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Current Research Interests:

- I am working on a book manuscript, based on a full-time, mixed methods study of faith community nursing's impact on the health of clients and this specialty nursing's potential to cut health care costs through providing health education and preventive health care.
- I am developing a research project on resettled refugees' use and adaptation of cultural practices, positively affecting their health and wellbeing.

Degrees:

- 2005: Ph. D. in Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2000-2005).
Dissertation title: *Blaming Others for HIV/AIDS in an Urban Township in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe: Witchcraft Beliefs and Sorcery Suspicions.*
- 2005: Certificate in African Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2000-2005).
- 2000: M. A. in Anthropology, Catholic University, Washington, DC (2000-2005).
Thesis-paper title: *Religious Beliefs at the Service of Nationalist Politics in Joshua Nkomo's Writings.*
- 1990: Magister der Theologie (M. A. in Theology), Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, Mödling, Austria (1982-1990). Thesis title: *Der Weg der Kirche Tansanias zu den Kleinen Christlichen Gemeinschaften und deren Spezifische Prägung durch den Tansanischen Sozialismus [The Pathway of the Tanzanian Church towards Small Christian Communities and their Specific Character Due to the Influence of the Tanzanian Socialism].*
- 1990: Baccalaureatus Theologiae (M. A. in Theology – no thesis requirement), Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome, Italy.

Languages:

- German: mother tongue.
- English: fluency in reading, writing, and speaking.
- Ndebele (Zimbabwean Bantu language): fluency in reading, writing, and speaking.

Appointments:

- 2018 –: Advisory Board Member of Holy Name University’s journal *Lumina: An Interdisciplinary Research and Scholarly Journal*.
- 2017 –: Advisory Board Member of Lexington Press’ book series *Crossing Borders in a Global World: Applying Anthropology to Migration, Displacement, and Social Change*.
- 2014 –: Member of Board of Trustees of Divine Word College, Epworth, IA
- 2012 –: Tenured associate professor in anthropology at Creighton University with a secondary appointment as associate professor in psychiatry at the Creighton University Medical School.
- 2009 –: Advisory Board Member of the University of Florida’s *African Studies Quarterly*.
- 2015 – 2018: Treasurer of the Society for Medical Anthropology.
- 2007 – 2012: Assistant professor in anthropology at Creighton University with a secondary appointment as assistant professor in psychiatry at the Creighton University Medical School.
- 2006 – 2007: Member of the editorial team of *Anthropos*, Anthropos Institute, Sankt Augustin, Germany.
- 2006 – 2007: Lector for cultural anthropology, Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, Sankt Augustin, Germany.

Membership in Professional Organizations:

- AIDS and Anthropology Research Group
- American Anthropological Association
- Anthropos International
- Society for Applied Anthropology
- Society for Medical Anthropology

Selected Awards and Honors:

- 2017: Co-PI of a research project (Dr. Jozef Welie is the PI) that received a Dr. George F. Haddix President’s Faculty Research Award.
- 2016: CHI Health grant to develop, together with a medical anthropology graduate student, an assessment tool for faith communities to review their health-related infrastructure.
- 2014: CHI Health grant, covering about 50% of my annual salary from July 1, 2014, to August, 2015.
- 2014: PI of a research project that received a Dr. George F. Haddix President’s Faculty Research Award
- 2014: Kripke Center grant to support my 2014/2015 sabbatical research.
- 2014: Society of the Divine Word grant to support my 2014/2015 sabbatical research.
- 2013: Summer Faculty Fellowship Research Grant, Creighton University, Omaha
- 2012: Co-PI of a research project (PI is Dr. Laeth Nasir) that received a Dr. George F. Haddix President’s Faculty Research Award
- 2010: Elected as Fellow in the Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2010: E-Fellowship for the 2010/11 academic year, Creighton University, Omaha
- 2009: Summer Faculty Fellowship Research Grant, Creighton University, Omaha

- 2009: Extended Faculty Immersion, Creighton University, Omaha
- 2008: Selected to participate in the Undergraduate Curriculum Development Institute, Crystal City
- 2004: European Union Conference Grant of the European Association of Social Anthropologists
- 2004: John Goggin Research Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida
- 2003: Research Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Zimbabwe
- 2003: Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, National Science Foundation
- 2003: David Niddrie Award of the Center for African Studies, University of Florida

