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| **EDUCATION** | |
| 2012 | **Ph.D.** University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Anthropology and Social Work |
| 2007 | **M.S.W.** Interpersonal Practice, Children and Youth, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 2007 | **M.A.**  Socio-Cultural Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 2002 | **B.A.**  Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, *summa cum laude* |
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| **EMPLOYMENT** | |
| 2020 - present | Associate Professor of Anthropology, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University, Department of Sociology, Collegeville, MN. |
| 2014 - 2020 | Assistant Professor of Anthropology, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University, Department of Sociology, Collegeville, MN. |
| 2012 - 2014 | Postdoctoral Research Associate, Population Studies & Training Center, Brown University (funded by National Institute of Child Health and Human Development 5R24HD041020), Providence, RI. |
| 2013 | Lecturer, Anthropology, Brown University, Providence, RI. |
| 2012 | Lecturer, Anthropology, DePaul University, Chicago, IL. |

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| **RESEARCH INTERESTS**  Maternal health inequalities, doula care, COVID-19, healthcare providers, risk, HIV/AIDS, southern Africa, west Africa, aging, elderly, palliative care, orphans, care, medical anthropology, global health, Ghana, Lesotho, South Africa, kinship and social organization, populations, gender, development.  **PUBLICATIONS**  **Books**  Block, E., McGrath, W. (2019) *Infected Kin: Orphan Care and AIDS in Lesotho*. Rutgers University Press. | |
| **Journal articles**  \*indicates peer-reviewed | |
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| \***Block, E.**, Castañeda, A., Searcy, J. (forthcoming) “Credentialing Care: COVID-19 and the Bureaucratization of Doulas” *Feminist Anthropology*. | |
| \* Searcy, J.J., **Block, E.** & Castañeda, A.N. (2024) Strategic Advocacy: Doula Care, Liminality, and Reproductive Justice. St Comp Int Dev. | |
| **\*Block**, E., Karb, R.A. (2024) “Isolation of Care: COVID-19 and the burden of healthcare provision” *Human organization*, 83(1). DOI: 10.1080/00187259.2023.2286169 | |
| \*Block, E. (2020) “Exposed Intimacies: Healthcare Providers on the Frontlines of the COVID-19 Pandemic” *Anthropology in Action*, 27(2), 63-67. | |
| \*Block, E. (2018) “Living, dying, after death: Achieving a “good” death in the time of AIDS orphan care.” *Death Studies*, 42(5), 275-281. | |
| \*Block, E. (2016) “Reconsidering the orphan crisis: The emergence of male caregivers in Lesotho.” *AIDS Care*, 28(S4), 30-40.  \*Block, E. (2016) “The AIDS House: Orphan care and the changing household in Lesotho.” *Anthropological Quarterly*, 89(1), 151-180.  \*Mkhwanazi, N., **Block, E.** (2016) “Paternity matters: Premarital childbearing and belonging in South Africa” *Social Dynamics*, 42(2), 273-288.  Manderson, L., Block, E., Mkhwanazi, N. (2016). “Fragility, Fluidity, and Resilience: Caregiving configurations three decades into AIDS.” Introduction to Supplementary Issue, Responsibility, Intimacy and Care, eds. Manderson, L, Block, E., and Mkhwanazi, N. *AIDS Care*, 28(S4), 1-7.  Manderson L, and Block, E. (2016). “Relatedness and care in South Africa and Beyond.” Introduction to Special Issue: Kinship and Constellations of Care, eds. Manderson, L. and Block, E. *Social Dynamics*, 42(2), 205-217.  \*Block, E. (2014) “Flexible Kinship: Caring for AIDS orphans in rural Lesotho.” *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 20, 711-727*.*  \*Block, E. (2012). ‘That’s what I see’: Enhancing AIDS intervention research through ethnography. *Qualitative Social Work*, 11(4), 379-394. | |
| **Book chapters** | |
| Searcy, J., Castañeda, A., **Block, E.** (forthcoming) “In -Between: Doulas, ethics, and a hierarchy of care” In *‘Care Ethics, Birthing, and Mothering’* Peeters Publishers, Leuven, Belgium. | |
