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### EDUCATION

2004	PhD in Anthropology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
1996	Fellow, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
1994	Obstetrics & Gynecology Residency completed, University of New Mexico
1990	MD, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
1986	BS, Linguistics, Michigan State University—conferred “with high honors”

### RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

medical anthropology; globalization and biomedicine; anthropology of reproduction and sexuality; women’s health; professional education and values; African healing; southeast Africa; Native American health

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

2020–present	<b>University of Wisconsin</b> Professor, Department of Anthropology Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Reproductive and Population Health Division <i>Affiliate: African Studies Program; Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies; Global Health Institute; Health and the Humanities Certificate Program</i>
2021-2024	<b>University of Wisconsin</b> Chair, Department of Anthropology
2019–2020	<b>University of Notre Dame</b> Distinguished Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study
2016-2020	<b>University of Wisconsin</b> Professor
2011–2016	<b>University of Wisconsin</b> Associate Professor
2005–2011	<b>University of Wisconsin</b> Assistant Professor
2007–2017	<b>University of Malawi College of Medicine</b> Honorary Senior Lecturer, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
2004–2005	<b>University of New Mexico</b> Clinical Faculty, College of Medicine
2002–2003	<b>University of Malawi College of Medicine</b> Honorary Lecturer, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
1994–1999	<b>University of New Mexico</b> Clinical Faculty, College of Medicine

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

2004–2005	Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Navajo Area Indian Health Service, Chinle AZ
1999–2004	locum tenens Obstetrician/Gynecologist (intermittent during graduate school summer and winter breaks), Navajo Area Indian Health Service, Chinle AZ and Gallup NM
1997–1999	Chief, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Navajo Area Indian Health Service, Gallup Indian Medical Center, Gallup NM
1994–1997	Staff, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Navajo Area Indian Health Service, Gallup Indian Medical Center, Gallup NM

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professorship
2024-2025	Hilldale Award in the Social Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2019-2020	Fellow, American Council of Learned Societies
2019	Distinguished Fellow of the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study
2017	Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2017	Inducted as Fellow, UW-Madison Teaching Academy
2014-2020	H. I. Romnes Faculty Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2013	University Housing Honored Instructor Award, UW-Madison
2011	Phillip R. Certain Letters & Science Distinguished Faculty Award (recognizes outstanding teaching by a College of Letters & Science faculty member)
2010	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Award for Outstanding Service on the Committee on American Indian Affairs, 2006-2010
2008	University Housing Honored Instructor Award, UW-Madison
2007	Dr. Brenda Pfahler Award of Excellence (pedagogical award from TRIO program, UW-Madison)
2006	Editors' Prize for best paper published in <i>The Pharos</i> in 2006
2004	Selected by the University of Massachusetts Graduate School as the university's nominee for Council of Graduate Schools / University Microforms International Outstanding Dissertation Award
2002	Armelagos Award in Medical Anthropology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
2001	Woodbury Scholarship, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
1994	Resident of Academic Excellence Award, University of New Mexico
1994	First Place Senior Research Paper, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of New Mexico
1994	Best Chief Resident, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of New Mexico
1993	Best Resident Teacher, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of New Mexico
1993	Best Resident Consultant, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of New Mexico
1990	Sue Rex Award of Merit (for top graduating medical student), College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University
1990	Janet Glasgow Award for Academic Excellence, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University
1989 – 1990	Clinical Honors: Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Psychiatry, Pediatrics,

- and Surgery, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University
- 1989 Clinical Honors in International Health, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Arizona
- 1982 – 1986 Honors College, Michigan State University
- 1982 – 1986 Alumni Distinguished Scholar (full academic scholarship), 1982-86, Michigan State University
- 1982 National Merit Scholar

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

### Books and Monographs

- 2022 Wendland, Claire L. *Partial Stories: Maternal Death from Six Angles*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Winner of the Council for Anthropology and Reproduction Distinguished Book Award; Winner of the Bethwell A. Ogot Prize from the African Studies Association; Honorable Mention, Society for Medical Anthropology Eileen Basker Award; Honorable Mention for the African Studies Association Best Book Prize)
- 2010 Wendland, Claire L. *A Heart for the Work: Journeys Through an African Medical School*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

