

Elizabeth Lewis
CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- 2017 **University of Texas at Austin**
PhD, Sociocultural Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Spring 2017
Dissertation Title: *Beyond Mystery Babies: Undiagnosed Disabilities in the Contemporary United States*
- 2006 **University of Chicago**
M.A., Social Sciences
- 2002 **Carleton College**
B.A., Sociology and Anthropology, *magna cum laude*

APPOINTMENT

- 2017-present **Project Manager, Texas Center for Disability Studies**, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical anthropology, disability, health, kinship, ethnographic research, United States.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2016 “A Death in the Family: Activism, Mourning, and Diagnostic Kinship.” *Disability Studies Quarterly* 36(4).

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2015 “Affect and Emotion,” co-authored Kathleen Stewart. In the *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd Edition, edited by Dominic Boyer and Ulf Hannerz.

Book Chapters

- 2017 “The Enclosed Case.” In *The Ethnographic Case*, edited by Emily Yates-Doerr and Christine Labuski. Mattering Press.

Book Reviews

- 2016 Review of *After War: The Weight of Life at Walter Reed*, by Zoë Wool. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. Published online ahead of print, June 19, 2016.
- 2016 “When Risk, Doubt, and Difference Converge: A Review Essay.” Review of *On Immunity: An Inoculation* by Eula Biss, *The End of Normal: Identity in a Biocultural Era* by Lennard Davis, and *Autism and Gender: From Refrigerator Mothers to Computer Geeks* by Jordynn Jack. *Somatosphere.net*, April 7, 2016.

Manuscripts Under Review

- 2018 “What’s in a Name? Undiagnosis in a Diagnostic Age.” Article submitted to *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* (as winner of Hughes Graduate Student Paper Prize).

Newspaper, Magazine, and Online Publications

- 2018 “When Rare Diseases Aren’t Rare.” In progress for *Sapiens*, to be filed August 2018.
- 2018 “What Cultural Relativism Can Teach Parents.” In progress for *Motherly*, to be filed August 2018.
- 2018 “The Wild Ones.” In progress for special interest publication by Centennial Media Group, to be filed August 2018.
- 2018 “An Introduction to Medical Anthropology.” *ThoughtCo.com*. June 29, 2018.
- 2018 “It’s (not) In Your Head: When Bodies Defy Logic.” *Nursing Clio*. April 18, 2018.
- 2018 “Texas Must do Better for Texans with Disabilities.” *San Antonio News-Express*, January 21, 2018. (Re-printed in the *Austin American-Statesman* and *Waco Tribune Herald*)
- 2017 “Why Not Focus on Masculinity after Mass Shootings?” *San Antonio News-Express*, November 9, 2017.
- 2017 “Mental Illness has become a Scapegoat for Mass Shootings.” *Houston Chronicle*, October 10, 2017.
- 2017 “Let’s Stop Blaming Mental Illness for Mass Shootings.” *Ft. Worth Star-Telegram*, October 9, 2017.
- 2017 “After Shootings, Stop Blaming Mental Illness.” *San Antonio News-Express*, October 17, 2017.
- 2017 “Stop Blaming Mental Illness for Mass Shootings.” *Amarillo Globe-News*, October 14, 2017.

- 2017 “Are We Misdiagnosing the Cause of Gun Violence?” *Texas Monthly*, October 11, 2017.
- 2017 “Police Need Training to Recognize People with Disabilities.” *Austin-American Statesman*, October 2, 2017.
- 2017 “Police Must Learn to Deal with People with Disabilities.” *San Antonio News-Express*, October 5, 2017.
- 2017 “Care Gone Wrong: Bad Moms, Fake Disabilities, and Imagined Illnesses.” *Nursing Clio*, August 8, 2015.
- 2017 “The Anti-Vaccine Movement, Bad Science, and the Rise of Fake News.” *Nursing Clio*, March 16, 2017.
- 2016 “The Enclosed Case.” *Somatosphere.net*, February 29, 2016.
- 2015 “Top of the Heap: Elizabeth Lewis.” *Somatosphere.net*, October 21, 2015.
- 2014 “Addressing Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities: A Conference Report.” *Somatosphere.net*, June 10, 2014.
- 2014 “Coming Home to Disability: One Sibling’s Story.” *Texas SenseAbilities*, Fall 2014.
- 2014 “In the Community, but Alone.” *BLOOM*, August 26, 2014.
- 2014 “Disability Was Home: From Big Sister to Anthropologist.” *BLOOM*, May 5, 2014.
- 2013 In the Journals. *Somatosphere.net*, multiple entries, 2013-15.
- 2011 Supplementary online content for “Ethnography in the Way of Theory” by João Biehl, *Cultural Anthropology*, November 2013.
- 2012 Supplementary online content for “The Time of Anthropology” by Anand Pandian, *Cultural Anthropology*, November 2012.
- 2011 “Curated Collection: Youth,” co-edited with Amanda Snellinger and Roseann Liu. *Cultural Anthropology*, April 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin, Steve Hicks School of Social Work

