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### TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Cultural anthropology, medical anthropology, anthropology of religion, anthropology of the body, gender and sexuality, interculturality, social justice, medical pluralism, ethnomedicine, shamanism, ethnobotany, ritual, embodiment, women's health, Indigenous knowledge systems, Indigeneity, decoloniality, new religious and revitalization movements, religion and identity, tourism, globalization, transnational religion, public anthropology, Lowland South America, Greece.

### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Anthropology; Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2010
- M.A. Anthropology, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2001
- B.A. Communication and Mass Media, National and Capodistrian University of Athens, Greece, 1998

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2023- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Crete, Rethymno
- 2014-21 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Kent State University
- 2012-14 ACM-Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Indigenous Religious Traditions. Department of Religion; Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Luther College
- 2011 Associate Lecturer. Department of Anthropology; Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2010-11 Administrator. Wisconsin Women's Network, Madison, WI

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Collective Volumes and Special Issues in Scientific Journals (editing)

- 2022 Leor Roseman, Katrin H. Preller, **Evgenia Fotiou** and Michael J. Winkelman (editors), "Psychedelic sociality: Pharmacological and extrapharmacological perspectives", [\*Frontiers in Pharmacology\*](#)
- 2017 **Evgenia Fotiou**, Diana Riboli, Davide Torri, and Dimitra Mari Varvarezou (editors), "Sacred Landscapes and Conflict Transformation: History, Space, Place, and Power in Shamanism", [\*Shaman\*](#)
- 2012 **Evgenia Fotiou** (editor), "Ayahuasca and Healing". [\*Anthropology of Consciousness\*](#)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- 2025 “Vegetalista Healing Traditions of the Peruvian Amazon”, In *Brill Handbook of Contemporary Entheogenic Healing*, edited by Michael J. Winkelman, 217-241. Leiden; Boston: Brill.
- 2025 “The Body as a Battleground: Embodiment and Sorcery in Shamanic Tourism”. In [\*Sorcery in Amazonia a Comparative Exploration of Magical Assault\*](#), edited by James Andrew Whitaker, Matthias Lewy, και Tarryl Janik, 177–91. Berlin: Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut Preußischer Kulturbesitz.
- 2023 Fotiou, Evgenia. 2023. “Transreligiosity and Religious Revitalization in Modern Greece: Bridging Religion and Science through Geomythology.” *Religions* 14 (6): 754. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel14060754>.
- 2022 “How Transreligious Ayahuasca Use Challenges Conventional Definitions of Religion,” *Shaman* 30(1-2): 59-78.
- 2022 “Editorial: Psychedelic Sociality: Pharmacological and Extrapharmacological Perspectives” (with Roseman, Leor, Katrin Preller, and Michael Winkelman). *Frontiers in Pharmacology* 13. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fphar.2022.979764>.
- 2020 “Shamanic Tourism in the Peruvian Lowlands: Critical and Ethical Considerations.” *Journal for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 25(3): 374–396. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jlca.12508>.
- 2020 “The Importance of Ritual Discourse in Framing Ayahuasca Experiences in the Context of Shamanic Tourism.” *Anthropology of Consciousness* 31(2): 223–44. <https://doi.org/10.1111/anoc.12117>.
- 2020 “The Role of Indigenous Knowledges in Psychedelic Science.” *Journal of Psychedelic Studies*, 4(1): 16–23. <https://doi.org/10.1556/2054.2019.031>.
- 2019 “Purging and the Body in the Therapeutic Use of Ayahuasca” (with Alex Gearin). *Social Science and Medicine* 239 (October). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.112532>.
- 2019 “Convergent therapies in Peru’s Amazon: Enriching Mental Wellness through Ayahuasca and Psychotherapy” (with Olivia Marcus). In [\*Gender, Health, and Society in Contemporary Latin America and the Caribbean\*](#), edited by Ronnie Shepard and Shir Lerman, 117-137. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.
- 2019 “Technologies of the Body in Contemporary Amazonian Shamanism: Implications for Future Research.” *Human Ecology* 47(1): 145-151. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10745-018-0043-6>.
- 2018 “Plant Use and Shamanic Dietas in Contemporary Ayahuasca Shamanism in Peru.” In *Ethnopharmacologic Search for Psychoactive Drugs 2017: 50th Anniversary Symposium*, edited by Dennis McKenna (with Sir Ghilleen Prance, Benjamin De Loenen, and Wade Davis), 55-69. London: Synergetic Press. [The book received the [2018 James A. Duke Excellence in Botanical Literature Award](#)]

