

# Heather A. Paxson

## MIT Anthropology

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024- Associate Dean for Faculty, MIT School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
- 2020-2024 Head, MIT Anthropology Program
- 2018-2019 Interim Head, MIT Anthropology Program
- 2014- William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Humanities, Professor of Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2012 Visiting Professor, University of Virginia (Semester at Sea, Spring)
- 2011-2014 Associate Professor of Anthropology with Tenure, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2008-2011 Associate Professor of Anthropology without Tenure, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2007-2008 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2003-2007 Lecturer, Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2002-2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Pitzer College, Claremont Consortium
- 2000-2002 Adjunct Assistant Professor, John W. Draper Interdisciplinary Master's Program in Humanities and Social Thought; Anthropology; and Urban Studies, New York University
- 2001 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Lehman College, CUNY
- 1999-2000 Lecturer, Anthropology, Princeton University
- 1998-1999 Lecturer in Anthropology, Program in Cultures, Ideas, and Values, Stanford University
- 1996-1998 Teaching Affiliate, Anthropology, Stanford University

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Stanford University, Anthropology, 1998. Dissertation: *Redefining Reproduction in Urban Greece: A Cultural Study of Fertility Control*
- M.A. Stanford University, Anthropology, 1992
- B.A. Haverford College, Anthropology (at Bryn Mawr College), Concentration in Feminist and Gender Studies, 1990

### EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- Editorial Collective, *Cultural Anthropology*, 2018-2022
- Area Editor, *Oxford Companion to Cheese*, Oxford University Press, 2013-2016
- Editorial Board, *Engaging Science, Technology and Society*, 2015-2019
- Editorial Board, *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture*, 2013-2018

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021 GAD New Directions Award (group) for *Fieldsights*, the Society for Cultural Anthropology's open access website for nonjournal publications. General Anthropology Division of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2017 Committed to Caring recognition, Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, MIT
- 2014 Margaret MacVicar Faculty Fellow (for excellence in teaching), MIT
- 2011 Levitan Teaching Prize in the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, MIT
- 2010 Sophie Coe Prize in Food History, Honorary Mention, Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery
- 2009 Belasco Prize for Scholarly Excellence, Assoc. for the Study of Food and Society
- 2008 MIT Class of 1957 Career Development Professorship (3-year chair)
- 2008 James A. and Ruth Levitan Prize in the Humanities, MIT
- 2008 Everett Moore Baker Memorial Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, MIT
- 1998 Biennial Dissertation Prize Competition, Second Place, Modern Greek Studies Association
- 1997 Robert Bayard Textor Award for Outstanding Anthropological Creativity, Stanford University
- 1990 Departmental Honors in Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College
- 1990 Phi Beta Kappa, Haverford College

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 "Relata: An Experimental Search Tool for Humanistic Scholarship," MIT-SenseTime Alliance
- 2013 Co-Organizer (with Cristina Grasseni) of "The Re-Invention of Food," a Radcliffe Exploratory Seminar, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Cambridge, MA (18-19 October)
- 2013 Visiting Professorship, University of Bergamo, Italy (June 22 - July 6)
- 2010-11 Co-Director (with Stefan Helmreich) of "Sensing the Unseen," a Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Cultures, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2009-10 Mary I. Bunting Institute Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
- 2007 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Post-Ph.D. Individual Research Grant
- 2005 Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Research Fellowship
- 1996 Foundation for Hellenic Studies Dissertation Writing Grant
- 1996 O'Bie Shultz Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for International Studies, Stanford
- 1995 Mellon Dissertation Write-up Grant, awarded through Stanford Anthropology
- 1993 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Grant
- 1990 Stanford University Departmental Fellowship for Graduate Study

## PUBLICATIONS

## Monographs

- 2013 *The Life of Cheese: Crafting Food and Value in America*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Winner of the 2013 Diana Forsythe Book Prize, from the Society for the Anthropology of Work and the Committee on the Anthropology of Science Technology and Culture
- Chinese translation with new Preface published in 2023.
- 2004 *Making Modern Mothers: Ethics and Family Planning in Urban Greece*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

## Edited Volumes

- 2023 (Editor) *Eating beside Ourselves: Mediating Thresholds of Foods and Bodies*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2016 (Area Editor) *The Oxford Companion to Cheese*. Catherine Donnelly, ed. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.
- Winner of the 2017 James Beard Award in Reference and Scholarship.

## Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 [“Protecting Perishable Values: Timescapes of Moving Fermented Foods across Oceans and International Borders.”](#) *Current Anthropology* 62(S24): S334-42.
- 2019 [“‘Don’t Pack a Pest’: Parts, Wholes, and the Porosity of Food Borders.”](#) *Food, Culture & Society* 22(5): 657-673.
- 2015 “La Vita Americana del Formaggio: La Negoziante dei Valori di un Prodotto Artigianale in UNA Società Industriale” [“The American Life of Cheese: Negotiating the Values of an Artisanal Commodity in an Industrial Society”]. *Annuario di Antropologia* 2(2): 123-140.
- 2014 [“The Re-Invention of Food: Connection and Mediation”](#) (with Cristina Grasseni), introduction to a special issue of *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture*, co-edited with Cristina Grasseni, Volume 4(4).
- 2014 [“The Perils and Promises of Microbial Abundance: Novel Natures and Model Ecosystems, from Artisanal Cheese to Alien Seas”](#) (with Stefan Helmreich). *Social Studies of Science* 44(2): 165-193.  
French translation in 2017 as « Périls et promesses de l’abondance

- microbienne: Naturesnouvelles et écosystèmes modèles, du fromage artisanal aux mers extérieurs,» *Techniques&Culture* 68 « Mondes infimes » T.N. Beltrame, S. Houdart & C. Jungen, eds. 248-285 (French translation by Valentine Leÿes).
- 2014 [“The Art of the Monger.”](#) (editor reviewed) *Limn* 4, on Food Infrastructures, guest edited by Mikko Jauho, David Schleifer, Bart Penders and Xaq Frolich.
- 2012 [“Nicknames and Trademarks: Establishing American Originals,”](#) part of a collection on *Naming Cheese* by the Cheese Scholars’ Collective. *Food, Culture and Society* 15(1): 7-41. (Collection co-editor with Harry West.)
- 2011 [“The ‘Art’ and ‘Science’ of Handcrafting Cheese in the United States.”](#) *Endeavour* 35(2-3): 116-124.  
Reprinted (2016) in *Anthropology of the Arts: A Reader*. Gretchen Bakke and Marina Peterson, eds. London: Bloomsbury Academic.
- 2010 [“Cheese Cultures: Transforming American Tastes and Traditions.”](#) *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture* 10(4): 35-47.  
Reprinted (2013) in *The Best of Gastronomica* special issue 13(1): 79-91.
- 2010 [“Locating Value in Artisan Cheese: Reverse-Engineering Terroir for New World Landscapes.”](#) *American Anthropologist* 112(3): 442-455.
- 2010 [“Placing the Taste of Vermont Cheese.”](#) *Cuizine: The Journal of Canadian Food Cultures* 2(2). (editor-reviewed)
- 2008 [“Post-Pasteurian Cultures: The Microbiopolitics of Raw-Milk Cheese in the United States.”](#) *Cultural Anthropology* 23(1): 15-47.  
German translation in 2019 as “Käsekulturen nach Pasteur: Zur Mikrobiopolitik von Rohmilchkäse in den USA.” *NaturenKulturen: Denkräume und Werkzeuge für Neue Politische Ökologien*. Friederike Gesing, Michi Knecht, Michael Flintner, Katrin Amelang (Hg.). Bielefeld: Verlag.  
Reprinted in *Microbiopolitics of Milk*, edited by INLAND. Sternberg Press, 2023. Pp. 104-152.
- 2006 [“Reproduction as Spiritual Kin Work: Orthodoxy, IVF and the Moral Economy of Motherhood in Greece.”](#) *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 30(4): 481-505.  
Greek translation in 2013 as "Η αναπαραγωγή ως πνευματικό έργο συγγένειας. Ορθοδοξία, εξωσωματική γονιμοποίηση και η ηθική οικονομία της μητρότητας στην Ελλάδα". In Βενετία Καντσά (ed.), Η μητρότητα στο προσκήνιο. Σύγχρονες έρευνες στην ελληνική εθνογραφία, 285-313. Αθήνα: Αλεξάνδρεια.