Courses Currently Taught:

Undergraduate:

- ANT 113 – Introduction to Anthropology: Determinants of Health
- ANT 317 – Global Health: A Biosocial and Justice-Oriented Approach
- ANT 418 – Health Care, Society, and Culture
- ANT 491 – Applied Research: Needs Assessment and Program Evaluation
- ANT 561 – Definitions of Health – Implications for Care (study abroad course)

Publications:

Books or Edited Volumes:

- Rödlach, A. (in preparation). *Touching Lives – Improving Health – Transforming Communities and Society: Faith Community Nursing and Health Ministries*.
- Nelson, A., Rödlach, A., and Willems R., eds. (2019). *The Crux of Refugee Resettlement: Rebuilding Social Networks*. Lanham: Lexington Books.
- Kirby, J., Rödlach, A., and Zackaria, V., eds. (2017). *Stories of our Intercultural Living and Mission*. Rome: Generalizia Curia. [this volume is also available in Spanish]
- Rödlach, A. (2006). *Witches, Westerners, and HIV: AIDS and Cultures of Blame in Africa*. Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press.

The book was reviewed by:

- Kearsley A. Stewart in *AIDS Research and Therapy*, 2007, 4:5, doi:10.1186/1742-6405-4-5.
- Anne Marie Martindale in *Medical Sociology*, 2007, July, 33-34.
- Anthony Billaud in *Sciences Sociales et Santé*, 2007, 25:1, 103-107.
- Hanne O. Morgensen in *Anthropos*, 2007, 102, 643-644.
- Sharon Billon in *Ethics and Medicine*, 2007, 23:2, 190.
- Brooke Grundfest Schoepf in *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 2008, 197-199.
- Katherine Luongo in *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft*, 2008, Summer, 101- 104.
- Mary Moran in *Journal of Anthropological Research*, 2008, 64, 306-307.
- Gary Linn in *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 2008, 1008-1010.
- Colita Nichols Fairfax in *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 2008, 18:4, 500-502.
- Diana Espirito-Santo in *Anthropology & Medicine*, 2008, 15:3, 271-272.
- Joseph Hellweg in *American Anthropologist*, 2008, 110:4, 528-529.
- Allison Goebel in *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 2009, 43:1, 208-211.
- Melissa Graboyes in *H-Net Reviews*, 2009, April, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=24594>
- Preston-Whyte, E. in *Global Public Health*, 2010, 5:1, 102-104.

Co-edited journal issues with co-authored introductory chapters:

- Lewis, D and Rödlach, A. (accepted for publication). Introduction to Resilience and Wellbeing: Case Studies in Forced Migration. *Migration Letters*.
- Dilly, B. and Rödlach, A. (2011). *Religion, Health, and Healing: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry*. Journal of Religion and Society Supplement Series 7. Omaha: The Kripke Center.
- Brenton, B. P., Mazzeo, J., and Rödlach, A. (2011). HIV/AIDS and Food Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Solutions. *Annals of Anthropological Practice* 35(1). Malden: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Rödlach, A. and Turkon, D. (2009). Interdisciplinarity and Collaboration in Responding to HIV and AIDS in Africa: Anthropological Perspectives. *African Journal for AIDS Research* 8(4).
- Rödlach, A. and Maynard-Tucker, G. (2008). Understanding and Responding to HIV/AIDS on the African Continent. *Practicing Anthropology* 30(4).

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals/Volumes:

- Rödlach, A. (accepted for publication). Refugee Health and Religion – Karenni Catholics in Omaha, United States. *Migration Letters*.
- Heinemann, L., Herzog C., Minnich, M., Mitchell, C., Nasir, L., Rödlach, A., Desai, C. and Kim, M. with commentaries by Tluang, J. and Magar, G. (2019). The Competing and Shifting Relevance of Social Capital in Successful Refugee Resettlement. In *The Crux of Refugee Resettlement: Rebuilding Social Networks*. Nelson A., Rödlach, A. and Willems R. (eds.). Pp. 3-28 Lanham: Lexington Books.
- Nelson, A., Rödlach, A. and Willems R., eds. (2019). Introduction. In *The Crux of Refugee Resettlement: Rebuilding Social Networks*. Pp. xi-xxxiv. Lanham: Lexington Books.
- Sullivan, W, Heng J., De Bono, C, Gleeson, G., Goulding, G., Jamieson, C, Tobin, B., Welie, J., and Participants in the Eighth International IACB Colloquium (2018). Healing Relationships and Transformations in Health Care: IACB Consensus Statement on Ethical Discernment and Practical Recommendations. *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 18(2):319-327.
- Rödlach, A. (2018). Religion as Social Capital for Resettled Refugees – Karenni Catholics in Omaha, United States. *Journal of Religion and Society; Supplement Series* 16:1-21.
- Rödlach, A. (2015). Child-Witches and the AIDS Epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Hexenkinder – Kinderbanden – Strassenkinder [Child-witches – Gangs of Children – Street Children]*. Wolfgang Behringer and Claudia Opitz-Belakhal (eds.). Pp. 447-467.
- Rödlach, A. (2013). Faith Community Nursing: An Emerging Ministry of Health and Healing Within the Church. *Verbum* 54(2):139-165.
- Frank, E. and Rödlach, A. (2013). To Disclose or Not to Disclose, That is the Question! Antiretroviral Therapy, Access to Resources, and Stigma in Southern Africa. *Journal of Southern African Studies* 39(1):119-133.
- Rödlach, A. (2012). Sins of Omission: Public Health and HIV/AIDS in Africa. *African Studies Quarterly* 14(4):81-87.
- Rödlach, A., Dlodlo, R., and Hwalima, Z. (2012). Perceptions of HIV, AIDS, and Tuberculosis among Patients on Antiretroviral Therapy in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe:

Implications for the Provision of HIV and TB Care. *African Journal for AIDS Research* 11(2):99-112.

- Marcos, L., Rosales, M. R., Rödlach, A., and Stone, J. (2012). Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim and University Researchers: Partnering in Community Health Development. *Practicing Anthropology* 34(1):37-40.
- Rödlach, A. (2011). Reflections of a Missionary-Anthropologist on the Response of the Society of the Divine Word to HIV/AIDS. *Verbum* 52(3):287-305.
- Rödlach, A. (2011). Religious Institutions and Volunteering to Provide Care to People Living with HIV and AIDS in Zimbabwe. *Religion, Health, and Healing: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry. Journal of Religion and Society Supplement Series 7*. Edited by Alexander Rödlach and Barbara Dilly. Omaha: The Kripke Center.
- Rödlach, A. (2011). “AIDS is in the Food”: Zimbabweans’ Associations between Nutrition and HIV/AIDS and Their Potential for Addressing Food Insecurity and HIV/AIDS. *HIV/AIDS and Food Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Solutions. Annals of Anthropological Practice* 35(1):219-238. Barrett Brenton, John Mazzeo, and Alexander Rödlach (eds.). Malden: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Rödlach, A. (2010). Popular Images of the AIDS Epidemic. Contemporary Wood Sculptures from Southern Zimbabwe. *African Arts* 43(2):54-67.
- Rödlach, A. (2009). Home-Based Care for People Living with AIDS in Zimbabwe: Voluntary Caregivers’ Concerns and Motivations. *African Journal for AIDS Research* 8(4):423-431.
- Rödlach, A. (2008). HIV/AIDS Prevention in Zimbabwe – Local Views and Adaptations. *Practicing Anthropology* 30(4):17-20.
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Kulturelle Identität: Zwischen Beharren und Wandel. Ethnologische Perspektiven [Between Continuity and Change. Ethnological Perspectives]. In Mensen, Bernhard (Hg.). *Identität und Integration [Identity and Integration]*. Akademie Völker und Kulturen. Band 29. Nettetal: Steyler Verlag. Pp. 57-83.
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Apocalypse Now – Interpretations of HIV/AIDS in an Urban Township in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. In Lüse, Agita and Imre Lázár (eds.). *Cosmologies of Suffering – Post-communist Transformations, Sacral Communication, and Healing*. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Pp. 206-229.
- Rödlach, A. (2001). Religious Beliefs at the Service of Nationalist Politics in Joshua Nkomo’s Writings. *Verbum* (42)1: 49-79.

