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EDUCATION

University of Oxford, Linacre College

M.Phil, Medical Anthropology. 2010 – 2012.

Experience in: Fieldwork, survey design, interviewing; policy paper writing; economic analysis of global health care systems.

Papers on: Stigma, HIV & STI transmission among MSMs in China; HIV & social identity; Environmental & social determinants of health in low income and migrant populations; Epidemiological transitions and prevention of modern chronic diseases.

Co-convenor: Anthropology Research Group on Eastern Medicines and Religions (Argo-EMR), a Ph.D. student role.

Oxford, UK

Marks: 63 (~3.7 GPA)

New England School of Acupuncture (NESA)

Master of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MAOM). 2006 – 2010.

Dual Track of study in Chinese and Japanese Acupuncture, Chinese Herbal Medicine; focus on treating complex PTSD due to

multiple sexual assaults. *Additional experience:* Local agribusiness supply-chain internship from medicinal herb farmers to TCM pharmacies (2007); Initiated annual internal review process to evaluate student-administrator interactions at NESA (2009); continuing education under Daoist priest Jeffrey Yuen, and Kanpo herbal practitioners.

Newton, MA

GPA: 3.7 (of 4.0)

St Michael's College

MA Theology. January 2006 – May 2007.

Moral theology addresses the pertinent health politics question: *'How can people who morally oppose particular policies be persuaded to support them politically in a way that lets them feel they can act with personal and moral integrity?'* Courses

included Health Care Ethics: reproductive technologies, consent, medical interventions, economics of healthcare delivery, pain and end of life care. Completed four year program in 15 months through independent study.

Colchester, VT

GPA: 3.9 (of 4.0)

State University of New York, Albany

BA Medieval and Renaissance Studies; Classical Greek and Roman Civilization.

Analysis of international colonial, economic policies & political structures in multi-ethnic, multi-religious settings; uses of rhetoric to achieve policy outcomes. US Student Association Corporate Secretary; LGBT Ass'n Co-chair; Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. Lobbyist for student political and economic issues at state and federal levels.

Albany, NY

GPA for Major: 3.7

EXPERIENCE

Project Policy Analyst

CA Dept of Public Health, Building Healthy Online Communities Project (Aug 2017 - Feb 2018) Richmond, CA

BHOC is a partnership between public health leaders and dating app owners working together to support the health of men who have sex with men (MSM). Used Qualtrics to create state and national survey of local health jurisdictions regarding health campaigns directed towards MSM. Designed social media profiles for Twitter & Facebook, managed Wordpress website & budget with web-host, curated industry news (tech, public health, social science research), and tracked emerging populations & app behaviors for HIV / STI outreach, education, & intervention. Arranged meeting of 16 social marketing professionals & public health officials to coordinate messaging towards MSM around PrEP, condoms, HIV, STI testing. Continued to build skills via a six month Policy Academy training hosted by the National Coalition of STD Directors in DC.

Immigration Law Clerk

AIDS Legal Referral Panel (December 2016 – August 2017)

San Francisco, CA

Built relationships with Case Managers and Social Workers throughout Bay Area to coordinate client legal services for HIV+, often immigrant, LGBT, low-income, or substance using demographic. Performed intakes to assess persecution, human rights violations, and credible fear in Spanish and English; translated documents from international courts; additional duties assigned to further asylum, permanent legal residence, citizenship, and employment re-authorization cases.

Research Assistant/ Senior Survey Worker

Division of Global Health, AIDS, and Infectious Disease, UCSF (July 2015 – December 2016)

San Francisco, CA

Connect 4 Care (C4C) study, a single-site, randomized year long study examining the efficacy of different text messaging approaches to engaging 230 HIV+ patients in care. Did screening, recruiting, structured interviewing of vulnerable, housing insecure, polysubstance-using participant demographic. Used electronic health records (EHRs), patient histories, & databases through SF DPH and UCSF. Coded 27 qualitative interviews using Dedoose. Performed qualitative research and analysis focusing on barriers to HIV care, medication adherence, and patient beliefs regarding ARV medication efficacy.

