

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

*Pittsburgh, PA | Aug. 2014 – Present*

- Ph.D. candidate in Medical Anthropology & MPH in Behavioral & Community Health Sciences.
- Conducting interdisciplinary dissertation research as a Social Science Research Council: International Dissertation Research Fellow.
- Awarded David L. Boren Fellowship for dissertation research and language learning in Jordan (2018-2019).

### TUFTS UNIVERSITY

*Medford, MA | Sep. 2006 – May 2010*

- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with Minor in Philosophy.
- Awarded high honors for senior thesis.
- Led Men's Varsity Lacrosse team to NCAA National Championship in 2010 as a starter.

## RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, & PRESENTATIONS

### Informational Assemblages of Chronicity & the Biopolitics of Syrian Refugee Care in Jordan

*Mentor: Dr. Kathleen Musante*

*Jordan | Oct. 2018 – Present*

- Conducting dissertation field research on Syrian refugees use of health communication networks and the affects these networks have on refugee ability to adequately manage chronic illnesses.
- Funded by the David L. Boren Fellowship and the Social Science Research Council: International Dissertation Research Fellowship.

### Global Health Student Panel

*Presenter*

*Pittsburgh, PA | Feb. 2016*

- Presented relevant aspects of preliminary research to public forum concerning the state and significance of global health in the modern era.

### Conflicts of Interest: A Syndemic Approach to Policy and Noncommunicable Disease in Jordan

*Presenter*

*Pittsburgh, PA | Mar. 2015*

- Paper looked at Jordan as a case-study to further broaden the conceptions of NCDs and syndemics through the lens of socio-political conditions that affect health outcomes.

### Catching the Vibe: Shared Feeling in a Subjective World

*Presenter*

*Pittsburgh, PA | Mar. 2015*

- Presented paper on senior thesis at Annual University of Pittsburgh Graduate Expo.
- Received Graduate Expo Outstanding Presenter Award.

### **Feeling It: DJing and the Process of Creating a Vibe**

*Mentor: Dr. Amahl Bishara*

*Medford, MA | Sep. 2009 – May 2010*

- Investigated the phenomenology of shared embodied experiences by utilizing participative observation field research, focus groups, and semi-structured interviews with radio and live DJs.
- Conducted historical and literary research to supplement field research.
- Presented paper at Annual Tufts Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Symposium.

### **Looking for the Perfect Beat: Feedback Loops, Media Panopticism, and the Hip Hop DJ**

*Mentor: Dr. Eileen Hayes*

*Denton, TX | Jun. – Aug. 2009*

- Derived from research conducted during 5-week, intensive National Science Foundation: Anthropological Methodologies Program.
- Published in *The Eagle Feather*, v.6, 2009.
- Utilized methodological techniques including ethnographic mapping, participant observation, semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and literary research to compliment extensive and coded pattern analysis.

### **The Evolution of the Family Portrait Through the Development of the Photographic Camera**

*Mentor: Dr. Amahl Bishara*

*Medford, MA | Feb. 2009*

- Conducted historical and theoretical research to investigate the relationship between photographic technology and the representation of self and identity.
- Presented poster at the Greater Boston Anthropology Consortium.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS**

- Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (2019-2020)
- David L. Boren Fellowship (2018-2019)
- Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellow (2016-2017)
- Awarded Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow (2016-17) (Declined)
- Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Diversity Fellow (Summer 2016)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow (2015-16)
- Fred C. Bruhns Memorial Award Winner (Summer 2015)
- K. Leroy Irvis Fellow (2014-15)

## **TEACHING**

- Human Sexuality (Summer 2018)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Summer 2017)
- Japanese Society Teaching Assistant (Fall/Spring 2017)

## LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

- President of Student Diversity Committee (2018)
- Vice President of Student Diversity Committee (2017)
- Co-Head of Colloquium Committee (2015)
- Vice President of Medical Anthropology Group (2015)
- Graduate Admissions Student Liaison (2014-2020)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Medical Anthropology
- Society of Applied Anthropology

## SELECTED COURSEWORK

- Environmental Health and World History
- International Organizations
- Modern Standard Arabic I & II
- Medical Anthropology II
- Migration, Inequality, and Exclusion
- Economic Development of the MENA Region
- Politics of the Contemporary Middle East Since 1945
- Environmental Health & Disease
- Python for Data Management and Analysis
- Social Dynamics in Public Health
- Modeling Collective Behaviors
- Dynamic Network Analysis in Public Health
- Principles of Statistical Reasoning
- Health Program Evaluation
- Problem Solving in Public Health
- Theories of Health Behavior and Education

