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**EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D. Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 2014 - present  
Concentration: Cultural Anthropology  
Advisor: Dr. Heide Castañeda  
*Expected completion: 2019*
- M.A. Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 2010  
Concentration: Cultural Anthropology  
Advisor: Dr. Heide Castañeda
- M.P.H. Community and Family Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 2010  
Concentration: Health Education  
Advisor: Dr. Carol Bryant
- B.A. Anthropology, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI, 2006  
Minor: Gender Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Peter Peregrine  
Study Abroad: ACM Program, Tanzania, 2004  
Honors: *Cum Laude*

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- 2013-present **Senior Social & Behavioral Researcher**, Child & Family Studies, USF  
Supervisor: Amy Vargo
- 2011-13 **Social & Behavioral Researcher**, Child & Family Studies, USF  
Supervisor: Amy Vargo
- 2009-11 **Research Assistant**, Child & Family Studies, USF  
Supervisor: Amy Vargo

- 2009-11     **Graduate Assistant**, Pediatrics, USF  
Course:     Clinical & Behavioral Research in Adolescents: Focus on HIV  
Supervisor: Patricia Emmanuel
- 2008-9     **Graduate Assistant**, Anthropology, USF  
Course:     Rethinking Anthropology  
Supervisor: Dr. Kenneth Williamson
- 2008        **Research Assistant**, Anthropology, USF  
Supervisor: Dr. Heide Castaneda
- 2007-8     **Graduate Assistant**, Anthropology, USF  
Courses:    Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Applied  
              Anthropology  
Supervisor: Dr. Heide Castaneda
- 2006        **Research Assistant**, Anthropology, Lawrence University  
Supervisor: Dr. Amy Speier

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Policy and practice in child welfare and children's mental health systems, organizational and systems change processes, family perceptions of care and service experiences, structural violence and disparities in child welfare, social justice, participatory and engaged research approaches.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

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### ***Publications***

Hernandez, M., Armstrong, M., Green, A. L., & **Johnson, M. H.** (2016). National Survey of State Children's Mental Health Directors: Current Status and Future Directions. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*, 1-21.

**Johnson, M. H.**, Walters, M. G., & Armstrong, M. I. (2015). It Takes A Village: Using a Community-Defined Practice Approach to Develop a Tribal In-Home Services Model for Alaska Native Families. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 9(5):487-505.

**Johnson, M. H.**, George, P., Armstrong, M. A., Lyman, D. R., Dougherty, R. H., Daniels, A. S., & Ghose, S. S., Delphin-Rittmon, M. E. (2014). Behavioral Management for Children: Assessing the Evidence. *Psychiatric Services*, 65(5):580-590.

Vargo, A. C., Sharrock, P. J., **Johnson, M. H.**, & Armstrong, M. I. (2013). The Use of a Participatory Approach to Develop a Framework for Assessing Quality of Care in

Children's Mental Health Services. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 40(4):286-299.

### ***Conferences and Colloquia***

Paper Florida Department of Children and Families Child Protection Summit in Orlando, FL, September 2016: "Use of In-Home and Out-of-Home Services for Child Welfare Involved Families: Findings from the Title IV-E Waiver Evaluation."

Paper Society for Applied Anthropology 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada, March 2016: "Reclaiming Children, Reclaiming Culture: Mediating State and Indigenous Politics over Alaska Native Child Welfare."

Paper Shared Hope International Juvenile Sex Trafficking Conference in Washington, D. C., November 2015: "Providing a Continuum of Comprehensive Services to Meet the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth in Child Welfare: One Year Findings on the CHANCE Program Implementation and Youth Outcomes."

Workshop Cultivating Innovation – Helping Generations Thrive: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual TCOM/CANS Conference in Seattle, WA, November 2015: "Use of the CANS-CSE in Evaluating a Comprehensive Treatment Program for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth in Child Welfare."

