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Education

- 2009 Ph.D., Rutgers University – New Brunswick, Department of Anthropology
- 2005 M.A., Rutgers University – New Brunswick, Department of Anthropology
- 2002 B.A., *cum laude*, University of Notre Dame. Majors: Anthropology and Environmental Sciences

Research and Teaching Specialties

Migration and social change; politics of indigenous knowledge and identity; conservation, sustainability, and environmental justice; informal economies and informality; digital technologies and media; political satire; tourism and tourist art; Swahili language, dialects, and interpretation; refugee resettlement and family advocacy; Kenya, East Africa; Tampa, Florida.

Academic Appointments

- 2024-present Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of South Florida
- 2017-2024 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of South Florida
- 2013-2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of South Florida
- 2009-2013 Visiting Instructor, Dept. of Anthropology, Rutgers University

Book

Mahoney, Dillon

- 2017 *The Art of Connection: Risk, Mobility, and the Crafting of Transparency in Coastal Kenya*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9780520966239>

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Siven, Jacqueline M., Julia Coburn, Tristan P. Call, **Dillon Mahoney**, Rebeca Rodriguez Flores, Harpiya Kaur, Michael A. Flynn, and Cammie Chaumont Menendez
2023 “Mixed Messages and COVID-19 Prevention: Why Information Isn’t Always Enough to Protect Meat Processing Workers.” *AJPM Focus*. Online open access. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.focus.2023.100128>
- Harb, Ahmad M., Brennan Ninesling, Alfredo Ortega Cotte, Asa Oxner, Lynette J. Menezes, **Dillon Mahoney**, and Roberta D. Baer
2022 “The Understanding and Impact of COVID-19 and Pandemic Policies on Syrian and Other Arabic-Speaking Refugees in Tampa, Florida.” *Avicenna Journal of Medicine*. 12(4):174-177. DOI: 10.1055/s-0042-1756674
- Baer, Roberta D., **Dillon Mahoney**, Emily Holbrook, Renice Obure, and Michaela Inks
2021 “Experiences and Effects of Food Insecurity Among Recently Resettled Refugees from the Congo War.” *Annals of Anthropological Practice*, 45(2): 142-161. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111.napa.12167>

Billingsley, Krista, and **Dillon Mahoney**

2021 “Engaged Research in a Hurry: The Case for and Complications of Immediate Anthropology.” *Human Organization*, 80(2): 117-127. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17730/1938-3525-80.2.177>

Mahoney, Dillon, Renice Obure, Krista Billingsley, Michaela Inks, Eugenie Umurutasate, and Roberta D. Baer
2020 “Evaluating Understandings of State and Federal Pandemic Policies: The Situation of Refugees from the Congo Wars in Tampa, Florida.” *Human Organization*, 79(4): 271-280. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17730/1938-3525-79.4.271>

Mahoney, Dillon, Roberta Baer, Oline Wani, Eka Anthony, and Carolyn Behrman
2020 “Unique Issues for Resettling Refugees from the Congo Wars.” *Annals of Anthropological Practice*, 44(1): 77-90. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/napa.12137>

Mahoney, Dillon

2016 “Mobilities and Risks in Coastal Kenya: Jumping Scales versus Staying Local.” *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 39 (2): 176-189. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/plar.12188>

Mahoney, Dillon

2016 “Anthropology of Africa.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*. (Peer-reviewed) Ed. John Jackson. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780199766567-0134>

Mahoney, Dillon

2012 “Changing Strategies in Marketing Kenya’s Tourist Art: From Ethnic Brands to Fair Trade Labels.” *African Studies Review*, 55 (1): 161-190. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1353/arw.2012.0013>

Haugerud, Angelique, **Dillon Mahoney** and Meghan Ference.

