

DAVID SEAN SIMMONS

Curriculum Vitae

ADDRESS

Department of Anthropology
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EDUCATION

- Postdoc (2002-05) Program in Infectious Disease and Social Change, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School, funded through National Science Foundation
- Ph.D. (2002) Anthropology, Michigan State University
- MA (1994) Anthropology, Iowa State University
- BA (1988) French, Grinnell College

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Critical Medical Anthropology, International Public Health, Infectious Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Health and Human Rights, Ethnographic Methods in Health Research (Community Based Participatory Research), Health Disparities, Applied Anthropology, Cultural Issues of Development, Community Engagement, West and Southern Africa, Dominican Republic, Southern U.S.

LANGUAGES

- French: Fluent
- Spanish: Fluent
- Haitian Creole: Good oral comprehension and reading knowledge
- Yoruba: Limited oral and reading comprehension
- Shona: Limited oral and reading comprehension

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscripts

- 2012 Simmons, David
Modernizing Medicine in Zimbabwe: HIV/AIDS and Traditional Healers.
Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press
- N.D. Esperanza: Health and Human Rights on a Dominican Batey (under contract with:
Berkeley: University of California Press)

Peer-Reviewed Articles, Book Chapters and Essays

- 2021 Simmons, David
“Batey Studies as a Critical Area of Research and Intervention: A Reflection on
‘Structural Violence as Social Practice: Haitian Agricultural Workers, Anti-
Haitianism, and Health in the Dominican Republic’” *Human Organization* 80 (3):
246–255.
- 2019 Chiwoneso, T., Ingram, L., Frongillo, E., Blake, C., Simmons, D., Engelsman, B.
“Understanding the Social Environmental Influences on Pregnancy and Planning
for Pregnancy for Young Women in Harare, Zimbabwe.” *Maternal and Child
Health Journal*. doi.org/10.1007/s10995-019-028144
- 2018 Chiwoneso, T., Ingram, L., Frongillo, E., Blake, C., Engelsman, B., Simmons, D.
“Understanding Conceptualizations of Pregnancy and Planning for Pregnancy
among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Harare, Zimbabwe.” *Qualitative
Health Research* 28(9): 1509-1519.
- 2018 Chiwoneso, T., Ingram, L., Frongillo, E., Blake, C., Engelsman, B., Simmons, D.
“Conceptualizations of Nutrition and Food Choice Behaviors Among Adolescent
Girls and Young Women in Harare, Zimbabwe.” *The FASEB Journal* 31(S1)
- 2013 Pope, H., Watkins, K., McKeown, D. **Simmons, D.** & Miller, M.
“Church-Based Health Promotion Program Impact on Ethnically Diverse Older
Adults’ Social Support, Religiosity, and Spirituality.” *Journal of Religion,
Spirituality & Aging* 25(3): 238-257.

- 2011 Simmons, David
 “The Role of Ethnography in STI and HIV/AIDS Education and Promotion with Traditional Healers in Zimbabwe.” *Health Promotion International*
 doi:10.1093/heapro/dar004
- 2010 Shegog, M. L., Lindley, L. L., Thompson-Robinson, M., **Simmons, D.**, & Richter, D. L.
 “HIV/STI Risk Factors Among African-American Students Attending Predominantly White Universities.” *Journal of Health Disparities Research* 4(1):85-97
- 2010 Simmons, David
 “Structural Violence as Social Practice: Anti-Haitianism, Haitian Agricultural Workers, and Health in the Dominican Republic.” *Human Organization* 69(1): 10-18.
- 2009 Essuon, A., **Simmons, D.**, Stephens, T., Richter, D., Lindley, L., Braithwaite, R.
 “Linking HIV, Migrant Workers, and South African Male Inmates.” *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 20(2):40-52
- 2009 Simmons, David
 “Religion and Medicine at the Crossroads: A Re-examination of the Southern Rhodesian Influenza Epidemic of 1918.” *Journal of Southern African Studies* 35(1):29-44.
- 2009 Simmons, David
 “Healers’ Understandings of Indigenous Names for HIV/AIDS in Harare, Zimbabwe.” *AIDS Care* 21(2):231-234.
- 2006 Simmons, David
 “Of Markets and Medicine: The Changing Significance of Zimbabwean Muti (African Vernacular Medicine) in the Age of Intensified Globalization. In Tracy Leudke and Harry West (eds.) *Borders and Healers: Brokering Therapeutic Resources in Southeastern Africa*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Pp: 65-80.
- 2000 Simmons, David
 “Signs of the Times: Missionaries and Tribal Genesis in Southern Rhodesia.” *Transforming Anthropology* 9(2):3-18 Arlington: American Anthropological Association.