Paper Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Treatment Foster Care in Denver, CO, August 2015: "Utilizing TFC and In-home Services to Meet the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth."

Paper 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health in Tampa, FL, March 2015: "Utilizing TFC and In-home Services to Meet the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth."

Paper 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health in Tampa, FL, March 2015: "Outcomes of a Treatment Foster Care Pilot for Youth with Complex Multi-system Needs."

Panel Discussant Promoting Collaboration and International Partnership to Combat and Mitigate Human Trafficking Conference in Tampa, FL, October 2014: Panel on Rescuing and Providing Services for Victims.

Paper Florida Department of Children and Families Child Protection Summit in Orlando, FL, September 2014: "Utilizing TFC and In-home Services to Meet the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth."

Paper Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA) 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Treatment Foster Care in Orlando, FL, July 2014: "Utilizing TFC and In-home Services to Meet the Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth."

Paper Standing Together: Strengthening Families through Collaboration: 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect in Tulsa, OK, 2013: “Navajo Nation Systems Change and Concurrent Planning.”

Intensive Workshop 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Children’s Mental Health Research and Policy Conference in Tampa, FL, 2013: “Strategies for Evaluating Complex Systems Change in Child Welfare.”

Paper Celebrating the Past – Imagining the Future: 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Washington, D.C., 2012: “Strategies that Build Capacity for System Change: Lessons Learned in the Evaluation of the Western and Pacific Child Welfare Implementation Center.”

Paper Food in Bloom: Cross Pollination and Cultivation of Food Systems, Culture, and Methods Conference in Bloomington, IN, 2010: “Putting Food on the Table: Culture, Nutrition, and Food Insecurity among Florida’s Migrant Farmworkers.”

Paper Society for Applied Anthropology 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Merida, Mexico, 2010: “Contextualizing Obesity: Cultural Constructions of Health and the Body Among Migrant Latino Farmworkers and Health Care Providers.”

Paper University of South Florida Department of Anthropology Annual Research Colloquium in Tampa, FL, 2009: “Exploring Perceptions of Food and Bodies among Latino Farmworkers in Central Florida.”

Poster American Anthropological Association Annual Conference in Washington D.C., 2007: “Body Worlds: Plastination and the Creation of ‘Authentic’ Human Anatomy.”

### ***Guest Lectures***

“The Cultivation of Health Disparities: Applying Anthropology to Florida’s Migrant Farmworkers,” for Dr. Amy Speier’s Medical Anthropology Course, Eckerd College, 2012.

“Experimental Study Design: Randomized Controlled Trials,” online, for Dr. Shyam Mohapatra’s Clinical Research Methods Course, University of South Florida, 2010.

“Research Measurements & Instruments,” online, for Dr. Shyam Mohapatra’s Clinical Research Methods Course, University of South Florida, 2010.

“The Cultivation of Health Disparities: Applying Anthropology to Florida’s Migrant Farmworkers,” for Dr. Amy Speier’s Medical Anthropology Course, Eckerd College, 2010.

“Women’s Bodies, Sexuality, and the Construction of the Other: Female Circumcision and the International Debate,” for Dr. Heide Castaneda’s Introduction to Cultural Anthropology Course, University of South Florida, 2008.

“Body Worlds and the Cultural-Construction of Gender,” for Dr. Amy Speier’s Anthropology of Gender and Health Course, Lawrence University, 2007.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Christine Gerdes Award in Anthropology, Lawrence University	2005
Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honors Society, Lawrence University	2005-6

