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## EDUCATION

- 2020                      PhD Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis  
Dissertation: *The Social Dynamics of Antibiotic Use in a Large American Medical Complex*  
Dr. Brad Stoner (chair)
- 2016                      MA Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2013                      MA Social Sciences, The University of Chicago  
Thesis: *Outsmarting the Microbe: The Epistemic Culture of Infectious Disease Practitioners and the Problem of Antibiotic Resistance*  
Dr. Eugene Raikhel (advisor)
- 2012                      BA Anthropology, University of Missouri – St. Louis (Summa cum laude)  
Honors Program, Minors in Spanish and Political Science
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## APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS

- 2024-                      Faculty Fellow, Center for Body, Mind, and Culture, Florida Atlantic University
- 2023-                      Faculty Affiliate, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Florida Atlantic University
- 2023-                      Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University
- 2022-                      Assistant Professor in Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University
- 2020-2022                      Postdoctoral Scholar in Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University
- 2019-2020                      Lecturer in Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2016-2020                      PhD Candidate in Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2016-2017                      Visiting Scholar, Universiteit van Amsterdam (UvA) and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)
- 2013-2014                      Project Manager, The University of Chicago Survey Lab
- 2011                      Research Intern, Deaconess Hospital System

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Dissertation:

The Social Dynamics of Antibiotic Use in a Large American Medical Complex, 2020.

### Published Articles:

[Under Review] Katharina Rynkiewich, Eduardo Piqueiras, Erin Koch, Jens Seeberg, Peter J. Brown, Bradley P. Stoner. “Sociocultural Perspectives on Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria.”

Rynkiewich, Katharina, Sarin Gole, Sarah Won, and David N. Schwartz. 2023. “Cultures of antibiotic prescribing in medical intensive care.” *Social Science & Medicine* 324: 1-7. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.115834>

Rynkiewich, Katharina, Kruthika Uttla, Leila Hojat. 2022. “Instant Gratification and Overtreating to Be Safe: Perceptions of U.S. Intensive Care Unit Pharmacists and Residents on Antimicrobial Stewardship.” *Antibiotics*. 11: 1-10. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/antibiotics11091224>

Rynkiewich, Katharina. 2022. “Antimicrobial Prescribing Matters: The Irreconcilability in Moral Ranking Systems.” *Anthropology & Medicine*. 1-15. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13648470.2021.1994331>

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Rynkiewich, Katharina. 2021. “Everyday Infection, Looming Threat: Hospital-based Infection Control in the United States.” *Somatosphere* Special Issue: The Hospital Multiple, <http://somatosphere.net/2021/hospital-infection-control-medical-anthropology.html/>

Rynkiewich, Katharina, David Schwartz, Sarah Won, Bradley Stoner. 2020. “Antibiotic decision making in surgical intensive care – a qualitative analysis.” *Journal of Hospital Infection*. 104(2): 158-164. DOI: 10.1016/j.jhin.2019.09.002

Rynkiewich, Katharina. 2020. “Finding ‘What’s Wrong With Us’: Antibiotic Prescribing Practice among Physicians in the United States.” *Frontiers in Sociology* 5(5):1-9. DOI: 10.3389/fsoc.2020.00005

Rynkiewich, Katharina. 2015. “Reflections on Antibiotic Use in American Hospitals.” *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, <https://culturemedicinepsychiatry.com/2015/01/21/guest-blog-reflections-on-antibiotic-use-in-american-hospitals/>

### Published Abstracts:

Rynkiewich K, Uttla K, Hojat L. 2022. “Perceived Antimicrobial Stewardship Roles of Pharmacists and Residents in US Intensive Care Units.” *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*. 9(2): S400.

Rynkiewich K, Makhija J, Froilan MC, Benson E, Han A, Trick WE, Weinstein RA, Hayden MK, Lin MY. 2020. "Healthcare Worker Perceptions of Germs and Personal Hygiene Routines in a Ventilator-Capable Skilled Nursing Facility (vSNF)." *Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology* (41)S1:s245-6.

Rynkiewich K, Makhija J, Froilan MC, Benson E, Han A, Trick WE, Weinstein RA, Hayden MK, Lin MY. 2020. "Healthcare Worker Experiences Implementing CRE Infection Control Measures at a vSNF – A Qualitative Analysis." *Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology* 41(S1):s244-5.

