

THOMAS W. PEARSON

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

- Department Chair, Social Science, UW-Stout, May 2022 – 2025
- Professor of Anthropology, UW-Stout, Social Science, 2019 – present
- Associate Professor of Anthropology, UW-Stout, Social Science, 2014 – 2019
- Assistant Professor of Anthropology, UW-Stout, Social Sciences 2009 – 2014

Education

- PhD, Anthropology, State University of New York at Binghamton, 2009
- MA, Anthropology, State University of New York at Binghamton, 2003
- BA, Sociology, with honors, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL, 2000

Areas of Specialization

Cultural anthropology; environmental anthropology; environmental justice; political ecology; social movements; disability studies; applied anthropology; Latin America & the United States

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

Pearson, T. 2023. *An Ordinary Future: Margaret Mead, the Problem of Disability, and a Child Born Different*. Oakland: University of California Press.

- Released September 5, 2023.

Pearson, T. 2017. *When the Hills Are Gone: Frac Sand Mining and the Struggle for Community*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

- *Reviewed by:* Contemporary Sociology; American Anthropologist; H-Net Reviews; Journal of Latin American & Caribbean Anthropology; WisCommunity

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

Under revision, with Daniel Renfrew. Entry on “PFAS Contamination.” *In* Encyclopedia of Technological Hazards and Disasters in the Social Sciences, edit by Duane A. Gill, Liesel A. Ritchie, and Nnenia Campbell. Edward Elgar Publishing. Anticipated 2023.

Pearson, T. and Daniel Renfrew. 2024. “When Toxic Heritage is Forever: Confronting PFAS Contamination and Toxicity as Lived Experience.” *In* Toxic Heritage: Legacies, Futures, and Environmental Injustice, edited by Elizabeth Kryder-Reid and Sarah May. Key Issues in Cultural Heritage series. Routledge. In press.

- Daniel Renfrew and T. Pearson. 2021. "The Social Life of the 'Forever Chemical': PFAS Pollution Legacies and Toxic Events." *Environment and Society: Advances in Research* 12:146-163.
- Pearson, T. 2016. "Frac Sand Mining and the Disruption of Place, Landscape, and Community in Wisconsin." *Human Organization* 75(1):47-58.
- Pearson, T. 2015. "Public Anthropology and the Academic Labor Movement: Lessons from the 2011 Wisconsin Uprising." *Anthropology of Work Review* 36(2):52-61.
- Pearson, T. 2013. "Frac Sand Mining in Wisconsin: Understanding Emerging Conflicts and Community Organizing." *Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE)* 35(1):30-40.
- Pearson, T. 2013. "'Life is Not for Sale!': Confronting Free Trade and Intellectual Property in Costa Rica." *American Anthropologist* 115(1):58-71.
- Pearson, T. 2012. "Transgenic-Free Territories in Costa Rica: Networks, Place, and the Politics of Life." *American Ethnologist* 39(1):90-105.
- Pearson, T. 2011. "Naturaleza, neoliberalismo, y soberanía: la vida como espacio de lucha en Costa Rica." [Nature, Neoliberalism, and Sovereignty: Life as Space of Struggle in Costa Rica.] *Revista Biocenosis* 24(1-2):45-53.
- Pearson, T. 2010. "A soberania e a vida em si: a crítica ambientalista da propriedade intelectual na Costa Rica." [Sovereignty and Life Itself: The Environmentalist Critique of Intellectual Property in Costa Rica.] In *Do regime de propriedade intelectual: estudos antropológicos*. Ondina Fachel Leal and Rebeca Hennemann Vergara de Souza, eds. Nicole Isabel do Reis, trans. Pp. 263-278. Porto Alegre: Tomo Editorial.
- Pearson, T. 2009. "On the Trail of Living Modified Organisms: Environmentalism within and against Neoliberal Order." *Cultural Anthropology* 24(4):712-745.