| Eguiluz, I, **E. Block**, L. Mitchinson, L. Núñez Carrasco, A. S-Rivera (2022). “Even death has changed: End of life, burials, and bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic” In Cecilia Vindrola-Padros and Ginger Johnson, eds. *Caring on the frontline during COVID-19: Contributions from Rapid Qualitative Research*. London: Palgrave Macmillan: 229-252.  Rivera, A., **E. Block**, J. Lohmann, I. Eguiluz, N. Vera San Juan, A. Gonzalez-Guerra (2022). “Healthcare workers’ mental health and well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic” In Cecilia Vindrola-Padros and Ginger Johnson, eds. *Caring on the frontline during COVID-19: Contributions from Rapid Qualitative Research*. London: Palgrave Macmillan: 139-157.  Romeu-Labayen, M., B. Alvarez, and **E. Block**, et al. (2022). “Protecting and feeling protected: HCWs experiences with personal protective equipment During the COVID-19 Pandemic” In Cecilia Vindrola-Padros and Ginger Johnson, eds. *Caring on the frontline during COVID-19: Contributions from Rapid Qualitative Research*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 65-90.  **Block, E**. and C. Vindrola-Padros (2021) “Making Do: COVID-19 and the improvisation of care in the UK and the US. In Manderson, Lenore, Nancy J. Burke, and Ayo Wahlberg, eds. *Viral Loads: Anthropologies of urgency in the time of COVID-19*. London: UCL Press: 303-323. | |
| Block, E. (2021) “Grandmothers” In C. Tomori and S. Han (Ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Anthropology and Reproduction*. London and New York: Routledge. | |
| Block, E. (2018). “Kinship.” In Marc H. Bornstein (Ed.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Lifespan Human Development*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc., 1234-1236. | |
| Block, E. (2016). “Chronicle of a Mosotho Boy.” In L. Manderson, A. Hardon & E. Cartwright (Eds.), *Vital Signs*. London and New York: Routledge.  Staller, K. M., **Block, E**., & Horner, P. (2008). “The history of methods in social science research.” In S.Hesse-Biber & P. Leavy (Eds.), *The Handbook of Emergent Methods* (25-51). New York: Guilford Press.  **Book reviews**  Block, E. (2019) “Fierce Medicines, Fragile Socialities: Grounding Global HIV Treatment in Tanzania.” Dominik Mattes, New York: Berghahn Books, 2019. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 34(3).  Block, E. (2018) “Making Refuge: Somali Bantu Refugees and Lewiston, Maine.” Catherine Besteman. Durham: Duke University Press, 2016. *The Journal of Social Encounters*, 2(1): 102-104.  Block, E. (2016) “Prescribing HIV Prevention: Bringing Culture into Global Health Communication.” By Nicola Bulled. Left Coast Press, 2014. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. doi:10.1111/maq.12323  Block, E. (2015) “Blood and Kinship: Matter for Metaphor from Ancient Rome to the Present.” Christopher H. Johnson, Bernhard Jussen, David Warren Sabean and Simon Teuscher,eds. New York: Berghahn, 2013. 357 pp. *American Ethnologist,* 42(1): 185-185. | |
| **AWARDS AND HONORS** | | |
| 2020 | Shortlisted, Victor Turner Prize in Ethnographic Writing, Society for Humanistic Anthropology | |
| 2013 | Illinois Qualitative Dissertation Award, Category A (Traditional), International Association of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign | |
| 2013 | ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Michigan | |
| 2008 | High Pass on Social Work Preliminary Examination | |
| 2007 | Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology, in recognition of excellence in teaching | |
| 2002 | Lambda Alpha Honor Society for Anthropology, University of Notre Dame | |

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| **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS** | |
| 2019 | Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Partnership Engage Grant, $22,000. |
| 2015 | Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, African Regional Research Program, Grant #4001, AIDS and AIDS-Related Research, Council for the International Exchange of Scholars |
| 2013 | Population Studies & Training Center, Brown University, Pilot Research Grant |
| 2012 | Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan |
| 2011 | University Block Grant for Dissertation Completion, University of Michigan |
| 2010 | Rackham Humanities Research Fellowship, University of Michigan |
| 2008 | W. K. Kellogg Foundation Family Fellow in Children and Families, to support dissertation research in Lesotho |
| 2006 | Rackham Discretionary Fund, University of Michigan, for research activities |

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| **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** | | | | |
| 2024 | “Transnational Healthcare: Caring for complex pediatric cases from Lesotho,” Ukwanda Rural Health Research Conference, Ukwanda Center for Rural Health, Worcester, South Africa | | | |
