

Current Positions

Professor, School of Public and Community Health Sciences at the University of Montana
Senior Advisor, Innovation and Best Practice, Adara Development

Other Positions

January 2018-20 Visiting Professor NYU Abu Dhabi: Global Health
2001-2002 Country Manager, Nepal, The ISIS Foundation
2002-2015 Director, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, Adara Development



Education

University of California at Berkeley (1998-2000) Post-doctoral fellow in demographic anthropology

University of California at Davis (1991-1998) Ph.D. in Anthropology awarded in 1998, M.A. in Anthropology awarded in 1994, focus on human evolutionary ecology

Mount Holyoke College (1986-1990)
B.A. Anthropology, minor in Philosophy
Graduated cum laude with High Honors in Anthropology, Mary Lyon Scholar

Awards

Pantzer Humanitarian Award, 2014

Tedx Talk

“Are 5 husbands better than one?” Tedx at the University of Montana 2014

Recent Courses

Public Health 580: Rural Health in Global Perspective
Public Health 540: Social and Behavioral Theory in Public Health
International Development Studies 497: Monitoring and Evaluation
Anthropology 521: Applied Anthropology
Anthropology 349: Social Change
Anthropology 330: Cultures and Peoples of the world: Africa
Anthropology 330: Cultures and Peoples of the world: S. Asia
Anthropology 220: Culture and Society

Recent Trainees

Interns/RA/Postdoc:

Margaret Schaefers
Ann Tezak
Catherine Sanders

MA and MPH students:

Julia Goar
Leighton Weiglenda
Kassie Viers
Holly Horan
Hannah Kuehl
Winifred Kessler
Sophia Bay

PhD students:

Janet Bush
Catherine Sanders
Michelle Grocke
Leighton Weiglenda
Andrew Ranck
Evan Stewart
Selena Garefino

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Recent Grants

Funding: NIH

Title: Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes/
Montana Pediatric Clinical Trials Site

Principle Investigator: Paul Smith
(K. McKay is the evaluator)

Funding: FHI360/TOPS

Title: Field Test/Pilot Essential WASH Actions Program in
Nepal, 2016, Principle Investigator: Kimber Mckay

Funding: National Science Foundation

Title: On the road to better health? Impacts of new market
access on food security, nutrition, and well-being in Nepal,
Himalaya, 2016

Principle Investigators: Michelle Grocke and Kimber McKay

Funding: Grand Challenges Canada

Title: Improving early detection and intervention for young
infants at high risk of neurodevelopmental delay and disability
in Uganda

Principle Investigators: Margaret Nampijja and Cally Tan (K.
McKay is a social/behavioral science and qualitative data and
analysis collaborator)

Funding: Saving Lives at Birth (SLAB)

Title: Clinical Trial of BCPAP device

Principle Investigators: Heidi Nakamura and Dan Kabugo (K.
McKay is a consultant on research design/IRB)

Multi-Cultural Teaching, Research, NGO Monitoring & Evaluation, and Program Involvement

United Arab Emirates and Nepal (2019-2020)

Taught NYUAD Global health short courses focused on
monitoring and evaluation in the WASH and MNCH sectors
with a field-based, experiential component in Kathmandu,
Nepal

Humla District, Nepal

(August 1995—present) Conducting cross-sectional and
longitudinal studies of the social and health impacts of the
various community development interventions in Himalayan
villages in NW Nepal

Kiwoko District, Uganda (2002-present)

Work with community-based health care experts on designing
an outreach program to educate sub-literate nomadic and
semi-nomadic Ugandans on HIV/AIDS

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

Taught Program Planning and Evaluation Summer Institute
2019

United Arab Emirates and Uganda (2018)

Taught NYUAD Global health short course focused on
monitoring and evaluation in the WASH and MNCH sectors
with a field-based, experiential component in Iganga, Uganda

Kathmandu, Nepal (2017)

Worked with a multi-cultural team of health development
practitioners on field testing and implementation of new
WASH best practice manual for use worldwide

Academic Service

Director, International Development Studies Minor, 2015-19
Rhodes Advisor, 2017-2020
Sabbatical Committee, 2017-2019
SCPHS Curriculum Committee Chair, 2018-2019
Global Public Health Committee, 2017-2019
Global Griz Advisor, 2018-2019
Vice Chair, Anthropology, 2012-2018
Undergraduate Advising Coordinator for Anthropology majors,
2012-2018
Faculty Senate, 2013-2015, 2019-2020
International Development Studies Committee, 2001-2004 ()
Global Public Health Committee, 2014