Articles in Journals/Volumes That Are Not Peer-Reviewed:

- Heinemann, L, M. Minnich, L. Nasir, A. Rödlach, D. Travers Gustafson, C. Herzog, and C. Mitchell (2013). Medical Interpreting for Burmese and Bhutanese Refugees in Omaha: Transforming Clinical and Community space. *Anthropology News* 54(11-12): 53-54.
- Marcos, L, R. Rosales, A. Rödlach, and J. Stone (2011). Maya Languages, Health, and Ethics: Issues in Health Needs Assessment Study in Omaha. Focus, Fall Issue. Electronic document: <http://chpe.creighton.edu/publications/focus/fall-2011/maya.htm> . Omaha: Center for Health Policy and Ethics.
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Gemeinnützige Gesellschaften und die Entwicklung von Konspirationstheorien in der Dritten Welt [Non-Profit Organizations and the Development of Conspiracy Theories in the Third World]. *GGRG* (01):24-35.
- Rödlach, A. (2005). Condom Beliefs in Zimbabwe. *AIDS and Anthropology Bulletin* (17)1: 3-5.

- Rödlach, A. (2004). Women, Dogs, and Sex: How to Make Sense of Statements on HIV/AIDS in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. *Aids and Anthropology Bulletin* (16)1: 4-7.

Book Reviews:

- Rödlach, A. (2019). Review of Biruk, Crystal (2018). *Cooking Data – Culture & Politics in an African Research World*. Durham: Duke University Press. (*Anthropos* 114[1] - accepted).
- Rödlach, A. (2017). Review of Mildnerová, Kateřina (2015). *From Where Does the Bad Wind Blow? Spiritual Healing and Witchcraft in Lusaka, Zambia*. Ethnologie/Anthropology series, Volume 49. Vienna: LIT. (*Anthropos* 112[1]:229-341).
- Rödlach, A. (2014). Review of Simmons, David's "Modernizing Medicine in Zimbabwe: HIV/AIDS and Traditional Healers," (2012). Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press. (*Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 28[3]:B23-B25).
- Rödlach, A. (2014). Review of Holmes, Seth's "Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States," (2013). Berkeley: University of California Press. (*Anthropos* 109[2]:699-700).
- Rödlach, A. (2013). Review of Parsons, Ross' "Growing Up with HIV in Zimbabwe: One Day This Will All Be Over," (2012). Woodbridge: James Currey. (*Anthropos* 108[1]:349-351).
- Rödlach, A. (2011). Review of Dilger, Hansjörg and Ute Luig's "Morality, Hope and Grief – Anthropologies of AIDS in Africa," (2010). Epistemologies of Healing Series, Volume 7. New York: Berghahn Books. (*Anthropos* 106[2]:654-656).
- Rödlach, A. (2010). Review of Patricia Whelehan's "The Anthropology of AIDS. A Global Perspective," (2009). Gainesville: University Press of Florida. (*Anthropos* 105[2]:693-694).
- Rödlach, A. (2010). Review of Leslie Butt and Richard Eves's "Making Sense of AIDS. Culture, Sexuality, and Power in Melanesia," (2008). Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. (*American Ethnologist* 37[1]:193-194).
- Rödlach, A. (2009). Review of Helga Jockenhövel-Schieke's "Soziale Reproduktion in den Zeiten von AIDS. Waisen und ihre Familien im ländlichen Tansania," [Social Reproduction in Times of AIDS. Orphans and Their Families in Rural Tanzania] (2008). Berlin: LIT Verlag. (*Anthropos* 105[2]:282-284).
- Rödlach, A. (2009). Review of Marc Epprecht's "Heterosexual Africa? The History of an Idea from the Age of Exploration to the Age of AIDS," (2008). Athens: Ohio University Press. (*Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 23[2]:185-187).
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Review of: David Westerlund's "African Indigenous Religions and Disease Causation: From Spiritual Beings to Living Humans," (2006). *Studies of Religion in Africa*. Vol. 28. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers. (*Anthropos* 102[2]:655-656).
- Rödlach, A. (2006). Review of: Matthias Schoormann's „Sozialer und religiöser Wandel in Afrika: Die Tonga in Zimbabwe,“ [Social and Religious Change in Africa: The Tonga in Zimbabwe] (2005). Serie Kulturelle Identität und politische Selbstbestimmung in der Weltgesellschaft. Vol. 11. Lit Verlag: Münster (*Anthropos* 101[2]: 651-652).
- Rödlach, A. (2006). Review of: Hansjörg Dilger's „Leben mit AIDS: Krankheit, Tod und soziale Beziehungen in Afrika,“ [Living with AIDS: Illness, Death, and Social Relationships in Africa] (2005). Campus Verlag: Frankfurt am Main (*Anthropos* 101[1]: 263-264).

