Suzanne Oakdale **Anthropology** **June 2026**

Educational History

Ph.D., 1996, with distinction, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago IL, "The Power of Experience: Agency and Identity in Kayabi Healing and Political Process in the Xingu Indigenous Park," Terence Turner, Chair

M.A., 1987, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago IL

A.B., 1985, with Honors in Anthropology, College of the University of Chicago, Chicago IL, Anthropology

Employment History Part I

Professor, 2021-present, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Associate Professor, 2005-2021, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Assistant Professor, 1998-2005, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Employment History (Temporary and Visiting) Part II

Visiting Assistant Professor, May 1997-June 1998, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Williams College, Williamstown, MA

Adjunct Faculty, January-May 1997, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Visiting Lecturer, 1995-96, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Managing Editor for *Anthropological Linguistics*, January-August 1994, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Research Assistant for project headed by Charles Bidwell, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, on the development of goals and orientations towards the future among American children and adolescents, January-July 1993, National Opinion Research Center, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant for project headed by Waud Kracke on inter-cultural contact and learning among Kagwahiv and non-indigenous people in Amazonas, Brazil, 1989-90, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Chicago, IL

Professional Recognition and Honors

Amazonian Cosmopolitans received funding from the National Endowment of the Humanities to become open access through the University of Nebraska Press, 2024.

Invitation and stipend to participate in the Kauffman Entrepreneurship Symposium, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Toronto, November 2023.

FRESSH pilot cohort, Feb. 2022- December 2022, selected for grant writing workshop, University of New Mexico.

Distinguished Honors Fellow, Spring-Fall 2016, Honors College, University of New Mexico.

College of Arts and Sciences Career Advancement Semester, Fall 2015, University of New Mexico.

Dean's Research Semester Award, Spring 2008, University of New Mexico.

Snead-Wertheim Lecture Recipient, "Ethnicity and Eating Together in the Brazilian Amazon: Indigenous Autobiographical Perspectives," delivered April 2007, University of New Mexico.

Member of Sigma Xi, Scientific Research Society, 2005-present, University of New Mexico.

Junior Research Leave, Fall 2003, University of New Mexico.

Scholar Award, $5000 award for a year of dissertation writing, 1993, P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Ph.D. with distinction, 1996, University of Chicago.

Stipend and Scholarship for graduate study, 1986-90, University of Chicago.

Description of Research, Teaching and Service Interests

My research has been focused on Amazonian indigenous peoples and centers around 1) the dynamics of ritual practice; 2) history; and 3) the social anthropology of the person and personal experience including indigenous autobiographical genres, particularly how these genres reflect and are used to address large scale social shifts. I have carried out field research among the Kawaiwete (Kayabi) as well as done extensive archival work in Brazil. My ethnography, *"I Foresee My Life* (2005) explores how different types of leaders construct a sense of agency for their followers in events such as, political oratory, shamanic cures, and mortuary rituals. I understand particular performances to build up structures of identification between living persons, ancestors, and non-Kawaiwete to give participants a sense of power as they face a variety of contemporary situations. Presently, my interests are centered on the role autobiographical accounts can play in writing lowland indigenous histories. In 2014, I published a co-edited volume, *Fluent Selves*, which explores autobiographical narrative practices across the South American lowlands. My book, *Amazonian Cosmopolitans* (2022) features the autobiographical accounts of two Kawaiwete leaders whose lives spanned the twentieth century and who played roles in high profile, national projects during a moment when central Brazil became a national focus. It offers two indigenous perspectives on how these projects and newcomers to the Amazon were experienced.

I am taking my research in new directions in the coming years. I am designing a research project centered on celiac disease and the methods of coping with chronic conditions. I am focusing on the role entrepreneurship and advocacy can play the management of this condition.

My teaching interests have centered on 1) the study of ritual and semiotics; 2) religion; 3) the history of anthropological theory; 4) life history; 5) Latin America. I have taught undergraduate and graduate classes on the topic of ritual. We read classic approaches to this topic as well as contemporary ethnographies focusing on the role of ritual practices in contexts such as migration, colonialism, recognition, postcolonial revaluations of race, and the revival of heritage. I have developed an undergraduate/graduate course on the topic of shamanism and a graduate seminar on the anthropology of Christianity. With respect to courses in anthropological theory, I have taught a 100 level introduction to cultural anthropology, a 300 level overview of the history of theory, and a 500 level graduate seminar focusing on post WWII theory. I have also taught a graduate seminar focusing on the use of autobiography and life history in socio-cultural anthropology. I have developed 300 level courses on the history and present situation of indigenous South American peoples, on race and ethnicity in Brazil, and on shamanic traditions within a variety of colonial and national contexts in Latin America.

I have done service at all levels. I have been the Graduate Advisor for my subfield for seven years and have been the Graduate Director for the department as a whole for four years. From 2013-26, I have served as the Convener for SCALA. I have been active at the Latin American and Iberian Institute and in Religious Studies as well as in the mid-pro review committee in the College of Arts and Sciences. Within the field of anthropology I am part of editorial boards and review grants and manuscripts for journals and presses. Since 2022 I have been the editor-in-chief for the *Journal of Anthropological Research*.

Scholarly Achievements

Books Authored

Oakdale, Suzanne. *Amazonian Cosmopolitans: Navigating a Shamanic Cosmos, Shifting Indigenous Policies, and Other Modern Projects*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2022.

Oakdale, Suzanne. *"I Foresee my Life:" The Ritual Performance of Autobiography in an Amazonian Community*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2005.

Books Edited or Co-Edited

Oakdale, Suzanne, and Magnus Course, eds. *Fluent Selves: Autobiography, Person, and History in Lowland South America*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2014.

Journal Issues Edited or Co-Edited

Oakdale, Suzanne, and Marnie Watson, eds. "The Diversity of the Modern in Amazonia." Special Issue, *Journal of Anthropological Research,* vol. 74, no. 1, 2018.

Oakdale, Suzanne, ed. "Special Issue in Honor of Terence Turner." Special Issue, *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*, vol. 14, issue 2, 2016..

Oakdale, Suzanne, ed. "Special Edition on Life Histories." Special Issue, *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*, vol. 5, issue 1, 2007. (Back issue, published in 2009).

Articles Published in Refereed Journals

Suzanne Oakdale. "Gluten Free Entrepreneurship and the Management of Celiac." *Annals of Anthropological Practice*, Vol. 49, Issue 1 (May 2025):1-15.