- 2017 “Introduction to the Special Issue: The First Conference of the International Society for Academic Research on Shamanism (ISARS)” (with Diana Riboli and Davide Torri). *Shaman* 25(1-2):5-14.
- 2016 “The Globalization of Ayahuasca Shamanism and the Erasure of Indigenous Shamanism.” *Anthropology of Consciousness* 27(2):151-179. <https://doi.org/10.1111/anoc.12056>.
- 2015 “Earth, Gender and Ceremony: Gender Complementarity and Sacred Plants in Latin America” (with Sharon Mijares). *Journal of Transpersonal Research* 7(1):19-31.
- 2014 “‘[One Heart](#)’: Personal Insights into Spiritual Dimensions of Participation in Contemporary Ayahuasca Rituals.” In *Seeking the Sacred with Psychoactive Substances, Chemical Paths to Spirituality and to God, Vol. 2*. Edited by J. Harold Ellens, 71-99. Westport, Conn: Praeger.
- 2014 “[On the Uneasiness of Tourism](#): Considerations on Shamanic Tourism in Western Amazonia.” In *Ayahuasca Shamanism in the Amazon and Beyond*. Edited by Beatriz C. Labate and Clancy Cavnar, 159–181. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2014 “‘We are the Indians of Greece’: Indigeneity and Religious Revitalization in Modern Greece.” *CrossCurrents* 64(2):219-235. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cros.12074>
- 2012 “Working with ‘La Medicina’: Elements of Healing in Contemporary Ayahuasca Rituals.” *Anthropology of Consciousness* 23(1):7-29. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1556-3537.2012.01054.x>.
- 2010 “Encounters with Sorcery: An Ethnographer's Account.” *Anthropology and Humanism* 35(2):192-203. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1548-1409.2010.01066.x>.

### Invited Book Reviews

- 2022 “Philosophy of Psychedelics.” *The Polyphony: Conversations Across the Medical Humanities*. Durham University Institute for Medical Humanities web platform.
- 2021 “Art Effects: Image, Agency and Ritual in Amazonia.” *Religion and Society* 12(1):215-216.
- 2017 “Thunder Shaman.” *Shaman* 25(1-2):207-210.
- 2016 “Contemporary Pagan and Native Faith Movements in Europe.” *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* 34(1):73-75.
- 2016 “Mysteries of the Jaguar Shamans of the Northwest Amazon.” *American Ethnologist* 43(1):195-196.

### Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2021 “Shamanic Tourism: Lessons for the twenty-first Century.” *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America* [XX \(2\)](#).
- 2020 “Ayahuasca Timeline” (with Alex K. Gearin, Gayle Highpine, Giorgio Samorini, Xavier Francuski, and Sam Woolfe). [Kahpi](#).

- 2011 “Wisconsin Young Women’s Agenda.” (Co-authored with Minjon Tholen et al.), Wisconsin Women’s Network.
- 2008 “Shamanic Tourism and the Commercialization of Ayahuasca.” [Peripheria](#) 11:12-15.

## CONFERENCES/ PRESENTATIONS

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### Papers Presented at Scientific Conferences and Workshops (\*Invited)

- \*2025 “Shamanism as ‘Native Science’”, International workshop entitled “Knowledge Transmission and Ways of Living”, organized by *Interstices: Center for Transversal Thinking* in collaboration with the *Alain Daniélou Foundation*, Zagarolo, Italy, 23-25 May
- 2025 “Fishing cultural heritage and its transformations. The case of Kalymnos (Greece)”, (A. Tsantiropoulos, M. Sthithou, D. Nazou, Evgenia Fotiou, Ch.-R. Chereji). Honorlogic Project (ERC Consolidator Grant): Social Science Perspectives on Individuals, Cultures, and Institutions in the Mediterranean Region, Rethymno, 6-8 April
- \*2024 “Indigeneity and Religious Revitalization in Modern Greece,” International workshop entitled “Religion, Cultural Heritage and the Idea of Europe”, organized by *The Research Group on Formation, Values and Cultural Heritage at the Institute of Social Sciences, Religion and Ethics* at Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences, The Norwegian Institute in Athens (NIA), Athens, 29-30 October
- 2024 “Transreligiosity and Religious Revitalization in Modern Greece: Creating Community on the Margins,” [1st International Conference of the Project ReSpell](#): Religion, Spirituality and Well-being, Athens, Greece, 3-4 October
- \*2024 “Integration in Ayahuasca or Shamanic Tourism”, [keynote](#) at the conference entitled “Interrogating Psychedelic Integration”. University of Exeter, 13-14 June
- 2024 “Economies of Shamanism: Shamanic Training and New Shamans in the Peruvian Amazon,” International Society for Academic Research on Shamanism (ISARS) 2024, Rome, Italy, 5-8 June
- \*2024 “Plant Dietas and the Animated Universe of Peruvian Shamanism”, International workshop entitled “NonWestern Forms of Knowledge and their Importance for European Culture”. [Alain Daniélou Foundation](#), Zagarolo, Italy, 25-29 April
- 2022 “Indigenous Knowledges and Psychedelic Science,” The Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting, Cholula, Mexico, December 7-10
- 2019 “Othering” and the Modernity of Sorcery,” Third International Conference of the International Society for Academic Research on Shamanism (ISARS). Santiago, Chile, November 27-30 (conference canceled due to civil unrest)
- 2019 “Geomythology and Paganism in Modern Greece,” part of the panel “Religious Environmentalism: When Secular Approaches Disappoint, Religiosity Accesses Deep Structures of Ontology and Emotions.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA). Vancouver, BC, November 20-24

