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## CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2016-Present *Assistant Professor.* Departments of Anthropology, International Studies & Internal Medicine. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 2016-Present *Attending Physician.* Inpatient Internal Medicine. Veterans' Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

## PRIOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015-2016 *Visiting Assistant Professor.* Faculty of Nursing. Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

## EDUCATION

- 2012-2015 Resident Physician, General Internal Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital (Harvard)  
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School
- 2011-2012 Internship, General Internal Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital (Harvard)
- 2002-2011 Medical Scientist Training Program
- M.D. University of California, San Francisco (Alpha Omega Alpha)
  - Ph.D. Medical Anthropology, University of California, San Francisco and University of California, Berkeley
- 1996-2000 Stanford University, Phi Beta Kappa, President's Scholar
- B.S. Biological Sciences
  - Honors in Environmental Science, Technology and Policy

## AWARDS/GRANTS

- 2014-2015 Blakemore-Freeman Fellowship for Advanced Asian Language Study
- 2009-2010 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Pilot Research Grant
- 2008-2009 Fletcher-Jones Dissertation Fellowship
- 2008-2009 Pacific Rim Research Program Dissertation Fellowship
- 2007-2008 Blakemore-Freeman Fellowship for Advanced Asian Language Study
- 2006-2007 US Dept. of Ed. Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship
- 2005 Pacific Rim Research Program Pilot Grant
- 2003 UCSF Dean's Research Grant

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Books and Edited Volumes

- Stonington SD (in review) *The Spirit Ambulance: Life, Death and Ethical Tension in Thailand.* Cornell University Press: Ithaca, NY.
- 2011 Holmes SM, Jenks AC, Stonington SD (2011) Special Issue: Anthropologies of Clinical Training in the 21st Century. *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 35.
- 2006 Stonington SD, Holmes SM (2006) Social Medicine in the Twenty-First Century. *PLoS Med* 3(10). Url: <http://collections.plos.org/plosmedicine/socialmedicine-2006.php>

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2015 Stonington SD (2015) "On the (f)utility of pain." *The Lancet* 385(9976): 1388-1389.
- 2014 Stonington SD (2014) "Whose autonomy?" *JAMA* 312(11): 1099-1100.
- 2014 Holmes SM, Greene JG, Stonington SD (2014) "Locating global health in social medicine." *Global Public Health* 9(5): 475-80.

- 2013 Stonington SD (2013) "The debt of life: Thai lessons on a process-oriented ethical logic." *The New England Journal of Medicine* 369(17):1583-5.
- 2012 Stonington SD (2012) "On ethical locations: The good death in Thailand, where ethics sit in places." *Social Science and Medicine* 75: 836-844.
- 2011 Stonington SD (2011) "Facing death, gazing inward: end-of-life and the transformation of clinical subjectivity in Thailand." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 35: 113-133.
- 2011 Holmes SM, Jenks AC, Stonington SD (2011) "Clinical subjectivation: anthropologies of contemporary biomedical training." *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 35: 105-112.
- 2006 Stonington SD, Ratanakul P (2006) "Is there a global bioethics? End-of-life in Thailand and the case for local difference." *PLoS Med* 3(10): e439. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pmed.0030439
- 2006 Holtz TH, Holmes SM, Stonington SD, Eisenberg L (2006) "Health is still social: contemporary examples in the age of the genome." *PLoS Med* 3(10): e439. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pmed.0030439.