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2015 Simmons, David

- “The Fire This Time: Anthropologists Mobilize around Police Brutality and Violence.” *North American Dialogue* 18 (2):35-37
- 2015 Simmons, David
“ABA President on 2014 AAA Annual Meeting.” *Anthropology News* 56(1):
- 2013 Simmons, David
“What To Do While in the Windy City.” *Anthropology News* 54(7):10-11.
Arlington: American Anthropological Association.
- 2010 Simmons, David
“Anthropology-Led Community Engagement Programs.” *American Anthropologist* 112(4):643-645.
- 2009 Simmons, David
“Introducing Black Medical Anthropologists.” *Anthropology News* 50(8):40-41.
Arlington: American Anthropological Association.
- 2006 di Leonardo, M., Foster, K., Simmons, D. “Responding to Katrina.”
Anthropology News 47(3):38. Arlington: American Anthropological Association.
- 2006 Adams, R., Simmons, K., Simmons, D., et al. “Paying it Forward: Marking Thirty Years of the Association of Black Anthropologists.” (Introduced and compiled by Robert Adams, Jr. in *Transforming Anthropology*) *Transforming Anthropology* 15(1):63-76. Arlington: American Anthropological Association.
- 2002 “Simmons, David
(Un)Imagining Futures for the Disenfranchised.” *Anthropology News* 43(7):42-43. Arlington: American Anthropological Association.
- 2002 Simmons, David
“Walk of Death on a Dominican Batey.” *Anthropology News* 43(1):44.
Arlington: American Anthropological Association.
- 2000 Simmons, David
“African Witchcraft at the Millennium: Musings on a Modern Phenomenon in Zimbabwe.” *Journal of the International Institute* Winter 7(2):2-5 Ann Arbor: University of Michigan.
- 2000 Simmons, David
“On AIDS Drugs: A Mixed Blessing.” Letters to the Editor. *The New York Times*. May 15.
- 2000 Simmons, David
“White Africans and AIDS: A Challenge to Conventional Thinking.”
Anthropology News 41(7). Arlington: American Anthropological Association.

- 2000 “The Value of Human Life: Some Notes on AIDS in South Africa.” *Institute of International Health Newsletter*. 14(4). Michigan State University. East Lansing, Michigan.
- 2000 “Between Black and Dominican.” *Anthropology News* 41(4):53. Arlington: American Anthropological Association.

In Press (submitted)

Simmons, D. “An Epidemic of Isolation: Reflections on COVID-19, African Americans, and Structural Racism in the United States” in Susanna Hoffman and Virginia Garcia-Acosta (eds) *INPLACEMENT: GLOBAL OUTBREAKS AND THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF ISOLATION*, Berghahn Books. 2026.

Simmons, D. “Adaptations and Innovations: Contemporary Ethnography in a Globalized World” in eds. Bell, Melissa, Allison Anders, Marissa Yingling, and Ashlee Sjorgen, *Handbook of Research Methods and Methodologies for the Social Sciences*. Routledge. 2026.

In Progress

“Racial Assemblages Between the Dominican Republic and Haiti” in Jackson (ed) *The Routledge Handbook on Anthropology and Race*, Routledge 2027.

“The Historical Dimensions of Haitian Protestant Christianity in the Dominican Republic” in Joseph and Louis (eds.) *Haitian Protestant Christianity: Its Development, Social Functions, and Diasporic Dimensions*.

How Racism Travels: A Review of Michelle Christian’s *The Global Journey of Racism*. *The New West Indian Guide* (journal).

TEACHING

- 2010-present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and Department of Health Promotion Education and Behavior, University of South Carolina.
- 2005-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Department of Health Promotion Education and Behavior, University of South Carolina.
- 2000 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, in *Africa: Social Science Perspectives*.

- 1996 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, in Biocultural Evolution and Great Discoveries in Archaeology.
- 1995 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, in Society and the Individual.
- 1994 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Iowa State University, in Magic, Witchcraft and Religion.
- 1992-1993 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Iowa State University, in Linguistic Anthropology.