Rynkiewich K, Schwartz D, Won S, Stoner B. 2020. "Perceptions of Antimicrobial Stewardship among Infectious Disease Physicians at Two Affiliated Teaching Hospitals." *Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology* (41)S1:s346-8.

Rynkiewich, K, Schwartz D, Won S, Heber M, Timmireddy K, Stoner B. 2019. "An Ethnographic Approach to Interrogating Antimicrobial Stewardship at US Teaching Hospitals." *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*. 6(2): S388.

#### **Other [Media coverage, etc.]:**

Galoustian, Gisele. 2024. "NSF Grant to Study Vulnerable Communities in 'Hurricane Alley'." *Newsdesk*, Florida Atlantic University, <https://www.fau.edu/artsandletters/news/nsf-hurricane-alley-grant-2024/>

Augliere, Bethany. 2023. "Antibiotics are Overused in the Health Care System" Faculty Spotlight: Katharina Rynkiewich, *Newsdesk*, Florida Atlantic University, <https://www.fau.edu/research/fau-research-daily/2023/katharina-rynkiewich/>

Galoustian, Gisele. 2023. "'Antibiotic Culture' Permeates Intensive Care Units in U.S. Hospitals." *Newsdesk*, Florida Atlantic University, <https://www.fau.edu/newsdesk/articles/antibiotic-culture-intensive-care-units.php>

Ajuogu, Immaculata. 2021. "ANTH 376/476: Anthropology of Infectious Diseases." *Spring 2021 Newsletter*, Department of Anthropology at Case Western Reserve University, <https://anthropology.case.edu/anth-of-infectious-diseases/>

Ogliore, Talia. 2020. "Students tackle anthropology of COVID-19." *The Source*, Washington University in St. Louis, <https://source.wustl.edu/2020/05/students-tackle-anthropology-of-covid-19/>

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## **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS, CONFERENCES, AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks:**

2022 "Tenure-Track in Academia Career Panel." Culture Club, Graduate School at Washington University in St. Louis. November.

- 2022 “How to be innovative and find research directions.” Graduate Council of Arts & Sciences Professional Development Week, Case Western Reserve University. March.
- 2022 “Using Anthropology to Study Biomedicine.” Exploring Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University. March.
- 2022 “Anthropology of Biomedicine.” Medical Anthropology and Global Health Seminar, Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University. February.
- 2021 “Resisting Resistance: Anthropology and Academia in Partial View.” Anthropology Student Association, Case Western Reserve University. December.
- 2021 “Nursing Personnel Experiences with Infection Control Measures at a Ventilator-capable Skilled Nursing Facility.” School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University. February.
- 2020 “The Anthropology of Antimicrobial Resistance.” Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis. October.
- 2020 “Betwixt and Between: Studying up American Medicine.” Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University. September.
- 2020 “Contagious Affects: Fear and Biosecurity in the Age of Antibiotic-Resistant “Superbugs”” Ethnographic Theory Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis. February.
- 2019 “Infectious Diseases, Antimicrobial Resistance, and Hospital Ethnography.” Department of World Languages and Cultures, University of Southern Indiana. March.
- 2018 “Mapping Antimicrobial Stewardship: How the (Inter)National Becomes Local for Infectious Disease Specialists.” Ethnographic Methods and Implementation Core (EMIC), University of Iowa. September.
- 2018 “Antibiotic Use in the Intensive Care Unit.” Infectious Disease Research Conference, Rush University Medical Center. November.
- 2016 “The Third Epidemiologic Transition.” Pierre Laclède Honors College, University of Missouri-St. Louis. September.
- 2015 “Introduction to Medical Anthropology.” Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis. October.

### **Conferences and Workshops Organized:**

- 2022 “Navigating the Postdoc: Balancing Work and Life in Early Career” for the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women and the Postdoctoral Association, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, USA. April.

2016 “Material Arrangements and Public Reasoning” for the Trans-Atlantic Forum, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA. April.

