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## POSITIONS

NIMH Postdoctoral Fellow Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University, 2011-Present  
Postdoctoral Associate Centre for Ethnography, University of Toronto, Scarborough Summer 2011

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Toronto  
Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology, May 12, 2011  
Dissertation: *Emergent Ordinaries at Walter Reed Army Medical Center: An ethnography of extra/ordinary encounter*  
Dr. Todd Sanders (co-chair), Dr. Ivan Kalmar (co-chair), Dr. Michael Lambek (committee member), Dr. Naisargi Dave (examiner), Dr. Joshua Barker (examiner), Dr. Veena Das (external examiner)

M.A. University of Toronto  
Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology, November 2005  
Major Research Paper: *Firing the Canon: In search of other alternative ethnography*  
Dr. Gavin A. Smith (advisor)

B.A. with Honours, *Summa Cum Laude*, York University  
Individualized Studies Program (focused on Critical Discourse Analysis) June 2004  
Thesis: *Writing Worlds: Critical Discourse Analysis in Theory and Practice*  
*The Case of the Discursive Construction of the Intifada in The Globe and Mail from 1988-2003*  
Dr. Susan Ehrlich (supervisor)

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:** War, Violence, Trauma, The Ordinary, The Body, Epistemology and Ontology, Social Theory, Public Culture

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

In Press *Labors of Love: The Transformation of Care in the Non-Medical Attendant Program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center*, Co-authored with Seth Messinger. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. 26(1)

2009 *Who's Afraid of the Persian Gulf: Locating Fear in the War on Terror*, Vis a Vis, University of Toronto Anthropology Graduate Student Journal. Special Issue on Fear 9 (1): 28-35

- 2008 *Grammars of Violence: Intifada, Modernity and Terrorism*, Vis a Vis, University of Toronto Anthropology Graduate Student Journal 8(1): 29-38
- 2007 *Operationalizing Iraqi Freedom: Governmentality, Neoliberalism and New Public Management in the War in Iraq*, International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy. 27(11/12):460-468
- 2006 *Operationalizing Iraqi Freedom, Organizational Discourse: Identity, Ideology and Idiosyncrasy*. Armin Beverungen, et. al. [ed.s] KMCP: Leicester, UK.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- n.d. *On Movement: The Matter of Space and Soldiers' Bodies after Combat*, invited resubmission under review with Ethnos
- n.d. *The Rule of Work and the Goodness of War: Value, Virtue, and the Edges of Regret*, article under preparation.
- n.d. *The Unmaking of Military Men: Military Injury and National Imaginaries*, invited comparative review essay, Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology.

## OTHER WRITING AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2011 *The War Comes Home: The Toll of War and the Shifting Burden of Care*, with Alison Howell, Costs of War Project Report, Eisenhower Research Project at the Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, <http://costsofwar.org/article/us-veterans-and-military-families>

Interviewed by NPR Albany's Capital District Bureau Chief Dave Lucas about the nature of injuries sustained by U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan for a piece which aired July 28<sup>th</sup>

Quoted in *Veterans may be too Expensive for the U.S.* article in the World section of the Russian newspaper Ivestia, June 30<sup>th</sup>

- 2009-Current Blogger for SavageMinds.org on issues related to war and the military. Blog posts include: *Language and the Media in Fort Hood; HTS and Anthropology: Political Terrain; What Tim Hetherington Offered to Anthropology*

- 2009 *The US Military and the Social Life of War*, with Erin Finley and Kenneth MacLeish, Anthropology News. In Focus: Veteran Identity 50(5): 29.

Guest blogger for Neuroanthropology.net, *PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury: Trauma Inside-Out*, posted September 22<sup>nd</sup>

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 2011 Ethnographic Writing Fellowship, Centre for Ethnography, University of Toronto, Scarborough
- 2010 Ethel-Jane Westfeldt Bunting Fellowship, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM

- University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology Travel Grant
- 2009 Society for the Study of North America, St. Clair Drake Student Travel Grant Award
- 2007-2008 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant  
Vonda McCrae Clarke Memorial/ Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Anthropology
- 2007 University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology Travel Grant
- 2006 University of Toronto Fellowship for Preliminary Field Research
- 2004-2008 University of Toronto Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2003 Nomination for York University Faculty of Arts Essay Award  
York University Continuing Education Scholarship
- 2002 York University Continuing Education Scholarship
- 2001-2003 York University Faculty of Arts Sessional Academic Achievement List

### CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2011 *The Miniscule War: The Common Sense of Fragments At Walter Reed Army Medical Center* 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, November 19<sup>th</sup>
- 2010 *Earth Shattering: Movement as Worlding for U.S. Soldiers Marked by Combat, Circulation:* 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 17<sup>th</sup>
- 2009 *Subjects of Sacrifice: The Im/possibilities of Everyday Life at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, The End/s of Anthropology:* 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Deck the Walls: Beyond Institutionalality at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Transnational Anthropologies: Convergences and Divergences in Globalized Disciplinary Networks* CASCA-AES joint conference, Vancouver, May 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
- 2008 *Combative Engagements: An Ethnographic Approach to Anti-Anthropology and the U.S. Military, Inclusion, Collaboration, and Engagement:* 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 19<sup>th</sup>
- 2007 *Whose Afraid of the Persian Gulf: Locating Fear in the War on Terror, Indigeneities and Cosmopolitanisms:* Canadian Anthropological Association Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie / American Ethnological Society Conference, Toronto, May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- "Home Grown": Globalization and Its Radical Others in The Discourse of the War on Terror,* Georgetown Linguistics Society, Language and Globalization: Education, Policy, Media, Washington D.C., April 1<sup>st</sup>
- "On the Economy": Discursive Positionings and Neoliberal Subjects on a U.S. Army Base,* Language and Neoliberalism Symposium Toronto, February 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