Corporate Experience

- 2001-2016 Resident Director, Council on International Educational Exchange Study Center's Summer Public Health Program in Santiago, Dominican Republic.
- 2001-2003 Acting Resident Director, Council on International Educational Exchange Study Center, Santiago, Dominican Republic. July-October 2001 and August-November 2003.
- 1990-1992 Associate Public Relations Representative, Meredith Corporation -- handled publicity for magazines with a circulation over 400,000. Managed syndicated news features with the L.A. Times and the Associated Press. Placed magazine editors on national morning talk shows.
- 1991 Loaned Executive to the United Way, Meredith Corporation -- Developed fund-raising strategies for the Des Moines-area businesses. Organized and presented fund-raising rallies at local businesses, August-November.
- 1989-1990 Staff Editor, *Country America* Magazine, Meredith Corporation -- Developed and wrote feature articles. Edited two departments in the magazine. Coordinated promotional activities.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (INCLUDING STUDENT COLLABORATIONS)

- 2025 "A Qualitative Exploration of Black Men Living with HIV." USC Office of the Vice President for Research. Grant period: 2025-26. \$11,000. Not funded.
- 2024 "Structural racism as a subdomain of access to prenatal healthcare in rural South Carolina." (co-PI with Kevin Bennett of the Research Center for Transforming Health) Racial Justice and Equity Research Fund, University of South Carolina. Grant period: 2024. \$15,000. Not funded.
- 2006 Ford Foundation, Katrina-Displaced Faculty Pilot Fellowship Program (Co-PI with Lezli Baskerville of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education). Grant period: 2006-2008. \$309,000.00
- 2005 CRISIS (Coastal Resiliency Information Systems Initiative for the Southeast), University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences (co-PI with Dr. Cleveland Sellars), for the study entitled, "Health, History, and Healing Among a Displaced People: Short-term and Long-term Impacts in the Wake of Katrina." Grant period: 2005-2006. \$25,000.00
- 2002 National Science Foundation Minority Post-Doc Research Fellow at the Program in Infectious Disease and Social Change, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Harvard University. Grant period: 2002-2005. \$150,000.00
- 1999 National Institutes of Health, Fogarty International Center, Institute of International Health, Michigan State University—Investigation of traditional healers' responses to HIV/AIDS in Harare, Zimbabwe. Along with Dr. William Derman, I was the co-principal investigator. Grant period 1999. \$7,000.00
- 1997 Martin Luther King, Jr.-Cesar Chavez-Rosa Parks (KCP) Future Faculty Program Fellow.
- 1997 Summer Research Acceleration Fellowship, The Graduate School, Michigan State University. \$3,000.00
- 1996 National Institutes of Health, Fogarty International Center, Institute of International Health, Michigan State University -- Investigation of traditional healers' responses to HIV/AIDS in Harare, Zimbabwe. Along with Dr. William Derman, I was the co-principal investigator. Grant period 1996. \$12,000.00
- 1995 National Institutes of Health, Fogarty International Center, Michigan State University—Investigation of University of Zimbabwe students' knowledge, attitudes, and practices with regard to HIV/AIDS. I was part of a

- multidisciplinary-disciplinary team headed by Dr. Harriette McAdoo, Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University. Grant period 1995. \$12,000.00
- 1994 Minority Competitive Doctoral Fellowship, Urban Affairs Program, Michigan State University, 1994-2000.
- 1992 Graduate Scholarship, Minority Student Affairs and the Graduate College, Iowa State University, 1992-94.