Professional Service

Community:

Advisory Committee, Institute Executive Committee,
for Medicine and the Institute for Medicine and the
Humanities, member, 2004-7 Humanities, member, 2007-
2016

Manuscripts, Books, and Grants Reviewed for

National Science Foundation Medical Anthropology
American Anthropologist Quarterly
Evolution and Human Wiley Blackwell Press
Behavior Vanderbilt University Press
Current Anthropology University of North Carolina
Human Nature Press

Publications

- N.D. McKay, K., Acholla, D., Namutebi, P., Sanders, C., Ssekidde, M., Lessons learned from a menstrual hygiene management program in Central Uganda, *East African Journal of Public Health*, under review.
- 2019 Grocke, M.; McKay, K., and Foor, T., 'Subjective Well-Being in Two Himalayan Communities, Post Road Development', *HIMALAYA, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*: Vol. 39(1)" 26-31.
- 2018 Grocke, M. and McKay, K.H., Food security, nutritional outcomes, and a road. *Mountain Research and Development*, 38(4): 288-298.
- 2016 Grocke, M. and McKay, K.H., 'Like mother, like child? Understanding transitions in diet, health, and nutrition in Humla, Nepal'. *Studies in Nepali History and Society*. 21(2):13-22.
- 2016 Grocke, M. and McKay, KH., The impact of the first road in Humla District, Nepal on children's dietary patterns and nutritional status with recommendations for increased protein intake. *Studies in Nepali History and Society*, 21(2): 305-331.
- 2016 McKay K., Polyandry. In: T.K. Shackelford, V.A. Weekes-Shackelford (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*, DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6_119-1
- 2016 McKay, K., Planning Families in Nepal. Jan Brunson, New Brunswick, NJ, Rutgers University Press, 2016, 150 pp. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. doi:10.1111/maq.12344
- 2015 Sanders, C., McKay, K. Lama, A., and Dhakal, P., "'Pro-government' is not 'Pro-corruption' in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquakes". in *Anthropology News' online magazine, In Focus*, June 10th, 2015. Retrieved August 31, 2015 from <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2015/06/10/pro-government-is-not-pro-corruption-in-the-aftermath-of-the-nepal-earthquakes/>.
- 2015 Khumalo, K., McKay, K., Freimund, W., Who is a "real woman"? Empowerment and the discourse of respectability in Namibia's Zambezi region, *Women's Studies International Forum*, 48: 47-56.
- 2014 Sanders, C. and McKay, K., Where have all the young men gone? Social fragmentation during rapid neoliberal development in Nepal's Himalayas. *Human Organization* 73(1): 25-37.
- 2013 McKay, K., Sanders, C., The dual collective action problem facing a latrine program in Nepal, *Proceedings of the 3rd World Sustainability Forum*, <http://www.sciforum.net/conference/wsf3>.
- 2013 Sanders, C. and McKay, K., "I don't know where my sons are": Social trade-offs during rapid development in Nepal. *In Proceedings of the 3rd World Sustainability Forum*, <http://www.sciforum.net/conference/wsf3>.
- 2013 Sanders, C. and McKay, K., The Search for "Strong Medicine": Pathways to healthcare development in remote Nepal using GIS. *Technology & Innovation* 15: 109-124.
- 2012 Sanders, C. and McKay K.H., Love is cheap: Democratic rise of love marriage among Hindu Maoists in Nepal. *Anthropology News*, <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2012/04/02/love-is-cheap/>.
- 2010 McKay, K.H., Socio-cultural dimensions of cluster vs. single home photovoltaic solar energy systems in rural Nepal, *Sustainability*, 2010(2): 494-504.
- 2009 Zahnd, A. and McKay, K.H., Benefits from a renewable energy village electrification system, *Renewable Energy*, 34:362-368.
- 2008 Zahnd, A. and McKay, K.H., A mountain to climb? How pico-hydro helps rural development in the Himalayas, *Renewable Energy World*, 11(2): 118-123.
- 2007 McKay, K., Zahnd, A., Sanders, C. and Nepali, G., Responses to innovation in an insecure environment in rural Nepal, *Mountain Research and Development*, 27(4): 302-307.
- 2007 Zahnd, A. and McKay, K.H., Eclairage sur mesure au Népal, *Traces* 24(12): 11-13.
- 2007 Pickering A. and Haddix McKay, K., Old and new barriers to family planning in Humla, Nepal: How the urban/rural divide has widened, *Contributions to Nepalese Studies*, 34(1): 229-245.
- 2007 Zahnd, A. and McKay, K.H., Quatre piliers pour un développement holistique, *Traces* 24(12): 7-9.
- 2006 Fissel, A. and Haddix McKay, K., Action! Why people engaged in the fight against HIV/AIDS should take note of traditional healer organizations in Uganda, *Practicing Anthropology*, 28(4): 22-25.

