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POSITIONS HELD

2015-present Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Saint Louis University
2017-2018 Research Associate in Anthropology, Bowdoin College
2012-2015 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Muhlenberg College
2010-2012 Lecturer, The University of Chicago

EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D., The University of Chicago, Department of Comparative Human Development
Dissertation: *Vital Politics: Medicine and Citizenship in Venezuela*
Advisers: Tanya Luhmann, Jennifer Cole, Judith Farquhar

2006 M.A., The University of Chicago, Department of Comparative Human Development
Thesis: *La Lucha Diaria: Routinized Crisis and Everyday Anxieties in Cuba's Special Period*
Adviser: Tanya Luhmann

2002 M.A., The University of Chicago, Social Sciences
Thesis: *Mental Illness Stigma and Care Seeking*

1998 B.S., Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, *cum laude*.
Concentration in Culture and Politics

1996-97 Trinity College Dublin, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The anthropology of medicine, global and public health, mental health, psychiatry, pharmaceutical use, homelessness, aging; citizenship, social justice, and political activism; urban Latin America and the Caribbean.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Cooper, Amy. (2019). *State of Health: Pleasure and Politics in Venezuelan Health Care under Chávez*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Cooper, Amy and Lisa McGee (2017). "At Such a Good School, Everybody Needs it": Contested Meanings of Prescription Stimulant Use in College Academics. *Ethos* 45 (3): 289-313 (Awarded *Ethos* Top 20 downloaded article: 2017-2018, 2018-2019)
- Cooper, Amy. (2017). Moving medicine "Inside the neighborhood": The political symbolism of place in Venezuelan public health. Special Issue, "Therapeutic Landscapes," *Medicine Anthropology Theory* 4 (1): 20-45 (open access).
- Cooper, Amy (2015). The Doctor's Political Body: Doctor-Patient Interactions and Political Belonging in Venezuelan Neighborhood Clinics. *American Ethnologist* 42:459-474.
- Cooper, Amy (2015). What does health activism mean in Venezuela's public health system? Understanding community health work in political and cultural context. Special issue, "Community health workers and social change," *Annals of Anthropological Practice* 39:58-72.
- Cooper, Amy (2015). Time Seizures and the Self: Institutional Temporalities and Self Preservation among Homeless Women. *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 39:162-185.
- Luchins, Daniel, Amy Cooper, Patricia Hanrahan, and Ken Rasinski (2004). Psychiatrists' Attitudes Toward Involuntary Hospitalization. *Psychiatric Services* 55:1058-1060.
- Cooper, Amy and Patrick Corrigan (2004). Mental Illness and Dangerousness: Fact or Misperception, and Implications for Stigma. In *On the Stigma of Mental Illness: Practical Strategies for Research and Social Change*. Corrigan, P.W., Ed. pp. 165-179. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Cooper, Amy, Patrick Corrigan, and Amy Watson (2003). Mental Illness Stigma and Care Seeking. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 191:339-341.

EDITED COLLECTIONS

- Cooper, Amy, Robert Samet, and Naomi Schiller, Eds. (2015). *Protests and Polarization in Venezuela After Chávez*. Field Sites – Hot Spots. *Cultural Anthropology* Online (open access).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Cooper, Amy (2010). Becoming a community person: Stories of motivation and transformation in *Barrio Adentro's* volunteer health committees [Spanish]. In *De la Participación en Salud a la Construcción de Poder Popular: Experiencias para el Debate*. Eds. Miguel Malo and Johanna Levy. Maracay, Venezuela: Instituto de Altos Estudios Dr. Arnoldo Gabaldón, 99-111 (open access).

ESSAYS

- Cooper, Amy. In preparation. Health care isn't enough to make us healthy. In preparation for submission to *Sapiens.org* (open access).
- Cooper, Amy, Robert Samet, and Naomi Schiller (2015). Protests and Polarization in Venezuela After Chávez: Introduction; Life After Hugo Chávez. Field Sites - Hot Spots. *Cultural Anthropology* Online (open access).

