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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2014, Anthropology, Brandeis University

M.A., 2011, Anthropology and Women's and Gender Studies, Brandeis University

B.A., 2004 History, magna cum laude, Fordham University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2014- Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Pacific University

2012 Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, National University of Samoa

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

2013 McCullough, Megan, and Jessica Hardin, eds. *Reconstructing Obesity: The Measure of Meanings, the Meaning of Measures*. New York: Berghahn Books.

Refereed Journal Articles

Forthcoming. Hardin, Jessica. "Samoan Criticisms of Fat Pastors: Rethinking the Fat-Positive-Fat-Stigma Framework." Special Issue *Fat Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Body Weight and Society*, guest edited by Lynne Gerber, Susan Hill and LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant.

Forthcoming. Hardin, Jessica and Christina Kwauk. "Producing Markets, Producing People: Local Food, Financial Prosperity, and Health in Samoa." *Food, Culture, and Society*.

2014 Hardin, Jessica. "Everyday Translation: Health Practitioners' Perspectives on Obesity and Metabolic Disorders in Samoa." *Critical Public Health*. DOI:10.1080/09581596.2014.909581.

2012 Dryden, Eileen, Jessica Hardin, Julia McDonald, Elsie Taveras, and Karen Hacker. "Electronic Decision Supports for Obesity Prevention." *Clinical Pediatrics* 51(5): 490-497.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming. “‘God is Your Health’: Healing Metabolic Disorders in Samoa.” In *Conflicts and Convergences: Critical Perspectives on Christianity in Australia and the Pacific*, edited Carolyn Schwarz and Fiona Magowan, 98-126. Leiden: Brill.
- 2013 Hardin, Jessica. "Fasting for Health, Fasting for God: Samoan Evangelical Christian Responses to Obesity and Chronic Disease." In *Reconstructing Obesity: The Measure of Meanings, the Meaning of Measures*, edited by Megan McCullough and Jessica Hardin, 107-130. New York: Berghahn Books.

Book and Film Reviews

- Forthcoming. Hardin, Jessica. Review of Biltekoff, Charlotte (2013). *Eating Right in America: The Cultural Politics of Food and Health*. Allegra.
- Forthcoming. Hardin, Jessica. Review of Saethre, Eirik (2013). *Illness Is a Weapon: Indigenous Identity and Enduring Afflictions*. *American Ethnologist*.
- 2014 Hardin, Jessica. Review of Jutel, Annemarie Goldstein and Kevin Dew (2014). *Social Issues in Diagnosis: An Introduction for Students and Clinicians*. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.
- 2014 Hardin, Jessica. Review of Joshi, Vibha (2012). *A Matter of Belief: Christian Conversion and Healing in North-East India*. Anthrocybib. June 9.
- 2014 Hardin, Jessica. Review of Suhr, Christian and Ton Otto (2011). *Unity through Culture*. *Anthropology News*, June.
- 2014 Hardin, Jessica. Review of Patterson, Mary and Martha Macintyre (2011). *Managing Modernity in the Western Pacific*. *The Contemporary Pacific* 26(1) 249-251.
- 2013 Hardin, Jessica. Review of Wentzell, Emily (2013). *Maturing Masculinities: Aging, Chronic Illness, and Viagra in Mexico*. Association of Feminist Anthropology Book Reviews.
- 2013 Hardin, Jessica. Review of Gershon, Ilana (2012). *No Family is an Island: Cultural Expertise among Samoans in Diaspora*. *Pacific Affairs* 86(3): 72-73.
- 2013 Hardin, Jessica. Review of Mendenhall, Emily (2013). *Syndemic Suffering: Social Distress, Depression, and Diabetes Among Mexican Immigrant Women*. Somatosphere.

Under Review

- Hardin, Jessica. “The Limits of Biomedicine: Evangelical and Biomedical Healing Temporalities in Samoa.” *Medical Anthropology*. Second submission.

Hardin, Jessica. "Claiming Pule, Manifesting Mana: Ordinary Ethics and Pentecostal Self-making in Samoa." For *New Mana: Re-theorizing Mana across the Pacific*, edited by Matt Tomlinson and Ty Kawika Tengan.

Hardin, Jessica. "Challenging Authority, Averting Risk: Intersectionality and Interpreting Christian Ritual in Samoa." *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, special issue, "Ritual Risk and Emergent Efficacy: Ethnographic Studies in Christian Ritual." Guest edited by Hillary Kaell and Jessica Hardin.

