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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Researcher and educator in medical anthropology with over ten years experience investigating global health initiatives and the circulation of medication. Excellent qualitative data collection and analysis skills. Excels at collaborative research with interdisciplinary teams. Native English speaker with near-native French fluency.

EDUCATION:

PhD, Medical Anthropology

2013, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, USA

PhD Thesis: The Fight Against Blindness: An Ethnographic Study of Trachoma Elimination in Niger,

Advisor: Dr Nancy Romero-Daza

Independent Doctoral Researcher

2011- 2013, l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Marseille, France

Advisor: Yannick Jaffre

Master of Public Health, International Health and Development

2003, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

OTHER RELEVANT COURSES:

The Fifth International Summer School on China Studies: China and Globalization, June-July 2015, The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Center for Modern China Studies of Nanjing University, Nanjing, China

Topics Included: Labor and labor laws, China's foreign policies, The Global in China, China in the Global

Good Clinical Practices Course

October 2003, Johns Hopkins University, Kigali, Rwanda

Topics Included: Ethics of research activities, Clinical Trials, Recruiting participants for research activities, Development of standard operating procedures and follow-up

Introduction to the Cuban Healthcare System

May 2002, Cuban Ministry of Health, Havana, Cuba

Topics Included: Basic Spanish conversation, Overview of Primary Health Care in Cuba, Family planning, HIV/AIDS, Women's Healthcare, Traditional Medicine

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

University of South Florida Presidential Fellowship Award 2007-2012

Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant: *An Ethnographic Study of Trachoma and Blinding Trachoma Elimination in Zinder, Niger*, 2009-2010

Michael V. Angrosino Research Achievement Award, 2009

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Post Doctoral Researcher and Project Coordinator

October 2014- October 2016, Norbert Elias Center, Marseille, France

Manage the 400,000€ ANR (French Agency for Research) project *la Vie Politique des Marchandises* (VIPOMAR) including budgeting, tracking of expenses and scientific cohesion of the eight researchers conducting case studies on the circulation of globalized commodities.

Contributed to this project with my own case study focusing on the circulation and political life of Chinese artemisinin-based malaria treatment and Chinese public health initiatives including mass drug administration in the Comoros Union. Conducted ethnographic fieldwork and photography in Asia, Europe, and Africa.

Senior Research Associate

September 2013-June 2014, Anthrologica, Oxfordshire, UK

Designed and conducted qualitative health research projects using social science and public health methods in the Global South. Conducted fieldwork and oversaw data collection; analyzed data, and presented findings. Sub-contracted for ethnographic research by academic and project implementation partners.

Key projects:

Clinton Health Access Initiative: Understanding the driving factors of client retention and drop-out in HIV/AIDS treatment programs in Zambia

Handicap International: End of program evaluation for maternal and child health program in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Research Consultant, March 2011- May 2013, Axios International, Paris, France

Managed mixed-methods research projects evaluating health care access and uptake in sub-Saharan Africa. Worked with high-level stakeholders and key opinion leaders to design the study and develop data collection tools. Conducted background literature reviews and key opinion leader interviews to identify key issues for investigation. Oversaw large country teams in the collection of quantitative and qualitative data. Wrote-up and presented study findings to diverse national and international stakeholders.

Key projects:

Novartis Malaria Initiative: Malaria treatment access and use in eight African countries

Boehringer Ingelheim: Evaluation of Viramune donation program in low resource settings

Gardasil Access Program: Collection of country program experiences for a guidebook on vaccine program implementation

Research Consultant, February-December 2010, University of California, San Francisco, Proctor Foundation, Zinder, Niger

Worked with multi-sectorial government partners to identify research sites and conduct the training of 15 data collectors in a multi-sited study investigating the effects of mass drug distribution on trachoma prevalence. Participated in strategic meetings to identify national priorities related to medication access in the country.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Anthropologie de la santé, CM 39 hours, L2/L3, Département d'Anthropologie de l'Université d'Aix-Marseille, September 2016-December 2016.

Introduction to Anthropology, online class, 315 hours, L3 Ashford University, USA, August 2013-September 2016

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE PANELS:

The political life of commodities: a reflection on the contemporary circulation of "things" and resulting social and political transformations, Mo(u)vement CASCA/IUAES Ottawa, 2017

La Vie Politique des Marchandises, Rencontres Annuels d'Ethnographie, EHESS Paris, 2016

The Political Life of Commodities, European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA), Milan, 2016

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

China and the circulation of artemisinin-based malaria treatment in the Comoros Union, EASA Panel 136 : The Political Life of Commodities, EASA Milan, 2016

La Chine et « la meilleure façon de faire »: la circulation des médicaments à base d'artémisinine aux Comores dans le panel L'Afrique et la circulation globale des produits pharmaceutiques: l'invasion ou la rareté ? Les 4èmes Rencontres des Études Africaines en France, 2016

Relationships between examiners-examined and the visibility of an invisible illness: visual ethnography of epidemiological research in Niger. The Ethnography of Image, and the Image in Ethnography, Second Annual Encounters with Ethnography, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 2015

Applied Interests: My Struggle with (Non-) Academic Research. Medical Anthropology Young Scholars Conference, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 2014

PUBLICATIONS:

(under review) *Relations soigne-soignant, des photographies, et la visibilité d'une maladie invisible : l'ethnographie visuelle de la recherche épidémiologique au Niger*. Images du Travail, Travail des Images.

(Forthcoming, September 2017) « Distinction and the social lives of medication: treatment of everyday illness in Niger. » *Sociology of Health and Illness*, Vol. 39 (7).

Sams, K. (2016), « A medicine for every sickness: A visual reflection on the treatment of eye disease in rural Niger. », *Medicine Anthropology Theory*, Vol. 3 (2). 13/09, p. 313-324.

Sams, K. (2015), « Book Review : Medical Anthropology in Global Africa. ». Kathryn A. Rhine, John M. Janzen, Glenn Adams, and Heather Aldersey, eds. Lawrence: University of Kansas Publications in Anthropology, 2014, 169 pp. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 29: b11–b14. doi:10.1111/maq.12216.

Ladner, J., Besson, M. H., Rodrigues, M., **Sams, K.**, Audureau, E., & Saba, J. (2013), « Prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission in resource-limited settings : assessment of 99 Viramune Donation Programmes in 34 countries, 2000–2011.», *BMC Public Health*, 13(1), 1., p. 1-9. doi:10.1186/1475-2875-12-135.

Davis, B., Ladner, J., **Sams, K.**, Tekinturhan, E., de Korte, D., & Saba, J. (2013), « Artemisinin-based combination therapy availability and use in the private sector of five AMFm phase 1 countries. » *Malaria Journal*, 12(1), 1., p. 1-9. doi:10.1186/1471-2458-13-470.