HIV and STI Test Counselor

Alliance Health Project, UCSF (Volunteer; November 2014 – August 2017)

San Francisco, CA

Serving MSM and Transgender demographic, performed client intake, lab specimen preparation for rapid HIV antibody & p24 antigen tests; employed harm-reduction approaches including PrEP / PEP in client-centred counselling. Created & deployed research survey to 130 clients to assess beliefs surrounding the term 'undetectable', as confusion about what 'undetectable' means and how long 'undetectable' is a valid measure of viral load; data pertains to reducing HIV transmission and

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community viral load, by identifying health myths in MSM and target communities.

Global Health Research and Policy Consultant

Client: Lebanese Medical Assn for Sexual Health, LebMASH (October 2014 – July 2016) Beirut, Lebanon

Designed longitudinal research project to develop evidence-based database of LGBT/ women's health friendly healthcare practitioners in Lebanon. Project encompassed research proposal, survey design, participant recruitment, semi-structured interviews, data analysis and grantwriting. Project context: raising awareness of LGBT and women's health issues in region.

Client: Global Forum for MSMs and HIV (February – April 2015) Oakland, CA

Produced 100 page policy report and 6 page brief serving as basis for *Services Under Siege*; argued for global incorporation into existing HIV programming of funding for violence mitigation programs, services for survivors of homophobic violence.

Client: LGBT Caucus of the American Public Health Association (Volunteer; March 2014) Washington, DC

Evaluated abstracts submitted to the APHA annual conference for objectivity, methodology, relevance to LGBT health concerns, and clarity. Responded with comments on newsworthiness and most appropriate manner of presentation.

Client: Harvard University Coordinated Project (Volunteer; November 2013 – February 2014) NE Asia

As part of team of five from various universities developed curriculum plan for new school of public health in NE Asia, with aim of addressing ongoing TB epidemic in region. Contributed expertise in Traditional Asian Medicine, & drew on experience in Caribbean to analyze Cuban health care education model for use in resource-poor settings in NE Asia. Team provided analyses for several conferences concerned with regional and in-country health development.

Clinician

New England School of Acupuncture Student Clinic (May 2009 – May 2010) Newton, MA

One of two students selected (out of 60) to lead successful three week pilot HIV acupuncture treatment program at Clinica Familia Mir, Dominican Republic (Aug and Nov 2009), with primary demographic of sex workers, migrant workers, non-state peoples, aiming to reduce number of pharmaceutical interventions needed by promoting general health; in clinic, made referrals to specialists as needed (fibroids, pre-diabetes, STIs); rotation entailed HIV education & testing at sugar cane plantations (*batayes*), collecting demographic information and statistics in Spanish, French, and Creole.

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Book Reviews (N.B.: I publish under the name Jason Johnson Peretz)

- 2018 Review of Fischel 2016, *Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent* & Erlich et al's *Discursive Constructions of Consent in the Legal Process*. PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review.
- 2016 Review of Susan Reynolds Whyte's *Second Chances, Surviving AIDS in Uganda*. Somatosphere.
- 2015 Review of Seth Holmes' *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies*. Centre for Medical Humanities, Durham University.

Policy Articles

- 2017 'In reference to HIV, what does "undetected" mean to you?': Results of a small survey at an HIV testing site in SF. SocArXiv, 26 July 2017. <http://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/8V9UP>
- 2015 Jack Beck, **Jason Johnson Peretz**, George Ayala. *Services Under Siege*. Global Forum on MSMs and HIV. Accessible at: msmgf.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/MSMGF-ViolenceBrief9_Final-120215.pdf

Research Articles (under review)

- 2018 'It's not just a gay disease': Common vulnerability, key populations, and structural change in HIV Health Provisioning in a San Francisco-based Population
- 2017 'Tell me about your health': Towards a contextual understanding of ARV non-compliance in a San Francisco based vulnerable population

Professional Associations

National Coalition of STD Directors Policy Academy
Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF)
Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR)
Canadian Society for International Health

Languages: Spanish, French, Latin

Software: MS Office, Dedoose, SPSS, Qualtrics

Activities: Ballet (Advanced level)

Working Knowledge: German, Arabic, Hebrew, Mandarin, Kazakh

GRE Scores: 730 Verbal, 670 Quantitative, 6.0 Analytic Writing