- 2005      “[Slow Food in a Fat Society: Satisfying Ethical Appetites.](#)” *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture* 5(1): 14-18.
- 2003      “[With or Against Nature? IVF as a Proper Means of Reproduction in Greece.](#)” *Social Science and Medicine* 56(9): 1853-1866.
- 2002      “[Rationalizing Sex: Family Planning and the Making of Modern Lovers in Urban Greece.](#)” *American Ethnologist* 29(2): 307-344.
- 1997      “[Gender and Genealogy, Diaspora and Demography: Anthropological Notes on Greek Population Policy.](#)” *South European Society and Politics* 2(2): 34-56.

#### Chapters in Refereed Edited Volumes

- 2025      “[Thinking, and Becoming, Beyond Terroir](#)” (with Brad Weiss). In *Food Beyond Terroir*, edited by Anna Colquhoun and Katharina Graf. Pp. 301-312. Oxford, UK: Berghahn Books.
- 2023      “[Introduction: Eating beside Ourselves.](#)” In *Eating beside Ourselves: Mediating Thresholds of Foods and Bodies*, edited by Heather Paxson. Pp. 1-28. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2022      (with Xenia Cherkaev and Stefan Helmreich) “Cheese.” In *An Anthropogenic Table of Elements: Experiments in the Fundamental*, edited by Timothy Neale, Courtney Addison, and Thao Phan. Pp. 61-69. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- 2017      “Participant-observation and Interviewing Techniques.” In *Food Culture: Anthropology, Linguistics, and Food Studies*. Janet Chrzan and John Brett, eds. Pp. 92-100. New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2016      “[Craftsmanship and Quality in Artisanal Cheesemaking.](#)” In *Food and Architecture: At the Table*. Samantha Martin-McAuliffe, ed. Pp. 191-205. London: Bloomsbury.
- 2016      “[Rethinking Food and its Eaters: Opening the Black Boxes of Safety and Nutrition.](#)” In *The Handbook of Food and Anthropology*, Jakob A. Klein and James L. Watson, eds. Pp. 268-288. London: Bloomsbury.
- 2016      “When Chèvre was Weird: Hippie Taste, Technoscience, and the Revival of American Artisanal Food-making. In *Groovy Science: Science, Technology, and the American Counterculture*, David Kaiser and Patrick McCray, eds. Pp. 366-389. Chicago: Chicago University Press.
- 2014      “Microbiopolitics.” In *The Multispecies Salon: Gleanings from a Parasite*,” S. Eben Kirksey, ed. Pp. 115-121. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2014      “[Re-Inventing a Tradition of Invention: Entrepreneurialism as Heritage in American Artisan Cheesemaking.](#)” In *Edible Identities: Food as Cultural Heritage*, Ronda Brulotte and Michael Di Giovine, eds. Pp. 29-38. Farnham, UK: Ashgate Press.

- 2007 “A Fluid Mechanics of Erotas and Aghape: Family Planning and Maternal Consumption in Contemporary Greece.” In *Love and Globalization: Transformations of Intimacy in the Contemporary World*, Mark B. Padilla, Jennifer S. Hirsch, Miguel Muños-Laboy, Robert E. Sember, and Richard G. Parker, eds. Pp. 120-138. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.
- 2006 “[Artisanal Cheese and Economies of Sentiment in New England](#).” In *Fast Food / Slow Food: The Cultural Economy of the Global Food System*. Richard Wilk, ed. Pp. 201-217. Lanham, MD: Altamira.
- 2005 “[Family Planning, Human Nature, and the Ethical Subject of Sex in Greece](#).” In *Sex in Development: Science, Sexuality, and Morality in Global Perspective*. Vincanne Adams and Stacy Leigh Pigg, eds. Pp. 95-124. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2005 “[Underfertility’s Challenge to Family and Gender Relations in Urban Greece](#).” In *Barren States: The Population ‘Implosion’ in Europe*. Carrie B. Douglass, ed. Pp. 137-157. Oxford, UK: Berg Press.
- 2005 (with Stefan Helmreich) “Sex on the Brain: *A Natural History of Rape* and the Dubious Doctrines of Evolutionary Psychology.” In *Why America’s Top Pundits Are Wrong: Anthropologists Talk Back*. Hugh Gusterson and Catherine Besteman, eds. Pp. 180-205. Berkeley: University of California Press.  
 Reprinted in *Readings for a History of Anthropological Theory*, third edition. Paul A. Erickson and Liam D. Murphy, eds. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2010. Pp. 565-583.

### Other Publications

- 2025 (with Nils Bubandt, Sophie Chao, Marianne Lien, Pirjo Virtanen, Tomas Cole, Karin Ahlberg) “[Anthropologists are Talking about Ecography](#).” *Ethnos* 91(1): 126-143.
- 2022 (with Elise Andaya, Risa Cromer, Carolyn Sufrin) “[After Roe: Introduction](#).” Hot Spot Series, “After Roe,” edited by Elise Andaya, Risa Cromer, Heather Paxson, Carolyn Sufrin, and Lucy van de Weil. Society for Cultural Anthropology’s *Fieldsights*, October 3. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/after-roe>
- 2021 “[The Safety of Fermented Foods](#).” Video and transcript of talk given as part of the Fermentology webinar series, a project of the North Carolina State University Public Science Lab.
- 2021 “[Opening Access to AAA’s Publishing Future](#),” with Sarah Besky, Ilana Gershon, Alex Nading, Christopher Nelson, Katie Nelson, and Brad Weiss. Member Voices, *Fieldsights*, June 30.
- 2021 “[American Fascism](#),” edited with Christopher Nelson and Brad Weiss. Hot Spots, *Fieldsights*, April 15.
- 2018 “[The Naturalization of Nature as Working](#).” *Theorizing the Contemporary*, Cultural Anthropology website, July 26, 2018.
- 2017 “[Gold Rush Opportunists, Hippie Goat Ladies, Latino Newcomers](#):