Brusco, Rodrigo and Suzanne Oakdale. "Ontological Transformations: Kawaiwetes' Shifting Relations with Spirits as Seen through Changing Ideas of Conception." *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, Vol. 30, Issue 3 (September 2024): 706-723.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "Speaking through Animals: Kawaiwete Shamanism and Metalinguistic Play." *Language and Communication,* Vol. 63 (November 2018): 57-64.

Oakdale, Suzanne, and Marnie Watson. "Introduction to the Special Issue." *Journal of Anthropological Research,* Vol. 74, No. 1 (Spring 2018): 1-9.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "'Brazil's March to the West': Memories of an Indigenous Shaman and other 'Moderns.'" *Journal of Anthropological Research,* Vol. 74, No. 1 (Spring 2018): 54-73.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "Introduction." *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America.* Special Edition in Honor of Terence Turner, Vol. 14, Issue 2 (2016): 148-153.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "Introduction." *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America.* Special Edition on Life Histories, Vol. 12, Issue 1 (2007, back issue, published in 2009): 1-12.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "'Alterity,' History, and Subjectivity." *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America.* Special Edition on Life Histories, Vol. 12, issue 1 (2007, back issue, published in 2009): 59-78.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "The Commensality of 'Contact,' 'Pacification' and Inter-Ethnic Relations in the Amazon: Kayabi Autobiographical Perspectives." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (December 2008): 791-807.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "The Culture-Conscious Brazilian Indian," *American Ethnologist,* Vol. 31, No. 1 (February 2004): 60-75.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "Creating a Continuity between Self and Other: First Person Narration in an Amazonian Ritual Context," *Ethos*, Vol. 30, No. 1-2 (March-June 2002): 158-175.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "History and Forgetting in an Indigenous Amazonian Community," *Ethnohistory*, Vol. 47, Issue 4, (Summer 2001): 381-401.

Articles Appearing as Chapters in Edited Volumes

Bossart, Federico, Bartholomew Dean, Silvia María Hirsch, and Suzanne Oakdale. "South American Lowlands." In *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 77, edited by Tracy North and Katherine D. McCann, 63-10. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2025.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "'Assembling' the Xingu Indigenous Territory: A Kawaiwete Shaman and his Collection of Material Culture." In *The Lowland South American World* (*Routledge Worlds)*, edited by Louis Costa and Casey High, 531-545. New York: Routledge, 2024.

Bossart, Federico, Bartholomew Dean, Silvia María Hirsch, and Suzanne Oakdale. "South American Lowlands." In *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 75, edited by Tracy North and Katherine D. McCann, 68-87. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2021.

Bossert, Federico, Bartholomew Dean, Silvia María Hirsch, and Suzanne Oakdale. "South American Lowlands." In *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 73, edited by Tracy

North and Katherine D. McCann, 67-84 are the pages by Oakdale. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2019.

Oakdale, Suzanne. “The Role of Photography in the Colonization of the Brazilian Interior: Kawaiwete Perspectives.” In *From Filmmaker Warrior to Flash Drive Shaman,* edited by Richard Pace, 158-174. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2018.

Bossert, Federico, Bartholomew Dean, Silvia María Hirsch, and Suzanne Oakdale. “South American Lowlands.” In *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 71, edited by Tracy North and Katherine D. McCann, 73-103 are the pages by Oakdale. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2016.

Oakdale, Suzanne, and Magnus Course. “Introduction.” In *Fluent Selves*, edited by Suzanne Oakdale and Magnus Course, 1-32. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2014.

Oakdale, Suzanne. “An Indigenous Capitão’s Reflections on a Mid-Twentieth- Century Brazilian ‘Middle Ground.’” In *Fluent Selves*, edited by Suzanne Oakdale and Magnus Course, 211-234. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2014.

Oakdale, Suzanne. “Ritual and the Circulation of Experience.” In *Ritual Communication*, edited by Ellen Basso and Gunter Senft, 153-170. New York: Berg, 2009.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "The Animals' Revenge." In *Revenge*, edited by Stephen Beckerman and Paul Valentine, 233-24. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2008.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "Forgetting the Dead, Remembering Enemies." In *Interacting with the Dead: Perspectives on Mortuary Archaeology for the New Millennium*, edited by Gordon F. M. Rakita, Jane E. Buikstra, Lane A. Beck, and Sloan R. Williams, 107-123. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2005.

Other Scholarly Works

Suzanne Oakdale and Josué Aciego, editors. “Conversations with Severin Fowles.” *Journal of Anthropological Research,* Vol. 82, No. 2 (Summer 2026): 164-172.

Suzanne Oakdale and Josué Aciego, editors. “Conversations with Jada Benn Torres.” *Journal of Anthropological Research,* Vol. 81, No. 4 (Winter 2025): 436-337.

Suzanne Oakdale and Josué Aciego, editors. “Conversations with Shannon Speed on ‘Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women: Rethinking Human Rights and Tribal Sovereignty’.” *Journal of Anthropological Research,* Vol. 81, No. 2, (Summer 2025): 151-162.

Suzanne Oakdale and Josué Aciego, editors. “Conversations with John Lucy on ‘The Influence of Language Structure and Function on Thought’.” *Journal of Anthropological Research,* Vol. 80, No. 1, (Spring 2024): 20-34.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Editor's Thanks." *Journal of Anthropological Research,* Vol. 80, No. 4, (Winter 2024): 525.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Editor's Opening Comments." *Journal of Anthropological Research,* Vol. 79, No. 1, (Spring 2023): 558.

Invited Contributions

Oakdale, Suzanne. "Indigenous Brazilians and Environmental Protection." Y*aleGlobal Online*, February 7, 2019. Accessed May 1, 2020. https://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/indigenous-brazilians-and-environmental-protection

Conference Proceedings

Oakdale, Suzanne. The Anthropology of Brazil and its Contributions to Conceptualizing Biomes." In *Proceedings of "Brazilian Studies in the United States: The Road Ahead,"* Yale University, November 30-December 1, 2018 (published 2020).

Oakdale, Suzanne. "The Formation of a Kaiabi Leader in the Mid-Twentieth-Century Brazilian Frontier." In *Proceedings of the Tenth International Congress of the Brazilian Studies Association, Brasília*, July 22-24, 2010.

Book Reviews

Suzanne Oakdale. Review of *Thunder Shaman*, by Ana Mariella Bacigalupo. *Journal of Anthropological Research* vol 80, no.2 (Summer 2024): 236-237.

Oakdale, Suzanne. Review of *In Search of the Amazon: Brazil, the United States, and the Nature of a Region* by Seth Garfield. *Journal of Anthropological Research* vol. 72, no. 4 (Winter 2016): 571-2.

