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EDUCATION

- 1998 Ph.D., Joint Program in the Departments of Anthropology and Population Dynamics, Johns Hopkins University

 Dissertation: Expert and Everyday Perceptions of Prenatal Health Risks: An Ethnography of Cigarette Smoking and Fetal Politics in the U.S.
- 1994 M.A., Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
- 1990 B.A., *summa cum laude*, Department of Anthropology, with a minor in Women's Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Patricia O'Brien Senior Honors Thesis Award
- 1988 Certificate in Women's Studies, Antioch University Women's Studies Program in Europe

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2002- Associate Professor, Women's Studies Program, Department of Anthropology, and Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1998-2002 Assistant Professor, Women's Studies Program, and Department of Anthropology University of California, Santa Barbara
- Spring
1998 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Risk, Culture, and Health Inequality: Shifting Perceptions of Danger and Blame, eds. Barbara Herr Harthorn and Laury Oaks. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2003.

Smoking and Pregnancy: The Politics of Fetal Protection. Rutgers University Press, 2001.

Articles and Chapters

“The Social Politics of Health Risk Warnings: Competing Claims about the Link between Abortion and Breast Cancer.” In Risk, Culture, and Health Inequality: Shifting Perceptions of Danger and Blame, eds. Barbara Herr Harthorn and Laury Oaks. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2003.

Antiabortion Positions and Young Women’s Life Plans in Contemporary Ireland.” *Social Science and Medicine* 2003 56:1973-86.

‘Abortion is part of the Irish experience, it is part of what we are:’ The Transformation of Public Discourses on Irish Abortion Policy. *Women’s Studies International Forum* 2002 25(3): 315-333.

‘Pro-Woman, Pro-Life’? The Emergence of Pro-Life Feminism in Irish Anti-Abortion Discourses and Practices. *Irish Journal of Feminist Studies* 2000 4(1):73-90.

Smoke-Filled Wombs and Fragile Fetuses: The Social Politics of Fetal Representation. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 2000 26(1):63-108.

Irish Trans/national Politics and Locating Fetuses. In Lynn M. Morgan and Meredith W. Michaels, eds. Fetal Subjects, Feminist Positions, pp. 175-198. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1999.

Irishness, Eurocitizens, and Defining Abortion. In Sarah Franklin and Helena Ragoné, eds. Reproducing Reproduction: Kinship, Power, and Technological Innovation, pp. 132-155. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1999.

Emily Martin, Laury Oaks, Karen-Sue Taussig, and Ariane van der Straten. AIDS, Knowledge, and Discrimination in the Inner City: An Anthropological Analysis of Experiences of Injection Drug Users. In Gary L. Downey and Joseph Dumit, eds. Cyborgs and Citadels: Anthropological Interventions on the Borderlands of Technoscience, pp. 49-66. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1998.

SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT

Medicine and Health Care; The Anthropology of Health and Medical Science;
The Politics of Public Health; Perspectives on Women’s Health; The Politics of Women’s Choices: Reproduction and Reproductive Technologies; Feminist Research and Practice;
Graduate Seminar: Issues in Feminist Epistemology and Pedagogy; Graduate Seminar: Feminist Perspectives on Medicine, Science, and Technology

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Association for Feminist Anthropology • Elected Member, Executive Board (2002-05)
Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
Society for Medical Anthropology
National Women’s Studies Association