Public Essays & Commentaries

- Pearson, T. 2020. "Communities Grapple with Exposure to 'Forever Chemicals.'" *SAPIENS*, July 31, <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/pfas-contamination/>
- Pearson, T. 2019. "A Daughter's Disability and a Father's Awakening," *SAPIENS*, January 10, <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/down-syndrome-baby/>
- Pearson, T. 2018. "How Fracking's Appetite for Sand Is Devouring Rural Communities," *SAPIENS*, May 4, <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/fracking-rural-wisconsin/>
- Pearson, T., with Jim Handley. 2017. "It Seems to Me: Proposal Would Stifle Speech," Op-ed, *Eau Claire Leader-Telegram*, October 6.
- Pearson, T. 2017. "CAFE author interview," for the *Culture and Agriculture blog* (<http://cultureandagriculture.americananthro.org/2017/06/menagerie-post-three/>), June 18
- Pearson, T. 2014. "The ExtrAction Topical Interest Group: Anthropology at the Frontiers of Energy Development. Culture and Agriculture Section News," *Anthropology News* 55(2) (published on anthropology-news.org)

- Pearson, T. 2012. "Does frac sand create socioeconomic well-being?" *Wisconsin Farmers Union News* 69(9):4-5.
- Pearson, T. 2012. "Sand doesn't equal community well-being," *Dunn County News*, Sept. 5: A5.
- Pearson, T. 2012. "Frac sand and its effect on local democracy," *Dunn County News*, June 6: A5.
- Pearson, T. 2007. "Biosafety and Social Activism in Central America," *Anthropology News* 48(3):41-42.
- Pearson, T. and Alexandra Goncalves. 2005. "Ex-workers mount month-long hunger strike in El Salvador as CAFTA looms," *Common Dreams*, June 23.

Book Reviews

- Pearson, T. 2023. *Review of Stuck Moving: Or, How I Learned to Love (And Lament) Anthropology. American Anthropologist*, in preparation.
- Pearson, T. 2017. *Review of Of Medicines and Markets: Intellectual Property and Human Rights in the Free Trade Era. Polarjournal.org (Political and Legal Anthropology Review)*, March 4.
- Pearson, T. 2013. *Review of Seeds, Science and Struggle: The Global Politics of Transgenic Crops. American Journal of Human Biology* 25(6):854-855.

Conference Paper Presentations

2022. PFAS Contamination and the Struggle for Accountability. American Anthropological Association, Seattle, WA, November 9-13.
2019. (with Daniel Renfrew). Confronting PFAS Contamination Across Rural Industrial Landscapes in the Upper Midwest. American Anthropological Association & Canadian Anthropology Society, Vancouver, BC, November 20-24.
2019. Frac Sand Mining and the Struggle for Community. International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), UW-Oshkosh, June 2-7.
2019. Confronting the 'Forever Chemical': Community Responses to PFAS Contamination in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR, March 19-23.
2018. Toward an Ethnography of Fossil Fuel Transport Systems in the Great Lakes Region. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 14-18.
2017. Extracting Resources, Restoring Nature: Responsible Mining Initiatives in an Era of Environmental Deregulation. American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., Nov. 29-Dec. 3.
2017. Citizen Efforts to Regulate Mining at the Local Level: Lessons from Wisconsin's Frac Sand Counties. Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM, March 28-April 1.
2015. Mining, Corporate Citizenship, and Industry Tactics to Assert Belonging in Wisconsin's Sand Hills. American Anthropological Association, Denver, November 18-22.
2015. Mining Public Relations: Industry Tactics to Assert Belonging in Wisconsin's Sand Hills. Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, April 21-25.

2014. Out from the Underground and Back Again: The Competing Social Imaginaries of Wisconsin Frac Sand. American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, December 3-7.
2014. Social Impacts along the Hydrocarbon Commodity Chain: Frac-Sand Mining in Wisconsin. “The Implications of Hydraulic Fracturing for Creating Sustainable Communities,” SUNY CID Conference, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, April 10-11.
2013. Mining for Frac Sand in Wisconsin: Local Democracy, Community Organizing, and the Politics of Landscape. Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, March 19-23.
2012. The Political Ecology of Frac-Sand Mining in Wisconsin. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 14-18.
2012. Anthropology and Academic Labor: Lessons from the ‘Wisconsin Uprising. American Ethnological Society, NYC, April 21.
2010. Purity and Place in the Global Bioeconomy: Transgenic Free Territories in Costa Rica. American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 17.
2009. Networking Environmentalism at the End of Civil Society. American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 4.
2009. ¡Yo Firmo por la Vida! Activism, Civil Society, and IPR in Costa Rica. Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM, March 18.
2008. Defending ‘Life Itself’ from IPR: Environmentalists against Free Trade in Costa Rica. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 22.
2006. On Biosafety: Bio-vigilantes, Bio-audits, and the Management of Life in Central America. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 15.
2005. Managing Fear in the New Bioeconomy: Anti-biotechnology Advocacy and ‘la lucha por la vida’ in El Salvador. Society for the Anthropology of North America, Mérida, Mexico, May 6.
2005. Sovereignty and Transgression: Contesting Transgenics, Neoliberalism, and Global Capital in El Salvador. Science for Sale? The Public Communication of Science in a Corporate World, Cornell University, April 15-17.
2004. Mesoamerica Burning: Space, Nature, and the Global Biopolitics of Natural Capital. Crossing the Boundaries Graduate Conference, SUNY Binghamton, April 9.
2003. Queering Nature in Anthropology: Genealogies of Kinship, Gender, and Naturalization. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 22.

Invited Lectures, Academic Presentations, & Roundtables

2022. Keynote speaker, “Environmental Justice, Risk Communication, & PFAS: Lessons from Contaminated Communities,” 29th Annual Midwest Chapter Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Meeting, April 29, Madison, WI.
2021. Panelist, Wisconsin PFAS Workshop: Setting a Research Agenda for PFAS in Wisconsin, UW Aquatic Sciences Center and the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, held on Zoom, July 29-30.

2020. "Frac Sand Mining and Environmental Justice: Lessons from a Boom-and-Bust Industry," invited presenter, Wisconsin Environmental Health Network Conference, UW-Madison, March 6.
2019. "Confronting the Forever Chemical," Sabbatical presentation, Social Science Department, UW-Stout, December 4, 2019.
2019. Keynote presentation at the Upper Midwest Honors Conference (UMHC), UW-Stout, April 5.
2018. Delivered the 2018 Doris P. Slesinger Lecture, Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, UW-Madison, April 13.
2018. Participant on round table discussion, "Extraction: Narratives and Action," Society for Applied Anthropology annual conference, Philadelphia, April 6.
2018. Invited presentation, "Wisconsin's Sand Mining Wars: Confronting Corporate Power Along the Fracking Commodity Chain," Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, February 28.
2018. Book presentation and discussion, University of Wisconsin-Stout, February 22
2014. Race, Class and Gender: How Can We Effectively Teach About Inequality? Workshop presenter, Center for Applied Ethics, University of Wisconsin-Stout, November 19.
2014. Wisconsin Frac Sand. Guest lecture & discussion (via Skype), SOCA 458/693: Environmental Anthropology (Prof. Dan Renfrew), West Virginia University, October 9.
2014. Roundtable participant, Landscapes of Extraction in Wisconsin," Center for Culture, History, and Environment at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Chippewa Falls, WI, May 12.
2013. Roundtable participant, Anthropology, Extractive Industries, and Unconventional Energy. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 20-24.
2012. Contested Landscapes: Frac Sand, Rural Wisconsin, and the Hydrocarbon Commodity Chain. Presentation for Thursdays @ the U, University of Wisconsin-Barron County, November 8.
2012. Justice, Democracy, and Sustainability: Developing a Critical Pedagogy for Sustainability Education. Sustainability across the Curriculum Network, University of Wisconsin-Stout, April 13.
2011. From Wisconsin to Wall Street. Public presentation and panel discussion on Inequality, Protest, and Democracy. Social Science Speaker Series, University of Wisconsin-Stout, November 9.
2011. Reflections on Fieldwork in Costa Rica. Guest lecture, APSS 100: Introduction to Applied Social Science (Prof. Chris Ferguson), University of Wisconsin-Stout, September 20.
2010. Naturaleza, neoliberalism y soberanía: La vida como espacio de lucha en Costa Rica. Centro de Educación Ambiental (CEA) de la UNED, San José, Costa Rica, August 26.
2010. Cultural Imagination and Resources to Face the Future. Infusing Sustainability into the Curriculum Network, University of Wisconsin-Stout, May 25-26.
2008. Social Movements, CAFTA, and Intellectual Property: Rethinking 'Rights' in the Global Economy. Human Rights & the Global Economy, Human Rights Centre Conference, University for Peace, Ciudad Colón, Costa Rica, April 25-26.

2008. ¡La Vida NO Se Vende! Costa Rican Environmentalism in the Shadow of CAFTA. Guest Lecture, University for Peace, Ciudad Colón, Costa Rica, February 12.
2006. On the trail of ‘living modified organisms’: Account(ing)ability, Ethics, and the Politics of Biosafety in Costa Rica. Harpur College Dean’s Workshop on the Social Study of Science, Fernand Braudel Center, SUNY Binghamton, November 7.
2006. Biopolitics: Social Activism, Biosafety, and the Management of Life in Central America. Anthropology Graduate Organization Brownbag Series, SUNY Binghamton, November 1.
2006. Bioseguridad y movimientos sociales en Centroamérica. Public presentation organized by the Biodiversity Coordination Network of Costa Rica. Universidad Estatal a Distancia, San José, Costa Rica, August 14.
2005. Los transgénicos y movimientos sociales en Centroamérica. Guest lecture, Universidad Tecnológica, San Salvador, El Salvador, November 3.
2005. Forms of Government: Integration, Citizenship, and Security in El Salvador and Central America. Proseminar in Socio-Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology Department, SUNY Binghamton, April 1.
2004. Democracy, from El Salvador to the United States. Presentation at the Public Forum on Democracy, Binghamton Political Initiative, SUNY Binghamton, October 24.

Community & Public Presentations

- Presentation on “What are PFAS?” for Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement, Menomonie, WI, October 21, 2021.
- Presentation on “Confronting the ‘Forever Chemical’: Community Responses to PFAS Contamination in the Upper Midwest,” Chippewa Valley Sierra Club, February 5, 2020.
- Presentation on “Confronting the ‘Forever Chemical’: Community Responses to PFAS Contamination,” Dunn County Environmental Health Action Team, January 8, 2020.
- Book club discussion of *When the Hills Are Gone*, Dunn County Farmers Union, January 2, 2019.
- Presentation about *When the Hills Are Gone* at the Chippewa Valley Book Festival, Fall Creek Public Library, October 24, 2018.
- Presentation at the Wisconsin County Code Administrators Spring Conference, Stoney Creek Inn, Mosinee, WI, March 22, 2018.
- Presentation and discussion of *When the Hills Are Gone*, Chippewa Falls Public Library, March 5, 2018.
- Roundtable participant, “Frac Sand Mining: Communities Mobilizing Against Corrupt Government and Corporate Power to End Environmental and Public Health Disasters,” Democracy Convention: Earth Rights and Global Democracy Conference, Minneapolis, MN, August 4, 2017.
- Presentation on “Frac Sand Mining and Quality of Life: Understanding Potential Social Impacts.” Annual meeting of the Save the Hills Alliance, Menomonie, WI, October 29, 2016.
- Presentation on “Grassroots Activism Along the Hydrocarbon Commodity Chain: Wisconsin Frac Sand Mining,” Wisconsin Tar Sands Resistance Tour, UW-Stout, April 7, 2016.
- Co-presentation with Barb Flom, “Frac Sand Mining: How Alliances with Towns & Counties Helped Defeat Efforts to Strip Local Control,” Wisconsin Sierra Club Autumn Assembly, Mukwonago, WI, October 12, 2014.

- Presentation about frac-sand mining at the Winona Earth Day event, Winona, MN, April 20, 2013.
- Presentation on “Frac Sand Mining, Citizen Involvement, and Local Democracy.” Concerned Citizens of Bridge Creek, Augusta, WI, April 17, 2013.
- Presentation on sand mining for the Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement, Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum, Menomonie, WI, March 27, 2013.
- Roundtable participant, “The Impacts of Frac Sand Mining in Wisconsin,” Community Environmental Forum, The Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison, Nov. 13, 2012.

Media & Public Engagement: Interviews for Newspapers, Radio, Podcasts, Etc.

- Interviewed for “Under Our Feet,” podcast produced by Rudy Molinek, UW-Madison, September 23, 2022.
- Interviewed for “The Water We Swim In: Stories about the Great Lakes and the People Working Toward Equity.” February 2022. Podcast produced by Bonnie Willison for [Wisconsin Sea Grant](#).
- Interviewed for “Undermined,” a podcast episode on frac sand mining in Wisconsin, produced by FracTracker Alliance and Public Lab, August 2020.
- Interviewed by Andy Uhler for “Energy sector woes muddying the future of sand mines,” Marketplace segment aired on NPR on July 13, 2020.
- Interviewed for “Professor receives grant to study community responses to contamination,” article by Pam Powers, UW-Stout News, the *Eau-Claire Leader Telegram*, and other local news outlets, January 30, 2020.
- Interviewed for SAPIENS podcast about “A Daughter’s Disability and a Father’s Awakening,” April 24, 2019. Released August 2019 as “What to Expect When You’re Not Expecting Down Syndrome,” <https://www.sapiens.org/body/down-syndrome-podcast/>
- Interviewed for “Listen Up: Author’s Book Explores the Community, Place, and Democracy Behind Frac Sand Mining,” by Katy Macek, *Eau Claire Leader-Telegram*, October 21, 2018.
- Guest on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “The Morning Show” with Carrie Kaufman, to discuss frac sand mining (30 min), August 30, 2018.
- Interviewed for “The Impact of Frac Sand Mining in Wisconsin,” feature article on When the Hills Are Gone, by Jason Zasky, *Failure Magazine*, January 19, 2018.
- Guest on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “The Morning Show” with Kate Archer Kent, to discuss When the Hills Are Gone (1 hour), December 11, 2017.
- Interviewed by WQOW Eau Claire about When the Hills Are Gone, December 7, 2017.
- Interviewed for “Frac-tured Hills: Professor’s Book Goes Inside the Fight Against Wis. Sand Mines,” by Jerry Poling, UW-Stout News, the *Dunn County News*, and other local news outlets, November 21, 2017.
- Interviewed for “Communities Take the Lead in Battling Frac Sand Mines,” by Erik Ness for *The Progressive*, May 23, 2017.
- Interviewed for “Quiet influence: Behind the scenes, Regent John Behling led the move to rewrite UW’s tenure policy,” by Pat Schneider for *The Capital Times*, May 4, 2016.
- Interviewed for “The fight over frac sand mining in Wisconsin,” by Tamara Dean for *Isthmus*, March 20, 2014.
- Guest on the Joy Cardin Show, Wisconsin Public Radio, to discuss frac sand mining (1 hour), Nov. 12, 2012.

- Maintained “Contested Landscapes” (wisconsinfracsand.blogspot.com), a public research blog about frac sand mining, 2012-18.

Grant Writing, Fellowships, & Awards

- “Confronting the ‘Forever Chemical’: Community Responses to PFAS Contamination,” Post-Ph.D. Research Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation (principal investigator, with Daniel Renfrew as collaborating investigator), November 2019 to December 2022, \$18,568
- Awarded research sabbatical, UW-Stout, Fall 2018
- Recipient of the “Senior Researcher of the Year” award at UW-Stout, Spring 2018
- Faculty Senate Ethics Center Research Fellowship, UW-Stout, Spring 2018, \$5,000
- Faculty Research Initiative grant, UW-Stout, 2013-14, \$8,406
- Center for Applied Ethics Scholar, 2012-13, \$2,000
- Curricular Incubation Grant, UW-Stout, to develop course on Environmental Justice, 2013
- Curricular Incubation Grant, UW-Stout, to develop new general education courses, 2011-12
- Professional Development Grant, UW-Stout, summer fieldwork in Costa Rica, 2010, \$2,000
- Professional Development Grant, UW-Stout, conference travel, 2009
- Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, research in Costa Rica, 2007-08, \$18,000
- Dissertation Assistantship, Anthropology Department, SUNY Binghamton (declined), 2007
- Roy A. Rappaport Graduate Student Award, Anthropology and Environment Society, American Anthropological Association, 2006
- Professional Development Award, Graduate School, SUNY Binghamton, 2006
- Tinker Foundation Travel Grant / Latin American and Caribbean Area Studies (LACAS) Program, SUNY Binghamton (for pre-dissertation fieldwork), 2005
- SUNY Binghamton, Graduate School/Binghamton Foundation Travel Fund, conference travel, 2005
- Graduate Scholars Fellowship, Anthropology Department, SUNY Binghamton, 2002-05
- Professional Development Award, Graduate School, SUNY Binghamton, 2003
- Teaching Assistantships, Anthropology Department, SUNY Binghamton, 2001-05; 2006
- Sociology Department Award, Trinity Christian College, 2000
- Junior Scholars Award, Trinity Christian College, 1999

Fieldwork Experience

- Fieldwork in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan on PFAS contamination, November 2018-present
- Fieldwork in Wisconsin on frac-sand mining, 2012-16
- Dissertation fieldwork, Costa Rica, 18 months, 2006, 2007-08; follow-up fieldwork, summer, 2010

TEACHING

Courses Taught or Prepared

Regular rotation

- ANTH 220: Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 220HON: Honors Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 293: Environmental Justice
- ANTH 400: Applied Anthropology

Periodic

- APSS 301: Qualitative Research Methods
- ANTH/SOC/GEOG 290: Global Political Ecology

In development

- ANTH XXX: Nobody's Normal: Culture, Neurodiversity, and Disability

Previously taught

- ANTH 310: Latinos in the United States
- ANTH/SOC 320: Social Movements

Professional Development & Teaching Workshops

- Attended the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) annual conference, 2016 and 2019
- Attended the Upper Midwest Honors Conference (UMHC), UW-Stout, April 2019
- Attended a weeklong National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Faculty Institute, "Place as Text" and Experiential Learning, Yellowstone National Park, May 20-25, 2013
- Participant in 'City as Text' pedagogy workshop, UW-Stout Honors Program, June 4, 2012
- Member of the Sustainability Across the Curriculum Network, UW-Stout, 2010 to present
- Participant in the Infusing Diversity Across the Curriculum Project, UW-Stout, 2011-12
- Participant in the Diversity in Education Faculty Reading Group, UW-Stout, fall 2010
- Participant in the New Instructor Workshop, UW-Stout, 2009
- Participant in workshops on Writing across the Curriculum, SUNY Binghamton, fall 2005
- Participant in course on Teaching College Anthropology, SUNY Binghamton, fall 2002

Student Advising & Research Mentorship

- Adviser for undergraduate majors in Applied Social Science, UW-Stout, 2010-present (4-7 students per year)
- Supervisor of a collaborative research practicum titled "Making Sense of Disability"; each fall undergraduate students in an Applied Anthropology semester participate, 2019-21
- Adviser for student research poster on attitudes about Covid-19 vaccine, presented at the UW System Posters in the Rotunda event, 2022
- Faculty mentor for multiple Honors College student projects over the past several years

- Adviser for student research poster on frac sand mining, presented at the UW System Posters in the Rotunda event, 2015
- A Faculty Research Initiative grant I received in 2013 supported three undergraduate research assistants to conduct interviews, transcribe interviews, and analyze archived documents.
- Co-supervised two students who helped revise the comprehensive land use plan for the Town of Menomonie (2012-13)
- Manuscript reviewer, Journal of Student Research, UW-Stout, 2011 to present (periodic)
- Abstract reviewer, American Multicultural Student Leadership Conference, UW-Stout, spring 2012

Additional Experience

- Instructor in the Social Justice Learning Community, Fall 2013 and Fall 2014
- Member of the Honors College Faculty, UW-Stout, fall 2011 to present
- Appointed to the Graduate Faculty, UW-Stout Graduate School, November 2011
- Adjunct instructor at Roosevelt University in Chicago (2009) and SUNY Binghamton (2007)
- Teaching assistant for several anthropology courses at SUNY Binghamton, 2001-06
- English Teacher, Center for Exchange & Solidarity, El Salvador, Summer 2004

SERVICE

University & College-Level

- Elected Member, General Education Committee, UW-Stout, 2015-19; 2019-22
- Member, Center for Applied Ethics Advisory Board, UW-Stout, 2013
- Member, Library Director Search Committee, 2016-17
- Elected Member, Personnel Policies Committee, Faculty Senate, UW-Stout, 2011-14
- Member of the Professional Development Grant review committee, UW-Stout, 2013-14
- Elected Member, Positive Action Committee, UW-Stout, 2011-13
- Member, International Studies Specialization Committee, UW-Stout, 2012

Honors College

- Assistant Director, Honors College, UW-Stout, 2016-21. Supported administration of the Honors college, including course and faculty development, student recruitment and retention, and coordinating of major campus-wide events and other student-oriented programming (.25 reassignment).

Department

- Elected department chair, three-year term beginning May 23, 2022
- Annual service on promotion and tenure committees, 2014-22
- Elected Member, Social Science Department Personnel Committee, UW-Stout, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2019-20, 2020-21
- Chair, Full Professor Promotion Committee, Social Science Dept. UW-Stout, 2019-20
- Chair, Post-Tenure Review Committee, Social Science Dept., UW-Stout, 2019-20

- Chair, Associate Professor Promotion Committee, Social Science Dept., UW-Stout, 2015
- Chair, Ad-hoc Committee on By-laws Revisions, UW-Stout, 2013-14
- Vice-chair, Associate Professor Promotion Committee, Social Science Dept., UW-Stout, 2014
- Chair, Anthropology Search Committee, Social Science Dept., UW-Stout, 2010-11
- Department representative, UW-Stout Faculty Union (AFT-W), 2010-14
- Co-organizer, Social Science Speaker Series, UW-Stout, 2009-12
- Anthropology Graduate Student Organization representative to the SUNY Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU), SUNY Binghamton, 2003-05
- Graduate student representative, search committee for faculty hire, Department of Anthropology, SUNY Binghamton, 2001-02
- Anthropology Graduate Student Organization liaison to the faculty, SUNY Binghamton, 2001-02

External Peer Reviewer

Journals

- Journal or article manuscripts for: American Ethnologist (4); Human Organization (4); Anthropological Quarterly (2); Energy Research and Social Science (2); Geoforum (2); Society and Natural Resources (2); Current Anthropology (2); Cultural Anthropology (1); Ethnography (1); Anthropology Today (1); Journal of Political Ecology (1); Anthropology of Work Review (1); Journal of Rural Studies (1); Water Alternatives (1); the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology (1)

Books

- Book proposals or manuscripts for: McGill-Queen's University Press (2022); University of Minnesota Press (2020); NYU Press (2019); Yale University Press (2018, Aug. 2019, Nov. 2019); the University of Cincinnati Press (2018); the University of Wisconsin Press (2014); and McGraw-Hill Higher Education (2012)

Grants/Fellowships

- Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Dissertation Innovation Fellowship (DIF) program (approx. 20 proposals, 2022-23)
- Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship program (approx. 20 proposals each cycle, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21)
- United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) Future Leaders Fellowship (1 proposal, 2019)
- Cultural Anthropology Program at the National Science Foundation (1 proposal, 2016)

Other Professional & Leadership Activities

- Attendee, "Leading through Difficult Emotions and Situations," workshop hosted on Zoom by UW-Stout and UW-River Falls, March 2, 2022.
- Session Organizer. Roundtable on Anthropology, Extractive Industries, and Unconventional Energy. American Anthropological Association, November 20-24, 2013.
- Session Co-Organizer (with Ashley Collins). Fracking and the Hydrocarbon Commodity Chain (double session). Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, March 19-23, 2013.

- Session Co-Organizer (with Jeremy Rayner). Dilemmas and Contradictions of a Latin American Welfare State: Costa Rica at the Turn of the 21st Century. American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 4, 2009.
- Session Co-Organizer (with Daniel Renfrew). Activism and Life Itself. Society for Applied Anthropology and the Political Ecology Society, Santa Fe, NM, March 18, 2009.
- Session Organizer. Social Movements and Intellectual Property Rights: Building a New Intellectual Commons. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 22, 2008.

Community

- Member, Council of Advisors, Midwest Environmental Advocates (MEA), 2020 – present
- Member, Board of Directors, House Calls of Menomonie, Inc., 2013-18.