| 2023 | “Transitional Witnesses: Doula Care and Reproductive Justice,” roundtable participant, American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, Toronto, Canada | | | |
| 2023 | “High impact: Building liberal arts best practices into anthropology curricula,” Society for Applied Anthropology’s annual meeting, Cincinnati, OH | | | |
| 2022 | “Teaching Anthropology in the Unsettling Time of COVID-19,” Roundtable participant, American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, Seattle, WA | | | |
| 2022 | “Looking Ahead: COVID-19 and the potential for transformative change in hospitals,” Society for Applied Anthropology’s annual meeting, Salt Lake City, UT. | | | |
| 2021 | “Family Loves the Dead: Care after life in Sunyani, Ghana,” American Anthropology’s annual meeting, Baltimore, MD. | | | |
| 2021 | “Making Do and Improvisation among healthcare providers during COVID-19,” SfAA Roundtable, Interfaces of Global Applied Anthropology: COVID Disparities and their Discontents, virtual. | | | |
| 2020 | “In Real Time: Using rapid ethnographic assessment to understand the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare providers,” Society for Applied Anthropology’s annual meeting, virtual. | | | |
| 2019 | “Hybridity and Collaboration: Investigating the Inclusion of Creative Nonfiction in Ethnographic Writing,” American Anthropology’s annual meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada | | | |
| 2019 | “Early and Often: Guiding Students through Research Projects in Anthropology Classes,” Society for Applied Anthropology’s annual meeting, Portland, OR. Paper presented with Dr. Megan Sheehan. | | | |
| 2018 | “Theorizing Chance: (Un)Lucky encounters and health outcomes in southern Africa,” American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, San Jose, CA. | | | |
| 2018 | “Three, Two, One, Action: Incorporating Video Projects in Class Pedagogy,” Society for Applied Anthropology’s annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Paper presented with CSB students Arantxa Hernandez-Chaire, Madelyn Konsor, and Julia Petron. | | | |
| 2017 | “Living well: Pluralistic treatment seeking in highland Lesotho,” American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, Washington, D.C. | | | |
| 2016 | “Ethnographic writing and an anthropology of the ‘whole’,” American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, Minneapolis. | | | |
| 2015 | “Reconfigured relations: Orphan care after two decades of AIDS in Lesotho,” American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, Denver. | | | |
| 2015 | “Paternity matters: Premarital childbearing and belonging in South Africa” (paper presentation with Nolwazi Mkhwanazi), Health, Wellbeing, and Families of Care Workshop (conference organizer with Lenore Manderson and Hylton White), University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. | | | |
| 2014 | “Living with AIDS in Lesotho: A Performance in Three Acts,” Ethnographic Pact Conference, The Center for Ethnography, University of Toronto, Scarborough. | | | |
| 2013 | “When grandmothers die: Demographic change and orphan care in Lesotho,” American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, Chicago. | | | |
| 2012 | “Kinship, flexibility and stability in Lesotho,” American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, San Francisco. | | | |
| 2011 | “That’s What I See”: Enhancing Intervention Research Through Ethnography,” American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, Montreal. | | | |
| 2011 | “Demonstrating Ethnography’s Role in Social Work Using Research on AIDS Orphans," International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. | | | |
| 2011 | “Barriers to Antiretroviral Adherence for HIV-Positive Patients in Rural Lesotho and Implications for Social Work Practice,” Society for Social Work Research, Tampa. | | | |
| 2011 | “‘I Survive Because of Them’: A Community-Based Approach to Supporting AIDS Orphans in Rural Lesotho,” (poster) Society for Social Work Research, Tampa. | | | |
| 2010 | “Kin and Care: Familial responses to AIDS orphans in rural Lesotho,” American Anthropological Association’s annual meeting, New Orleans. | | | |
| 2008 | “Kin and Care: Familial responses to orphans in the time of AIDS,” Conference of Childhood and Migration Drexel University, Philadelphia. | | | |
| **INVITED LECTURES** | | | | |
| 2022 | “Infected Kin: AIDS and Orphan Care in Lesotho,” UNLV University Forum, Las Vegas, NV. | | | |