2012 “Watching *The Daily Show* in Kenya.” *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, 19 (2): 168-190. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/1070289X.2012.672853>

Book Chapters

Mahoney, Dillon

2022 “Collaborative Social Media Production with a Congolese Refugee Youth Group in Florida.” In *Refugee Resettlement in the United States: Loss, Transition, and Resilience in a Post-9/11 World*. Eds. Marnie K. Watson and Pritha Gopalan. New York, NY: Routledge. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003130239>

Haugerud, Angelique, Megan Ference, and **Dillon Mahoney**

2020 “The Cultural Politics of Dissent in Kenya Since the 1980s.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Kenyan Politics*, Eds. Nic Cheeseman, Karuti Kanyinga, and Gabrielle Lynch. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 978-0-19-881569-3

Mahoney, Dillon

2017 “M-PESA and Mobile Money in Kenya.” In *Global Africa*, Eds. Dorothy Hodgson and Judith A. Byfield. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/9780520962514>

Other Publications

Baer, Roberta D., **Dillon Mahoney**, Eduardo Gonzalez, Kira Zwygart, and Asa Oxner

2022 “An Intervention to Vaccinate Hard to Reach Populations Against COVID-19.” *CommuniVax: Monthly Roundup*, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, November 18, 2022.

Holbrook, Emily A., Roberta Baer, **Dillon Mahoney**, Renice Obure, and Florence Ackey
 2019 “Applying Applied Anthropology: A Project with Applied Anthropologists, Congolese Refugees, and Refugee Service Providers in West Central Florida.” *Practicing Anthropology*, 41(1): 15-19. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17730/0888-4552.41.1.15>

Mahoney, Dillon

2013 “Youth Culture and Internet in Urban Ghana.” Review of *Invisible Users: Youth in the Internet Cafés of Urban Ghana* by J. Burrell (MIT Press), *Journal of African History*, 54 (4): 145-146.

Mahoney, Dillon. 2012. “The Facts and Fictions of Kony2012.” *Rutgers University Center for African Studies Newsletter*, fall 2012, xx, 7-8.

Mahoney, Dillon. 2011. “Digital Media, Multilingualism and Democracy.” *Anthropology News*, April 2011, 52 (2): 29-30.

Project Reports

Baer, Roberta D., **Dillon Mahoney**, Eduardo Gonzalez, Kira Zwygart, and Asa Oxner

2022 “An Intervention to Vaccinate Hard to Reach Populations Against COVID-19.” <https://www.usf.edu/arts-sciences/departments/anthropology/documents/vaxprojectreportfinal10-26-22.pdf>

Ninesling, Brennan, Alfredo Ortega Cotte, Ahmad Harb, Asa Oxner, Lynette Menezes, **Dillon Mahoney**, Roberta D. Baer

2021 “Evaluating Understanding of COVID-19 and Pandemic Policies in the Beginning of the Pandemic among Spanish Speaking Refugees.” Report prepared for the Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force and the faculty and students at the Morsani School of Medicine’s refugee clinic, April 2021.

Baer, Roberta D., **Dillon Mahoney**, Sofia Almeida, Emily Holbrook, Shaye Soifoine, Edgardo Mejias Vazquez, and Lyann Lallave-Segui. 2021. “Understandings of State and Federal Pandemic Policies Among University Students in Tampa, Florida.” <https://www.usf.edu/arts-sciences/departments/anthropology/documents/usf-students-covid19-report-8-17-21.pdf>

Baer, Roberta D., **Dillon Mahoney**, Brendan Nielsen, Alfredo Ortega Cotte, Ahmad Harb, Asa Oxner, and Lynette Menezes. 2021. “Data on Tampa Area Refugee Populations Demographics, Knowledge of COVID-19, and Attitudes Towards COVID Vaccines.” Prepared for the *Florida Department of Health, Department of Children and Families*, and the *Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force*, presented to *Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force*, January 26, 2021.