#### Reviews, Essays and Other Articles

- 2006 Stonington SD, Holmes SM (2006) "Social medicine in the twenty-first century." *PLoS Med* 3(10): e445. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pmed.0030445

#### Articles in Preparation/Submission

- Stonington SD. "'Structural iatrogenesis': how 'standards of care' erase the social world." In submission.
- Stonington SD. "The logic of clinical deception: using 'heart-mind energy' from Thailand to explain the ongoing problem of truth-telling in medicine." In submission.
- Stonington SD, Holmes SM, Hansen H, Green J. *Social Medicine Case Series*. In submission.
- Holmes SM, Karlin J, Stonington SD. "The contributions of MD/PhDs in the social sciences and humanities: a national survey." In submission.
- Stonington SD. "Suspending Disbelief and "Making Moves" in Clinical Practice: Rhythm, Data-Richness and Process Certainty." In submission.
- Mole N, Karlin J, Stonington SD. "On the suspension of disbelief: collapsing 'belief' and 'knowledge' in the practice of biomedicine." In submission.
- Stonington SD, Kalofonos I. "'Acute-on-chronic': clinical states of emergency and pharmaceutical escalation." In preparation.
- Stonington SD. "'Cultural possibility': a way forward for culture in clinical medicine." In preparation.
- Stonington SD. "Advance directives and the transience of self." In preparation.
- Stonington SD. "Non-cancer pain: the emergence of a politico-epistemological object." Planned.
- Stonington SD. "'I am porous to it': revisiting the phenomenology of pain medicine." Planned.
- Stonington SD. "On medical ontology and visibility: chronic pain as 'anti-disease' in Thailand." Planned.
- Stonington SD. "Rogue compassion: opiate availability and the evolution from extra-legal to mainstream pain care in Thailand." Planned.

#### Reviewer (Peer-Reviewed Journals)

American Ethnologist

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute  
Current Anthropology  
Medical Anthropology Quarterly  
Social Science and Medicine  
Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry  
Public Library of Science: Medicine  
Health Care: The Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation  
Social Medicine

#### Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

- Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham, MA. Committee on Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care. "From Cultural Humility to Cultural Possibility in Medicine: Cases and a Theoretical Framework." (2015)
- Stanford University, Stanford, CA. Department of Anthropology, 'Cultures, Minds and Medicine' Colloquium. "How Ethics Haunt Places: from the 'Spirit Ambulance' in Thailand to an Understanding of Ethical Complexity." (2014)
- Faulkner Hospital, Boston, MA. Noon Conference. "Belief and Difference in Hospital Medicine: Theory and Practice." (2014)
- Mount Saint Mary College, Los Angeles, CA. Annual Larkin Ethics Lectures. "Questioning Western Bioethics: Lessons from Thailand." (2014)
- Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Boston, MA. Continuing Medical Education. "How to Approach Culture in the Clinic: A Framework and Case Examples." (2014)
- University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology and the International Institute. Global Health Position Search. "The ethics that haunt places: from the 'spirit ambulance' in Thailand to a theory of ethical complexity." (2013)
- American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. "Suspending Disbelief in Medical Practice: Improvisation, Rhythm and Data-Richness." (2013)
- American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. "Out of the Margins: Drugs, Publics and the Social Imaginary." (Panel Chair) (2013)
- Amherst College, Five College Consortium Program in Culture, Health, and Science. "The Collateral Effects of Globalizing Clinical Medicine: Shifting Cancer Ethics in Thailand." (2013)
- Harvard Kennedy School Asia Center. "On Uncle Boonmee: Thai Spirit Life and Karmic Debts." (2013)
- Harvard University. Brigham and Women's Hospital, Department of General Internal Medicine. "Culture in Clinical Medicine: A Theoretical Framework and Cases from Thailand." (2013)
- Harvard University. Department of Anthropology, Colloquium in Medical Anthropology. "How Ethics Haunt Places: Lessons from the 'Spirit Ambulance' and the End of Life in Thailand." (2013)
- New York University School of Medicine. Working Papers in Structural Competency. "Structural Iatrogenesis: Standards of Care Maintain Fatal Ignorance of the Social." (2013)
- University of California, San Francisco. Conference for MD/PhDs in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Vital Signs: The State of the Art and Science of Medicine and Society. "Case Analysis as a Means to Unveil Social and Cultural Forces." (2013)
- Harvard University. Brigham and Women's Hospital Department of General Internal Medicine Residency Program. "What is the 'Science' in 'Social Science'?: a Model for Holistic Hypothesis Testing." (2013)
- American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. (panel organizer, with Na'amah Razon). "Ethical Locations." (2011)
- University of Chicago. Conference for MD/PhDs in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Charting the Bench and the Bedside. "The Global Drug War and Collateral Pain." (2011)
- Columbia University. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Conference: Ethnography and Social Change. "Access to Opiates in Thailand: Witnessing Collateral Violence." (2010)
- American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. (with Na'amah Razon). "Place and Medical Decision-Making." (2010)
- University of California, San Francisco. San Francisco General Hospital Department of Internal Medicine, Resident Rounds. "Process-Oriented Health Decisions: Lessons from the 'Debt of Life' in Thailand." (2009)
- University of California, San Francisco. San Francisco General Hospital Department of Family Medicine, Grand Rounds. "How to Use Cultural Data in Medical Practice: Lessons from Thailand." (2009)
- Yale University. Society for Medical Anthropology 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting. "The Globalization of Palliative Care: Shaker Loops as a Model of Social Change." (2009)
- University of Pennsylvania. Conference for MD/PhDs in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Understanding the Past, Transforming the Future. "Ethics, Politics and the End of Life in Thailand." (2009)
- Payap University. International Conference on Religion and Culture. "Death as a Problem: Medical Ethics in Thailand and the United States." (2007)
- American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. "Using 'Regimes of Living' to Build Bioethics." (2006)
- University of Wisconsin, Madison. Center for Southeast-Asian Studies Summer Conference. "Karma and Kindness: End-of-Life in Thailand." (2006)
- University of Colorado. Annual MD/PhD Conference. "How the Hospital Makes Hank Break the Law: A Social Research and Case Discussion." (2006)

