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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Critical medical anthropology, women's health, embodiment, kinship, chronic disease, Senegal

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 – Present **Assistant Professor**
Health and Behavioral Sciences Department
University of Colorado Denver
- 2021 – 2022 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**
Department of Surgery and Institute for Public Health
Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis

EDUCATION

- 2014 – 2021 **Ph.D. Anthropology**
Medical Anthropology Concentration
University of Arizona
Dissertation Title: “Diabetic Living: Senegalese Women’s Experiences
with Metabolic Illness”
- 2008 – 2010 **M.A. Political Science**
The New School for Social Research
- 2003 – 2007 **B.A., *magna cum laude*, International Affairs**
Northern Arizona University
Outstanding Senior in Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED

Bunkley, Emma Nelson, Comfort Asante, Sarah Burack, Lindsey Kaufman, Sam Miti, Jean Hunleth. 2023. “A Heart for the Care: Affect, Kin, and Care Work in a Zambian Hospital.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 38(1): 54-66 <https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12837>

Allred, Rachel P., Ndèye Aminata Mbaye, Fatoumata Diagne, Melissa B. Harrell, Sheryl A. McCurdy, **Emma Nelson Bunkley**. 2023. "Food Insecurity Increases Risk for Depression and Anxiety Among Women in Senegal Living with Diabetes and/or Hypertension." *Journal of Public Health in Africa* 14(10):2467 <https://doi.org/10.4081/jphia.2023.2467>

Powis, Richard and **Emma Nelson Bunkley**. 2023. "Handbooks and Health Interpreters: How Men are Assets for their Pregnant Partners in Senegal." *Social Science and Medicine* 331 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.116074>

William J. Robertson & **Emma N. Bunkley**. 2023. "Iatrogenic necropolitics: forced anal examinations and state-sanctioned homophobia." *Culture, Health & Sexuality* <https://doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2023.2203763>

Bunkley, Emma Nelson. 2022. "Interembodiment, Inheritance, and Intergenerational Health." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 36(2) 256 – 271 <http://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12689>

Chileshe, Mutale, **Emma Nelson Bunkley**, Jean Hunleth. 2022. "The Rural Household Production of Health Approach: Applying Lessons from Zambia to Rural Cancer Disparities in the U.S." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 19(2) 974. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19020974>

Bunkley, Emma Nelson. 2021. "Diagnosing Diabetes, Diagnosing Colonialism: An Ethnography of the Classification and Counting of a Senegalese Metabolic Disease." *Medicine Anthropology Theory* 8 (2): 1–26. <https://doi.org/10.17157/mat.8.2.5137>

UNDER REVIEW

Bunkley, Emma Nelson. "The Weight of Rumor." *American Anthropologist*

NON-REVIEWED

Bunkley, Emma Nelson. 2021. "Africa, the Cutting Edge for Health Care: Lessons from the Continent for the USA during COVID-19." *Somatosphere*.

POLICY REPORTS

Caring for Caregivers: Results of a Formative Study of Bedsider Caregiving in Arthur Davison Children's Hospital 2021-2022 (Ndola, Zambia, presented 2022)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National

2024 (spring) Boston University African Studies Center Course Enhancement Grant
\$2,000

2018 – 2019 Fulbright Institute of International Education, Senegal \$25,189
2015 – 2020 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship \$138,000

University of Colorado Denver

2023 Office of Research Services Seed Grant \$10,000
2023 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Research \$1,000
2022, 2023 Early Career Professional Development Grant \$500

University of Arizona

2020 – 2021 School of Anthropology Haury Dissertation Writing Fellowship \$20,000
2020, 18, 17, 16, 15 School of Anthropology, William & Nancy Sullivan Scholarship
2020 Bureau for Applied Research in Anthropology Diebold Travel
2020 Women in STEM Student Council Travel
2020, 19, 17, 16 Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel
2019 Graduate College Fellowship
2018 Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute \$2,000
Doctoral Dissertation Research

2017 Graduate and Professional Student Council Research and Project Grant
2016, 2015 School of Anthropology, Cacioppo Award
2016 School of Anthropology, Traditions, Transitions, and Treasures Fund
2014 – 2015 Paul D. Coverdell Peace Corps Fellow

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

2023 American Anthropological Association – Toronto, Canada
Interembodiment (Discussant and Organizer for 3-part panel)
2020 Society for Applied Anthropology – Albuquerque, NM
Care, Bodies, and Practices (Canceled due to COVID-19)