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & PROJECTS**

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(2015-Present)	Florida Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project Evaluation, funded by the Florida Department of Children & Families; Department of Child & Family Studies, USF. Role: Lead Evaluator for Practice & Services Analysis
(2014-present)	Evaluation of the Miami Community Action Response to Exploitation and Sex Trafficking (Miami CARES) Project, federal grant funded by the Administration on Children and Families (ACF); Department of Child & Family Studies, USF in collaboration with Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc. Role: Principal Investigator
(2013-present)	Evaluation of Citrus Helping Adolescents Negatively Impacted by Commercial Exploitation (CHANCE), funded by Florida Department of Children and Families, contracted through Citrus Health Network of Florida; Department of Child & Family Studies, USF. Role: Project Director
(2013-2016)	Evaluation of Florida’s Children’s Mental Health System of Care Expansion Project, federal grant funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, contracted through the Florida Department of Children & Families; Department of Child & Family Studies, USF. Role: Data Coordinator and Analysis

- (2013-present) Utah Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project Evaluation, funded by the Utah Department of Child & Family Services; Department of Child & Family Studies, USF in collaboration with the College of Social Work, University of Utah.  
Role: Data Analysis
- (2012-2014) Evaluation of Enhanced Therapeutic Foster Care Pilot Program, funded by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration; Department of Child & Family Studies, USF in Collaboration with Citrus Health Network of Florida.  
Role: Data Collection and Analysis
- (2012) Case Management Supervision Quality Assurance Review, funded by Kids Central, Inc. of Florida; Department of Child & Family Studies, USF.  
Role: Project Coordinator, Data Collection and Analysis
- (2011-2012) Case Management Baseline Assessment, funded by Children's Home Society of Florida; Department of Child & Family Studies, USF.  
Role: Project Coordinator, Data Collection and Analysis
- (2009-present) Evaluation of the Western and Pacific Child Welfare Implementation Center, federal grant funded by the Administration on Children and Families (ACF); Department of Child & Family Studies, USF.  
Role: Data Collection and Analysis
- (2009-2010) Contextualizing Obesity among Latino Farmworkers: A Critical Analysis of Structural and Cultural Processes Affecting Farmworker Health and Nutrition in Central Florida; Master's Thesis, USF.  
Role: Principal Investigator
- (2010) Social Media's Role in Support for Medical Resident Communication Networks and Pediatric Asthma Patient Care; Directed Research under Dr. Carol Bryant, Department of Community & Family Health, USF.  
Role: Data Collection
- (2009) Health Provider Perceptions of Migrants and Implications for Migrant Health; for Dr. Heide Castañeda's Migrant Health course, Department of Anthropology, USF.  
Role: Co-Investigator
- (2008) Food Consumption and Nutrition among First Year College Students; for Dr. Roberta Baer's Nutritional Anthropology course, Department of Anthropology, USF.  
Role: Co-Investigator

- (2008) Adult Film Performers and HIV/AIDS Risk, Tampa, FL; for Dr. Nancy Romero-Daza's Anthropology of HIV/AIDS course, Department of Anthropology, USF.  
Role: Co-Investigator
- (2006) Cultural Constructions of the Body Embedded in the Body Worlds Exhibit; in collaboration with Dr. Amy Speier, Department of Anthropology, Lawrence University.  
Role: Co-Investigator
- (2004) Gendered Constructions in Maasai Traditional Medicine, Tanzania; for Dr. Kristin Hallin's Field Methods course, ACM Study Abroad Program. Role: Principal Investigator
- (2004) Identity & Social Interactions among High School Students, Appleton, WI; for Dr. Eileen Walsh's Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology course, Department of Anthropology, Lawrence University.  
Role: Principal Investigator

## **SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS**

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### Research Skills & Methodologies:

- Literature Reviews
- Ethnographic Field Methods & Writing
- Participant Observation
- Interviewing (structured, semi-structured, unstructured, focus groups)
- Surveys/Questionnaires
- Qualitative and Quantitative Data Analysis
- Participatory Research Methods
- Visual Methods (photovoice, pile sorting)

### Computer Skills & Software:

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)
- Internet Use and Research
- Web-based Survey Programs (Qualtrics, Survey Monkey)
- SPSS Statistical Software
- ATLAS Ti Qualitative Analytical Software