### Peer-Reviewed Research Articles and Book Chapters

- 2025 Morgan, Lynn, and Claire Wendland. Debunking misinformation about abortion-related maternal mortality in Africa. *Global Public Health* 20(1):2499915. <https://doi.org/17441692.2025.2499915>.
- 2025 Jacob T. Rosenthal, Frederic W. Hafferty, Kulamakan (Mahan) Kulasegaram, Claire L. Wendland and Janelle S. Taylor. Artificial intelligence meets holistic review: promises and pitfalls of automating the medical education admissions process. *Academic Medicine* 100(5): 541-546. <https://doi.org/10.1097/ACM.0000000000005964>
- 2024 Gondwe, Kaboni, Katherine Collins, Yamikani Nkhoma, Mary Hearst, and Claire Wendland. Decolonizing Study-Abroad Programs in Nursing in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. *Nursing Outlook* 72(5):102231 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.outlook.2024.102231>
- 2023 Erten, Nilay, and Claire Wendland. On the move: maternal reproductive healthcare practitioners in global circuits. In *A Companion to the Anthropology of Reproductive Science and Technology*, editors Nayantara Sheoran and Cecilia Van Hollen, pp. 87-103. New York: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2023 Taylor, Janelle, Claire Wendland, Mahan Kulasegaram, and Fred Hafferty. Admitting privileges: a construction ecology perspective on the unintended consequences of medical school admissions. *Advances in Health Science Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10459-023-10210-5>
- 2022 Wendland, Claire. This thing, a stethoscope. In *Making Sense of Medicine: Material Culture and the Reproduction of Medical Knowledge*, editors John Nott and Anna Harris. Bristol, U.K.: Intellect Books.

- 2022 Buchbinder, Mara, Joanna Mishtal, Elyse O. Singer and Claire Wendland. Society for Medical Anthropology Statement on Supreme Court Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 36(4): 433-441. <http://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12741>
- 2022 Hawkins, M., Dressel, A., Kendall, N., Wendland, C., Walker, K., Hawkins, S., Mkandawire, E., Kirungi, J., Kako, P, & Mkandawire-Valhmu, L. The Changing Dynamics of Community Cohesiveness and Support in Rural Malawi: The Impact on Women's Health and Wellbeing at End of Life. *Social Science & Medicine* online pre-print March 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.114934>.
- 2022 Premkumar, Ashish and Claire Wendland. Tracing the life of evidence: abortion and maternal mortality in the post-Dobbs era. *Cultural Anthropology*. "Hot Spots" series. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/tracing-the-life-of-evidence-abortion-and-maternal-mortality-in-the-post-dobbs-era>
- 2022 Wendland, Claire. Afterword: testing, triaging, changing. Chapter for edited collection, *The Work of Hospitals: Global Medicine in Local Cultures* editors William Olsen and Carolyn Sargent, Rutgers University Press (reviewed in *World Medical & Health Policy*)
- 2020 Mkandawire-Valhmu, Lucy, Nancy Kendall, Anne Dressel, Claire Wendland, Victoria L. Scheer, Peninnah Kako, Tammy Neiman, Wilmot Valhmu, Ashley Ruiz, Jeneile Luebke, Peter Minjale, Anne Merriman, Lucy Finch & Leonard Egede. Women's work at end of life: The intersecting gendered vulnerabilities of patients and caregivers in rural Malawi. *Global Public Health* 15(7):1062-1072
- 2019 Wendland, Claire. Physician anthropologists. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 48: 187-205
- 2018 Wendland, Claire. Excerpts from *A Heart for the Work* [pp. 2-4, 120-133, 157-163] reprinted in *Foundations of Global Health: An Interdisciplinary Reader*, editors Peter Brown and Svea Closser, pp. 385-396. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2018 Wendland, Claire. Who counts? What counts? Place and the limits of perinatal mortality measures. Invited article for *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics* 20(3):278-287.
- 2017 Wendland, Claire. Opening up the black box: Looking for a more capacious version of capacity in global health partnerships. *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 50(3):415-435.
- 2017 Wendland, Claire. Legitimate care, dangerous care, and childbirth in an urban African community. In *African Medical Pluralism*, editors Carolyn Sargent and William Olsen, pp. 244-260. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. (reviewed in *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*)
- 2016 Peters, Rebecca Warne and Claire Wendland. "Up the Africanist": the possibilities and problems of 'studying up' in Africa. *Critical African Studies* 8(3):239-254 DOI 10.1080/21681392.2016.1244945
- 2016 Wendland, Claire, Susan Erikson, and Noelle Sullivan. Beneath the spin: moral complexity and rhetorical simplicity in global health volunteering. In *Volunteer Economies: The Politics and Ethics of Voluntary Labour in Africa*, editors Hannah Brown and Ruth J. Prince, pp. 164-182. London: James Currey Press (reviewed in *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, *Africa@LSE Blog*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*)
- 2016 Wendland, Claire. Estimating death: a close reading of maternal mortality metrics in Malawi. In *Metrics: What Counts in Global Health*, editor Vincanne Adams, pp. 57-81.