Supervision of Undergraduate Research

- 2015 Magellan, University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences, "National Development through Supplemental Nutrition and Education of the Dominican Youth: the Role of Caritas in Supporting the Basic Social Needs of At-Risk Children in Santiago, Dominican Republic" Magellan research mentor for Matthew Isales. Grant period: 2015-2016. \$3,000.00
- 2015 Magellan, University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences, "Maternal Mortality in the Dominican Republic." Magellan research mentor for Weston Grove. Grant period: 2015-2016. \$3,000.00
- 2013 Magellan, University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences, "Barriers to Social Service Provision in the Dominican Republic." Magellan research mentor for Carrie Wolf. Grant period: 2013-2014. \$2,500.00
- 2012 Magellan, University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences, "Ethnographic Studies of Metabolic Disorders in Tamil Nadu." Magellan research mentor for Eeshwar Chandrasekar. Grant period: 2012-2013. \$2,500.00
- 2009 Magellan, University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences, "Comparing the Practitioner-Patient Relationship in Biomedical and Acupuncture." Magellan research mentor for Samir Panvelker. Grant period: 2009-2010. \$2,500.00
- 2009 Magellan, University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences, "Health Care Disparities in Ghana." Magellan research mentor for Cara Fertitta. Grant period: 2009-2010. \$2,500.00
- 2008 Magellan, University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences, "Herbal Systems and Herbal Treatments in Santiago, Dominican Republic." Magellan research co-mentor (with Dr. Kimberly Simmons) for Jessica Silvaggio. Grant period: 2008-2009 \$2,873.00

- 2007 Magellan, University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences
 "The Use and Function of Botanicas in Santiago, Dominican Republic."
 Magellan Research Mentor for Puja Dalal. Grant period: 2007-2008. \$2,361.29*
- 2007 Magellan, University of South Carolina's Office of Research and Health Sciences
 "The Use and Function of Botanicas in Santiago, Dominican Republic."
 Magellan Research Mentor for Puja Dalal and Elaine Kao. Grant period: 2007-
 2008. \$2,361.29*

*Both worked on the same project.

PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Public Health Association

American Anthropological Association:

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| 2023-24 | Executive Program Co-Chair, American Anthropological Association |
| 2016-19 | Executive Board Member, American Anthropological Association |
| 2014-16 | President, Association of Black Anthropologists |
| 1993-present | Member, Association of Black Anthropologists |
| 2000-2006 | Contributing Editor, <i>Anthropology News</i> , for the Association of Black Anthropologists |
| 1997-2002 | Archivist, Association of Black Anthropologists |
| 1994-2002 | Advisory Board, Association of Black Anthropologists Student Group |
| 1995-present | Member, Society for Medical Anthropology |
| 1994-present | Member, Association for Africanist Anthropologists |
| 1993-2002 | Member, National Association of Student Anthropologists Society for Applied Anthropology |
| 1992-1994 | Student Editor, Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter African Studies Association |

COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

University, College, Department:

2023-present	Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee (ANTH)
2023-24	Search Committee, Bridge to Faculty Program (ANTH)
2023-24	Search Committee, Assistant Clinical Faculty in HPEB, Arnold School of Public Health, USC
2023	Search Committee, Associate Provost of Global Affairs
2022	Search Committee, DEI Vice Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
2020	Campus Fulbright Evaluator
2019-present	USC Honors and Awards Commission
2019-22	College of Arts and Sciences Theme Semester
2019	Search Committee, Faculty Principal Capstone
2017-23	Faculty Principal, Galen Health Fellows Living/Learning Community
2015-2017	Associate Dean, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Arnold School of Public Health, USC
2011-2015	Chair, USC Diversity Committee
2011-16	USC Diversity Committee
2015-present	Chair, Truman Scholar Fellowship Committee
2007-present	Truman Scholar Fellowship Committee
2014-present	Global Health Study Abroad Committee

2011	Campus Fulbright Evaluator
2009-2012	Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award Committee
2010-2012	Chair, Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award Committee
2006-2011	USC Photovoice, Advisory Committee
2007	Social Determinants of Health Working Group, Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior
2007	Sexual and Reproductive Health Working Group, Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior
2006-2007	Campus Fulbright Evaluator
2006	Campus Rhodes Evaluator
2006-present	Faculty Advisor, Brother of Nubian Descent (BOND)
2006	African American Health Disparities Search Committee
2006	First Year Reading Experience Committee
2005-present	Latin America Studies Program, Core Faculty
2005-present	African American Studies Program, Affiliate Faculty
2005-present	African Studies Program, Faculty
2005	Member of the Health Disparities Team
2005	Curriculum Committee, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
2005-present	Discussion Leader, First Year Reading Experience

CHAired Graduate Student Committees

Committee Co-Chair: Diogo Balduino, MA/PhD student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina

Committee Co-Chair: Rich Straiter, MA student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2023)

Committee Chair: Jeremy Vanderknyff, Doctoral student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2015)

Committee Chair: Jarvis Carter, Doctoral student, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina (2013)

Committee Chair: Aba Essuon, Doctoral student, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina (2008)

