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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- Expected May 2022 **PhD, Anthropology**
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Dissertation: “Rules of Recognition: Indigenous Encounters with Society and the State,” Defended December 17, 2021
- May 2017 **Graduate Certificate in Cultural Landscape Management**
University of Massachusetts Amherst, GPA 4.0
- May 2015 **MA with Distinction, Anthropology**
University of Massachusetts Amherst, GPA 4.0
- May 2011 **Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Archaeology**
Minors in Art and Hispanic Studies; Class rank 2/500; GPA 4.113
Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

VISITING RESEARCHER APPOINTMENTS

- January–August 2019 **Visiting Researcher, Centre for Sami Studies**
UiT the Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway
- January–June 2018 **Visiting Researcher, Social Anthropology Institute**
University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway
- January–April 2016 **Visiting Researcher, Centre for Sami Studies**
UiT the Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway
- Academic Year 2011–2012 **Fulbright Visiting Researcher, Department of Archaeology**
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada

PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

Critical Indigenous studies; anthropology of policy; Indigenous peoples in liberal multicultural societies (focus on North America and Scandinavia), law & sovereignty; community-engaged research; ethics and intellectual property, esp. regarding Indigenous knowledges and cultural patrimony; ethnographic methods; qualitative data analysis; digital video and participatory film

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Kowsz, Erica

- 2015 Dominant Culture and Making Heritage Happen: the Building of an Interpretive Trail in British Columbia’s Slocan Valley. *Journal of Community Archaeology and Heritage*. 2(2):1-18.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, and AWARDS (selected)

(total: \$296,934)

External

2020	Mellon-CES Dissertation Completion Fellowship One-year writing fellowship awarded by the Council for European Studies (CES)	\$27,500
2018	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide 8-month fellowship from the US NSF & Norwegian Research Council (2 nd award)	\$35,600
2018	Fulbright Norway , finalist (no monetary award)	---
2017	NSF GROW , 6-month fellowship for international exchange, funded by the NSF and the Norwegian Research Council (1 st GROW award)	\$20,300
2015	Fulbright Norway , finalist (no monetary award)	---
2014	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship , award #1451512	\$102,000
2013	National Science Foundation GRFP Honorable mention	---
2013	Five College Film Festival , Winner of the Graduate Division	\$50
2012	Fulbright Canada Professional Development Grant (for conference travel)	\$800
2011	Fulbright Award for independent research in Canada	\$15,000

Internal

2019	Anthropology Department Dissertation Writing Fellowship, UMass Amherst	\$10,000
2019	Dissertation Fellowship, Center for Research on Families, UMass Amherst Awarded March 2018, fellowship for 2019-2020 academic year	\$5,000
2019	NSF Learning Community Professional Development Individual Grant Office of Professional Development, Graduate School at UMass Amherst	\$1000
2017	NSF Learning Community Professional Development Individual Grant , Office of Professional Development, Graduate School at UMass Amherst	\$1,000
2017	Department of Anthropology Travel Grant , UMass Amherst	\$300
2017	Cultural Heritage in European Societies and Spaces (CHESS) travel grant	\$5,000
2016	Department of Anthropology Travel Grant , UMass Amherst	\$400
	NSF Learning Community Professional Development Group Grant , Office of Professional Development, Graduate School at UMass Amherst	\$1,134
2016	Dissertation Fieldwork Grant , Graduate School, UMass Amherst Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$3,500
2015	Woodbury Award , for outstanding first paper at a national or int'l conference Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$500
2015	Cultural Heritage in European Societies and Spaces , field methods training Funded by NSF Grant #IIA-1261172 through UMass European Field Studies	\$8,000
2013	Department of Anthropology Travel Grant , UMass Amherst	\$300
2012	Graduate School Fellowship , University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$16,000
2011	Award for Student Travel , Kirkland Endowment, Hamilton College	\$250
2011	Class of 1979 Student Travel Award , Hamilton College	\$500
2011	Travel Award , Dean of Students, Hamilton College Academic Fund for Seniors, Hamilton College (for research expenses)	\$500
2011	Harold C. Bohn Prize in Anthropology , Hamilton College	\$600
2011	Elihu Root Fellowship (for graduate study), Hamilton College	\$6,000
2011	Beinecke Scholarship , for Graduate Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences	\$30,000
2009	Summer Research Fellowship, Levitt Center for Public Affairs	\$4,000
2009	Winslow Prize in Romance Languages , Hamilton College	\$1,200

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 **Rules of Recognition: Expectation, Perception, and Policy 1970s to Present in Norway and New England.** Presentation at Centre for Sami Studies Brown-Bag Seminar Series at UiT the Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway. February 8.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (selected)

Conference Panels Organized

- 2014 **Hegemony & Heritage Infrastructure: The Building of an Interpretive Trail in Southeastern British Columbia.** Paper presented at the Cultural Landscapes & Heritage Values, University of Massachusetts Amherst, May 14.

