

AAGE guide to the 2019 AAA/CASCA meeting Vancouver, CA 20-24 Nov.

WEDNESDAY (20)

12-1:45pm Vancouver CC West Rm 109

Beyond the Pathological Brain: Emergence of Personhood and Sociality in Dementia through Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) – Cristina Douglas* (Univ Aberdeen)

12-1:45pm Vancouver CC West Rm 215

Ambiguous Ethics of Care: Anthropological Entanglements with Social Work (Pt. 1)

2:15-4pm Vancouver CC West Rm 215

Ambiguous Ethics of Care: Anthropological Entanglements with Social Work (Pt. 2)

2:15-4pm Vancouver CC West Rm 209

Government, Non-State Actors, and Dementia Care: Negotiating a Sociopolitical Space for Elders with Dementia in Shanghai, China – Yan Zhang* (Case Western Reserve Univ)

2:15-4pm Vancouver CC West Rm 110

Weaving the Webs of Care: An Ethnographic Study of Spousal Caregiving for Patients Receiving Life-Sustaining Treatment – Seokjoo Youn (Seoul National University)

2:15-4pm Vancouver CC West, Ballroom A

Providing Care

Aftercare for Organ Recipients, Donors and Donor Families in Japan: Current Efforts from Individual to Governmental Struggles – Maria-Keiko Yasuoka* (Hokkaido U)

2:15 PM - 4:00 PM Vancouver CC WEST, Room 117

Care, Sociality, and the Life Course Across Space and Time

The Village Movement: An Under-Researched Phenomenon in the Anthropology of Aging -
Karen Michaelson*

4:30-6:15PM Vancouver CC West, Room 204

New Directions in Psychological Anthropology

Mobility Regimes in Pursuit of "Good" Old Ages: Examining Older Puerto Rican Adults' Migration Narratives - Brooke Jespersen (Case Western Reserve University)

THURSDAY (21)

8-9:45pm Vancouver CC East Rm 13

(3-0240) Thinking in Images. Perplexing Particulars and Imagistic Anthropology

Abstract: Thinking with and about images has a long tradition in anthropology. For several decades now, there has been an opening to reflect on the limits and potentialities of ethnographic description, experimenting with photographic and filmic images in particular. Furthermore, highly evocative and reflective work has come out in recent years exploring images not only as a supplementary means of conveying ethnographic insights, but as a radically different way of arriving at them. Scholars such as Lisa Stevenson, Robert Desjarlais, Anand Pandian and others have explored an imagistic – as opposed to a more conventionally discursive or didactic – anthropological mode of knowing. What is imagistic about an image, Stevenson (2014) has asked and suggested that an image 'expresses without formulating', and 'drags the world along with it.' Desjarlais (2016) has explored questions of image and fabulation in human experience, suggesting a move from descriptive ethnography to phantasmography, a 'writing of phantasms, a graphic inscription of the flows and currents of fantasy and fabulation', while Pandian (2016) has explored film making as a medium of thought, as a way of thinking with the visceral force of moving images. This recent work has at times been captured under headings of methodology: Image as Method – while also opening up a horizon for imagistic thinking.

In this panel, we explore 'Thinking in images'. In this move, we want to link this recent work on images with recent work in phenomenological and philosophical anthropology towards a new humanism (Wentzer and Mattingly 2018). Specifically we take up Cheryl Mattingly's (2019) discussion of perplexing particulars. Following Arendt, she argues that thinking is a form of experience that disquiets or "defrosts" concepts. While Arendt turns to Socratic style questioning as an exemplar of thinking, Mattingly proposes that anthropology's perplexing particulars – often encountered in our ethnographic fieldworks - also have the potential to disrupt taken for granted concepts and categories, i.e. to push towards thinking in the Arendtian sense.

We ask: Can images serve as perplexing particulars that can defrost concepts and taken for granted worlds? If so, what kinds of images and under what kinds of conditions might this happen? The answer

is not obvious because clearly powerful images can reify thought. There is no self-evident link between images in general and the uncertain and perplexing mode of thinking suggested by the aforementioned work on images and phenomenological and philosophical anthropology.

The presentations in this panel explore thinking in images that perplex, disorient, and disrupt.