Committee Chair: Romel Lacson, Doctoral student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2009)

Committee Co-Chair: Kristen Hudgins, Doctoral student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2010)

Committee Chair: Kristen Wolf, Masters student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2010)

Committee Chair: Jeremy Vanderknyff, Masters student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2009)

Committee Chair: Val Carlson, Masters of Public Health student, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina (2008)

Committee co-Chair: Jeff Deal, Masters student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2009)

MEMBER GRAUDUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

Committee member: Ashley McGraw, Masters student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2023)

Committee member: Samantha Real, Masters student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2022)

Committee member: Venice Haynes, Doctoral student, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina (2019)

Committee member: Ebru Cayir, Doctoral student, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina

Committee member: Chris Alluah, Doctoral student, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina

Committee member: Lauren Workman, Doctoral student, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina (2014)

Committee member: Charlotte Galloway, Doctoral student, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina (2013)

Committee member: Sarah Schwartz, Doctoral student, Department of Geography

Committee member: Holly Pope, Doctoral student, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina (2010)

Committee member: Racine Brown, Masters student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2007)

Committee member: Ebonee White, Masters student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2007)

Committee member: Kelsey Hanrahan, Masters student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2007)

CHAired UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

Committee Chair: Nils Wirstrom, Bachelors student, Department of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina (2021)

Committee Chair: Sarah Snare, Bachelors student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2020)

Committee Chair: Mary-Kate Lawlor, Bachelors student, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina (2019)

Committee Chair: Macey Johnson, Bachelors student, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina (2019)

Committee Chair: Meghann Lange, Bachelors student, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina (2019)

Committee Chair: Leslie Thelan, Bachelors student, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina (2019)

Committee Chair: Olivia Reszczyński, Bachelors student, Department of Chemistry, University of South Carolina (2019)

Committee Chair: Mackenzie Long, Bachelors student, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina (2019)

Committee Chair: Eeshwar Chandrasekar, Bachelors student, Bachelorum Scientiae, University of South Carolina (2013)

Committee Chair: Shannon Looney, Bachelors student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2012)

Committee Chair: Katie Parham, Bachelors student, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina (2011)

Committee Chair: Cara Fertitta, Bachelors student, Department of Biology, University of South Carolina (2010)

Committee Chair: Samir Panvelker, Bachelors student, Department of Biology, University of South Carolina (2010)

Committee Chair: Stacey Burgen, Bachelors student, Department of Biology, University of South Carolina (2009)

Committee Chair: Marcus Vaught, Bachelors student, Bachelorum Scientiae, University of South Carolina (2008)

Committee Chair: Thomas Scott, Bachelors student, International Studies, University of South Carolina (2006)

Committee Chair: Steven Byrd, Bachelors student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2006)

MEMBER UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

Second Reader: Afaf Soliman, Bachelors student, Honors College, University of South Carolina (2025)

Second Reader: Sarah Noonan, Bachelors student, University of South Carolina (2022)

Second Reader: Jacob Wilcox, Bachelors student, University of South Carolina (2021)

Second Reader: Madison Lee, Bachelors student, University of South Carolina (2020)

Second Reader: Connor Brunson, Bachelors student, University of South Carolina (2014)

Second Reader: Marissa Vawter, Bachelors student, International Relations, University of South Carolina (2007)

Second Reader: Jane Bradbury, Bachelors student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2007)

Second Reader: Jessica Silvaggio, Bachelors student, Department of Mass Communications, University of South Carolina (2011)

Second Reader: Celeste Nagy, SCHC Bachelors student, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (2010)

PAPER PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND EVENTS ORGANIZED

- 2025 Discussant at the 124th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, in the session (organized by Corliss Heath and David Simmons) “*Ghosted: Race, Health, and the Haunting of Medical and Public Health Systems.*”
- 2025 Facilitator and organizer (along with Paul Richardson) of workshop entitled “Revisiting CBPR and Community Based Scholarship” for the Society for Cultural Anthropology’s Biennial conference “Restorative Relations: An Unconference” in Stony Point, NY, May 8-11.
- 2024 Discussant at the 123rd Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Tampa, FL, in the session (organized by Corliss Heath) “*At The Crossroads of Peril and Progress: The Praxis of Addressing Health Disparities among Blacks in the U.S. South.*”
- 2024 Invited Speaker, Pennsylvania State University

