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## EDUCATION

### **Michigan State University – East Lansing, MI**

- **Ph.D., Anthropology, August 2011**
- Dissertation: “Raising Malawi’s Children: AIDS Orphans and a Politics of Compassion”
- Committee Chair: Anne Ferguson, Department of Anthropology

### **University of South Florida – Tampa, FL**

- **M.A., Applied Anthropology, December 2005**
- Thesis: “Cuidate: Tourism, Drugs, Sex and HIV among Young People in Monteverde, Costa Rica”
- Committee Chairs (co-chairs): Dr. Linda Whiteford, Department of Anthropology  
Dr. Nancy Romero-Daza, Department of Anthropology

### **University of South Florida – Tampa, FL**

- **M.P.H., Global Health, December 2005**

### **Vanderbilt University - Nashville, TN**

- **B.A., Anthropology, May 1999**

## EMPLOYMENT

### **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Fall 2016-present  
Spring 2015, 2016 – Lecturer, Department of Anthropology

### **Michigan State University**

Fall 2013 – Spring 2015 Assistant Professor, James Madison College and Lyman Briggs College (joint appointment)

### **Michigan State University**

Visiting Assistant Professor, James Madison College, Fall 2011-present  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Fall 2011-Spring 2012  
Instructor, Department of Anthropology and Women’s Studies, Spring 2011

### **Appalachian State University**

Visiting Instructor, Fall 2010

### **Michigan State University**

Instructor, Spring 2009, Spring 2010  
Teaching Assistant, Fall 2009

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**Michigan State University Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, August 2010 – December 2010 (\$6,000)

**Residential College of the Arts and Humanities Fellowship**, August 2009 – May 2010 (\$7,500)

**Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad**, January 2008 (\$24,769)

### **U.S. Department of Education Title IV Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships**

Awarded through the Center for Advanced Study of International Development / Women and International Development (Chichewa): Academic Year 2007-2008 (\$13,500 for half year), Academic Year 2006-2007 (\$27,000), Academic Year 2005-2006 (\$27,000), and Summer 2005 (\$6,500)

### **Michigan State University – International Studies and Programs Predissertation Research Fellowship**

International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University  
Funded pre-dissertation fieldwork in Malawi, Summer 2006 (\$5,000)

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Freidus, Andrea

2016 Unanticipated Outcomes of Voluntourism among Malawi's Orphans. *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*. DOI:10.1080/09669582.2016.1263308.

Freidus, Andrea

2010 Raising Malawi's Children: Unanticipated Outcomes Associated with Institutionalized Care. *Children and Society* 24(4): 293-303.

Freidus, Andrea

2010 "Saving" Malawi: FAITHFUL responses to orphans and vulnerable children  
*North American Practicing Anthropology Bulletin* 33(1): 50-67.

Freidus, Andrea and Nancy Romero-Daza

2009 The space between: globalization, liminal spaces, and personal relations in rural Costa Rica, *Gender, Place, and Culture: A feminist geography journal* 16(6): 683-702.

Romero-Daza, Nancy and Andrea Freidus

2008 Female Tourists, Casual Sex, and HIV Risk in Costa Rica, *Qualitative Sociology* 31 (2) pp.169-187.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS, Peer Reviewed**

Freidus, Andrea

2016 Blaming Their Mothers: Policing Childhood through The Learning Channel's Toddlers in Tiaras. In *Cultural Anthropology: Contemporary, Public and Critical Readings*, Keri Vacant Brondo,

ed. Pgs.453-461. Oxford University Press: New York.

Freidus, Andrea

2013 “Malawi’s Orphans: Children’s Rights in Relation to Humanitarianism, Compassion, and Childcare.” In *Worlds of Human Rights: Ambiguities of Rights Claiming in Africa*, A. Hellum, B. Derman, and K. Sandvik, eds. Pgs. 303-332. Brill Publishing: Boston, MA.

Freidus, Andrea and Anne Ferguson

2013 “Malawi Orphans: The Role of Transnational Humanitarian Organizations.” In *Vulnerable Children: Global Challenges in Education, Health, Well-being, and Child Rights*. D. Johnson, D. Agbenyiga, and B. Hitchcock, eds. Pgs. 203-213. Springer Press

Freidus, Andrea and Linda Whiteford

2009 *Opening Up Mic Night: Using Karaoke to Teach Gender*. In *Strategies in Teaching Anthropology*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, P. Rice and D. W. McCurdy, eds. Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

## **TECHNICAL REPORTS**

Tobin, G. with Linda Whiteford and Carmen Laspina (2005) *Perception, Social Support and Chronic Exposure to Hazards: Human Health and Community Well-being*. Technical Report written with Heather M.Bell, Andrea Freidus, and Hugo Yepes.