Furthermore, we explore images as a mode of thinking and theorizing both of our interlocutors and in our engagements with them and their worlds. Stevenson's image of the raven -- which might or might not be a deceased uncle -- is emblematic as it points toward absence, haunting, contradiction and also connection, presence and potentiality. Drawing on ethnographic and artistic work in Algeria, France, Denmark, Uganda and USA we will think with images, which thoroughly or momentarily shake worlds, thus lending themselves to a critically engaged phenomenological and philosophical anthropology.

Still held by Locham in the wheelbarrow: Melting stereotypes with images – Lotte Meinert
(Aarhus University)

Expressing without Formulating - Sound Images at a Danish Dementia Ward – Lone Grøn (VIVE)

8-9:45am Vancouver CC West Rm 301

Traces of Care: Embracing Ambivalence and Sustaining Attention in Climates of Concern (Part 1)

Discussant: Janelle Taylor*

Abstract: This executive session explores the vital potential of care-full ethnography in climates of concern. As uncertainty and an affective precarity become increasingly characteristic of the contemporary moment (Allison 2012; Lepselter 2017; Samimian-Darash and Rabinow 2015), one of the things we try to engage in this session is how we can continue to pay attention; not only as humans being-in-the-world, but as ethnographers with a particular attentive and representational role. At the same time as uncertainty marks the contexts we study, a pervasive sense of disaffection colors the field: frictions around methodologies, epistemologies, institutional hierarchies, abuses of power. We feel an attention to caring in both the contexts we work and our disciplinary concerns might generate a renewed energy and willingness to hold open uncomfortable discourse in the face of division. In this session we try to bridge an anthropological interest in sites of care – which often emerge in moments of struggle – with the reinvigoration of ethnography as a form of care – with the potential for justice. We ask: what does it mean to attend to something care-fully? What kinds of responsibility does it entail? How might careful attunement generate knowledge as ambivalent as the scenes of life from which it emerges? In considering ethnography at these multiple levels of caring, we ask how questions of solidarity, fragility, and the political potential of recognizing novel forms of sustainability might be newly imagined through ethnographic collaboration (Biehl and Locke 2017). We ask how we can hold open ambivalence, acknowledging the indeterminate nature of complex interactions and the persistent uncertainty lacing our encounters (Mazzarella 2017), while also revitalizing the ways we pay attention, construct our observational work, and take on the task of representation (Lambek 2010). Drawing on diverse case studies of “care” in contexts of mourning, loss, migration, medical intervention, legislation, policing, homelessness, and psychiatric care, these papers ask how an analytic of care might propose a new kind of anthropological attunement. In this project, theory and ethnography become careful

gestures by which to reconsider the imprint of the world, and how this might change our mode of working as anthropologists. Recognizing the world care-fully allows for renewed attention to multiple orderings, partial perspectives and situated knowledges (Haraway 1998; Strathern 1999). The tethers by which we care about things and beings in the world often pull in divergent directions, and we explore how our anthropological formulations of the meaning of such dissonance might be held open, imagining recognition as an open-ended struggle that might recast the discomfort of uncertainty as the potential for a different kind of sociality. In Part 2 of this two-part session, we present explorations in which care is taken to be a method of attunement.

8:00-9:45AM Vancouver CC West, Room 112

Panel: The Lifespan of Ethnographic Reports: The Importance of Revisits (Part 1)

Eating from One Pot: Food and Social Change among Samia People in Western Kenya - Maria Cattell (Field Museum of Natural History)

8-9:45am Vancouver CC West Rm 111

Engaging Potentiality: Re/generation (Part 1)

10:15-12pm Vancouver CC West Rm 111

Engaging Potentiality: Re/generation (Part 2)

Organizer: Narelle Warren* (Monash Univ),

Potential Disability - Devva Kasnitz* (SPS CUNY)

10:15-12:00PM Vancouver CC West, Room 213

Breaking Down Siloes in Anthropology: New Collaboration Models to Improve Integration Between Academia and Practice

A Space for Practice, Building Collaborative Networks of Learners & Practitioners - Sherylyn (Sherri) Briller* (Purdue University)

2-3:45pm Vancouver CC West Rm 213

Thinking from the Limits of Health & Medicine (Part 1)

Organizers: Laura Meek* (University of Hong Kong)

Visiting Hours: Critters in a South African Frailcare Home- Casey Golomski*

2:00-3:45PM Vancouver CC West, Room 221

How the Personal Becomes Professional: Carework and Caregiving in the Academy

Elana Buch* (University of Iowa), Discussant

2:00-3:45PM Vancouver CC East, Ballroom B

Panel: Routes and Checkpoints: Practically Rethinking Ethnography's Theoretical Promises

Aging and the Third Space - Rachel Howard* (University of Chicago)

4:15-6pm Vancouver CC West Rm 119

Capacity and Consent in Relations of Care

Organizer Celeste Pang* (Univ Toronto)

I Never Said I Didn't: Coherent Selfhood and Consent as Desire – Celeste Pang* (Univ Toronto)

4:15-6:00PM Vancouver CC West, Room 203

Opting Out: Women Evading Marriage Around the World (Part 2)

Freedom to Choose? Singlehood and Sexuality in India - Sarah Lamb* (Brandeis University)

4:15-6pm Vancouver CC West Rm 117

“Doing Time”: Age(ing), Care and the ‘Carceral Continuum’

Organizers: Jason Danelly* (Oxford Brookes University), Daina Stanley* (McMaster Univ)

Abstract: “Doing time” in carceral spaces such as jails, prisons, detention centers, or serving parole/probation, entails not only coping with life within the boundaries of confinement, but reflecting on times in the past and on possible futures. Confinement activates time and its embodiment as age(ing) or generation in ways that create new possibilities for creating or repairing life-sustaining relationships with others. The role of carceral institutions in reproducing racial, economic and gendered forms of inequality, precarity, and violence have been examined at length (Garcia 2016; Knight 2015; Fassin 2016; Wacquant 2009). Yet in an age where infants and small children are separated and held in detention centers while elsewhere prisoners in advanced old age receive palliative and hospice care, we can no longer understand the ‘carceral continuum’ without addressing questions of age as well. Age is particularly crucial when

examining the tensions and ambiguities that emerge when carceral spaces are both places of punishment as well as care (Sufrin 2017).

This panel looks at various intersections of care and carceral processes as they develop and unfold across the life course. Subjects include the care of older ex-offenders in Japan; end-of-life care provided by staff, volunteers and fellow prisoners in the US; and the care of pregnant women and mothers (themselves caring for children) in Brazil; Indigenous Canadians growing up in corrections and transitioning to adulthood after; and the intersecting temporalities and embodiments of trans- imprisonment. In these diverse cases, we ask how age is construed and how it might constitute a form of “doing time” that creates not only disruptions or pauses, but also rhythms of recidivism, illness and recovery, waiting and hoping. We also ask how these various modes of “doing time” open possibilities for care and intimacy, while at other times, they obstruct or foreclose those possibilities. These lines of inquiry offer further critical perspectives not only on criminality and care, but also on the role of carceral institutions as a ‘safety net’ in contemporary societies.

Rhythms of Recidivism and Resettlement: Older Men Doing Time in Japan – Jason Danely*
(Oxford Brookes University)

"The contours of my (c)age": Entangled temporalities and care in U.S. state prisons – Daina Stanley* (McMaster University)

9:30pm – 11:00pm Pan Pacific Vancouver Hotel, Cypress Room

Society for the Anthropology of Europe (SAE) Café Europa: The Politics and Practices of Reproduction in Europe: A Roundtable with Nancy Konvalinka*

Café Europa provides anthropologists working in Europe with an opportunity to discuss their research in an informal setting. The discussion on the politics and practices of reproduction in Europe will be led by Nancy Konvalinka*, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia.

FRIDAY (22)

10:15-12pm Vancouver CC West Rm 111

Care and Privatization in Marketizing Socialist Asia

Engaging Dirty Work: Eldercare Workers’ Experiences in China’s Caregiving – Zhe Yan*
(University of Wuerzburg)

Between Commerce and Community: Elder Care Services in Urban China – Björn Alpermann
(University of Wuerzburg)

10:15-12pm Vancouver CC West 210

Obligation, duty, and love: care v. caring among Latino Alzheimer's caregivers – Iveris Martinez*

12:15-1:45 Vancouver CC West 114

(4-0635) Anthropology of Aging and Life Course Interest Group Business Networking Interlocutor Event

The Challenge of late life Care and Disability in Diaspora. This event begins with a celebration of recent books by our Interest Group members on aging and the life course. It continues with a conversation with Professor Dossa Parin about her path breaking books *Racialized Bodies and Disabling Worlds* and the co-edited *Transnational Aging and Reconfigurations of Kin Work*. This work and research has a special focus on field work among Muslim women in the diaspora and recently on engagement with the context of palliative care. Jay Sokolovsky and Janelle Taylor will facilitate the conversation and discussion with the audience.

2-3:45pm Vancouver CC East Rm 12

(4-0800) Anthropology in and of the Life Course: An ASA & AAGE Mentorship Event

Objectives The goal of this “speed mentorship” event is to promote professional connections and conversations amongst more junior and senior scholars in the fields of studies of the life course, aging, and beyond. While junior scholars – including advanced graduate students and postdoctoral researchers – create networks within their home institutions and research and teaching engagements, actually meeting more senior scholars in conference settings can prove challenging. This workshop will present an opportunity for pre-selected mentees and mentors to engage in conversations in a comfortable structured group setting.

Format: The “speed-mentoring” format of the workshop will allow mentees to interact one-on-one with three potential mentors for 15 minutes each. Mentors and mentees will be paired in advance by organizers based on research interests and shared experiences. The event will begin with an opening by organizers, followed by a brief introduction of each mentor (by name). Mentees will then rotate amongst three mentors for 15 minute “speed” conversations. Organizers will keep track of rotation times. Prompts will be provided to ease pairs into conversation.

Organizers: Celeste Pang* (University of Toronto) and James Tim Wallace, III (NC State Univ)

2-3:45pm Vancouver CC West Rm 118

(4-0830) Care Across Borders: Intergenerational Care through Digital Technologies in Transnational Family Life (Invited session: Anthropology of Aging and Life Course Interest Group)

Organizers: Tanja Ahlin* (UvA), Lynnette Arnold (UMass Amherst)

Abstract: Globally, socioeconomic and political conditions have been compelling growing numbers of people to migrate, even as current regimes of (im)mobility constrain this movement. Increasingly, kin ties stretch across national borders, as families seek to adapt and develop new ways to ‘do family’ transnationally. In this reconfiguration, they mobilize information and communication technologies

(ICTs), such as mobile phones, smartphones and computers, to manage family relations at a distance. The papers in this panel explore the role of ICTs in transnational family life, investigating particularly how such technologies shape informal caring relations. Beyond asking how care is maintained and facilitated by ICTs, we examine how it is transformed when care practices involve ICTs. In addition, we explore how ICTs shape the forms of verbal and non-verbal communication that make cross-border care possible and we examine how transnational families strategically use different ICTs to enact particular forms of care.

Bringing together research on transnational families from a variety of regions, we take up life-course perspectives to explore the consequences of intergenerational care through ICTs. Several papers focus on elder care at a distance, highlighting how the involvement of ICTs in this domain can shift norms of family care. Baldassar and Wilding highlight the increasing participation of young people in practices of digital kinning in Australia, while Ahlin describes how ICTs shift gendered elder care practices among transnational families from Kerala, South India. Other papers investigate the consequences of rapidly changing ICTs for intergenerational care across borders. Falconi traces shifting technologies of care within one transborder Zapotec family over the course of a decade. Similarly, Fouratt examines how the opening of the telecommunications sector in Costa Rica has allowed Nicaraguan migrants to communicate more readily with their families back home, sustaining intimacy in ways that become a resource when families must confront political instability. Arnold's study with transnational Salvadoran families shows that despite shifting ICTs, older technologies such as phone calls may still be preferred because of the particular forms of communication they afford. Finally, Nare and Bendixsen highlight how ICTs can become sources of control and threat for asylum seekers and irregular migrants, even as these technologies become increasingly crucial for sustaining relationships in cases of long-term separation.

Ultimately, this panel demonstrates how global inequalities become consequential for transnational family care as technologically mediated care at a distance brings these inequities into the intimate domain of everyday family life. The papers highlight how ICTs are taken up as resources for care in ways that seek to produce resilient familial ties despite conditions of immense precarity. Through this conversation, we seek to learn from the efforts of transnational families to care across borders, asking what these everyday struggles can teach us about how to persist in work for justice in a changing world. Finally, the panel encourages a methodological reflection on how ethnographers engage with transnational families through digital technologies and how these technologies influence the context, or climate, of ethnographic research in different transnational contexts.

