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Curriculum Vitae 2023
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EDUCATION

- 2021- **PhD**, Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill NC
- 2023 **MA**, Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill NC
Thesis: "The Effect of the Birth Experience on Breastfeeding Outcomes Among non-Hispanic Black Women in North Carolina"
- 2015-2019 **BA**, Anthropology Honors Track, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN
Thesis: "Defining the Role of 'Doula': The Changing Birth Narrative in America"

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Positions

- 2023- **Biosocial Pre-Doctoral Trainee**, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2021- **Teaching Assistant**, Anthropology Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2018-2019 **Research Assistant** to Dr. Vania Smith-Oka, Anthropology Department, University of Notre Dame.
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Mathematics Department, University of Notre Dame.

Professional Positions

- 2019-2021 **Human Resource Coordinator**, HMB Inc., Columbus, OH.
- 2019-2020 **Labor Doula**, Mount Carmel Health Systems & Private Clients, Columbus, OH.
- 2017 **Student Intern**, The Ohio State University Family Medicine, Columbus, OH.

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- 2023 Poster Presentation, "The effect of the birth experience on breastfeeding outcomes among non-Hispanic Black women in North Carolina", Human Biology Association 2023 Annual Conference.
- 2022 Guest Lecturer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, ANTH 318 Human Growth and Development.

- 2022 Panelist, Health, Humanities, and Society Symposium, University of Notre Dame.
2019 Poster Presentation, “‘It Scares Me’: A Qualitative Analysis of Communication and Reproductive Health in Rural Mexico,” American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting.
2019 Poster Presentation, “Defining the Role of ‘Doula’: The Changing Birth Narrative in America”. University of Notre Dame.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2021 Harriet J. Kupferer Graduate Exploratory Summer Research Award (\$1250)
2019 *The Julian Samora Award*, University of Notre Dame. Awarded to the student who has demonstrated broad engagement with academic life.

TRAINING & LICENSES

- 2022-2032 Human Research, Social and Behavioral Research, Citi Program Certified
Record ID: 46712934
2022-2025 Good Clinical Practice—Social and Behavioral Research Best Practices Research
Record ID: 50779754

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2022- Society for Anthropology Graduate Students, Co-Chair, UNC
2022- Graduate and Professional Student Government Mentorship Program, Mentor
2019-2020 Women’s Care Center, Instructor & Volunteer, Columbus, OH