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## Education

- Current     **PhD Anthropology University of South Carolina**  
*Cultural Anthropology* Advisor: David Simmons  
*PhD Dissertation: Anthropological Analysis of the Opioid Epidemic in South Carolina*
- 2016         **MA Anthropology University of South Carolina**  
*Cultural Anthropology* Advisor: David Simmons  
*MA Thesis: Cultural Perceptions of Chikungunya in the Dominican Republic*
- 2014         **BA Anthropology with Distinction University of South Carolina**  
*Cum Laude, Minor: Medical Humanities*  
*Advisor: Dr. Erica Gibson*

## Research Interests

Subfields: Cultural Anthropology, Medical Anthropology  
Emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, the opioid epidemic in the Southeastern U.S., globalization and developing economies, social determinants of illness

## Awards and Honors

- 2016         Co-President, Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGORAE)  
*Organized South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference (SCASC)*
- 2015         Recipient, Walker International Experience Award  
*\$1,000*
- 2013-2014    Recipient, Dr. Ann Kingsolver Student Achievement Award Fund 2013-2014  
*\$1,000*
- 2010-2014    Recipient, Palmetto Life Scholarship 2010-2014  
*\$5,000/annum for 4 years*

## Experience

- 2018         Anth 102: Understanding Other Cultures  
*Dr. David Simmons*
- 2017         Guest Lecture: Southern Discomfort (SOST 500)  
*Dr. Mindi Spencer*
- 2017         Guest lecture: Medical Sociology (SOCY 775)  
*Dr. Andrea Henderson-Platt*
- 2017         Anth 102: Understanding Other Cultures  
*Dr. Courtney Lewis*
- 2017         Anth 102: Understanding Other Cultures

- 2016 *Dr. Kimberly Simmons*  
Anth 102: Understanding Other Cultures  
*Dr. Marc Moskowitz*
- 2016 Anth 102: Understanding Other Cultures  
*Dr. Jennifer Reynolds*
- 2015 Anth 102: Understanding Other Cultures  
*Dr. Courtney Lewis*
- 2014 Anth 102: Understanding Other Cultures  
*Dr. David Simmons*

### **Internships**

- 2011 WISE Summer Internship, *Winthrop Stem Initiative*  
*Supervisor: Cassandra Bell and Janice Chism*
- 2012 CGI Maintenance Trade Helper  
*Supervisor: Mike Doyle*