- Durham, NC: Duke University Press. (reviews in *Anthropology Book Forum*; *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*; *Contemporary Sociology*; *Theory, Culture, and Society*; *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*; *LSE Review of Books*; *Medical History*; *Sociology of Health & Illness*; *Medicine, Anthropology, Theory*)
- 2016 Sulzer, Sandra, Noah Weeth Feinstein, and Claire Wendland. Assessing empathy development in medical education: a systematic review. *Medical Education* 50:300-310.
- 2015 Wendland, Claire, and Chiwoza Bandawe. Letter to a young Malawian doctor. In *The World of Work: Imagined Manuals for Real Jobs*, editor Ilana Gershon, pp. 10-27. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press (volume received Honorable Mention from the Society for the Anthropology of Work Book Award Committee in 2017)
- 2014 Wendland, Claire. The anthropology of African biomedicine. In *The Medical Anthropology of Global Africa*, editors Kathryn Rhine, John M. Janzen, Glenn Adams, and Heather Aldersey, pp. 45-53. University of Kansas Press, #26 in the Monographs in Anthropology Series
- 2014 Taylor, Janelle, and Claire Wendland. The hidden curriculum in medicine's culture of no culture. In *The Hidden Curriculum and Health Professions Education*, editors Joseph O'Donnell and Fred Hafferty, pp. 53-62. Hanover, NH: Dartmouth College Press
- 2014 Erikson, Susan, and Claire Wendland. Exclusionary practice: medical schools and global clinical electives *Student BMJ: The British Medical Journal* 22:g3252 DOI 10.1136/sbmj.g3252
- 2013 Wendland, Claire. Exceptional deliveries: Home births as ethical anomalies in American obstetrics. *Journal of Clinical Ethics* 24(3):253-65
- 2013 Mkandawire-Valhmu, Lucy, Claire Wendland, Patricia E. Stevens, Penninah M. Kako, Anne Dressel and Jennifer Kibicho. Marriage as a risk factor for HIV: Learning from the experiences of HIV-infected women in Malawi. *Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy and Practice* 8(2):187-201 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1744192.2012.761261>
- 2013 Borders, Noelle, Claire Wendland, Amy Haozous, Rebecca Rogers, and Lawrence Leeman. Midwives' verbal support of nulliparous women in second-stage labor. *JOGNN: Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing* DOI: 10.1111/1552-6909.12028
- 2012 Wendland, Claire. Animating biomedicine's moral order: The crisis of practice in Malawian medical training. *Current Anthropology*; 53(6):755-788.
- 2012 Wendland, Claire. Moral maps and medical imaginaries: Clinical tourism at Malawi's College of Medicine. *American Anthropologist* 114(1):108-122.
- 2010 Wendland, Claire. Health Electives in Africa and the Duty to Care in the Age of HIV/AIDS. Invited article for *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics*. 12:218-224.
- 2008 Wendland, Claire. Research, Therapy, and Bioethical Hegemony: The Controversy over Perinatal AZT Trials in Africa. *African Studies Review* 51(3):1-23.
- 2007 Wendland, Claire. The Vanishing Mother: Cesarean Section and "Evidence-Based Obstetrics." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 21(2):218-233.
- 2007 Wendland, Claire and Chiwoza Bandawe. A Qualitative Study of Medical Student Socialization in Malawi's College of Medicine: Preclinical Training and Identity. *Malawi Medical Journal* 19(2):68-71.
- 2007 Wendland, Claire and Chiwoza Bandawe. A Qualitative Study of Medical Student Socialization in Malawi's College of Medicine: Clinical Crisis and Beyond. *Malawi*

- 2006 Wendland, Claire. The Cult of Domesticity and the Brotherhood of Science: Gendering American Medicine in the Nineteenth Century. *The Pharos* 69(3):30-37.
- 2000 Leeman, Lawrence and Claire Wendland. Cervical Ectopic Pregnancy: Diagnosis with Endovaginal Ultrasound and Successful Treatment with Methotrexate. *Archives of Family Medicine* 9(1):72-77.
- 1996 Wendland, Claire, Francis Byrne and Cynde Hill. Donor Insemination: A Comparison of Lesbian Couples, Heterosexual Couples and Single Women. *Fertility and Sterility*, 65(4):764-70.

### Journal Special Issues

- 2016 “Studying up” in Africa. Special issue of *Critical African Studies*, volume 8 issue 3, co-edited with Rebecca Warne Peters.

