

# MAX JACOB STEIN

## Curriculum Vitae

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### CURRENT POSITION

2021-pres      Assistant Professor of Medical Anthropology  
Department of Social Sciences, Florida Gulf Coast University

### EDUCATION

Ph.D.    Medical Anthropology, University of Alabama, 2018  
M.A.    Medical Anthropology, University of Alabama, 2012  
B.A.    Anthropology, Florida Gulf Coast University, 2009

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2021-pres      Assistant Professor, Medical Anthropology, Department of Social Sciences, FGCU  
2019-2021      Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Department of Social Sciences, FGCU  
2018-2020      Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama  
2015-16        Graduate Council Research Fellow, The Graduate School, University of Alabama  
2014-15        Cultural Representative, The Medical Electives Network, Trujillo, La Libertad, Peru

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Refereed Journal Publications (\* indicates student collaborators)

- 2019    **M.J. Stein.** Blood, Sweat, and/or Tears: Comparing Nervios Symptom Descriptions in Honduras. *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*. 43(2):259-276. doi:10.1007/s11013-018-9614-7.
- 2018    C.D. Lynn, M.E. Howells, **M.J. Stein.** Family and Field: Expectations of a Field-based Research Career Affect Researcher Family Planning Decisions. *PLOS ONE* 13(9):e0203500.
- 2017    K.S. Oths, H.N. Smith, **M.J. Stein**, R.J. Lazo. A Decade of Rapid Change: Biocultural Influences on Child Growth in Highland Peru. *American Journal of Human Biology* 30(2):e23072.
- 2016    **M.J. Stein**, A. Daugherty, I. Rivera, J. Muzzo, C.D. Lynn. Socializing Undergrads through Collaborative Research, Teaching, and Service. *Annals of Anthropological Practice* 40:153-66.\*
- 2014    C.D. Lynn, **M.J. Stein**, A.P.C. Bishop. Engaging Undergraduates through Neuroanthropological Research. *Anthropology Now* 6(1):92-103.\*

#### Non-refereed Publications

2016    **M.J. Stein.** How Social Networks Shape Cultural Consonance. *Anthropology News* 57(3):e70-1.

#### Manuscripts in Submission

**M.J. Stein.** Cultural Models of Mobility: Push/Pull Factors of Network Migration in North Peru. Original research article submitted for peer-review to *Human Organization*.

**Manuscripts in Preparation** (\*indicates student collaborators)

P. Ndiang'ui and **M.J. Stein**. Institutionalized Inclusivity, Equity, and Discriminatory Practices: A Case Study of Workforce Perceptions in Fort Myers, FL. Original research article to be submitted to *Journal of Educational Research and Practice*.

**M.J. Stein**, K. Cook, M. Hintz, E. Hoelscher, S. Levi, A. Martos-Gato, L.B. Mazanet. Covid-19 and Basic Needs Insecurities: A Qualitative Comparison of Student Experiences at the Start and One Year Into the Pandemic. Original research article to be submitted to *Alquila: FGCU Student Research Journal*.

**PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Research Grants**

2013 International Research Grant, Capstone International Center, Alabama.

**Fellowships, Assistantships and Scholarships**

2018 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Anthropology, Alabama.  
 2017 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Religious Studies, Alabama.  
 2016-17 Graduate Research Assistantship, Anthropology/Psychology, Alabama.  
 2015-16 Graduate Council Research Fellowship, The Graduate School, Alabama (\$26,000).  
 2014 Maxwell Endowed Anthropology Scholarship, Anthropology, Alabama (\$7,000).  
 2010-14 Teaching Assistantship, Anthropology, Alabama.

**Awards and Honors**

2019 H. Russell Bernard Graduate Paper Prize, Society for Anthropological Sciences (\$500)  
 2017 Graduate Research/Travel Award, Graduate School, Alabama (\$832.74)  
 2016 Richard A. Krause Award, Department of Anthropology, Alabama (\$500)  
 2016 Research and Travel Award, Graduate Student Services, Alabama (\$200)  
 2016 Graduate Research/Travel Award, Graduate School, Alabama (\$400)  
 2013 Graduate Research/Travel Award, Graduate School, Alabama (\$400)  
 2013 Society for Anthropological Sciences Travel Award (\$200)  
 2012 Research and Travel Award, Graduate Student Services, Alabama (\$600)  
 2012 Graduate Research/Travel Award, Graduate School, Alabama (\$200)

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION**

**Panels Organized**

2021 I. Skoggard and **M.J. Stein**. Altruism in Ethnography. Reimagining a Classic Framework through Anthropology's Current Diversity. Invited paper session sponsored by Society for Anthropological Sciences organized for 120<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD.

