
EDUCATION

Graduate Coursework, Anthropology
September 2002-present
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA,

Beginning and Intermediate KiSwahili Institute of Swahili and Foreign Languages,
State University of Zanzibar, Zanzibar, Tanzania, Summer 2003

MS, Science and Technology Studies – Social Studies Track
Thesis Title: “Globalization On the Ground:
Health, Development, and Volunteerism in Meatu, Tanzania”
International Development Certificate
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, Summer 2003
Member Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

BA, International Affairs and History, with minors in German and Anthropology
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, May 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2003** **Teaching Assistant**
Progress, Anthropology Department, University of Virginia
Leads discussion sections, grades student work, assists professor in class administration.
- Spring 2003** **Grader**
Don Juan and Castaneda, Anthropology Department, University of Virginia
- Fall 2002** **Grader**
Amazonian Peoples, Anthropology Department, University of Virginia
- Summer 2002** **Course Instructor**
Engineering Cultures, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Virginia Tech
Co-taught on-line course that targeted undergraduates throughout the United States and Europe using Centra One audio-enhanced courseware; developed syllabus, course content, and assessments; and graded essays and examinations.
- Summer 2001** **Research Assistant.**
Engineering Cultures, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Virginia Tech
Developed quiz bank for on-line course, co-authored on-line course handbook, and developed materials for continuing education mini-courses.
- Spring 2000,
Fall 2001,
Spring 2002** **Recitation Instructor**
Engineering Cultures, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Virginia Tech
Taught weekly recitation sections in traditional and on-line classrooms, developed course materials and assessments, and graded essays and examinations.
Participated in 10 week graduate teaching seminar at the Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (Fall 2001.)
- Fall 2000** **Graduate Assistant**
Classical Mythology, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Virginia Tech
Tutored student to comply with IEP, led review sessions, graded quizzes and examinations, and provided administrative support to instructor.

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Dec. 01-present** **Medical Assistant**
Planned Parenthood of the Blue Ridge, Blacksburg, VA and Charlottesville, VA
Counsels patients regarding contraceptive and unplanned pregnancy options; provides extensive pre-abortion counseling; performs medical lab work including venipunctures, blood pressure checks, and lab tests; and fulfills administrative tasks including patient scheduling, cash reconciliation, and lab test logging.
- Aug. 99-Aug. 00** **International Research Assistant**
Travel Industry Association of America (TIA), Washington, DC
Researched, tabulated (SPSS), and analyzed British and Japanese travel behavior; wrote and edited economic and cultural reports, including coding reports for Internet publication; disseminated information to Senior Staff and association members; developed marketing and research presentations; and worked to develop content and design elements for TIA's International Visitor Information System (IVIS), a web-based interactive source of travel-related data and written analyses. Check out IVIS at www.tia.org/ivis.
- Nov. 98-Jul. 99** **Administrative Assistant/Backstop Officer**
Technical Support Services, Inc., Washington, DC
Provided project management and administrative support to the USAID-funded Poland LGPP project, including processing vouchers, mobilizing consultants, and handling expatriate requests; administered consultant database; researched technical and regional criterion for proposals; and managed all day-to-day office and LAN operations.
- May 98-Oct. 98** **Store Manager**
Gillette's Coffee, Great Falls, VA
Hired, supervised and scheduled a diverse staff of fifteen employees; provided daily accounting of sales data and cash reconciliation; oversaw operations of a thriving business; assessed and ordered supplies and retail stock; administered and designed employee relations training and testing program; and provided excellent customer service.
- Fall 2003-
Spring 2004** **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Representative, Student Council
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- Fall 2002-
Present** **Editorial Assistant, *Anthropology and Humanism***
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- Fall 2002-
Spring 2003** **Events Director and Co-Chair, Reproductive Health Committee,
Women's Health Festival at the University of Virginia**
Charlottesville, VA
- Spring 2002** **Catering Coordinator, 2002 MEPHISTOS Graduate STS Conference,**
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
- Summer 2001** **Public Health Volunteer, AHEAD, Inc.**
Meatu District, Tanzania
- Jan. 2001-
Nov. 2001** **Volunteer Medical Assistant, Planned Parenthood of the Blue Ridge**
Blacksburg, VA
- Fall 2000-
Spring 2001** **Secretary, STS Graduate Student Organization**
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Between Theory and Practice." Panel participant at MEPHISTOS Graduate Science and Technology Studies Conference. Blacksburg, VA, March 2002.

"Globalizing Contraception: An Ethnography of Family Planning Service Delivery in Shinyanga, Tanzania." Paper presented at the Association for Integrative Studies Conference, Roanoke, VA, October 2001.

"Toward a New Genital Future: (Re)scripting the Clitoris." Panel participant at the Lynchburg College Gender Studies Symposium on Power and Perception, Lynchburg, VA, April 2001.

"Exploring the Genital Theatre: Management of Intersexuality and the Construction of Sex." Paper presented at the 6th Radford University Student Research Conference on Gender, Radford, VA, March 2001.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"Intersexuality and the Medical Construction of Sex." Invited class lecture, Introduction to Women's Studies, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, March 2002.

"Reproductive Rights and Family Planning in Tanzania." Invited class lecture, Women's Rights as Human Rights, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, February 2002.

"Weighing Babies From Trees: An Ethnography of Grassroots Health, Volunteerism, and Identity in Rural Tanzania." A working session of the Science and Technology Studies Thursday Lunch Discussions, Blacksburg, VA, November 2001.

"Preliminary results from an On-line Course Pilot," with Gary Downey. Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, April 2001.

"Intersexuality and the Medical Construction of Sex." Invited class lecture, English Composition, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, April 2001.

"Intersex Embodiment: Beyond the Medicalization of Gender." Invited class lecture, Gender Relations, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, March, 2001.

PUBLICATIONS

Jesiek, Brent, Amy Nichols, and Gary Downey. *Engineering Culture Online Course Handbook*. 2001. Virginia Tech Intellectual Property.

Nichols, Amy, Linda V. Yelton, and Suzanne D. Cook. *UK Travel View 2000: Attitudes and Trends*. 2000. Travel Industry Association of America.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Graduate Assistantship and State Fellowship, University of Virginia, Fall 2003-Spring 2004

UVA Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Language Fellowship, Summer 2003.

Dupont Fellowship, University of Virginia, Fall 2002-Spring 2003

Graduate Assistantship and Tuition Waiver, Virginia Tech, Fall 2000-Spring 2002

CEUT Professional Development Grant, Virginia Tech, May 2001.