- 2006 *War-Scapes? Preliminary notes on si(gh)ting the War on Terror*, Medusa Lecture Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Operationalizing Iraqi Freedom*, 7<sup>th</sup> International Organizational Discourse Conference: Identity, Ideology and Idiosyncrasy, International Centre for Research in Organizational Discourse, Strategy and Change, Amsterdam July 26<sup>th</sup> -July 28<sup>th</sup>
- 2005 *Grammars of Violence, Grammars of Modernity: The Discourse of the Intifada in the Globe and Mail and September 11<sup>th</sup> Terrorist Talk*, Racial Violence and the Colour Line in the New World Order, Dalhousie University, April 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>
- Discourse...What the Foucault?*, Medusa Lecture Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, March 4<sup>th</sup>

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2012 *Precarious Life at Walter Reed Army Medical Center: Sociality, Solitude, and Being in Common*. Economies of Affect Working Group, Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University, April 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2011 *In Defense of Intimacy: Solider Identities and Masculinity in Today's Military*, with Aaron Belkin and Brian Selmeski, Annual Gender Studies Research Roundtable, Whitman College, November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Orienting the Injured Soldier's Body: Masculinity and its Attachments at Walter Reed Army Medical Center*, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Picturing Soldiers: The Aesthetics and Ethics of Contemporary Soldier Photographs*, Moderator, Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Photography, March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fieldnotes from America and Its Military*, Brown University, Department of Anthropology, March 14<sup>th</sup>
- "For What You Do": Injured U.S. Soldiers and the Im-possibilities of Regret*, Centre for Ethnography, University of Toronto, Scarborough, February 17<sup>th</sup>
- The War Comes Home*, The Costs of War Workshop, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, January 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2010 *Militarization Beyond Projects, Public Beyond Policy*, Co-organizer, with Kenneth MacLeish, and moderator, 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Vital Signs and Möbius Time: Frayed Ordinaries at Walter Reed*, School of Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM, August 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2009 *Producing Patriots: An Economy of Patriotism at Walter Reed Army Medical Center*, Centre for Study of the United States, Munk Center for International Studies, Toronto, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**GUEST LECTURES**

- 2011 Contemporary Canadian Theatre, Ethics, and the Problem of Evil, University of Toronto  
Language and Society, University of Toronto
- 2007 Language and Power Structure, University of Toronto  
Anthropological Theory, University of Toronto  
Anthropology of Religion, University of Toronto
- 2006 Language and Power Structure, University of Toronto

**TEACHING POSITIONS**

## Course Instructor:

- 2009, Spring Special Problems in Anthropology: Violence and the Everyday, University of Toronto

## Teaching Assistant:

- 2011 Language and Society, University of Toronto
- 2009 Introduction to Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology, University of Toronto
- 2008 Introduction to Anthropology: Language, Society, Culture, University of Toronto  
Introduction to Sociocultural and Linguistic Anthropology, University of Toronto
- 2007 Language and Power Structure, University of Toronto  
Anthropology of Religion, University of Toronto
- 2006 Language and Society, University of Toronto  
Language and Power Structure, University of Toronto
- 2005 Introduction to Linguistic and Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Toronto  
Culture, Politics and Globalization, University of Toronto
- 2004 Introduction to Linguistic and Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Toronto

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2011 Anonymous reviewer for Medical Anthropology Quarterly
- 2011 Organizer *Picturing Soldiers: The Aesthetics and Ethics of Contemporary Soldier Photographs*, Panel discussion on visual representations of soldiers in documentary media featuring Tim Hetherington, Lori Ginker, Jennifer Karady, and Suzanne Opton, Rhode Island School of Design, March 15<sup>th</sup>
- 2009 Co-organizer, with Kenneth MacLeish, *Between Sovereign and Sacer: Ethnography Soldiers On*, 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 2008 Discussant for *Cause, Commodity and Critique*, Invited Session of the Society for Linguistic Anthropology, 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological

Association, San Francisco, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Discussant for *International Authority and Identity Fetishism in Postwar Bosnia Herzegovina*, Andrew Gilbert, University of Toronto, February 26<sup>th</sup>

2007 Guest Editor, *Vis a Vis*, University of Toronto Anthropology Graduate Student Journal special edition on the topic of fear, funded by Connaught Grant

2006-2007 Local Organizing Committee, CASCA/AES Annual Meeting, graduate student member, University of Toronto

2005-2007 Graduate Policy Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, One of two elected graduate student representatives.

Graduate Board, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, One of two elected graduate student representatives.

2005-2006 President of the Anthropology Graduate Student Union, University of Toronto

### FIELDWORK

2007-2008 Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Fort Dix Army Base

2006 (Summer) Army Fisher House at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association

Society for Medical Anthropology

Society for Cultural Anthropology

American Ethnological Society

Society for the Anthropology of North America

Canadian Anthropological Society / La Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish: proficient reading and aural skills

French: beginner-level reading and aural skills