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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Anthropology, September 2004 – Present

Concentrations: *Medical Anthropology* and *Business Organizational Anthropology*
Wayne State University, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Detroit, MI

M.Ed., Educational Psychology, 2004

Wayne State University, College of Education, Detroit, MI

B.A., Psychology, 1997

Wayne State University, College of Science, Detroit, MI

Research Interests: Contemporary organizations—formal and informal | Production, circulation, and authority of scientific knowledge | Narratives of scientists, innovators, and *Others*

Fieldsites: Detroit | Hong Kong

Research Stimulant: Prostitution laws, legal enforcement, and scholarship are artifacts of social and political powers that continue to rationally normalize trauma and terror experienced by prostitutes, and people who are identified as prostitutes, by/of/through consequences of these laws, of legal enforcement agents, of the rational-savagery of legal enforcement procedures, and through representations designed by scholars who write about “prostitutes” and “prostitution”—the good, the bad, and the pathologically ugly.

Advisor: Professor Allen Batteau, Ph.D.

AWARDS & HONORS

2011-2012	Wayne State University Graduate Professional Scholarship
2010-2011	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University
2009-2010	Dow Chemical Hong Kong, Michigan-Scholarship Fellowship Award
2007	Wayne State University President’s Commission for the Status of Women Grant
2006-2009	Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant, College of Engineering, Industrial & Systems Engineering Department (formerly, “Industrial & Management Engineering Department”)
2006-2009	King-Chavez-Parks Future Faculty Fellow Award, Wayne State University
2006-2007	The Point Foundation Merit Scholar Award
2006	Wayne State University President’s Commission for the Status of Women Grant
2005-2006	Wayne State University Graduate Professional Scholarship
2005	Society for the Anthropology of North America St. Claire Drake Award
2005	Wayne State University Travel Grant

PUBLICATIONS

Nanas, Elizabeth and Tani Bellestri

2011 "Highways." In Oladele Ogunseitan ed., *Green Health: An A-Z Guide, Volume 9*, Paul Robbins ed., *The SAGE Reference Series on Green Society: Toward a Sustainable Future-Series*. SAGE Publications. Series Description: <http://www.sagepub.com/books/Book233878?seriesId=Series1216>

Nanas, Elizabeth and Tani Bellestri

2011 "Industrial Ecology." In Oladele Ogunseitan ed., *Green Health: An A-Z Guide, Volume 9*, Paul Robbins ed., *The SAGE Reference Series on Green Society: Toward a Sustainable Future-Series*. SAGE Publications. Series Description: <http://www.sagepub.com/books/Book233878?seriesId=Series1216>

Best Practices Policy Project, Contributing Author

2010 "Report on human rights challenges and responses in the context of HIV and AIDS." http://bestpracticespolicy.org/downloads/UNReportonHIV_Sept15_2010.pdf

Best Practices Policy Project, Contributing Author

2010 "Report the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights 2010." http://bestpracticespolicy.org/downloads/FinalUPRBPPP_Formatted.pdf

Nanas, Elizabeth

2009 "Means and Ends of Practicing Anthropology." *Anthropology News* 50(3):47.

Nanas, Elizabeth

2009 *Review of "Notes from Toyota-land: An American Engineer in Japan."* *Anthropology of Work* 30(1):22-24.

Nanas, Elizabeth

2008 "Wayne State University and Applied Anthropology." *Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter* 19(4):15-16.

Nanas, Elizabeth

2006 "Feminist Sex Workers Attend NOW Convention." *\$pread*. Fall 2006:46-47.

Best Practices Policy Project, Contributing Author

2005 Report to the UN Division for the Advancement of Women. <http://www.bestpracticespolicy.org/reports.html>

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

05/09-06/10

Project Title: Improving scientific collaboration to accelerate scientific breakthroughs.

