

JULIA G. BARNES

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EDUCATION

- 2022 **Ph.D.** | Socio-Cultural Anthropology | University of Virginia Dept. of Anthropology Thesis: “Antigone in Slovenia: Exhumation and Interment as Transitional Justice”
- 2018 **M.A.** | Socio-Cultural Anthropology | University of Virginia Dept. of Anthropology
- 2014 **B.A.** with Honors in French & Italian Studies | Dickinson College | magna cum laude

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Aug 2026-present **Visiting Lecturer**
University of Pittsburgh Department of Anthropology
- Sep 2023-Aug 2026 **National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow: Award #2313946**
NSF Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences.
“Syncretic Forensics in Post-Atrocity Repair.” Co-PI: Dr. Dawnie Steadman.
Forensic Anthropology Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; National
Institute of Legal Medicine & Forensic Sciences, Bogotá, Colombia

SPECIALIZATIONS

Theoretical: Humanitarian Forensics, Transitional Justice, Human Rights, Applied Anthropology
Locations: Slovenia (Central Europe), Colombia (South America), Cameroon (Central Africa)
Languages: English (native), Italian (superior), French & Spanish (advanced), Slovene (novice)

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

Under contract

The Ethics of Forensic Anthropology and Bioarchaeology in Atrocity Contexts. Routledge (Taylor & Francis), expected 2027.

In preparation

Antigone in Slovenia: Exhumation and Interment as Transitional Justice. Proposal under review at Bloomsbury Academic and University Press of Florida.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2023 “Exhumation of Macesnova Gorica Death Pit.” *Anthropology Now*.

Book Chapters

- 2023 “Women of Faith Negotiators in the Balkans.” In *Stronger Together: Women of Faith Negotiators*, U.S. Institute of Peace & International Center for Religion & Diplomacy.

Manuscripts in Preparation

“Syncretic Forensics and the Limits of Scientific Humanitarianism.” (Target journals:

“Cross-Cultural Solidarity Networks in Genocide Documentation.” (Target journals: Social Anthropology / Cultural Anthropology / American Ethnologist)

Public Scholarship

2015 « Lo stupro è equivalente al sesso allora? » Le domande dei miei studenti italiani (“Rape is the same as sex, right?” Questions from My Italian Students) Il Corriere della Sera.

RECENT AWARDS

2024 \$10k American Academy of Forensic Sciences Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center. Title: “Documentation of a Colonial Genocide in Western Cameroon.”
2025 Ernest Ouandie Accomplishment Award, accorded by King Pouokam II of Bayangam Kingdom in Cameroon

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University

Special Faculty

2026 HIST 79201 “Introduction to Anthropology”
2025 HIST 79332 “Medical Anthropology”
2025 HIST 79157 “Anthropology of Genocide”

Chatham University

Adjunct Professor

2023 POL 331: “International Politics of Atrocity”
2022 SSC 121: “Introduction to Genocide Studies”

University of Virginia

Instructor of Record

2022 ANTH 3590: “The Politics of Landscape and Memory”
2021 ANTH 4591: “Racism, Nationalism, and Cultures of Violence”
2019 ANTH 3590: “Anthropology of Genocide”

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2018 ANTH 2250: “Racism, Nationalism, and Multiculturalism,” undergraduate lecture
2017 ANTH 3130: “Diseases, Epidemics, and Society,” undergraduate lecture
2017 ANTH 2410: “Sociolinguistics,” undergraduate lecture
2016 ANTH 2440: “Language and Cinema,” undergraduate lecture

Community-Based and International

2014-2016 Collegio San Carlo, High-School English teacher, Milan, Italy
2014-2016 Montini Linguistic Institute, High-School English teacher, Milan, Italy
2014-2016 International English Language Testing System preparatory course, Milan, Italy
2014-2016 First Certificate Exam preparatory course, Milan, Italy

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mar 2024-May 2025 **Program Officer:** The International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, Washington, D.C. Qualitative Research Design and Forensic Programming

Aug 2021-Mar 2024	Peace Fellow: International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, Washington D.C.
Mar 2024-May 2024	United Nations Development Programme Consultant: Forensic analyst for the Framework Program to Support Peace Implementation (UNDP-Norway), Bogotá, Colombia
Apr 2023	Field Osteologist: Lawhon & Associates, Columbus, Ohio North Market Cemetery Grave Remediation Project, Phase III excavation
2018-May 2022	Research Fellow: Rachel Manin Interdisciplinary Fellowship in Jewish Studies Department of Religious Studies & History, University of Virginia

PAST GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Postgraduate

2022		Sole nominee by the University of Virginia for the Council of Graduate Schools & ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award
2022	\$500	Best Dissertation Chapter, UVa Dept of Anthropology

Graduate

2021	\$60k	A&S Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2018	\$5k	Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship
2018	\$1.5k	Rachel Manin Interdisciplinary Fellowship for Jewish Studies
2017	\$5k	Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship
2016	\$200k	Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Anthropology
2018		National Science Foundation GRFP Honorary Mention