- 2019 "Reflections on the Globalization of Ayahuasca Shamanism," part of the working group "Religion and Globalization." Ninth International Meeting on Socio-Religious Studies in the face of the Complex Challenges of the 21st Century. Havana, Cuba, July 9-13
- \*2019 "Embodiment and Sorcery in Shamanic Tourism," part of the thematic panel "Memorias de violencia, visiones para el futuro: perspectivas antropológicas en contextos de pos-conflicto amazónicos." XII Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America (SALSA). Vienna, Austria, June 27-30
- 2019 "Religious Revitalization in Modern Greece: Tensions and Challenges," part of the panel "Anthropology of Religion in the Contemporary World: Contemplating upon the New Challenges in the Study of Religiosity, Spirituality and the Sacred." 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA). Lisbon, Portugal, June 4-7
- \*2019 "Purging and the Body in the Therapeutic Use of Ayahuasca" (Alex Gearin, Evgenia Fotiou), part of the panel "Cultural Diversity and Human Development." Global Humanities Forum and International Conference, Xiamen University, April 25-28
- 2019 "Transforming Consciousness through Religion in Modern Greece," 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness. Portland, OR, March 28-30
- \*2018 "Embodiment and Healing in Contemporary Ayahuasca Shamanism in the Peruvian Amazon," part of the invited panel "Reimagining Psychedelic Drugs as Medicines: Ethnography's Role in Assessing Ritualized Psychoactive Therapies." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Jose, CA, Nov. 14-18
- 2018 "Ritual Discourse in Contemporary Ayahuasca Rituals," part of the panel "Contexts and Frames: How do we recognize a ritual?" 56th International Congress of Americanists (ICA). Salamanca, Spain, July 15-20
- \*2017 "Experiencing 'Duality' in Amazonian Shamanism through Western Eyes," part of the invited panel "Shamanic Praxis and Forms of Violence in Contemporary Amazonia." XI Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America (SALSA). Lima, Peru, July 20-23
- \*2016 "Some Considerations on Shamanic Tourism in Western Amazonia." Part of the invited panel "The Contemporary Uses of Ayahuasca." II World Ayahuasca Conference. Rio Branco, Brazil, October 17-22
- 2016 "Everything is a Gift: Amazonian Sorcery through Western Eyes." II World Ayahuasca Conference. Rio Branco, Brazil, October 17-22
- 2016 "Religious Revitalization in Modern Greece." 8<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Socio-Religious Studies. Cuban Anthropology Institute, Havana, Cuba, July 12-15
- \*2016 "Gringo Shamans and Sacred Controversies: Reflecting on the Globalization of Ayahuasca." Part of the invited panel "Ayahuasca, Shamanism and the Future of Amazonia." International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture. Gainesville, FL, January 14-17
- 2015 "The Globalization of Ayahuasca Shamanism and the Erasure of Indigenous Shamanism." International Society for Academic Research on Shamanism (ISARS) 2015. Delphi, Greece, October 9-13