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2021 **Indigeneity as a Political Resource in Europe: Fieldnotes from Norway,** Racial Identities, Difference, and Exclusion, Council for European Studies 27th International Conference of Europeanists, Europe's Past, Present, and Future: Utopias and Dystopias, June 25, 2021 (moved online due to COVID-19).
- 2019 **Videographic Ease and Ethnographic Refusal: Video as Research Practice and Research Product,** Visual Ethnography of Cultural Heritage and Community Activism. Engaging Anthropology Conference, UMass Amherst, October 5, 2019.
- 2019 **'Toward Tomorrow' Today: Anthropology, Social Ecology, and Visionary Thought.** Workshop/Horizontal group discussion co-organized and co-facilitated with Eleanor Finley. Engaging Anthropology Conference, UMass Amherst, October 4, 2019.
- 2019 **Beyond the Past: Anthropology and Participatory Heritage.** Roundtable. Engaging Anthropology Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 4, 2019.
- 2018 **The Legislation of Identity and Indigeneity "Incorporated": Criteria and Effects,** Indigeneity Inc Arbeidsgruppen. Norsk Antropologisk Forening (NAF) Årskonferanse (Norwegian Anthropology Association Annual Conference), Tromsø, Norway, May 5.
- 2017 **Insider/outsider Indigenous Studies in Anthropology Roundtable: Where critical reflections matter.** Roundtable Panelist, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 17.
- 2017 **Rethinking Recognition in Europe and North America: The 1970s and 1980s in Norway and New England.** Presented at the 4th Annual Graduate Workshop on Comparative Historical Research, organized by the Council for European Studies' Network on the Historical Study of States and Regimes, Glasgow, Scotland, July 11.
- 2016 **State Recognition and Sami Self-Determination in Norway: Democracy, Pluralism, & Indigeneity in Late Liberalism.** Presented at CHESS/GRECO workshop, Social Justice and Changing Forms of Value at the University of Barcelona, January 12-15.

- 2015 **Research Relationships and Digital Mediation: Considering Fieldwork and Film**, Paper presented as part of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe Session: Reflections on Methods, Familiarity & Strangeness In The Fieldwork Encounter, November 21.
- 2014 **Heritage Happens Here: Divergent Contemporary Uses of Pit House Village Sites in British Columbia's Slocan Valley**. Poster presented at the 2014 Intellectual Property in Cultural Heritage (IPinCH) Fall Gathering in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- 2013 **Key Issues within NAGPRA: A Review of 20 years of Review Committee Meetings**. Report presented at 50th Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee Meeting, Saginaw, Michigan, November 7.

FILM & VIDEO, Produced & Directed

- 2016 ***Cultural Heritage in European Societies & Spaces (CHESS) Student Testimonials***. Series of six videos featuring students' research and experiences with this fieldwork methods training program <https://vimeo.com/album/4242169>
- 2013 ***A Journey Upstream: The Past and Presence of an 'Extinct' People (2013), 35 minutes***. A film about Indigenous activism, repatriation, and rights in North America. <https://vimeo.com/78530205>
- October 6, 2019 Screened at the Engaged Anthropology Conference Ethnographic Film Festival, UMass Amherst Integrated Learning Center.
- 2016-2017 Clips featured in the "Defending Sovereignty" Exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, Winnipeg, MB, Canada. <https://humanrights.ca/exhibit/rights-of-passage-canada-at-150>
- April 23, 2014 Won the Graduate Division of the 5 Colleges Film Festival 2014; screened at Amherst Cinema, Amherst, MA
- April 5, 2014 Selected to be Screened at the University of British Columbia Ethnographic Film Festival, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- October 23, 2013 Presented at Hamilton College Wellin Museum, Clinton, NY
- October 30, 2013 Presented at Josephine White Eagle Cultural Center (JWECC), UMass Amherst
- July 29, 2013 Presented to the Longhouse Community Center, Inchelium, WA
- July 30, 2013 Presented to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Business Council, Nespelem, WA and at the Longhouse Community Center Inchelium, WA
- 2010 **"Silent Stones of Inishark: Landscape Archaeology, and Memory," 8 minutes**
- April 10, 2010 Screened in the Society for American Archaeology 75th Anniversary 7.5 Minute Film Festival at the 2009 SAA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri

PUBLIC-FACING PUBLICATIONS

Kowsz, Erica

2019 “Indigenous peoples’ experiences of recognition: Studying across two contexts.” Erica Kowsz: Current Research. <https://ericakowsz.umasscreate.net/current-research/>