Tobin, G.A., Bell, H.M., Hughey, E.P., Montz, B.E., Everist, M.P., Kelsey, C., Miller, R., Whiteford L.M., with Blackman, V., Freidus, A., Hill, B., Jafarova, L. and Perett A. (2005) *Hurricane Charley - The Aftermath: Impacts and Responses*. Technical Report in the Department of Geography, University of South Florida. pp. 223. (Paper and CD).

Romero-Daza, N, and A. Freidus (2004) *Community Perceptions of Sexually Transmitted Infections in Monteverde, Costa Rica*. Technical Report submitted to the Globalization and Research Center, University of South Florida.

## **PUBLICATIONS, OTHER**

Freidus, Andrea

2007 Book Review, Elder, Glen’s *Hostel’s Sexuality and the Apartheid Legacy: Malevolent Geographies* (Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press). *Women and International Development Bulletin*, Michigan State University. Fall 2007, Vol. 23, Issue 1.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

- Applied Anthropology (UNCC)
- Global Public Health (James Madison College, MSU)
- Health and Human Rights (UNCC, Lyman Briggs College, MSU)
- Comparative Cultures and Politics (James Madison College, MSU)
- Comparative Cultures and Politics in Transnational Perspective (James Madison College, MSU)

- Development in Southern Africa (UNCC)
- Introduction to Public Affairs II: Globalization and Democracy (James Madison College, MSU)
- Social and Cultural Analysis (A History of Anthropological Theory and Methods, Anthropology Department, MSU)
- Women and Health: International and Anthropological Perspectives (Anthropology Department, MSU)
- Comparative Child Welfare (James Madison College, senior seminar)
- Women and Change in Developing Countries (Women's Studies Program, MSU)
- Understanding Culture (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology Department, Appalachian State University)
- Gender Relations in Comparative Perspective (Anthropology Department, MSU)

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE/AFFILIATIONS**

**Faculty Council, UNC Charlotte (Spring 2017-present)**

**The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) – core and consulting faculty (MSU 2013 – 2015)**

**Peace and Justice Undergraduate Specialization – core and consulting faculty (MSU 2013-2015)**

**Social Science Research Council, Graduate Student Representative (MSU Fall 2009-Spring 2010)**

**MSU Undergraduate Research Conference: Gender, Women, and Sexuality, advisor and reviewer (Spring 2011)**

**Africanist Graduate Student Conference, MSU. Invited Discussant. (Oct 20, 2012)**

## **PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Panel Discussant:**

Beyond Homo Economicus: The Overlooked Subjectivities of Neoliberalism (2014). Panel Discussant at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association, Washington DC, Friday, December 5.

### **Panels Chaired:**

Anthropological Engagements with Post-Disaster Development: Markets, Voluntourism, Humanitarianism and the Will to Aide (2013) Panel Chaired at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. Chicago, IL, November 21, 2013.

Medical Citizenship as Contested Domain (2013) Panel Chaired at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO, March 19-23.

On the Edge of Disaster: Tsunami, Hurricanes and other Natural Disasters (2006) Panel Chaired at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Vancouver, British Columbia Saturday, April 1, 2006.

Catalysts and Calamities: Transnational Organizations and Community Dynamics in Developing

Countries (2007) Panel Chaired at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Tampa, Florida, Saturday, March 31, 2007.

**Papers AND Posters Presented:**

Freidus, A (2016) Retirement Tribute for Dr. Anne Ferguson. Paper Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, MN, Nov 16-20, 2016.

Freidus, A. with E. Guay (2013) Humanitarianism, Morality, and Human Rights? An analysis of U.S. responses to Malawian orphans and patients. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. Chicago, IL, November 21, 2013.

Freidus, A. (2013) Madonna and Malawi's Orphans: The New Face of Development? Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, CO, March 20, 2013.

Guay, E with A Freidus (2013) Humanitarianism at the Interface of Rights and Virtue. Paper Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, CO, March 21, 2013.

Freidus, A. (2012) Children and Pageantry: Gendered and Childhood Constructions in Toddlers in Tiaras. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. San Francisco, CA, November 12-18, 2012

Freidus, A. and E Guay (2012) An Internal Brain Drain: The Urbanization of Malawi's Most Qualified Health Personnel. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Medical Anthropology. Baltimore, Maryland, March 27-31, 2012.