| 2017 | “The ‘good’ death: Demographic changes and orphan care in Lesotho,” Uncommon Connections: Aesthetics, Anthro/History and Health, Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI | | | |
| 2014 | “AIDS is a Kinship Disease.” Anthropology Lecture Series, Bowdoin University, Portland, ME. | | | |
| 2013 | “AIDS is a Kinship Disease.” Working Group in Anthropology and Population lecture series, Brown University, Providence. | | | |
| 2012 | “Orphan Care and the Changing Household in Lesotho,” Population Studies and Training Center colloquia series, Brown University, Providence. | | | |
| 2008 | Keynote Speaker, Red Ribbon Advocacy Event, Washtenaw County American Red Cross Club, HIV/AIDS Awareness Committee, Ann Arbor. | | | |
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| **PRESENTATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY, CSBSJU** | | | | |
| Fall 2023 | Thursday Forum Presentation with Annika Gothmann (CSB ‘24) on Doula Care and Maternal Health Inequalities | | | |
| Spring 2023 | Presentation to Bonner Leaders on service learning | | | |
| Spring 2022 | Presentation to Global Health Affairs Club on effective service learning | | | |
| Spring 2021 | Presentation to ETL on reflexivity and ethical storytelling | | | |
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| Spring 2020 | Thursday Forum presentation on “Infected Kin: Orphan Care and AIDS in Lesotho” | | | |
| Spring 2020 | McCarthy Center, TED talk Tuesday, on “How racism harms pregnant women” | | | |
| Fall 2018 | Panel on “Globalization is a Feminist Issue,” Institute for Women’s Leadership | | | |
| Spring 2018 | Presentation on Faculty Technology Day | | | |
| Fall 2017 | Presentation to Intercultural LEAD Scholars | | | |
| Fall 2015 | Thursday Forum Talk: “AIDS is a Kinship Disease” | | | |
| Fall 2015 | Gender Summit, “Men as Caregivers in rural Lesotho” | | | |
| Fall 2015 | Extending the Link, presentation on rural African agriculture and field methods | | | |
| Spring 2015/2016 | MLK Teach-In, “Anthropological Approaches to Race” | | | |
| Fall 2014 | Global Health Club, “AIDS and orphans in rural Lesotho” | | | |
| **TEACHING EXPERIENCE** | | | | | | | |
| Courses taught at CSBSJU: Fall 2014- Spring 2024 | | | | | | | |
|  | | | * Introduction to Anthropology (including Honors section) * Anthropology of Global Health Challenges * Anthropology of Africa * First Year Seminar * Transnational Anthropology * Medical Anthropology * Love, Sex, and Marriage * Study Abroad Seminar: South Africa | | | | |
| 2013 | | | Issues in Anthropology and Population, graduate seminar at Brown University. | | | | |
| 2012 | | | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, undergraduate lecture course at DePaul University. | | | | |
| 2007, 2008 | | | Introduction to Anthropology, Head Graduate Student Instructor for the large undergraduate lecture course at the University of Michigan. | | | | |
| 2006, 2007 | | | Introduction to Anthropology, Graduate Student Instructor for the large undergraduate lecture course at the University of Michigan. | | | | |
| **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE** | | | | | | |
| 2022-present | | Co-Principal Investigator: “Essential Work: Doulas and the importance of Care, Community and Advocacy”  Conducted 35 interviews with doulas across the US. We consider the challenges, strengths and opportunities for support and advocacy for both the doulas and the families they work with. | | | |
| 2024 | | Co-Investigator: Western Cape, South Africa, “Breathe with Me: An Anthropological Analysis of Doulas in South Africa”  With Dr. Julie Searcy, conducted 30 interviews with doulas in the Cape Town area with a focus on the experience of doulas of color. | | | |
| 2020-2022 | | Principal Investigator: United States, “The impact of Covid-19 on Kinship and Care: Clinical and Personal Perspectives from Healthcare Providers”  Conducted 50 interviews with US healthcare providers working in hospitals with Covid-19 patients, supervised and trained three undergraduate student research assistants. | | | |
| 2019-present | | Co-Principal Investigator: Sunyani and Accra, Ghana, “The Business of Aging: Emergent forms of Elder Care in Ghana”  Conducted initial cite visit in May of 2019 to build local partnerships and establish contacts for future phases of this longitudinal research project. | | | |
| 2015 | | Principal Investigator: Mokhotlong, Lesotho; “When Grandmothers die: Demographic change and orphan care in Lesotho.”  Conducted 5 months of ethnographic fieldwork as part of Fulbright Scholar grant. | | | |