Mahoney, Dillon, Roberta D. Baer, Krista Billingsley, Renice Obure, Michaela Inks, and Eugenie Umurutasate. 2020. “Evaluating Understandings of State and Federal Pandemic Policies Among Refugees from the Congo Wars in Tampa, Florida.” Prepared for the Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force and Florida Department of Health: Available online at: <https://www.usf.edu/arts-sciences/departments/anthropology/documents/rfcw-covid19-report.pdf>

Baer, Roberta D., **Dillon Mahoney**, Emily A. Holbrook, Renice Obure. 2019. “Congolese Report on Nutritional Status and Dietary Adaptation Among Refugees from the DRC.” Prepared for the *Florida Department of Children and Families* and the *Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force*, presented to *Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force*, January 22, 2019.

Mahoney, Dillon, Stanislaus Kivai, Nancy Moinde, Danson Mwangi, Stephen Nyaga, Margit Bertalan. 2018. “Chyulu Hills and Kibwezi East Climate Change, Conservation, and Conflict Resolution. A Preliminary

Report.” Prepared for the *National Museums of Kenya*, the *Kenya Forestry Service*, the *Kenya Wildlife Service*, and the *Green Forest Fighters Community Based Organization*.

Mahoney, Dillon, Renice Obure, Roberta D. Baer, Emily Holbrook, Michaela Inks, Linda Bomboka, and Kira Benton. 2017. “School Harassment/Bullying among Congolese Refugees in the Tampa Area – Part 2.” Prepared for the *Refugee Task Force of Tampa Bay* and the *Florida Department of Children and Families*.

Baer, Roberta D., **Dillon Mahoney**, Renice Obure, Emily Holbrook, Michaela Inks, Linda Bomboka, and Kira Benton. 2017. “School Harassment/Bullying among Congolese Refugees in the Tampa Area – Part 1.” Prepared for the *Refugee Task Force of Tampa Bay* and the *Florida Department of Children and Families*.

Baer, Roberta D., **Dillon Mahoney**, Emily Holbrook, Michaela Inks, Renice Obure, Linda Bomboka, and Kira Benton. 2017. “Dietary Issues and Nutritional Status among Congolese Refugees in the Tampa Area – preliminary report.” Prepared for the *Refugee Task Force of Tampa Bay* and the *Florida Department of Children and Families*.

Awards, Grants, Fellowships, and Honors (abridged)

- 2023 PI, “Trails to Indigenous New Hampshire,” (Funded for \$5,000 from the USF Humanities Institute).
- 2022-23 PI, “Participatory Capacity Building and Community Development among Central African Refugees and Mental Health Care Among Refugee Populations in the Tampa Bay Area” (Funded for \$10,000 as a USF Creative Scholars Grant).
- 2020-21 Co-PI, “Pandemic Fallout for Black Refugee Youth: Issues of Health, Education, Race, and Identity” (Funded for \$13,744 from the USF Blackness and Anti-Black Racism Research Initiative)
- 2020-21 Consultant, “Assessing the Wellbeing of Meat Processing Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” *National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health* (Hired for \$5,000 to coordinate data collection among Congolese refugee meat packing workers).
- 2017 “Welcomer Award” for assistance in helping resettle refugees, Florida Department of Children and Family.
- 2012 School of Arts and Sciences Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Education in the category of Non-Tenure Track Faculty, Rutgers University.
- 2008 Dissertation Teaching Award (to fund the design and teaching of a course based on my dissertation), Graduate School, Rutgers University.
- 2007-08 University and Louis Bevier Graduate and Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, Rutgers University.
- 2005-06 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship for research in Kenya.
- 2005 School of Arts and Sciences Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Education in the category of Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University.
- 2003, 04 Princeton University, Program in Urbanization and Migration grant for summer research, 2003 and 2004.

Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures (abridged)

- 2023 Mahoney, Dillon. “Unpacking Myths in Indigenous New Hampshire History,” invited lecture to the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, New Hampshire, February 18.
- 2022 Mahoney, Dillon, and Krista Billingsley. “The Neoliberal Echo Chamber,” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Panel title (also organized the panel): “Unsettling Neoliberalism as an Explanatory Model for Socio-economic Change.” Seattle, Washington, November 9.
- 2021 Mahoney, Dillon. “Educational Resilience Among Congolese Refugee Families Coping with Remote Learning, COVID-19, and Sustained Anti-Black Racism,” presented at the USF Institute on Black Life (IBL) Annual Conference. Panel title: Global Perspective: Africa-African Diaspora Experiences of Anti-Black Racism. Tampa, Florida, February 2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hV-8yixHrNU&feature=youtu.be>
- 2020 “AfricaNow! Africa, America, and Anthropology: Reversing the Gaze on Racial Solidarities,” Roundtable participant, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, organized by Omotayo Jolaosho and featuring Mwenda Ntarangwi, Wangui Kimari, and Faisal Garba, November 19.
- 2020 Mahoney, Dillon. “Remote Anthropological Data Collection During a Pandemic: Refugees and COVID in Three US Cities,” Roundtable organizer and participant, featuring Roberta D. Baer, Carolyn Behrman, and Renice Obure. Part of the American Anthropological Association’s *Raising Our Voices* fall 2020 program, November 12.
- 2019 Mahoney, Dillon. “Collaborative Video Production, Social Media, and the Challenges Facing Refugee Youth,” paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology meeting. Panel title: Issues for Refugees Resettling in the US—Part 1—Issues related to media, community, youth, and the family. Portland, Oregon, March 21.
- 2019 Mahoney, Dillon, and Renice Obure. “Soma Lebo (Read the Label): Labeling and Valuation of Personhood Among Central African Refugees in Tampa, Florida,” paper presented at the Society for Economic Anthropology meeting. Panel title: Citizenship, Migration, and Belonging. Orlando, Florida, March 1.
- 2018 Mahoney, Dillon, Stanislaus Kivai, and Nancy Moinde. “Climate Change and Conflict Resolution in Kenya’s Chyulu Hills,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Panel title: Environmental Anthropology Speed Session. San Jose, California, November 16.
- 2018 Mahoney, Dillon, and Renice Obure. “The Politics of Language and Community Organizing among Congolese Refugees in Tampa,” paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Panel title: Contemporary Refugee Issues: Anthropological Contributions to Understanding Problems and Developing Solutions – Designing Interventions. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 4.
- 2018 Obure, Renice, and Dillon Mahoney. “Lost in Transition: Restructuring of Gender, Family, and Power Relations among Congolese Refugees in Tampa,” paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Panel title: Contemporary Refugee Issues: Anthropological Contributions to Understanding Problems and Developing Solutions – Identifying the Issues. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 4.
- 2017 Mahoney, Dillon, Roberta Baer, Emily Holbrook, and Renice Obure. “Language, Trust, and Other Issues in Research on Refugee Diets,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological

Association. Panel title: Building the Big Tent: Anthropology and Interdisciplinary Work in Food and Nutrition. Washington, D.C., December 3.

- 2017 Baer, Roberta, Dillon Mahoney, Emily Holbrook, and Renice Obure. “Anthropological Contributions to the Study of Diet, Nutritional Status, and Food Insecurity among Congolese Refugees in Tampa, FL,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Panel title: Building the Big Tent: Anthropology and Interdisciplinary Work in Food and Nutrition. Washington, D.C., December 3.
- 2016 Mahoney, Dillon. “New Mobilities and New Risks on Kenya’s Emerging ‘Silicon Savannah’,” paper to be presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Panel title: Learning to Labor in the Digital Economy. Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 19.
- 2015 Mahoney, Dillon. “Mobile Money and the Navigation of Risk and Mobility in Kenya,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Panel title: Anthropology of ICT: Cellular Internet, Social Media, Mobile Money, Decentralized Architecture, Big Data, Denver, Colorado, Nov. 19.
- 2014 Mahoney, Dillon. “Crafting Ethical Connection and Transparency in Coastal Kenya,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Co-organized panel title: Digital Technology, Transparency, and Everyday Forms of Political Engagement, Washington D.C., December 4.
- 2014 Mahoney, Dillon. “Transnational Kenya Online: Balancing Perception and Lived Reality,” paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Panel title: Ethnography in Motion: Migration and Virtual Venues, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 19.