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2004 Tanner, R., Brown, P., Freimund, W. and Haddix McKay, K., Transfrontier conservation areas of Southern Africa and international law in the context of community involvement. *Journal of South African Environmental Law and Policy*, 11: 167-182.

2003 Haddix McKay, K., Challenges to health care access in Maoist Nepal, *Himalaya*, XXII(2): 43-46.

2002 Haddix McKay, K., Health needs in two ethnic communities of Northwestern Nepal, *Contributions to Nepalese Studies*, 29(2): 241-273.

2001 Haddix, K., Leaving your wife and your brothers: When polyandrous marriages fall apart, *Evolution and Human Behavior*, 22(1):47-61.

1999 Haddix, K.A., "Excess Women": Non-marriage and reproduction in two ethnic Tibetan communities of Humla, Nepal," *HIMALAYA, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*, 19(1): Article 9.

Select papers delivered/invited speaker/invited conference participant

2018 McKay, K., Invited Speaker NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, Are Five Husbands Better than One?, January

2016 McKay, K., Invited speaker, United Nations Foundation, Every Woman Every Child, Private Sector Learning Session, NYC: January 14, 2016.

2016 McKay, K., Sanders, C., Dao T., Kuehl, H., Using GIS to understand the mobility behind mobile medical camps in Humla, Nepal, Himalayan Studies Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

2016 McKay, K., Sanders, C., Namutebi, P., Acholla, D., and Ssekidde, M., Lessons from an MHM program in Central Uganda, American Association of Geographers annual meetings, San Francisco, CA.

2015 McKay, K. and Sanders, C., and Dao, T., "Show business or essential?" STMMs in remote Nepal. American Anthropological Association annual meetings. Denver, CO.

2015 McKay, K., Sanders, C., Lester, D., Sekkidde, M., Closing the circle: An ethnographic study of a community based healthcare outreach program in rural Uganda, Global Health and Innovation Conference at Yale University, New Haven, CT.

2015 McKay, K., Acholla, D., Sanders, and Sekkidde, M., Lessons learned from a menstrual hygiene management (MHM) program in central Uganda. Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings, Pittsburgh, PA.

2015 Sanders, C., McKay, and Dao, T. 2015, Social support amid a health-seeking transition in Himalayan Nepal. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Denver, CO.

2014 Sanders, C., and McKay, K., "Khaana chhaina bhane kheti pani hundaina": Defining wealth and poverty in communities of Humla District, Nepal. Himalayan Studies Conference, New Haven, CT.

2014 Sanders, C., and McKay, K., "How could we work the land if we did not eat? Wealth and poverty in northwestern Nepal, Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings, Albuquerque, NM.

2016 McKay, K. and Sanders, C., Collective action problems facing a latrine program in Humla, Nepal. Presentation for the 3rd World Sustainability Forum, online conference.

2013, McKay, K., "When will I smoke a cigarette and complain about my mother-in-law? Collective Action Problems Facing a Latrine Program in NW Nepal", Northwest Evolution, Ecology, and Human Behavior Symposium, Boise, ID.

2013 Sanders, C., and McKay, K., "I don't know where my sons are": Social trade-offs during rapid development in Nepal. 3rd World Sustainability Forum, online conference.

2013 Sanders, C., and McKay, K., Womanhood, development, and religiosity in a rural Ugandan hospital. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL.

2013 Sanders, C. and McKay, K.H., Invited participants, Santa Fe Institute's "Network structure, Political Hierarchy, and Economic Inequality" Workshop, Santa Fe, NM.

2012 McKay, K., Maureen & Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana, "Making the MDGs a Reality in Remote Impoverished Communities of Nepal".

2012 Sanders, C. and McKay, K., "The search for "strong medicine": Pathways to healthcare development in Nepal using GIS". American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA.

2012 Sanders, C. and McKay, K., "Where is this relationship going? Negotiating the health landscape in Himalayan Nepal". Annual Himalayan Studies Conference, University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo.