- California Entrepreneurs Dream of Cheese.” *The Conversation*, December 13.
- 2016 ["More Mango Madness."](#) Invited contribution to Book Forum for Harris Solomon’s *Metabolic Living: Food, Fat and the Absorption of Illness in India*. *Somatosphere*, pp. 7-9. October 24, 2016.
- 2014 Invited Comment on “The Rotten Renaissance in the Bering Strait: Loving, Loathing, and Washing the Smell of Foods with a (Re)Acquired Taste.” *Current Anthropology* 55(5): 640-641.
- 2014 ["A Craft with Soul: Local Engagement and the Global Market."](#) *Alimentarium Magazine*, Issue #1, February: <http://www.ealimentarium.ch/en>.
- 2013 “Food: Deviation.” Part of a Field Notes series of the online edition of Cultural Anthropology: <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/370-food-deviation>. August 18.
- 2012 “Sensing the Unseen: An Infraduction” (with Stefan Helmreich and Emily Zeamer). *Sensate: A Journal for Experiments in Critical Media Practice*: <http://sensatejournal.com/2012/04/sensing-the-unseen-2-0/>
- 2012 Review of *Hay Fever: How Chasing a Dream on a Vermont Farm Changed My Life*, by Angela Miller. *Gastronomica* 12(2): 115-116.
- 2011 Review of *Goat Song: A Seasonal Life, A Short History of Herding, and the Art of Making Cheese*, by Brad Kessler. *Gastronomica* 11(1): 112-113.
- 2009 Review of *The Gospel of Food: Everything You Think You Know about Food is Wrong*, by Barry Glassner. *Agricultural History* 83(1): 126-127.
- 2008 Review of *The Atlas of American Artisan Cheese*, by Jeffrey P. Roberts. *Gastronomica* 8(4): 105-106.
- 2008 “Pro-Choice/Pro-Life.” In *International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences, 2nd Edition*. William A. Darity, ed. New York: Macmillan Reference USA/Thompson Gale. Pp. 501-503.
- 2005 “Abortion/Anti-Abortion Conflict.” In *Science, Technology, and Society*. Sal Restivo, ed. Pp. 1-2. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 2005 Review of *Not by Bread Alone: Social Support in the New Russia*, by Melissa L. Caldwell. *Postcolonial Studies* 8(1): 127-131.
- 2002 Review of *The Elusive Embryo: How Women and Men Approach New Reproductive Technologies*, by Gay Becker, and *Ideologies and Technologies of Motherhood*, Heléna Ragoné and France Winddance Twine, eds. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 16(1): 110-112.
- 2001 Review of *Contraception Across Cultures: Technologies, Choices, Constraints*, by Andrew Russell, Elisa Sobo and Mary Thompson, eds. *American Ethnologist* 28(3): 716-717.
- 2001 Review of *The Politics of Duplicity: Controlling Reproduction in Ceausescu’s Romania*, by Gail Kligman. *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 1(2): 164-166.
- 1999 Review of *From Duty to Desire: Remaking Families in Rural Spain*, by Jane F. Collier. *South European Society and Politics* 4(2): 251-252.

1990            “‘I’m a Thee, Too’: The Uses and Meaning of Quaker Plain Speech.”  
*Friends Journal* 6: 18-20.

#### MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPEARANCES

- “[Purity and Danger](#).” Interviewed for the Milk on the Move podcast. November 9, 2025.
- “[Your Cheese is En Route...Maybe](#).” Janet Fletcher’s *Planet Cheese*. February 18, 2025.
- “[Cheesetales: The Past, Present and Future of Midwestern Cheese](#).” Eat Your Heartland Out, Heritage Radio Network and PRX. March 17, 2022.
- “[The Future of Raw Milk Cheese](#)” (with Catherine Donnelley and Carlos Yescas). Cutting the Curd, Heritage Radio Network. November 16, 2020.
- “[Retreating to the Kitchen](#).” Interview with Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, June 1, 2020.
- [Cultures of Energy Podcast](#) interview, April 12, 2018.
- Appearance in “Anthropology Faces the Future,” episode 10 of “From Savage to Self: Farrah Jarral explores the history of anthropology,” BBC Radio 4, February 5, 2016:  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06zh7ch>
- Interview in *Profession Fromager*, “Our une revolution post-pasteurienne,” Nov. 67, Mai-Jun 2015, pg. 8.
- Appearance in Gastropod’s program, “Say Cheese!” March 23, 2015:  
<http://gastropod.com/say-cheese-2/>
- Appearance in *Selfmade*, a video by synthetic biologist and bioartist Christina Agapakis:  
<http://agapakis.com/selfmade.html>, 2013.
- Interview and book review, “Cutting the Curd” program on Heritage Radio Network, June 14, 2013.
- Interview segment, Milwaukee Public Radio, “Lake Effect” show, January 17, 2013.
- Invited guest, WBUR/National Public Radio “On Point” show, “The Surprisingly Colorful History of Milk,” June 28, 2011.
- Invited guest, KDVS/UCSD radio “Local Dirt” show on raw-milk cheese politics, August 4, 2008.

#### INVITED SEMINARS, COLLOQUIA, ETC.

- April 2026            “Sensing the Unseen (or, Microbioception) in Artisan Cheese Making.” Invited lecture at the conference on Humans & The Microbiome, CIFAR, Zurich, Switzerland.
- March 2025            “Navigating Natureculture Timescapes: Mobility and Maturation in the Work of Importing Cheese.” Center for Environmental Humanities, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy.
- January 2025            “Protecting Perishable Values: Timescapes of Mobility and Maturation in the Case of Imported Cheese.” Food Studies Distinguished Lecture, Food Studies Centre, SOAS, UK.
- January 2025            “Protecting Perishable Values: Timescapes of Moving Cheese across Oceans and Borders.” Keynote Lecture, Food System Temporalities Conference, University of Cambridge, UK.

- November 2024 “Protecting Perishable Values: Timescapes of Moving Specialty Foods across Oceans and Borders.” Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, Sweden.
- July 2024 (with Stefan Helmreich) “Unruly Collaborators: Rendering Waves and Microbes in More-than-Human Ethnographies.” Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.
- June 2024 “On Form, Type, and Method: Hybridity in Foods and Food Studies (with Cautionary Tales from Cheese).” Keynote lecture, Biennial Perugia Food Conference, Umbra Institute, Perugia, Italy.
- May 2024 “Microbiopolitics, Now: In Scaling Production, Food Safety Regulation, and Beyond.” University of Sussex, UK.
- April 2024 “Protecting Perishable Values: Timescapes of Moving Living Cheese across Oceans and Borders.” “Anthropology of Life” seminar, CUNP, Paris, France.
- May 2023 “Protecting Perishable Values: Timescapes of Importing European Cheese into the United States.” Anthropology Colloquium, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. May 4.
- May 2022 “Ruderal Enchantment in Farmstead Cheese Ecologies of Production.” Keynote lecture for the Anthropology Roundtable on Ecography, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, Sweden. May 5-6.
- March 2022 “Microbiopolitics Now, in Food Safety and Beyond.” Department of Anthropology Agri-Food Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis. (Remote)
- October 2021 “The Current and Future Landscape of Publishing in Anthropology” (with Elizabeth Chin). Invited discussion, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. (Remote)
- November 2020 “Thinking with Microbes, and Microbiopolitics.” Public lecture as part of a series, “Thinking through Microbes.” Goldsmiths University, UK. (Remote)
- November 2020 “Microbiopolitics Now, in Food Safety and Beyond.” Public lecture as part of a series on “Rescaling the Metabolic,” University of Cambridge, UK. (Remote)
- October 2019 “Protecting Perishable Value(s): The Material-Semiotics of Moving Fermented Foods across International Borders.” Invited paper workshopped as part of a Wenner-Gren Symposium on “Cultures of Fermentation,” Sintra, Portugal.
- October 2019 “The Life of Cheese: Searching for Value in an Artisanal Commodity,” Odyssey Lecture, Hendrix College, Arkansas. October 16-17.
- April 2019 “Beyond the Bespoke: Sustaining Open Access at *Cultural Anthropology*.” Presented at the Opening Access Symposium, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada. April 5.
- January 2019 “Rethinking Food and its Eaters.” Keynote lecture of the symposium *Food(ing)*, Aarhus University, Denmark. January 23.