Field Research (abridged)

- 2024 Kajiado and Makueni Counties, Kenya
Research on conservation, heritage, sustainable development, and environmental justice in southeastern Kenya, organized around the USF Kenya field school.
- 2021- New Hampshire
Site visits, archival research, and meetings with historians, archaeologists, and community groups in the state.
- 2020- Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, Florida
Multiple collaborative and participatory projects to evaluate refugee understandings of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated policies and struggles. Focus is on refugees from the Congo Wars as well as Spanish- and Arabic-speaking refugee household heads, USF students’ understandings of pandemic policy, and youth Congolese refugees understandings of pandemic policies, race, and identity in 2020.
- 2016- Tampa, Florida
Ongoing research with Congolese Refugees in Tampa focusing on issues of diet and nutrition, school bullying, transportation, changing family dynamics, barriers to educational access, housing and sexual harassment law, and community organizing more broadly.
- 2018 Chyulu Hills and Nairobi, Kenya
A June-July trip to meet collaborators, continue longitudinal data collection from previous trips, and plan future research and field school to incorporate additional USF students in the project.
- 2015 Nairobi, Samburu, and Eastern Province, Kenya
Continued research in and around Chyulu Hills National Park and Kibwezi District with Kenyan colleagues from Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forestry Service, and the Institute for Primate Research.

- 2014 Mombasa, Nairobi, and Eastern Province, Kenya
Met with colleagues at the National Museums of Kenya and the Institute for Primate Research to begin research in and around Chyulu Hills National Park. Also conducted follow-up research with long-term participants in Mombasa and Nairobi.
- 2008 Mombasa and Nairobi, Kenya
Conducted interviews on the aftermath of Kenya's 2007-08 election in Mombasa and Nairobi, focusing on the use of or inability to use mobile phones during the crisis. Also conducted three weeks of archival research in Kenya National Archives, Nairobi (June-August).
- 2007 Mombasa, Kenya
Conducted follow-up research and organized and co-directed the Swahili Studies and Coastal Peoples of Kenya field school in affiliation with the National Museums of Kenya (June-September).
- 2005-06 Mombasa, Kenya; East Africa
Conducted doctoral research primarily in Mombasa, Kenya, funded by the US Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship for the project titled "The Digital Divide and Kenyan Art Traders" (September-August).

Education Abroad Administrative Experience

- 2024- Program Co-designer, Co-director, "USF-Kenya: Conservation and Sustainable Development Field School" with an integrated focus on cultural and ecological methods.
- 2005-07 Program Co-designer, Co-director (2007), "Swahili Studies and Coastal Peoples of Kenya" field school, with a focus on ethnographic methods, social change, and heritage. Rutgers University and the National Museums of Kenya, coastal Kenya; summer term (curriculum designer 2005-07, enrollment between 8 and 12 undergraduate students).

Graduate Seminars Designed and Taught

Anthropology of Development

Contemporary Applied Anthropology

Teaching Anthropology

Globalization and Technology

Undergraduate Courses Designed and Taught

Anthropology Department Directed Internship Program (three terms per year beginning spring 2018 through spring 2020, between 5 and 15 students per semester).

Applied Anthropology (four-field course taught multiple times at USF to classes of 20 and 35).

Cultural Anthropology (to many classes at USF ranging in size from 14 to 130 students).

Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (to many classes at USF and Rutgers of between 35 and 90 students).

Introduction to Anthropology (four-field intro course to two classes at USF of 75 and 100 students).

Methods in Cultural Research (to classes at USF ranging in size from 6 to 20 students).

Anthropology of Africa (to classes at USF and Rutgers ranging in size from 15 to 50 students).

Anthropology of Media (to classes at USF and Rutgers ranging in size from 15 to 40 students).

Anthropology and Tourism (to classes at Rutgers ranging in size from 20 to 40 students).

Global/Local Systems (to classes at Rutgers ranging in size from 20 to 40 students).

Anthropology of Development (to classes at Rutgers ranging in size from 20 to 40 students).

Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (to classes at Rutgers of 75 students).