Paper Presentations

2022 American Anthropological Association – Seattle, WA
“Bodies of Waste and Wasted Bodies”
2022 Society for Applied Anthropology – Salt Lake, UT
“A Heart for the Care”
2021 American Anthropological Association – Baltimore, MD
“Interembodiment”
2021 Chronic Living Conference – Copenhagen, Denmark
“Bodies of Waste and Wasted Bodies”
2020 Society for Applied Anthropology – Albuquerque, NM
“Interembodiment as Care” (Canceled due to COVID-19)
2019 American Anthropological Association – Vancouver, Canada
“Diabetes as a Colonial Diagnosis and Diagnosis of Colonialism”

2016 American Anthropological Association – Minneapolis, MN
“Mothering, Caregiving, and Double Burden of Disease in Senegal and Kenya”

Poster Presentations

2017 Society for Applied Anthropology – Santa Fe, NM
“Picturing Pastoralists: Photovoice in Northern Kenya”

Flash Presentations

2016 American Anthropological/African Studies Association – Dakar, Senegal
“Africa: The Cutting Edge for Health Care”

TEACHING

Instructor

University of Colorado Denver

Qualitative Research Design and Methods (Graduate)
Theoretical Perspectives in Health and Behavioral Sciences (Graduate)
Global Health (Undergraduate)
Health, Human Biology, and Behavior (Undergraduate)
Public Health Capstone (Undergraduate)

University of Arizona

Women’s Health in Global Perspective (Undergraduate)

Cornell University

Practicing Medicine: Health Care, Culture, and Careers (Undergraduate)

Student Mentoring

University of Colorado Denver

Dissertation advisor to Robyn Gottelman
Dissertation committee member to Ashlyn Lange, Laura Meyer, and Noemy Pérez
(ongoing)

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Practicum Preceptor and Master’s Thesis advisor for Dr. Rachel Allred, Master’s in
Public Health, Epidemiology (2021 – 2022)

Washington University in St. Louis Institute for Public Health

Mentor for Lindsey Kaufman, B.A. candidate (2021 – 2022)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022 – Present Research in Senegal and France

2021 – 2022 Postdoctoral Research in Zambia
Caring for Caregivers project involved an international, transdisciplinary team
to research the needs of bedside caregivers in a pediatric hospital in Ndola,

Zambia. Project funded by the Washington University – St. Jude Collaborative in Implementation Science (St. Jude Washington University SCC Implementation Science Collaborative GR0018337) and the Foundation for Barnes Jewish Hospital and the Siteman Cancer Center.

- 2018 – 2019 Doctoral Dissertation Research in Senegal
Principal investigator for 15 months of Fulbright IIE funded fieldwork examining women’s experiences of noncommunicable disease in Senegal.
- 2018, 2016, 2015 Research Assistant to Dr. Ivy L. Pike in Kenya
National Science Foundation Grant #1430790 studying nutritional status in adolescents of three different pastoralist communities experiencing small-scale violence in Northern Kenya.
- 2016 – 2017 Research Specialist for the Department of Infectious Diseases, College of Medicine, University of Arizona
Researching barriers to care for HIV+ refugees in the Tucson, AZ community.

SERVICE

Scholarly

- 2023 – present National Science Foundation Grant Reviewer
2021 – present Advisory Board Member for JUSTREMIT, European Research Council Starting Grant, Leiden University, Netherlands.
2024 Peer Reviewer *Social Science & Medicine*
2022 Peer Reviewer *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*
2021, 2024 Peer Reviewer *Medical Anthropology*
2020 Peer Reviewer *Medicine Anthropology Theory*
2019 Peer Reviewer *Global Public Health*

University of Colorado Denver

- 2023 – ongoing Fulbright IIE Grant Reviewer for University of Colorado Denver campus
2023 – ongoing College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council
2023 – ongoing University Curriculum Committee
2023 – ongoing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for Health and Behavioral Sciences Department

Community

- 2020 Fulbright Africa Pre-Departure Orientation Alumni
2014 – 2017 Community Volunteer, Paul D. Coverdell Peace Corps Fellow (Arizona)
2016 – 2017 Program Volunteer, Owl and Panther, Hopi Foundation (Arizona)
2013 – 2014 Employment Volunteer, International Rescue Committee (Idaho)

International

- 2011 – 2013 Health Education Volunteer, United States Peace Corps, Senegal

LANGUAGES

French: excellent speaking, writing, and reading
Pulaar: excellent speaking, good reading and writing
Wolof: beginning speaking, reading, and writing

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Applied Anthropology
West African Research Association
Association for Feminist Anthropology

Society for Medical Anthropology
Society for Cultural Anthropology
African Studies Association
Association for Africanist Anthropology