- 2015 “Shamanism and Sorcery in the Peruvian Amazon through Western Eyes.” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting (LASA). San Juan, PR, May 27-30
- 2015 “Dreaming a “New” Future: Indigeneity and Religious Revitalization in Contemporary Greece.” Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Portland, OR, March 26-28
- \*2014 “Shamanic Tourism as Pilgrimage: Ethnographic Considerations.” Part of the invited panel “Psychedelic and Entheogenic Consciousness in Today’s World: Producing Anthropological Understandings.” 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC, Dec. 3-7
- 2014 “A World in Crisis and the Promise of Indigenous Traditions.” 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness. Portland, OR, March 27-30
- \*2013 “Perspectives on Teaching Indigenous Religions in College,” presented as part of the invited panel “Future of a Discipline.” 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness. New Orleans, April 4-6
- 2012 “Reconceptualizing Ayahuasca Shamanism in the Context of Shamanic Tourism.” presented as part of the panel “Ayahuasca Border Crossings,” 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA, Nov 14-18
- 2010 “The Circulation of Ayahuasca: Shamanic Tourism and its Effects,” 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Nov 17-21
- 2010 “Working with la Medicina: Elements of Healing in Contemporary Ayahuasca Rituals,” 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, Berkeley, March 17-21
- 2009 “The Feminization of Ayahuasca,” 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, Portland, OR, April 1-5
- \*2008 “Encounters with Sorcery: an Ethnographer's Account.” Part of the invited panel “Encounters with Spirits or Other Extraordinary Beings: Towards a New Paradigm.” 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, Nov. 19-23
- \*2008 “Transcendental Experiences with Ayahuasca among Western Users,” Symposium on Transcendence, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, March 19-23
- 2007 “Reconfiguring the Self: the Western Pursuit of Shamanic Experiences,” presented as part of the session “The Self and the Quest for Threshold States,” at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, San Diego, CA
- 2007 “From the Rainforest to Cyberspace: Ayahuasca Shamanism and the Western Imagination,” presented for the session “Boundary Crossings: Inter- and Intra-cultural consumption of Religious Traditions,” Columbia University Religion Department Conference with the theme “Pop Goes Religion,” Columbia University, New York, March 29

### Panels Organized/ Chaired

- 2015 “Spiritual Exchanges: Invisible Powers, Confrontations and Syncretism,” Latin American Studies Association Meeting, San Juan, PR, May 27-30
- 2012 “Ayahuasca Border Crossings,” 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November 14-18
- 2010 “Perspectives on Ayahuasca and Healing,” 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, Berkeley, CA, March 17-21
- 2009 “Sacred Brews, Ayahuasca Controversies and a Clash of Cultures,” 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, Portland, OR, April 1-5

### Public and Invited Lectures and Round Tables

- 2025 “Globalization of Ayahuasca and Decolonizing Psychedelic Science,” [Course: Ayahuasca Healing, Science and Indigenous Knowledge](#), Chacruna Institute for Psychedelic Plant Medicines, April 21
- 2025 “Sacred Plants and Indigenous Cultures”, Event titled: “Psychedelics & Therapy: When Science Meets Tradition”, organized by PsychedeliCare, in collaboration with Kykeon – Greek Psychedelic Society, EMBROS Theatre, Athens, March 23
- 2024 “The Restoration of Ethnic Religions from an Anthropological Perspective”, 1st Conference of the Hellenic Roman Association “Mediterraneum”, Athens, 21-23 June
- 2023 “Globalization of Ayahuasca and Decolonizing Psychedelic Science,” [Course: Ayahuasca Healing, Science and Indigenous Knowledge](#), Chacruna Institute for Psychedelic Plant Medicines, August 14
- 2023 “Globalization of Ayahuasca,” panel “Made in Amazonia: The Globalization of South American Psychotropics,” sponsored by UCLA Latin American Institute, UCLA Center for Brazilian Studies and UW-Madison Latin American Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program (LACIS), April 20
- 2022 “Transreligious Ayahuasca Use and Legal Challenges in the United States and Beyond,” panel “[Ayahuasca and Its Legal Challenges](#)” presented at Núcleo de Antropologia da Religião (NAR-CRIA), Lisbon, Oct 28
- 2022 “[Indigenous Knowledges and Psychedelic Science](#),” [Psychedelic Speaker Series](#), Transdisciplinary Center for Research in Psychoactive Substances, University of Wisconsin – Madison, May 3
- 2021 “What is New about Neo-Shamanisms?: [A Roundtable Discussion](#),” with Silvia Rivadossi and Denise Lombardi, sponsored by Núcleo de Antropologia da Religião (NAR-CRIA) and International Society for Academic Research on Shamanism (ISARS), November 30
- 2021 “Cultural Appropriation and Commercial Spirituality,” [An Interfaith Panel Discussion](#), The Interfaith Center at Miami University, August 24
- 2021 “Ayahuasca Tourism: A Global Perspective,” Guest Lecture, Luther College, January 8