Language and Social Diversity (to a class at Rutgers of 25 students).

Post-Doctoral Advising

Wakhungu, Mathews, post-doctoral researcher at the University of South Florida funded under anti-racism grant (fall 2020-spring 2021).

Ussher, Yvette, post-doctoral fellow from the University of Ghana (spring 2019).

Asante, Rabi, post-doctoral fellow from the University of Ghana (summer 2018).

Graduate Advising

Current graduate advisees (2024):

Nadege Nau, Ph.D. Student
Emily Holbrook, Ph.D. Student
Tyler Koerner, M.A. Student
Caroline Stahley, M.A. Student

Graduated advisees:

Ruszczuk, Danee. 2023. “‘I’m Still Suffering’: Mental Health Care Among Central African Refugee Populations in the Tampa Bay Area,” (MA Thesis director, USF Anthropology, fall 2021-Aug 2023).

Soifoine, Shaye. 2022. “‘Even If You Have Food in Your House, It Will Not Taste Sweet’: Central African Refugees’ Experiences of Cultural Food Insecurity and Other Overlapping Insecurities Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic in Tampa, Florida,” (MA Thesis director, USF Anthropology, fall 2020-Aug 2022).

Michala Head. 2021. “How Culture and Storytelling Can Influence Urban Development: An Ethnographic Look at the Community-driven Revitalization of Newtown in Sarasota, Florida,” (MA Thesis director, USF Anthropology, fall 2019-Aug 2021).

Michaela Inks. 2021. “Educational Experiences of Congolese Refugee in West-Central Florida High Schools,” (MA Thesis director, USF Anthropology, fall 2018-May 2021).

Nadege Nau. 2020. “Civic Engagement and Civil Unrest: Haitian Social Scientists Working at Home.” (MA Thesis director, USF Anthropology, spring 2020-August 2020).

Other graduate advising:

- Catherine Vazquez, “Remote Work and American Cultural Expectations,” (Dissertation committee member, USF Anthropology, fall 2023-present).
- Sheralyn Jones, “A Critical Analysis of the Construction of Cultural Heritage and Museum Management in Belize,” (Dissertation committee member, USF Anthropology, fall 2021-present).
- Atte Penttila. 2022. “Farmers’ Organizations and Development Actors in a Pandemic: Responses to Covid-19 and the Food-Energy-Water Nexus,” (Dissertation committee member, USF Anthropology, fall 2019-fall 2022).
- Kristen Vogel. 2021. “Afrocentric Women’s Empowerment: Listening to the Matriarchs,” (MA Thesis committee member, USF Anthropology, spring 2020-fall 2021).
- Russell Manzano, “Mental Healthcare and the Effects of Violence on Refugees Living in Sicily” (Dissertation committee member, USF Anthropology, spring 2019-spring 2022).
- Brandy Arredondo, “Looking to Non-Profits: An Evaluation of a Refugee Women’s Non-Profit as a Supplement to the Reception and Placement Program” (MA Thesis committee member, USF Anthropology, spring 2020-Aug 2021).
- Clarisse Barbier, “Social Exclusion of Women Accused of Witchcraft,” (Dissertation committee member, USF Anthropology, fall 2016-2020).
- Olubukola Olayiwola, “‘Placing Our Breasts on a Hot Kerosene Lantern’: A Critical Study of Microfinancialization in the Lives of Women in the Informal Sector in Ibadan, Nigeria” (Dissertation committee member, USF Anthropology, spring 2017-2020).
- Emily Holbrook, “Eating in America: Easing the Transition for Resettled Refugees through an Applied Anthropological Intervention” (MA Thesis committee member, USF Anthropology, spring 2017-spring 2019).
- Guffran Rostom, “Ethnography of StopTBX Coalition of Tampa Bay” (MA Thesis committee member, USF Anthropology, fall 2015-spring 2018).
- Lawrence Shaw, “Grassroots Branding: An Exploration of Grassroots Businesses within the Florida Skateboard Community” (MA Thesis committee member, USF Anthropology, fall 2017).