### Book Reviews

- 2025 Wendland, Claire. Review of *Conceiving Christian America: Embryo Adoption and Reproductive Politics*. New York University Press, 2023, by Risa Cromer. *American Ethnologist* 52(2). <https://doi.org/10.1111/amet.13409>
- 2017 Wendland, Claire. Review of *The Experiment Must Continue: Medical Research and Ethics in East Africa, 1940-2014* by Melissa Graboyes. *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 47(3):438-9.
- 2015 Wendland, Claire. Review of *Biomedicine in an Unstable Place: Infrastructure and Personhood in a Papua New Guinea Hospital* by Alice Street. *The Journal of Anthropological Research* 71(3):445-7.
- 2015 Wendland, Claire. Review of *Making and Unmaking Public Health in Africa: Ethnographic and Historical Perspectives*, edited by Ruth J. Prince and Rebecca Marsland. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 29(2) DOI: 10.1111/maq.12180
- 2014 Wendland, Claire. A Vital Mobility. Review of *Life in Crisis: The Ethical Journey of Doctors Without Borders* by Peter Redfield. *Health Affairs* 33(2):343.
- 2013 Wendland, Claire. Review of *Improvising Medicine: An African Oncology Ward in an Emerging Cancer Epidemic* by Julie Livingston. *American Ethnologist* 40(3): 594-5.
- 2012 Wendland, Claire. Review of *Modernizing Medicine in Zimbabwe: HIV/AIDS and Traditional Healers* by David S. Simmons. *Global Public Health* 7(10):1188-90
- 2012 Wendland, Claire. Telling Reproductive Secrets in Urban Mozambique. Review of *Family Secrets: Risking Reproduction in Central Mozambique* by Rachel R. Chapman. H-Net Reviews: published on H-Africa April 2012
- 2011 Wendland, Claire. Review of *Death in a Church of Life: Moral Passion During Botswana's Time of AIDS* by Frederick Klaitz. *American Anthropologist* 113(4):681-2, December 2011
- 2008 Wendland, Claire. Baby Blues: Considering Contemporary Maternity (review essay). *Feminist Collections: A Quarterly of Women's Studies Resources* 29(3-4):1-4.
- 2007 Wendland, Claire. Review of *Borders and Healers: Brokering Therapeutic Resources in Southeast Africa*, edited by Tracy J. Luedke and Harry G. West. *American Anthropologist* 109(2):397-398. poor
- 2006 Wendland, Claire. Lost and Damaged: The Perilous American Pregnancy (review

essay). *Feminist Collections: A Quarterly of Women's Studies Resources* 27(2-3):1-5.

### **Invited Commentaries, Technical Comments, Scholarly Blog Posts and Letters**

- 2022 Wendland, Claire. Women vanish, again. "Rapid Response" series on reproductive justice in the U.S., *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.  
<https://medanthroquarterly.org/rapid-response/2022/11/women-vanish-again/>
- 2019 Wendland, Claire. "I Say." Invited comment on Saida Hodzic's *The Twilight of Cutting*, <http://somatosphere.net/2019/twilight-of-cutting.html/> the Book Forum at *Somatosphere*
- 2015 Wendland, Claire. Invited comment on Stacey Langwick's "Partial Publics," *Current Anthropology* 56(4):493-514
- 2010 Wendland, Claire. Risky business. Invited response to Annie Lysterly and colleagues' "Risk and the Pregnant Body," *Hastings Center Report* 40(4):7-8.

### **Other Materials [selected]**

- 2018 Reproductive health and human rights [abstract and presentation summary] in *Symposium on Global Health & the Social Sciences*. Eds. Joseph Harris and Cynthia Barakatt. Published conference report, Boston University.
- 2016 Poisonous medicine; the story of misoprostol [abstract] in *Proceedings for Dakar2016 – Innovation, Transformation and Sustainable Futures for Africa*.
- 2013 Wendland, Claire. Eggs, feathers and tweets: more news for CAR members. Council for Anthropology and Reproduction spring 2013 newsletter, pp. 8-9.
- 2012 Wendland, Claire. Teaching anthropology of reproduction for the first time. Council for Anthropology and Reproduction fall 2012 newsletter, pp. 7-8.

### **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS IN PRESS (copies available on request)**

- Wendland, Claire, Janelle Taylor, and Frederic Hafferty. Medical work as cultural practice. Chapter for edited collection, *Behavioral and Social Science in Medicine: Principles and Practice of Biopsychosocial Care*, editor Shari R. Waldstein [in press at Springer International; anticipated release Jan 2026]
- Keough, Colleen, Stephen Mehanni, Lola (Lyle) Tsosie and Claire Wendland. A Navajo Transwoman Seeks Care: Rethinking Cultural Competence and Biopower. Chapter for *Case Studies in Global Health: Illuminating Theory Through Practice*, Vincanne Adams and Lillian Walkover, eds. [accepted at Routledge]

### **RESEARCH SUPPORT AND OTHER FUNDING (selected, since 2005)**

#### **Research Support (by date ended)**

- 2025-2030 Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professorship
- 2021-2024 Disease, Death, and Dying (PI Amy Stambach, co-PIs Claire Wendland, John Hawks, and Nam Kim) Research Forward Award, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (\$500,000)
- 2019-2020 Fellowship from American Council of Learned Societies (\$70,000)

