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### **EDUCATION**

**University of South Florida**, Tampa, FL  
Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology, May 2013

Dissertation: *“They Come, but They Don’t Spend as Much Money”: Livelihoods, Dietary Diversity, Food Security, and Nutritional Status in Two Roatán Communities in the Wake of Global Crises in Food Prices and Finance*

**University of South Carolina**, Columbia, SC  
Master of Arts, Anthropology, August 2006.

Thesis: *The Political Ecology of Economic and Nutritional Change in a Bay Island Community*

**Wake Forest University**, Winston-Salem, NC  
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, May 1999.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

#### **Awards**

2003 Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior performance of my duties as an Infantry Officer with 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division.

#### **Honors**

1997-1999 Dean’s List Wake Forest University

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

**CINDRR/JAMES A. HALEY VETERANS HOSPITAL**, Tampa, FL  
*Health Services Research and Development Post-doctoral Fellow*. June 2016-Present. The purpose of this fellowship is to develop a career development award (CDA) or other VA grant application to initiate a program of research as an independent investigator.

*Health Science Specialist*, December 2014-June 2016. This position included duties project management and recruitment for studies and projects undertaken by the center. Duties included day to day management activities, recruitment, and conducting structured interviews over the telephone for the PTSD Quality of Life Study (Luther, PI).

- Instrumental in recruiting over 403 respondents across three sites for PTSD QOL, with at least 187 completions for the 1<sup>st</sup> round survey and 121 completions for 2<sup>nd</sup> round survey
- Completed annotations on over 250 medical notes, facilitating the training of the NLP model for the pressure ulcer risk study
- Short fuse printing and procurement of HSR&D poster for Farm Project, a poster that garnered great interest at the conference
- Made succinct, yet detailed notes on respondent files regarding follow-up dates, comments and concerns of respondents, and notations on the need for a phone interview in PTSD QOL Access database
- Edited new and sustainment proposals for ORH projects FY16
- Drafted qualitative methodology section for VCA Evaluation Proposal
- Participated in QUERI proposal work group, conceptualized and suggested two topical groupings of potential projects to CINDRR co-director
- Presented a paper at The Qualitative Report conference in January of 2016
- Presented a poster to annual meeting of the Florida Academy of Science in March of 2016

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**, Tampa, FL

*Ph.D. Dissertation Project*, March 2010-May 2013. This project was the culminating event for the completion of the doctorate of philosophy (Ph.D.) program in applied anthropology at USF. I designed and executed this project at every stage including initial research design, grant proposals, data collection in developing nation field conditions, qualitative and quantitative data analysis, and writing and successfully defending a 500+ page dissertation.

- Wrote a National Science Foundation Grant Proposal with a “competitive, medium” rating that was recommended for funding by the grant review panel.
- Collected detailed narrative data, survey data, and anthropometric measurement data on 81 respondents, creating a corpus of data essential to several statistical analytical procedures including multiple linear regressions, Chi-square analysis and repeated observations procedures such as paired t-tests and repeated measures analysis of variance (rANOVA). Data set also crucial to the creation of rich narratives of daily life that vividly corroborated the points shown in quantitative results.
- Wrote a comprehensive dissertation linking the state of household livelihoods, dietary adequacy, food security, and a high prevalence of obesity in two research communities in the wake of recent global crises in finance and staple food price inflation. This dissertation produced

concrete recommendations for improving stability and amount of income generated and for improving dietary diversity and food security in the two communities.

*Graduate Assistant: Instructor and Teaching Assistant, August 2007-December 2010.* As a graduate assistant at USF, I taught independent courses of 60 students and up to four 25 student discussion sections of larger introduction to anthropology courses.

- Taught students in groups of 25-60, with up to 100 students a semester, broad concepts in anthropology utilizing lecture and small group discussion formats. Consistent “excellent” rating by direct supervisor. Student comment, “He’s a really great teacher; makes concepts very clear!”
- Composed, proctored, and graded over 200 of exams in multiple choice, short answer and essay format.
- Created innovative and topical group projects that linked topics in current events to anthropological concepts presented in the course, deepening and broadening students understanding of both the events and the concepts.
- Mentored 150 students individually. Ensured complete comprehension of course material.
- Integrated anthropological concepts into students’ understanding of everyday life through concrete examples presented in films, articles, and anecdotes from own research and other life experience.

