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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Director 7/2018 –Present**

**UK Center for Equality and Social Justice, Lexington KY**

* Developed and led year-long educational program for UK College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment and UK Cooperative Extension, in partnership with community members and farmers, on racial inequities in food systems.
* Designed and implemented university-wide equity and diversity programming for students, faculty, and staff.
* Established partnerships with community members and Lexington-area non-profits, resulting in improved community/university relationships and collaborative community-engaged research within KY.
* Secured $50,000 in grants and philanthropic funding, in addition to overseeing yearly budget of $180,000.

**Principal Investigator 5/2017 – 5/2018**

**NSF-Funded Qualitative Research on Food Deserts, Kansas City MO**

* Designed and implemented mixed-methods research methodology to examine food desert residents’ grocery-acquisition strategies.
* Authored policy recommendations for addressing urban food insecurity among diverse populations; communicated findings to public and private stakeholders in Kansas City.
* Acquired and managed project budget of $18,000.

**Editorial Assistant 5/2016 – 1/2018**

***Human Organization***

Managed manuscript review for flagship journal in applied anthropology; Restructured review procedures—reduced length of time between submission and publication, provided time for secondary review process—which raised Journal Impact Factor (IF); Advised authors and reviewers on manuscript review procedures.

**Instructor, Anthropology 8/2012 – 5/2016**

**University of Kansas, University of Kentucky**

Designed and taught anthropology courses for 20-120 students/semester; Developed materials to effectively teach concepts of race, gender, and structural inequality in the U.S. and globally; Created and implemented assessments to improve teaching and course materials.

**Local Food Policy Intern 5/2012 – 12/2012**

**Kansas Rural Center, Lawrence KS**

Assessed barriers for local-food distribution through ethnographic research on farmer sales networks; Produced marketing and distribution guides for rural small-scale vegetable farmers in Kansas.

EDUCATION

**PhD, Applied Anthropology 2018**

**University of Kentucky, Lexington KY**

Specialties in equitable city development, race and racism, urban agriculture

**M.A., Cultural Anthropology 2014**

**University of Kansas, Lawrence KS**

Specialties in community supported agriculture, non-profits and U.S. welfare

**B.A., Anthropology 2012**

**University of Kansas, Lawrence KS**

**PUBLICATIONS**

Whiteness and Food Charity: Experiences of Food Insecure African American Kansas City Residents Navigating Nutrition Education Programs. 2019. *Human Organization* 78(2): 99-109.

Strategies for Creating Equitable Urban Greenspace in Global Cities [Book Review]. 2016. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development* 8(1): 1-3.

*Review of* Alternative Food Networks: Knowledge, Practice, and Politics. 2015. *Gastronomica* 15(3): 85.

*Review of* Black, White, and Green: Farmer’s Markets, Race, and the Green Economy. 2015. *Agriculture and Human Values* 32(1): 155-156.

*Selected articles in* Finding Your Niche: A Marketing Guide for Kansas Farms. 2013, Cole Cottin ed. Whiting KS: Kansas Rural Center—Selling at Farmer’s Markets; Agritourism & On Farm Sales; Selling through Internet or Mail Order; Selling to Institutions; Selling to Foodhubs; Cooperative Marketing.