

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ph.D., 2003

M.A., 1997

Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio

B.A., 1995

Anthropology major with High Honors. Coursework in Cultural Anthropology, Development, Religion, and Economic Theory
Summa cum laude graduate. Cumulative G.P.A.: 3.95

University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa

Study Abroad program through Brown University, 1993-1994

Coursework in Anthropology/Sociology, Kiswahili, African Literature, and Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Eastern Michigan University

Department Head, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology

2016-Present

Associate Professor

2016-Present

Millsaps College

Associate Professor of Anthropology and Sociology

Spring 2009-Spring 2016

Chair, Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology

2011-2016

Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology

Fall 2003-Spring 2009

Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Fall 2001-Spring 2003

Teaching a full course load (three courses per semester) in Anthropology and Sociology and contributing to international programs and Interdisciplinary Studies curriculum

University of Michigan

Instructor

Summer 2000

Taught course entitled “The Anthropology of Religion and Healing” with a combination lecture and discussion format

Head Graduate Student Instructor

Fall 1997

Planned and conducted discussion sections for Anthropology 101 with Professor Holly Peters-Golden in addition to coordinating logistical concerns coursewide

Graduate Student Instructor

Fall 1996

Planned and conducted discussion sections for Anthropology 101 with Professor Holly Peters-Golden

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Anthropology
Anthropology of Africa
Religion, Society, and Culture
Medical Anthropology
The African Continent: Arrivals, Departures, and Interactions, 1600-1900
Anthropology of Religion and Healing
Anthropology of Food and Eating
Cross-cultural Human Sexuality
Ethnographic Research and Writing
Health and Illness
Methods and Statistics
Senior Seminar in Anthropology
Myths of the 20th and 21st Centuries
Introduction to Liberal Studies
Fascination with Serial Killers: Thinking and Writing Critically about Violence in the World Today (Introduction to Liberal Studies)
An Ethnographic Vista on Tanzanian Everyday Life
Survival Swahili
Intermediate Swahili
Ethnography of East Africa
Introduction to Sociology
Spirit Possession

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

Kiswahili: Very good speaking, writing, and reading skills

Spanish: Good speaking, writing, and reading skills

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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| American Anthropological Association | 1995-1998, 2000-Present |
| American Ethnological Society | 2000-Present |
| Society for Medical Anthropology | 2000-Present |
| Southern Anthropological Society | 1995-1998, 2001-Present |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Tanzania

Short Research Trip December 2002-January 2003

Returned to Tanzania over semester break to pursue continuing research interests about the material technology of traditional healing and the life histories of healers in southern Tanzania

Dissertation Research 1998-2000

Conducted intensive ethnographic fieldwork in Peramiho, Tanzania concerning the relationships between Atraditional@ healing, biomedicine, and Christianity

Preliminary Dissertation Research Summer 1997

Spent two-and-a-half months in Dar es Salaam and the Ruvuma region discussing my research plans with Tanzanian academics and government officials and investigating the feasibility of my research project in Peramiho

Independent Study Research at the University of Dar es Salaam 1993-1994

Conducted independent research under the direction of Dr. John Sivalon concerning the nature of syncretic processes in the Roman Catholic Church in Tanzania

Hungary

Archaeological Fieldwork October-November 1998

Served as fieldworker, conducting survey, analysis, and data entry, on the Körös Regional Archaeological Project under the direction of William Parkinson

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| Mellon Faculty Writing Fellow Millsaps College | 2015-2016 |
| ACS Faculty Development Grant | 2014 |
| Global Partners East Africa Travel Grant | 2004 |
| Hearin Fellow Millsaps College | 2003, 2004 |
| Faculty Development Grant Millsaps College | 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2013 |
| Faculty Travel Grant Millsaps College | 2001-2012 |
| Mellon Dean's Candidacy Fellowship Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan | 1998 |
| Recipient of Discretionary Funds Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan | 1998 |
| Departmental Support for Dissertation Research Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan | 1998 |
| Recipient of African Initiative Funds, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan | 1997 |
| Recipient of Predissertation Summer Funding, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan | 1997 |
| Regents Fellowship Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan | 1995-1998 |
| Winner of Southern Anthropological Society Student Paper Competition | 1996 |
| Margaret Mead Award Outstanding anthropology major at Kenyon College | 1995 |
| High Honors on Undergraduate Honors Thesis | 1995 |
| Phi Beta Kappa | 1994 |