Oakdale, Suzanne. Review of *The Ecology of the Spoken Word: Amazonian Storytelling and Shamanism Among the Napo Runa* by Michael A. Uzendoski and Edith Felicia Calapucha-Tapuy. *Anthropological Linguistics* 55, no. 1 (Winter 2014): 191-193.

Oakdale, Suzanne. Review of *The Occult Life of Things: Native Amazonian Theories of Materiality and Personhood* edited by Fernando Santos-Granero. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 67, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 146-148.

Oakdale, Suzanne. Review of *Comparative Arawakan Histories: Rethinking Language Family and Culture Area in Amazonia* by Jonathan D. Hill and Fernando Santos-Granero. *Ethnos* 70, no. 2 (2005): 275-276.

Oakdale, Suzanne. Review of *The Anthropology of Love and Anger: The Aesthetics of Conviviality in Native Amazonia*, by Joanna Overing and Alan Passes. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 60, no. 2 (2004): 270-271.

Oakdale, Suzanne. Review of *Consuming Grief: Compassionate Cannibalism in an Amazonian Society*, by Beth Conklin. *American Anthropologist* 106, no. 1 (March 2004): 183-4.

Oakdale, Suzanne. Review of *Hungry Lightning: Notes of a Woman Anthropologist in Venezuela*, by Pei-Lin Yu. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 54, no. 4 (Winter 1998): 570-571.

Oakdale, Suzanne. Review of *Performing Dreams*, by Laura R. Graham. *Anthropological Linguistics* 39, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 470-473.

"Oakdale, Suzanne. Review of *Keepers of the Sacred Chants*, by Jonathan D. Hill. *Anthropology and Humanism* 21, no. 1 (December 1996):102-103.

Interviews

Interview about Amazonian Cosmopolitans on New Books Network, hosted by Yadong Li, January 2023. Podcast | Suzanne Oakdale, "Amazonian Cosmopolitans: Navigating a… (newbooksnetwork.com)

Interview with Suzanne Oakdale by Rita de Cácia Oenning da Silva, published in *Revista Horizontes Antropológicos/ UFRGS*, 2014.

Works in Progress

Accepted for Publication

Casey High and Suzanne Oakdale, editors. Special Issue, Co-Creations in Amazonian Cosmopolitanism, *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*. Special issue confirmed August 2026. To be published in 2027.

Submitted for Publication

Oakdale, Suzanne. "Embodying Ethno-Ethnohistory in Amazonia." 30 pages. Submitted to *Ethnohistory* August 2026.

In Preparation

Oakdale, Suzanne. "Amazonian Positivism." 18 pages. To be included in the Special Issue, Co-Creations in Amazonian Cosmopolitanism, *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*. Special issue confirmed August 2026. To be published in 2027.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "The Role of Ritual in the Twentieth Century Amazonian Frontier: Jesuit and Kayabi/Kawaiwete Perspectives." 37 pages. Submitted in March 2020, currently under revision, for the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.

Oakdale, Suzanne. "Purported Love Affairs and the Demarcation of a Brazilian Reservation: Media and the Entanglement of Moral and State Recognition." Current number of pages, 25. To be submitted to the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* in June 2027.

Invited or Refereed Abstracts and/or Presentations at Professional Meetings

Suzanne Oakdale. "Rereading Grateful Prey." Contribution to The Various Anthropologies of Robert Brightman: A Roundtable. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 2025.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Amazonian Positivism." Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Helsinki, Finland, August 2025.

Suzanne Oakdale. Roundtable member on "Signs Against the State: Pierre Clastres' Legacy at the 50th Anniversary of La Société contre l'État." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Tampa, Florida, November 2024.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Gluten Free Entrepreneurship and the Management of Celiac." Invited paper for the Kauffman Entrepreneurship Symposium. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Toronto, November 2023.

Suzanne Oakdale. "The Social Life of Celiac Narratives." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Seattle, November 2022.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Embodying Ethno-Ethnohistory in Amazonia." Annual Meeting of American Society of Ethnohistory, Kansas City, Kansas, September 2022

Suzanne Oakdale. "Presentation." Roundtable: "Language Imperfect." Organized by Jan Hauk and Jenanne Ferguson. Meetings of the Society for Linguistic Anthropology, Boulder Co., March 2022.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Claiming Celiac." Session in honor of Jean Jackson, sponsored by the Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology and the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD, November 17-21, 2021.

Rodrigo Brusco and Suzanne Oakdale. "Foreseen Children: Shifts in Ideas about Conception among the Kawaiwete." XIII Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, University of Virginia, June 21, 2021.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Purported Love Affairs and the Demarcation of the Xingu Park: Media and the Entanglement of Moral and State Recognition in Mid-Twentieth Century Brazil.” XII Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Vienna, Austria, June 27, 2019.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Purported Love Affairs and the Demarcation of a Brazilian Reservation: Media and the Entanglement of Moral and State Recognition.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California, November 14, 2018.

Suzanne Oakdale. “The Role of Ritual in Twentieth Century Amazonian Interethnic Relations: Jesuit and Kayabi/Kawaiwete Perspectives.” International Congress of Americanists, Salamanca, Spain, July 20, 2018.

Suzanne Oakdale. **“**Speaking with Animals and Other Sorts of People: Kawaiwete Language Ideologies.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis MN, November 2016.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Dispossession and the Gift.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO, November 2015.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Kawaiwete memories of Film and Photography in Brazilian “Pacification” Missions.” InDigital Latin America Conference, Nashville TN, March 27, 2015.

Suzanne Oakdale. “The Amazonian Theater in Mid-Century Brazilian Modernity.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C, December 2014.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Kawaiwete Evaluations of Media in Brazil's ‘Pacification.’" Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 2013.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Anthropology and Brazil's Xingu Indigenous Park: The Question of Where it Stands Today and How It was First Conceptualized.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2012.

Discussant for papers in the session “Talking about Being in Amazonia.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2012.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Como eu trouxe todo o mundo para cá”: Strangers, stances, and the making of inter-ethnic alliances in the Xingu;” Eighth Sesquiannual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Belém, Pará, Brazil, June 22, 2011.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Bringing the Past to Life: Shamanic Autobiographical Performance and the Creation of a Brazilian Reservation.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2010.

Suzanne Oakdale. “An Indigenous Capitão’s Recollections of a Mid-Twentieth Century Brazilian Middle Ground.” Wenner-Gren and British Academy Workshop, “Autobiographical And Biographical Narratives In Lowland South America: Unexpected Relations Between Persons, Language, And History,” Edinburgh, September 2010.