University of California, San Francisco. Global Health Symposium. Winner - Paper Competition. "Crafting Bioethics from Local Principles." (2006)

University of California, San Francisco. Conference for MD/PhDs in the Social Sciences: Practicing Theory, Theorizing Practice. "The Medical Potlatch: Gifts in the Clinic." (2005)

University of California, San Francisco. Critical Social Science Case Conference. "Frequent Flyers: Moral Economies and the Sick Role." (2004)

University of California, San Francisco. Dean's Research Symposium. "A Life-Cycle Model of Homelessness." (2004)

## COURSES TAUGHT

- 01/15 - 12/15      Lecturer: "Ethnography, Cross-Cultural Ethics and Clinical Medicine," Faculty of Nursing, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Series of lectures introducing medical practitioners to ethnographic and ethical theory.
- 06/14 - 01/15      Lecturer and Seminar Leader: "Ethnographic Medical Writing," Brigham and Women's Hospital Department of General Internal Medicine, Harvard Medical School
- Series of workshops for medical residents on identifying a problem worthy of social commentary, gathering ethnographic and reflective data, writing a perspectives-style medical article, and navigating the world of medical publishing.
- 12/11 - 01/15      Lecturer and Seminar Leader: "Culture and Medicine," Brigham and Women's Hospital Department of General Internal Medicine, Harvard Medical School
- Series of lectures to Internal Medicine resident cohorts on the theory and practice of approaching cultural difference in the practice of clinical medicine.
- 09/06 - 09/07      Lecturer: "Clinician as Ethnographer," UCSF Medical School
- Delivered lectures entitled "'Is it really social science? How to study the social,'" "Introduction to social theory" and "Social Medicine grand rounds: using theory to unlock patient cases."
- 03/05 - 06/06      Small-Group Instructor: "Culture and Behavior," UCSF Medical School
- Taught seminars for medical school first-year core curriculum.
  - Topics included: "'Race', biology and culture in biomedicine," and "Complementary, alternative and integrative medicine and the clinical encounter."
- 03/05 - 05/06      Lecturer and Seminar Leader: "Substance Use in the Real World," UCSF Medical School
- Delivered opening lecture entitled "Clinical ethnography."
  - Taught seminars on "Social theory in medicine."
- 01/04 - 05/06      Course Coordinator: "Caring for Dying Patients," UCSF Medical School
- Designed and coordinated 25-student seminar course on ethical, medical and spiritual aspects of end-of-life care.
  - Delivered opening lecture entitled "Introduction to Palliative Care."
- 03/03 - 01/04      Lecturer: Medical Scholars Program, UCSF Medical School
- Designed material and lectured in bi-weekly course for first year medical students.
  - Delivered 15 lectures on anatomy, cardiovascular physiology, medicine, pharmacology, and neurology.
- 08/03 - 12/03      Course Coordinator: Homeless Health Issues, UCSF Medical School
- Designed and coordinated large (70 student) lecture course on medical, political and societal aspects of caring for homeless patients.
  - Delivered lecture entitled "Uncovering patients' street stories."
- 08/01 - 06/02      Course Instructor: Human Biology Core, Stanford University
- Full-time job coordinating large (300 student) lecture course in basic human biology and its critical analysis through social theory.
  - Designed and taught bi-weekly small-group sections; designed and graded course exams.
- 12/99 - 06/00      Course Instructor: Human Behavioral Biology, Stanford University
- Coordinated large (600 student) lecture course on the overlap between social theory and biology.