- August 2018 “The Cultural Life of Cheese: Gender, Labor and Microbes in American Craft.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. August 24.
- May 2018 “Safe Passage or Risky Transit? Moving Perishable Foods across the U.S. Border.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway. May 23.
- February 2018 “Food Risk at the Border: Adulteration or Customary Practice,” presented at Risk on the Table: Food, Health and Environmental Exposures, History of Science Department, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- February 2018 “Moving Perishables Across Borders in a Global Economy of Qualities.” Presented at the workshop on Logistical Nightmares, sponsored by Goldsmiths University and the University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. February 23.
- March 2017 “‘Don’t Pack a Pest’: Biosecurity, Gastropolitics, and the Permeability of Food Borders.” Presented at the workshop on Edible Feminisms: On Discard, Waste, and Metabolism, Center for the Study of Women, University of California-Los Angeles, Feb 1-2.
- December 2016 “Food Risk at the Border: Adulteration or Customary Practice.” Presented at Risk on the Table: Food, Health and Environmental Exposures, History of Science Department, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- November 2016 “On Microbiopolitics: From Food Safety to Biosecurity.” Paper presented at the program in Environmental Humanities, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany.
- November 2016 “The Microbiopolitics of American Cheese: From Food Safety to Border Security.” Paper presented at the Department of Cultural Geography, Wageningen University, Netherlands.
- October 2016 “Food Safety Meets Biosecurity: Perishability and the Microbiopolitics of Trade.” Paper presented as part of the workshop on “Microbial Relatings: A discussion of ethnographic possibilities.” Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- October 2016 “Infrastructures of NatureCulture in the Realm of the Intangible and Invisible.” Workshop led (with Stefan Helmreich), organized by the NatureCultures Lab, University of Bremen, Germany.
- October 2016 “The Microbiopolitics of American Cheese: Taste, Safety and Risk in a Post-Industrializing Food Landscape.” Presented at the Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg School of Social Sciences and Humanities, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- September 2016 “Moving Foods Across National Borders: Anticipatory Notes on Research to Come.” Paper workshopped within the session on “Human/Non-Human Boundaries,” a two-day workshop held in conjunction with “Food and its Entanglements,” funded by the ERC Overheating Grant #295843 and the Wenner-Gren

- Foundation for Anthropological Research. (Conference co-convener.) Oslo, Norway.
- April 2016 “Scaling Food Politics: Notes on the Ecologies of Production of America’s Food System.” Keynote Lecture at *Critical Consumption: The Future of Food Studies*, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- March 2016 “The Life of Cheese: Negotiating the Values of an Artisanal Commodity.” The Gehman Lecture, presented at the Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.
- April 2015 “The Life of Cheese: Negotiating the Values of an Artisanal Commodity.” Presented at The Center for Environmental Studies and co-sponsored by the Class of 1960s Scholars Program in Environmental Studies and the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Williams College, Williamstown, MA.
- March 2015 “Domesticating the Life of Cheese: Value and Vitality in American Artisanal Cheesemaking.” Presented at Atelier « Domestication et fabrication du vivant », Pépinière interdisciplinaire Centre national de la recherche scientifique-Paris Science et Lettre “Domestication et fabrication du vivant,” Centre national de la recherche scientifique/Laboratoire d’anthropologie sociale, Collège de France, Paris, France.
- March 2015 “The Political Life of Cheese: Industrialization, Sanitary Norms and Post-Pasteurian Alternatives.” Presented as part of the seminar series on “Governing Nature: Knowledges, Cultures and Politics of Biodiversity,” Museum of Natural History, Paris, France.
- November 2014 “Regulating Microbial Ecologies: Policy and Practice in Artisanal Cheesemaking.” Presented at the STS Circle, Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- October 2014 “On Trying to Be an Anthropologist.” Presented at the symposium in honor of Jean Jackson, on the occasion of her retirement. MIT Anthropology Program, Cambridge, MA.
- October 2014 “The Life of Cheese: Negotiating the Values of an Artisanal Commodity.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.
- September 2014 “The Cultural Life of Cheese: Gender, Labor and Microbes in American Craft Production.” Presented as part of the Emerging Humanities Network’s “Subnature and Culinary Cultures” Program, cosponsored by Humanities Writ Large, the Program in Women’s Studies, the Department of History, the Department of Cultural Anthropology. Duke University, Durham, NC.
- September 2014 “The Subnatures of Cheesemaking.” Presented as part of “Subnatural Cultures in and Around the Creamery from Science to Animals and Art: A Talk, Tasting and Art Opening at Duke’s Jameson Gallery,” Duke University, Durham, NC.

- April 2014 “Cheese is Alive! Regulating the Microbial Ecologies of Artisanal Cheese.” Holtz Center for Science & Technology Studies Science and the Public Series, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.
- March 2014 “Raw (Milk) Politics: Safety and Skill in Small-Scale Cheesemaking.” Keynote lecture at the symposium, The Work of Culturing: Labor and Local Food. Tufts University, Somerville, MA.
- October 2013 “The Life of Cheese: Negotiating the Values of an Artisanal Commodity.” Presented at the Center for Media, Culture and History, New York University, New York, NY.
- August 2013 “The Life of Cheese: An Anthropological Portrait of American Artisan Cheesemaking.” Invited lecture at the American Cheese Society Meetings, Madison, WI.
- June 2013 “The Life of American Artisanal Cheese: Negotiating the Values of an Unfinished Commodity.” Presented at the University of Bergamo, Italy.
- April 2012 “The Perils and Promises of Microbial Abundance: Novel Natures and Model Ecosystems, from Artisan Cheese to Alien Seas,” with Stefan Helmreich. Klopsteg lecture series, Science in Human Culture Program, Northwestern Univ., Evanston, IL.
- February 2012 “The Life of Artisanal Cheese: Negotiating the Values of an Unfinished Commodity.” Presented at the Food Systems Program, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.  
also presented March 2012 at Pitzer College, Claremont, CA
- November 2012 “The Microbiopolitical Life of Cheese: Taste, Safety and Artisanship in American Food Politics.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- November 2012 “Classifying Cheese.” Presented at the Cornell Cheese Club, Ithaca, NY.
- September 2012 “The Perils and Promises of Microbial Abundance: Science, Politics and Value from Artisan Cheese to Alien Seas,” with Stefan Helmreich. Presented at the Program in STS, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- June 2012 “Of Cheese and Chocolate: In Search of ‘Good’ Food.” Presented at the symposium Connections: Ethnographic Explorations, in honor of Jim Howe. Anthropology Program, MIT.
- April 2012 “The Life of Cheese: Artisans and Agriculture in Contemporary America.” Explorer Seminar, Semester at Sea Program (University of Virginia), M/V Explorer.
- November 2011 “The Microbiopolitics of Food Safety Regulation: Classifying Microbial Ecologies.” Presented at the Department of Social Studies of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- November 2011 “Embodying Local Ecologies.” Presented at the Symposium on Local Biologies in Honor of Margaret Lock, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