**Papers Presented** (\* indicates student collaborators)

2021 **M.J. Stein** and P. Ndiang'ui. Improving Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness in Local Governance through Data-Driven Decision-Making: An Example from Fort Myers, FL. Paper to be presented at 81st Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Norfolk, VA.  
 2020 K. Cook, J. Ruiz, **M.J. Stein**. Basic Needs Insecurity and Student Well-being: A Qualitative Update from the Field. STEM Undergraduate Research Symposium, FGCU, Fort Myers, FL.\*

**Papers Presented (continued)** (\* indicates student collaborators)

- 2020 A. Martos-Gato, M.D. Hintz, **M.J. Stein**. Responsibilities of Health: Local Frameworks of Accountability and Accessibility. 2020 FGCU Research Day, Fort Myers, FL.\*
- 2020 L.B. Mazanet, M.D. Hintz, A. Martos-Gato, **M.J. Stein**. Qualitative Assessment of Student Basic Needs at FGCU: Update from the Field. 2020 FGCU Research Day, Fort Myers, FL.\*
- 2019 **M.J. Stein**. Medical Anthropology as a Framework to Equip Undergraduates with Real World Skills. 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Association for Advancement of Educational Research Intl., Fort Myers, FL.
- 2019 L.B. Mazanet, E.J. Hoelscher, **M.J. Stein**. Health Effects of Student Welfare Stigma at FGCU. 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Association for Advancement of Educational Research, Fort Myers, FL.\*
- 2019 E.J. Hoelscher, L.B. Mazanet, and **M.J. Stein**. Basic Needs Insecurity, Student Welfare Stigma, and Health at FGCU. Showcase of Undergraduate Research, FGCU, Fort Myers, FL.\*
- 2019 **M.J. Stein**. Cultural Models of Mobility: Using Cultural Consensus Modeling to Explore Push/Pull Factors of Network Migration in Trujillo, Peru. 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Portland, OR. *H. Russell Bernard Graduate Student Paper Prize Winner*.
- 2018 **M.J. Stein**. Using Dynamic Network Analysis to Model Andean Migration and Health in Peru. 117<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.
- 2018 **M.J. Stein**. Using Dynamic Network Analysis to Model an Andean Migration Network in Northern Peru. 78<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 **M.J. Stein** and K.S. Oths. Modeling Network Migration in an Andean Diaspora in Northern Peru. 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- 2017 **M.J. Stein**. Migration Networks in Northern Peru: Linking Network and Cognitive Approaches to Migration. 77<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2017 I. Rivera, C. Walker, C. Fasel, C. Vanwagenen, M. Wanis, **M.J. Stein**, C.D. Lynn. The Biology of Religious 'Absorption': Catechol-o-Methyl Transferase and Capacity for Focused Attention. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Southeastern Evolutionary Perspectives Society, Tuscaloosa, AL.\*
- 2017 K. Meighan, H. Tytus, M. Wanis, **M.J. Stein**, C.D. Lynn. Cyber Dependence and Evolution? Blood Pressure and Skin Conductance between Fireside and Multimedia Relaxation Responses. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Southeastern Evolutionary Perspectives Society, Tuscaloosa, AL.\*
- 2016 **M.J. Stein**. Appraising Andean Ethnography 25 Years After Starn's 'Missing the Revolution.' 115<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2014 K.S. Oths, **M.J. Stein**, A. Booher, R. Lazo. Biomedicine Meets a Highland Bonesetter. 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2013 C.D. Lynn and **M.J. Stein**. Evaluating Religious Collectivity and Disease Resistance in Limón, Costa Rica. 112<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 R. Lazo, K.S. Oths, **M.J. Stein**. Assessing Change and Continuity in an Andean Medical System. 112<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 **M.J. Stein**. Applying a Biocultural Lens to Examine Rural and Urban Cultural Models of *Nervios* in Honduras. 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO.
- 2013 K.S. Oths, A. Booher, R. Lazo, A. Ochoa, **M.J. Stein**. Time, Climate Change and Andean Medical Choice. 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO.
- 2013 **M.J. Stein**. Comparing Symptoms of *Nervios* in Rural and Urban Honduras. 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Society for Anthropological Sciences, Mobile, AL. *SAS Travel Award Winner*.