Suzanne Oakdale. “The Formation of a Kaiabi Leader in the Mid-Twentieth Century Brazilian Frontier.” Décimo Congresso Internacional da Associação de Estudos Brasileiros, Brasília, Brazil, July 2010.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Culture as National Resource: The Role of the Xingu Indigenous Park in Mid-Twentieth Century Brazil.” Annual Meeting of American Society of Ethnohistory, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 2009.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Material Culture and the Creation of the Xingu National Park in Mid-Twentieth Century Brazil.” Paper discussed in the forum “Redefining Language Groups and Culture Area” at Seventh Sesquiannual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, San Antonio, Texas, January 2009.

Suzanne Oakdale. “A Kayabi Shaman and his Global Assemblages.” Plenary session at the Sixth Sesquiannual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Oxford, England, June 2008.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Ritual and the Circulation of Experience.” Invited conference, “Ritual and Communication,” funded by the Wenner-Gren Association, Sintra, Portugal, March 2007.

Suzanne Oakdale. “New Table Manners: Food and Ethnic Transformation.” Fifth Sesquiannual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Santa Fe, New Mexico, January 2007.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Men, Women, and Foreigners.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California, November 2006.

Suzanne Oakdale. “‘Alterity,’ History, and Subjectivity.” Fourth Sesquiannual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Estes Park Colorado, June, 2005.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Kayabi Cosmology and the Interpretation of Events." Third Sesquiannual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America, Miami Florida, January, 2004.

Suzanne Oakdale. “Dialogic Autobiographies.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association 2004, *AnthroCommons* website: www.anthrocommons.org.

Suzanne Oakdale. "The Animals' Revenge." 51st International Congress of Americanists, Santiago, Chile, July, 2003.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Autobiographical Memory and Historical Consciousness." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Illinois November 1999.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Autobiography and Forgetting." Session invited by the Society for Linguistic Anthropology and the Society for Psychological Anthropology at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 1998.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Constructing 'Simultaneity' in an Indigenous Park." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1997.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Representations of History in Kayabi Mourning." Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Portland, Oregon, November 1996.

Suzanne Oakdale and Waud Kracke. "Power, Agency, and the Hierarchy of the Species." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, California, November 1996.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Kayabi Encounters with the 'Indian' in Paradise." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1995.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Dream Presentation and the Negotiation of Power and Community in Kayabi Reservation Villages." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 1994.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Primitivism in a Reservation Context: The Kayabi in Brazil's Xingu Indigenous Park." Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society, Kansas City, Missouri, March 1994.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Individualism and Agency among the Kayabi in the Xingu Indigenous Park." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1993.

Suzanne Oakdale. "Contextualizing Life History Narratives." Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory, Chicago, Illinois February 1990.

Invited or Refereed Sessions Organized at Professional Meetings

"Co-Creations in Amazonian Cosmopolitanism" (Co-organized session with Casey High). Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America. Helsinki, Finland, August 2025.

"Beyond Engagement: Papers Inspired by the Work of Terence Turner," (Co-organized session with Michael Cepek). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 2013.

“Talking about Being in Amazonia;” (Co-organized session with Janet Chernela and Carlos Londoño-Sulkin). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2012.

“The Circulation of Autobiographical and Biographical Narratives in Lowland South America and beyond,” (Co-organized “invited” session with Magnus Course). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2010.

“Ethnography and Histories of Anthropological Representation,” (Co-organized session with David Dinwoodie). Annual Meeting of American Society of Ethnohistory, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 2009.

“Temporality and Subjectivity in Amazonia.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 2005.

"Self and Person in Amazonia;. "Invited" session at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, December 2004.

“Contemporary Amazonian Leadership.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1997.

“Person, Self, and Personalities: Cultural Psychological Papers in Honor of Raymond D. Fogelson,” (Co-organized session with A. Jamie Saris). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, California, November 1996.

“The Social Life of Dreams.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 1994.

Invited Presentations

“Amazonian Cosmopolitans.” Presentation at the Center for Research and Collaboration in the Indigenous Americas, University of Maryland, held virtually, December 3, 2021.

“The Individual in Amazonia.” Presentation for roundtable, Center for Research and Collaboration in the Indigenous Americas, University of Maryland, held virtually, May 14, 2021.

“Amazonian Cosmopolitans.” Presentation at the London School of Economics Department of Anthropology’s Research Seminar Series on Anthropological Theory, delivered remotely, October 30, 2020.

“Objects of Attraction: Understanding Material Goods in Amazonian Cosmologies.” Presentation delivered for Anthropology Day 2020, Maxwell Museum, University of New Mexico February 20, 2020.

"The Anthropology of Brazil and its Contributions to Conceptualizing Biomes." Presentation delivered as part of "Brazilian Studies in the United States: The Road Ahead," Yale University, November 30, 2018.

"The Creation of a Place out of Time: The History of Brazil's High Profile Xingu Indigenous Park." Presentation delivered as the Distinguished Fellow at the Honors College Discovery Series, Honors College, UNM, October 5, 2016.

"Amazonian Cosmopolitans." Presentation delivered as the Distinguished Fellow at the Honors College Seminar Series, Honors College, UNM, February 4, 2016.

"As possibilidades das narrativas autobiográficas na etnografia indígena na Amazônia." Paper presented as invited speaker at Seminários ameríndios, Instituto de Filosofia e Ciências Sociais, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, June 20, 2011.

"Dream Telling in an Amazonian Community." Presentation delivered at the Professional Development Seminar for Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 1998.

"The Culture Conscious Brazilian Indian: The 1992 Earth Summit and the Formation of the Xingu Indigenous Park in Kayabi Political Discourse." Presentation delivered at the New York University Anthropology Colloquium, New York, New York, October 1997.

"The Self-Conscious Indian in Kayabi Political Discourse." Presentation delivered at the Colloquium Series, School of American Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico, January 1997.

"Kayabi Curing." Presentation delivered at the Diálogos Seminar, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, October 1994.