- Rödlach, A. (2005). Review of: Philipus Tule's "Longing for the House of God, Dwelling in the House of the Ancestors: Local Belief, Christianity, and Islam among the Keo of Central Flores," (2004). *Studia Instituti Anthropos* Vol. 50. Fribourg: Academic Press (*Verbum* 46[3]: 361-364).
- Rödlach, A. (2005). Review of: Ulrike Kistner's "Commissioning and Contesting Post-Apartheid's Human Rights: HIV/AIDS - Racism - Truth and Reconciliation," (2003). *African Connections in Post-Colonial Theory and Literatures Series* Vol. 2. Lit Verlag. Münster (*Anthropos* 100[2]:620-622).
- Rödlach, A. (2004). Review of: Frans Wijzen and Peter Nissen's "Mission is a Must: Intercultural Theology and the Mission of the Church," (2002). *Church and Theology in Context Series* Vol. 40. Nijmegen Institute for Missiology. Amsterdam: Editions Rodopi (*Verbum* 45[1]: 101-104).
- Rödlach, A. (2002). Review of: Stefaan Lecleir's „Simeon Francois Berneux: Missionsbischof and Märtyrer in Korea," [Simeon Francois Berneux: Missionary Bishop and Martyr in Korea] (2002). Köln: Böhlau Verlag (*Verbum* 43[1]: 135-138).
- Rödlach, A. (2002). Review of: Martin Ott's "African Theology in Images," (2002). *Kachere Monograph* Vol. 12. Blantyre: CLAIM (*Verbum* 43[1]: 129-133).
- Rödlach, A. (2001). Review of: Oliver Alozie Onwubiko's "Missionary Ecclesiology: An Introduction." (2001). Enugu: Snaap Press (*Verbum* 42[2]: 247-248).

Research Report:

- Rödlach, Alexander and Renzo Rosales with Alyssa Beasley, Christina Case, Abby Draper, Lucia Rodriguez and Melissa Ulrich. St. Ann's Catholic Church's Parishioners' Perceptions of Community Needs, Parish Infrastructure, Development: Unified Parish, Engaged Leadership, Involved Youth and Improved Communication. Summary Report of a Qualitative Study from May 7, 2016, to March 17, 2017. The report was presented to St. Ann's Parish on March 18, 2017, and the final report submitted on March 22, 2017 (31 pages, single-spaced).
- Sanders, S., Ngelay, B., and Rödlach, A. (2016). Profile of the Karenni Community in Nebraska. Summary Report of a Mixed Methods' Study from June 1, 2015, to August 15, 2015, in Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska. Submitted to and approved by the Karenni Society of Nebraska in March 2016 (46 pages, single-spaced).
- Rödlach, A. (2015). Faith Community Nursing and Health Ministries in Religious Congregations: The Best-Kept Secret in Public Health. Summary Report of a Mixed Methods' Study from July 1, 2014, to August 1, 2015, on the Impact of Faith Community Nursing and Health Ministries Coordinated by the CHI Faith Community Health Network, Omaha. Submitted on November 10, 2015, to CHI Health Omaha (70 pages, single-spaced).

Workshop Leadership:

- 2018: Culture, Interculturality, and Intercultural Conflict (three-day workshop, Annual Ongoing Education, Nemi, Italy).
- 2018: Cultural Diversity: Enriching Our Experiences (Rotary's North American Youth Exchange Network, Omaha).
- 2018: Preparing for Cross-Cultural Encounters: Developing Intercultural Skills (Rotary's North American Youth Exchange Network, Omaha).

