropology	17
Sp 2008	ANTH-490-81	Internship & Independent Study in Anthropology	1
F2007	ANTH 100 03	Cultural Anthropology	74
F2007	ANTH 110 01	Multicultural America	75
Sp 2007	ANTH-110-02	Anthropology of Multicultural America	40
Sp 2007	ANTH 110 05	Multicultural America	41
Sp 2007	ANTH 330-01	Anthropology of Food and Nutrition	30
F2006	ANTH 110 01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	67
F2006	ANTH 110 02	Anthropology of Multicultural America	83
Sp 2006	ANTH 110 02	Anthropology of Multicultural America	52
Sp 2006	ANTH 110 03	Anthropology of Multicultural America	59
F 2005	ANTH 110 01	Anthropology of Multicultural America	49
F 2005	ANTH 110 02	Anthropology of Multicultural America	50

Guest Lecturer, sample of events on and off campus:

- Invited Lecturer, “The Social Model of Disability: where is the so-called problem of disability located?” Fort Lee Public Library, Ft Lee, NJ. June 17, 2024
- Stockton University, “Disability and Nutrition,” two classes, Feb 22, 2018
- MSU, “Culture of Disability,” for Athletic Training students, Feb 21, 2018, 2014
- SUNY Stonybrook, “Qualitative Research Methods,” for PhD students, Nov 20, 2017

Teaching Modifications & New Technology/Skills

(during/since the pandemic and with introduction of AI, 2020-ongoing):

- Learned at least 7 new “ed tools” for teaching; revamped courses and modified formats to best utilize technology features and tools in a fully online environment (2020), and more training regarding the return to campus
- Integrated new content in all courses, reflecting contemporary cultural contexts of the pandemic (e.g., Health & Healing ANTH 180 and Medical ANTH 440 full revision)
- Provided hefty, additional emotional and academic support to students, ongoing
- Supported racial equity and #BLM activities on campus (minimum of 7 events/symposia and additional curricular changes)
- Attended more than 3 learning/training sessions on “teaching and AI” each year
- Trained in or self-taught new AI tools (e.g. Mapped-In) for use in research and teaching

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

National Association of Practicing Anthropology – Occupational Therapy (NAPA-OT) Field School, Antigua Guatemala	Visiting Professor	2009
City University of New York Graduate Program in Disability Studies	Adjunct Professor	2005-2009
New School University Courses taught, include: The Politics and Culture of Reproductive Technologies; Culture and Medicine; The Anthropology of Food; Reproduction and the Law; Introduction to Anthropology	Instructor	2001-2005
SUNY Stony Brook, Department of Health Technology and Medicine Clinical Assistant Professor		2004
SUNY Purchase	Adjunct Professor	2000
West LA College	Adjunct Professor	1999
University of California, Los Angeles	Teaching Assistant Coordinator	1997 - 1998
University of California, Los Angeles	Teaching Assistant	1992 - 1998

## PROFESSIONAL, PUBLIC, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### Professional service:

Member, Technical Advisory Board, Audio Description, Bridge Multimedia, 2016 - ongoing

Member, Institutional Review Board (IRB), Bridge Multimedia, 2021- ongoing

Member, Scientific Committee, *Media For All 9* (international conference on audio description), Barcelona, 2021

International Advisor, 'Disability before Disability' grant, University of Iceland, 2017-2020

Review Editor,  
*Frontiers in Global Women's Health*, 2020 - ongoing

Member, Review Board,  
*Journal of Teaching Disability Studies*, 2018 - ongoing

Member, Editorial Board  
*Disability Studies Quarterly* - 2013 and ongoing

Zola Awards Committee,  
*Society for Disability Studies* - 2010 - 2012

External Evaluator,  
City University of New York (CUNY) Master's Program in Disability Studies, Spring 2008  
Past President, Society for Disability Studies, Summer 2008 - Summer 2009

President, Society for Disability Studies, Winter 2007 - Summer 2008

Liaison, Society for Applied Anthropology and Society for Disability Studies, 2007- ongoing

Board Member, Society for Disability Studies, 2005-2008

- President, (two terms), Winter 2007 - Summer 2008
- Vice President, 2006-2007
- Co-chair, Zola Award Committee, 2005
- Member, Fundraising Committee

Peer Reviewer,  
*Food and Foodways*, 2018, 2019, 2025-2026  
*Visual Anthropology Review*, 2025, 2026  
*Food, Culture, and Society*, 2025  
*Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, 2024, 2025  
*Anthropology Today*, 2020  
*Gastronomica*, 2018, 2019  
*Health Promotion International*, 2016  
*On Being Different*, 2015  
*Nutritional Anthropology: Biocultural Perspectives on Food and Nutrition*, 2013  
MSU's Health Humanities Task Force, International Conference, 2011 and 2012  
Policy Research Associates, Review Panel, 2011  
National Science Foundation, grants on assistive technology, 2011  
Lynne Rienner Publishers, *Disability Series*, 2010-2011

*Body & Society*, 2009  
*Social Science & Medicine*, 2007-2008  
*Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, 2003 and ongoing  
*Disability Studies Quarterly*, 2003 and ongoing

Advisory Committee Member,  
Disability Studies Certificate Program, City University of New York, JFK Jr. Institute for Worker Education, Spring 2005- 2015

Consulting Research Editor,  
*Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness* (JVIB) – 2004 and ongoing

Member, Ex Officio,  
*Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness* Editorial Board – 2004

#### Community Engagement & Public Service:

Co-Founder and Vice-President Disability Caucus, MSU (2020-2025)

Hosted and/or moderated public-facing events for MSU, as a member of the Disability Caucus:

- “I DO! Commit To Disabled Marriage Equality” event organizer and moderator, Feb 2023
- “Disability – No Laughing Matter, a night of comedy and conversation about Ableism with comedian and actor, Steve Way, April 13, 2022
- “Committed: Remembering Native Kinship in and beyond Institutions”  
Dr. Susan Burch, campus lecture, November 15, 2021

Hosted and/or moderated other public-facing events for MSU on disability and the arts, and on blindness and audio description:

- “A Conversation About Blindness and Art,” featuring blind sculptor, Emilie Louise Gossiaux and blind scholar, Dr. Georgina Kleege. Finley Gallery, March 27, 2023
- “What’s It To You?! Subjectivity in Audio Description,” campus lecture by Dr. Georgina Kleege, on Feb 24, 2022.
- “Cultural Translation” lecture and “Bilingual Workshop on Audio Description,” by Nefertiti Matos Olivares, an expert on cultural accessibility and audio description, April 2022.

Collaboration with Montclair Art Museum and Vision Loss Alliance, March 25, 2022; 2023

CELI Proposal: The Civic Learning Demonstration Project, Pursuing Frameworks for Engaged Departments with Bryan Murdock, anthropology departmental and personal participation, 2021

Selection Committee, ReelAbilities Film Festival, 2019 – ongoing

Moderator, ReelAbilities Film Festival, 2013 – ongoing

Participant, 1<sup>st</sup> XR Access Symposium (community committed to making virtual, augmented, and mixed reality accessible to people with disabilities), 2019

Advisory Board Member, Technology Access Grant, Bridge Multimedia, 2016-ongoing  
OSEP Technology Access Project and US Dept of Education “Television Access Grant, Video Description of Educational Programming” (H372C150007 and H327C150008). Bridge

Multimedia provided audio description for 9 Emmy nominated, and 2 Emmy Award winning programs in 2018, in part through this funding provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

Consultant, "Division, Unity, Hardship, and Progress: A History of Disability In the United States," Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation, the first student-created and designed museum exhibit about the history of disability in the U.S. (11 Grade, US History students, Gann Academy; Alex Green and Yoni Kadden, instructors), 2018.

Disability/Arts/NYC Task Force (DANT), 2017-2019

"Food Insecurity and Disability" project with WAE Center (Wellness, Arts, Enrichment), Jewish Services for the Developmentally Disabled (JSDD Metro West), 2016-2017

Focus Group Moderator, Alliance Center for Independence (ACI), 2014

Research Consultant, Montclair Senior Citizen Advisory Council, 2012-13

Planning Committee, Columbia University Faculty Seminar, Disability Studies Series, 2003-2006. This is a non-credit, public seminar series.

Public Information Requests, primarily regarding blindness statistics

#### Disability Justice activities on MSU campus:

Organizer and Co-founder, Disability Caucus, launched 2020

Developed web pages, serve as E-Board member and liaison to other caucuses

Advisor, new student chapter of DREAM (Disability Rights, Education, and Mentoring), a national organization that supports students with disabilities in higher education, 2019 - ongoing

Created Team AVID (Audio-Visual Interpreting and Description) - volunteer service by students, to provide ASL and AD where none currently exists and general advocacy for improving campus access, 2019- ongoing

Hosted "Dine and Describe" Movie Nights on campus, to promote audio description, 2019

Participated in caucus event, "Pursuing Disability Justice at Montclair State University," for MSU's Diversity Week Summit, 2020

Co-sponsored event, "Disability as part of Diversity" for the Office for Social Justice and Diversity's Diversity Day, 2019

Hosted various "Disability Culture" events and film showings, via the Disability Studies Faculty Alliance, 2014 - 2020

#### University service:

Office of Faculty Excellence (OFE), Advisory Board Member, 2022-ongoing

Disability Caucus, Co-founder and Executive Board Member, 2020 - ongoing

Advisory Board (CHSS Rep), Office of Faculty Advancement (OFA), 2020 - ongoing

Teaching Principles Committee (CHSS Rep), Office of Faculty Advancement, 2020

Working Group, Digital Accessibility Initiative, 2019 - ongoing

Disability Studies Faculty Alliance, 2015 - 2019

University Career Development Committee, CHSS rep, 2013-2014

University Research Committee, 2010-2012

Student Research Symposium, Organizing Committee, 2007-2015

Teachers as Scholars program: developed and taught two-day seminar titled, *An Introduction to Disability Studies: Implications for the Inclusive Classroom*, for public school teachers in NJ, Spring 2009, Spring 2010

College service:

Social Work and Child Advocacy DPAC, AY 19-20  
CHSS Research Committee, 2011, 2012, 2017-20  
CHSS Hybrid and Online Learning Committee, 2008 and ongoing  
“Distinguished Scholar Award” Committee, 2007-2008  
CHSS Honorary Degree Committee, 2007-2008  
American Studies Task Force, 2006-2007  
Social Science Task Force, 2006-2007  
NEH Summer Stipend Selection Committee, 2006-2007  
CHSS Health Minor, Organizing Committee, 2005-2007

Departmental service:

Bigel Committee, Chair, 2014 - ongoing  
Curriculum Committee, ongoing  
Representative to various events (eg “Coffee and Conversation” by University College), ongoing  
Recruiting Committee, 2016-2017  
Departmental Personnel Action Committee (DPAC), Chair, 2010-2013  
Anthropology Club, Faculty Advisor, 2007-2015  
Lambda Alpha Honors Society Faculty Advisor, 2007-2015  
Budget and Equipment Committee, 2007 and ongoing  
Seminars, Events, and Receptions Committee, 2007-2018  
Library Representative, 2007  
Master’s Degree Program Committee, 2005-12  
Bigel Awards Committee, 2005 and ongoing

MISCELLANY

Mental Health Training, certification June 2024.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE