

Cara E. Jacob, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Michigan State University – East Lansing, MI

Anthropology Ph.D., March 2024

Dissertation: *Pursuing A Life Without Lead: An Intersectional Study of Water Insecurity, Toxic Uncertainty, and Responsibility in Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Advisor: Dr. Lucero Radonic

Anthropology M.A., December 2021

Advisor: Dr. Lucero Radonic

College of Wooster – Wooster, OH

Anthropology B.A., May 2015

Research Experience

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Spring 2024- Present: Postdoc to Dr. Amber Wutich. Arizona State University, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory.

Dissertation Research, Fall 2021 – Fall 2022: Gender and Water Insecurity in High Income Countries. Milwaukee, WI. Advisor, Dr. Lucero Radonic. Michigan State University Department of Anthropology.

Research Assistant, Spring 2019: Flint Photovoice Project. Collaboration between Michigan State University and the Healthy Flint Coalition.

Research Assistant, 2018-2019: Assistant to Dr. Lucero Radonic. Michigan State University Department of Anthropology.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant:

Michigan State University

Undergraduate courses

ANP 270 Women and Health: Anthropological and International Perspectives (Fall 2021)

ANP 201 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. Michigan State University (Fall 2022, Spring 2021, 2020, Fall 2020)

ISS [Integrated Social Studies] 220 Time, Space, and Change in Human Society. Michigan State University (Fall 2019)

College of Wooster

Undergraduate courses

Comparative Religions. College of Wooster (Spring 2015)

Materiality and Spirit. College of Wooster (Fall 2013)

Lead Instructor:

Michigan State University

Online Undergraduate Courses

ANP 330 Race, Ethnicity and Nation: Anthropological Approaches to Collective Identity (Summer 2022)
ANP 325 Anthropology of the Environment and Development. Michigan State University (Summer 2021, 2020)
ANP 370 Culture, Health, and Illness. Michigan State University (Summer 2019)

Publications

2023 – (Publication Pending) **Cara Jacob**, Dr. Lucero Radonic, and Priyanka Jayakodi. Toxic Homes, Toxic Water: Looking at Gendered Responsibilities for Household Water Insecurity in the American Rustbelt. In *The Routledge Handbook on Gender and Water Governance*, edited by Margaret Zwartveen, Seema Kulkarni, Lisa Bossenbroek, Irene Leonardelli, and Tatiana Acevedo Guerrero. Routledge.

2022 – Dr. Lucero Radonic, **Cara Jacob**, Dr. Rowenn Kalman, and Yvonne Lewis. Questionable Quality: Using Photovoice to Document Women’s Experiences of Water Insecurity in Flint, USA. *Case Studies in the Environment*. 6(1): 1-15.

2021– Dr. Lucero Radonic, **Cara Jacob**. Cracking the myth of universal water security in the Global North: An examination of household labor over ‘safe’ water. *Water Alternatives* 14(1): 60-78.

2021 – Dr. Lucero Radonic, **Cara Jacob**, Dr. Rowenn Kalmann, and Yvonne Lewis. It’s a sprint not a marathon: A case for building short-term partnerships for CBPR. *Qualitative Methods*. 23(2): 380-398.

Conference Presentations

Papers

2023- "Toxic Homes, Toxic Water: Looking at Gendered Responsibilities for Household Water Insecurity in the American Rustbelt." Society for Applied Anthropology. March 30. Cincinnati, OH. Session Co-Chair/Organizer.

2021- "Cracking the Myth of Universal Water Security in the Global North: Women Document the Burdens of Household Water Insecurity." Society for Applied Anthropology. Virtual Conference. March 26. Co-presented with Dr. Lucero Radonic, Michigan State Univ.

2020 - "Broken Pipes and Broken Trust: Infrastructural Failure and Contested Expertise in Flint, MI". Society for Applied Anthropology. Albuquerque, NM. Accepted, cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Panels and Roundtables

2023 – *Emerging from Liminality: Fresh Perspectives from the Next Generation of Activist Anthropologists*. Roundtable. American Anthropological Association/Canadian Anthropology Society. Toronto, ON. November 18.

Invited Talks

2023- "Toxic Homes, Toxic Water: Looking at Gendered Responsibilities for Household Water Insecurity in the American Rustbelt" Guest Speaker for University of Louisville Anthropology Lecture Series. Anthropology Department. University of Louisville. January 20.

2022- "An Introduction to the Photovoice Method: A Case Study from Flint, MI" Guest Lecture for Ethnographic Field Methods with Dr. Mara Leichtman. Anthropology Department. Michigan State University. March 28.

2022- "Water Insecurity, Water Injustice: Global Issues of Water Access" Guest Lecture for Human Rights with Dr. Elizabeth Drexler. Anthropology Department. Michigan State University. March 21.

2021- "On Tap: Water Insecurity in the Global North" Guest Lecture for Anthropology Senior Capstone Course with Dr. Lucero Radonic. Anthropology Department. Michigan State University. November 10.

2019 - "Flint PhotoVoice Project" Summer Intensive on Community-Engaged Scholarship. Michigan State Office of University Outreach and Engagement. Michigan State University. June 5.

Awards and Fellowships

Dissertation Completion Fellowship. January 2023. Graduate School, Michigan State University (\$9,000)

Cultural Heritage Informatics Program Fellowship. September 2022. Lab for Education & Advancement in Digital Research, Michigan State University (\$5,000)

CSS Scholars Award. May 2022. College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University (\$2,000)

Women and Gender Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship. January 2022. Center For Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University (\$9,125)

Annual Departmental Fellowship. 2018- 2022. Anthropology Department, Michigan State (tuition coverage, variable)

Other Relevant Employment

Graduate Assistant, *Critical Urban Anthropology Association*. Spring 2022. Assisted in organizing the "Teaching the City" Digital Workshop.

Research Coordinator, *The Women's Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation*. 2016-2018. Organized and facilitated workshops with a wide diversity of stakeholders, coordinated the publication of reports with commissioned researchers at the University of Cincinnati, oversaw the production of in-house research by a volunteer research committee, and assisted with grant writing.