Project Description: The goal of this research is to visualize, measure, and describe the complex processes involved in scientific and technological collaboration and knowledge production in order to accelerate scientific breakthroughs. The study has three objectives: [1] Visualize and map the existing co-author network of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) learning community; [2] Analyze, describe, and compare the scientific collaborations within HKUST—and between HKUST, Chinese universities, and US universities—with a focus on technical breakthroughs; and [3] Refine and expand theories on the social construction of knowledge networks to improve the formation and development of scientific collaborations to accelerate scientific and technical breakthroughs. **Project Funding:** Fellowship Awarded by Dow Chemical Hong Kong (US \$35,000).

11/05-5/2007

Project Title: Living on the edge: An ethnographic case study of encounters and identifications with race in Detroit.

Project Description: Anthropology and the world it studies are in a state of flux—on the edge. For the discipline and its subjects, limitations and possibilities may be encountered and expressed through identifications. This paper addresses “Borderland” encounters and expressions through a study of identity in Detroit, Michigan, a place and symbol of the edge in terms of racial segregation, economic stratification, and the promise and failings of industrialization. Specifically, this paper explores the ways that two related Puerto Rican families negotiate identity within a space that the larger social environment labels *Mexicantown*—a minority enclave within a racially-identified minority city. **Project Funding:** Self-funded

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARLY RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

- 01/11-Present **National Association for the Practice of Anthropology *Blog Editor***
Further develop and refine my vision of bridging seemingly disparate sections of the American Anthropological Association by bringing all sub-sections into conversation regarding our identities, with particular attention to the long-standing ambiguous tension between “traditional” and “practicing” anthropologists. Contribute to redesign and summer 2011 launch of NAPA’s new Website. Procure, edit, and manage blog contributions from diverse anthropologists who are students, professors, and professionals, and who do and do not identify as “practicing” anthropologists.
- 05/11-08/11 **Wayne State University, *Instructor***, Detroit, MI. Design course curriculum and teach ANT 2100: Introduction to Anthropology, spring/summer 2011.
- 08/10-05/11 **Wayne State University, *Graduate Teaching Assistant***, Detroit, MI. Assist with and teaching ANT 2100: Introduction to Anthropology, fall 2010. Design course curriculum and teach two sections of ANT 3150: Business Anthropology, winter 2011.
- 09/09-07/10 **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, *Research Assistant***, Hong Kong SAR, China. Ethnographic research conducted through the School of Humanities and Social Science, Center on China's Transnational Relations.
- 01/09-08/10 **Desiree Alliance, *Academic Track Chair***, Las Vegas, NV. Recruit committee members; Produce conference CFP and disseminate to scholars internationally; Manage conference paper selection and schedule; Maintain relationships with scholars; Bridge relations between scholars and sex workers.
- 01/09-12/10 **National Association for the Practice of Anthropology *Editor, NAPA e-Newsletter***
Procure, edit, and write newsletter articles. Co-administer the NAPA LinkedIn group.
- 2008 **National Association for the Practice of Anthropology, *Student Representative***
- 05/06-08/09 **Wayne State University, College of Engineering—Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, *Graduate Research Assistant***, Detroit, MI

January 2009-August 2009: Research Assistant for, “Vehicle Evaluation & Verification (VEV) Facility Outsourcing.” Development of data collection system, mapping of collected data that visualizes a VEV knowledge network, and analysis of a VEV network.

January 2008-December 2008: Research Assistant for, “Vehicle System Strategy Decision Tool (VSST).” Development of comprehensive decision module for VSST in-corporate marketing, and consumer insights with quantitative / numeric attributes.

January 2007-December 2007: Research Assistant for, “Prototype Investment Strategy.” Analysis of twelve North American prototype facilities in Southeastern Michigan to determine methods to improve capacity utilization for internal tooling, equipment, & labor.

January 2007-December 2007: Research Assistant for, “Managing the Costs of Complexity.” Identify the cost of complexity in a component-manufacturing environment, and develop tools to manage and control manufacturing complexity costs.

Course assistance:

Industrial Engineering IE7830: Management of Technology Change

Management MGT 7700: Leadership of the Technical Organization

8/03-05/06 **Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology, Education Programs and NIH Pre-Doctoral Training Program Coordinator**, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
Contributed to successful grant applications to the National Institute of Health (Institute received: \$250,000 for 2006-2011), and Research Retirement Grants (Institute received: \$60,000 2003-2006).