- April 2011 “A Microcosm in Every Bite: Incorporating Productive Ecologies through Farmstead Cheese Making and Eating.” Keynote lecture at the workshop *Eating Bodies and Places*, Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- April 2011 “Grounding Sustainable Dairying through Artisan Cheese Making.” Visiting Scholars public lecture series, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.
- February 2011 “The Perils and Potentials of Microbial Abundance: From Fermented Foods to Astrobiology.” Presented at the Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (with Stefan Helmreich)  
also presented at the Department of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, March 2011
- February 2010 “The Microbiopolitics of Raw-Milk Cheese in the United States.” Presented as part of a colloquium series, “Multiplying Relationship,” at the Department of Anthropology, Durham University, Durham, UK.  
also presented in March 2010 at the Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- December 2009 “Reverse-Engineering *Terroir*: Locating the Value of American Artisan Cheese.” Presented at the Center for the Humanities with the Holtz Center for Science & Technology Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.
- October 2009 “Tasting and Talking *Terroir*: Locating Value in American Artisan Cheese.” Public lecture presented at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Cambridge, MA.
- October 2009 “Microbes Meet Earth.” Presented at the *Technoscience Salon*, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.
- June 2009 “Uses of the Terroir Concept among American Artisan Cheesemakers.” Presented at the workshop on *Ethnographic Studies of Contemporary Cheese Making and Marketing*, Schumacher College, Dartington Hall, Devon, UK. (Workshop organizer with Harry West)
- March 2009 “What Makes Artisan Cheese *Artisanal*? Art, Craft, and Science in American Artisan Cheesemaking.” Presented at the Critical Studies in Food and Culture group, University of California at Davis.
- March 2009 “The ‘Microbiopolitics’ of Raw-Milk Cheese in the U.S.” Presented at The Anthropology of Science and Technology Series, Committee on Science and Technology Studies and Department of Anthropology, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- February 2009 “Cheese Cultures: American Tastes and Traditions of Artisan Invention.” Presented at *Tasting Histories: Food and Drink Cultures Through the Ages*, Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, University of California at Davis.

- May 2008 “The Paradox of Maternal Citizenship: Pronatal Nationalism and Family Planning in Urban Greece.” Presented at the Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean, Mytilene, Greece.
- May 2008 “Reproduction as Spiritual Kin Work: IVF and the Moral Economy of Motherhood in Greece.” Presented at *Motherhood in the Forefront: Recent Research in Greek Ethnography*, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean, Mytilene, Greece.
- November 2007 “Are Women National Symbols or Agents? Interpreting the Paradoxical Politics of Pronatalism and Family Planning in Greece.” Presented at the Anthropology and Population Seminar Series, Population Studies Department, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- October 2007 “Cultivating *Terroir*: How American Producers Locate Artisan Cheese along a Nature-Culture Continuum.” Presented at the Anthropology Department, University of Iceland, Reykjavik.
- April 2007 “Cultivating *Terroir* in American Artisanal Cheese: A View from Anthropology.” Presented at the Culinary Historians of Boston speakers series, Schlesinger Library, Cambridge, MA.
- February 2007 “The Microbiopolitics of Artisanal Cheese: How Human and Microbial Cultures Refigure Taste, Place, Health and Safety in the U.S. Presented at the Anthropology Program, MIT.
- December 2006 “Reverse-Engineering *Terroir*: Crafting Nature-Culture in American Artisanal Cheese Production.” Presented at the Anthropology Program, MIT.
- May 2006 “Consumption.” Discussant commentary presented at symposium on *What’s Wrong with America?* MIT.
- March 2006 “Microbiopolitics of Artisanal Cheese: Starter Cultures, Risk Cultures, Taste, and *Terroir*.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Rice University, Houston, TX.
- September 2004 “Women as Symbols or Agents of the Nation? The Paradoxical Politics of Pronatalism and Family Planning in Greece.” Presented at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- April-May 2004 “Love in the Time of Prophylaxis: Erotas, Aghape and Subjectivity in Contemporary Greece.” Presented at the workshop on *Love and Globalization*. Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- January 2004 “Ethics and Abortion: Medicalizing the Moral Discourse of Women’s Reproductive Agency in Urban Greece.” Presented at the Anthropology Program, Scripps College, Claremont, CA.
- January 2003 “Anthropology of Ethics: Family Planning and the Transformation of Abortion in Urban Greece.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

- February 2002 “Transforming the Ethical Body: Family Planning and Abortion in Urban Greece.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA.
- October 2001 “From an Ethic of Service to an Ethic of Choice: The Biomedicalization of Abortion in Greece.” Presented at the Health and Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- September 1996 “Gender and Genealogy, Diaspora and Demographics: Notes on Greek Population Policy.” Presented at the *Workshop on Procreation Theories*. Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics, London, UK.  
also presented at *The Mediterranean World*, sponsored by the Stanford Humanities Center and the Department of Classics, Stanford University, November 1996
- September 1996 “Rationalizing Sex: Conception and Contraception in Urban Greece.” Presented at *Changing Contraceptive Technologies*. University College, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham University, UK.
- March 1995 “Demographics, Women, and the Greek State.” Presented at the *Upper House Seminar Series*, British School of Athens, Greece.
- January 1995 “Why is a Feminist Archaeology Necessary?” Presented at the *Finlay Forum Series*, British School at Athens, Greece.
- February 1994 “Gender, Kinship, and Fertility Control in Athens.” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, Panteion University, Athens, Greece.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- November 2025 Panelist on the Executive Roundtable: The Ghosts We Eat: Unseen Entities Forming and Deforming Our Food Systems, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. New Orleans, LA.
- November 2025 Presenter and Discussant at the Town Hall, Anthropology's Ghosts: Ethics, Power, and Pedagogy in Departments of Anthropology. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. New Orleans, LA.
- March 2025 “Timescapes of Food Mobilities.” VitalGreenhouse ERC Project Launch, Meertens Institute, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- July 2024 “The New Logic and Logistics of U.S. Food Import Safety Regulation at the Border.” Presented as part of the panel on Border Infrastructures, Geopolitical Shocks, and Regulation Cracks. Meetings of the Society for Social Studies of Science/European Association for the Study of Science and Technology. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- November 2023 “The Metabolic (Microbio)politics of U.S. Food Import Safety Regulation.” Presented as part of the panel on Metabolic Politics