Kowsz, Erica

2019 «Anerkjennelse som urfolk: Erfaringer fra USA og Norge» Forskning.no (Norway’s national research blog) <https://bit.ly/2MWaYGG>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stand-Alone Teaching

ANTHRO 191: Meaning in Social Life (First Year Seminar) Fall 2021
Anthropology Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Teaching Assistantships

ANTHRO 205: Power and Inequality in the Contemporary U.S. (large lecture) Fall 2018
Anthropology Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

ANTHRO 364: Problems in Anthropology (writing intensive classroom course) Fall 2013, ‘14
Anthropology Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

ANTHRO 106: Culture Through Film (large lecture format) Spring 2014
Anthropology Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Hamilton College Archaeological Field School in Slocan Valley, BC, Canada Summer 2011
Anthropology Department, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

ARCH 106: Principles of Archaeology (TA for lab period) Fall 2010
Anthropology Department, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

Guest Lectures

2020 **History in the Present: Thinking Histories of Indigenous Displacement in 2020** for ANTHRO 205: Power and Inequality in the Contemporary US (Spring 2020, UMass Amherst), instructor of record Dr. Jennifer Sandler; Unit 4: Power over Nature, Narrative, and History, April 9, 2020. Online format, with film, lecture, and Q&A via Zoom (due to COVID-19 prevention measures in place at the time).

2019 **Hydroelectric Dams and State Recognition of Indigenous Peoples: Perspectives from Norway, Canada, and the U.S.** for POLISCI 796SE: Powering Development (Fall 2019), instructor of record Dr. Regine Spector; Week 4: Colonialism and modernization ideologies:

state power, cultural identity and political economic processes. Dickinson Hall, UMass Amherst, September 25, 2019

- 2018 **Native America: Symbols and Sovereignty** for ANTHRO 205: Power and Inequality in the Contemporary US (Fall 2018), instructor of record Dr. Jennifer Sandler; Unit 4: Power over Nature, Narrative, and History. Integrative Learning Center, UMass Amherst, November 7, 2018.

Research Methods Instruction

- 2019–2021 **Qualitative Methods Consultant**, Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), UMass Amherst
- Held weekly drop-in hours and additional appointments for one-on-one instruction in qualitative research methods and the use of QDA software (NVIVO & MAXQDA).
 - Held two workshops a semester for faculty, graduate students, and advanced undergraduates on qualitative research methods and qualitative data analysis software

Methods Workshops Designed and Facilitated:

2021 **Introduction to NVivo**, Graduate Program, Communications Department. November 2, 2021 (~5 participant, in person workshop)

2021 **Introduction to NVivo for PC**, Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), UMass Amherst. November 1. (Zoom workshop)

2021 **Introduction to NVivo**, Graduate Program, Department of Education, UMass Amherst. October 25, 2021. (~5 participants, online)

2021 **Introduction to NVivo for Mac**, Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), UMass Amherst. September 24. (20 participant, Zoom workshop)

2021 **NVivo for Mac Summer Intensive**, Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), July 20–22, co-taught with Eric Griffith (20 participant Zoom workshop)

2021 **NVivo Part II: Querying Coded Data**, Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), offered on Zoom, March 22, 2021 (20 participants, synchronous online)

2021 **Introduction to NVivo**, Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), UMass Amherst. March 8 and 15, 2021. (~15 participants, online workshop)

2021 **Introduction to NVivo**, Graduate Program, Department of Education, UMass Amherst. March 9, 2021. (~5 participants, online)

2020 **Introduction to NVivo**, Graduate Program, Department of Education, UMass Amherst. February 19, 2020. (~5 participants, in-person)

- 2020 **Participant Observation and Ethnographic Fieldnotes**, Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), UMass Amherst. Held online, April 8, 2020 due to COVID-19 closure of the campus. (~20 participants)
- 2020 **Coding and Qualitative Data Analysis in MAXQDA Workshop**, Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), UMass Amherst. February 19, 2020. (~15 participants)
- 2019 **MAXQDA: The Basics**. Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), Machmer Hall, UMass Amherst. November 20, 2019. (~20 participants)
- 2019 **Participant Observation and Ethnographic Fieldnotes**, Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), Machmer Hall, UMass Amherst, October 9, 2019. (~20 participants)
- 2017 **Thinking Qualitative Data Analysis Software at the Pre-field Research Design & Stage: Improving Data Inventory and Analysis Practices**. Co-presented with Evan Taylor. ANTHRO 660: European Anthropology I at UMass Amherst. (~10 participants)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE & CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

University Service & Student Leadership

Graduate Employee Union (GEO), University of Massachusetts Amherst

2012-2021 **Anthropology Department Union Steward**, elected representative to the Graduate Employee Union; member of Health and Safety Committee during COVID-19