Research Funding

Research funding from the FRESSH Grant Writing Workshop, University of New Mexico
Suzanne Oakdale
August 2022-May 2023, $3000

"Claiming Celiac: Narratives of Illness and the Creation of New Worlds" (ethnographic research)
Women in STEM Seed Grant Award, UNM
Suzanne Oakdale
August 2021-December 2022, $3,950

"The Role of Photojournalism in the Creation of Brazil's First Multi-Ethnic Indigenous Reservation and National Park" (Archival Research, São Paulo Brazil)
Suzanne Oakdale
Career Advancement Semester Grant, UNM

Summer 2015, $4,000

“Kawaiwete Perspectives on Twentieth Century Brazilian Indigenous Policies” (for completion of book manuscript)
Suzanne Oakdale
Award for Faculty, National Endowment for the Humanities.
2012-2013, $29,400

“Life in a ‘Pre-Colonial’ Park at the Center of the Nation: Contextualizing the Autobiographical Accounts of Two Indigenous Leaders in Brazil’s Xingu Indigenous Park” (Archival research in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
Suzanne Oakdale
Latin American and Iberian Institute Field Research Grant, UNM
Summer 2011, $1,142.50

“Autobiographical And Biographical Narratives In Lowland South America: Unexpected Relations Between Persons, Language, And History” (Workshop at the University of Edinburgh)
Suzanne Oakdale and Magnus Course
Wenner-Gren Foundation (Workshop Grant)
September 2010, $7,718

“Autobiographical And Biographical Narratives In Lowland South America: Unexpected Relations Between Persons, Language, And History” (Workshop at the University of Edinburgh)
Magnus Course and Suzanne Oakdale
British Academy (Small Research Grant)
September 2010, 3,924.00 British Pounds

"Kayabi Perspectives on Twentieth Century Brazilian Indian Relations: A View from the Missions" (Archival research in Cuiabá, Brazil)
Suzanne Oakdale
Research Allocations Committee, Small Grant, UNM
Summer 2007, $1,715

“Kayabi Perspectives on Twentieth Century Brazilian Indian Relations: A View from the Missions” (Archival research in Cuiabá, Brazil)
Suzanne Oakdale
Latin American and Iberian Institute Field Research Grant, UNM
Summer 2007, $1,450

“Kayabi Perspectives on Twentieth Century Brazilian Indian Relations” (Archival research, Rio de Janeiro, Brasília, Brazil)
Suzanne Oakdale
Research Allocations Committee, Small Grant, UNM
Summer 2004, $1,505

"Kayabi Perspectives on Twentieth Century Brazilian Indian Relations" (Archival research, Rio de Janeiro, Brasília, Brazil)
Suzanne Oakdale
Latin American and Iberian Institute Field Research Grant, UNM
Summer 2004, $1,297

"Changing Initiation Practices in an Amazonian Community"
Suzanne Oakdale
Latin American and Iberian Institute Field Research Grant, UNM
2001, $1000

"Changing Initiation Practices in an Amazonian Community"
Suzanne Oakdale
Research Allocations Committee, Small Grant, UNM
2001, $3,163

Travel Grant
Suzanne Oakdale
University of Chicago, Center for Latin American Studies
Summer 1993

"Curing and the Construction of Identity among the Kayabi of Central Brazil"
Suzanne Oakdale
Wenner-Gren Foundation (Pre-doctoral Grant)
1992-93, $9,250

Suzanne Oakdale
Fulbright Commission IIE, (Pre-doctoral Grant)
1991-92, $15,000

Research Participation

2027 Participant in “Enhancing Research about Amazonia: A Mentorship Programme for Brazilian Early Career Researchers”, PI Natalia Buitron, University of Cambridge, British Academy Funded Workshop in Brazil

Pending Research Funding

Teaching

Doctoral Advisement

Chair of Committee

Virginia Huber; expected date of PhD., 2028; medical narratives

Christina Lorenzatto; expected date of Ph.D., 2028; Topic: Shipibo plant knowledge

Valerio Di Fonzo; expected date of Ph.D. 2027; Topic: Eco-theology in Peru

Grant Florian; 2026; "Ayahuasca, Religion, and Politics in the Brazilian Amazon: An Ethnography of Ritual in the Santo Daine Religion"

Sarah Leiter; 2025; "Becoming Sephardic: Historical Consciousness and Emergent Ethnoreligious Identification in New Mexico"

Annie Theodoropoulos; 2022; "Brazil's Orthodox Church Rising: Living Authentic Tradition in Brazil's Middle Class"

Jason King (co-chair of committee with Jane Buikstra); 2016; "Twenty-First Century Woodland Archeology in the Lower Illinois Valley: A Regional Model"

Margaret Watson; 2015; "From Rural Street Theater to Big City Extravaganza: The Meaning of the Manaus Boi-Bumbá in an Urbanizing Brazil"

Miria Kano; 2013; "Storied Lives in a Living Tradition: Women Rabbis Building Communities in the 21st Century"

Sara Jameison; 2009; "Female Initiation Rituals among Urban Wayuu in Hugo Chávez's Multicultural Venezuelan Republic"

Rita de Cácia Oenning da Silva (Department of Anthropology, Universidade Federal de Santa Caterina, Brazil) (co-chair of committee with Ester Jean Langdon, UFSC); 2008; "Superar no Movimento: Etnografia de Performances de Pirráias em Recife e mais além"

Jill Ahlberg; 2008; "The Social Life of Weaving"

Committee Member

Campbell Darby; expected date of PhD, 2029; Topic: Coal Mining with horses and social change

Andrew Gorvetzian; expected date of Ph. D., 2028; Topic: Garifuna in Nicaragua

Madison Drew; expected date of PhD., 2028; Topic: Archeological record of ritual in the Southwest

Felicia Katz Harris; expected date of Ph.D., 2027; Topic: Museum representation of ritual

Erin Tooher; expected date of Ph.D., 2027; Topic: Recognition of Hondurans in New Orleans

Muhammad Abro; 2026; "Summoning Models of 'Decolonization': Performances of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai's Historical Poetry in Contemporary Pakistan"

João Kelmer Caldeira de Andrada; 2025; Cambridge University (external examiner); "A Ritual Aesthetics of Loss and Memory among the Boe (Bororo)"

Zsofia Szoke; 2023; "The Lithium Economy: Bolivia's "New" Resource and its Role in Revolutionary Politics"

Warren Thompson; 2019; Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan (outside member); "The Orphaned Past: Aché Autonomy and Relationality in Times of Change"

Kristin Fitzgerald; 2019; "'We Practice Lakota Way, But We Are Not An Indian Church:' The Diverse Ways Lakota Christians Articulate, Perform, and Translate Ethnicity in Congregational Life"

Lara Gunderson; 2018; "Relanzamiento of Nicaragua's Christian Base Communities: Forging New Models of Church and Society for the Twenty-first Century"

Kristen Adler; 2011; "Making Modernity: Ideological Pluralism and Political Process in Zinacantán"

Marianna Keisalo-Galvan; 2011 Anthropology, University of Helsinki, Finland (pre-examiner); "Cosmic Clowns: Convention, Invention, and Inversion in the Yaqui Easter Ritual"

Lois Frank; 2010; "The Discourse and Practice of Native American Cuisine"