- 2024 “Work, Life and Meaning: Crafting an Intentional Career Path.” Keynote speaker at the FIRST FIIRE Health Disparities and Health Equity Research Consortium. Hollings Library, University of South Carolina.
- 2023 Invited speaker for Black Medical Anthropologists in Action (an online forum), sponsored by the Society for Medical Anthropology and the Association of Black Anthropologists.
- 2023 Invited speaker, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- 2019 “Reflections on Mutanthood: Mapping the Self Through an Exploration of Marvel’s *X-Men*” Paper presented at the 118th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, in the session (organized by Tracey Heatherington and Bri Farber) “*Imagining climates of justice: Intersectionality, cultural critique and the provocations of Science Fiction.*”
- 2014 “Haitian Peasant Women Forging Community at the Crossroads of Transnationalism, Patriarchy, and Anti-Haitianism.” Paper presented at the 113th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, in the session (organized by Irma McClaurin) “Producing Anthropology Through Community Engagement.”
- 2014 Discussant for the session “At the Crossroads of Peril and Progress: HIV in Black Communities” (organized by Corliss Heath) at the 113th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- 2014 Visiting Lecturer, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- 2013 “Ghosts of Diseases Past in Zimbabwe.” Paper presented at the 112th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL in the Presidential Session (co-organized by Carlina de la Cova and John Randall) “The Bioarchaeology of Disease Ideologies: The importance of biocultural, historical, and sociocultural constructions in health studies on past groups.”
- 2013 “The Past as Prologue: Changing Disease Ideologies Surrounding HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe.” Poster presentation at the Annual Meetings of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Nashville, TN.
- 2011 “Public Anthropology.” Invited presentation at UNC-Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, North Carolina, September 2011.
- 2011 “Vernacular Modernity: HIV/AIDS and Traditional Healers in Zimbabwe.” Invited presentation for the African Studies Program, University of Florida. Gainesville, Florida, September 23, 2011.

- 2010 “Health Issues for Haitian Migrants to the Dominican Republic.” Invited presentation at the inaugural conference of the Institute for African American Research, “USC and African American Research in the 21st Century.” Columbia, South Carolina, March 24-26.
- 2010 Invited speaker for the Haiti Awareness Event, organized by Community Service, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina, February 15.
- 2009 “The Praxis of Solidarity: Theory and Practice in the Lives of Poor Haitian Women in Santiago Dominican Republic.” Paper presented at the 108th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia, PA, Dec.
- 2009 “Perspectives on Diabetes in the Dominican Republic.” Invited presentation for the South Carolina Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation screening of the film “Life for a Child.” Columbia, South Carolina, November 21.
- 2009 “Global Health: Bridging and Uneven World Through Public Health” in the session “Cultivating Culture: Local Foundations, Global Perspectives.” Presentation at the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) annual conference. Istanbul, Turkey, November 11-14.
- 2009 Teaching Excellence Seminar: Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award Panel. Invited Speaker. October 1.
- 2008 “An Iron Hand in a Velvet Glove: Reflections on Speaking Truth to Power and the Legacy of Ron Kurtz” in the session “Honoring Ronald J. Kurtz: Outstanding Teacher and Mentor.” Paper presented at the 107th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA, Nov. 19-23.
- 2008 “Health Development from Below: What Zimbabwean Healers have to Teach Us About ‘Glocal’ Articulations” in the session “Social Justice, Development, and Human Rights: Papers in Honor of Dr. Bill Derman.” Paper presented at the 51st Annual Meetings of the African Studies Association. Chicago, IL, Nov. 13-16.
- 2008 “A Prolegomenon to Service Learning in International Contexts: Transformational Learning Reconsidered” in the session (Chair: David Simmons) “A Matter of Confianza: Power, Privilege, and Responsibility in Service-Learning.” Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) Annual Conference. Nashville, TN, Nov. 12-15.
- 2008 “Translating ‘Unnatural Causes’ into Community Action.” Invited speaker at the conference “TechnoHealth: Using Technology to Communicate Health Education,” the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), Office of Health Education Annual Conference.

