

# Erica Prussing

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## EDUCATION

- 1999-2000 M.P.H., Epidemiology, University of California at Berkeley  
Advisor: William A. Satariano. MPH paper: *An Evaluation of Epidemiological Research Linking Bacterial Vaginosis to Preterm Birth: Evidence, Controversy, and Prospects*
- 1992-1999 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of California at San Diego  
Advisor: F.G. Bailey. Dissertation: *Warriors and Survivors: The Culture of Sobriety in Northern Cheyenne Women's Narratives*
- 1990-1992 M.A., Anthropology, University of California at San Diego  
Advisor: Fitz J.P. Poole. Thesis: *The Culture of Navajo Drinking: Changing Symbolic Aspects of Alcohol Use, 1880-1980*
- 1984-1988 B.A. magna cum laude, Psychobiology, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2004-present Assistant Professor, University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology (with 0% secondary appointment in the Department of Community & Behavioral Health)
- 2002-2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology (with 25% secondary appointment in the Department of Community & Behavioral Health)
- 2000-2002 Postdoctoral Fellow, Children's Hospital & Health Center, San Diego (Child & Adolescent Services Research Center and Center for Child Health Outcomes)
- Clinical Instructor, Department of Family & Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California at San Diego
- 2000-2001 Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of California at San Diego
- 2000 Research Assistant, Office of AIDS, California Department of Health Services (Prevention of Perinatal Transmission of HIV Project, funded by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)
- 1997-1998 Site Manager, 9-A-Day Clinical Trial, Cancer Prevention & Control Program, University of California at San Diego
- 1996-1997 Nutrition Technician, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health Services

- 1996 Data Analyst, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health Services
- 1994-1997 Instructor, Social Science, Chief Dull Knife College (Lame Deer, MT)

## **RESEARCH FUNDING**

Old Gold Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2005.

Ethnographic Project Funds (with Lawrence Palinkas, Vivian Resnick, and John Landsverk), Child and Adolescent Services Research Center (National Institute of Mental Health), Children's Hospital and Health Center, 2001-2002.

Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 1996.

Women's Health Research Award, Sorooptimist International of La Jolla, 1995.

Horton-Hallowell Fellowship for Graduate Study, Wellesley College, 1994.

Graduate Research Fellowship, University of California at San Diego, 1994.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Articles: Refereed***

Prussing, Erica

- 2008 Sobriety and Its Cultural Politics: An Ethnographer's Perspective on 'Culturally Appropriate' Addiction Services in Native North America." **Ethos** 36(3): 354-375.

Prussing, Erica

- 2007 Reconfiguring the empty center: Addiction, recovery, and identity in Native American women's narratives. **Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry** 31(4): 499-526.

Prussing, Erica, Elisa J. Sobo, Elizabeth Walker, and Paul S. Kurtin

- 2005 Between 'desperation' and disability rights: A narrative analysis of complementary/alternative medicine use by parents for children with Down syndrome. **Social Science & Medicine** 60(3):587-98.

Prussing, Erica, Elisa J. Sobo, Elizabeth Walker, Kimberly Dennis, and Paul S. Kurtin

- 2004 Communicating about complementary/alternative medicine: Perspectives from parents of children with Down syndrome. **Ambulatory Pediatrics** 4(6): 488-494.

Palinkas, Lawrence A., Erica Prussing, Vivian M. Reznik, and John A. Landsverk

- 2004 The San Diego East County school shootings: A qualitative study of community level posttraumatic stress. **Prehospital & Disaster Medicine** 19(1): 113-121.

Palinkas, Lawrence A., Erica Prussing, Vivian M. Reznik, and John A. Landsverk

- 2003 Youth violence prevention in the aftermath of the San Diego East County school shootings: A qualitative assessment of community explanatory models. **Ambulatory Pediatrics** 3(5):246-252.

Ruiz, Juan D., Fred Molitor, Erica Prussing, Laura Peck, and Paola Grasso

- 2002 Prenatal HIV counseling and testing in California: Women's experiences and health care providers' knowledge and practices. **AIDS Education and Prevention** 14(3): 190-95.

## ***Book Reviews***

Prussing, Erica

2006 Review of Religion and Healing in America, by Linda L. Barnes and Susan S. Sered (eds.). **American Anthropologist** 108(3): 559.

Prussing, Erica

2004 Review of Conceiving Risk, Bearing Responsibility: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the Diagnosis of Moral Disorder, by E. M. Armstrong. **Medical Anthropology Quarterly** 18(3):397-399.

## ***Research Reports***

Baker, Mary J., Anne Garland, Shirley Culver, and William Ganger et al.

2001 Children's Mental Health Services: Summary of Second Annual System of Care Report. County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency: San Diego, CA.

Prussing, Erica

1996 Gender and Cultural Context in the Pursuit of Sobriety: Perspectives from the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. [Prepared for the Northern Cheyenne Recovery Center, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health Services, and research participants]

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## ***Works Under Review/In Progress: Refereed***

Prussing, Erica (In progress) *White Man's Water: Gender and the Politics of Sobriety in a Native American Community*. [book manuscript under review at Rutgers University Press, Series in Medical Anthropology]

Prussing, Erica (In progress) "Contextualizing racial/ethnic disparities in preterm delivery: Towards a cultural epidemiology." For *Social Science & Medicine*

Prussing, Erica (In progress) "Epidemiological metaphors and infant mortality, 1910-2001: Public health science and the (re)production of social disparities." For *American Journal of Public Health*

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## **PRESENTATIONS: PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Prussing, Erica

2009 Decolonizing Epidemiology in Native North America. Paper accepted for presentation at the Native American & Indigenous Studies Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN May 21-23.

Prussing, Erica

2008 "Race" and Its Cultural Politics in U.S. Epidemiology. Paper presented at the "What's the Use of Race?" conference, Program in Science, Technology and Society, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, April 25.

Wahls Terry L., Laura R. Graham, Sarah Jewell, Erica Prussing, and Marcy Rosenbaum

2008 Women Physicians Perceive a Gender Based Differential in Expectations and Responsiveness of Women Nurses to Women Physicians. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for General Internal Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA, April 9.

Prussing, Erica

2007 Challenging Racializing Logics in U.S. Epidemiology: Insights from Science Studies. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C.,

November 28.

Prussing, Erica

2005 Sobriety, Identity, and the Cultural Politics of Alcohol Services in a Native North American Reservation Community. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., December 3.

Prussing, Erica

2004 Invited discussant, "Mistakes and Equality: Who has Access to ART and What Happens When Things Go Wrong?" Paper presented at *Creating Life? Examining the Legal, Ethical, and Medical Issues of Assisted Reproductive Technologies*, national symposium organized by the University of Iowa College of Law, *The Journal of Gender, Race & Justice*, October 9.

Prussing, Erica

2003 Incorporating Anthropology and Epidemiology: Transcending the Cartesian Body in Research on Preterm Delivery. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 22.

Prussing, Erica

2002 Epidemiological Metaphors: (Re)framing a Century of Research into Ethnic Disparities in Infant Mortality. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 24.

Reznik, Vivian M., Erica Prussing, John Landsverk, and Lawrence A. Palinkas

2002 The San Diego East County School Shootings: What Can We Learn about Violence Prevention Strategies? Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies, Baltimore, May 5.

Palinkas, Lawrence A., Erica Prussing, John Landsverk, and Vivian M. Reznik.

2002 The San Diego East County School Shootings: A Qualitative Study of Community Impacts. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies, Baltimore, May 7.

Prussing, Erica

2002 Cultural Assumptions in the Framing of Disease: Contextualizing Explanations for Preterm Delivery in American Public Health. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Atlanta, March 7.

Prussing Erica and Elisa J. Sobo

2002 Constructing Ends and Means in American Pediatric Care: A Cultural Analysis of Parent-Provider (Mis-)communication in the Management of Down Syndrome. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Atlanta, March 8.

Prussing, Erica

2001 Revisiting an Anthropological Convention: Accounting for Gender in 19th century 'Plains Indian' Warfare. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 28.

## TEACHING

### *Courses taught*

Medical Anthropology

Psychological Anthropology

Health of Indigenous Peoples

Anthropology of Women's Health

Feminist Perspectives on Biology & Culture      Native Peoples of North America

Introduction to the Study of Culture & Society      Anthropology & Contemporary World Problems

### *Students Supervised*

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Name	Department	Role	Outcome
<u>Ph.D Dissertations:</u>			
Brasile, Monica	Women's Studies	Member	In progress
Egan, Deirdre	Women's Studies	Member	In progress
Eldredge, Bryan	Anthropology	Member	Graduated '04
Freeze, Rixa	American Studies	Member	Graduated '08
Grant, Jenna	Anthropology	Chair	In progress
Haugeberg, Karissa	History	Member	In progress
Horner, Rachel	Anthropology	Chair	In progress
Hough, Carolyn	Anthropology	Member	Graduated '06
Kuhnel, Dennis	History	Member	In progress
Matza, Alexis	Anthropology	Member	In progress
Moffett, Jill	Women's Studies	Member	Graduated '07
Solimeo, Samantha	Anthropology	Member	Graduated '05
Timmer, Andria	Anthropology	Member	In progress
Uran, Chad	Anthropology	Member	In progress
Willett, Gudrun	Anthropology	Member	Graduated '07
Williams, Steven	American Studies	Member	In progress
<u>Master's Theses:</u>			
Brasile, Monica	Women's Studies	Member	Completed '05
Egan, Deirdre	Women's Studies	Member	Completed '05
Good, Meredith	International Studies	Member	Graduated '06
Grant, Jenna	Anthropology	Co-chair	Graduated '06
Horner, Rachel	Anthropology	Member	Graduated '03
Huong-Orsini, Lacey	Communication Studies	Member	Graduated '04
Lubker, Disa	Community & Behavioral Health	Member	Graduated '05
Moffett, Jill	Women's Studies	Member	Completed '04
Owczarzy, Jana	Anthropology	Chair	Graduated '06
Timmer, Andria	Anthropology	Member	Graduated '03
Schultz, Alan	Public Health/Epi	Member	Graduated '06
<u>B.A. Honor Theses:</u>			
Erhardt, Samantha	Anthropology	Supervisor	Completed '06
Luse, Tina	Anthropology	Supervisor	Completed '04
Narayan, Kavita	Anthropology & Women's Studies	Supervisor	Completed, '05
Paganus, Aradia	Anthropology	Supervisor	In progress
Polutnik, Chloe	Anthropology	Supervisor	In progress
Turnbull, Samantha	Anthropology	Supervisor	Completed, '07

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### *Committees: Campus & community*

- 2006-present Member, Steering Committee, American Indian & Native Studies Program
- 2004-present Member, Steering Committee, Global Health Studies Program
- 2004-present Feminist Anthropology Program faculty member
- 2000-2002 Scientific Advisory Committee member for the San Diego County Report Card (descriptive analysis of county public health indicators)

### *Guest lectures & presentations*

- Nov 29, 2007 “Feminist Medical Anthropology.” For *History of Feminist Anthropology* course.
- Sept 25, 2007 “Alcohol in Native North America: Moving beyond stereotypes.” For *American Indian & Native Studies Seminar* course.
- Mar 20, 2007 “Decolonizing Substance Abuse Programs: Cultural Politics in Native North America.” For *Global Health Seminar* course.
- Apr 12, 2006 “Health and the Politics of Health Care in Contemporary Native North America.” For *American Indian & Native Studies Seminar* course.
- Oct 4, 2005 “Ethnographic Research Methods: Rapid Assessment Procedures.” For *Qualitative Research for Public Health* course in the Department of Community & Behavioral Health.
- Jan 25, 2005 “Feminist Research Methods.” For *Evaluation II: Design and Methods* course in the Department of Community & Behavioral Health.
- Oct 29, 2004 “Defining & Assessing Post-partum Depression: An Anthropological Perspective.” Presented to staff & students of the Iowa Depression and Clinical Research Center, Department of Psychology.
- Oct 26, 2004 “From Social Determinants to Self-Determination: Drinking & Sobriety in a Native American Community.” For *Global Health Seminar* course.
- Sept 20, 2004 “Gender & Power/Knowledge Politics: Sobriety in a Native American Community.” For *Introduction to Women’s Studies* course.
- Apr 8, 2004 “Critical Perspectives on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) in Native North America.” For *American Indian & Native Studies Seminar* course.
- March 2002 “Culturally Appropriate Health Care: Needs & Possibilities in a Native American Community.” For *Case Studies in Health Care Programs: Poor and Underserved Populations* course, UCSD School of Medicine.
- Apr 2002 & “Life Cycles in Cultural Context: Clinical Implications.” For *Social and Behavioral*

- Apr 2001      *Sciences-Human Growth and Development* course, UCSD School of Medicine
- Sept 2001      “Cultural Symbols and Psychiatric Symptoms: Defining Adolescent Mental Health Needs in a Native American Community.” Grand Rounds presentation, Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, UCSD/Children’s Hospital, September 2001.

***National***

- 2002-present      Reviewer for articles submitted to *Social Science & Medicine; Medical Anthropology Quarterly; Science, Technology and Human Values; American Ethnologist*
- 2007      Organizer for session at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association: “Scientific Authority and Social Inequalities: Critical Engagements with Public Health and Biomedicine.”
- 2006      Reviewer/evaluator of papers and sessions submitted to the Society for Psychological Anthropology for the 2006 annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association
- 2006      Submitted (with Joseph P. Gone) synopsis of 2005 AAA panel to Society for Psychological Anthropology column in *Anthropology News*. Published in March issue.
- 2005      Chair and co-organizer, with Joseph P. Gone, for session at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association: “Defining & addressing mental health needs in Native North America: Perspectives on current cultural politics.”
- 2005      Judge of undergraduate papers submitted for Rivers Prize of the Society for Medical Anthropology.
- 2003      Co-organizer and co-chair, with Craig Janes, for session at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association: “Border crossings: Anthropological perspectives on the science and practice of public health.”
- 2001      Scientific Review Committee Member (ad-hoc), HCRT Study Section, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD

***Professional Memberships***

American Anthropological Association  
Society for Medical Anthropology  
American Public Health Association

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