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### **Positions**

**University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN

Director of Doctoral Studies, Joan B. Kroc Institute, 2018-  
Associate Professor of Anthropology and Peace Studies, 2016-  
Concurrent Associate Professor of Africana Studies, 2016-  
Faculty Fellow: Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, 2009-  
Poverty Studies Program, 2011-  
Eck Institute for Global Health 2015-  
Keough School for Global Affairs, 2016-  
Initiative for Global Development, 2019-

### **Previous Positions**

**University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN

Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Peace Studies, 2009-2016  
Concurrent Assistant Professor of Africana Studies, 2010-2016

**University of Makeni**, Makeni, Sierra Leone

Visiting Lecturer in Development Studies, 2010, 2012, 2016

### **Education**

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI

Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology (Ethnology), April 25, 2008  
Masters of Arts in Anthropology, 2003

**University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, England

MPhil in Social Anthropology, concentration in Development Anthropology, October 2000

**Williams College**, Williamstown, MA

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Biology, June 1998  
Concentrations in Environmental Studies, African and Middle Eastern Studies  
Magna Cum Laude, Departmental honors in Anthropology and Environmental Studies

### **Publications**

#### **Books and Edited Collections**

- 2019 *Serious Youth in Sierra Leone: An Ethnography of Performance and Global Connection*  
New York: Oxford University Press (forthcoming October 1, 2019)
- 2017 Bolten, C. and S. Shepler, eds. *Producing Ebola: Creating Knowledge in and About an Epidemic*. *Anthropological Quarterly* 90(2)

2012 *I Did It To Save My Life: Love and Survival in Sierra Leone* Berkeley: University of California Press. Series in Public Anthropology, Number 24

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2019 Marcantonio, R. and C. Bolten. "Farmers Facing Climate Change: Local Implications of Water Variability in Southern Province, Zambia" *Journal of Transdisciplinary Peace Praxis* 1(1): 61-84
- 2018 "Productive Work and Subjected Labor: Children's Pursuits and Child Rights in Northern Sierra Leone" *Journal of Human Rights* 17(2): 199-214
- 2017 Goguen, A. and C. Bolten "Ebola Through a Glass Darkly: Ways of knowing the state and each other" In the special issue "Producing Ebola: Creating Knowledge In and About an Epidemic" edited by C. Bolten and S. Shepler *Anthropological Quarterly* 90(2): 429-456
- 2016 "I will vote what is in my heart: Sierra Leone's 2012 elections and the pliability of "normative" democracy" *Anthropological Quarterly* 89(4): 1019-1048
- 2015 "A Great Scholar is an Overeducated Person: Education and Practices of Uncertainty in Sierra Leone" *Journal of Anthropological Research* 71(1): 23-47
- 2014 "The Memories They Want. Autobiography in the Chaos of Sierra Leone" (Le choix de leur souvenirs. Autobiographies dans le chaos de la Sierra Leone) in the special issue "Temps biographiques et discontinuités politiques" *Ethnologie Française* 44(3): 431-439
- 2014 "Social Networks, Resources, and the International NGO in Post-War Sierra Leone" *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 4(1): 33-59
- 2014 "Sobel Rumors and Tribal Truths: Narrative and Politics in Sierra Leone, 1994" *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 56(1): 187-214
- 2012 "'We have been sensitized': ex-combatants, marginalization, and youth in post-war Sierra Leone" *American Anthropologist* 114(3): 494-506
- 2009 "Rethinking Burgeoning Political Consciousness: Student Activists, the Class of '99 and Political Intent in Sierra Leone" *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 47(3): 349-369
- 2009 "The Agricultural Impasse: Creating "Normal" Post-War Development in Sierra Leone" *The Journal of Political Ecology* 16: 70-86

### Other Articles

- (forthcoming) Being "for others": Human Rights, Personhood, and Dignity in Sierra Leone. In *Human Dignity and Human Development* edited by Paolo Carozza and Clemens Sedmak. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press
- 2018 Halloran A. and C. Bolten "How to Study Chimpanzees that are Terrified of You: Adventures in Ethnoprimateology in West Africa" in N. Porter and I. Gershon, eds. *Living With Animals: Bonds Across Species* Pp. 53-67. Ithaca: Cornell University Press
- 2017 Comment on "Temporality and Positive Living in the Era of HIV/AIDS: A Multi-Sited Ethnography" *Current Anthropology* 58(4): 464-465
- 2017 Halloran, A. and C. Bolten "Unique Habitat Sharing Between Humans and Wild Chimpanzees in Sierra Leone: Ecological Implications for the Human-Primate Interface" *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 162(64): 208
- 2017 "No One Right Way to Peace" *Sapiens, Debate: Why are Humans Violent?* <https://www.sapiens.org/debate/united-nations-war-peace/> November 16, 2017