MEDIA

- 2019 Black Agenda Report Book Forum: Amy Cooper's "State of Health." In preparation.
- 2019 "Two doctors speak exclusively to The Canary about Venezuela's Health System." April 19, The Canary, <https://www.thecanary.co/feature/2019/04/19/two-doctors-speak-exclusively-to-the-canary-about-venezuelas-health-system/>

REVIEWS

- Cooper, Amy (2014). *God's Laboratory: Assisted Reproduction in the Andes*. By Elizabeth Roberts (Berkeley: University of California Press). *Somatosphere.com* (open access)
- Cooper, Amy (2012). *Revolutionary Medicine: Health and the Body in Post-Socialist Cuba* by P. Sean Brotherton (Durham: Duke University Press). *Somatosphere.com* (open access)
- Cooper, Amy (2006). *Love, Sorron, and Rage: Destitute Women in a Manhattan Residence*. By Alisse Waterston (Philadelphia: Temple University Press). *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 20:261-262.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Faculty Excellence Award, Student Government Association of Saint Louis University
- 2018 Mentoring for Mission in Teaching Program, Saint Louis University (\$500)
- 2018 Stolle Award, Saint Louis University (\$2500)
- 2018 Mellon Faculty Development Award, Saint Louis University (\$2500)
- 2017 Mellon Faculty Development Award, Saint Louis University (\$2500)
- 2016 Innovative Teaching Fellowship, Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning, Saint Louis University (one-semester course release and instructional design training to redesign Global Mental Health in the Learning Studio)
- 2014 Small Group Grant, Faculty Center for Teaching, Muhlenberg College (\$980)
- 2014 Center for Ethics Course Development Grant, Civility and Disobedience, Muhlenberg College (\$500)
- 2014 Faculty Summer Research Grant, Muhlenberg College (\$4,000)
- 2014 Multicultural Center Course Development Grant, Mapping Intersections of Power, Muhlenberg College (\$500)
- 2013 Course Development Grant (Anthropological Ethnography), Muhlenberg College (\$3,000)
- 2013 Faculty Summer Research Grant, Muhlenberg College (\$4,000)
- 2013 Multicultural Center Course Development Grant, Intersections and Alliances, Muhlenberg College (\$500)
- 2011 Bernice Neugarten Lectureship Prize, University of Chicago (\$5,000, declined)
- 2010 Irmgard Coninx Foundation Essay Competition, Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality
- 2010 Gianinno Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Chicago (\$15,000)
- 2010 Martín Baró Lectureship Prize, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago (\$5,000)
- 2010 Doolittle-Harrison Award, University of Chicago (\$500)
- 2009 National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA) Student Paper Prize (1st runner up)

- 2008 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Program, U.S. Department of Education (\$47,376)
- 2007 Fulbright-IEE U.S. Student Program, U.S. Department of State (\$24,000, declined)
- 2007 Society for Applied Anthropology Spicer Award (\$500)
- 2006 Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago (\$2,000)
- 2006 Center for Latin American Studies Field Research Grant, University of Chicago (\$1,100)
- 2006 Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture Graduate Research and Travel Grant, University of Chicago (\$2,500)
- 2006 Doolittle-Harrison Award, University of Chicago (\$500)
- 2004 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (Honorable Mention)
- 2004 Department of Human Development Field Research Grant, University of Chicago (\$500)
- 2004 Center for Latin American Studies Tinker Research Grant, University of Chicago (\$1,100)
- 2004 University Fellowship, University of Chicago (\$18,000)
- 1994 Houston Endowment Jones Scholar Program (\$10,000)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

RESEARCH CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Roundtable Participant, Struggles for Justice in The Caribbean and Latin America: A New Book Roundtable, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, November 23.
- 2018 “Expanding Time”: Prescription stimulants and neoliberal temporalities. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, November 14.
- 2017 “At such a good school, everybody needs it”: Contested meanings of prescription stimulant use in college academics. Framing (Dis)Orders Conference, Washington University in Saint Louis Department of Anthropology, April 28.
- 2016 The Politics of Pleasure in Public Health Care: Socialized Medicine in Venezuela. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 18.
- 2016 In Excess of Medicine: Pleasure, Public Health, and Citizenship in Venezuela. Saint Louis University Ethnographic Workshop, St. Louis, MO, February 24.
- 2014 Inside the Neighborhood: The Political symbolism of place in Venezuelan public health. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 6.
- 2013 Spatiality, politics, and belonging in Venezuelan state health care. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 21.
- 2013 Activism within the activist state: Community health workers and state medicine in Caracas, Venezuela. Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington, D.C., May 30.
- 2013 Conflicts over care in Venezuelan neighborhood clinics: Lessons for a changing medical landscape in the U.S. American Ethnological Society/Association for Political and Legal Anthropology Joint Meeting, Chicago, April 13.
- 2012 Enacting Utopias of Health in Caracas. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 18.

