| **Jason Gerdes**  **Medical Anthropologist** |
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*Researcher and educator with expertise in the study of health and wellness in US military families, as well as the politics of identity and diversity in the United States. Experienced university lecturer with a proven commitment to diversity education via practical facilitation of large-capacity courses concerning cultural diversity in the United States.*

**Experience**

| **Doctoral Research – Anthropology**  Self | **Quinton, VA**  *June 2020 - Present* |
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* Conducting doctoral research concerning legal harm and injury among US military veterans; PhD award pending dissertation defense.
* Established protocols for collecting qualitative data through interviews and focus groups.
* Designed questionnaires and surveys to gain insights into interlocutor behavior.
* Cultivated relationships with external stakeholders to facilitate collaboration on research initiatives.
* Developed and implemented data analysis techniques to identify patterns in research data.
* Presented findings at conferences, seminars, and other academic events.

| **Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Fellow**  City University Of New York | **New York, NY**  *February 2021 - June 2021* |
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* Researched current trends in education related to writing instruction and assessment.
* Organized events for faculty and staff focused on improving writing skills.
* Explored methods for teaching complex concepts in a way that is easily understood by all learners.
* Conducted workshops on effective communication strategies in academic settings.
* Created instructional materials for use in classrooms related to writing topics.
* Assisted faculty members with developing syllabi that incorporate writing exercises into course curriculum.
* Developed, edited, and proofread various documents for accuracy and clarity.

| **Graduate Teaching Fellow / Adjunct Lecturer**  City University Of New York | **New York, NY**  *August 2017 - December 2020* |
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Courses Taught at Hunter College Campus:

ANTHC 100 - Cultural Diversity in the United States

ANTHC 10N01 - Global Health and Culture

ANTHC 401.63 - Medical Anthropology

* Instructed students in proper research techniques using library resources and online databases.
* Encouraged critical thinking skills by providing opportunities for students to analyze information.
* Developed and implemented innovative lesson plans to engage students in learning.
* Utilized technology effectively to enhance instruction and promote learning.

| **Graduate Administrative Assistant - Anthropology**  City University Of New York | **New York, NY**  *August 2016 - June 2020* |
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* Provide administrative support to department Executive Officer and Assistant Program Officer where needed.
* Assist in organizing department colloquia including I.T. support, presentation organization, and guest relations.
* Serve as project manager for departmental research initiatives such as job market analysis.
* Conduct archival research for faculty.

| **Teaching Assistant**  California State University Of San Marcos | **San Marcos, CA**  *August 2014 - May 2016* |
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Courses Assisted:

* ANTH 430 - Medical Ethnography
* ANTH 470 - Ethnobotany
* Provided individualized support to students who required additional help with understanding concepts or completing assignments.
* Demonstrated strong organizational skills by managing student records, preparing materials for activities, and maintaining classroom supplies.

| **Undergraduate Research Assistant**  California State University Of San Marcos | **San Marcos, CA**  *August 2015 - May 2016* |
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* Performed literature searches to gather relevant data for research projects.
* Organized and maintained research documents and records to ensure accuracy and completeness of information.
* Prepared reports summarizing findings from research activities.

**Education**

| **Mphil in Sociocultural Anthropology**  The Graduate Center, City University Of New York, **New York, NY** | *Nov 2020* |
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| **BA in Medical Anthropology**  California State University Of San Marcos, **San Marcos, CA** | *May 2016* |
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***Awards & Honors***

| * Summa Cum Laude |  |
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***Extracurricular Activities***

| * President of Anthropology Student Collective and Vice President of Lambda Alpha Honors Society |  |
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| **AA in Behavioral Science**  MiraCosta Community College, **Oceanside, CA** | *May 2014* |
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