- at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Toronto, Canada.
- November 2019 20th Diana Forsythe Prize Celebration and Discussion. Roundtable participation. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Vancouver, Canada.
- September 2019 “Navigating Governance: Moving Food Through Regulated Borders.” Presented as part of the panel on Governing Food at the annual meetings of the Society for Social Studies of Science. New Orleans, LA.
- July 2019 “On Time, Attention and Tinkering.” Discussant comments for the panel, Landscapes of Knowledge: Stories of Agricultural Science and Technology.” Utrecht, Netherlands (remote).
- June 2019 “Locating Food and Eating in Time and Place,” discussant commentary for the panel, Meeting Food and Fooding, Nordic Science and Technology Studies Conference.” Tampere University, Finland (remote).
- August 2018 “Sensing Food Safety at the Border.” Presented as part of the panel on Sensing Beyond Borders, annual meetings of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Sydney, Australia. August 31.
- September 2016 “What Constitutes Craft?” Discussant commentary on the panel on Unraveling Craft, Technology and Practical Knowledge, organized by Anna Harris and Ruth Benschop, at the meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Barcelona, Spain.
- July 2016 “Living Well Together... But Happily Ever After?” Discussant commentary on the panel on Living Well Together: Considering Connections of Health, Wellbeing and Work in the Lives of Humans and Other Living Beings, organized by Ursula Münster and Sara Schroer, at the biennial meeting of the European Association for Social Anthropologists. Milan, Italy.
- July 2016 “Standards and Skills: Navigating Uncertainties of Raw-Milk Cheese Regulation in the United States.” Presented at the Panel on Politics of Raw-milk Cheese and Fermented Foodstuffs at the biennial meeting of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Milan, Italy. (Panel organizer with Elise Demeulenaere)
- June 2016 “Domestications and Ecologies of Production: Notes on Farmstead Cheesemaking.” Presented at *Call of The Wild*, MIT, Cambridge, MA.
- April 2016 Panelist on Microbiopolitics and Missing Microbes, at *Gut Reactions: The Microbiome and Human Nature*, Environmental Humanities Dialogues, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- November 2015 “Moving Perishables Across Borders in the Economy of Qualities.” Presented at the panel on Transforming Movements: Rethinking the Anthropology of Performance, Resistance, Circulation, and Change at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.

- November 2015 “Microbes Aren’t Us.” Discussant commentary on the panel Microsocialities at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.
- May 2015 Chair and Discussant for “Law, Bioethics and Kinship” panels. (In)Fertile Citizens: Anthropological and Legal Challenges of Assisted Reproduction Technologies. University of the Aegean, Mytilene, Greece.
- April 2015 “The Post-Industrial is After Nature.” Discussant commentary on the panel Post-Industrial Natures, at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of North America, John Jay College, New York, NY.
- February 2015 “Pinning Down Cheese: Science meets Politics in Answers to ‘Frequently Asked Questions.’” MIT Symposium on *Consuming Food, Producing Culture: Past and Present Worlds of Food and Gender*. Sponsored by Women’s and Gender Studies.
- August 2014 “Narrating Fermentation: American Scientists Tell of the ‘Good’ as well as the ‘Bad’ Microbes that Make Cheese.” Presented at the Panel on Fermentation/Fermentación at the annual meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, Buenos Aires, Argentina. (Panel Co-Organizer with Deborah Heath)
- April 2014 “Documenting Safety, Hiding Risk.” (with Jillian Cavanaugh) Presented at the Panel on In/Visibilities and Un/Accountabilities in Food at the annual meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Boston, MA. (Panel organizer)
- November 2013 “Crafting Knowledge: The Questions that Bind Artisan Cheesemakers and their Ethnographer.” Presented at the Panel on Material Knowledge: Craft Production in Anthropology at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- November 2013 “Danger’s Double Meaning.” Discussant commentary presented at the Panel on Danger! at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- October 2013 “Who is the ‘I’ that Eats?” Discussant commentary presented at the Panel on Comedo Ergo Sum at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, San Diego, CA.
- November 2012 “The Life of Cheese in Post-Pastoral America.” Presented at the Panel on Edible Anthropology at the 111th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- November 2012 “Tasting, Kneading, Knowing.” Discussant commentary presented at the Panel on Eating as a Bodily Practice: Contested Eating, Boundary-Making and Border-Crossing at the 111th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- October 2012 “Gender, Labor and Technology.” Discussant commentary presented at the workshop on Gender, Technology and Development, D-Lab, MIT.

- October 2012 “Exploring the Affective Ecologies of Farmstead Cheese.” Presented at the panel on Affective Ecologies at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- August 2012 “The Trouble with Cheese: Challenges of Classification for Food Safety Regulation.” Conference on The Science of Artisan Cheese, sponsored by the Specialty Cheesemakers Association and Neal’s Yard Dairy, North Cadbury Court, UK.
- July 2012 “Searching for Goodness: Ethics and Politics in Food and Food Studies.” Discussant commentary presented at the Panel Ethical Foods after the Global Recession: Navigating Anxiety, Morality and Austerity. Annual Meetings of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Nanterre University, France.
- June 2012 “In Tasting Cheese, Isolating Social Values.” Presented at the Panel The Social Tastes of Vermont Artisan Cheese, from Countryside to Cityscape at Global Gateways and Local Connections, Joint Annual Meetings of the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society, New York, NY.
- November 2011 “The Cunning of Craft: Cheese Care, Affinage, and the Art of the Monger.” Presented at the Panel on The Craft in Craftiness at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- August 2011 “The Cultural History of Raw-Milk Cheese.” Presented at the panel on Raw-Milk Cheese Today: How Did We Get Here? at the 28th annual meeting of the American Cheese Society, Montreal, Canada.
- August 2011 “The Cultural Politics of Raw-Milk Cheese.” Presented at the panel on Raw-Milk Cheese: The Ancient Battle of Good Versus Evil? at the 100th annual meeting of the International Association for Food Preservation, Milwaukee, WI.
- November 2010 “Cultivating and Marketing the Liveliness of Artisan Cheese.” Presented at the panel on Circulatory Food Systems: Connections, Incorporations, Impedance, Resistance at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA. (Panel organizer with Deborah Heath)
- November 2010 Commentary on Jonathan Marks’s “What is the Viewpoint of Hemoglobin, and Does it Matter?” Presented at the session Multispecies Salon 3: Swarm at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- May 2010 “An Animal Anthropology of Farmstead Cheese.” Presented at the panel on Eating Nature-Culture at the meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM. (Panel organizer)
- December 2009 “Speaking of Terroir: Locating Value in American Farmstead Cheese.” Presented at the panel on Re-Place-ing the Local: Anthropological Engagements with Terroir at the 108th Annual

- Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- May 2009 “Locating Value in Artisan Cheese: Staking ‘Terroir’ Claims in New World Imaginaries.” Presented at the panel on The Territories of Our Food at the Joint Meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society, State College, PA.
- November 2008 “What Makes Artisan Food Artisanal?” Presented at the panel on Knorks and Mezzalunas: Cutting Edges of Food Studies in Anthropology at the 107th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- October 2007 “The Art, Craft and Science of Artisan Cheesemaking.” Presented at the panel on Ways of Knowing Food at the meetings of the Society for the Social Study of Science, Montreal, Canada. (Panel organizer with David Sutton)
- November 2006 “The Raw and the Regulated: The Microbiopolitics of Raw Milk Cheese in the U.S.” Presented at the panel Regulating Bodies: Codified Diety and the Formation of Subjects at the 105th Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose.
- June 2006 “Sheep, Goats, and Cows: An Animal Anthropology of Artisanal Cheeses and their Landscapes.” Presented at the panel on Animals and Agriculture at the Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Cambridge, MA.
- June 2006 “Cultivating Terroir in American Artisanal Cheese Production.” Presented at the panel on Cows, Milk and Cheese in Regional Space at the Joint Meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Boston, MA.
- December 2005 “Democratizing Maternal Citizenship by Medicalizing Reproductive ‘Choice.’” Presented at the panel on Producing the Nation: The Scientific Politics of Reproduction at the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- August 2004 “Cheese Cultures, or Camembert Meets French DNA.” Presented at the panel on Microbiopolitics at the meetings of the Society for the Social Study of Science, Paris, France. (Panel organizer with Stefan Helmreich)
- April 2004 “Sustainable Food System or Elite Treat: The Cultural Economy of Artisanal Cheese in New England.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology, Emory University, Decatur, GA.
- November 2003 “Socializing Reproductive Technology: Making Biological and Spiritual Kinship in an Athens IVF Clinic.” Presented at the panel on Divine Interventions and Sacred Conceptions: Religion in the Global Practice of IVF at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.

