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## EDUCATION

- 2015      PhD, Anthropology  
            **University of Chicago Division of Social Sciences**  
            Dissertation: “Intimate Speculation: The Flows and Futures of Private Agency  
            Adoption in the United States”
- 2013      Master of Arts, Clinical Social Work  
            **University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration**
- 2010      Master of Arts, Anthropology  
            **University of Chicago Division of Social Sciences**  
            Thesis: “Modern Families: Rewriting Notions of American Relatedness through  
            Transcultural Adoption”
- 2008      Bachelor of Arts, Anthropological Sciences, with Honors and Distinction  
            (Spanish Minor)  
            **Stanford University**

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2015-present      Postdoctoral Fellow  
                        Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African American Studies  
                        **University of Rochester (Rochester, New York)**

### RESEARCH AREAS

U.S. and Chicago  
American kinship (esp. adoption and new  
reproductive technologies)  
Futures, risk, and affect  
Intimacy and economy  
Social work expertise  
Race and class

### TEACHING AREAS

Kinship, relatedness, and reproduction  
Social inequality  
History of anthropology  
Anthropology of medicine and mental health  
Academic and professional writing  
Research design and proposal preparation  
Contemporary U.S. culture and history

## PUBLICATIONS

- Gray, Larry & Mariner, Kathryn A. 2013. Intercountry Adoption: Policies, Practices, and Outcomes by Judith L. Gibbons & Karen S. Rotabi (Eds.) (book review). *PsycCRITIQUES*. 58(5). <http://psyccritiquesblog.apa.org>
- Ludwig, Kathryn A. 2012. Unfulfilled Futures: The 'Fall-Through' Phenomenon in Domestic Private Adoption. *Advocate's Forum*. 13-27.
- Ludwig, Kathryn A. 2008. The Pursuit of Words. *Problematics: Anthropology Writing Project*. 2(2): 23-25.

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND OTHER AWARDS

- |      |   |
|------|---|
| 2014 | Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2014-2015)            |
| 2014 | Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (declined)                    |
| 2011 | Diversifying Higher Education in Illinois Fellowship (2011-2013)      |
| 2008 | Phi Beta Kappa (Stanford University)                                  |
| 2008 | National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2008-2011)  |
| 2008 | Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Diversity Fellowship – Honorable Mention |
| 2006 | Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program                          |
| 2004 | Gates Millennium Scholar (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)          |

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND GRANTS

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|------------------------|---|
| 2009-present           | <b>Ethnography of Private Agency Adoption in Chicago</b><br>Methods: participant observation, interviewing, document analysis |
| <u>Funding Sources</u> |   |
| 2014                   | Mellon Mays Dissertation Completion Grant (declined)  |
| 2013                   | Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Research Initiative Grant   |
| 2013                   | Division of Social Sciences Travel Grant (Orin Williams Fund)   |
| 2013                   | Mellon Mays Travel/Research Grant (Woodrow Wilson Foundation)   |
| 2010                   | Mellon Mays Pre-Doctoral Research Development Grant (SSRC)  |
| 2009 & 2011            | Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant (SSRC)   |

## APPLIED RESEARCH

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| Winter 2014 | Ethnography of Sickle Cell Disease and Clinical Trial Participation<br>Methods: participant observation, unstructured interviewing |
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## VOLUNTEERED CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

- Forthcoming  
November 2015 “Relative Mobility: American Adoption as a Route to ‘Better Futures’”  
**American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**  
Panel: Global Inequality and the Idea of the Middle Class  
Denver, Colorado
- December 2014 “Stranger Pregnancy: Social Workers, Birthmothers, and Technologies of Knowing in Private Agency Adoption”  
**American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**  
Panel: Producing Knowledge on Pregnancy: Anthropology and/as Expertise  
Washington, DC
- November 2014 “Uncertain Futures: U.S. Domestic Adoption as ‘High Risk Pregnancy’”  
**National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference**  
Panel: Reproductive Futurity  
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- May 2014 “In/Visible Kinship: Race, Class, and Power among Birthmothers and ‘Conspicuous Families’”  
**Adoption Initiatives Conference: “Sleeping Giants in Adoption”**  
St. John’s University – Queens, New York
- March 2014 “‘How to Adopt a Child Without Losing Yourself:’ Adoption in an ‘Age of Anxiety’”  
**International Conference on Adoption and Culture**  
Panel: Norms and Cultural Logics of Adoption  
University of Florida - Tallahassee, Florida
- September 2013 “Unfolding the Future: The (Re)Production of Temporality and Kinship in Private Adoption Paperwork”  
**The Fantastic and the Banal: Rethinking Bureaucratic Authority**  
Panel: Paper Promises: Troubled Temporalities and Uncertain Citizens  
University of Colorado – Boulder, Colorado
- November 2012 “Risky Exchanges: The Flows and Futures of Private Agency Adoption in the U.S.”  
**American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**  
Panel: Imagined Crossings: Ethnographic Reflections on New Idioms of Connection and the Re-Imagination of Boundaries  
San Francisco, California
- April 2012 “Symbolic Gestation: Risk, Hope, and Futures in the Adoption Clinic”  
**Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Conference and Research Forum**  
Chicago, Illinois
- November 2010 “‘Before Beyoncé, there was Diana Ross:’ Cultural Confluence and Lessons Learned at Culture Camp”  
**American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**  
Panel: The Culture Concept in Contemporary Circulation  
New Orleans, Louisiana