2019	Distinguished Fellow of the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study – Residential Fellowship (\$35,000)
2019	Selected for NEH Nomination, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2/9 summer salary)
2014-2021	H. I. Romnes Faculty Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$50,000)
2016-2017	Elected Residential Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin. [Declined.]
2014-2016	Mellon Foundation Area and International Studies Research Award, for “Health, Healing, and Science in Africa,” with co-PIs Neil Kodesh (History) and Pablo Gomez (Medical History and Bioethics) (\$33,000)
2015	Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation #1451215, “Breathing Uncertainty: Risk, Exposure, and Air Pollution Management in Mongolia's Capital City,” with dissertator and co-PI Chisato Fukuda (\$10,507)
2014-2015	Graduate School Fall Research Competition Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, for “Social belonging, social vulnerability, and reproductive life courses for girls in rural Malawi. PI Claire Wendland, Co-I Nancy Kendall, (\$40,286)
2014	Feminist Scholars Award, Center for Research on Gender and Women, University of Wisconsin-Madison (one-semester teaching release for in-residence fellowship), for “Maternity, morality, and midwifery: anxieties over birth attendants in colonial Nyasaland”
2013-2014	Arnold P. Gold Foundation Research Institute Award, for “A Systematic Review of Empathy Development in Medical Education,” with co-PIs Sandra Sulzer (University of North Carolina) and Noah Weeth Feinstein (Curriculum & Instruction) (\$5000)
2012-2013	Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation #1226577, “Origins of Diabetes Concepts in an Urban American Indian Community,” with dissertator Margaret Pollak (\$21,678)
2011-2013	Global Health Institute seed grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, with co-PI Nancy Kendall (Educational Policy Studies), “Participatory Action Research and Planning to Improve Young Women’s Reproductive Health: A lever for change in reaching the MDGs” (\$40,000)
2011-2012	Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Post-PhD Research Grant: “African Mothers’ Bodies and Expert Imaginations in Historical Perspective” (\$13,135)
2011-2012	Graduate School Fall Research Competition Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Multi-Disciplinary Team Application with co-PI Noah Feinstein (Curriculum & Instruction) “A Mixed-Methods Study of Clinician Empathy in the Context of Patient Self-Advocacy” (\$33,000)
2010–2012	Vilas Associates Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison (research support of \$12,500 yearly for two years, and 2/9 summer salary for summers 2010 and 2011)
2010	Institute for Research in the Humanities Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison (release from spring semester teaching and administrative duties)
2007–2008	A.W. Mellon Foundation Workshop Grant, Humanities Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “Reproducing Bodies: Technologies and Ideologies” (co-authored with other faculty members and graduate students; extension of previous year’s program funded for \$2500)
2007	Graduate School Fall Research Competition Grant, University of Wisconsin-



- 2006–2007 Madison, “Bearing Risk: Childbirth and the Globalization of Biomedicine” (\$22,000)  
A.W. Mellon Foundation Workshop Grant, Humanities Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “Bodies and the Production of Perversity” (co-authored with other faculty members and graduate students, \$5000)

### **Continuing Professional Development and Pedagogical Support**

- 2020 The Discussion Project, completed course  
2020 Preparing to Teach Online, completed course  
2015 Faculty co-leader with Professor Neil Kodesh, Center for the Humanities Faculty Development Seminar “Global Health? Rethinking Medical Humanities from the Periphery” (course release)  
2011 Center for the Humanities Faculty Development Seminar “LGBTQ studies: its past, present, and promise in humanities,” selected participant (\$500)  
2009 Award from UW-Madison African Studies Program to develop and teach new interdisciplinary graduate course with Professor Neil Kodesh on the history and anthropology of social healing in Africa (first taught fall 2009 as Anthropology / History 983; second offering spring 2012)  
2007 Wisconsin Idea Seminar; funded by University of Wisconsin-Madison and a grant from the Evjue Foundation  
2006 Foreign Language Area Studies summer fellowship in Chichewa, (\$6500)

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS – list of keynotes, invited presentations, conference presentations, conferences and workshops organized available on request**

#### **Opinions and Editorials**

- 2023 Janelle Taylor and Claire Wendland. “‘May cause serious side-effects’: How medical school admissions can perpetuate inequality and reward privilege.” *The Conversation*, April 10, 2023  
2022 “Opinion: I’ve seen what happens when abortions are unavailable.” *The Capital Times* 30 June, 2022. [https://captimes.com/opinion/guest-columns/opinion-ive-seen-what-happens-when-abortion-are-unavailable/article\\_5131e2d9-939d-5c6a-9441-f6a8dc8393e5.html](https://captimes.com/opinion/guest-columns/opinion-ive-seen-what-happens-when-abortion-are-unavailable/article_5131e2d9-939d-5c6a-9441-f6a8dc8393e5.html)  
2022 “Neutral language has adverse effects.” *Contemporary Ob/Gyn* 67(11), November <https://www.contemporaryobgyn.net/view/readers-react-neutral-language-has-adverse-effects>

#### **Newspaper / Radio / Podcast / Blog interviews**

- 2022 “What abortions are still allowed in Wisconsin? ‘To save the life of the mother’ is up for debate.” David Wahlberg, *Wisconsin State Journal*, 21 July 2022. [https://madison.com/news/local/health-med-fit/what-abortion-are-still-allowed-in-wisconsin-to-save-the-life-of-the-mother-is/article\\_8f7e706d-c526-5acf-becf-8c898c6325a0.html#tracking-source=home-top-story](https://madison.com/news/local/health-med-fit/what-abortion-are-still-allowed-in-wisconsin-to-save-the-life-of-the-mother-is/article_8f7e706d-c526-5acf-becf-8c898c6325a0.html#tracking-source=home-top-story)  
2022 “Debunked: Is your period synched with your friends? ‘There just isn’t evidence to support that it is true,’ experts say.” Kate Kuhn, *Badger Herald*, 25 Feb 2022 <https://badgerherald.com/news/2022/02/25/debunked-is-your-period-synched-with-your-friends/>

