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Medical anthropologist with expertise in applied and qualitative health research, health policy, and critical public health.

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2020 – Present

Research Fellow, Brighton and Sussex Medical School

- Public Health Theme, NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) Kent, Surrey and Sussex (KSS).
- Conduct individual and collaborative research projects in line with the portfolio of research of ARC KSS Public Health Theme.
- Develop research proposals to apply for research grants and funding.
- Collaborate with Public and Patient Involvement and Engagement advisors to coproduce research and update knowledge in health and care.
- Lead research dissemination and implementation with relevant stakeholders in adult social care, public health and secondary care.
- Developed a Community of Experience on Homecare to support the provision of homecare services through research, improving outcomes for both those receiving and those providing care across Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.
- Wrote project protocols and ethics proposals for studies on infection control in adult social care and hospital discharge.
- Designed and conducted qualitative interviews, focus groups, and audio diaries for mixed-methods projects in residential and domiciliary care, and hospital discharge.
- Liaise and communicate promptly and effectively with colleagues and collaborators across Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

Sep 2015- June 2021

School Tutor, University of Sussex

- Convened modules in Anthropology, International Development, and Sociology to BA and MA students.
- Supervised students conducting a 4-week fieldwork project for the module Ethnographic Research Methods.
- Designed and used innovative activities to teach complex issues and concepts to students from different academic backgrounds, using a variety of formats.

EDUCATION

Sep 2014 – August 2020

PhD researcher in Social and Medical Anthropology, University of Sussex

- Designed and conducted a multi-sited ethnography of obesity-management in the UK.
- Used participant observation and semi-structured interviews with GPs, practice nurses, and participants and leaders in weight-loss groups as privileged methods of investigation.
- Applied discourse analysis to national policy on obesity and weight management.
- Transcribed, stored, coded and analysed a wide range of qualitative data collected through interviews and participant observation.
- Shared supervision between the School of Global Studies and the Brighton and Sussex Medical School.
- Gained ethical approval from Brighton and Sussex Medical School Research Governance and Ethics Committee.

Oct 2008 - Mar 2011

MA in Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology (108/110), University of Bologna, Italy

- Dissertation title 'A body to avoid: biopedagogy and individual responsibility in the cure of obesity', developed through five-month fieldwork in the Endocrinology Department of Sant'Orsola-Malpighi Hospital in Bologna, Italy.
- Used participant observation and in-depth interviews as primary methods to collect data in hospital.
- Analysed national and international policy related to obesity.

GRANTS

- NIHR SSCR Internal Research Proposal - Food and drink-related needs/outcomes of older people who use community-based social care; Co-I, £ 113,715, September 2022 to February 2024.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Kiss, I. Z., et al. (2022) "How can risk of COVID-19 transmission be minimised in domiciliary care for older people: development, parameterisation and initial results of a simple mathematical model," *Epidemiology and Infection*. Cambridge University Press, 150, p. e13.
- Jeffery, S. et al. (2022) 'Does a discharge to assess programme introduced in England meet the quadruple aim of service improvement?', *Journal of integrated care*.
- Bertini, L. et al. (2021) 'COVID-19 management in social care in England: a systematic review of changing policies and newspaper reported staff perspectives', medRxiv, p. 2021.11.17.21266410.

RECENT CONFERENCES AND WEBINARS

18-19 October 2022

UK Health Security Agency Conference

- Selected to present the following posters:

'What support do social care workers need in an epidemic context? A qualitative study in the South-East of England, during the Covid-19 pre-vaccination era and'

'COVID-19 management in social care in England: a review of changing policies and newspaper reported staff perspectives'.

2 June 2020

Institute of Development Studies (IDS) – Food Equity Seminars Series

- Invited to present research paper entitled *'Biopedagogies of healthy eating. Obesity management and the silencing of socioeconomic factors in the UK'*.

18-21 September 2018

Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth (ASA) Conference, "Sociality, Matter, And the Imagination: Re-Creating Anthropology", Oxford

- Presented paper titled *"Biopedagogies of healthy eating in obesity management"* at the panel 'Food as medicine: biosocialities of eating in health and illness'

RELEVANT TRAINING AND SKILLS

- Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Certificate
- Attended UEA on-line training session "Quantitative Research: A Basic Guide" (14/05/2020).
- **Languages:** Italian mother tongue, fluent in English.
- **IT Skills:** fluent in the use of Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook, Canvas (LMS) and Panopto (VCMS), NVivo.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

European Association of Social Anthropologist (EASA) Teaching Anthropology Network (TAN)

Centre for Cultures of Reproduction, Technologies and Health (CORTH)

References available on request