- 2012 An “excess” of medicine: Care, satisfaction, and citizenship in Venezuelan public health. Society for Medical Anthropology/Society for Applied Anthropology Biannual Meeting, March 28.
- 2011 Caring for *los indigentes*: The limits of public health and citizenship in Venezuela. Medicine, Body, and Practice Workshop, University of Chicago, December 7.
- 2011 Paradoxes of Inclusion: State health care and spatial violence among Venezuela’s *indigentes*. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, November 17.
- 2011 Bodies in motion: Grandparents Clubs and the biopolitics of aging in Venezuela. Clinical Ethnography Workshop, University of Chicago, January 4.
- 2010 Participation for the *Pueblo*: Community Participation and Popular Empowerment in Venezuela’s *Barrio Adentro* Health Program. Irmgard Coninx Stiftung Roundtables on Transnationality: Health Politics in an Interconnected World, Berlin, Germany, December 3.
- 2010 Bodies in motion: ‘Grandparents’ Clubs’ and the new politics of aging in Venezuela. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 19.
- 2010 Making the *hombre nuevo*: New moralities of medicine and personhood in Venezuela. Latin American Studies Association Congress, Toronto, Canada, October 9.
- 2010 Humanitarian politics and the doctor’s ‘caring body’ in Venezuela’s *Barrio Adentro* medical mission. Medicine, Body, and Practice Workshop, University of Chicago, April 14.
- 2010 Training 20,000 saints: The doctor’s spatiotemporal body, experiences of care, and soteriological ideals in Venezuela’s new public health mission. Everyday Matters: Embodied Life and Experience Conference, University of Chicago, April 10.
- 2007 State Health Care and Subjectivity in Venezuela. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida, March 30.
- 2006 *Barrio Adentro*: Transnational Healthcare and ‘21st Century Socialism’ in Venezuela. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, California, November 18.
- 2005 *La Lucha Diaria*: Routinized Crisis and Everyday Anxieties in Cuba’s Special Period. Department of Comparative Human Development Student Conference, University of Chicago.
- 2005 The preservation of self in everyday life: Temporality and personhood among homeless women in Uptown, Chicago. The Social Context of Psychosis Conference, University of Chicago.

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2019 Struggles for Justice in The Caribbean and Latin America: A New Book Roundtable (with Greg Beckett). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, November 23.
- 2013 And/Or/Both/Neither: Social Movements between Civil Society and the Activist State (with Jay Sosa). Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington, D.C., May 30.
- 2012 Revisiting *The Magical State* with The Future in Question: In Memory of Fernando Coronil (with Robert Samet and Naomi Schiller). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 18.

- 2012 Rethinking the Boundaries of Care, Intimacy, and Health (double session; organized with Christine El Ouardani). The Society for Medical Anthropology Biannual Meeting, Baltimore, March 27-31.
- 2010 Medicine and Moral Worlds: Crises of Health and Morality in Latin America (with Lara Braff). Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress, Toronto, October 9.

GUEST LECTURES, BOOK TALKS, AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Book discussion about *State of Health*, ANSO 212: Medical Anthropology, taught by Jonah Rubin, Knox College, February 14.
- 2020 What You Should Know about Venezuelan Health Care under Chávez (and Why): A Medical Anthropologist's Perspective, Knox College, February 13.
- 2019 Research and Teaching Presentation, Department of Social Anthropology, The University of Edinburgh, December 9.
- 2019 Spill the Chai: Mental Health, Discussion moderator for the film *Unbroken Glass*, Indian Student Association at Saint Louis University, November 12.
- 2019 Intercambio Virtual/Virtual Exchange discussing *State of Health: Pleasure and Politics in Venezuela Under Chávez*, PolSoc: Red Latinoamérica de Análisis de la Política Social, September 12.
- 2019 Life and Health in Venezuela under Chávez. Washington University in St. Louis Department of Anthropology, Ethnographic Theory Workshop, April 1.
- 2019 Book Reading for *State of Health: Pleasure and Politics in Venezuela under Chávez*, Saint Louis University Bookstore, April 25.
- 2019 Insights as an Innovative Teaching Fellow, Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning Symposium, April 23 (video forthcoming).
- 2018 Morality on Adderall: Prescription stimulant use in college academics. Bowdoin College Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Research Workshop, April 13.
- 2018 Cultural Contexts of Stimulant Use on College Campuses, SOC 2445: Sociology of Mental Health, taught by Oyman Basaran, Bowdoin College, April 23.
- 2017 Clinical Encounters and Social Inequalities, SOC 2460: Sociology of Medicine, taught by Oyman Basaran, Bowdoin College, November 7.
- 2017 What is Medical Anthropology and How Can it Make me a Better Health Professional?, Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Health Society) 5th Annual Health Conference, Saint Louis University, March 28.
- 2017 Speech and Body Language in the Clinic, SPAN 4150: Spanish for the Health Professions, taught by Christina Garcia, Saint Louis University, March 21.
- 2016 Marcel Mauss' *The Gift*, SOC 2200: Cultural Anthropology, taught by Bruce O'Neill, Saint Louis University, September 22.
- 2016 Comparative Human Development PhD Alumni Panel, The Department of Comparative Human Development 75th Anniversary Weekend, The University of Chicago, May 14.
- 2016 Gender in Medical Encounters, SOC 1100: Introduction to Sociology, taught by Christopher Prener, Saint Louis University, March 18.
- 2015 Developing Theory from Ethnographic Research, SOC 313: Qualitative Methods, taught by Krista Bywater, Muhlenberg College.
- 2015 Redesigning the Culminating Undergraduate Experience in Sociology and Anthropology, Muhlenberg College, January 28.
- 2014 Ebola: Myth and Realities Panel, Muhlenberg College, October 22.

