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## EDUCATION

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**Oregon State University** Corvallis, OR  
*Doctor of Philosophy* in Applied Anthropology June 2012  
Dissertation title: "Socialization of women in Brazil: Identity, race and power within the world social economy"

**Oregon State University** Corvallis, OR  
*Master of Arts* in Applied Anthropology May 2009  
Masters Thesis: "A Sense of Place: Ethnographic reflections of two Afro-Brazilian women"

**Virginia Tech** Blacksburg, VA  
*Bachelor of Arts* in Psychology May 2004

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Oregon State University, Department of Applied Anthropology** Corvallis, OR  
*Instructor* September 2010–Present

- Full responsibility for five sections of *Comparative Cultures*
- Prepared curricula and lectured on cultural history, social change and gender roles for undergraduate groups of 10-30 students
- Arranged a study abroad trip to Brazil to examine race, privilege, power and gender roles; included communication with partner university, application and selection process for students and leading the trip on the ground

**Oregon State University, Department of Applied Anthropology** Corvallis, OR  
*Teaching Assistant* August 2006- May 2008

- Used instructional technology to enhance pedagogical techniques
- Planned and taught a cultural competency course based upon various intersections of identity
- Organized and led group discussions on social and gender issues.
- Evaluated student work and assigned grades under the guidance of a faculty mentor

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Oregon State University, Department of Applied Anthropology** Corvallis, OR  
*Doctoral Researcher* September 2011- May 2012

- Research focused on the socialization of women in Brazil, examining the intersections of identity, race and power in the social economy
- Conducted an ethnographic investigation of women in the southeastern region of Brazilian
- Applied both quantitative (SPSS) and qualitative analysis (ATLAS ti) software to gather to collect, analyze and synthesize results

**Oregon State University, Department of Applied Anthropology** Corvallis, OR  
*Research Assistant* August 2008- May 2009

- Assistant to Professor Bob Bobman, conducted primary and secondary source research
- Constructed and tested data collection methods
- Identified culturally-specific practices affecting access to economic development for women in Sao Paulo, Brazil

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Oregon State University, Cross Cultural Center***Cross Cultural Coordinator*

Corvallis, OR

June 2004 – July 2006

- Provided oversight to the Cross Cultural Center and 5 student peer mentors
- Coordinated intercultural programming, social justice-themed retreats and training initiatives
- Promoted leadership development, organizational development and multicultural competence

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Banana, A.M.**, Righteous, V.M., and Gnarly, M.A. (2009). Decoding a Feminism Discourse: Economics in Latin America through a Modern Lens. *American Anthropologist* 51: 193-197.

Gnarly, M.A. and **Banana, A.M.** (2008). The Newest Forms of Systemic Racism: A Brazilian Examination and Ethnography. *American Ethnologist* 51: 193-197.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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**Banana, A.M.** and Righteous, V.M. (2009, Nov.). Stigma and evolving racial identities in southeast Brazil's women. Presented at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Righteous, V.M., Cool, N.S., and **Banana, A.M.** (2009, June). Activist ethnography in the Brazilian favelas – Poverty's Effects. Presented at the annual conference of American Ethnologist, Denver, CO.

**PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE AND INTERVIEWS**

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Green, A. 2010. "Fieldwork in Sao Paulo, Brazil: The development of a practitioner's sensibility". *Discovery News* 30 March 2010. <http://news.discovery.com/human33/>

Matthews, J. 2009. "Brazilian women and the beauty stigma". *BBC News* 2 April 2009. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/15jj1.stm>

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Coordinator, Cross-Cultural Institute

Consultant, World Affairs Council

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)

**HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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Travel Grant, Oregon State University, 2010

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, Oregon State University, 2008

John Smith Adams Award, Oregon State University, 2007

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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Proficient in Microsoft Office, Atlas.ti, SPSS, SAS, JMP, Adobe Dreamweaver

**LANGUAGES**

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Fluent in Portuguese and German