Invited Presentations:

- 2018: Culture, Clinical Care, and Intercultural Competence (Diabetes Conference, Health Center Association of Nebraska, August)
- 2018: Cultural Versus Intercultural Competence (Seminar at the Psychology Department at Karoli Gaspar University, Budapest, Hungary, June)
- 2017: The Human Face of HIV/AIDS: Medical Anthropology Research and Engagement with Individuals and Communities (Creighton University's MHSSA HIV Awareness Week, February).
- 2017: Culture, Clinical Care, and Intercultural Competence (University of Nebraska Medical Center – Monroe Meyer Institute – January).
- 2016: Medical Anthropology's Relevance for Health Care (Creighton University's Special Programs' Day – January).
- 2012: Explanations of HIV and AIDS in terms of the Witchcraft Paradigm (University of Florida – February).
- 2011: Keynote address for the official opening of an exhibition with artwork on HIV/AIDS (Divine Word College, Epworth – December).
- 2011: Disease and Sorcery Suspicions: The Example of HIV/AIDS (Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Creighton University Medical Center – March).

Available on the following

website: http://www.roedlach.org/lectures/video/lectures_lockcontent.html (password: lectures)

- 2010: Child-Witches and the AIDS Epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa (Symposium on Hexenkinder – Kinderbanden – Strassenkinder, Interdisciplinary Working Group for the Study of Witchcraft, Weingarten, Germany – October).
- 2009: Explaining Disease through Witchcraft and Sorcery: The Example of HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe (Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Brown University – November).
- 2009: AIDS Art in Zimbabwe (Medical Humanities Group, Omaha – November).
- 2009: Healthcare and Cultural Competency (Occupational Therapy Division, College of Saint Mary, Omaha – November).
- 2009: Zimbabwean AIDS Conspiracy Theories and the Healthcare Profession (Center for the Study of AIDS, University of Pretoria – July).
- 2009: Making a Killing in Zimbabwe: HIV/AIDS Conspiracy Suspicions and the Healthcare System (European Conference on African Studies, Leipzig).
- 2008: Panelist in the Annual Health Disparities Seminar – Focus on HIV/AIDS (Creighton University – April).
- 2008: Die HIV/AIDS Pandemie im Spiegel von Einheimischen Künstlern in Zimbabwe [The HIV/AIDS Pandemic Reflected in the Work of Indigenous Artists in Zimbabwe] (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms- Universität, Bonn – June).
- 2007: Ethnic Identity and National Integration (Akademie Völker u. Kulturen – Februar)
- 2006: Traditionelle Religionen in Afrika (Bad Honeff – November).
- 2006: Responding to the AIDS Disaster in Southern Africa (Mainz – October).
- 2006: Hexen, Hunde, oder Huren: Verbreitete Ansichten über den Ursprung von AIDS im südlichen Afrika (St. Augustin – June).

Conference Presentations:

- 2018: Religion as Social Capital for Resettled Refugees: The Case of Karenni Catholics in Omaha, Nebraska (Society for Applied Anthropology, Philadelphia).
- 2018: Intercultural Competence and Medical Student Education: Longitudinal Programming and a Proposed Method to Assess Outcomes. Presented together with

