

# Darius Bittle-Dockery

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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

- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Medical Anthropology
- Association for the Anthropology of Policy
- Society for Applied Anthropology
- National Assoc. for the Practice of Anthropology
- Association of Black Anthropologists
- Society for International Development
- Digital Anthropologies Interest Group
- User Experience Professional Association
- 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"> <li>• Human Sexuality (Summer 2018 &amp; 2020)</li> <li>• Intro to Cultural Anthropology (Summer 2017)</li> <li>• Japanese Society (TA) (Fall &amp; Spring 2017)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Health &amp; Health Systems</li> <li>• Refugees, Migration, &amp; Exclusion</li> <li>• Chronicity &amp; Community Health</li> </ul>

## 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**

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

### **MEDIA FEATURES**

- [In Focus Feature](#)
- [Pitt Pantry Event Interview](#)
- [The Mobile Knowledge Station](#)
- [NCAA D3 Lacrosse National Championship](#)

## LANGUAGES

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

## REFERENCES

### ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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