2018 Family Support, Self-Determination, and Disability (online)

2018 Women with Disabilities (online)

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Anthropology
2016 Expressive Culture

Southwestern University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
2013 Anthropology of Health and Illness
2013 Introduction to Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018 Freelance Researcher, *Lonely Planet Kids*
2018 Contributing Expert, Social Sciences, *ThoughtCo.com*
2014-16 Digital Communications Manager, Society for Medical Anthropology
2013-16 Contributing Writer, Somatosphere.net
2010-14 Contributing Editor, *Cultural Anthropology*

AWARDS AND HONORS

2017 Winner, Disability Research Interest Group Travel Award, Society for Medical Anthropology, Fall 2017.
2016 Winner, Charles Hughes Graduate Student Paper Prize, Society for Medical Anthropology, Fall 2016.
2015 Finalist, Pen to Paper Creative Writing Contest, Fall 2015.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2014-15 Named/Endowed Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin.
2015 Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin.
2015 Society for Disability Studies Conference Scholarship.
2013-14 Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship, Wenner-Gren Foundation.
2013 Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin.
2011 Tinker Field Research Grant.

- 2011 Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2010 Borderlands Summer Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2009-10 Graduate Recruitment Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2009-10 Borderlands Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2005-06 Partial Tuition Scholarship, Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

- 2017 Navigating Complexity: Perspectives on Rare and Undiagnosed Disorders. Association of University Centers on Disabilities Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 2017.
- 2017 Family Matters. Co-organized with Aaron Seaman, Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, March 2017.
- 2015 Access, Capacity, and the Human. Co-organized with Kenneth MacLeish, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2015.
- 2015 Digital Futures: Mapping New Methodologies for Disability Studies. Roundtable, Society for Disability Studies Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 2015.
- 2015 Variation Without Difference: How Can the Anthropology of Disability Change the Debate? Co-organized with Matthew Wolf-Meyer, American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2015.
- 2013 Incitements of Infrastructure: Ethnography After Representation. Co-organized with Jennifer Carlson. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2013.

Papers Presented

- 2017 Digital Care, Digital Kin. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, March 2017.
- 2015 Accessing the New Normal. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2015.
- 2015 The Medicalization of Contemporary Mother-Blaming. Society for Disability Studies Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 2015.

- 2015 An Ethnography of the Undiagnosed: Emergent Questions and Challenges. American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2015.
- 2013 After the NICU: Emergent Disability Publics in an Era of New Technology. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2013.
- 2012 Affect, Bodies, and Difference: On Framing Disability and Intimacy in the Everyday. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2012.
- 2012 Bodies, Affect, and the Family: Portraits of the Deafblind Spectrum. Emerging Scholarship in Women's and Gender Studies Annual Conference, University of Texas, Austin, TX, March 2012.
- 2012 A Moment of Change: Deafblindness in Contemporary Guatemala. Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association Annual Conference, Austin, TX, February 2012.
- 2011 Bodies in Motion: Deafblindness, Personhood, and Activism in Central America. American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Montreal, November 2011.

Discussant

- 2015 Accessing the Field in Anthropological Studies of Disability. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2015.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2017 Disability and Health Disparities. Developing Outstanding Clinical Skills (DOCS) for second-year medical students, Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin, November 2017.
- 2016 Applied and Public Anthropology: An Overview. University of Texas Anthropological Society, invited speaker, Austin, TX, March 2016.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2015-16 Steering Committee Member, Disability Research Interest Group, Society for Medical Anthropology.
- 2016 Reviewer, Political and Legal Anthropology Review.
- 2015-16 Reviewer, Cultural, Medicine, and Psychiatry.

- 2014-15 Member, Disability Access Working Group, American Anthropological Association.
- 2011 Jury Panelist, Medical Anthropology Student Association Mentor Award.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2014-18 Board Member, Texas Parent to Parent.
- 2017 The “Truth” About Siblings: What We Know Now. Invited speaker, Texas Symposium on Deafblindness, Austin, TX, February 2017.
- 2015 A Silent Crisis: Race, Disability, and Health Disparities in the U.S. Invited speaker, 2015 Cross-Systems Summit: Collaborating to Achieve Equity, Austin, TX, August 2015.
- 2015 The “Truth” About Siblings: A View from the Field. Invited speaker, Texas Symposium on Deafblindness, Austin, TX, February 2015.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2017 Featured commentator for radio program on police violence against individuals with disabilities, The Texas Standard, Texas Public Radio, Austin, TX, October 2017.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (excellent)
French (beginner)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Medical Anthropology
Society for Applied Anthropology
Society for Disability Studies