- 2008 “Will you Be My Patron: The Politics of Pragmatic Solidarity Among Haitian Agricultural Workers in the Dominican Republic” in the session (Chairs: Kristen Hudgens and Heather Trubee) “Putting Anthropology to Work: Anthropologically Engaged Approaches to Problem-Solving.” Paper presented at the 68th Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, TN, March 25-29.
- 2008 “Indigenizing AIDS: What Local names Tell Us About the Nature of the Disease in Harare, Zimbabwe” in the session “Globalization and Health” at the 21st Annual Women’s Studies Conference, University of South Carolina. February 28-29.
- 2007 “Addressing Inequalities in Health in Biocultural Anthropology” with Tom Leatherman In the Presidential session “The Application of Biological Anthropology: Addressing Social and Health Inequalities in an Increasingly Complex World” (Chair: David A. Himmelgreen). Paper presented at the 106th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C., Nov. 28-Dec. 2.
- 2007 “Global Dimensions of Tuberculosis.” Invited speaker at the Help Spread the Seeds of Hope panel discussion in recognition of World Tuberculosis Day, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, March 22.
- 2007 “Stormy Revelations: The Case for Research on (and with) Katrina-Displaced Faculty” Invited speaker at the 32st National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education, National Association for Equal Opportunity Employment in Higher Education (NAFEO), Washington, DC, March.
- 2006 “The Audacity of Survival: Theorizing Poor Haitian Women’s Experiences in the Dominican Republic.” Invited speaker at Department of Cultural Anthropology Colloquium, Duke University, December 4.
- 2006 Transnational Identity and Solidarity. Chair, David Sean Simmons. Session at the 105th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. San Jose, California, November 15-19.
- 2006 “Swept Away: An Ethnography of Katrina-Displaced Survivors in Columbia, South Carolina.” Paper presented at the 105th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. San Jose, California, Nov. 15-19.
- 2006 “Health and Healing Among a Displaced People.” Poster presentation at the CRISIS National Summit, Columbia, SC. April 18.
- 2006 “The Role of Teaching in the Community.” Invited speaker in the session “Sustainable Community Partnerships – Teaching” at the Conference of Ford Fellows, The National Academies, Washington, DC. October 20-21.

- 2006 “Impacts of Katrina on the Black Community.” Invited Congressional Field Hearing testimony before the Congressional Black Caucus at the 31st National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education, National Association for Equal Opportunity Employment in Higher Education (NAFEO), New Orleans, Louisiana, March 22-26.
- 2006 “Community-Based Participatory Research in International Settings.” Invited speaker for International Medicine seminar series between the USC Medical School and MUSC. January 9.
- 2005 “Famn Vayant: Haitian Women and the Economy of Suspended Rights in the Dominican Republic.” Invited speaker for colloquium entitled, “Women’s Global Work,” Department of Anthropology CABLE, November 18.
- 2005 Reflexive discussant for workshop entitled, “An Ethnographic Approach to Funding Your Research” (presented by Dr. Ann Kingsolver, Department of Anthropology, USC). October 18.
- 2005 “Community-Based Participatory Research Approaches to Health Disparities ” Invited seminar speaker at Health Disparities Seminar Series, sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Health Sciences, University of South Carolina, October 4.
- 2005 “Health and Human Rights: Haitian Braceros in the Dominican Republic.” Invited symposium speaker at Politics, Caribbean Societies, and Anthropological Research, jointly sponsored by University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Duke University, February 19.
- 2004 “Social Justice and the Health of Haitian Braceros.” Invited conference speaker at the Undergraduate International Research Conference on Global Public Health, sponsored by Morehouse College and the School for International Training. April 23-25.
- 2003 “A Plague from the West: Anti-Haitianism and the Racialization of Disease in the Dominican Republic.” Invited colloquia speaker (Dr. Paul Farmer, discussant), the David Rockefeller Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies, Harvard University, January 29.
- 2002 “Of Markets and Medicines: When Traditional’ Zimbabwean Medicine is not so Traditional.” Paper presented at the 101st Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. New Orleans, Louisiana, Nov. 20-24, 2002.
- 2000 “Assessing the Role of Traditional Healers in Combating HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe.” Invited paper presented at the XIII International AIDS Conference. Durban, South Africa, July 9-14.

