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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, PA | Aug. 2014 – Present

- Ph.D. candidate (*ABD*) in Medical Anthropology and MPH in Behavioral & Community Health Sciences.
- Writing dissertation on Syrian refugee information networks and chronic illness management in Jordan as Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Provost Development Fund Fellow (2021-2022).
- Participated in interdisciplinary research and theoretical exchange as a [Humanities Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellow](#).
- Conducted archival and field research in Jordan as a [Social Science Research Council: International Dissertation Research Fellow](#) (2019-2020) and a [David L. Boren Fellow](#) (2018-2019).
- Achieved 3.94 GPA combined across both departments.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Medford, MA | Sep. 2006 – May 2010

- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with Minor in Philosophy.
- Awarded high honors for senior thesis.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER OF LIFE

Program Design Lead & Grant Writer

Pittsburgh, PA | Sept. 2018 – Oct. 2018

- Designed original “Project Unearthed,” an extracurricular education program for underprivileged youth in Pittsburgh to learn STEM skills through aquaponics and address food insecurity for ~4,300 inhabitants of the Hazelwood neighborhood.
- Produced a collection of modular and templated grant application materials used to secure funding for project launch after my departure from the organization.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER (UPMC)

Project Analyst (Population, Health, Engagement, & Optimization Team)

Pittsburgh, PA | Jun. 2017 – Jul. 2018

- Led 5-person team in designing and implementing 6 community-level health programs to address social determinants of health.
- Created data-driven evaluation process that analyzed population and disease data to identify at-risk communities in need of intervention.
- Assessed 10 community-based organizations for an auxiliary healthcare delivery project and assisted in establishing partnership contract.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS

Technical Advisor

Za’atari & Azraq Refugee Camps, Jordan | May 2015 – Aug. 2015

- Evaluated cross-departmental referral processes and helped standardize content in case files and reporting procedures.
- Designed and implemented 10 focus groups to design psycho-social support programs for approximately 10,000 youth and adult males.

LEARN IT LIVE

Director of Global Programs

Chicago, IL | Feb. 2013 – Aug. 2014

- Coordinated the launch of a MENA learning initiative spanning across 7 countries to combat the youth unemployment crisis in region.
- Managed and customized remote skills training programs for more than 10 organizations such as the American Heart Association.
- Cultivated strategic partnerships with a network of more than 1,500 experts, celebrities, and organizations to expand global eLearning content.

UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS

Founder & Director of [The Mobile Knowledge Station](#)

Jordan | Jan. 2012 – Jan. 2013

- Developed a nationally adapted mobile computer training program in conjunction with Jordan's Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies.
- Conducted 40 basic computer literacy trainings for a diverse group of more than 100 underprivileged rural villagers including mothers, children, university students, and the elderly.

UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS

Youth & Community Development Volunteer

Al-Mafraq, Jordan | Oct. 2010 – Dec. 2012

- Awarded over \$10,000 from USAID and secured additional national and international corporate donations valued at nearly \$5,000 to successfully implement, design, and manage over 30 development projects targeting assessed community needs.
- Led 3 different volunteer boards addressing Peace Corps worldwide goals and liaised between volunteers and office staff.
- Achieved [Advanced-Mid](#) Arabic proficiency in less than 2 years.

DNA PRODUCTIONS

Founder & COO

Medford, Massachusetts | Aug. 2008 – May 2010

- Designed, marketed, and distributed custom apparel products to hundreds of college students and over 20 local organizations, netting \$50,000 in gross revenue yearly.
- Reduced overhead cost by 70% in first 6 months by outsourcing production to local manufacturers.
- Sold company to group of stakeholders for nearly \$10,000 (estimated 10 times original investment).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

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| • American Anthropological Association | • Association of Black Anthropologists |
| • Society for Medical Anthropology | • Society for International Development |
| • Association for the Anthropology of Policy | • Digital Anthropologies Interest Group |
| • Society for Applied Anthropology | • User Experience Professional Association |
| • National Assoc. for the Practice of Anthropology | • Peace Corps Community for Refugees |