- 2021 contributor to “Ask a Journal Author” series, Ilana Gershon, *Anthropology News*
- 3 August 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/choosing-a-journal-home/#authors>
  - 6 August 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/book-chapters-and-journal-articles/>
  - 13 August 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/advice-on-coauthoring/>
  - 20 August 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/submitting-articles-for-feedback/>
  - 27 August 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/handling-rejection/>
  - 7 September 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/responding-to-revise-and-resubmit/>
  - 10 September 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/when-not-to-resubmit/>
  - 17 September 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/metrics-and-publishing-an-article/>
  - 24 September 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/publishing-in-another-language/>
  - 28 September 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/pros-and-cons-of-publishing-outside-anthropology/>
  - 1 October 2021 <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/how-to-approach-publishing-outside-of-anthropology/>
- 2016 “UW-Madison’s Claire Wendland: Professor ‘watchlist’ attempt to intimidate.” Pat Schneider, *Capital Times*, 23 December 2016.  
[https://captimes.com/news/local/education/university/uw-madison-s-claire-wendland-professor-watchlist-attempt-to-intimidate/article\\_4b2c49df-76bb-5739-90d6-3db56caa5bbf.html](https://captimes.com/news/local/education/university/uw-madison-s-claire-wendland-professor-watchlist-attempt-to-intimidate/article_4b2c49df-76bb-5739-90d6-3db56caa5bbf.html)

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

### Courses taught at the University of Wisconsin (2005–present; does not include independent studies or directed reading and research)

Anthro 100	Introduction to Anthropology
Anthro 104	Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity
Anthro 265	Introduction to Culture and Health
Anthro 330	Topics in Ethnology: Culture and Health in Africa
Anthro 365	Medical Anthropology
Anthro 490	Undergraduate Capstone Seminar: The Anthropology of Sexuality
Anthro 490	Undergraduate Capstone Seminar: Culture and Health in Africa
Anthro 490	Undergraduate Capstone Seminar: The Anthropology of Reproduction
Anthro 490	Undergraduate Capstone Seminar: The Anthropology of Biomedicine
Anthro 690	Ethics and Anthropology
Anthro 900	Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory
Anthro 801	Graduate Proseminar: Professional Development in Anthropology
Anthro 901	Graduate Seminar: Health, Illness and Healing in Contemporary Africa
Anthro 909	Research Methods and Design in Cultural Anthropology
Anthro 919	Graduate Seminar: Anthropology and International Health
Anthro 983	Health, Disease, and Healing in Africa (co-developed and co-taught with Prof. Neil Kodesh; cross-listed in History and several other disciplines – also taught as Anthro 940)

MHB 728 Bioethics and Society (co-developed and co-taught with Prof. Linda Hogle)  
Med Sci 800 Patient, Doctor and Society 1  
Med Sci 860 Patient, Doctor and Society 3

### **New Courses Developed under Permanent Course Numbers**

Anthro 265 Introduction to Culture and Health  
Anthro 801 Graduate Proseminar: Professional Development in Anthropology  
Anthro 919 Graduate Seminar: Anthropology and International Health  
MHB 728 Bioethics and Society (co-developed and co-taught with Prof. Linda Hogle)

### **Postdoctoral Supervision**

Vijayanka Nair, 2018-20 *now Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, San Diego State University*  
Brittani Wright, 2024- present

### **Graduate Advising**

list of graduate advisees available on request; I currently supervise 4 PhD students and have supervised 11 completed PhDs

### **Medical Student Advising**

Medical Student Independent Research Project  
Meghna Kurup, MS4, "Learning to fly: developing confidence in the setting of general surgery training experiences," 2023-2024  
received Kern National Network award to support research