- November 2002 “Scaling the Ethical Body: Gender and Reproductive Health in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Fractal Body Politics: Scaling Reproductive Agency from Individual to Institution at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA. (Panel organizer)
- November 2002 “Agency and Affect: Notes on Pragmatism and Ambivalence in Women’s Reproductive Stories.” Discussant commentary on the panel History, Technology, Agency: Imagining the Future of the Reproductive Body at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- October 2002 “Slow Food: Satisfying Ethical Appetites.” Presented at the panel on Edging the Work of Hillel Schwartz into Cultural Studies of Science at the meetings of the Society for Literature and Science, Pasadena, CA.
- December 2001 “Underfertility’s Challenge to ‘Modern’ Gender and Family Relations in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Barren States: the Population Implosion in Southern and Eastern Europe at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- May 2001 “The Difference that Ethics Makes: Changing Gender Inequalities in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Humanism, Ethics, and Neo-Liberalism at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Montreal, Canada.
- November 2000 “Pronatalism Meets Family Planning: Reproducing ‘Tradition’ Through ‘Modern’ Means in Greece.” Presented at the panel on Stratified Reproduction, Reproductive Strategies: The Intersection of State Policies with Local/Global Formations in Women's Reproductive Choices at the 99th Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- November 1999 “Thinking Gender Through Ethics: Modernizing the Moral Discourse of Women’s Gender Identity in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Traveling Science: Medicine and Rationality in Alternative Modernities at the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- December 1998 “Questioning the Logic of Family Planning as a ‘Modern’ Means of Population Control in Greece.” Presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology invited panel on Population Control Within Socialist and Socialized Medical Systems: Policy, Discourse, and Practice at the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- November 1997 “‘A Necessary Evil’: Abortion and Maternal Morality in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Abortion: Comparative Cultural Constructions, Public Discourses, and Situated Ethics at the 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC. (Panel organizer)

- March 1997 “In Vitro Fertilization in Athens, Greece: Making Babies, Making Parents.” Presented at the panel on New Technologies, New Ethnographies: Studies of Reproduction in Greece at the Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Seattle, WA. (Panel organizer with Joanna Skilogianis)
- November 1996 “Conception, Contraception and Procreative Agency in Urban Greece.” Presented at the panel on Inhabiting Feminine Spaces at the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- November 1995 “Demographics, Abortion, and the Greek State.” Presented at the panel on Disciplining Modern Citizens at the 94th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- December 1994 “Archaeology, Representation, and the State of Greece.” Presented at the panel on All Things Weird and Wonderful: Past and Present Nationalist Ethnicities in British Archaeology at the 16th Annual Theoretical Archaeology Group Conference, Bradford U., UK.
- July 1993 “Rethinking Relatedness through Reproduction.” Presented at the 13th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Mexico City, Mexico.

#### PUBLIC LECTURES

- May 2026 “The Motherhood Exchange”: in conversation with artist Jamie Diamond. Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston.
- July 2023 “Jasper Hill Farm’s Experiments with Scale: Notes from an Anthropologist,” Cheese Science Fair, Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, VT
- February 2018 Invited Moderator of public forum, “Edible Feminisms: On Discard, Waste, and Metabolism,” Center for Women’s Studies, University of California-Los Angeles.
- February 2018 Invited Moderator of “The City Talks: Family Lineage,” panel discussion in conjunction with the photo exhibit “(un)expected families” at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.
- June 2015 “Artisan Cheesemaking in the United States.” Presented in the Monday Night Lecture Series, Kendal at Longwood, Kennett Square, PA.
- November 2013 “The Value of Artisanal Cheese and Cheesemaking in America.” Presented in the Jacques Pépin Lecture Series, Boston University, Boston, MA.
- October 2013 “American Artisanal Cheesemaking,” with Jeremy Stephenson, Murray’s Cheese, New York, NY
- August 2013 “The Life of Cheese: An Anthropological Portrait of American Artisan Cheesemaking.” Presented at the 30th Annual American Cheese Society Conference, Madison, WI.

June 2013	“The Life of Cheese,” 92nd Street Y-Tribeca, New York, NY.
June 2013	“The Life of Cheese,” Murray’s Cheese. New York, NY.
May 2013	“The Political Life of Cheese,” Soap Box Series, MIT Museum, Cambridge, MA.
April 2013	“Artisanal Cheesemaking in America,” French Cultural Center of Boston, Boston, MA.
March 2013	“American Artisanal Cheeses,” Cheese Cave, Claremont, CA.
February 2013	“The Cultural Significance of Olive Oil across the Mediterranean,” sponsored by the Consulate General of Israel to New England, the Consulate General of Italy in Boston, and the Consulate General of Greece in Boston. Maliotis Cultural Center, Brookline, MA.
January 2013	“The Life of Cheese with Dr. Heather Paxson,” Formaggio Kitchen Annex, Cambridge, MA.

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Food and Agriculture  
 Craft and Artisanship  
 Anthropology of Science and Technology  
 Anthropology of Ethics  
 Gender, Kinship and Reproductive Politics

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Anthropological Association  
 Society for Cultural Anthropology  
 Society for the Social Studies of Science  
 Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition  
 Association for the Study of Food and Society

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

### *Professional Service*

Article referee	<i>Agriculture and Human Values; American Anthropologist; American Ethnologist; Anthropology of Food; Anthropology and Medicine; Anthropology Now; Antipode; Area; BioSocieties; Canadian Slavonic Papers; Comparative Studies in Society and History; Cultural Anthropology; Current Anthropology; Engaging Science, Technology &amp; Society; Environmental Humanities; Ethnobiology Letters; Ethnography; Feminist Anthropology; Food and Foodways; Food, Culture and Society; Gastronomica; Gender and History; Gender, Place and Culture; Geoforum; History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences; Journal of Agrarian Change; Journal for the Anthropology of</i>
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*North America; Journal of Material Culture; Journal of Modern Greek Studies; Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute; Journal of Rural Studies; Medical Anthropology; Research in Economic Anthropology; Science as Culture; Science, Technology and Human Values; Social Analysis; Social Anthropology; Social Science and Medicine; Social Studies of Science; Sociological Research Online; Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*