Leslie Lopez; 2008; "Con una poca de gracia: Mediating Democracy Through Radio Teocelo, 1965-2001"

Naomi Schwartz; 2008 Latin American Studies, UNM (chair of committee from 2001-2006); "Maiman Rinchic: Where Are We Going? Life Histories of Otavalo, Ecuador: Past and Present"

Ashley Griso; 2007 Communication and Journalism, UNM (outside member); "Ritualized Media Use among Middle-School-Aged Girls"

Jocelyn DeHaas; 2006; “Negotiating Harmony: Women, Family and Work in Taiwan”

Ken Nystrom; 2005; “The Biological and Social Consequences of Inka Conquest of the Chachapoya Region of Northern Peru”

Gary VanValen; 2003 History, UNM (outside member); “The Ventriloquist Messiah and his Followers: Mojo Indian Responses to the Rubber Boom in Eastern Bolivia, 1860-1930”

Alan Vince; 2003; “Cultural Estrangement: The Experiences of Physicians Caring for Native American Indian Patients”

Jasmine Gardner; 2002; “An Ethnography of Art Photography in New York”

Gordon Rakita; 2001; “Social Complexity, Religious Organization, and Mortuary Ritual in the Casas Grandes Region of Chihuahua, Mexico”

Masters Advisement

Chair of Committee

Raven Whiting; MA 2025

Kate Neilson: MA 2024. Thesis: “Co-Parenting with the Land in Amazonian Ecuador: Speech, Breath, and Personhood Among the Napo, Runa”

Anne dos Santos; Chair until 2015 when she left program; Topic: Environmental sciences and botanical gardens in Brazil

Barrett Martin; M.A. 2008

Melina Salvador; M.A. 2003 (Latin American Studies)

Member of Committee

Mark Campbell, MA 2026 (LAS, UNM); “El Cuerpo es Mi Fusil: Corporeal Politics and Carceral Organizing among FARC Guerrilla-Prisoners”

Jackson Olidani Larson, M.A. 2019 (Museum Studies, UNM); “A Response to the Fire at the National Museum in Brazil”

Dayna Rajha; until she left the program in 2019; Topic: Orthodox ritual in Syria

Ray Ewing; MFA, 2016 (Art and Art History, UNM)

Joseph Leestma; M.A., 2015 (Latin American Studies, UNM); “A Tropical Flour: Manioc in the Afro-Brazilian World, 1500-1800”

LaRae Tronstad; M.A. 2012 (Communication and Journalism, UNM); “And Now I am Here: An Ethnography of Communication Inquiry into Asking for Help Practices at a Homeless Shelter”

Advisement

Raphael Barnes, second year graduate student

Graduate Student Mentoring (2026-2016)

2026, Fall, Advanced Research 698, 1 student, medical anthropology

2026 Spring, Fall Advanced Research 698, 1 student, medical anthropology

2025 Fall Problems 697, 1 student on proposal writing; Advanced Research 598, 1student on Amazonian ethnography

2025 Spring, Problems 697, 1 student, Amazonian ethnography; Advanced Research 698, 1 student Amazonian cosmology

2024 Fall, Problems 697, 1 student ritual; Advanced Research 698, 1 student Amazonian ethnography

2024 Spring, Advanced Research 698, 1 student, ritual and Amazonian ethnography

2023 Fall, Advanced Research 698, 1 student on Jesuits in Latin America, 1 student on ontological anthropology

2023 Spring, Advanced Research 598, 1 student on ritual,

2022, Fall, Advanced Research 598, 1 student life history research; Advanced Research, 698, 1 student, Lowland ethnography

2022 Spring, Problems 697, 1 student ritual readings; Advanced Research 698, Brazilian ethnography

2021, Fall, Problems 697, 1 student ritual readings

2021, Fall, Advanced Research, 698, 1 student, ritual

2021, Spring, Problems 697, 1 student Brazil readings

2021, Spring, Advanced Research, 698, 1 student, Brazil

2020, Fall, Advanced Research, 598 3 students, ritual readings

2020, Fall, Problems 697, 1 student Brazil readings

2020, Fall, Advanced Research, 698, 2 students, political economy of Amazonia and narrative

2019, Fall, Problems, 597, 1 student, Brazilian religions

2019, Fall, Advanced Research, 598 1 student, the anthropology of performance

2019, Fall, Problems, 697, 1 student, the anthropology of Brazil; 1 student, integral ecology

2019, Spring, Problems, 597, 1 student, the anthropology of Christianity; 1 student, proposal writing; 1 student, anthropology of conversion

2019, Spring, Advanced Research, 698, 1 student, the anthropology of rural Brazil

2018, Fall, Problems, 597, 1 student, the anthropology of Christianity

2018, Fall, Advanced Research, 598 1 student, proposal writing

2018, Spring, Advanced Research, 598, 1 student, Brazilian ethnography

2017, Fall, Advanced Research, 598, 1 student, the "ontological turn" in anthropology

2017, Fall, Advanced Research, 698, 1 student, extractivism in the Amazon

2017, Spring, Problems, 597, 1 student, missions in Latin America

2017, Spring, Advanced Research, 698, 1 student, extractivism in the Amazon; 1student, Amazonian leadership

2016, Spring, Advanced Research, 698, 1 student, ritual

Bachelor's Honors Advisement

Jessie Johnson; BA 2023; Honors paper: "The Games Must Go On: A Comparison of Historical and Modern Scottish Highland Games in the United Sates"

Erin Koliboski: B.A. 2014; Honors paper: "Memorial Tattoos as a Mourning Ritual and Expression of Identity"

Danielle Boudreau; B.A. 2012; Honors paper: "Bearing Expectations: Cultural Categories in and out of Practice among Albuquerque Midwives"

Alex Woody, B.A. 2008; Honors paper: “The Carguero as Public Spectacle”

Desiree Kosciulek; B.A. 2005; Honors paper: “Festa do Divino in São Paulo, Brazil”

Barrett Martin; B.A. 2005; Honors paper: “Woven Songs of the Amazon: Weavings, Icaros, and Curing Techniques of the Shipibo Shamans”

Brian Null; B.A. 2001; Honors paper: "The Examination of Ritual in the Baha'i Community as a Means to Express Community Change"

Undergraduate Student Mentoring

Madeline Prentice; working toward honors paper on the rituals involved in emergency medicine

Hailey Himelright; BA 2025; worked on an honors paper. Topic: The changing value of pole dance as it becomes seen as a sport. Uncompleted but turned it into a conference paper

Taylor Willes; fall 2019; working towards honors paper on South American shamanism