8/98-2/04 **Detroit School of Industrial Arts, Project Director;**
Weston Technical Academy and Dove Academy, Education Consultant;
2/97-8/98 **Detroit School of Industrial Arts, Student Services Coordinator**, Detroit, MI.
Direct, plan, establish, and implement short-term and long-range plans in areas of organizational improvement and operations. Conduct focus groups, surveys, evaluation, and analyses of programs and processes.

LECTURES

Nanas, E. (2010, January). Social Networks, Collaboration, and Culture. Invited lecture given for Dow Chemical Greater China Headquarters, Shanghai, China, January 26, 2010.

Nanas, E. (2008, October). Globalization: Mexico and India. Lecture given for Industrial Engineering IE 7830, Professor Ken Riopelle, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 16, 2008.

Nanas, E. (2008, October). Globalization: Germany and Japan. Lecture given for Industrial Engineering IE 7830, Professor Ken Riopelle, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 6, 2008.

Nanas, E. (2008, September). The United States and Globalization. Lecture given for Industrial Engineering IE 7830, Professor Ken Riopelle, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, September 18, 2008.

Nanas, E. and Jenkins, M. (2007, November). Reported Speech and Affect. Lecture for Linguistics course ANT 5310, Assistant Professor Susan Frekko, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, November 6, 2007.

Nanas, E. and Jenkins, M. (2007, November). Challenging Hegemonic Masculinities. Lecture for Linguistics course ANT 5310, Assistant Professor Susan Frekko, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, November 8, 2007.

Nanas, E. (2007, October). The Sources of Innovation. Lecture given for Industrial Engineering IE 7830, Professor Ken Riopelle, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 1, 2007.

- Nanas, E. (2007, March). Prostitution and Women's Studies. Lecture given for Women's Studies course WS 5010, Associate Professor Frances Ranney, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, March 27, 2007.
- Nanas, E. (2006). Mexican Culture and Global Business Practices. Lecture given for Engineering Management Master's Program IE 7830, Professor Ken Riopelle and Visiting Professor Julia Gluesing, Ford Training and Development Center, Dearborn, MI, October 24, 2006.

PRESENTATIONS

- Nanas, E. (2010, November). The Social Life of a Scientific Network in Hong Kong. Paper presented at the 109th Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association. New Orleans, LA.
- Nanas, E. (2010, May). Collaborative Networks, Science, and Culture. Research paper presented at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Hong Kong SAR, China.
- Nanas, E. (2009, November). Understanding Scientific Collaboration to Accelerate Innovative Breakthroughs. Paper presented at the Internationalizing Higher Education Conference, Guangzhou, China.
- Nanas, E. (2008, March). Organizing Bodies, Counting on Faith. Paper presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, TN.
- Nanas, E. (2007, March). Trafficking Sexual Policies at Home and Abroad. Paper presented at the Interrogating Diversity: Understanding Issues of Contemporary Surveillance and Policing Conference, American University, Washington D.C.
- Nanas, E. (2006, November). Belonging Matters: Academic Career Trajectories and Commercial Sex Industry Knowledge Production, Circulation, Authority. Paper presented at the 10th Annual KCP-DFI Joint Fellows Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Nanas, E. (2006, September). Purity and Danger of Belonging. Paper presented at the 3rd National Prostitution, Sex Work, and the Commercial Sex Industry: The State of Women's Health Conference, Toledo, OH.
- Nanas, E. (2006, July). Sex Work and the Academy: Challenging Assumptions and Practices. Presenter and panelist for the Desiree Alliance Conference, Re-visioning Prostitution Policy: Making Space for Sex Worker Rights and Challenging Criminalization. Las Vegas, NV.
- Nanas, E. (2006, July). Guidelines for Successful Meeting Facilitation. Training presented to prepare conference participants for Affinity Group sessions at the Desiree Alliance Conference, Re-visioning Prostitution Policy: Making Space for Sex Worker Rights and Challenging Criminalization. Las Vegas, NV.
- Nanas, E. (2006, March). Waiting for the edge: In search of method, community, and identification. Paper presented as a part of the Managing Change Panel at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Nanas, E. (2006, March). The Mindful Closet. Paper presented and discussed as a part of the Multiple Roles: Sex Workers, Activists and Academics Roundtable Discussion at the Sex Work Matters Conference organized by New School University and the City University of New York. New York, NY.
- Nanas, E. (2005, December). Creating Queer Interfaith Networks Through Action and Engagement. Paper presented as a part of the Queer Social Movements Panel at the 104th Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C.
- Nanas, E. (2005, September). How "prostitutes" think: About being the problem, for example. Paper presented at the 2nd National Prostitution, Sex Work, and the Commercial Sex Industry: The State of Women's Health Conference, Toledo, OH.