### **Conference Panels and Roundtables Organized:**

2023 “*Critical Geographies of Microbial Infection in the Age of Antimicrobial Resistance*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada

2021 “*Reimagining Bacteria in a Viral Age*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, USA (Co-organizer: Brad Stoner)

2021 “*Over Care: Excessive Interventions and a Lexicon Beyond Care*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, USA (Co-organizer: S. Carolyn Barnes)

2018 “*Working the Institution: Conducting Ethnography in American Healthcare*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, USA (Co-organizer: Shannon Satterwhite)

2017 “*The Faces of the U.S. Opioid Crisis*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., USA (Co-organizer Shannon Satterwhite)

### **Conference Presentations:**

2023 “Bacterial Hotspots”: Escalations of Care and Regional Epidemiology in the United States” for the American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada

2021 “*The ‘bad bugs’: Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) as Urgent and Threatening “Superbacteria”*” for the American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, USA

2021 “*A Thanksgiving to Remember: Sweet Sentiments and Willful Ignoring*” for the Biennial Congress of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, Helsinki, Finland

2018 “*Beyond the Nudge: How Hospital-Based Practitioners Navigate Antimicrobial Stewardship*” for the Antimicrobials in Society research group’s symposium: Fresh Perspectives: Social Research on Antimicrobial Resistance at the British Academy, London, UK

2018 “*Working the Institution: Conducting Ethnography in American Healthcare*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, USA

2017 “*Superbugs and Magic Bullets: Doctor-Patient Relationships in an Era of*

*Antibiotic-Resistant Infections*” for Oxford University’s Symposium: Doctor-Doctor: Global and Historical Perspectives on the Doctor-Patient Relationship, Oxford, UK

- 2017 “*Microbial Dwelling: The Sharing of Space and Body in Medical Institutions*” for the Biennial Congress of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, Göttingen, Germany
- 2017 “*Infectious Matters: The Expert Care of Infection in Midwestern Hospitals*” for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., USA
- 2016 “*Combating Antibiotic Resistance: Infectious Disease Care in a Large American Teaching Hospital*” for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Vancouver, Canada
- 2013 “*Perceptions and Beliefs about Infectious Disease: Multiple Perspectives*” for the Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society, St. Louis, MO, USA
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#### **RESEARCH PROPOSALS (FUNDED)**

- 2024-2027 Co-Principal Investigator. Build and Broaden Grant, *Rhizomatic Nexus: Cultural Dimensions of Ecological Instability*. National Science Foundation. \$650,000.
- 2016-2020 Co-Investigator. Prevention Epicenters Grant, *An Ethnographic Approach to Interrogating Antimicrobial Stewardship: Practices and Challenges in Hospital Infection Management and Understanding Healthcare Worker Perceptions of Infection and Infection Control in Skilled Nursing Facilities*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. \$9,450,000.
- 2018 Principal Investigator. Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, *The Perils of Resistance: Antibiotic Stewards and Biosecuritization in North American Hospitals*. Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. \$17,990.
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#### **UNIVERSITY SUPPORT AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2023-2024 Scholarly and Creative Accomplishment Fellow, College of Arts & Letters, Florida Atlantic University.
- 2020-2022 Principal Investigator. Research Fellowship Fund, *Antimicrobial Stewardship in Surgical Intensive Care Units*. Case Western Reserve University. \$5,000.
- 2017-2018 Principal Investigator. Graduate Research Fellowship, *The Social Dynamics of Antibiotic Use in a Large American Medical Complex*. Washington University in St. Louis. \$9,267.50.

2016-2017	Trans-Atlantic Forum Research Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis.
2015-2016	Graduate School Teaching Assistantship, Washington University in St. Louis.
2014-2015	Graduate School University Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis.
2012-2013	Tuition Grant, The University of Chicago.
2008-2012	Pierre Laclede Honors College Scholarship, University of Missouri-St. Louis.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record:

Summer 2024	Course title: Gender & Culture (ANT 4302), Department of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University, Enrollment: 73
Spring 2024	Course title: Research Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology (ANT 4495), Department of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University, Enrollment: 17
Spring 2024	Course title: Proposal Development & Writing (ANG 6095), Department of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University, Enrollment: 14
Summer 2023	Course title: Gender & Culture (ANT 4302), Department of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University, Enrollment: 72
Spring 2023	Course title: Global Health & Culture (ANT 4930), Department of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University, Enrollment: 3
Spring 2023	Course title: Epidemics: Culture, Science, and Policy (ANT 4930), Department of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University, Enrollment: 11
Fall 2022	Course title: Research Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology (ANT 4495), Department of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University, Enrollment: 16
Fall 2022	Course title: Gender & Culture (ANT 4302), Department of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University, Enrollment: 54
Spring 2022	Course title: Seminar in Anthropology and Global Health (ANTH 511), Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University, Enrollment: 5
Fall 2021	Course title: Health, Culture, and Disease: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology (ANTH 215), Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University, Enrollment: 47
Spring 2021	Course title: Seminar in Anthropology and Global Health (ANTH 511), Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University, Enrollment: 6