2014, Fall, Individual Study, 497, 1 student, mourning ritual

Classroom Teaching

2026, Fall, Indigenous Peoples of South America, ANTH 332/532, 20 undergraduates, 3 graduates

2026, Spring, Ritual, Symbols, and Behavior ANTH333/533, 33 undergraduates, 5 graduates

2025, Fall, Shamanism and the Politics of Cosmology, ANTH 340/530, 24 undergraduates, 3 graduates

2025, Spring, Life History Seminar, ANTH 530, 8 graduate students

2024, Fall, Indigenous Peoples of South America, ANTH 332/532, 29 undergraduates, 2 graduates

2024, Spring, Theory in Sociocultural Anthropology, 5 graduates

2023, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/533, 35 undergraduates, 5 graduates

2023, Spring, Theory in Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 3 graduate students

2022, Fall, Ritual Seminar, ANTH 540, 12 graduates

2022, Spring, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/533, 33 undergraduates, 1 graduate

2021, Fall, Shamanism and the Politics of Cosmology, ANTH 340/530, 16 undergraduates, 3 graduates

2021, Spring, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/533, 30 undergraduates
2021, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 4 graduates

2020, Fall, Indigenous Peoples of South America, ANTH 332/532, 14 undergraduates, 2 graduates
2020, Fall, History and Autobiographical Narrative ANTH 530, 10 graduates

2020, Spring, sabbatical

2019, Fall, Cultures and Society of Brazil ANTH 340/530, 10 undergraduates, 1 graduate
2019, Fall, Ritual ANTH 536, 12 graduates

2019, Spring, Indigenous Peoples of South America, ANTH 332, 24 undergraduates
2019, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 3 graduates

2018, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/533, 30 undergraduates, 3 graduates
2018, Fall, Anthropology of Christianity, ANTH 530, 12 graduates

2018, Spring, Indigenous Peoples of South America, ANTH 332, 24 undergraduates
2018, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 6 graduates

2017, Fall, Peoples of Brazil, ANTH 340/530, 12 undergraduates, 1 graduate
2017, Fall, Life History Methods and Approaches, ANTH 530, 13 graduates

2017, Spring, Ritual Symbols and Behavior, ANTH 333/533, 46 undergraduates, 2 graduates
2017, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 6 graduates

2016, Fall, Shamanism and Myth, UNOH 301-0012, 16 undergraduates
2016, Fall, Indigenous South America, UNOH 301-004, 16 undergraduates

2016, Spring, Amazonia UNOH 301, 1 undergraduate
2016, Spring, Ritual, UNOH, 9 undergraduates

2015, Fall, Research Leave

2015, Spring, Principles of Cultural Anthropology ANTH 330, 56 undergraduates
2015, Spring, Theory of Symbolic Action, ANTH 536, 7 graduates

2014, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/533, 39 undergraduates, 3 graduates

2014, Fall, Indigenous Peoples of South America, ANTH 332/532, 40 undergraduates, 1 graduate

2014, Spring, Latin American Culture and Society: Brazil, ANTH 340/540, 39 undergraduates, 1 graduate
2014, Spring, Shamanism and the Politics of Cosmology, ANTH 340/540, 26 undergraduates, 3 graduates

2013, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/533, 56 undergraduates, 5 graduates
2013, Fall, Life History Methods and Approaches, ANTH 530, 10 graduates

2013, Spring, Sabbatical

2012, Fall, Sabbatical

2012, Spring, Indigenous People of South America, ANTH 332/532, 50 undergraduates, 3 graduates

2011, Fall, Latin American Culture and Society: Brazil, ANTH 340/540, 31 undergraduates, 1 graduate
2011, Fall, Theory of Symbolic Action, ANTH 530, 12 graduates

2011, Spring, Indigenous People of South America, ANTH 332/532, 50 undergraduates, 2 graduates
2011, Spring, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/533 (Relig 333/533) 50 undergraduates, 2 graduates

2010, Fall, Life History Methods and Approaches, ANTH 530, 9 graduates
(One class teaching release for serving as Graduate Director)
2010, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 8 graduates
(One class teaching release for serving as Graduate Director)

2009, Fall, Indigenous People of South America, ANTH 332/532, 35 undergraduates, 6 graduates
2009, Fall, Theory of Symbolic Action, ANTH 536, 12 graduates

2009, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 7 graduates
2009, Spring, South American Indigenous Peoples: National and International Perspectives, ANTH 340/540, 30 undergraduates

2008, Fall, Theory of Symbolic Action, ANTH 536, 8 graduates
(One class teaching release for serving as Graduate Director)
2008, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 10 graduates
(One class teaching release for Dean's Research semester)

2007, Fall, Indigenous People of South America, ANTH 332/532, 50 undergraduates

2007, Fall, Theory of Symbolic Action, ANTH 536, 7graduates

2007, Spring, Cultures of the World, ANTH 130, 48 undergraduates
2007, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 12 graduates

2006, Fall, Indigenous People of South America, ANTH 332/532, 43 undergraduates
2006, Fall, Life History Methods and Approaches, ANTH 530, 13 graduates

2006, Spring, Sabbatical

2005, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/533 (Relig 333/533), 75 undergraduates
2005, Fall, Theory of Symbolic Action, ANTH 536, 8 graduates

2005, Spring, Cultures of the World, ANTH 130, 56 undergraduates
2005, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 6 graduates

2004, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/Relig 333, 53 undergraduates
2004, Fall, Life History Methods and Approaches, ANTH 540, 9 graduates

2004, Spring, Cultures of the World, ANTH 130, 50 undergraduates
2004, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 9 graduates

2003, Fall, Junior Research Leave

2003, Spring, Cultures of the World, ANTH 130, 61 undergraduates
2003, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 5 graduates

2002, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH333/530 (RELIG 333/530), 48 undergraduates
2002, Fall, Theory of Symbolic Action, ANTH 536, 12 graduates

2002, Spring, Cultures of the World, ANTH 130, 36 undergraduates
2002, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 10 graduates

2001, Fall, (maternity leave)

2001, Spring, Cultures of the World, ANTH 130, 54 undergraduates
2001, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 9 graduates

2000, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH333/530 (RELIG 333/530), 82 undergraduates
2000, Fall, Autobiography and Life History in Anthropology, ANTH 540, 10 graduates

2000, Spring, Theory Ethnology II, ANTH 547, 7 graduates (half-time maternity leave)

1999, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/530 (RELIG 333/530), 86 undergraduates, 2 graduates (half-time maternity leave)

1999, Spring, Theory of Symbolic Action, ANTH 536, 12 graduates
1999, Spring, Principles of Cultural Anthropology ANTH 330, 37 undergraduates

1998, Fall, Ritual and Symbolic Behavior, ANTH 333/530 (RELIG 333/530), 85 undergraduates, 3 graduates

Curriculum Development or Teaching Administrative Positions

Teaching Square, Center for Teaching and Learning, UNM, Spring 2026

Course Development Award, Latin American and Iberian Institute, UNM, for "Shamanism and the Politics of Cosmology," ANTH 340/540, Spring 2011

Course Development Award, Latin American and Iberian Institute, UNM, for "Latin American Culture and Society: Brazil," ANTH 340/540, Fall 2011

Course Development Award, Latin American and Iberian Institute, UNM, for "South American Indigenous peoples: National and International Perspectives," ANTH 340/540, Spring 2009

Service

Editorships

July 2022-present: Editor-in-Chief. *Journal of Anthropological Research*

July 2021-July 2022: Deputy Editor. *Journal of Anthropological Research*.