- 2019 “Reflections on the Globalization of Ayahuasca Shamanism,” Public Lecture, Luther College, November 7
- 2018 “Healing and Embodiment in Ayahuasca Shamanism,” Psychedelics and Healing at the End of Life (workshop), University of Ottawa, December 6-8
- 2018 “Reflecting on the Globalization of Ayahuasca,” [Horizons](#): Perspectives on Psychedelics, New York, October 5-7
- 2017 “Plant Use and Shamanic Dietas in Contemporary Ayahuasca Shamanism in Peru,” [Ethnopharmacologic Search for Psychoactive Drugs II](#): Fifty Years of Research. Tyringham, England, June 5-8
- 2014 “Lessons Missed on the Way to Enlightenment” (keynote), Spirit Plant Medicine Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, October 24-26
- 2014 “Ayahuasca Sustainability,” round table discussion with Joshua Wickerham (moderator), Dennis McKenna and Kenneth Tupper, Spirit Plant Medicine Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, October 25
- 2014 “Neurons to Nirvana,” panel with Oliver Hockenhull (moderator), Dennis McKenna, Gillian Maxwell and Andrew Feldmár, Spirit Plant Medicine Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, October 25
- 2010 “Ambivalence as an Element of Amazonian Shamanism,” presented as part of the panel “Singing to the Plants,” at the ATP Meeting, Menlo College, CA, February 12-14
- 2007 Invited participant. “New Issues in Gender, Development and Public Policies: An Intensive Workshop for Policy-makers, NGOs and Activists in the Andean Region of Latin America.” Sponsored by a Fulbright New Century Scholars Grant and FLACSO-Ecuador. Quito, Ecuador, June

### Campus Talks

- 2019 “The Globalization of Ayahuasca Shamanism,” Guest Lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Akron, February 14
- 2017 “Amazonian Shamanism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Institute for African American Affairs Lunch and Learn Series, Kent State University, April 19
- 2013 “‘We are the Indians of Greece’: Redefining Indigeneity and Religious Minority Rights,” Faculty Research Symposium, Luther College, November 2
- 2010 “From Medicine Men to Day Trippers,” invited lecture, Department of Botany, UW – Madison, May 7
- 2007 “Shamanic Tourism in Iquitos, Peru,” LACIS Brown Bag Series, UW-Madison, April 24
- 2006 “From Medicine Men to Day Trippers: Shamanic Tourism in Iquitos, Peru,” Colloquium Series, Department of Ethnology, University of Bonn, Germany, June 12



## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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### Received

2020	University Research Council – Research support, Kent State University (\$1,750)
2019	University Research Council – Research support, Kent State University (\$2,500)
2012-14	ACM-Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Luther College, Decorah, IA (\$6,000 for research)
2006	Vilas Travel Fellowship, Graduate Student Collaborative, University of Wisconsin – Madison, \$600
2005-06	Graduate Scholarship at Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms University (Bonn, Germany) to conduct dissertation research, DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and Division of International Studies, University of Wisconsin – Madison, €7,500
2002-05	Graduate Scholarship, State Scholarship Foundation (Idryma Kratikon Ypotrofon: IKY), Athens, Greece, €35,000
2003	Vilas International Research Travel Grant, awarded for dissertation fieldwork in Iquitos, Peru, Graduate Student Council, University of Wisconsin – Madison, \$1,500
2002	Tinker-Nave Field Research Grant, awarded for pre-dissertation research in Peru, Latin American Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program, University of Wisconsin – Madison, \$1,800
2002	Conference Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin – Madison, \$500

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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2020	Bronze Teaching Recognition Award. Center for Teaching and Learning, Kent State University.
2012	Honorary Fellow. Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Wisconsin - Madison
2010-11	Honorary Fellow. Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin - Madison
2009	Honored Instructors Award. Division of University Housing, University of Wisconsin – Madison
2006	Second-place winner, International Student Essay Contest. International Student Services, University of Wisconsin – Madison

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

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### UNIVERSITY OF CRETE

#### Undergraduate Courses

ANΘK220: Cultural Anthropology (2024, 2025)

ANΘK242: Anthropology, Colonialism, Racism (2024, 2025)

ANΘK245: Medical Anthropology (2024)

ANΘK285: Anthropology of Religion and Ritual Practices (2024, 2025)

ANΘK385: Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology: Indigenous Cultures and Contemporary Challenges (2025)

## **KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

[ANTH48150](#): Religion: A Search for Meaning (Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Spring 2021)

[ANTH48360](#): Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality (Spring 2016, Spring 2018)

[ANTH48262](#): Peoples and Cultures of Amazonia (Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2019)

[ANTH48250](#): Medical Anthropology (Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2020)

[ANTH18210](#): Introduction to Cultural Anthropology/ Global Cultural Diversity (every semester from Fall 2014-Spring 2021)

### **Graduate Courses**

[ANTH68230](#): Problems in Cultural Anthropology (Spring 2020)

### **Master's Theses Directed**

[Samuel Thomas](#). "Adventure in the Classroom: An Ethnographic Study of the Expedition Academy." Department of Anthropology. 2017-2021.