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

- 2014 Civic Engagement Mini-Grant, Pacific University
- 2013 Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) Placement Grant for the Diabetes Association of Samoa
- 2013 BOLLI Scholar, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- 2012 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2012 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant: Panel ranked proposal in fundable category "Competitive High Priority"
- 2011 Provost Award
- 2011 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Anthropology
- 2011 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Anthropology
- 2011 Mellon Dissertation Research Grant
- 2011 Graduate Student Association Award
- 2010 Fulbright-Hays Advanced Samoan Language Abroad
- 2010 Affiliate Student, UCLA, Center for Language, Interaction, and Culture (CLIC)
- 2010 Manner's Paper Prize
- 2010 Women's and Gender Study Graduate Grant
- 2009 Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research Grant
- 2009 Mellon Dissertation Research Grant
- 2009 Sachar Award
- 2009 Best Paper Prize, Greater Boston Anthropology Consortium at Wellesley College
- 2008 Fannie and Simon Shamroth Endowed Fellowship (5 years)
- 2008 Otto and Mynette Bresky Endowed Fellowship (5 years)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Genders, Sexualities, and Culture
- Good Food: Culture, Consumption, and Production
- Medicine, Body, and Culture
- Doing Ethnography
- Embodied Culture: The Experiential and Textual Body, University Writing Seminar
- Pacific Island Cultures
- Social Research Methods

INVITED TALKS

- 2014 “Embedded Narratives: Pentecostal Conversion and Metabolic Illness in Samoa.” Yale Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium Series. December 4.
- 2013 “Ethnography, Chronic Disease, and Community-Based Research.” Population Science Discussion Group. Dana Farber Cancer Institute. July 24.
- 2013 “Conversion as Well-Being Wayfinding: Samoan Spiritual Responses to Heart Attacks, Strokes, and Sepsis.” University Seminar in the Anthropology of Religion, Teachers College, Columbia University. January 31.
- 2012 “Intersecting Agendas: An Ethnography of Evangelical Churches and Public Health in Samoa.” Centre for Samoan Studies, National University of Samoa. October 10.
- 2012 “Faith and Health: Perspectives on Non-Communicable Diseases in Samoa.” Ministry of Health, Samoa. May 15.
- 2010 “Understanding *Anapogi* [Fasting]: Preliminary Observations.” Department of Social Science, National University of Samoa. July 20.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 “New Food in Samoa: Elemental Negotiations of Food Categories,” with Christina Kwauk. Working Session II. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Santa Fe, February 3-8.
- 2014 “Spiritual Etiologies: Evangelical Christian Evidence of Inequalities and Metabolic Disorders in Samoa.” American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 3-7.
- 2014 “Critique and the (un)Productivity of Wealth: Gift-giving, Tithing, and Christian Debate in Samoa.” Society for Cultural Anthropology, Detroit, May 9-10.
- 2014 “‘It’s almost like paying for praying’: Alternative Economies of Blessings and Valuation.” American Ethnological Society, Boston, April 10-12.
- 2014 “The Chronicity of Healing: Conflicting Biomedical and Christian Healing Temporalities.” Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, March 18-22.
- 2014 “New Food in Samoa: Elemental Negotiations of Food Categories,” with Christina Kwauk. Working Session I. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Kona, February 5-8.

- 2013 “The World Trade Organization Accession of a Pacific Island: Policy Processes and Food System Consequences in Samoa” with Nicholas Petersdorf, Shawn Arita, and Christina Kwauk. Yale Food Systems Symposium, New Haven, October 18-19.
- 2013 “‘Father released me from her:’ Mentoring Friendships and Gendered Social Support among Evangelical Christians in Samoa.” SPA Invited Panel. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 20-24.
- 2013 “Engaging the Counterfeit and Developing Worship Style among an Intercessory Prayer Group in Samoa.” American Ethnological Society, Chicago, April 11-13.
- 2013 “Producing Healthy Food: Negotiating Meaning, Building Exports, and Addressing Obesity in independent Samoa,” with Christina Kwauk. Informal Session. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, San Antonio. February 6-9.
- 2012 “Mentalities and Priorities: Public Health Struggles with Health and Well-being Approaches to Body Size and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).” Working Session. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, San Antonio. February 6-9.
- 2012 “*Ai afu* [Eating Sweat]: The *Mana* and Ethics of the Fat Pastor’s Body in Independent Samoa.” American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 14-18.
- 2012 “Power Lies in the Tongue: Addressing Metabolic Disorders through Fashioning Intentionality among Evangelical Christians in (independent) Samoa.” American Ethnological Society, New York City, April 19-21.
- 2012 “Food Availability and Health Choices: Reconsidering Risk and Reciprocity in Independent Samoa.” Informal Session. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Portland, February 9-11.
- 2011 “Christian Solutions to Chronic Problems: Healing Diabetes in Samoa.” SAR Invited Panel. American Anthropological Association, Montreal, November 16-20.
- 2011 “Physician’s Perspectives on Electronic Decision Support Alerts for Obesity” with Eileen Dryden, Karen Hacker, Julia McDonald, Elsie Taveras. Poster at The Scientific Meeting of The Obesity Society, Orlando, October 1-5.
- 2011 “Body Idioms and Fasting: Charismatic Samoan Approaches to Obesity and Chronic Illness.” Working Session. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Honolulu, February 9-13.
- 2011 “Transactional Moralities: Charismatic Challenges to Exchange.” Working Session. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Honolulu, February 9-13.