- 2013 Healthy Aging Across Cultures, Phoebe Institute for Aging Conference, Allentown, PA, October 18.
- 2013 The political significance of doctors in Venezuela: An anthropological approach to understanding medical care, Biology Seminar Series, Muhlenberg College, October 3.
- 2012 Introduction to the Anthropology of Medicine, ATH 112: Cultural Anthropology, taught by William Abruzzi, Muhlenberg College, Spring.
- 2012 Ethnographic Praxis in the Clinic, Faculty/student roundtable, Clinical Ethnography Workshop, University of Chicago, February 21

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Principal Investigator, Preliminary research on Costa Rican health care, San José, Costa Rica (Summer).
- 2018 Principal Investigator, Ethnographic research on experiences of ADHD and stimulant medication use among young adults, Brunswick, ME (5 months).
- 2014 Principal Investigator, Collaborative ethnographic research on experiences of ADHD stimulant medication use among young adults, Allentown, PA. (4 months)
- 2008 Principal Investigator, Dissertation field research for *Vital Politics: Remaking health and citizenship in Venezuela*, Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (13 months)
- 2006 Principal Investigator, Dissertation field research for *Vital Politics: Remaking health and citizenship in Venezuela*, Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (2 months)
- 2006 Research Assistant, *When God Talks Back*, Professor Tanya Luhrmann, University of Chicago (9 months)
- 2004 Ethnographer, *Uptown Project*, NIH-funded collaborative research on the lives of homeless woman with mental illness (PI: Tanya Luhrmann), Chicago, Illinois (18 months)
- 2005 Clinical Psychology Extern, Psychiatry Clinic, Stroger/Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois (3 months)
- 2002 Executive Director and Researcher, Center for Public Mental Health Services Research, Department of Psychiatry, University of Chicago Hospital (3 years)
- 2004 Principal Investigator, Ethnographic field research for *La Lucha Diaria: Routinized crisis and Everyday Anxieties in Cuba's Special Period*, Havana, Cuba (2 months)
- 2002 Clinical Interviewer, NIH-funded project *Growing Up with ADHD*, Department of Psychiatry, University of Chicago Hospital (12 months)
- 2002 Research Assistant, Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Department of Psychiatry, University of Chicago Hospital (9 months)
- 2001 Ethnographer, Erikson Institute, *Reading Circles in ESL Classrooms*, Chicago, IL (12 months)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Introductory and advanced courses in cultural anthropology, medical anthropology, psychiatric/psychological anthropology, Latin American studies, social and cultural theory, ethnographic research and writing, qualitative research design; introductory courses in four-field anthropology

COURSES TAUGHT

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO

SOC 2460: Global Mental Health

SOC 2200: Cultural Anthropology

SOC 1200: Introduction to Anthropology (4 fields)

SOC 2930: Medical Anthropology (includes trip to Mercy Birth Center)

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

ANTH 112: Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 205: Anthropological Theory

ANTH 291: Medicine and Culture

ANTH 289: Other Worlds: Anthropology Through Science Fiction

ANTH 313: Anthropological Ethnography

ANTH 345: Culture, Mental Health, and Psychiatry

ANTH 341: Health and Healing in Latin America

ANTH 450: Senior Seminar in Anthropology (students collaborate in research)