2014-2020 **Rank and file member**

Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2019-2021 **Graduate Member of the Collections Committee**, participated in monthly meetings about ongoing collections matters, including major deaccessioning project, NAGRPA compliance and relationships with tribes, catalogue digitization, and development of a department collections policy

2012–2019 **Member of UMass Department of Anthropology Graduate Caucus**, regularly attended Graduate Caucus meetings and helped maintain institutional memory

2014–2015 **Co-Chair of UMass Department of Anthropology Graduate Caucus**, responsible for attending Executive Committee meetings in the department and setting the agenda for Graduate Student Caucus meetings and communication between grad students and faculty

2013–2014 **Vice-Chair of UMass Department of Anthropology Graduate Caucus**, helped set agenda and run meetings, produced meeting minutes, helped organize new graduate student office space in Munson Hall.

2013–2014 **701 Assistant, Department of Anthropology**, assisted in organization of departmental seminar series, including soliciting graduate student input into the seminar schedule, arranging transportation and lodging details for visiting speakers, organizing food and space for events

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP) Mentor

Program, Graduate School Office of Professional Development, UMass Amherst

2018-2020 **Workshop Facilitator**, designed and led an original workshop on time management in the fellowship application process specific to the NSF GRFP's annual deadlines

2014-2020 **Mentor**, held weekly individual consultations with graduate and undergraduate applicants where I advised them on brainstorming, writing, revision, and advisor-relationship management

2014-2017 **Panelist**, presented each fall on about an aspect of the application writing process

Heritage & Society, a multidisciplinary academic journal of the Center for Heritage & Society, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2013–2016 **Editorial Administrator for** Primary correspondence for authors, co-editors (located in France and the U.S.), peer reviewers, publisher, and ~60 authors from all over the world. Copyedited manuscripts and managed submission and review of manuscripts in Bepress/Scholarworks system.

UMass Research Centers & Institutes, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research & Engagement, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2015 **Summer Graduate Assistant**. Designed a comprehensive review and reporting system for the UMass Amherst's 63 research centers and institutes utilizing Bepress software service. Completed a comparative advantage study for several email communications software subscription services (Emma, Mail Chimp, Constant Contact), including informational interviews with staff in offices already using one of these services elsewhere on campus

Off-campus Service and Leadership

Coming Home (a non-profit organization focused on Substance abuse prevention in Native American communities in Massachusetts, led by intertribal team)

2016 **Video Production and Social Media Summer Intern**, worked with Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Native American community leaders to develop culturally appropriate social media strategy, visual and video content to advance substance abuse prevention mission

Intellectual Property In Cultural Heritage (IPinCH), Simon Fraser University

2013–2015 [Graduate Associate](#), member of international project network. Volunteer at 2013 Fall Gathering, Vancouver, BC.

Engaged Anthropology Laboratory at UMass Amherst

2013–2014 **Volunteer**, assisted in Vimeo channel set-up for video outreach

CONSULTANCIES

2016–2017 **Canadian Museum of Human Rights**, Winnipeg, MB, Canada

COLLECTIONS & DATABASE MANAGEMENT WORK

2019–2021 **Archaeological Labs Coordinator and Collections Deaccessioning Assistant**,
Department of Anthropology

- Assisted deaccessioning coordinator in start to finish process for transferring UMass collections to be sent to local historical societies, schools, state archaeological institutions, and non-profits for educational use and long-term curation.
- Wrote proposed draft for department deaccessioning policy
- Assisted in coordination of recipient status as approved curation facility with the State of Massachusetts.
- Maintained dialog with campus Repatriation Coordinator about the possible deaccessioning of NAGPRA-sensitive collection and the arrangement of the curation facilities as a possible location for future NAGPRA consultations with visiting tribal representatives.

SOFTWARE COMPETENCIES

General: Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook); Keynote; Google Apps; Box

Qualitative Data Analysis: MAXQDA; NVivo; ESRI ArcGIS; Aeon Timeline 2

Video and Audio: Adobe Illustrator, & Premiere; Audacity; Final Cut Pro; Vimeo; iMovie

Design, Visual, and Storytelling: Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator; ERSI Storymaps

Communications & Web: Mail Chimp, Constant Contact, Emma; Wordpress

Organization and Task Management: Trello; Evernote

Student advising/mentoring:

- Career platforms: Handshake, LinkedIn, Glassdoor
- Online fellowship application and reporting systems: Embark, NSF Fastlane

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA), Society for the Anthropology of North America (SANA), Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA), National Association of Fellowships Advisors (NAFA)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

English: native speaker

Spanish: advanced reading and intermediate speaking and writing

Norwegian: intermediate – B2 level CEFRL; able to use Norwegian skills in PhD research (media and policy analysis, semi-structured interviewing)