[Alex Andy Martinez](#). "Living Stories: An Investigation of the Perpetuation and Importance of Folk Ballads in the North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains." Department of Anthropology. 2016-2019.

### **Honors Theses Directed**

[Joshua Fine](#). "Unapologetically Queer: An Intersectional Approach of the Latin@ and LGBTQ+ Identities." 2019-2021.

### **Service on Doctoral Dissertation Committees**

[Hannelore Gomez](#). "Translation Students' Strategies and Ideologies when Confronting a LGBT-Themed Storybook for Children." Translation Studies, Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies. 2019-2020.

### **Service on Master's Thesis Committees**

[Kayla Metzger](#). "An Examination of Chronic Alcoholism and Bone Pathology in the Hamann-Todd Human Osteological Collection." Department of Anthropology. 2019-2021.

[Raiana de Carvalho](#). "Agency, participation, and cancer stories on Instagram: A narrative analysis of the Networked Oncological Causers in Brazil." School of Communication Studies. 2019.

[Crystal Reedy](#). “Kids! On Race: How Teaching the Evolutionary Story of Human Skin Color Can Challenge Children to Question Arbitrary Categories of “Race” and the Myth of White Supremacy in Grade School.” Department of Anthropology. 2019.

[Emily Brahler](#). “Hypovitaminosis D and Associated Mortality within the Hamann-Todd Human Osteological Collection.” Department of Anthropology. 2018.

[Troy Linebaugh](#). “Shamanism and the Greek Mysteries: The Western Imaginings of the ‘Primitive Other.’” Department of Anthropology. 2017.

[Gina Cirino](#). “American Misconceptions about Australian Aboriginal Art.” Department of Anthropology. 2015.

### **Summer Undergraduate Research Experience ([SURE](#)) Advising**

Sarah Lavender-Nees. “Amazonian Shamanism in Global Perspective: A Digital Ethnography.” 2019.

Liza Henriquez (McNair Scholar). “The Effects of Discrimination on College Students’ Health.” 2017.

### **Service on Honors Thesis Committees**

[Joshua Davis](#). “Laughter in the Americas: Native American Humor as Rhetoric in *Almanac of the Dead*, *Bearheart* and *Green Grass, Running Water*.” 2019.

[Kayla Zatezalo](#). “Reconstructing the Past: An Exploration of the Forensic Facial Reconstruction Process for a Prehistoric Pueblo Male.” 2016.

[Emily Brahler](#). “Ancient Cranial Modifications with Medicinal and Cultural Significance.” 2015.

### **Individual Investigations Directed**

Sarah Lavender-Nees. “Problematizing the Concept of Shamanism” (Spring 2020).

Sarah Lavender-Nees. “Amazonian Shamanism in Global Perspective” (Spring 2019).

Brooke Lyons. “Dangerous Together: An Ethnographic Account of the Northeastern Ohio DIY Scene” (Spring-Fall 2018).

Zachary Devitt. “Into the Nothing: Toward a Theory of Modern Generative Culture through the Frame of Fear in Psychological Anthropology” (Spring 2016).

Alison Farrell. “The Spiritual Use of Altered States of Consciousness” (Fall 2015).

### **Student Honors and Awards**

Alex Andy Martinez. Outstanding Poster Award; President’s Award nominee. 2016 KSU Graduate Research Symposium.

Alex Andy Martinez. 2016 Three Minute Thesis finalist.

### **Curriculum Development**

Anthropology BA revision – revised the anthropology BA major and minor in collaboration with colleagues in the Anthropology department (2018).

Medical Anthropology Minor – developed a minor in Medical Anthropology in collaboration with colleagues in the Anthropology department (2017-8).