6:30: AAGE Dinner, location TBD

SATURDAY (23)

8-12pm Vancouver CC East Rm 14

(5-0305) Methods for Disseminating and Translating Research to Action Across the Lifespan Workshop

Organizers: Jean Schensul*, Narelle Warren*

Presenters: Margaret LeCompte, Andrea Whittaker, Jason Danelly*, Stephen Schensul

This workshop is designed for anthropologists and other social scientists wishing to develop frameworks, strategies and concrete plans for disseminating their work to multiple audiences and to develop interventions with specific groups with whom they have carried out research. Ethical practices of social science professions call for sharing research results with study populations, service providers, and policymakers and when possible, the development of interventions with the study population that address issues arising during the research. Neither dissemination of research results to multiple audiences nor approaches to intervention development with local communities is typically taught in anthropology graduate training. These components of dissemination and intervention are missing and are very much needed in the growing field of life-course studies and aging.

The workshop will be organized into two sections: a) dissemination planning, and b) research-based intervention approaches. An international group of experienced facilitators will use a combination of brief lectures and individual and small group activities to enable participants to create their own dissemination and/or intervention plans based on their own settings, materials, and research results. Facilitators will use case examples across the lifespan as illustrations. Dissemination plans will include framing messages based on research results to target audiences including the study community as well as other users. Intervention development will include partnership creation, an intervention problem and model, analysis of intervention resources and approaches, and links to broader theory. All participants will examine the ethical considerations of their work.

Learning Objectives:

- Work collaboratively to develop research utilization approaches.
- Develop a dissemination plan and instructional approach to convey research results and implications to multiple audiences.
- Develop intervention models, multilevel approaches to change, and an intervention strategy

8-9:45am Vancouver CC West Rm 220

Enacting Solidarity in Times of Crisis

Organizer: Aalyia Sadruddin*

10:15-12pm Vancouver CC West Rm 213

Breaking Down Silos in Anthropology: New Collaboration Models to Improve Integration between Academia and Practice

A Space for Practice: Building Collaborative Networks of Learners & Practitioners- Sherri Briller*
(Purdue Univ)

12:15-1:45pm Vancouver CC West 114

(5-0625) Anthropology of Aging and Life Course Interest Group Business Meeting

This general business meeting will have reports by the Interest Group committees and discussion of ideas for future AAA sessions, collaboration with other interest groups, future book and grant projects by members.

2:00-3:45PM Vancouver CC West, Room 201

Earthquake and Tsunami Aftermaths: Temporality and Transformation

Long-term Aftermath in Sri Lanka of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami- Michele Gamburd*
(Portland State University)

2-3:35pm Vancouver CC EAST, Room 10

Beyond Binaries: Thinking Through Difference, Entanglements and Complexity in Reproductive Lives

Paid Altruism: Spanish IP's Construction of Gestational Carriers' Motivations - Nancy Konvalinka*
(UNED, Madrid, Spain)

2-3:45pm Vancouver CC West, Rm 217

The poetics and politics of responsiveness in times of accountability

Discussant: Elana Buch* (Univ Iowa)

Organizers: Janelle Taylor* (Univ Toronto), Melissa Park

Interiority and the place of "insight" in the dementia tojisha movement in Japan- Junko Kitanaka
(Keio Univ)

Move(able) stances: the ethics of moving or moving-with in ethnographic fieldwork with carers and persons living with dementia- Keven Lee (McGill Univ)

4:15-6pm Vancouver CC West Rm 118

Urban Legends, Fake News and What to do When What You Hear is too Good to be True- Robert Marshall* (Western Washington University)

4:15-6:00PM Vancouver CC West, Room 101& 102

Anthropologists at the Frontlines of the Opioid Epidemic: Changing the Climate of Care and Policy throughout Canada and the United States

Contacts, Tests and Trust: Family Practice in the Opioid Era - Leslie Carlin* (University of Toronto)

SUNDAY (24)

8-9:45am Vancouver CC West Rm 205

Un/changing suffering across diverse contexts

Suffering and Its Opposite: Exploring an Ethics of Engagement in Chinese Dementia Care- Lillian Prueher* (Univ Washington)

10:15am-12:00pm Vancouver CC West, Ballroom A

Decolonizing Disability: Infrastructure, Knowledge, and Activism

Congolese Diasporic Entanglements of Disability in Belgium – Patrick Devlieger* (U of Leuven)