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Professional Preparation

2002 University of Calgary, BS, Archaeology with focus in Physical Anthropology

Appointments

2005 PhD candidate, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University

2003-05 Teaching assistant, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University

2002 PhD student, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University

Funding

2000 University of Calgary Summer Travel Grant

2002 Northwestern University Graduate Fellowship

2003 NU Latin American and Caribbean Studies Summer Funding Grant

2005 NU Center for Comparative and International Studies Summer Funding Grant

2006 NU Center for Comparative and International Studies Summer Funding Grant

2006 Northwestern University Graduate Research Fellowship

2006 Northwestern University Graduate Research Grant

2006/7 Northwestern University Dissertation Year Fellowship

Publications – conference abstracts

Hicks, K, VJ Vitzthum, WR Leonard, J Burhop, M Araoz, L Barragan, V Reyes-Garcia, V Vadez, T Huanca, R Godoy, and TW McDade. 2004. A comparison of C-reactive protein levels in adolescents from lowland and highland Bolivia. *American Journal of Human Biology*. 16: 208.

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Tanner, S, V Reyes-Garcia, V Vadez, T Huanca, WR Leonard, TW McDade, R Godoy, MO Aiello, and K Hicks. 2004. Anthropometrics and gastrointestinal parasitic infections among the Tsimane' of Bolivia. *American Journal of Human Biology*. 16: 227.

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Hicks, K, TW McDade, WR Leonard, J Burhop, V Reyes-Garcia, V Vadez, T Huanca, and R Godoy. 2005. Seasonal variation in C-reactive protein among the Tsimane' of lowland Bolivia. *American Journal of Human Biology*. 17: 243.

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/jissue/109932232>

Fieldwork

Summer 2000

Cemetery archaeology field school, Antigua – gained experience in cemetery excavation, and age and sex determination of skeletal remains.

Summer 2001

Research assistant on anthropological study in Guyana (PI Warren Wilson) – gained experience in taking anthropometric measurements, conducting 24-hour dietary recalls, and conducting ethnographic interviews.

Summer 2003

Research assistant on anthropological study in El Alto, Bolivia (PI Virginia Vitzthum) – gained experience in collecting finger-prick blood spots.

Summer 2005

Pre-dissertation preparation in El Alto/La Paz, Bolivia

Special Skills

I have gained experience with biological data collection (anthropometrics, finger-prick blood spots, blood pressure), through participation in several ongoing anthropological projects.

I have laboratory experience conducting immunoassays of finger-prick blood spots.

I have field experience conducting dietary and ethnographic interviews.

I have extensive training in multivariate statistics, and have gained experience by analyzing data for several conference presentations.

I have extensive training in biocultural approaches to health research, as well as a thorough grounding in historical and ethnographic work in the Andes.

Current Research

I am currently involved in biocultural research in El Alto, Bolivia, investigating the relationship between social support, household composition, and women's health. Specifically, my project explores the cultural norms of social support in an impoverished, and rapidly changing urban environment, and investigates whether social support is a more important predictor of health for women in relatively impoverished female-headed-households.