## **LUTHER COLLEGE**

[ANTH239/WGST239](#): Women and Indigenous Religions (Spring 2014)

SPAN340: Language and Culture in the Dominican Republic and Cuba (J-term 2014)

[REL239](#): Healing and Indigenous Religions (Fall 2013)

[REL239](#): Shamanisms (Spring 2013)

[REL185](#): Religious Traditions of Amazonia (J-term 2013)

[ANTH101](#): Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2012)

## **Undergraduate Mentoring**

[Jess Landgraf](#). Senior Honors Thesis Chair. “Organized Atheism Creating Community.” Department of Anthropology. 2013-4.

Erik Bay. Senior Thesis Chair. “The Effects of Christianization on the Lakota Sioux.” Department of Religion. 2014.

Ian Carstens. Senior Thesis Co-chair. Department of Visual and Performing Arts. 2014.

## **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

ANTH300: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Ethnography (Fall 2011)

GWS102: Gender, Women, and Society in Global Perspective (Fall 2011)

GWS533: Female Reproductive Health Cross-culturally (Spring 2011)

GWS103: Women and their Bodies in Health and Disease, TA for Araceli Alonso (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)

GWS102: Women, Social Institutions and Social Change, TA for Christina Ewig (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008) and Araceli Alonso (Spring 2009)

ANTH104: Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity, TA for Kenneth George (Fall 2001), Neil Whitehead (Spring 2002), Charles Hirschkind (Fall 2002) and Larry Nesper (Spring 2003)

## **FIELDWORK**

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**Peru**      Research on Amazonian shamanism, Iquitos and other locations in Peru (2002-today)

**Greece**    Research on the revitalization of Greek religion (2001-today)

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2024      Researcher, “Exploring social cohesion and resilience in fisheries in times of uncertainty. The Case of Kalymnos Island”, Research funded by the *Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation*, PI: Aris Tsantiropoulos, University of Crete
- 2006-07   Part-time position, assisting Dr. Theresa Duello with research project on health disparities and perinatal risk, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Wisconsin – Madison

## SERVICE

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### Professional Service

- Executive Committee Member-at-Large. Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness (SAC), 2022-25.
- External Examiner of PhD Thesis. Michael Seddon. “Beyond the Sacred Valley: Ayahuasca Pilgrimage in Peru.” Department of Social Inquiry, La Trobe University, Victoria, Australia. 2022.
- Cultural Advisor, [Kahpi](#) – The Ayahuasca Hub, 2019-present.
- Scientific Committee Member. International Society for Academic Research on Shamanism (ISARS), 2015-17.
- Founding member. International Society for the Academic Research on Shamanism (ISARS), 2014.
- Executive Committee Member-at-Large. Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness (SAC), 2013-18.
- Program Co-chair of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, 2010-11.
- Co-director. Wisconsin Young Women’s Agenda, 2010.
- Executive Committee Member-at-Large. Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, 2009-11.
- Selection Committee Member. Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness Annual Meeting, 2008-09.

### Editorial Service

- Associate Editor, [The Journal of Psychedelic Studies](#), 2025-.
- Associate Editor, [Psychedelics](#), 2025-.
- Guest Associate Editor, Special Issue on “Psychedelic Sociality: Pharmacological and Extrapharmacological Perspectives.” [Frontiers in Pharmacology](#), 2020-22.
- Reviewer for Oxford Bibliographies, 2019.
- Guest Co-Editor. Special issue of ISARS 2015 Conference Proceedings. [Shaman](#) 25(1-2), 2016-17.
- Book reviewer, Oxford University Press, 2015.

Guest Editor. Special issue on “Ayahuasca and Healing.” [\*Anthropology of Consciousness\*](#) 23(1), 2011-12.

Grant Proposal Reviewer: [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council](#) (Canada)

[Ad hoc reviewer:](#)

*African Journal of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicines*

*American Ethnologist*

*Anthropologica (Peru)*

*Anthropology and Humanism*

*Anthropology of Consciousness*

*Ethnos*

*Frontiers in Pharmacology*

*Human Ecology*

*Journal of Extreme Anthropology*

*The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*

*The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*

*Psychedelics*

*Religions*

*Shaman*

*Sociological Forum*

*Transcultural Psychiatry*

### **University Service (University of Crete)**

Member of the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Department of Sociology (2024-)

Member of the Committee for the Certification of Doctoral Studies (2024-)

Member of the Internship Objections Committee (2024-27)

Alternate member of the Committee for the Receipt of All Kinds of Materials and the Execution of Works of the Department of Sociology (2024-)

Member of the General Assembly of the Department of Sociology

### **University Service (Kent State University)**

Undergraduate Student Advising, Kent State University, 2018-2021.