- Allison Lai (main author), Zachary Meyer, Daniel Munley, Therese Townley, and Jocelyn Wu (Consortium of Universities for Global Health Conference, New York).
- 2017: Refugees, Religion and Resettlement – The Case of the Karenni Catholics in Omaha (Kripke Center Symposium – Religion in Global Context, Omaha).
 - 2017: The Intercultural Development Inventory as a Cultural Competency and Sensitivity Measure for Medical Students Opting into a Local and Global Service Learning Organization. Presented together with Alison Lai, Joslyn Wu, Daniel Munley, Theresa Townley, and Zacharias Meyer (Global Health Conference Midwest).
 - 2016: Antiretroviral Treatment in Zimbabwe and the Rise of the Female Sorcerer (American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis).
 - 2016: Faith Community Nurses – Skillfully Navigating Health Care Policies and Church Doctrines (Society for Applied Anthropology, Vancouver).
 - 2016: The Intercultural Development Inventory as a Cultural Competency and Sensitivity Measure for Medical Students Opting into a Global Service Learning Program. Presented together with Wu, J., Lai, A. and Townley, T. (Global Health Conference Midwest).
 - 2015: Between God and Mammon: Faith Community Nurses’ Religious Calling to Care within the Context of Profit-Driven Health Care (American Anthropological Association, Denver)
 - 2015: The Competing and Shifting Relevance of Social Capitals in Successful Refugee Resettlement. Presented with Laura Heinemann, Claire Herzog, Margo Minnich, Celeste Mitchell, Laeth Nasir, Joseph Vorhees, Chaitri Desai and Melanie Kim (Society for Applied Anthropology, Pittsburgh).
 - 2015: Developing an Impact Measurement Tool: Clients’ Perceptions of Faith Community Nursing’s Impact on Their Health. Presented with Nicki Ayer and Ronnette Sailors (Westberg Symposium, Memphis).
 - 2014: Refugees and Social Capital as a Human Right. Presented with Laura Heinemann, Claire Herzog, Margo Minnich, Celeste Mitchell, Laeth Nasir and Dianne Travers Gustafson (Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque).
 - 2013: Collaboration Between Paid and Volunteered Professional Caregiving: The Example of Faith Community Nursing (American Anthropological Association, Chicago).
 - 2013: Parish Nursing (Center for Catholic Thought). Podcast made available by the Center: <http://cucatholicctr.org/2014/01/parish-nursing/>
 - 2013: Medical Anthropology and Missionary Priesthood (Center for Catholic Thought). Podcast made available by the Center: <http://cucatholicctr.org/2013/11/medical-anthropology-and-missionary-priesthood/>
 - 2012: Communities and Communication: Health Care for Bhutanese and Burmese Refugees in Omaha. Presented with Laura Heinemann, Margo Minnich, Laeth Nasir, and Dianne Travers Gustafson (American Anthropological Association, San Francisco).
 - 2012: Social Workers, Refugee Resettlement, and the Economic Crisis. Presented with Dr. Travers Gustafson, Dianne (Society for Applied Anthropology, Baltimore).
 - 2011: Community-Based Care for People Living with HIV and AIDS: Motivations of Voluntary Caregivers in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Presented with Dr. Dlodlo, Riitta (European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala, Sweden).
 - 2011: A Few Lessons Learned from Preparing for Participatory Health Research with the Mayan Community in Omaha. Presented with Dr. Stone, J. (Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle).

- 2010: Religious Institutions and Volunteering to Provide Patient Care – The Example of HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe (Kripke Center Symposium, Creighton University, Omaha).
- 2010: Hiding an HIV-Infection – Zimbabweans' Fears of People Living with HIV and AIDS on Antiretroviral Treatment (Society for Applied Anthropology, Merida). Podcast made available by the Society:
<http://sfaapodcasts.net/2010/04/04/sexual-risk-perceptions-and-behaviors-anthropologically-informed-stihiv-prevention-research-around-the-globe-sma/>
- 2009: Migration and Stress: The Sudanese in Omaha (Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe – March).
- 2008: AIDS in Africa: Explaining, Interpreting, and Fighting the Epidemic through Art (Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE).
- 2008: Home-Based Care for AIDS Sufferers in Zimbabwe – Patient Dumping or Successful Integration of Volunteers into the Health Care System (Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA).
- 2008: No Help for Healing at Home – AIDS, Emigration, and the Search for Healing (Biannual Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Ljubljana, Slovenia).
- 2008: AIDS is in the Food: Disease, Nutrition, and Social Change in Zimbabwe (Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, TN).
- 2007: Zimbabwean Women's Desires for Social and Cultural Equality and Its Association with Reducing Sexual Behavior Associated with a High Risk for an HIV-Infection (Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC).
- 2007: Preventing HIV Infection in Zimbabwe: Local Controversies and Creative Adaptations (Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, FL).
- 2006: Global Politics and the Attribution of Meaning to Diseases: Cold War Rhetoric and Zimbabwean AIDS Conspiracy Theories (Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Bristol, Britain).
- 2006: The "ABC"-Approach for Preventing HIV-Infection: Local Controversies and Popular Adaptations in Zimbabwe (Conference of the African Studies Association in Germany, Frankfurt am Main, Germany).
- 2005: Unfaithful Husbands, Traditional Potions, and HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe (Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe).
- 2004: Condom Beliefs in Zimbabwe (Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Dallas, TX).
- 2004: Interpreting the AIDS Epidemic and Prescribing Remedies: The Apocalyptic Metaphor among Urban Zimbabweans in Southern Zimbabwe (Biannual Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Vienna, Austria).