- 2017 Bolten C. and S. Shepler. "Producing Ebola: Creating Knowledge in and About an Epidemic" *Anthropological Quarterly* 90(2): 355-374
- 2016 "Circulating Ebola in the Anthropocene" *Anthropology News* 57(7) July 13, 2016 <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/AN.48/full/>
- 2015 "Amartya Sen" and "Sierra Leone". *The Encyclopedia of World Poverty* Pp. 1387-1389 and Pp. 1403-1404 New York: SAGE Publications
- 2014 "Articulating the Invisible: Ebola Beyond Witchcraft" in "Hotspots" *Cultural Anthropology* <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/596-articulating-the-invisible-ebola-beyond-witchcraft-in-sierra-leone> October 7, 2014
- 2013 "Poisoned Patronage: Appropriating aid and pulling down "big men" in northern Sierra Leone" in Smith, J. and E. Verdeja, eds. *Globalization, Social Movements, and Peacebuilding* Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, Series on Peace and Conflict Resolution. Pp. 159-186
- 2012 "The only way to produce food is to cooperate and reconcile? A case study of failures of cooperative agriculture in post-war Sierra Leone" in Ozerdem, A. and R. Roberts, eds. *Challenging Post-Conflict Environments: Sustainable Agriculture* London: Ashgate. Series: Global Security in a Changing World. Pp. 237-248

### Invited Book Reviews

- (in press) review of Ferme, M. *Out of War: Violence, Trauma, and the Political Imagination in Sierra Leone* in *African Studies Review*
- 2018 review of Hinton, A. *Man or Monster? The Trial of a Khmer Rouge Torturer* in *American Anthropologist* 120(1): 176-177
- 2016 review of Shepler, S. *Childhood Deployed: Remaking Child Soldiers in Sierra Leone* in *The Journal of Peace and Justice Studies* 25(2): 200-203
- 2014 review of Moore, A. *Peacebuilding in Practice: Local Experience in Two Bosnian Towns* in *PoLAR* 37(2): 428-30 (on-line only) <http://www.polaronline.org/book-reviews/>
- 2013 review of Gottlieb, A. and P. Graham *Braided Worlds* in *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, New Series 19: 883-884
- 2013 "The Limits of Love and Loss" review of Jackson, M. *Life Within Limits: Well-being in a World of Want* in *Current Anthropology* 54(3): 393-394
- 2012 review of Hoffman, D. *The War Machines: Young Men and Violence in Sierra Leone and Liberia* in *Anthropos* 107(2): 626-627
- 2011 review of Chrétien, J. and R. Banégas eds. *The Recurring Great Lakes Crisis: Identity, Violence and Power* in *International Dialogue* 1: 43-47
- 2009 review of Sheridan, M. and C. Nyamweru eds. *African Sacred Groves: Ecological Dynamics and Social Change* in *Journal of Religion in Africa* 39(1): 121-122

### Other publications

- 2008 *The Place is So Backward: Durable Morality and Creative Development in Sierra Leone*. Ann Arbor: ProQuest
- 2006 "Chinese Tractor in Makeni" and "Public Transport in Sierra Leone." Photographic credits in Cutter, Charles H. *Africa 2006* Harpers Ferry, WV: Stryker-Post Publications Pp. 72-73
- 2001 Bolten, C., Murphy, K., Quiroga, J. and J. Parfrey "Seattle Forecast: Tear Gas Clouds and Chronic Health Problems" Special Report. Physicians for Social Responsibility, Los

Angeles Chapter <http://www.psrla.org/gashealth.htm>

1998 *Healing Knowledge and Cultural Practice in a Modern Tswana Village* Tom Hardie  
Memorial Monographs Series No. 25 Williamstown: Williams College Center for  
Environmental Studies

### **Work in Progress**

(revising) “Double Violence: Colonial History and Ethnoprimateology in West Africa”

(revising, with Andrew Halloran) “Elucidating Human History in Chimpanzee Ecology through  
Ethnoarchaeology: Methodological Innovations in Ethnoprimateology”

(writing, with Richard Marcantonio) “The Paradox of Planning: Family and Uncertainty in  
Central Sierra Leone”

(writing, with Richard Marcantonio) “Sharks in the Elephant Grass: Predatory Entrepreneurship  
in Sierra Leonean Subsistence Agriculture”