[Digital Humanities Lab](#) Collective, worked on founding a research/ teaching lab in collaboration with colleagues in the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2018-2021.

Anthropology Student Organization Faculty Advisor, Kent State University, 2018-2019.

Member of the Global Understanding Initiative, Kent State University, 2018-2021.

Graduate Studies Committee member (Department of Anthropology), 2016-2019.

Departmental representative on the Academic Hearing Panel, Kent State University, 2016-2021.

Departmental representative for various student recruiting events, Kent State University, 2014-2020.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Remote Instruction Workshop, Center for Teaching and Learning, Kent State University, July 2020.

Faculty Success Program ([National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity](#)), Spring 2018.

Peer Group Mentoring Program for Under-Represented Minority Faculty, Kent State University, 2016-2018.

Mentoring Trio Program (with John Moeller and Angela Kueny), Luther College, 2012-2013.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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- 2023 Quoted, “Shamanism: what you need to know about the fastest-growing ‘religion’ in England and Wales,” [The Conversation](#), Jan 5
- 2022 Quoted, “Ayahuasca Facilitators Reveal What to Expect in an Ayahuasca Ceremony,” [Mindbetter](#), Aug 20
- 2022 Quoted, “Aaron Rodgers said taking the psychedelic drug ayahuasca led to ‘the best season of my career’,” [Insider](#), Republished in Spanish: [Doha Roots](#), Aug 5
- 2021 Quoted, “On Sacred Reciprocity: Giving Back to our Indigenous Predecessors in the Psychedelic Movement,” [Psychedelic Spotlight](#), Oct 11
- 2021 Interviewed and quoted, “Curious About Shamans? Here’s What You Need to Know,” [Yoga Journal](#), Jan 25
- 2020 Interviewed and quoted, “The Promise & Peril of Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy,” [mindbodygreen](#), Dec 10
- 2020 Quoted, “Psychedelic Scientists Should Honor Indigenous Plants and Traditions,” [Chacruna](#), Nov 10
- 2020 Interviewed and quoted, “The Colonization of the Ayahuasca Experience,” [JSTOR Daily](#), Nov 4
- 2020 Interviewed and quoted, “How a vomit-inducing psychedelic drug went from spiritual practice to Westernized ‘wellness’ treatment,” [Insider](#), Aug 13, [Business Insider Italia](#), Aug 18
- 2020 Interviewed and quoted, “In Peru, shamanism is booming business by ayahuasca-hype (In Peru is sjamanisme booming business door ayahuasca-hype),” [NRC](#), Feb 28
- 2019 Interviewed and quoted, “Jungle Call (Зов джунглей),” [NV Magazine](#), Oct 17
- 2019 Excerpt from Ayahuasca Shamanism in the Amazon and Beyond, [Reality Sandwich](#), Oct 15
- 2019 Quoted, “Ayahuasca Tourism: Shamans, Charlatans and Thousand-dollar Retreats,” [Verge](#), June 4
- 2019 Quoted, “Is Ayahuasca an Antidote to Modern Life?” [Medium](#), Feb 18
- 2019 Interviewed, “Talking Shamanism and Black Magic with Ayahuasca Researcher Evgenia Fotiou,” [PROHBTD](#)
- 2018 Quoted, “5 Common Misunderstandings about Ayahuasca Demystified,” [Alternet](#), April 3.
- 2018 Interviewed and quoted, “Why You Vomit on Ayahuasca,” [Tonic](#), March 28.



- 2017 Interviewed and quoted, “How Ayahuasca Tourism Jeopardized Traditional Medicine,” *The Atlantic*, August 4.
- 2017 Interviewed and quoted, “The Perils and Privileges of Ayahuasca,” [\*SAPIENS\*](#), August 3.
- 2016 Quoted, “Ayahuasca as Antidote,” [\*Reality Sandwich\*](#), September 17
- 2011 Interviewed and quoted, “Meet Mother Ayahuasca,” [\*Science Notes\*](#).
- 2010 Interviewed and quoted, “The possibilities and risks of ayahuasca as a sacred pilgrimage,” [\*Matador Network\*](#), Nov 8.
- 2004 Three Interviews, *Bulgarian National Radio* on Ayahuasca and traditional medicine in the Peruvian Amazon, Sofia, Bulgaria, June.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Anthropology of Tourism (AAA Interest Group)

Association for the Anthropology of Consciousness (AAA section)

International Society for Academic Research on Shamanism (ISARS)

Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America (SALSA)

## LANGUAGES

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Greek (Native), Spanish (Fluent), German (Fluent), Portuguese (Conversant)