- 2000 Global Problems, Local Knowledges: Negotiating Structures of Violence and Disease in Africa. Co-organized and co-chaired by David Simmons and Ellen Foley. Association of Black Anthropologists (ABA) Invited session at the 99th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, California, November 15-19.
- 2000 "AIDS and the Structure of Risk in Harare Zimbabwe: N'anga Interpretations of Structural Violence." Paper presented at the 99th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, California, November 15-19.
- 1999 Issues in Anthropological Studies of Illness, Health, and Health Care. Chair, David Sean Simmons. Session at the 98th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, Illinois, November 17-21.
- 1999 "Manufacturing Consensus?: International and National Health Development, N'angas, and HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe." Paper presented at the 98th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, Illinois, November 17-21.
- 1997 "When Worlds Collide: *Varapi*, Doctors, and HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe." Paper presented at the IMGIP/ICEOP-KCP Joint Fellows Conference. Northbrook, Illinois, November 7-9.
- 1996 Changing as They Are Changed: Conceptualizing the Global African Diaspora. Co-organizer, Kimberly Eison Simmons. Organized session at the 95th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, California, November 20-24.
- 1996 "Homeplaces, Dispersions, and Passages: (Re)Claiming and (Re)Constructing African American Identity on a Predominantly White College Campus." Paper presented at the 95th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, California, November 20-24.
- 1996 "When Worlds Collide: Epistemological Issues Concerning *Varapi*, Doctors, and HIV/AIDS." Paper presented in the Department of Religious Studies, Classics and Philosophy. University of Zimbabwe, Mount Pleasant, Harare, August 2.
- 1996 "The Intersection of Religion with Knowledge and Attitudes Towards HIV/AIDS in Students at the University of Zimbabwe." Invited presentation, the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, March 5-8.
- 1996 "The Origins of Language and Speech in Early Hominids." Invited lecture in Biocultural Evolution, Michigan State University, Spring semester.

- 1995 “Constructing an AIDS Identity: A Look at Zimbabwean Attitudes and Perceptions.” Paper presented at the 94th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 15-19.
- 1995 “Palm Oil and Cassava Processing in Nigeria: A Close Look at Development and Gender Issues.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 29-April 2.
- 1995 “Nigeria: Notes of a Native Stranger.” Brown Bag presentation, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, February 23.
- 1994 “Symbolic Discourse in a Nigerian Baptist Church.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Cancun, Mexico, April 13-17.
- 1994 “The Creation and Maintenance of Congregational Identity in a Yoruba-Speaking Baptist Church.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Iowa Academy of Sciences, Davenport, Iowa, April.
- 1994 “The Baptist Experience in a Yoruba and African American Context.” Invited lecture in Peoples and Cultures of Africa, Iowa State University, Spring semester.
- 1993 “Worship in a Black Baptist Church.” Invited lecture in Magic, Witchcraft and Religion, Iowa State University, Spring semester.
- 1992 “Black English Vernacular and Hip Hop Language.” Invited lecture in Linguistic Anthropology, Iowa State University, Fall semester.

Corporate Experience

- 2001-16 Resident Director, Council on International Educational Exchange Study Center’s Summer Public Health Program in Santiago, Dominican Republic.
- 2001-2003 Acting Resident Director, Council on International Educational Exchange Study Center, Santiago, Dominican Republic. July-October 2001 and August-November 2003.
- 1990-1992 Associate Public Relations Representative, Meredith Corporation -- handled publicity for magazines with a circulation over 400,000. Managed syndicated news features with the L.A. Times and the Associated Press. Placed magazine editors on national morning talk shows.

- 1991 Loaned Executive to the United Way, Meredith Corporation -- Developed fund-raising strategies for the Des Moines-area businesses. Organized and presented fund-raising rallies at local businesses, August-November.
- 1989-1990 Staff Editor, *Country America* Magazine, Meredith Corporation -- Developed and wrote feature articles. Edited two departments in the magazine. Coordinated promotional activities.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025 Ira E. Harrison Legacy Scholar Award, Association of Black Anthropologists
- 2018 Outstanding Faculty Partner, Division of Student Affairs & Academic Support, University of South Carolina
- 2011 International Book Competition, Public Anthropology/University of California Press (for the book prospectus *Esperanza: Health and Human Rights on a Dominican Batey*)
- 2009 Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award Winner
- 2006 Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award Nomination
- 2005 Patterson Hall's Favorite Professor (USC)
- 2004 The Joseph Wall Service Award (Grinnell College)
- 2002 U.S. Mission to the Dominican Republic Outstanding Civic Service Award Presented by the Honorable Hans Hertell, U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic