

# AnthroScope

Department of Anthropology Newsletter Fall 2018

## *Applying Anthropology, Making a Difference*

To say that we live in trying times is a major understatement given the current state of affairs at home and globally. On the one hand, the overheated political rhetoric, polarization, and normalization of hate-speech and crimes are soul sucking. On the other hand, what seems like an unraveling of basic human decency is a call to action for change, now before it is too late. Anthropology has something to offer to bring about such change because the discipline values human diversity, the interconnectedness between humans and the biotic and abiotic world, and the role of the past for understanding the present and future. What follows in *Anthroscope* is but a few examples of the research, teaching, and service that our faculty, students, and alumni do to bring about much needed change and to make the world a better place.



David Himmelgreen  
Professor and Chair

## *Welcome New Faculty!*



**Krista Billingsley** joined the department as a Provost's Postdoctoral Research Scholar. She received her Ph.D. in Anthropology and Graduate Certificate in Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights from the University of Tennessee. Her dissertation research, funded by a



**Michael Vine** joined the department as a Visiting Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar. He received his Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the University of Cambridge. His thesis was titled "Shifting Sands: Climate Crisis and the Ecologies of Everyday Life

Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, a W.K. McClure Scholarship for the Study of World Affairs, and a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, examines transitional justice in Nepal. She is currently completing a book project, *Children and Transitional Justice in Nepal: Exclusionary Nationalism and the Inequitable Redress of Human Rights Violations*.

in Southern California,” and examined the politics of history, infrastructure, and race in the deserts of California. At USF, he is working on a new project focused on tourism and landscapes in Florida.

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## World-Class Research: AAAS Fellows



**Christian Wells** was elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in the Anthropology Section. Election as AAAS Fellow is an honor bestowed upon the association’s members by their peers and is considered one of the top honors in academic research. Dr. Wells was recognized “for distinguished contributions to the field of environmental anthropology, particularly for research on ancient and modern soil and water systems, human and environmental health dynamics.” He is the third faculty member in the Department of Anthropology to be elected, joining **Lorena Madrigal** (elected 2012) and **Robert Tykot** (elected 2011).

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## World-Class Research: Fulbright Awards

In 2017, USF was named the number one producer of Fulbright Grants in the U.S. Contributing to the ranking is our very own **Tara Deubel**, who received the Fulbright Scholar Award for the 2018-2019 academic year to conduct research in Agadir, Morocco on women's rights, socioeconomic status, and development in collaboration with Université Ibn Zohr. And, in summer 2018, **Kiran Jayaram** completed the final year of his Fulbright-funded research on the mango industry in post-earthquake Haiti.



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## World-Class Research: Outstanding Research Achievement Awards

**Robert Tykot** and **Christian Wells** have been awarded 2018 Outstanding Research Achievement Awards by the Office of Research and Innovation. The annual awards, which are part of an open



competition judged by the USF System Research Council, are given to USF faculty members who have received national and international peer recognition for their research in the previous calendar year. Dr. Tykot was recognized for numerous publications in 2017, including one that detailed his analysis of more than 10,000 obsidian artifacts from the Mediterranean. Dr. Wells was recognized for his community-engaged research with the University Area Community funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



## *World-Class Research: Faculty Grants*

**Jonathan Bethard** received a grant from the National Institute of Justice for his research on “Bone Mineral Density and Adult Age Estimation in Forensic Anthropology.” The goal of the project is to develop a way for forensic anthropologists to estimate age from bone mineral density data using the NHANES dataset.

**Antoinette Jackson** received a National Park Service research award for her research on the “Carter Compound Jimmy Carter National Historic Site - PMIS 187310 Cultural Landscape Report/Cultural

Landscape Inventory Services.” **Daniel Lende** received a National Science Foundation grant with colleagues in computer science and at the University of Maryland for their research on “Understanding Security in the Software Development Lifecycle: A Holistic, Mixed-Methods Approach.” **Kiran Jayaram** received a grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for his project “Island Anthropologies: Anthropological Knowledge Production in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.” **Nancy White** received an historic preservation grant from the Florida Division of Historical Resources that allowed her to complete archaeological survey and synthesis of prehistoric and early historic sites in the Apalachicola valley of northwest Florida.

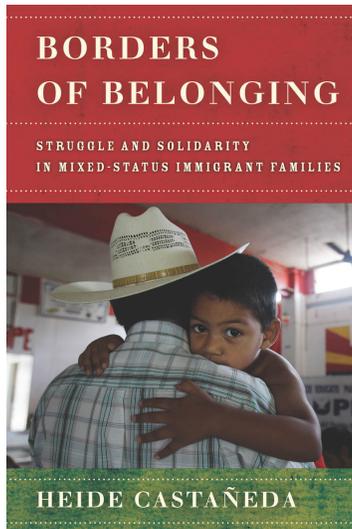
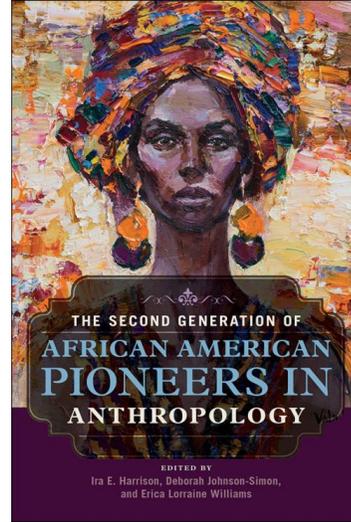


## *World-Class Research: Faculty Books*

Several USF faculty and alumni have chapters in the new book, *The Second Generation of African American Pioneers in Anthropology* (University of Illinois Press, 2018), which features biographies of 15 accomplished African American anthropologists of the era. Authors include **Antoinette Jackson** (USF),

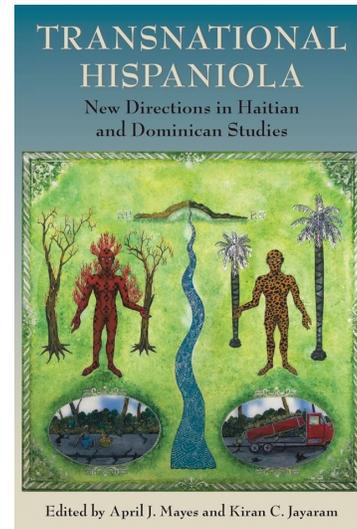
**Cheryl Rodriguez** (USF), **Elgin Klugh** (Coppin State University), and **Alisha Winn** (preservation consultant, West Palm Beach, Florida).

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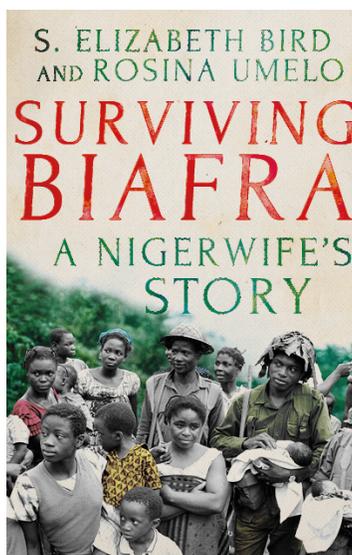
*Borders of Belonging: Struggle and Solidarity in Mixed-Status Immigrant Families* by **Heide Castañeda** (Stanford University Press, 2018).

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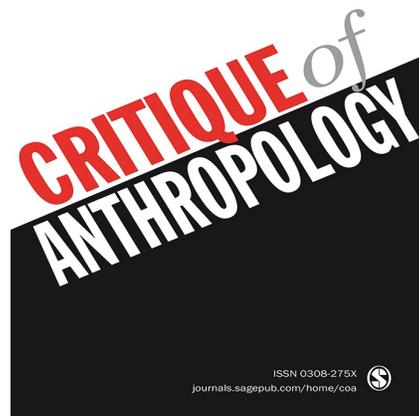
*Transnational Hispaniola: New Directions in Haitian and Dominican Studies* edited by April J. Mayes and **Kiran C. Jayaram** (University Press of Florida, 2018).

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*Surviving Biafra: A Nigerwife's Story* by **S.**

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## *World-Class Research: Conferences*

### *Art of Forensics*

On October 26, **Erin Kimmerle** organized the exhibit “Art of Forensics” at the Tampa Bay History Center in Tampa, which remained open to the public until November 27. Art of Forensics features more than 30 works of art representing 20 open forensic cases from Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and New York. This event features the work of USF students in Dr. Kimmerle’s Forensic Art and Anthropology course as they apply the fundamentals of human variation and various artistic mediums.



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### *Tidally United Summit*

**Jeff Moates**, **Becky O’Sullivan**, and **Kassie Kemp** from the FPAN West Central Office and the New College Public Archaeology Lab organized the Tidally United Summit 2018. Faculty members **Rebecca Zarger**, **Diane Wallman**, and **Tom Pluckhahn** and graduate students **Amy Gatenbee** and **Kendal Jackson** presented papers at the August 10 event in Sarasota. The summit brought together archaeologists, historic preservationists, environmental scientists, and local decision makers for a series of talks and panel discussions focused on solutions to the threats posed by rising sea levels and climate change to Florida’s coastal heritage sites.



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## *National Conference on Equitable Development*



**Christian Wells**, Deanna Wathington (Bethune-Cookman University), Richard Gragg (Florida A&M University), Cynthia Peurifoy (U.S. EPA), and others organized the first annual “National Conference on Equitable Development: Strategies for Creating Sustainable, Healthy, and Economically Vibrant Communities,” held at Bethune-Cookman University in June. The conference provided low-income, minority, and other overburdened/under-resourced communities with strategies and approaches to shape development that responds to their needs and reflects their values. Keynote addresses

were presented by Joseph Telfair, President of the American Public Health Association and the Karl E. Peace Distinguished Chair and Professor of Public Health at Georgia Southern University; and by Sharon Ricks, Regional Health Administrator for Region IV, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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## *World-Class Teaching: Faculty Awards*

**Diane Wallman** was awarded a 2017-2018 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award for excellence in teaching, which includes her annual archaeological methods field school at Gamble Plantation in Ellenton that has drawn hundreds of faculty, students, and local residents to experience hands-on archaeology that confronts colonial legacies in Florida. **Christian Wells** was awarded the 2018 Outstanding Community-Engaged Teaching Award for his service-learning courses on environmental justice, in which students participated in “Toxic Tours of Tampa Bay” to see (and smell!) what it’s like for many Bay area residents living on or near polluted and contaminated properties.



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## *World-Class Teaching: Invited Lectures*

**Elizabeth Bird** was invited to speak about her recent books at the Ake Arts and Book Festival in Lagos, Nigeria, this October. Ake is an annual international festival that brings together writers, poets, and artists from around Africa and the world.

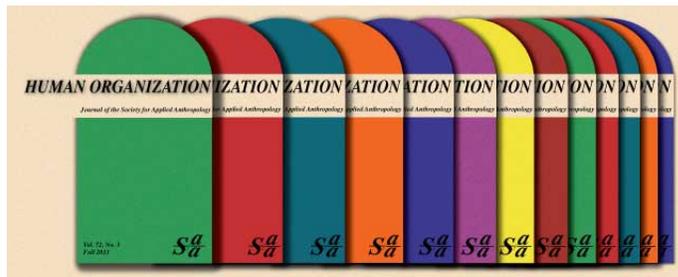
**Antoinette Jackson** was an invited panelist at the 2018 MAS Summit for

NYC (The Municipal Art Society of New York). The MAS Summit is a signature conference that attracts a diverse audience of policy-makers, industry leaders, and engaged citizens. Through a series of panel discussions, keynote lectures, presentations, and performances, the Summit connects participants in a daylong dialogue about the most important issues affecting New York and other global urban centers. Dr. Jackson's panel was entitled, "History: Preserving the Identity of Place." **Jonathan Bethard** delivered a keynote address to the



15th Annual Chico Forensic Conference in Chico, California. His lecture was titled "Research Trends and New Developments in Forensic Anthropology." **Heide Castañeda** presented a lecture at the University of California, Berkeley, sponsored by the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society and the Berkeley Center for Social Medicine. The talk was titled "Family Separations at the US-Mexico Border," and discussed Dr. Castañeda's community engaged work on Central American refugees and family separations at the US/Mexico border in conjunction with local immigration organizations and respite centers. **Lorena Madrigal** returned to her field work site in the town of Escazú, Costa Rica, to deliver a lecture about her historical demography research, entitled "La vida, el amor y la muerte en el Escazú del siglo XIX."

## World-Class Service: Journal Editorship



**David Himmelgreen** and **Nancy Romero Daza** have been appointed as the joint editors of *Human Organization* (HO), the flagship journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology and the hallmark publication for applied anthropologists. The primary objective of HO is the scientific

investigation of the principles controlling the relations of human beings to one another and the wide application of these principles to practical problems. Himmelgreen and Romero Daza's vision for the journal is to publish high-quality peer-reviewed articles on the empirical application of social and behavioral science theories, concepts, and methodologies to contemporary social problems and issues. While anthropology has a particularly important role in this endeavor, Himmelgreen and Romero Daza believe that there will be a continued and concerted effort by funding agencies, universities, community-based organizations, and NGOs to conduct applied research that is interdisciplinary. In light of this, they will actively solicit manuscripts that report on intra-disciplinary (within anthropology) and inter-disciplinary (e.g., sociology, public health, geography, engineering) applied research.

[Human Organization Website](#)

## World-Class Community Engagement: Partnerships & Outreach

*Internships*

The new department internship program, led by **Dillon Mahoney**, kicked off this fall with nine interns working with a variety of local agencies and organizations including the Tampa Bay History Center, the city archive, and the Tampa's Women's Center.

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## *Congolese Refugees*

Building upon two years of research with Congolese refugees in Tampa Bay, **Dillon Mahoney** and a team of graduate and undergraduate students has been helping Tampa's Congolese community youth group to develop a Swahili-language YouTube channel called Umoja wa Afrika – Tampa (Africa United - Tampa). The research began initially as an exploration of diet and nutrition among refugees in collaboration with **Roberta Baer**. As the needs of the Congolese community have changed, students from our department have been central in helping promote new Swahili-language media produced by refugees for refugees.

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## *Hunger Action Alliance*

In late 2015, USF and Feeding Tampa Bay (FTB) signed an agreement to work together in addressing food insecurity and its consequences for health and wellbeing. FTB is the largest food assistance provider in region while USF faculty and students, most notably from the Department of Anthropology, have the expertise to conduct evidence-based research to inform food and nutrition programs and policies. More recently, **David Himmelgreen** and Thomas Mantz (FTB CEO) formed the Hunger Action Alliance (HAA). The HAA mission is to transform the conversation about hunger and food insecurity, using research and education, to facilitate social equity that results in healthier communities in Tampa Bay. HAA partner members include community agencies and foundations, area hospitals and health insurance providers, and for-profit companies. In addition to raising public awareness about hunger and food insecurity in Tampa Bay, the HAA partners have conducted nine research projects over the course of three years. Research topics have included weekend food backpack programs; fixed and mobile food pantry programs; teen food insecurity, health, stigma, and shame; and food insecurity, isolation, and loneliness among older adults. Recommendations from several of these studies have been used to make programmatic changes and for HAA best practices workshops.

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## *Cold Cases*



One of the main missions of the Florida Institute of Forensic Anthropology and Applied Science (IFAAS) is to resolve cold cases. Over the past several years, Institute staff have been working on numerous long-term cold cases, from local cases in Tampa Bay to regions all over the country. This work has been largely funded by a Cold Case Grant from the National Institute for Justice. This past summer, IFAAS partnered with the USF Digital

Heritage and Humanities Collections (DHHC) housed at the USF Library, Pennsylvania State Police, Philadelphia Police, Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office and Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office to work on several long term unidentified cases. **Erin Kimmerle** worked with Richard McKenzie, Garrett Speed, and Kevin Guidusko from DHHC to locate the graves of unidentified persons in a Philadelphia potter's field. Dr. Kimmerle, along with graduate students **Gennifer Goad**, **Liotta Noche-Dowdy** and **Kirsten Verostick** excavated five unidentified persons. These unidentified persons will be re-analyzed to update their biological profile, have DNA and chemical isotopic analysis performed, along with facial and clothing imaging to aid in their identification. The greater goal is to use all the abilities modern forensic anthropology has to help solve these cold cases.

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## ***World-Class Students: Awards***

Congratulations to our award-winning students! **Ofelia Sanchez**: 2018 Status of Latinos (SoL) Student Award, University of South Florida. **Emily Holbrook**: 2018 ACE Achievement Award, American Council on Education. **Ryan Harke**: Sally McKeige Research Award, Southeast Florida Archaeological Society. **Kendal Jackson**: Student Paper Prize, Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society. **Melina Taylor**: Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice (SHARP), USF College of Public Health.

## ***World-Class Students: Grants***

**Ryan Harke** (**Nancy White**, PI) was awarded a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Award for "Characterization of Complex Forager Society." He will study the geochemistry of live-collected and archaeological Tiger Lucine (*Codakia orbicularis*) clams, and obtain radiocarbon dates for the Stock Island site, Key West, to determine when the region was first settled, what season(s) the islands were occupied, and how the prehistoric marine environment compares with that of today. **Melina Taylor** was awarded a 2018 Emerging Scholars in Family Planning Grant from the Society of Family Planning to support her dissertation entitled, "Sexual and Reproductive Health: An Examination at the Intersection of Governmentality and Reproductive Justice on College Campuses." **Ofelia Sanchez** was awarded a Grant-in-Aid from Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society for her Master's thesis research project at the Desert Inn in Yeehaw Junction, Florida, where she will conduct archaeological research to understand the intersection of local mythology and the lived history at the Inn, highlighting the roles women played.



## ***World-Class Students: Publications***



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## Analysis of Class Characteristics of Reciprocating Saws<sup>\*,\*</sup>

Jacqueline M. Berger M.S. , James T. Pokines Ph.D., D.-A.B.F.A.,  
Tara L. Moore Ph.D.

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\* Presented at the 69th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, February 13-18, 2017, in New Orleans, LA.

\* Funding provided by the Boston University School of Medicine.

Alexandridis, Kostas, Shion Takemura, **Alex Webb**, Barbara Lausche, Jim Cutler, and Tetsu Sato (2018) Semantic Knowledge Network Inference across a Range of Stakeholders and Communities of Practice. *Environmental Modelling and Software* 109:202-222.

**Berger, Jacqueline M.**, James T. Pokines, and Tara L. Moore (2018) Analysis of Class Characteristics of Reciprocating Saws. *Journal of Forensic Sciences* 63(6):1661-1672.

**Bradley, Sarah, C. Ann Vitous, Aria Walsh-Felz, and David Himmelgreen** (2018) Food Insecurity and Healthcare Decision Making among Mobile Food Pantry Clients in Tampa Bay. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition* 57(3):206-222.

**Jackson, Kendal, Elizabeth Southard, Sharlene O'Donnell, and John Arthur** (2018) Estimating Crown Conch (*Melongena corona*) Tissue Weight from Archaeological Shell Measurements: An Allometric Methodology for Coastal Historical Ecological Research. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 21:107-116.

**Kihlstrom, Laura, Anneliese Long, and David Himmelgreen** (2018) Barriers and Facilitators to the Consumption of Fresh Produce among Food Pantry Clients. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*, DOI: 10.1080/19320248.2018.1512923

**Manzano, Russell Rice**, Joanna Mishtal, and Shana Harris (2018) The Effect of Second Reception Center Practices on Refugee Experiences in Sicily. *Human Organization* 77(2):79-89.

**Sarita Panchang** (2018) Demand for Improved Sanitation in an Urban Informal Settlement in India: Role of the Local Built Environment. *International Journal of Environmental Health Research*, DOI: 10.1080/09603123.2018.1533530

**Wahungu, Mathews J.** (2019, in press) An Ethnography of Policy: Water Reuse Policy in Kenya. *Water Policy*.

Wright, Lauri, **Karen Serrano Arce, David Himmelgreen**, and James B. Epps (2018) Farm2Fork: Use of the Health Belief Model to Increase Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Intake among Food Pantry Participants. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*, DOI: 10.1080/19320248.2018.1538920.

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## World-Class Alumni & Emeriti

*Linda Whiteford*

Professor Emerita **Linda Whiteford**  
achieved 'Emerita' status on August 31<sup>st</sup>,

2018 and dove into volunteering for the League of Women Voters and the ACLU in her new hometown of St. Petersburg, Florida. In the spring of 2018 she organized a panel of anthropologists to participate in the Canadian Anthropological Society/SfAA collaborative annual meeting in Santiago, Cuba. Pictured here along with Che Guevara is USF graduate, **Andrea Freidus** and Linda Whiteford.



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## *Elizabeth Bird*

Professor Emerita **Elizabeth Bird**'s book, *The Asaba Massacre: Trauma, Memory and the Nigerian Civil War* (Cambridge University Press, 2017) was selected as winner of the Oral History Association's 2018 Book Award. She and co-author Fraser Ottanelli received the award at the OHA's annual conference in Montreal this October. The selection committee wrote that they were "particularly struck by the strength and rigor of the scholarship, the dialogical use of new media, and the community-engaged approach taken to such a sensitive and traumatic event."

## *Jennifer Webb*

**Jennifer Webb** (MA, 2015) was elected to the Florida House of Representatives for District 69 (Pinellas).

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## *Anna Rivara*

**Anna Rivara** (Ph.D., 2017) received a three-year Global Health Equity Scholars Fellowship through Yale University to conduct research in Samoa. Her project is titled, "Biocultural Construction of Obesity Risk: An Investigation of Inflammation, Activity Patterns, and Socio-ecological Pressures among Samoans."

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## *Iraida Carrion*

**Iraida Carrion** (Ph.D., 2007), Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of South Florida, was awarded Fellow status through the Behavioral and Social Sciences section of the Gerontological Society of America, the world's oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging.

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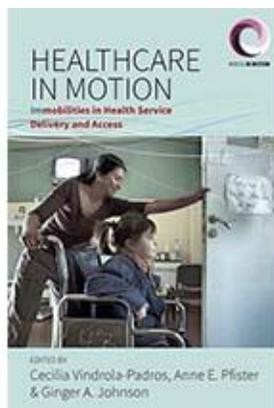
## *Nolan Kline*

**Nolan Kline** (M.A./M.P.H., 2010; Ph.D., 2015), Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Rollins College, received the Early Career Engaged Scholarship Faculty award from Florida Campus Compact. The award recognizes and honors one faculty member who has between one and five years of full-time college-level experience for contributing to the integration of service and/or community-based learning into the curriculum.

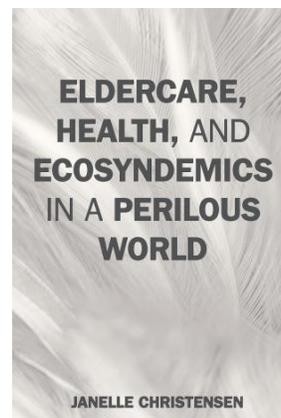
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## *Alumni Books*



**Cecilia Vindrola-Padros** (Ph.D. 2011), **Ginger A. Johnson** (Ph.D. 2013), and **Anne E. Pfister** (Ph.D. 2015) authored *Healthcare in Motion: Immobilities in Health Service Delivery and Access* (Berghahn Press, 2018).



**Janelle Christensen** (Ph.D., 2012) authored *Eldercare, Health, and Ecosyndemics in a Perilous World* (Rowman Press, 2018).

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