2016-present: Book Review Co-Editor. *Journal of Anthropological Research*

2015- present: Contributing Editor. *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. Hispanic Division Library of Congress, Washington D.C.

2002-2016: Member of a group functioning as the book review editor for the *Journal of Anthropological Research*

Advisory Boards

2007-10 and 2022-present: Member of Advisory Board for *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*

2016-17: Whitten Award Committee, Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America

2007-2010: At-large board member of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America

Grant Committees

2026 Member of the Screening Committee for the American Council of Learned Societies, New York, NY

2025 Member of the Screening Committee for the American Council of Learned Societies, New York, NY

2025 Member of the Screening Committee for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington D. C.

2016 Member of the Screening Committee for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington D. C.

2013-2014 Member of the Screening Committee for the School of Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM

2012 Member of the Screening Committee for the Fulbright IIE Brazil Program, Huston, Texas

Individual Grants Reviewed

2021: one grant for the NSF

2012: Reviewed grant for Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study

2010: Reviewed grant for NSF

2005: Reviewed grant for Canadian NSF

Reviewing for Journals/Presses

2026: two book manuscripts, University of Texas Press, University of Nebraska Press

2025: Reviewed 1 article submission for *Cultural Anthropology*

2022: Reviewed 1 article submission for *American Anthropologist*

2021: Reviewed 2 article submissions for *Journal of Anthropological Research*

2019: Reviewed 1 book manuscript for the University of Nebraska Press, 1 article submission for the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*

2018: Reviewed 1 book manuscript for the University of Nebraska Press

2016: Reviewed 1 book manuscript for School of Advanced Research, 1 article submission for *the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*

2014: Reviewed 1 book manuscript for the University Press of Colorado; 1 article submission for *American Anthropologist*

2013: Reviewed 1 article submission for *American Anthropologist*

2012: Reviewed 1 article submission for *Anthropological Linguistics*

2011: 1 book manuscript for University of California Press; 1 book manuscript for Cambridge University Press; 2 article submissions for *Journal of Anthropological Research*; 1 article submission for *Language and Communication*

2010: 1 book manuscript for the University of Nebraska Press; 1 article submission for *Journal of Anthropological Research*

2009: 1 book manuscript for the University of Nebraska Press; 1 article submission for *American Ethnologist*; 1 article submission for *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the*

Anthropology of Lowland South America; 1 article for *Journal of Anthropological Research*

2008: 1 book manuscript for the University of Nebraska Press; 1 article submission for *Journal of Anthropological Research*; 1 article submission for *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*; 1 article submission for *American Ethnologist*

2007: 1 book manuscript for the University of Nebraska Press; 1 book manuscript for Duke University Press; 1 article submission for *Identities*

2006: 1 article submission for *Ethnos*; 1 book manuscript for the University Press of Florida

2005: 1 article submission for *Ethnos*; 1 article submission for *Current Anthropology*; 1article submission for *American Ethnologist*

2004:1 article submission for *Anthropology of Consciousness*; 2 article submissions for *American Ethnologist*; 1 article submission for *Human Nature*

2003: 1 article submission for *Tipití: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*

2002: 1 article submission for *American Ethnologist*, 1 article submission for *Journal of Anthropological Research*

2001: 1 article submission for *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*; 1 article submission for *Latin American Research Review*; 1 article submission for *American Ethnologist*

2000: 2 article submissions for *American Ethnologist*

1999: 1 article submission for *American Anthropologist*; 2 article submissions for *American Ethnologist*

1998: 2 article submissions for *American Ethnologist*; 1 article submission for *Identities*; 1 article submission for *Journal of Anthropological Research*; 1 article submission for *Dreaming*

Administrative Work in College

2013-2016: Member of Arts and Sciences Mid-Pro Committee

2006 and 2014: Member of Arts and Sciences Sabbatical Committee

2000-2001, 2005-2011 2022-present: Member of the ICLAS Committee at the Latin American and Iberian Institute

2004-2005: Member of the Curriculum Development Committee in Religious Studies

1999-05, 2006-8: Member of the Religious Studies Committee

1998-03: Member of the Library Committee for the Latin American and Iberian Institute

Administrative Work in Department

Fall 2013-Fall 2021, Fall 2023-present: Convener for SCALA Subfield, Anthropology Department

Spring 2022-present: Member of Workload Committee

Spring 2025 Teaching evaluation of Kari Schleher

Spring 2022-23, 2008-2012, 2002-2005: Graduate Advisor in Ethnology, member of the Graduate Committee

2018-19: Member of the Hiring Committee for the Ethnology Position

Fall 2013-2018, 2008-2010, 2013-2021: Member of the Advisory Committee, Anthropology Department

Fall 2019: Annual Review Committee (teaching) for Hannah Mattson

2013-2014, 2015-2016, 2016-2017: Annual Review Committee (teaching) for Loa Traxler

2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017: Annual Review Committee (teaching) for Bruce Huckell

2013-2014, 2014-2015: Annual Review Committee (teaching) for Heather Edgar

2013-2014, 2015-2016: Annual Review Committee (teaching 2013- 2015, service 2015) for Erin Debenport

Fall 2008-Spring 2012: Graduate Director for the Anthropology Department

2011-2012: Member of the Hiring Committee for the Ethnology Position

2009-2010 (mid-pro): Annual Review Committee (teaching) for Frances Hayashida

2010-2011: Member of the Hiring Committee for the Ethnology Position

2007-2008: Member of the Hiring Committee for the Archeology Position

2007-2008: Committee to Review Non-Tenure Track Faculty

2000-2001: Undergraduate Advisor for Ethnology and member of the Undergraduate Committee

1998-1999: Committee for Instructional Resources