**ANTHRO MOVERS, Tampa, FL**

*Founder/Owner, March 2010-April 2011*– Founded and operated a small moving business, performing residential and business moves with superior customer service and care for household and office goods.

- Created strong USF campus market niche by researching competitors and knowing their niches and through direct marketing with flyers and list-serves.
- Garnered consistent praise, extra compensation, and repeat business from customers.
- Handled all administrative tasks including equipment purchase or rental, truck rental, pricing, job scheduling, and billing.
- Led and participated in every moving job.
- Recruited and maintained a roster of student part-time movers to ensure service on the date and time requested. Ensured prompt payment and jobsite safety for these helpers.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia, SC**

*Graduate Assistant, 2004-2006* – Assisted Department of Anthropology Professors in their research and as a teaching assistant (TA) for introductory courses.

*Teaching Assistant (Spring 2005-Spring 2006)*

- Taught cultural anthropology to groups of up to 90 students, split into three sections, utilizing a small group discussion format. This format enabled more attention per student and deeper exploration of material presented in larger lecture course.
- Composed, assigned, and graded responses for short essay questions on a weekly basis, teaching students the importance of critical thinking skills and concise, effective written communication.
- Mentored up to 30 students individually, ensuring complete comprehension of course material and improving overall academic performance.

*Research Assistant (Fall 2004)*

- Conducted extensive internet and library searches pursuant to professional research in a broad array of topics in linguistic and cultural anthropology, enabling two professors to concentrate on data analysis and theoretical aspects of their research
- Organized research files to ensure maximum efficiency and utility for researcher.

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, MCBH, Kaneohe Bay, HI**

*First Lieutenant, Infantry Officer, Platoon Commander/Training Officer, 2000-2004* – During my tour in the Marine Corps, I served in an infantry battalion as both a platoon commander for a platoon of up to 40 Marines and as a training officer in the operations section for an entire battalion of up to 900 Marines.

- Awarded the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal by the Commanding Officer for overall superior performance of my duties during my tour.
- Led platoon through a myriad of difficult training scenarios resulting in optimal combat readiness prior to and during a strategic deployment to the Western Pacific.
- Led platoon during a post 9/11 company sized base security operation, allowing important logistical support units to safely continue their work during a turbulent period.
- Wrote letters of instruction, operations orders, and memoranda for dissemination to battalion of 900, directing training and administrative tasks of subordinate units per best practices and the battalion commander's intent.
- Coordinated access to appropriate training areas and equipment for all training evolutions, ensuring optimal effectiveness of training for the battalion and its subordinate units.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Brown, R.M. (2017). "The Tourists Still Come, but They Don't Buy as Much as Before": Vulnerability and Resilience in Two Bay Island Communities in the Wake of the Global Financial Crisis. *The Qualitative Report* 22 (4).

Brown, R. M. (2013). "Nobody Came Down": The Effect of the Financial Crisis on Tourism in two Roatán Communities. *Student Anthropologist* 3(2), 43-60.

### **Technical Reports**

Monte Verde Institute. (2008). *The "Culture of Water" in the Monteverde Zone: Perceptions of Water Use, Availability, and Behaviors by Households and Hotels*. Monteverde, Costa Rica: Brown, R. M., King, R., Papa J., Seillac, J., & Syvertsen, J.

### **Book Chapters**

Brown, R.M. (2017). Department of Defense. In *Encyclopedia of Neuropsychology*. Jeffrey Kretzmer, Ed.

Brown, R.M. (2017). Types of Military Discharge. In *Encyclopedia of Neuropsychology*. Jeffrey Kretzmer, Ed.

Brown, R.M. (2017). Deployment. In *Encyclopedia of Neuropsychology*. Jeffrey Kretzmer, Ed.

Brown, R.M. (2017). Military Occupational Status. In *Encyclopedia of Neuropsychology*. Jeffrey Kretzmer, Ed.

### **Published Abstracts**

Brown, R.M., Nakase-Richardson, R., Tang, X., Dreer, L., Driver, S., Johnson-Greene, D., Martin, A.M., McKenzie-Hartman, T., Pugh, M.J., Scott, S., Shea, T., Sheng, T., and Silva, M.A. (2017). Incidence and trajectory of obesity in veterans and service members with TBI: A VA TBI Model Systems study. *International Brain Injury Association Annual Congress Proceedings*.

Brown, R.M. (2017). "The Tourists Still Come, but They Don't Buy as Much as Before": Vulnerability and Resilience in Two Bay Island Communities in the Wake of the Global Financial Crisis. *The Qualitative Report Eighth Annual Conference Proceedings*.

