Anthropology in/of Global Mental Health

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April 29-30, 2016
Department of Anthropology
This symposium explores the current state and future directions of global mental health around the key question: how can we more systematically incorporate anthropological theory and methods into global mental health research? The symposium aims to: (1) critically assess the current scope of the field of global mental health, (2) consider the benefits and challenges of incorporating anthropological methods and theory into global mental health work, and (3) identify concrete ways in which anthropology can contribute to advancing the field of global mental health.

Using the edited volume *Global Mental Health: Anthropological Perspectives* as a point of departure, this symposium is structured around core themes for future inquiry outlined in the volume’s conclusion. Each 1.5 hour session will open with a brief (~20-30 minute) overview of one theme, as approached from anthropological and non-anthropological perspectives. Presenters will close with core questions to guide the discussion.

**Location:**
Whitehead Biomedical Research Building: 615 Michael Street
Woodruff Health Sciences Center Administration Building: 1440 Clifton Roud
Anthropology Building: 1557 Dickey Drive

**Symposium planning committee:**
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<td>Welcome and overview&lt;br&gt;Bonnie Kaiser, Duke Global Health Institute&lt;br&gt;Peter Brown, Emory Anthropology&lt;br&gt;Richard Levinson, Associate Dean, RSPH&lt;br&gt;Emily Mendenhall, Georgetown University</td>
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<td><strong>Session 1: Incorporating the local into global mental health</strong>&lt;br&gt;Kenny Maes, Oregon State University&lt;br&gt;David Addiss, The Task Force for Global Mental Health&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Joanne McGiff, Center for Global Safe Water, RSPH&lt;br&gt;<em>How can anthropologists working in global mental health emphasize the centrality of local cultural context for understanding psychological suffering and improving effectiveness of interventions?</em></td>
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<td><strong>Session 2: Concepts, labels, and measurement (WHSCAB Auditorium)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Bonnie Kaiser, Duke Global Health Institute&lt;br&gt;Ben Druss, Health Policy and Management, RSPH&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Craig Hadley, Emory Anthropology&lt;br&gt;<em>How can anthropological research improve understanding of and employment of diagnostic labels, idioms of distress, and ethnopsychology for global mental health research and interventions?</em></td>
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<td><strong>Lunch</strong>&lt;br&gt;Robert Breiman, Director, Emory Global Health Institute <em>(WHSCAB Plaza)</em></td>
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<td><strong>Session 3: Social determinants</strong>&lt;br&gt;Kristen McLean, Yale University&lt;br&gt;John Blevins, Interfaith Health Program&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Carol Koplan, Behavioral Sciences and Health Education&lt;br&gt;<em>How can anthropological research best elucidate social determinants of mental health and move towards community-based and social ecological interventions to address them?</em></td>
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<td><strong>Session 4: Treatment and interventions</strong>&lt;br&gt;Hunter Keys, University of Amsterdam&lt;br&gt;Brandon Kohrt, Duke Global Health Institute&lt;br&gt;Paul Root Wolpe, Emory Center for Ethics&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Chikako Ozawa-de Silva, Emory Anthropology&lt;br&gt;<em>How can anthropological research most effectively inform treatment processes in mental health and elucidate how psychiatric medications affect the daily experience of patients?</em></td>
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### Schedule

**April 30, 2016**

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| 9:00-10:30AM | Session 5: Joining the research team  
Erin Finley, South Texas Veterans Health Care System  
Sheila Rauch, Emory Veterans Program; Atlanta VA Medical Center  
Moderator: Carol Worthman, Emory Anthropology  
*How can anthropologists and anthropological methods be made a standard part of public health and clinical intervention work?* |
| 10:30-11:00AM | Coffee break |
| 11:00-12:30PM | Session 6: Expanding the research team  
Emily Mendenhall, Georgetown University  
Mark Rapaport, Emory Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
Moderator: Peter Brown, Emory Anthropology  
*How can anthropologists best advocate for an expanded role of anthropologists and other colleagues from lower and middle income countries in global mental health research?* |
| 12:30-1:30PM | Lunch |
| 1:30-2:30PM  | Student-led panel: Careers in global mental health  
Kathy Trang, Emory Anthropology  
Elena Lesley, Emory Anthropology  
Gabreila Granados, Behavioral Sciences and Health Education |
| 2:30-3:00PM | Closing Remarks  
Brandon Kohrt, Duke Global Health Institute  
Carol Worthman, Emory Anthropology |

*Please join us afterwards for light hors d’oeuvres.*