(writing) “The Environmental History of Elephant Grass and the Social Politics of Blame in  
Rural Sierra Leone”

### **Grants**

*Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts*, University of Notre Dame, March 2018. Principal  
Investigator, Faculty Large Research Grants, \$15,000

*Eck Institute for Global Health*, University of Notre Dame, November 2016. Principal  
Investigator, Faculty Pilot Research Program, \$40,000

*Office of Research*, University of Notre Dame, March 2015. Principal Investigator, Faculty  
Research Support Program Initiation Grant, \$7,980

*Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies*, University of Notre Dame, 2012, 2017, 2019.  
Principal Investigator, Faculty Research Grant, \$10,000

*Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts*, University of Notre Dame, December, 2009  
Principal Investigator, Faculty Pilot Research Grant, \$10,800

*Ford Family Program for Human Development and Solidarity*, University of Notre Dame,  
December, 2009. Principal Investigator, Faculty Pilot Research Grant, \$6,000

*Center for African-American and African Studies African Initiatives Grant*, University of  
Michigan, 2003. Principal Investigator, Pilot funds for research in Sierra Leone, \$5,000

### **Scholarships and Fellowships**

*Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies*, Distinguished Fellow, 2017

*Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship*, University of Michigan, September 2007

*Rackham Humanities Fellowship*, University of Michigan, January 2007

*United States Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Dissertation Scholar*, 2005-2006

*IIE Fulbright*, recipient for Sierra Leone, 2004; extended March 2005

*Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship*, alternate, 2004 (declined)

*NSEP David Boren Graduate Fellowship*, 2004  
*College of LS & A Regents Fellowship*, University of Michigan, 2001  
*National Science Foundation*, Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention, 1999

### **Distinctions and Awards**

*Undergraduate Mentoring Award*, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2013  
*University of California Press*, Series in Public Anthropology inaugural manuscript proposal competition winner, November 2008  
Finalist, *Eric Wolf Prize for Best Article in Political Ecology*, Society for Political Ecology, April 2008  
*James Orton Award in Anthropology*, Williams College, 1998  
*Tom Hardie Memorial Award in Environmental Studies*, Williams College, 1998

### **Invited Lectures and Workshops**

Searching for Viruses in an Ebola Hotspot. Annual Hesburgh Lecture given at Stockton College, Galloway, NJ. November 9, 2018

Disease Emergence through Material Proximity: Mapping Zoonosis in Multi-Species Research. Presented at the workshop “Histories of HIV: Social Contexts of the Emergence of HIV/AIDS.” American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY. May 20-22, 2016

Are We Anthropologists or are We Emergency Responders? Transforming Scholarship into Humanitarian Practice in the Ebola Epidemic. Executive Plenary Session Organizer and Chair, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Denver, CO. November 2015

Dignity in the Doing: Personhood, Agency, and Child Rights in Sierra Leone. Second International Conference on Human Dignity and Human Development. Kellogg Institute for International Studies. University of Notre Dame. October 22-24, 2015

The Ebola Roundtable: Anthropological Engagements with the Crisis. Sponsored by the African Studies Association Board of Directors. African Studies Association Annual Meetings. Indianapolis, IN. November 21, 2014

The Cosmology of Care: Ebola in Northern Sierra Leone. The Ebola Forum, part of the series “Zoonosis and Society”. Rutgers University, New Jersey. November 14, 2014

Emergency workshop on anthropological engagements with the Ebola Crisis. Sponsored by the American Anthropological Association. George Washington University, Washington DC. November 6-7, 2014

The Memories We Want: Mnemonic Community and Rebel Occupation in Sierra Leone. Lecture as part of the symposium “Violence, Memory, and Social Recovery” at the University of Rochester, New York. October 18, 2013

The System is Not Fragile: Youth and Social Politics in Urban Sierra Leone. Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, lecture series, University of Notre Dame. March 5, 2013

Fieldwork in Conflict-Affected Communities: Ethics and Methods. Invited lecture and mentoring sessions for the Social Science Research Council's African Peacebuilding Network inaugural grantee workshop. Nairobi, Kenya, January 23-26, 2013

"Worth having": illuminating loyalty and morality through the lens of patronage and war. Lecture given at the Kenan Institute of Ethics, Duke University, September 26, 2011

The Legitimacy of Occupation: Development Inside a War Zone. Lecture given at Williams College, October 22, 2008; November 11, 2010

Anthropological Inquiry in the Aftermath of War. Lecture given at Williams College, April 4, 2008

### **Conference Papers, Posters, and Roundtables**

Re-visioning Youth and Peacebuilding: The State of the Art in Research and Practice and the Challenges for the Future. Roundtable. International Studies Association meetings, Toronto, Ontario, March 30, 2019