- Designed and taught bi-weekly small-group sections; delivered two lectures; designed and graded course exams.

## OTHER POSITIONS HELD

- 10/11 - 01/15      Locums Physician, Internal Medicine, VAMC Hospital, West Roxbury, MA
- Providing hospitalist and admission coverage for internal medicine service.
- 10/04 - 06/11      Co-Founder and Organizer: Biennial Conference for MD/PhDs in the Social Sciences and Humanities
- Designed, organized and fundraised for first biennial conference entitled “Practicing Theory, Theorizing Practice” (200 participants).
  - Co-organized three additional conferences: “Rethinking Health, Culture and Society” at the University of Chicago; “Understanding the Past, Transforming the Future” at the University of Pennsylvania; and “Vital Signs: The State of the Art and Science of Medicine and Society” at the University of California, San Francisco.
- 04/07 - 06/10      Executive Council: American Physician Scientist Association
- Managed Social Sciences and Humanities subsection of the association.
  - Recruited and managed representatives from U.S. MD/PhD social science and humanities training programs.
  - Designed and maintained website, list-serves and discussion boards with centralized information about social science and humanities training programs.
- 01/07 - 06/07      Conference/Retreat Organizer, Plum Village Thailand
- Co-organized 600-person conference/retreat on socially engaged Buddhism for Zen monk Thich Nhat Hanh’s first appearances in Southeast Asia following 40-year exile from Vietnam.
- 09/04 - 09/06      End-of-Life Care Doula Program, UCSF
- Worked as advocate and counselor for underserved terminally ill patients.
- 07/04 - 03/05      Drug Overdose Prevention Education (DOPE) Program, San Francisco
- Established naloxone prescription and overdose prevention training at a large methadone maintenance clinic in San Francisco.
- 01/03 - 06/05      CORPUS - Governing Body for Homeless Clinics at UCSF
- Development Coordinator: raised money, managed the endowment and created vision for clinic improvements.
  - Director of Research: designed surveys and databases for descriptive epidemiology research.
  - Volunteer: organized triage and acute care management for homeless shelter residents.

## OTHER

### Languages

- Thai (Advanced)      UC Berkeley - Intermediate Thai (2005-2006), Advanced Thai (2006-2007); U Wisconsin, Madison - Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (2006); Chiang Mai University - Blakemore Fellowship (one year) advanced Thai (2007-2008); Chiang Mai University - Blakemore Fellowship (one year) medical and Northern Thai (2015).
- Spanish (Advanced)      Tecun Uman Spanish Language School, Antigua, Guatemala (2000, 2003, 2009)
- French (Advanced)      Language Exchange/Fieldwork: Pau, France (1992); Paris, France (1995); Anakao, Madagascar (1999)

### Hobbies

- Classical Piano      Performance training at Shaak Institute, Denver, CO; Teacher training completed in 1996