**Posters Presented** (\*indicates student collaborators)

- 2020 M.D. Hintz, **M.J. Stein**. Semiotic Suits: Cyborg Politics for the Furry Fandom. 2020 Florida Undergraduate Research Conference, Fort Myers, FL.\*
- 2019 E.J. Hoelscher, L.B. Mazanet, **M.J. Stein**. Health Effects of Student Welfare Stigma at Florida Gulf Coast University. Whitaker Center STEM Research Symposium, FGCU, Fort Myers, FL.\*
- 2017 R. Copeland, R. Madey, H.N. Smith, **M.J. Stein**, K.S. Oths. A Longitudinal Test of Highlander Reproductive Fitness. Southeastern Evolutionary Perspectives Society, Tuscaloosa, AL.\*
- 2013 K.S. Oths, A. Ochoa, **M.J. Stein**. Continuity and Change in an Andean Medical System. 111<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 **M.J. Stein**. Examining Rural and Urban Cultural Models of *Nervios* through a Biocultural Lens. 111<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.

### Sessions Chaired

- 2021 Altruism in Ethnography. Reimagining a Classic Framework through Anthropology's Current Diversity. 120<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD.
- 2017 Cognition and Cultural Models. 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 The Impact of Climate Change. 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO.
- 2012 Biomedical Anthropology I: 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Southern Anthropological Society, Birmingham, AL.

### Roundtables (\*indicates student collaborators)

- 2020 Providing Quality Instruction in the Midst of a Global Pandemic. Participant, 20th Meeting of Association for Advancement of Educational Research International, Virtual Conference.\*
- 2019 Building a 21st Century Curriculum for Cognitive Anthropology. Participant, 118th Meeting of American Anthropological Association/Canadian Anthropology Society, Vancouver, BC.
- 2019 Developing Entrepreneurial Alternative Teacher Training Programs. Participant, 19th Meeting of Association for Advancement of Educational Research International, Fort Myers, FL.\*
- 2017 Applied Anthropology and Practicing Empathy among Ourselves: Mental Health and the PhD Experience. Participant, 77<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM.

### Workshops

- 2013 Co-organizer with K.S. Oths (Alabama), An Encounter with Don Felipe: Distinguished Bonesetter, National Treasure. Julcán City, La Libertad, Peru, August 10-11.

### Invited Lectures

- 2020 Lead Discussant, *Cultural e Interculturalidad*. Organized by E. Figueroa-Solano, El Cultural—Centro Peruano Americano, Trujillo, Peru, October 12-13.
- 2016 K.S. OTHS and **M.J. Stein** *El Último Huesero*. Presented to La Escuela de Antropología, Universidad Nacional de Trujillo, Trujillo, Peru.
- 2014 **M.J. Stein** *La Migración Andina en Trujillo, Peru*. Presented to The Medical Electives Network, Trujillo, Peru.

### Departmental Talks

- 2020 **M.J. Stein** *Festivals and Migration*. Presented to Special Topics: Ethnography of Festivals (ANT 4930), Social Sciences, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL.
- 2020 **M.J. Stein** *What to Do with Your Anthropology Major—The Grad School Route*. Senior Seminar in Anthropology (ANT 4931), Social Sciences, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL.
- 2019 **M.J. Stein** *Introducing Medical Anthropology*. Presented to Culture, Health and Healing (ANT 411/511), Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2017 **M.J. Stein** *Medical Anthropology and Religious Ritual*. Presented to Survey of the Old Testament (REL 110), Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2017 **M.J. Stein** *Biocultural Medical Anthropology*. Presented to Introduction to Biological Anthropology (ANT 270), Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2017 **M.J. Stein** *Pairing Whole Network and Cultural Consonance Analysis to Investigate a Migration Network*. Presented to Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2017 **M.J. Stein** *"Migration Goals" and "Lifestyle Aspirations": Cultural Success in an Andean Migrant Network*. Presented to Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2017 **M.J. Stein** *How Technology and Social Media Maintain Relationships in an Andean Migrant Community in North Peru*. Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2016 **M.J. Stein** *"Huasqueando con mis patas": Social Functions of Drinking and Getting Wasted in Trujillo, Peru*. Presented to Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University** (2019-pres)  
 Directed Study Cultural Immersion/Study Abroad Peru (Summer 2022)  
 Directed Independent Study in Anthropology (Spring 2020-21)  
 Medical Anthropology (Spring 2020, 2022)  
 Magic and Religion (Fall 2020)  
 Methods in Anthropological Research (Fall 2019, 2021; Summer 2021)  
 Folk Medicine (Spring 2021)  
 Cultural Anthropology (Summer 2020)  
 Peoples of the World (Fall 2019, 2021; Spring 2020-22; Summer 2021)  
 Introduction to Anthropology (Fall 2019-21, Spring 2020-22)