"We are Healthy When the Animals are Healthy": Livestock and Indexical Health in Sierra Leone. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington D.C. December 2, 2017

Material Proximity and Virus Circulation in Sierra Leone. Society for Applied Anthropology meetings. Santa Fe, NM. March 29, 2017

Halloran, A. and C. Bolten. The Tonkolili Chimpanzee Project: Rethinking Human Impact on Chimpanzees in West Africa. American Society of Primatology/International Primate Society meetings. Chicago, IL. August 22, 2016

Food From the Forest, Food From the Farm: Ethnographic Explorations of the Zoonotic Interface in Central Sierra Leone. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Denver, CO. November 20, 2015

Halloran, A., C. Cloutier, C. Bolten, S.S. Monde, and P.B. Sesay. Chimpanzees (*P.t. verus*) change the landscape of a forest fragment by dispersing cultivars raided from a local village. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, St. Louis, MO, March 25-28, 2015

The "ethno" in Ethnoprimateology: Ethnography and the Tonkolili Chimpanzee Project. Presentation at the South Florida Primatology Meetings, Boca Raton, FL. February 6-7, 2015

“This is our law!” Child rights in discourse and practice in Sierra Leonean schools. Paper presented at the African Studies Association meetings, Indianapolis, November 22, 2014

Ensuring peace “looks just like the war”: Election Laws and Occupation Memories in Northern Sierra Leone. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings, Chicago, November 22, 2013

A Great Scholar is an Overeducated Person: Credentialing, Critiquing, and Performing in Sierra Leonean Schools. Paper presented at the conference “Learning In and Out of School: Education Across the Globe” University of Notre Dame, May 22-23, 2012

Teaching to the test and performing the will to succeed in Sierra Leone. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Montreal, November 16, 2011

“We have been sensitized”: Silencing dissent and suspending forgiveness in northern Sierra Leone. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, New Orleans, November 20, 2010

Poisoned Patronage: Appropriating Aid and Pulling Down Big Men in Post-War Sierra Leone. Paper presented at workshop on Social Movements, Globalization and Peacebuilding. University of Notre Dame, October 19-21, 2009

Costly Signaling, or, A moral economy of dress: “bluff culture,” partner hunting and youth in northern Sierra Leone. Paper presented at the conference “Dress and Youth Popular Culture” Northwestern University, March 13-14, 2009

“Someone must hold my hand and teach me to stand as a man”: Economic disability and social regression among ex-combatants in northern Sierra Leone. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, San Francisco, November 21, 2008

### **Professional Memberships**

Biological Anthropology Section, 2019-  
Society for Applied Anthropology, 2017-  
Society for Cultural Anthropology, 2014-  
African Studies Association, 2011-  
Council on Anthropology and Education, 2010-2016  
American Ethnological Society, 2006-  
Student Anthropology Section, 2003-2007  
Association for Africanist Anthropology, 2003-  
Anthropology and Environment, 2003-  
American Anthropological Association, 2003-

### **Professional Service**

Peer reviewer for scholarly journals

*African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*  
*African Studies Review*  
*American Anthropologist*  
*American Ethnologist*  
*Comparative Studies in Society and History*  
*Compare: A Journal of Comparative International Education*  
*Conservation and Society*  
*Current Anthropology*  
*Global Health Action*  
*International Journal of African Historical Studies*  
*International Perspectives in Psychology*  
*Journal of Conflict Research*  
*Journal of Contemporary African Studies*  
*Journal of Human Rights*  
*Journal of International and Global Studies*  
*Journal of Modern African Studies*  
*Journal of Peace Research*  
*Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*  
*Journal of Rural Studies*  
*Journal of World-Systems Research*  
*Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research*  
*Philosophical Transactions B*  
*PLoS One*  
*Political and Legal Anthropology Review*  
*Resilience: A Journal of the Environmental Humanities*  
*Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*  
*Social Science and Medicine*

Peer reviewer for publishing houses (book proposals and manuscripts, annotated bibliographies)

*Routledge*  
*Rowman & Littlefield*  
*Oxford University Press*

Reviewer for granting programs

National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology Section, 2018-  
Social Sciences Research Council  
Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2014-2016  
African Peacebuilding Network Research Fellowship, 2012-present  
African Peacebuilding Network Post-Doctoral Grant, 2015

## **Academic Advising**

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Committee Chair  
Helal Khan (Anthropology and Peace Studies) 2018-  
Joyce Rivera-Gonzales (Anthropology) 2016-