2012 Sanders, C. and McKay, K., "Capitalism and communism in the mountains: Decision making about development

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- technologies in Himalayan Nepal". 2nd Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference University of Kentucky.
- 2012: Sanders, C., McKay, K., Nordhagen, M., "Risk-taking in development and conflict: An ArcGIS exploration of the role of kinship in Humla District, Nepal". Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2011 Sanders, C. and McKay, K., "A people's war? Decisions to join the Maoists in mountain Nepal", American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA.
- 2007 Zhand, A. and McKay, K., Keynote Paper: "Solar PV systems in Himalayan villages: Problems and possible solutions", Australia and New Zealand Solar Energy Society Annual Conference: Alice Springs, Australia.
- 2007, Pickering, A. and McKay, K., "Evidence for stopping behavior, not delayed reproduction, as the driving force of fertility transition among Lehrerleut Hutterites of Montana". Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America NYC.
- 2007 Fissel, A. and McKay, K., "Bridging the pagan/Christian Divide: Traditional healer organizations in Uganda". Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings, Tampa, FL.
- 2007 Zhand, A., and McKay, K., "Benefits from a renewable energy village electrification system", World Renewable Energy Conference, Fremantle, Australia.
- 2006 Fissel, A., and McKay, K., Enabling and engaging patients and providers in cultural change: Lessons from the field". American Anthropological Association annual meeting: San Jose, CA.
- 2006 Zahnd, A., McKay, K., Komp, R., Renewable energy village power systems for remote and impoverished Himalayan villages in Nepal, International Conference on Renewable Energy for Developing Countries annual meetings, Washington, DC
- 2005 McKay, K., "Changing fertility strategies among Hutterites of Montana", Chair of session. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC.
- 2005 Pickiering A., and McKay, K., "Maintenance of urban/rural difference in Nepalese fertility", Chair of session. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC.
- 2005 Zahnd, A., and McKay, K. A., simple, optimized PV system for a remote Himalayan village, Australia and New Zealand Solar Energy Society annual meeting, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- 2005 Zahnd, A., and McKay, K., Renewable energy resources for improved, sustainable livelihood: A case study of a holistic community development project with a remote and poor mountain village in the Nepal Himalayas, Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production annual meetings, Melbourne, Australia.
- 2005 McKay, K., Applying anthropology in the context of Nepal's Maoist revolution: The role of social impact assessment, Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2005 McKay, K., Community development in the context of the Maoist Revolution in Nepal, Northwest Anthropological Conference, Spokane, WA.
- 2005 McKay, K., Fertility transition among Montana Lehrerleut Hutterites, Northwest Anthropological Conference, Spokane, WA.
- 2003 McKay, K., Invited lecture: Should we negotiate with the rebels? International health development in the context of the Nepalese Maoist Revolution". Sigma Xi, University of Montana.
- 2003 McKay, K., Invited participant at a series of sessions and roundtables at the First Annual Meeting of the 2G (2nd Generation) Human Behavioral Ecology Society. University of Maine, Orono.
- 2003 McKay, K., Invited lecture at the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology: What to expect when you share your wife with your brothers: Polyandry among ethnic Tibetans of Nepal University of Washington, Seattle
- 2000 Haddix, K., Imminent fertility transition among Mukogodo Maasai, American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 2000: Haddix, K., Integrating human evolutionary ecology and demography. Chair and organizer of session. Population Association of America annual meetings, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1999 Haddix, K., Non-marital fertility among women in polyandrous communities of NW Nepal, Co-chair and organizer of session. American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 1999 Haddix, K., Women's reproduction in a polyandrous Tibetan community: Outcomes in a competitive marriage market, Population Association of America annual meetings, New York, NY.
- 1998 Haddix, K., Reproduction in a polyandrous family system, Humli Tibetans of NW Nepal, American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Philadelphia, PA.

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1998 Haddix, K., Unraveling marital decisions in a polyandrous Tibetan society, Human Behavior and Evolution Society annual meetings, Davis, CA.

1997 Haddix, K., Patterns in marriage and reproduction in a Tibetan village of Nepal. American Anthropological Association annual meeting Washington, D.C.

1997 Haddix, K., To share or not to share (your wife): Marital decision-making among polyandrous Tibetans of Humla, Nepal, Pacific Division Meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Corvallis, OR

1997 Haddix, K., Wealth and polyandry: Why some Tibetan brothers share a wife while others do not, Human Behavior and Evolution Society annual meetings, Tuscon, AZ

1996 Haddix, K., "Excess women": The family, marriage, and work fates of unwed women in Tibetan polyandrous villages of Humla, Nepal, 25th Annual Conference on South Asia Madison, WI.