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

- Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Provost Development Fund Fellow (2021-2022)
- University of Pittsburgh Humanities Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellow (2020 – 2021)
- Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (2019 – 2020)
- Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellow (2019 Declined for SSRC IRDF)
- David L. Boren Fellowship (2018 – 2019)
- Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellow (2016 – 2017)
- Awarded Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow
- Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Diversity Fellow (Summer 2016)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow (2015 – 16) & (2016 – 17 Declined for Mellon)
- Fred C. Bruhns Memorial Award Winner (Summer 2015)
- K. Leroy Irvis Fellow (2014 – 15)

TEACHING

Previously Taught Classes	New Potential Classes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Sexuality (Summer 2018 & 2020) • Intro to Cultural Anthropology (Summer 2017) • Japanese Society (TA) (Fall & Spring 2017) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Health & Health Systems • Refugees, Migration, & Exclusion • Chronicity & Community Health

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- Humanities Steering Committee Member (2021-2022)
 - *Selected as only student member of committee dedicated to guiding the future of the interdisciplinary functions and events of the Humanities Center.*
- President of Anthropology Diversity Committee (2021-2022)
- AES Selector/Evaluator (Spring/Fall 2021)
 - *Selected to evaluate paper and panel submissions to American Anthropological Association national conference.*
- Graduate Student Representative of Diversity Hiring Initiative Committee (Spring 2021)
 - *Selected to assist in university-wide cluster hiring effort to increase diversity in department faculty.*
- Undergraduate Student Advisor (Fall 2020)
 - *Assisted in development of undergraduate TA program.*
 - *Managed launch of social media presence for undergraduate departmental advising and student groups.*
- President of Student Diversity Committee (2018)
 - *Assisted in establishment of [Hot Metal Bridge Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship Program](#) to support underrepresented minorities and bridge the gap between an undergraduate degree and a graduate training program.*

- Humanities, Arts, and Sciences Research Fellowship Mentor (2017)
- Vice President of Anthropology Department Diversity Committee (2017)
- Co-Head of Colloquium Committee (2015)
- Vice President of Medical Anthropology Group (2015)
- Graduate Student Department Liaison (2014-2022)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

INTEGRATED REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT SERVICES (IRIS)

Case Management Intern & Arabic Translator

New Haven, CT | Jan. 2013 – Aug. 2014

- Supported the case management office to resettle over 200 refugees annually eventually leading to their complete independence.
- Translated in both Arabic and English for dozens of clients to improve communication with the IRIS office and legal staff and improve daily operations.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE

Project Lead & Development Consultant

Jordan | May 2011 – Jun. 2012

[EOI is a Canadian/Jordan-based NGO](#) specializing in sustainable development through local partnerships and project implementation.

- Led 14 health and education projects valued over \$470,000 benefitting 4,000 underprivileged youth.
- Generated volunteer team through networking with Jordanian nationals and other professionals.
- Managed organization's relationships with national and international organizations including CSR and in-kind donation partnerships.

OPERATION SMILE

Group Coordinator

Amman, Jordan | Dec. 2011

- Scheduled and organized transportation and housing for 15 mission patients and families.
- Managed a rotating team of 20 volunteers and 10 doctors ensuring adequate patient care pre and post-operations.

PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

Chronic Confusion: Syrian Refugee Information Ecologies & Chronic Illness Management in Jordan

Author

Pittsburgh, PA | 2021

- In Progress (Working Title)
- Submitting to Social Science & Medicine

Questscope Report: Syrian Refugee Experiences of the Jordanian Health System

Author

Amman, Jordan | 2021

- In Review
- Report uses data from focus groups conducted in conjunction with the regional NGO, [Questscope](#).

Looking for the Perfect Beat: Feedback Loops, Media Panopticism, and the Hip Hop DJ

Author

Denton, TX | Jun. – Aug. 2009

- Published in [The Eagle Feather](#), v.6, 2009.

PRESENTATIONS

Responsibility, Risk, & Care

Panel Presenter & Discussant

Baltimore, MD | Nov. 2021

- Scheduled to present and speak on panel at upcoming American Anthropological Association annual conference.

In Their Own Words: Mental Health & Student Academic Success

Discussant

Pittsburgh, PA | Apr. 2021

- Panel discussed common student mental health challenges resulting from Covid-19 pandemic and strategies to help overcome these challenges to other students and faculty.

Locked Down, Locked Out, Left Behind: A Conversation with Eric Reidy and Darius Bittle-Dockery

Discussant

Pittsburgh, PA | Feb. 2021

- [Recorded](#) conversation with Journalist Eric Reidy to share insights and engage students and alumni in an informal discussion about the health, economic, and social toll of the COVID-19 pandemic and access to chronic health care on displaced people around the world.

Chronic Confusion: Refugee Health Networks and the Responsibility of Care

Lecturer

Pittsburgh, PA | Feb. 2021

- University-wide colloquium on selection of dissertation research for University of Pittsburgh Humanities Center Fellowship.

Disjunctures of Care: Risk & Responsibility in Syrian Refugee NCD Management

Presenter

Pittsburgh, PA | Nov. 2020

- [Recorded](#) selection from fieldwork research for American Anthropology Association's annual conference "Raising Our Voices" event.

Global Health Student Association Panel

Discussant

Pittsburgh, PA | Feb. 2016

- Presented relevant aspects of preliminary research to public forum concerning refugees and significance of global health in their lives and the world at large.

Catching the Vibe: Shared Feeling in a Subjective World

Presenter

Pittsburgh, PA | Mar. 2015

- Presented paper based on senior honors thesis at Annual University of Pittsburgh Graduate Expo.
- Received Graduate Expo Outstanding Presenter Award.

Feeling It: DJing and the Process of Creating a Vibe

Presenter

Medford, MA | Sep. 2009 – May 2010

- Investigated the phenomenology of shared embodied experiences by utilizing participative observation field research, focus groups, and semi-structured interviews with radio and live DJs.
- Presented paper at Annual Tufts Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Symposium.

The Evolution of the Family Portrait Through the Development of the Photographic Camera

Presenter

Medford, MA | Feb. 2009

- Conducted historical and theoretical research to investigate the relationship between photographic technology and the representation of self and identity and presented poster at the Greater Boston Anthropology Consortium.

GUEST LECTURES & TRAININGS

“Notes on Note Taking for Graduate Students”

Guest Lecturer

Pittsburgh, PA | Apr. 2021

- Lecture instructed students on how to conceptualize and build a personal knowledge system (PKS) based off of the Zettelkasten method of note taking.
- Provided resources for starting their own PKS.

“Pervasive Precarity Produces Poor Health Outcomes”

Guest Lecturer

Pittsburgh, PA | Apr. 2020

- Lecture introduced students to the topics of precarity and chronicity as a syndemic tandem.

Social Network Analysis Workshop

Trainer & Facilitator

Amman, Jordan | Dec. 2020

- Workshop consisted of two full-day sessions. The first introduced concepts in social network analysis. The second walked participants through a live-demo of the Gephi software with real-world data sets and examples.

“Refugees Health & Experience in Jordan”

Guest Lecturer

San Francisco, CA | Apr. 2019

- Presented cross-cultural lecture on refugees and Jordan to middle-school class.

“Refugees and Global Health”

Guest Lecturer

Pittsburgh, PA | Feb. 2016

- Presented relevant aspects of preliminary research to public forum concerning the state and significance of global health in the modern era.

SELECTED COURSEWORK

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| • Environmental Health and World History | • Python for Data Management & Analysis |
| • International Organizations | • Social Dynamics in Public Health |
| • Dynamic Network Analysis in Public Health | • Modeling Collective Behaviors |
| • Theories of Health Behavior and Education | • Environmental Health & Disease |
| • Migration, Inequality, & Exclusion | • Principles of Statistical Reasoning |
| • Economic Development of the MENA Region | • Health Program Evaluation |

MEDIA FEATURES

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| • In Focus Feature | • Pitt Pantry Event Interview |
| • The Mobile Knowledge Station | • NCAA D3 Lacrosse National Championship |

LANGUAGES

- Levantine Arabic (Advanced-Mid)
- Spanish (Novice-High)
- (Above proficiency indicated in accordance with standards set by the [American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language](#))
- Python 3 (Intermediate)
- Elisp (Novice)
- SQL (Novice)

REFERENCES

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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