- 2011 “Challenging Exchange, Fashioning Emotions: Learning to *Alofa* [Love].” Society for Psychological Anthropology, Santa Monica, March 31-April 3.
- 2010 “Reviewing Samoan Exchange: Personhood & Representation.” European Society for Oceanists conference, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, July 5-8.
- 2010 “Prayer as a Social Activity” with Alessandro Duranti and Anna Corwin. Discourse Lab, UCLA, Los Angeles, May 19.
- 2010 “Eating the Word: Fasting and Eating in Making Moral Samoan Persons.” SAFN/SMA Invited Panel. American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 16-21.
- 2009 “Food, Feasting, and Embodiment: Dealing with Chronic Illness and Maintaining Social Relationships in American Samoa.” SAFN Invited Panel. American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 1-6.
- 2009 “Intersecting Samoan Discourses: Embodiment and Chronic Illness.” Society for Medical Anthropology, Yale University, New Haven, September 24-27.
- 2009 “Shifting Body Ideals, Food Practices, and Health: Samoan Women in Hawaii.” American Ethnological Society, Vancouver, May 13-16.
- 2009 “Taro or Burgers?: Meals, Space, Place, and *Fa'a Samoa* [the Samoan way].” Northeastern Anthropological Association, Providence, March 13-14.
- 2009 “Constructing Social Boundaries: Remaking *Fale Aitu* [Spirit Theatre] in Hawaii.” Greater Boston Anthropology Consortia, Wellesley College, Wellesley, February 27.
- 2008 “Folk Knowledge, Medical Canon, and Preventable Disease: American Samoa and Hawaii.” East West Center, Bali, Indonesia, November 13-15.

PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2015 “Friendship and Peer Relationships,” with Mary Good. Informal Session. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Santa Fe, February 5-8.
- 2014 “Medicalizing Religion, Spiritualizing Medicine: Producing Knowledge at the Intersections.” American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 3-7.
- 2014 “Visibilization and Concealment: Social Critique and Anthropologies of Value.” American Ethnological Society, Boston. April 10-12.

- 2014 “Temporalities of Metabolic Disorders: Considering Time in Illness Experience and Interventions,” with Rochelle Rosen. Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, March 18-22.
- 2014 “Friendship and Peer Relationships,” with Mary Good. Informal Session. Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Kona, February 5-8.
- 2013 “Institutional Publics and Futures: How Social Support Emerges from Friendship and Peerhood,” with Anna Corwin. SPA Invited Panel. American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 20-24.
- 2013 “Ethnographies of Ritual Failure and Contestation.” American Ethnological Society, Chicago, April 11-13.
- 2011 “Healing Legacies: Bridging Medical Anthropology and the Anthropology of Religion,” with Anna Corwin. SAR Invited Panel. American Anthropological Association, Montreal, November 16-20.
- 2010 “Circulating Discourses: Obesity, Body Size, Fatness, and Anthropological Debates about Methods, Ethics, and Representation in Obesity Research,” with Megan McCullough. SMA/SAFN Invited Panel. American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 16-21.
- 2009 “Articulations and Experiences: Biomedicines in the Asia Pacific Region.” Society for Medical Anthropology conference, Yale University, New Haven, September 24-27.

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2013 Research Consultant, Institute for Community Health
 2011 Writing Evaluator, University Writing Program, Brandeis University
 2010 Research Assistant to Alessandro Duranti, UCLA
 2007-2011 Academic Advisor, English Language Learners Program, Brandeis University

SERVICE

- Graduate Student Board Member, American Ethnological Society, 2011-2014
 Reviewer: *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, *Medical Anthropology*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Food and Foodways*, *Suomen Antropologi*, *Public Health Nutrition*, *Food, Culture, and Society*, *Human Organization*, National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Program
 New York City Pacific Studies Working Group, 2013
 Editor, *Student Anthropologist*, 2011-2013
 Coordinator, CLIC annual conference, UCLA, 2010
 Book Review Editor: *Popular Anthropology Magazine*, 2010