Undergraduate Research Advising

- Lucy Kloc, “Effects of Trump-era policies on Refugee Resettlement” (Anthropology Department Honors Thesis chair, USF Anthropology, fall 2019-fall 2020).
- Kinana Sidiqqi, “A Manufactured Industry: An Analysis of Muslim Portrayals in the Media (Honors Thesis chair, USF Honors College, spring 2020).
- Teddy Horowitz, “The Effects of Political Economy on Study Abroad Location Decision Making Process” (Honors Thesis chair, USF Honors College, spring 2019).
- Jay Dotson, “Furries Now! Identity, Empowerment, Stereotype Formation, Hybridization, and Intellectual Property in the Furry Community” (Honors Thesis chair, USF Honors College, spring 2018).

Fullerton, Shannia, “Educational Issues of Congolese Refugee Children” (Honors Thesis outside reader, USF Honors College, fall 2017).

Katherine Robinson, “Ghosts and Sunshine: Florida’s Supernatural Attractions and their Connections to the Living” (Honors Thesis outside reader, USF Honors College, spring 2017).

Monica Amaya, “Cultural Understandings of Death and the Challenges of Decomposition Research Facilities” (Honors Thesis chair, USF Anthropology, spring 2016).

Lisette Ortiz, “Human Trafficking and Victim Rehabilitation in Tampa, Florida” (Honors Thesis chair, USF Anthropology, spring 2016).

Joseph Snell, “Coptic Christianity in Florida” (Honors Thesis outside reader, USF Anthropology, 2014-15).

Claudia Daugherty, “USF Skateboard Culture” (Independent Study, USF Anthropology, fall 2014).

Kristin E. Newcomer, “Bounding the Virtual: Establishing Authenticity in Online Games” (Honors Thesis outside reader, Rutgers Anthropology, spring 2013).

Gwen LaMastro, “The South in the North? Country Music in South Jersey” (Honors Thesis outside reader, Rutgers Anthropology, spring 2012).

Robert Consalvo, “So I Heard U Like Language: Memes, Trolling, and the 4chan Community” (Honors Thesis chair, Rutgers Anthropology, spring 2012).

Sebastian Lasota, “The Lifestyle of Less: Minimalism and Voluntary Simplicity in the Age of Social Media” (Honors Thesis chair, Rutgers Anthropology, spring 2012).

Mary Thomas-Ridgway, “Health Education: Through School and Through Media” (Honors Thesis chair, Rutgers Anthropology, spring 2012).

Language Skills

English (fluent, native language)

Swahili (fluent in various dialects – spoken and written; teaching proficiency and experience)

French and German (intermediate)

Academic Affiliations

African Studies Association

American Anthropological Association

Society for Applied Anthropology

American Anthropological Association Music and Sound Interest Group

Association for Political and Legal Anthropology

Kenya Scholars and Studies Association

Society for Urban/National and Transnational/Global Anthropology

Service

Wenner-Gren Foundation Review Committee (2023-present)

USF Fulbright Review Committee (2020-2022)

USF Anthropology Department Undergraduate Committee (2017-2020; 2021-present)

USF Anthropology Department Media Lab Committee (fall 2020-present)
USF Anthropology Department Collections Committee (2018-present)
Member of the Anthropology Department Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (fall 2020-2022)
Director of the USF Anthropology Internship Program (2018-2020)
USF Curriculum Committee, School of Social Sciences (2018-2019)
USF Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2018-2019)
Faculty advisor for the USF Interdisciplinary Media Club (2021-2023)
Faculty advisor for the USF Swahili Students Organization (2016-2023)
Faculty advisor for the FLOOF, the USF Furry Club (2022-present)
Faculty advisor for the USF Graduate Language Club (2020-2022)
Faculty advisor for the USF Wonders of Refugee Care Students Organization (2019-2020)
Conduct student language evaluations for Swahili-speaking students, USF Department of World Languages
Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force, member, consultant, and volunteer (with multiple member organizations)

July 2024