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

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| Core Curriculum Review Committee | 2012-2014 |
| Board, Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty | 2012-Present |
| Interdisciplinary Programs Committee | 2012-2014 |
| Chair, 2012-2013 | |
| Student Life committee | 2011-2012 |
| Faculty Council (elected) | 2009-2011 |
| President, 2009-2011 | |
| Chair, Search Committee for Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College | 2010-2011 |
| Millsaps College Presidential Search Committee | 2009-2010 |
| Faculty Representative, Council on International Educational Exchange | 2009-Present |
| Integrated Marketing Team | 2010-2013 |
| Web Advisory Committee | 2010-2013 |
| Millsaps Faculty Representative, Fulbright Scholar Program | 2010-Present |
| Scholarships Committee | 2010-Present |
| Strategy and Student Recruitment Committee | 2009-2012 |
| Admissions Search Committee | Spring 2010 |
| Theatre Advisory Committee | 2009-2011 |
| Faculty Co-Sponsor, Anthropology Club | 2001-Present |
| Admissions Committee | 2004-2007 |
| Core Council (elected) | Fall 2006 |
| Faculty Development Committee (elected) | 2006-2009 |
| Chair, 2008-2009 | |
| Honors Committee | 2004-2007 |
| Human Subjects Review Committee | 2003-2007 |
| Chair, 2004-2006 | |
| Phi Beta Kappa | 2001-Present |
| President, 2013-2014 | |
| President, 2005-2007 | |
| Vice-President, 2003-2005 | |
| Political Science Search Committee | 2003, 2005 |
| All College Council (elected) | 2002-2003 |
| Women's Studies Committee | 2002-2003 |
| Religious Studies Search Committee | 2001-2002 |
| Faculty Advisor, Circle K | 2006-2008 |
| Religious Studies Search Committee | 2006-2007 |
| Geology Search Committee | 2006-2007 |
| Academic Advising Committee | 2008-2009 |

CREATIVE PRODUCTS

Publications:

Murchison, Julian M. *Under Contract (anticipated publication in 2017). X-Rays, Spirits, and Witches: Understanding Health and Illness in Ethnographic Context.* Rowman & Littlefield.

Murchison, Julian M. and Curtis D. Coats. 2015. "Ethnography of Religious Instants: Multi-Sited Ethnography and the Idea of 'Third Spaces'." *Religions* 6.

Coats, Curtis and Julian Murchison. 2014. "Network *Apocalypsis*: Revealing and Reveling at a New Age Festival." *International Journal for the Study of New Religions* 5(2): 167-188.

Murchison, Julian M. 2010. *Ethnography Essentials: Designing, Conducting, and Presenting Your Research.* San Francisco: Jossey-Bass..

Murchison, Julian M. "Health and Illness in Africa." *Encyclopedia of Society and Culture in the Ancient World*. 4 vols. Peter Bogucki, ed. Facts on File. Publication Date: November 2007.

Murchison, Julian M. "Pandemics and Epidemics in Africa." *Encyclopedia of Society and Culture in the Ancient World*. 4 vols. Peter Bogucki, ed. Facts on File. Publication Date: November 2007.

Murchison, Julian M. 2006. "From HIV/AIDS to *Ukimwi*: Narrating local accounts of a cure." *In Borders and Healers: Brokering Therapeutic Resources in Southeast Africa*. Tracy Luedke and Harry West, eds. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

Murchison, J.M. "The Roman Catholic Church's Institutionalized Biases: Syncretic Processes in Tanzania." *In Southern Anthropologist*. 23(1):22-29.

Book Reviews:

Review of *Ghosts of Kanungu: Fertility, Secrecy & Exchange in the Great Lakes of East Africa*. Richard Vokes. Woodbridge, UK: James Currey, 2009. *American Ethnologist* 42(2):377-378.

Review of *How God Became African: African Spirituality and Western Secular Thought*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, 2009. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*.

Review of *Miracles and Extraordinary Experience in Northern Kenya*. Bilinda Straight. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007. *American Anthropologist* 110(1):147-148.

Review of *Thicker Than Water: The Origins of Blood as Symbol and Ritual*. Melissa L. Meyer. New York: Routledge, 2005. *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 17(1):158-163.

Review of *African Indigenous Religions and Disease Causation: from Spiritual Beings to Living Humans*. David Westerlund. *Studies of Religion in Africa* 28. Leiden: Brill, 2006. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 40(2):334-335.

Lectures:

Friday Forum – Millsaps College – March 6, 2009
Facilitating 'Development' through Education and Culture in Southern Tanzania: A Look at Building a NGO from the Beginning

Invited Lecture -- Mississippi State University -- September 7, 2006
Managing Illness and Marketing Treatment: HIV, Antiretrovirals, and Health in Southern Tanzania

Friday Forum (public lecture) with Brian Wallace -- Millsaps College -- April 16, 2004
Do Traditional Healers in Tanzania and Southern Baptists Have Anything in Common? An Ethnographic Analysis of Conversion Narratives

Initiation Lecture -- Phi Beta Kappa -- Alpha of Mississippi -- April 26, 2003

Invited Lecture -- Kenyon College -- April 2, 1998
The Present Day Reality of 'Invented' Traditions: Interaction Between 'Traditional' Healing and Christianity in Southern Tanzania.