- Nanas, E.N., Macera, L. and Tremethick, M.J. (2005, February). Growing old, gay, and gray: Opportunities and challenges for educators and practitioners. Paper presented at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education 31st annual meeting and educational leadership conference. Oklahoma City, OK.
- Nanas, E.N. (2004, September). Prostitute identity in theory and beyond. Paper presented at the Prostitution, Sex Work, and the Commercial Sex Industry: The State of Women's Health Conference, Toledo, OH.

PROFESSIONAL and SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association
- American Ethnological Society
- Association for Feminist Anthropology
- Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists
- National Association for the Practice of Anthropology
- National Association of Student Anthropologists
- Society for the Anthropology of Science
- Society for the Anthropology of North America
- Society for the Anthropology of Work
- East Asian Studies in Anthropology
- Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists
- Society for Medical Anthropology
- Society for Urban/National and Transnational/Global Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Desiree Alliance Conference Organizer and Academic Track Chair (2010)
- Michigan Representative for the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (2009-Present)
- Urban Scholar Mentor, Wayne State University (2006-2007)
- Best Practices Policy Project Steering Committee, Washington, D.C. (2005-present)
- Desiree Alliance Diversity Committee Scholarship Selection Committee Chair (2005-2006)
- Michigan Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Ageism Task Force (2005-2006)
- Sex Workers Outreach Project—Detroit Executive Director (2004-Present)
- American Friends Service Committee Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues Michigan, Program Committee, Strategic Planning Chair (2004-2006)
- Association for Gerontology in Higher Education K-12 Task Force (2004-2006)
- Create Detroit Strategic Planning Co-Facilitator (2004)
- Michigan Department of Education, Grant Reviewer (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005)
- North Central Association Accreditation Peer Reviewer (2001)
- Michigan Quality Council Total Quality Management Facilitator (1998-2006)

DOCTORAL COURSEWORK

Theory and Research

ANT 7780 Conceptualizing the Dissertation
ANT 7690 Medical Anthropology Seminar II
ANT 7680 Medical Anthropology Seminar I
ANT 7210 Advanced Qualitative Methods II
ANT 7200 Advanced Qualitative Methods I
ANT 6310 Anthropological Theory II
ANT 6300 Anthropological Theory I
ANT 5400 Anthropology of Health and
Illness
ANT 5320 Linguistics: Language and
Societies
ANT 5270 Archaeology
ANT 5210 Anthropological Methods
ANT 5140 Physical Anthropology: Biology
and Culture
ANT 5200 The Ethnography
EER 7610 Evaluation and Measurement
ENG 5090 Literary Theory: Globalization
and Collective Organization

Cultural Studies

ANT 7700 Seminar in Business Anthropology: Technology and
Culture
ANT 7700 Seminar in Business Anthropology: Design
Anthropology
ANT 7630 Seminar in Cultural Anthropology: Race in America
ANT 7630 Seminar in Cultural Anthropology: American
Anthropology
ANT 7630 Seminar in Cultural Anthropology: Anthropology of
Gender, Sex, and Sexuality
ANT 6680 Studies in Cultural Anthropology: Anthropological
Films
ANT 5060 Urban Anthropology

Language

CHI 1010: Elementary Chinese