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Social Sciences 121: Self, Culture, Society I: Social Theories of Capitalism

Social Sciences 123: Self, Culture, Society III: Social Theories of Self

Latin American and Caribbean Studies 242: Medicine in Modern Latin America

Comparative Human Development 298: B.A. Honors Thesis Seminar

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- 2018 Mentoring for Mission in Teaching Program (inaugural cohort), Saint Louis University
(1 year)
- 2017 Innovative Teaching Fellowship, Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and
Learning, Saint Louis University
- 2015 Dean's Office, College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University
New Faculty Academy (1 year orientation)
- 2014 Faculty Center for Teaching, Muhlenberg College
Cluster Course Workshop
- 2012 Multicultural Center, Muhlenberg College
Workshop on Addressing Diversity and Difference in the Classroom
- 2012 Faculty Center for Teaching, Muhlenberg College
New Faculty Orientation (2 year training and mentorship)
- 2011 The University of Chicago Writing Program
Pedagogies of Writing Course (1 semester)
- 2010 Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of Chicago
Seminar on Course Design
- 2007 The University of Chicago (teaching intern/assistant)
Social Sciences 123 Self, Culture, Society III: Social Theories of Self
Social Sciences 122 Self, Culture, Society II: Social Theories of Culture
- 2006 The University of Chicago (teaching intern/assistant)
Social Sciences 121 Self, Culture, Society I: Social Theories of Capitalism
- 2006 The University of Chicago
Workshop on Teaching in the College

SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Varies	Manuscript reviewer for the following journals/presses: Medical Anthropology Quarterly (2012-present) American Ethnologist (2015-present) Global Public Health (2015-present) Medical Anthropology (2016-present) Anthropological Quarterly (2018-present) Current Anthropology (2019-present) Comparative Studies in Society and History (2019-present) University of California Press (2020-present)
2019	Wenner-Gren/SAPIENS Workshop, Writing for the Public
2015-	Society of Psychological Anthropology/Society for Medical Anthropology Graduate Student Mentor
2014-	Western Hemisphere Reviewer for U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program
2011-	Contributor, <i>Somatosphere</i> (Science, Medicine, and Anthropology website)
2011	Interviewer, Fulbright-III Scholarship
2003-2004	Alumni Interviewer, Georgetown University

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019-	Pre-Health Committee on Evaluations
2019-	International Faculty and Staff Association Program Committee Secretary
2019-	Anthropology Club Undergraduate Student Mentor
2016-2017	Founder and Coordinator, Anthropology Film Series, Saint Louis University
2017	Reviewer, President's Research Fund, Saint Louis University
2015	Judge, American Physician Scientists' Association Regional Meeting, Saint Louis University, October 24.
2015	Faculty Development and Scholarship Committee, Muhlenberg College
2014-2015	College-wide Institutional Review Board (IRB) Committee, Muhlenberg College
2014-2015	Advisory Board, Public Health Program, Muhlenberg College
2014-2015	Public Health Curriculum Revision Committee, Muhlenberg College
2014-2015	Anthropology Faculty Search Committee, Muhlenberg College
2014-2015	Public Health Faculty Search Committee, Muhlenberg College
2013-2015	Co-Founder and Faculty Advisor, Anthropology Club, Muhlenberg College
2013-2015	IRB Coordinator, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Muhlenberg College
2012-2015	Affiliated Faculty, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Muhlenberg College
2012-2015	Affiliated Faculty, Public Health, Muhlenberg College
2012-2013	Anthropology Curriculum Revision Committee, Muhlenberg College
2010-2012	Undergraduate Preceptor/Advisor, Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago
2010-2012	Career Planning Preceptor, Comparative Human Development, Career Advising and Planning Services, University of Chicago

- 2011 Graduate student representative for Tenure Committee, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago
- 2005-2007 Workshop Coordinator, Clinical Ethnography Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2005-2008 Graduate Student Mentor Program, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Medical Anthropology
Anthropology of Mental Health Interest Group
American Ethnological Society
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Latin American Studies Association
PolSoc (Red Latinoamérica de Análisis de la Política Social)
Anthropology of Venezuela Working Group

LANGUAGES

Spanish, English (native).

CITIZENSHIP/ELIGIBILITY TO WORK

U.S. citizen; Could obtain right to work in European Union countries/UK.