Richard “Drew” Marcantonio (Anthropology and Peace Studies) 2016-  
Maryam Rokhideh (Anthropology and Peace Studies) 2015-  
Emily de Wet (Anthropology) 2014-  
Angela Lederach (Anthropology and Peace Studies) 2013-2019

**Committee Member**

Sana Saiyed (Anthropology) 2018-  
David Kanazadeh (Leipzig University, Halle) 2019-

**Master of Arts in Peace Studies**

Eprhaim Emah Bassey, 2018-  
Nzubechi Uwaleme, 2018-  
Alyssa Paylor—Grief in Family Therapy Circles in Israel/Palestine 2017-2019  
Adrien Niyongabo—Hierarchies of Need in Kakuma’s Refugee Camp, 2016-2017  
Luis Miranda Perez—The Plebiscite from Above: Bogota and the “no” vote 2016-2017  
Carolina Serrano Idrovo—Voting “No” in Colombia’s Plebiscite, 2016-2017  
Dania Maria Straughan—Race Dialogues in South Bend, 2015-2016  
Christian Cirhigiri—Comparative Youth Movements for Peace, 2015-2016  
Adel Nehmeh—Narrating Manenberg, South Africa 2014-2015  
Ying Liang—Dialogue and Peace Processes in South Africa 2014-2015  
Hudda Ibrahim—Sustainable Peace in Somaliland 2014-2015  
Karin Brown—Human Rights Practice in Northern Uganda, 2010-2011  
Chernor Bah—The Role of Youth in Peace Governance in Mindanao, 2010-2011  
Jimena Holguin—The Community and Ex-Combatant Reintegration in Colombia, 2010  
Rachel Miller—Sustainable Peacebuilding in Gulu, Uganda, 2010

**Master of Science in Global Health**

Mounika Pogula, 2018-19

**Bachelor of Arts Thesis**

Emily Campbell—Girls’ Education and Menstruation in Rwanda 2015-2017  
Sarah Clarke—Narrative Memory among Vietnamese Orphans, 2015-2016  
Yun Jun Kim—Qatar: The “Self-Conscious State”, 2014-2015  
Katy Gorentz—Disability in Sierra Leone, 2013-2014  
Catherine Reidy—Future Orientations of Youth in Sierra Leone, 2011-2013  
Michelle Letourneau—Music Therapy in Mental Hospitals, 2011-2012  
Melissa Wrapp—Moral Subjectivity in London Squats, 2011-2012  
Hannah Jackson—School Development in Kenya, 2010-2011  
Jenna Knapp—Childhood and Orphanhood in Uganda, 2009-2010  
Ayslenn Tice—Gender and Identity in Lesotho, 2009-2010

**Classes Offered**

Children, Youth, and Violence  
The Cult of Personality  
Ethnographic Methods for Peace Research  
Exploring Anthropology through African Writing

Fundamentals of Social and Cultural Anthropology  
Introduction to Peace Studies  
The Politics of Health and Disease in Africa  
Structural Violence

## **University Service**

Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Large Grants Committee member, 2019  
Core Curriculum Committee, Social Science chair, 2017-2018  
University Committee on Sustainability, Communications Small Working Group, 2017-  
Institutional Review Board, voting member, 2010-2012, 2016-2019  
College of Arts and Letters, College Council member, 2014-2017  
Department of Anthropology  
    Committee on Appointments and Promotions, 2016-  
    Graduate curriculum and admissions committee, 2015-2016  
    Medical Anthropology faculty search committee, 2011-2012  
Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies  
    Grants Committee, 2016-2018  
    Minor in International Development Studies, Faculty Advisory Board, 2013-2015  
    International Scholars Program mentor and advisor, 2011-  
    Africa Working Group, co-chair, 2013-2015  
    Member, 2010-  
    Undergraduate Research Grants committee, 2011  
    Experience the World Grants committee, 2010  
    Visiting Fellows selection committee, 2009, 2013  
Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies  
    Director of Doctoral Studies, 2018-  
    Chair, Doctoral Advisory Committee, 2018-  
    Chair, Research committee, 2017-2018  
    Doctoral Admissions Committee member, 2017-  
    Doctoral Advisory Committee member, 2015-2017  
    Undergraduate Advisory Committee member, 2014-16  
    MA Curriculum Committee member, 2010-2011  
    MA Admissions Committee member, 2011, 2014  
Keough School for Global Affairs  
    Search Committee member, Environmental Policy, 2019-  
    Committee on Appointments and Promotions, 2016-  
    Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2016  
Eck Institute for Global Health  
    Grants Committee member, 2019