## **SERVICE**

### **Public Service**

#### ***Public Presentations and Outreach***

2025 Global maternal health: perspectives from Malawi and the United States. Presentation to the International Visitor Leadership Delegation, U.S. Department of State.  
2024 Maternal mortality in Wisconsin and Malawi. Presentation to the Kanifing (Gambia) Sister City Delegation, UW African Studies Program  
2023 Publishing the first article. Virtual mentoring session, Council for Anthropology and Reproduction, with Maggie McDonald.  
2022 Maternal health inequities in the US and globally. American Medical Student Association REACH (Race, Ethnicity, Culture and Health) Group  
2018 Maternal Mortality in Malawi... and How People Explain It. Madison for Malawi Symposium, Project Malawi and the 4W Initiative  
2018 Maternal and Child Welfare: Challenges, Opportunities and Innovation" Expert Exchange panelist, Mandela Washington Fellows program  
2016 Does Ebola infection alter childhood development in survivors? Invited flash talk, Wisconsin Science Festival panel on "Growing Global Science."  
2016 Panelist, AnthroCircle evening "So You Want to Go to Graduate School," University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2016 On researching medicine in Africa. Presentation to Milwaukee high-school students touring the university with the PEOPLE Program, Madison WI
- 2015 Maternal death, epidemic disease, and health infrastructure. Invited panelist, Wisconsin Science Festival panel on “Ebola in Context.”
- 2015 Thinking about ethics and “global health” electives: invited discussion with pre-health professions students, Madison WI
- 2014 Post-screening panel discussion, invited panelist, “God Loves Uganda,” Madison WI
- 2013 Library Liaison Forum panelist, “Charting the Tenure Process”
- 2012 Post-screening panel discussion, invited moderator, “Freedom for Birth,” Madison WI
- 2012 Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Today. Presentation to Madison Area Kiwanis Club, Madison WI
- 2012 Mwaswela Bwanji! Working with Chichewa. Panelist for “Languages and Global Health,” public series on “Language for Life” from The Language Institute, UW-Madison
- 2011 Post-screening expert talk-back panel member, “More Business of Being Born,” Madison WI
- 2010 Pitfalls and Progress on the Road to Better Maternal Health. Act for the World! Educational Forum on the UN Millennium Development Goals, Madison, WI
- 2010 African Health in the Age of HIV/AIDS. Global Hot Spots Lecture Series, Wisconsin Alumni Association. (Lecture also taped for later broadcast on Wisconsin Public Television University Place channel.)
- 2010 International Medical Work (panelist), American Medical Student Association, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2009 Careers in Medical Anthropology (panelist). University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2008 Community “talk-back” panelist for “The Business of Being Born,” Madison WI
- 2008 Thinking about Culture and Health. Multicultural Affairs in Pharmacy Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2008 Radio interview on WTDY, “Forward Forum” (host John Quinlan) on maternal mortality and the fifth Millennium Development Goal
- 2008 Improving Maternal Health: Why One-Size-Fits-All Answers Aren’t Working. Millennium Development Goals lecture series for United Nations Association of Dane County, Madison WI; also broadcast on public-access cable
- 2006 African Health Today. University of Wisconsin Extension “College Days” program (UW Cooperative Extension, Family Living Program).
- 2006 HIV and other Health Issues in East and Central Africa. Teaching Global Health in the Middle and Secondary Schools: An East Africa Case Study (UW Madison workshop for area teachers).
- 2005 Birth, Health, and Death in Malawi. Invited speaker, St. John Lutheran Church Outreach program, Madison WI
- 2001 Socioeconomic Effects of AIDS in Africa. Invited panelist, World AIDS Day, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA

***Professional Service in Medicine*** [see also *National Professional Service, below*]

- 2022-present Wisconsin Maternal Mortality Impact Team member
- 1986-1999 member and/or chair of a number of hospital-level, county-level, and regional-level

committees; titles available on request

## University Service

### *University Organizations and Committees* (current, by year begun)

2024-2026	African Studies Program Steering Committee
2024-present	Mentoring Committee, Research Professor Tawni Tidwell, Center for Healthy Minds
2024-present	Mentoring Committee, Assistant Professor Leigh Senderowicz Gender & Women's Studies / Obstetrics & Gynecology
2024-present	Mentoring Committee, Assistant Professor Roberto Abadie, Kinesiology
2022-present	STRIDE Mentoring Program, UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, for Assistant Professor Leigh Senderowicz
2022-present	PROFS Steering Committee
2021-present	Steering Committee, Health Disparities Research Scholars T-32 Postdoctoral Training Grant
2017-present	Health and Humanities Certificate Steering Committee
2014-present	Global Health Institute Advisory Committee (reappointment through Dec 31, 2025)

### *University Organizations and Committees* (completed service, by year begun)

2025	African Studies Program A.C. Jordan Prize Selection Committee
2024-2025	LAS Forward Working Group
2024	Faculty Appeals Committee
2022	Intramural Grant Reviewer, Prevention Research Center, UWSMPH
2022	African Studies A.C. Jordan Prize Selection Committee
2021	Intramural Grant Reviewer, Prevention Research Center, UWSMPH
2021	African Studies FLAS Awards Review Committee
2019	Undergraduate University Book Store Award Review Committee, Social Science Chair
2018-2019	Social Causes and Consequences Faculty Position, Reproductive Equity Cluster, Search Committee
2018	Undergraduate University Book Store Award Review Committee, Social Science Chair
2017-2020	Women Faculty Mentoring Program mentor for Assistant Professor Chris Barcelos, Gender & Women's Studies
2014-2018	Global Health Institute Executive Committee
2017-2018	International Studies Faculty Search Committee
2017	Institute for Regional and International Studies Incubator Grant Review Committee
2017	African Studies Graduate Travel Awards Review Committee
2016	Graduate School Collaborative Training Grant Proposal Review Committee
2016	Global Health Institute Seed Grant Research Award Review Committee
2015	Graduate School Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Dissertation Fellowships Committee
2015	P.B. Poorman Prize Committee
2014-2024	Global Health Institute Executive Committee
2014-2015	Global Health Certificate Review Committee
2014-2015	Mid-Career Mentoring Working Group