Lecture on "Anthropology of Religion" to 550 students in Anthropology 101, University of Michigan, Fall 1997.

Select Presentations at Conferences:

Southern Anthropological Society, Annual Meeting, 2015 (with Curtis Coats)
Studying a Third Space?: Simultaneous and Collaborative Ethnography of the Actual and Virtual

American Popular Culture Association, Annual Meeting, 2015 (with Curtis Coats)
Network Apocalypse: revealing and rebelling at a New Age Festival

American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, 2014 (with Curtis Coats)
Bridging the Actual and the Virtual Methodologically: Simultaneous and Collaborative Ethnography

International Society for Media, Religion, and Culture, Biennial Meeting, 2014 (with Curtis Coats)
Global Realignment at Synthesis 2012

American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, 2013 (with Curtis Coats)
Global Realignment in Piste, Yucatan and Jackson, Mississippi: Multi-sited Fieldwork on a Globally Mediated Event

Southern Anthropological Society, Annual Meeting, 2013
Dis-ease and Stories of Witchcraft Deaths in East Africa: Situating Events Historically and Ethnographically

International Society for Media, Religion, and Culture, Biennial Meeting, 2012
Documenting Witches and Their Evidence: Video as Media and Cultural Artifact in Southern Tanzania

Society for Applied Anthropology, Annual Meeting, 2011
Education as the Key to Success and a False Hope: The Legacy and Reality of Education in Tanzania Today

Southern Anthropological Society, Annual Meeting, 2011
Examining Polyontologism through a Comparison of Spirit Possession in East Africa

American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, 2010
Purposeful Eclecticism as a Model for Doing and Teaching Anthropology
Part of a Session in honor of the work of Conrad Kottak

Society for Applied Anthropology, Annual Meeting, 2010
Lunch at the Heritage Cottage: Negotiating Local Politics with a NGO.

Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, 2010
Cultural Relativism as a Bridge?: The Concept's Utility in Teaching and Practice.

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, 2009
'The Anthropologist's NGO'?: Examining the Practice and Theory of Collaborative Work

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting (SMA session), 2008
ART, Personhood, and Social Identity: "Hope" and Change in Southern Tanzania

Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, 2008

Seeing "The Field" Anew: Experiences and Habits Refracted Through the Eyes of Students

Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, 2007

"Knowing My Health for Myself": Social and Personal Effects of ARVs in Southern Tanzania

Workshop on Traditional Healing and HIV/AIDS, School for Oriental and African Studies, University of London, April 2006

Permanence and Change: HIV/AIDS and Traditional Healing in Southern Tanzania

Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, 2006

Practicing Law as Community Service and Ethnic Pride: The Legacies of Ujamaa Socialism and Education in Tanzania

Seminar on Faith and AIDS in East Africa, October 2005 B London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London

Lay Roman Catholics and "Ugonjwa Huu": Christian Responses to HIV/AIDS in Southern Tanzania

Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, 2005

Computers, Cokes, and Jokes: An Ethnographic Look at a Law Firm in Tanzania

Conference on "African Christianity in the 21st Century," October 2004 -- Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden

From Shetani to Mashetani: Expressions of Plurality in a Tanzanian Town Seemingly Dominated by Roman Catholicism

ACM Conference on African Studies, 2004

Cultural Voyeurism vs. Cultural Understanding: Ethnographies, Africa, and a Liberal Arts Education

Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, 2004

Are Traditional Healers' Life Stories Conversion Narratives?

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, 2003

Multiple Religious Identities Embodied in Everyday Practice: Spirit Possession and Food Taboos in Southern Tanzania.

Invited Session reviewed by Society for Anthropology of Religion

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, 2002

Material Objects and Technologies of Traditional Healing in Tanzania.

Session Chair: "Plural Medicines: Paradigms and Systems"

Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, 2002

The Woman That Gave Birth to a Box?!: Stories about an AIDS Cure in Southern Tanzania.

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, 2001

“Ni imani tu”: An Epistemology of Healthcare in Southern Tanzania.

Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, 2001

Humor, Traditional Healing, and Witchcraft in Tanzania.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis:

Kenyon College, 1995

Syncretism in the Roman Catholic Church in Tanzania: Factors that Influence Its Scope and Manifestations.

References available upon request