Undergraduate

2014		Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society Inductee
2014		Recipient of Departmental Honors on Senior Thesis
2014		Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society Inductee
2014	\$700	Paul F. Angiolillo Prize: highest achievement in Italian Studies Dept
2014	\$700	Caroline Heath Kennedy Prize: highest achievement in French Dept
2014		Dean's List: all eligible semesters: Dickinson College
2010	\$60k	Benjamin Rush Merit Scholarship: Dickinson College

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, AND TALKS

Poster Presentations

2026	American Academy of Forensic Sciences Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center poster session: "Documentation of a Colonial Genocide in Western Cameroon"
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Panelist

2024	American Anthropological Association Panel: What We Build Where We Are: Care Against the Grain of Precarity. "Pass the Cranial Fragment Bag: Caring (and not) for the Dead in the American Midwest"
2021	American Anthropological Association Session: Borders, Belonging, and Othering in Europe. "Antigone's People: Interment as Transitional Justice in Post-Communist Slovenia"
2017	Theoretical Archaeological Group: North America "Semiotic Landscapes of Collective Trauma"

2017 **Constructions: An Interdisciplinary Forum on Memory and Imagination**, “The Interstices of Memory from a Semiotic Perspective”

Invited Presentations

2026 “Humanitarian Forensics in Cameroon,” Carnegie Mellon University’s Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences
2024 “Building the La’akam Genocide Survivors’ Archive,” Bamiléké Genocide Survivors Conference Témoignages, Pittsburgh PA
2023 “Cross-Cultural Alliances: Conversations with 2nd Generation Holocaust Survivors,” moderator, Bamiléké Genocide Survivors Conference Témoignages, Pittsburgh PA
2021 “The Nature of Nature: Anthropology and the Construction of Biology,” graduate seminar, University of Pittsburgh Department of Biology, Pittsburgh, PA
2021 Graduate Student Panel for California State University Anthropology Club for Academic Success, Los Angeles, CA
2021 “Landscape and Memory in Post-Fascist Italy,” Agnes Scott College Department of Anthropology, Decatur, GA
2021 “Race, Revenge, and Cyclical Violence,” ISS Bachelet Abbiategrosso, Italy
2020 “New Kinship Studies: Blood and Other Idioms,” undergraduate lecture, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY
2019 “Ethical Ethnographic Methods for Research on Far-Right Political Groups,” Power, Violence, and Inequality Collective: University of Virginia

FIELDWORK

2025 **National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences, Bogotá, Colombia**
 Postdoctoral research | 3 months
2024 **University of Tennessee, Knoxville Forensic Anthropology Center**
 Forensic Methods short course | 1 week
2022 **International Center for Religion and Diplomacy**
 Preliminary fieldwork: Bogotá, Colombia | 1 week
2022 **Center for American Archeology, Kampsville, IL**
 Advanced Field School in Bioarchaeology and Human Osteology | 2 months
2021 **Institute for Field Research, Lobar Bioarcheological Project, Croatia** | 2 months
2019-2020 Doctoral research: Ljubljana, Slovenia | 7 months
2018 Slovene training and graduate fieldwork: Western Slovenia | 2 months
2017 Slovene training and graduate fieldwork: Ljubljana, Slovenia | 2 months

MEDIA & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

August 8, 2024: **Article appearance.**

A. Hakas: “Jewish and Bamileke communities connect over shared history.” *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*.

Jan. 13, 2024: **Article appearance.**

J. Forstadt: “Members of Pittsburgh’s Cameroonian Community Say They Want to Find Healing and Justice.” WESA, Pittsburgh’s NPR News Station.

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ROLES

2023-2024 Grant Writer: Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, PA
2014-2021 Translator from French, Italian, and Slovene into English
 Il Corriere della Sera for The New York Times, Rome, Italy
 Leone Editore Publishing House, Milan, Italy
 Barbera Editore Publishing House, Siena, Italy
 Tisk Infografika Bori, Škofja Loka, Slovenia

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

ESRI Arc-GIS mapping; Leica Geosystems Total Stations, Fragmentary Osteology, SDI SCUBA

GRADUATE ROLES

2021-2022 Annual Fellowship Series Coordinator, Dept. of Religious Studies
2019-2021 Fieldwork, Ethics & Ethnographic Writing Workshop Coordinator
2019-2021 Annual Speaker Series Coordinator, Dept. of Anthropology

REFERENCES

Postdoctoral Supervisor

Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, Ph.D., D-ABFA
Chancellor's Professor; Professor, Department of Anthropology
Director Emeritus, Forensic Anthropology Center
University of Tennessee
Dsteadma@utk.edu

Dissertation Advisor

Richard Handler, Ph.D
Professor of Anthropology & Director of Global Development Studies Program
University of Virginia
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