2014–2015	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships Committee, Global Studies
2013–2016	Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues (Committee Chair, 2014–2015; Committee Co-Chair, 2015–2016)
2013–2014	Graduate Student Awards Committee, Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies
2011–2013	Women Faculty Mentoring Program mentor for Assistant Professor Laura Senier, Sociology
2011–2012	African Studies Fellowships Committee
2010–2015	Steering Committee, Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2007–2010	Steering Committee, <i>What is Human</i> initiative of the Humanities Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2007–2009	African Studies Fellowships Committee
2005–2008	Department of Population Health Sciences, Masters in Public Health Program, Admissions Committee
2008	Reviewer, Graduate Women in Science Ruth Dickie Scholarship Competition
2005—2006	Robert Wood Johnson Working Group on Transdisciplinary Studies in Health in Society

***Service to the Department*** – list of department organizations and committees available on request

## **Other Professional Service**

### ***International and National Professional Service***

2017–present	Senior Advisor, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2016–present	Editorial board member, <i>Anthropological Quarterly</i>
2014–present	Tenure and / or promotion reviewer for 37 universities in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom
2016–2025	Editorial board member, <i>Medical Anthropology Quarterly</i>
2015–2017	Co-Chair, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Paper Prize Committee
2015–2016	Search committee, <i>Medical Anthropology Quarterly</i> editor position
2014–2015	Society for Medical Anthropology Polgar Prize Committee
2013–2015	Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Book Prize Committee
2011–2013	Chair, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction
2012–2013	Research Advisory Committee member for Dr. Bregje de Kok, Research Fellow, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
2007–2011	Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Student Paper Prize Committee
2010	Rudolf Virchow Award Professional Paper Prize Committee, Critical Anthropology of Global Health Caucus, Society for Medical Anthropology
2006–2010	Member, Committee on American Indian Affairs, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (team leader and lead report author 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010)
2007–2009	Global Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics curriculum, one of five international reviewers

### ***Manuscript and Extramural Grant Reviews***

Center for African Studies First Book Forum, University of Florida

Cambridge University Press  
Center for the Humanities First Book Award, UW-Madison  
College of Health Sciences, VinUniversity, Hanoi, Vietnam  
Duke University Press  
Institute for Advanced Studies Book Seminar, University of Notre Dame  
Manchester University Press  
New York University Press  
Ohio University Press  
Oxford University Press  
Rutgers University Press  
Stanford University Press  
University of California Press  
University of Chicago Press

*Africa*  
*African Studies Quarterly*  
*African Studies Review*  
*American Anthropologist*  
*American Ethnologist*  
*American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health*  
*Anthropological Quarterly*  
*British Journal for the History of Science*  
*Critical Public Health*  
*Cultural Studies Review*  
*Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry*  
*Cultural Anthropology*  
*Ethnohistory*  
*Feminist Economics*  
*Global Health Action*  
*Health Policy & Planning*  
*Isis: Journal of the History of Science Society*  
*Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*  
*Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*  
*Medical Anthropology*  
*Medical Anthropology Quarterly*  
*Medical Humanities*  
*Medicine Anthropology Theory*  
*PLoS One*  
*Practicing Anthropology*  
*Social Politics*  
*Social Science and Medicine*  
*Social Studies of Science*

National Science Foundation  
Sao Paulo Research Foundation - FAPESP (Brazil), for the Trans-Atlantic Platform (T-AP) for  
Social Sciences and Humanities  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Social Science Research Council  
Swiss National Science Foundation  
The Wellcome Trust  
The Wellcome Trust Social Science and Bioethics Expert Review Group  
Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

***Memberships in Professional Organizations***

2017–present American Association for the Advancement of Science  
2009–present Central States Anthropological Society  
2007–present Science, Technology and Medicine Interest Group, Society for Medical Anthropology  
2006–present Council for the Anthropology of Reproduction, Society for Medical Anthropology  
2005–present African Studies Association  
2005–present Association of Queer Anthropologists (until 2013 SOLGA)  
2001–present Critical Anthropology of Global Health Caucus (until 2006 the Critical Anthropology of Health Interest Group), Society for Medical Anthropology  
2000–present American Anthropological Association  
2000–present Society for Medical Anthropology  
1990–present American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, Fellow 1996– present, Junior Fellow 1990-96  
1989–present Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society  
1986–present Phi Kappa Phi  
1985–present Phi Beta Kappa  
2015–2017 National Women’s Studies Association  
2004–2012 Global Health Council