Grant reviewer	National Science Foundation, European Research Council, Wellcome Trust (History of Medicine), British Academy/Leverhulme Trust, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Marsden Fund of New Zealand, Northern Illinois University Research & Artistry (faculty grant), Institut Francilien Recherche Innovation en Société, Czech Fulbright Commission, Carlsberg Foundation of Denmark
Fellowship reviewer	Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study
Manuscript reviewer	University of California Press, Vanderbilt Press, Berghahn Press, Bloomsbury/Berg Press, Oxford University Press, Duke University Press, Princeton University Press, Palgrave Books, Routledge, University of Washington Press, University of North Carolina Press
2024-2025	Academic Leadership Mentor, Building Academic Leaders in the Humanities Program (Mellon Foundation), Five College Consortium
2023-2024	Faculty Fellow, Ivy+ FAN Institute on Inquiry, Equity and Leadership in the Academic Department
2017-2022	Executive Committee, Society for Cultural Anthropology, AAA
2016-2017	Program Chair, 2017 Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science (Boston)
2013	American Ethnological Association Program Committee for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
1999-2001	Steering Committee Member and Newsletter Co-Editor of the Council on Anthropology and Reproduction, Society for Medical Anthropology, AAA
2002-2003	Book Prize Committee Member, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction, Society for Medical Anthropology, AAA

*Institutional Service (MIT) (Select)*

2026-	Faculty Co-Lead, MIT Humanities Insight Collaborative (MITHIC)
2025-26	Chair, Search Advisory Committee for Director of the Concourse Program
2025	Faculty Advisor to President Kornbluth on Provost Selection
2024-	SHASS Associate Dean for Faculty (3-year term)
2024-	Faculty Advisory Committee to Vice Provost for Faculty
2024	HASTS Graduate Admissions Committee
2023-24	First Year Advising
2024	Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for Vice Provost for Faculty Position
2022-25	Faculty Policy Committee (3-year term)
2022	Institute Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Advising and Mentoring
2021-22	First Year Advising
2020-24	Program Head, MIT Anthropology
2020-24	HASTS Steering Committee
2020	Ad Hoc Committee on Broadening IDSS
2019	HASTS Graduate Admissions Committee
2018-21	SHASS Gender Equity Committee
2018-19	Interim Program Head, MIT Anthropology
2018-19	HASTS Steering Committee
2018-19	First Year Advising
2018-19	MIT Food and Sustainability Working Group
2017-19	MISTI Scientific Review Committee
2017-18	MIT Committee for Renovation & Space Planning, Working Group on West & Northwest Campus
2017-	Anthropology Curriculum Committee
2016	MIT Global Classroom Fund Selection Committee
2014-16, 20	Austin Kelly III Essay Prize Committee
2016	James Howe Paper Prize Committee (Anthropology)
2015-18	Undergraduate Officer for Anthropology
2015-17	Advisory Committee on Graduate Student Stipends (ODGE & VPR)
2015	SHASS Dean Search Committee Member
2014-15	Organizing Committee, MIT Symposium on Consuming Food, Producing Culture; sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies and Global Studies and Languages
2014-15	Steering Committee, Program in Women's and Gender Studies
2014-16	Anthropology Minor Advisor
2013-15	Director of Graduate Studies, Program in History; Anthropology; Science, Technology and Society (2.5-year term)
2013-19	Commencement Committee
2012-15	Sub-Committee on the Communications Requirement
2012-14	SHASS Educational Advisory Committee
2012-14	First-Year Advising
2012 (Fall)	Undergraduate Officer for Anthropology
2012	Organizer, MIT Workshop on Gender, Development and Technology, sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies, D-Lab, and Anthropology.
2011	Faculty sponsor, WHEATS graduate student conference
2011 (Fall)	Sub-Committee on the Communications Requirement

2011	Undergraduate Officer for Anthropology
2010-11	Burchard Faculty Fellow
2010-11	HASTS Graduate Curriculum Committee
2010-11	Anthropology Minor Advisor
2010-11	Graduate Student Mentor, Graduate Women @ MIT Program
2010	Austin Kelly III Essay Prize Committee
2009	Child Care Task Group, MIT Council on Family and Work
2007-08	Committee on Curricula
2007-09	Women's and Gender Studies Curriculum Committee
2007-08	Anthropology Minor and Concentration Advisor
2007-08	Faculty Advisor, HASTS Writing Workshop

#### EXTERNAL Ph.D. EXAMINATIONS

2025	Alessandro Guglielmo, "The Wisdom of the Flies: Society, Environment, and Metabolic Justice in Rural Sardinia." Università Degli Studi Di Milano, Italy.
2024	Elin Linder, "Caring for Olive Oil: Cultivating Flows, Crafts and Traditions." Stockholm University, Sweden.
2022	Joshua D. Evans, "Taste Shaping Natures: A Multimodal Ethnography of Translated Fermentation in the New/er Nordic Cuisine." School of Geography and the Environment, Hertford College, University of Oxford, UK.
2022	Maia Ebsen, "The Politics of Tinkering." Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
2019	Katy Overstreet, "'A Well-cared for Cow Produces More Milk': The Biotechnics of (Dis)Assembling Cow Bodies in Wisconsin Dairy Worlds." Department of Anthropology, Aarhus University, Denmark.
2016	Else Vogel, "Subjects of Care: Living with Overweight in the Netherlands." Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
2016	Sarah Tracy, "Delicious: A History of Monosodium Glutamate and Umami, the Fifth Taste Sensation." Department of History, University of Toronto, Canada.
2015	William Skinner, "Fermenting Place: Wine Production and Terroir in McLaren Vale, South Australia." School of Social Sciences, University of Adelaide, Australia.
2014	Gry Skrædderdal, "Tastes: Foods, Bodies, and Places in Denmark." Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
2009	Jill Allison, "Affirmations, Contestations, and Contradictions: Experiences of Infertility in Ireland." Department of Anthropology, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

#### POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS SUPERVISED

2021-22	Briana Meier (co-supervised with Bettina Stoetzer), ACLS Emerging Voices
2016	Noémie Merleau-Ponty (co-supervised with Stefan Helmreich), Foundation Fyssen
2014-15	Maria Vidart-Delgado, Mellon Foundation
2010-11	Emily Zeamer (co-supervised with Stefan Helmreich), Mellon Foundation

## VISITING PREDOC STUDENTS SUPERVISED

- 2025 Montserrat Pérez-Castro, Dartmouth University (IvyPlus Exchange Scholar)
- 2018-19 Aalyia Sadruddin, Yale University (MIT Diversity Predoctoral Fellow)
- 2015-16 Brandyn McKinley, University of Connecticut (MIT Diversity Predoctoral Fellow)
- 2014 Else Vogel, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2013-14 Edmée Ballif, Université de Lausanne, Switzerland

## Ph.D. THESES SUPERVISED

- 2025 Alexander Nicholas Rewegan, MIT-HASTS, “Crafting Cannabinoid Capitalisms: Health, Sustainability, and Regeneration in the United States.” Principal advisor.
- 2023 Steven Gonzalez, MIT-HASTS, “Cloud Ecologies: An Environmental Ethnography of Data Centers.” Committee member.
- 2023 Jamie Wong, MIT-HASTS, “The Politics of Scale and Scaling in Contemporary Chinese Governance and Venture Capitalism.” Committee member.
- 2023 Elena Sobrino, MIT-HASTS, “Living with Crisis: Family, Labor and Environment in Flint, Michigan.” Committee member.
- 2022 Bradley M. Jones, Washington University in St. Louis, Anthropology, “Cultivating Life: Skill, Sovereignty, and the Nature of Knowledge.” Committee Member.
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