Brown, R.M. (2017). Woodcutter, Fisherman, Clown: Participant Observation as Reciprocity and Belonging Realized Imperfectly. *The Qualitative Report Eight Annual Conference Proceedings*.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

Brown, R.M., Nakase-Richardson, R., Tang, X., et al. (Under Review). Trajectory of Body Mass Index Within the First Year Post-Injury: A VA Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model System Study.

Panaite, V., Brown, R., Henry, M., Garcia, A., Powell-Cope, G., Vanderploeg, R.D., Belanger, H. (under review). Postdeployment mental health screening: A systematic review of current evidence and future directions.

Brown, R.M., Nakase-Richardson, R., Tang, X., et al. (In Preparation). Sleep Apnea and BMI Trajectory: A VA Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model Systems Study.

Brown, R. M. (In Preparation). Buses and Bom-boms: Obesity in Broader Socio-cultural Context in Two Bay Island Communities.

Brown, R. M. (In Preparation). "They Come, but They Don't Spend as Much Money": Making a Living on Roatán After Two Global Crises.

### **PAPERS AND POSTERS PRESENTED**

2017 "Sleep Apnea and BMI Trajectory: A VA TBI Model Systems Study." Poster Presented at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, October

2017 "Incidence and Trajectory of Obesity in Veterans and Service Members with TBI: a VA TBI Model Systems Study" Poster Presented at VA Research Day, Tampa, FL, May and at Military Health System Research Symposium, Kissimmee, FL, August

2017 "Incidence and Trajectory of Obesity in Veterans and Service Members with TBI: a VA TBI Model Systems Study" Presented at the International Brain Injury Association 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Brain Injury, New Orleans, LA, March

2017 "'The Tourists Still Come, but They Don't Buy as Much as Before': Vulnerability and Resilience in Two Bay Island Communities in the Wake of the Global Financial Crisis" Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Qualitative Report (TQR) Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL, January

2017 “Woodcutter, Fisherman, Clown: Participant Observation as Reciprocity and Belonging Realized Imperfectly” Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Qualitative Report (TQR) Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL, January

2016 ““In Some Ways It’s Better, in Some Ways It’s Worse”: on Vulnerability, Food access, and Implications for Health” Poster presented the Florida Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, March

2016 “Playing Well with Others: the Rise of Transdisciplinary Qualitative Research” Presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Qualitative Report (TQR) Conference, Fort. Lauderdale, FL, January

2013 ““Nobody Came Down”: A Political Ecology of Tourism and Food after the Global Crises in Food Prices and Finance” Presented at the Graduate Association of Political Scientists Global Governance and Sustainable Communities Interdisciplinary Conference, Tampa, FL, April

2013 ““They Come but They Don’t Spend as Much Money”: Tourism and Food Access in Two Roatán Communities after the Financial Crisis” Presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, March

2012 ““Nobody Came down’: A Political Ecology of Tourism and Food after the Global Crises in Food and Finance” Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November

2008 “Tourism, Foodways, and Collective Identity in a Bay Island Community” Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November

2006 “One Summer in Punta Gorda” Presented at the South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference, Aiken, SC, April.

2005 “Legal Operations: A Case Study” Presented at the South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference, Columbia, SC, April.

## **SERVICE**

2017-Present Member, Session (Governing Body), Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church

2016-Present Chair, Transformational Ministry Team, Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church

2014 Member, Pastor Nominating Committee, Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church

2014 Focus Group Moderator, Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church

2013 Volunteer, Feeding Tampa Bay (Food Bank); Warehouse Work and Researching and Compiling Fact Sheet on Food Insecurity and Hunger

2013 Demographic Survey Committee, Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church  
2009-2010 Treasurer, Graduate Student Organization, USF Department of  
Anthropology  
2002 Battalion Safety Officer, United States Marine Corps  
2001-2003 Education Officer, Company and Battalion Level, United States  
Marine Corps

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

2017-Present Member, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine  
2017-Present Member, International Brain Injury Association  
2008-Present Member, American Anthropological Association  
2008-Present Member, Society for Applied Anthropology  
2007-2013 Member, Graduate Assistants United, University of South Florida  
2007-2013 Member, Graduate Student Organization, USF Department of  
Anthropology  
2001-2003 Member, Officers' Club, United States Marine Corps  
1997-1999 Member, Anthropology Club, Wake Forest University