## SELECTED ARTICLES

- Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences: In Focus (July 2017)
- Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences: Graduate Student Spotlight (June 2017)

## LANGUAGES

- Levantine Arabic (Advanced-Mid)  
*Proficiency indicated in accordance with standards set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language*
- Spanish (Novice-High)  
*Proficiency indicated in accordance with standards set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language*
- Python 3 (Intermediate-Low)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### CENTER OF LIFE

*Program Design Lead/Grant Writer*

*Pittsburgh, PA | Sept. 2018 – Oct. 2018*

- Designed an extracurricular education program for underprivileged youth in Pittsburgh to learn STEM skills through aquaponics and address the issue of food security for the 4,300 inhabitants of the Hazelwood neighborhood.
- Produced a collection of modular and templated grant application materials for the Center of Life's continued use post departure.

### UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER (UPMC)

*Project Analyst (Population, Health, Engagement, and Optimization Team)*

*Pittsburgh, PA | Jun. 2017 – Jul. 2018*

- Led 5 person team in designing and implementing 6 community-level health programs to address social determinants of health.
- Created data-driven evaluation process that analyzed population and disease data to identify at-risk communities in need of intervention.
- Assessed 10 community-based organizations for an auxiliary healthcare delivery project and assisted in establishing partnership contract.

### LEARN IT LIVE

*Director of Global Programs*

*Chicago, IL | Feb. 2013 – Aug. 2014*

- Coordinated the launch of a MENA learning initiative spanning across 7 countries to combat the youth unemployment crisis in region.
- Managed and customized remote skills training programs for more than 10 organizations such as the American Heart Association.
- Cultivated strategic partnerships with a network of more than 1,500 experts, celebrities, and organizations to expand global eLearning content.

### UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS (JORDAN)

*Founder & Director of The Mobile Knowledge Station*

*Jordan | Jan. 2012 – Jan. 2013*

- Developed a nationally adapted mobile computer training program in conjunction with Jordan's Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies.
- Conducted 40 basic computer literacy trainings for a diverse group of more than 100 underprivileged rural villagers including mothers, children, university students, and the elderly.

*Youth & Community Development Volunteer*

*Jordan | Oct. 2010 – Dec. 2012*

- Awarded over \$10,000 from USAID and secured additional national and international corporate donations valued at nearly \$5,000 to successfully implement, design, and manage over 30 development projects targeting assessed community needs.
- Led 3 different volunteer boards addressing Peace Corps worldwide goals and liaised between volunteers and office staff.
- Achieved *Advanced-Mid* Arabic proficiency in less than 2 years (*by American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language standards*).

## **DNA PRODUCTIONS**

*Founder & COO*

*Medford, Massachusetts | Aug. 2008 – May 2010*

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- Designed, marketed, and distributed custom apparel products to hundreds of college students and over 20 local organizations, netting \$50,000 in gross revenue yearly.
- Reduced overhead cost by 70% in first 6 months by outsourcing production to local manufacturers.
- Sold company to group of stakeholders for nearly \$10,000 (estimated 10 times original investment).

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

### **INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS**

*Program Evaluation Intern*

*Azraq Refugee Camp, Jordan | May 2015 – Aug. 2015*

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- Evaluated 3 cross-departmental referral processes and helped standardize content in case files and reporting procedures.
- Designed and implemented 10 focus groups to design psycho-social support programs for approximately 10,000 youth and adult males.

### **INTEGRATED REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT SERVICES (IRIS)**

*Case Management Intern/Translator*

*New Haven, CT | Jan. 2013 – Aug. 2014*

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- Supported the case management office to resettle over 200 refugees annually eventually leading to their complete independence.
- Translated in both Arabic and English for dozens of clients to improve communication with the IRIS office and legal staff and improve daily operations.

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE**

*Project Lead and Development Consultant*

*Jordan | May 2011 – Jun. 2012*

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*A Canadian/Jordan-based NGO specializing in sustainable development through local partnerships and project implementation.*

- Led 14 health and education projects valued over \$470,000 benefitting 4,000 underprivileged youth.
- Generated volunteer team through networking with Jordanian nationals and other professionals.
- Managed organization's relationships with national and international organizations including CSR and in-kind donation partnerships.

### **OPERATION SMILE**

*Group Coordinator*

*Amman, Jordan | Dec. 2011*

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- Scheduled and organized transportation and housing for 15 mission patients and families.
- Managed a rotating team of 20 volunteers and 10 doctors ensuring adequate patient care pre and post-operations.

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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