**Instructor of Record, The University of Alabama** (2018-2020)  
 Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2018; Spring 2019, 2022; Summer 2018)  
 Cultural Anthropology Online (Fall 2018-19; Spring 2019-20)  
 Introduction to Anthropology Online (Fall 2019; Spring 2019)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, The University of Alabama** (2010-2018)  
 Directed Research in Anthropology (Fall 2016; Spring 2012, 2017)  
 Culture, Health and Healing (Spring 2014)  
 Gender, Ethnicity and Health (Spring 2018)  
 Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2010-13; Spring 2011, 2013-14)  
 Religion, Politics and Law (Fall 2017)  
 Survey of the Old Testament (Fall 2017)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2020-pres Co-PI (with M. DeWees, A. Elgart, A. Miller), *FGCU Global Health Initiative*, Department of Social Sciences, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL .  
 2019-pres Co-PI (with P. Ndiang'ui, FGCU), *City of Palms Diversity and Inclusivity Project*, City of Fort Myers, FL.  
 2019-pres PI, *Health Effects of Basic Needs Insecurity and Student Welfare Stigma at Florida Gulf Coast University*. Florida Gulf Coast University Main Campus, Fort Myers, FL.  
 2019-pres Lab Head/PI, *Medical Anthropology Research Collaborative* (MARC), Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL.

**Prior Research and Fieldwork**

2019 Research Assistant, Andean research site (K.S. Oths, Alabama), *The effect of social networks on inequality: A longitudinal cross-cultural investigation* (Oths, Alabama). NSF Grant SMA-1743019. Lead PI: Koster (Cincinnati).  
 2016-2017 Project Manager, Physiological Data Collection, *Improving Family Well-Being and Child School Readiness: PowerPATH Dual Generation Intervention w/Head Start Preschoolers and Parents*. HHS Grant 90YR0075-01-00. PIs: Gilpin, DeCaro, Boxmeyer (Alabama)  
 2013-2018 Co-PI, *Embeddedness, Cultural Success, and Health in a Dynamic Migration Network in Peru*. PhD dissertation. Trujillo, La Libertad Department, Peru. PI: K.S. Oths (Alabama)  
 2012 Research Assistant, *Assessing Continuity and Change in an Andean Medical System*. Chugurpampa, Perú. PI: K.S. Oths (Alabama)  
 2012 Research Assistant, *Costa Rica Religious Ecology Study*. Limón District, Costa Rica. PI: C.D. Lynn (Alabama)  
 2011 Co-PI, *Cultural Syndromes in Honduras: A Comparison to Biomedical Classifications of Mental Health Disorders*. MA thesis. Cortes/Copán, Honduras. PI: K.S. Oths (Alabama)  
 2010-2017 Coordinator for Undergraduate Research, *Human Behavioral Ecology Research Group*. Tuscaloosa, AL. PI: C.D. Lynn (Alabama)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Offices Held

2020-pres Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology, American Anthropological Association  
2019-pres Member, Fort Myers Mayor's Diversity and Inclusivity Advisory Council, Fort Myers, FL.  
2019-pres Junior coordinator (with J. Freidenberg, UMD), Migration Topical Interest Group (SfAA)  
2019-2021 Secretary, Society for Anthropological Sciences, American Anthropological Association  
2016-2018 Director, Student-Led Anthropological Mentoring, Department of Anthropology, Alabama  
2011-2012 Anthropology Club Treasurer, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama

### Mentorship

2019-pres Early Career Mentor, Society for Anthropological Sciences Mentoring Program  
2016-2018 Founder, Student-Led Anthropological Mentoring, Department of Anthropology, Alabama.

### Membership in Professional Organizations

American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
Society for Anthropological Sciences (SAS)  
Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)  
Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)

### Other Service Activity

2020-pres Contracted Textbook Reviewer, OpenStax: Anthropology, Six Red Marbles, Inc  
2020 Scholarship Reviewer, Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Fort Myers, FL.  
2012-2013 Instructor, Anthropology is Elemental: Teaching Anthropology in Primary School Settings, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama. Outreach supervisor: C.D. Lynn.

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Analytic: Anthropac, EgoNet, MaxQDA, Pajek, Qualtrics, SPSS, UCINET  
Instructive: Blackboard Learn LMS, Canvas LMS

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: native proficiency (speaking, reading, writing)  
Spanish: advanced proficiency (speaking, reading, writing)

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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