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2014	Instructor A Nation of Stratification: Social Difference and Inequality in the U.S. <b>DePaul University College Connect Program</b> Freshman-level course for college-bound high school students
June 2013	Facilitator Critical Reading and Note-Taking Strategies Workshop <b>Mellon Mays Summer Research Training Program</b> Self-designed workshop for advanced undergraduates
Spring 2013	Writing Intern
Winter 2013	Humanities Core: Reading Cultures
Fall 2012	<b>University of Chicago</b> Freshman-level writing requirement (three-quarter sequence)
Winter 2013	Teaching Assistant Culture, Mental Health, & Psychiatry <b>University of Chicago</b> Advanced undergraduate course in Comparative Human Development
September 2012	Graduate Facilitator
September 2011	Chicago Life Meeting: Voices of Our Community <b>University of Chicago</b> Freshman orientation program on democracy, diversity, and education
Summer 2011	Preceptor
Summer 2010	Mellon Mays Summer Research Training Program <b>University of Chicago</b> Advanced research proposal seminar for Mellon Mays Fellows
Spring 2011	Lector
Winter 2011	Academic and Professional Writing <b>University of Chicago</b> Advanced writing course for undergraduates across disciplines

## PEDAGOGICAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Spring/Summer 2015	Racial Justice Pedagogy Reading Group
April 2015	Creative Assignments with Digital Tools
December 2014	University of Chicago Certificate in Teaching
November 2014	Mobilizing Feminist Classrooms for Social Justice
November 2014	Feeling Feminist Pedagogy
August 2014	Workshop on Teaching Portfolios

May 2014	Workshop on Collaborative Learning
February 2014	Workshop on Course Design
February 2014	Creating Assignments to Structure Your Course
January 2014	Seminar on Teaching Portfolios
January 2014	Seminar on Course Design
Winter 2014	Anthropology Pedagogy
September 2013	Workshop on Teaching in the College
Autumn 2010	Principles of Teaching Writing

### **NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

October 2013 – August 2014	Communications and Outreach Assistant Office of the Deputy Provost of Research and Minority Issues <b>University of Chicago</b>
September 2012	Grad Guide Graduate Student Orientation <b>University of Chicago</b>
September 2010 – August 2011	Mentor and Taskforce Member Taskforce for Diversity in the Professoriate <b>University of Chicago</b>

### **SERVICE**

March 2014	Student Volunteer UChicago Weekend (Diversity Recruitment Event) <b>University of Chicago</b>
February 2012 – June 2012	Mentor Chicago Careers in Higher Education <b>University of Chicago</b>
September 2010 – August 2011	Mentor Office of Multicultural Student Affairs <b>University of Chicago</b>

## CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Licensed Social Worker

Illinois License #: 150014971 (Expiration: November 30, 2015)

- September 2013 – October 2013    Infertility Support Group Facilitator  
**One Way or a Mother**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Designed and led a six-week art therapy and meditation group for women struggling with infertility
- June 2013    Transracial Adoption Training Facilitator  
**Bridge Communications, Inc.**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Completed training to facilitate a three-part adoption telecourse for prospective transracial adoptive parents
- September 2012 – June 2013    Student Intern  
October 2011 – June 2012    **University of Chicago International Adoption Clinic**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Assisted with clinical and administrative duties
- June 2012 – August 2012    Direct Care Residential Counselor  
**Wediko Children's Services**  
Boston, Massachusetts and Windsor, New Hampshire  
Worked as part of clinical team to supervise a diverse cabin of 15-16 year old girls on a rural setting shared by 160 other children with emotional and behavioral issues
- September 2011 – June 2012    Clinical Intern  
**Children's Research Triangle**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Provided culturally-attuned therapy services for children and adolescents

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
American Ethnological Society (AES)  
Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)  
Society for the Anthropology of North America (SANA)  
Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)