- Fall 2020 Course title: Anthropology of Infectious Diseases (ANTH 376), Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University, Enrollment: 17
- Spring 2020 Course title: Anthropology of Infectious Diseases (ANTH 3280), Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis, Enrollment: 20
- Spring 2019 Course title: Introduction to Global Health (ANTH 3281), Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis, Enrollment: 8

**Teaching Assistant:**

- Fall 2016 Course title: The AIDS Epidemic: Inequalities, Ethnography and Ethics (AFAS 4134), Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis, Enrollment: 165 (for Dr. Shanti Parikh)
- Spring 2016 Course title: Tobacco: History, Culture, Science and Policy (AMCS 4135), Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis, Enrollment: 178 (for Dr. Peter Benson)
- Fall 2015 Course title: Adventures in Nosology: The Nature and Meaning of Disease (ANTH 3626), Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis, Enrollment: 48 (for Dr. Lewis Wall)
- Spring 2011 Course title: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 1011), Department of Anthropology, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Enrollment: 93 (for Dr. Allon Uhlmann)

**Mentorship:**

- 2023- Undergraduate Research Assistant, Florida Atlantic University (Students: Kezia Abraham, Maria Duran, Abigail Sinu, Soha Khan)
- 2022- Graduate Advisor, Florida Atlantic University (Students: Julia Latchana, Philip Smith, Chase Rumbley)
- 2021-2022 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Case Western Reserve University (Students: Kruthika Uttla and Sarin Gole)
- 2020-2022 Graduate Research Assistant Program, Case Western Reserve University (Students: Immaculata Ajuogu, Courtney Schubert, Hannah Ludlow)
- 2018-2019 Research Fellowship Program, Rush Medical College (Co-Mentors: Dr. Sarah Won and Dr. David Schwartz, Students: Mikhail Heber and Kavya Timmireddy)

**SERVICE**

- 2024- Society for the Anthropology of North America Programs Committee



2023-	Reviewer for Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control
2022-	Reviewer for Antibiotics
2022-	University Committee on Plagiarism and Grade Appeals, Florida Atlantic University, Department of Anthropology Representative
2022-	Reviewer for Medical Anthropology: Cross Cultural Studies in Health and Illness
2022-	Reviewer for PLOS One
2021-2022	Postdoctoral Association Leadership Committee, Case Western Reserve University
2021-2022	Academic Judge for Undergraduate Research Competition, SOURCE, Case Western Reserve University
2021-	Reviewer for Oxford University Press
2021-	Reviewer for Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy
2021	Graduate Discourse Speaker on Grant writing: Tips and Tricks, Case Western Reserve University
2017-2019	Co-Chair, Research on U.S. Health and Healthcare (RUSH) Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association
2016-2017	Anthropology Representative, Graduate Student Senate Washington University in St. Louis
2015-2017	Content Strategist, Trans-Atlantic Forum Washington University in St. Louis
2015-2017	Organizing Committee, Medical Anthropology Reading Group Washington University in St. Louis
2015-2016	Organizing Committee and Website Coordinator, Culture Club Washington University in St. Louis

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

American Anthropological Association

Society for Medical Anthropology

Society for Applied Anthropology

Society for the Anthropology of North America

Early Career Academy of Florida Atlantic University, Member and Alumni (2023)

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, Member and Alumni (2023)

Antimicrobials in Society, Research Group at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Trans-Atlantic Forum, Washington University in St. Louis

Science, Technology and Medicine (Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association)

Research on U.S. Health and Healthcare (RUSH) (Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association)

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## LANGUAGES

**English** (native speaker); **Spanish** (conversational); **French** (beginner)

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## REFERENCES

Dr. Brad Stoner  
Professor and Head, Department of Public Health Sciences  
Professor, Department of Medicine  
Queen's University  
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