E. Guay and A. Freidus (2012) Healing the World: Actions and Conceptions of American Medical Students in Malawi. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Medical Anthropology. Baltimore, Maryland, March 27-31, 2012.

Freidus, A. (2011) "Do-it-Yourself" Foreign Aid: De-professionalized Responses to Malawi's Orphans. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Seattle, Washington, March 29 – April 2, 2011.

Freidus, A. (2010) Supporting Malawi's Orphans: Universalized and Universalizing Narratives Focused on Children. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. New Orleans, LA, November 17 - 21, 2010.

Freidus, A. and C. Schmidt (2010) From Lansing to Kathmandu: Student Engagement with Marginalized and Orphaned Children at Home and Abroad. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Merida, Mexico, March 24 – 27, 2010.

Eibl, M. and A. Freidus (2010) Governing through Healthcare? The impact of NGOs in Africa. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Merida, Mexico, March 24 – 27, 2010.

Freidus, A. with N. Romero-Daza and D. Himmelgreen (2010) Love Triangle: Tourism, Sex, and Risk in Rural Costa Rica. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied

Anthropology Conference. Merida, Mexico, March 24 – 27, 2010.

Freidus, A. (2009) VolunTOURing Malawi: Summertime Explorations into Orphans, AIDS, and Elephants. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009.

Ferguson, A. and A. Freidus (2009) “Saving” Malawi: FAITHFUL Responses to Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009.

Freidus, A. (2009) VolunTOURing Malawi: Summertime Explorations into Orphans, AIDS, and Elephants. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009.

Freidus, A. and A. Ferguson (2008) Friction over Malawi’s “left children”: Exploring donor desire, community response, and orphan outcomes. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the African Studies Association. Chicago, IL November 13 to November, 16, 2008.

Ferguson, A. and A. Freidus (2008) Constructing Orphan Identities: The Role of Transnational Organizations in Malawi. Paper presented at the Conference on the Undependent Childhood in Global Perspective. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, April 3 to April 4, 2008.

Ferguson, A. and A. Freidus (2007) Orphan Care in Malawi: Examining the Transnational Images and Discourses of Humanitarianism. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. Washington DC, November 28 – December 2, 2007.

Freidus, A. and N. Romero-Daza (2007) Wear Your Rubbers!: HIV Prevention Campaigns in Monteverde, Costa Rica. Paper Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Tampa, Florida, March 31, 2007.

Ferguson, A. and A. Freidus (2007) Privatizing Human Rights: Health and Nutrition for Malawi’s Orphaned Children. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Tampa, FL, March 31, 2007.

Freidus, A. and N. Romero- Daza (2006) Constructing the “Other”: How the Public/Private Space Dichotomy Structures Relations in Rural Costa Rica. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Geography Conference. Tampa, FL October 11 to October 14, 2006.

Bell, H. and A. Freidus (2006) Methodological Advances: Understanding the Volcano Hazard through Geography and Anthropology. Poster presented at the Cities on Volcanoes Conference. Quito, Ecuador, January 23 to 27, 2006.

Freidus A. with L. Whiteford and C. Workman (2006). “We’re Victims, Not Criminals”: Governmental Response And Policy Implications For Hurricane Relief Efforts After Charley And Katrina. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Association. Vancouver, British Columbia March 28 to April 2, 2006.

Freidus, A. and N. Romero-Daza (2005) Young, Independent, and at Risk: American Women and the Risk for HIV Infection in Rural Costa Rica. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. Washington, DC November 30 to December 3, 2005.

Freidus, A. with C. Workman and L. Whiteford (2005) “Why pout about it? I mean, you could have died”: Ethnographic insight into FEMA relocation in South Florida. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Applied Geography Conference. Washington, DC, November 2 to 5, 2005

Whiteford, L. with C. Workman and A. Freidus (2005) Alligators, Basketball, and Yea – it’s Pretty Good: Hurricane Charley and the FEMA Relocation. Paper presented at the Florida Society of Geographers. Orlando, FL, February 4 to 6, 2005

**Roundtable Discussions:**

Collaborative Solutions to Global Insecurities: Challenges, Opportunities, and Potential (Roundtable) Chaired by Bird, S. Elizabeth. (USF). Roundtable discussion at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Tampa, FL March 30, 2007.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Anthropological Association  
Society for Applied Anthropology  
Society for Medical Anthropology

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

Chichewa (Advanced)  
Spanish (Fluent)