| 2013 | | Principal Investigator; Mokhotlong, Lesotho; “Aging and Care in Lesotho.”  Conducted 2 months of ethnographic research on the impact of grandmother death on orphans in Lesotho. | | | |
| 2007-2009 | | Principal Investigator; Mokhotlong, Lesotho; Dissertation Research.  Conducted 13 months of ethnographic fieldwork on care for AIDS orphans in rural Lesotho, and the impact of HIV/AIDS on families and communities. | | | |
| 2006-2007 | | Principal Investigator; University of Michigan School of Social Work; Interdisciplinary Journal Project.  Worked with Dr. Karen Staller to examine the influence of journal’s editor’s notes and examine the changes in content over time. | | | |
| 2006 | | Principal Investigator; University of Michigan School of Social Work; History of Methodology of Social Science.  Research on history of social science methodology with Dr. Karen Staller. | | | |
| **STUDY ABROAD** | | | | | |
| May 2023 | | Global Health in Zambia, Livingstone Zambia, Director | | | |
| Spring 2024 | | Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa, Director | | | |
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| **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY** | | | |
| 2022-present | | Sociology Department Chair, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University | |
| 2021-present | | IRB Committee, Chair, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University | |
| 2021-present | | Pre-public health advisor, CSBSJU | |
| 2021-present | | Global Health Program, Director, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University | |
| 2020-2022 | | Chair, Global Health Minor Steering Committee, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University | |
| 2015-2021 | | IRB Committee, member, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University | |
| 2019-present | | Communities Subcommittee, Culture & Social Difference  Integrations Curriculum | |
| Fall 2019 | | Sociology Department Chair | |
| 2017-2018 | | RISE Subcommittee Member, Thinking Scientifically about Societies, Groups and Individuals; Human Experience | |
| Spring 2017 | | Joint Faculty Senate, sabbatical replacement | |
| 2015-present | | Honors Liaison, Department of Sociology, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University | |
| 2015 | | Fulbright Selection Committee, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University | |
| Spring 2016 | | Faculty Leader, McCarthy Study Tour, Topic: Public Health | |
| Fall 2015 | | Thursday Forum, coordinator, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University | |
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| **SELECT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE** | | | |
| 2022-present | | Doula Research and Advocacy Collective, founding member | |
| 2012-present | | Manuscript reviewer: Cultural Anthropology, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, Qualitative Social Work, Global Public Health, American Ethnologist, African Journal of AIDS Research | |
| 2012-present | | AIDS and Anthropology Research Group (AARG)  Society for Medical Anthropology, Steering Committee Member. | |
| 2013 | | Organizer, Working Group in Anthropology and Population lecture series, Brown University | |
| 2009-2012 | | AIDS and Anthropology Research Group (AARG)  Society for Medical Anthropology, Policy Chair. Liaison between the AARG and the SMA. | |
| 2006 - 2008 | | Organizer and discussant, Conversations Across Social Disciplines interdisciplinary workshop series, School of Social Work, University of Michigan | |
| **COMMUNITY SERVICE** | | | |
| 2019-present | | Executive Director, Touching Tiny Lives Foundation | |
| 2021-present | | Committee Member, Equity Committee, Tangletown Neighborhood Association | |
| 2016-2019 | | Board Member, Touching Tiny Lives Foundation | |
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| **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**  African Studies Association  AIDS and Anthropology Research Group  American Anthropological Association  American Ethnological Society  Anthropology of Aging and the Life Course Interest Group  Anthropology of Childhood and Youth Interest Group  Society for Medical Anthropology  Society for Applied Anthropology | | | |

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| **LANGUAGES**  French, non-native fluency in reading, writing, and speaking (Certificate of Bilingual Studies, Ontario, Canada)  Sesotho, conversational knowledge |