

Jennifer Aengst

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EDUCATION

PhD, Anthropology, University of California, Davis, September 2011

Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory

Dissertation: Reproductive Politics at the Border: Pronatalism, Intermarriage, and Moral Movements in Ladakh, India

Areas of Interest: reproduction, population, fertility, contraceptive technologies, health decision-making, global health, development, science and technology studies, human rights, Himalayas and South Asia

MA, International Development and Human Rights, University of Denver, 2001

Thesis: Las Mujeres y Sus Decisiones: Family Planning and Reproductive Rights in Guatemala

BA, Philosophy, Colby College, 1995

Minor in Women's Studies

WORK EXPERIENCE

Himalayan Cultural Consultant, LAIKA Films (September 2015—ongoing)

Provided cultural guidance on an animated film about the Himalayan region.

Research Investigator, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (March 2015-February 2016)

Assisted in project design, research training, and data analysis on a qualitative study on perceptions of reversible and permanent contraception in India (POPI). Designed project instruments, trained a research team on qualitative methodology, analyzed data, assisted in writing publications.

Senior Research Associate, Oregon Health & Science University (November 2012—December 2015)

Designed methodology for a comparative perception study of new contraceptive method in Portland, Oregon and Sevagram, India. Managed a research team, developed research protocol, conducted interviews, designed surveys, led focus groups, coded and analyzed data, published results.

Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, Portland State University (September 2012—ongoing)

Responsible for teaching, designing course curriculum, conducting review sessions, holding office hours, and grading.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Portland State University (September 2011—June 2012)

Responsible for teaching, designing course curriculum, conducting review sessions, holding office hours, and grading.

Associate Instructor/Teaching Assistant, University of California, Davis (September 2004—June 2011)

Responsible for teaching, designing course curriculum, conducting review sessions, holding office hours, led discussion sections, responsible for grading.

AnewAmerica Community Corporation, Berkeley, California (November 2003—July 2004)

Development Associate: Wrote grant applications (received a \$600K grant from the USDA for economic programs for rural farmers), drafted reports summarizing program status and financials for multiple projects, and managed grant and program database.

American Medical Women's Association, Alexandria, Virginia (September 2002—May 2003)
International Reproductive Health Project Assistant: Drafted reports, developed materials, evaluated programs, wrote questionnaires, administered surveys, conducted research, gave presentations, managed database, and built collaborations with other organizations working on women's health issues.

Liaison Multilingual, Denver, Colorado (June 2001—April 2002)
Project Manager: Managed translation projects, updated database, and maintained accounting system.

Center for Development and Population Activities, Kathmandu, Nepal (January 1996—April 1996)
Monitored rural development programs and women's health projects. Wrote grant proposals and prepared reports on HIV/AIDS education programs.

ABC Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal (January 1996—April 1996)
Wrote grant proposals, prepared final reports, conducted program evaluation, researched girl trafficking and HIV/AIDS.

Tibetan Women's Association, Dharamsala, India (September 1995—December 1995)
Assisted in writing the submission paper to the UN Rights of the Child committee. Conducted health research, wrote reports on the literacy program, and taught English to Tibetan refugees.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico (March 2015—March 2016)
Conducted research on perceptions of temporary and permanent methods of contraception in Delhi, India. Assisted in development of the project design, wrote focus group scripts, and analyzed data (coding).

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Portland, Oregon (Nov. 2012—ongoing)
Managed a research team, developed research protocol, conducted interviews, designed surveys, led focus groups, and analyzed data in Portland, Oregon and Sevagram, India.

Dissertation Research, Ladakh, India (June 2006—October 2010)
Conducted interviews, designed surveys, compiled fertility and population data, performed participant observation, compiled archival research, and analyzed data. Established a women's health education program (Women for Women's Health) in Ladakh (<http://rdyladakh.org/projects.html>).

Exploratorium Museum, San Francisco, California (October 2003—December 2003)
Evaluated educational exhibits, conducted interviews with museum visitors, designed surveys, and analyzed data.

International Human Rights Advocacy Center, Denver, Colorado (September 1999—October 2001)
Conducted interviews with legal scholars, NGO workers, and human rights activists about trafficking; evaluated efficacy of Nepal's anti-trafficking laws and SAARC; researched the history and regional differences of girl trafficking in Nepal; and published two litigation reports (*Afghani Women Under the Taliban*, *Girl Trafficking in Nepal*).

Estudio 1360, Guatemala City, Guatemala (November—December 2000)

Evaluated family planning programs and researched reproductive rights of indigenous and ladino women. Conducted interviews and made recommendations for program development.

Women's Studies Department-University of Denver, Denver, Colorado (January 2001—April 2001)
Graduate Research Assistant: conducted archival research and wrote literature reviews (HIV/AIDS, sexual harassment, reproductive rights); organized department events.

PUBLICATIONS

Aengst, J, Harrington E, Bahulekar P, Shivkumar P, Jensen J, and Garg BS (2016) "Perceptions of Nonsurgical Permanent Contraception in India: exploratory research," *Indian Journal of Public Health*, in press.

Aengst, Jennifer (2015) "Contraception" In *The Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*, edited by Patricia Whelehan and Anne Bolin. Malden, Oxford: John Wiley and Sons, Ltd.

Harrington EK, Gordon D, Osgood-Roach I, Jensen JT, and Aengst J (2014) "Conceptualizing risk and effectiveness: A qualitative study of women's and providers' perceptions on nonsurgical female permanent contraception," *Contraception* Vol 90, Issue 3, pg 349-350.

Harrington EK, Gordon D, Bahulekar P, Garg BS, Osgood-Roach I, Jensen JT, Aengst J (2014) "Interest in nonsurgical female permanent contraception among men in Portland, Oregon and eastern Maharashtra, India," *Contraception* Vol 90, Issue 3, pg 349.

Aengst, Jennifer (2014) "Silences and Moral Narratives: Infanticide as Reproductive Disruption," *Medical Anthropology*. Vol. 33, Issue 5.

Aengst, Jennifer (2014) co-editor, Special Issue of *Ethnos* "Intimacies and Sexualities in Out-of-the-Way Places," doi: 10.1080/00141844.2013.813057

Aengst, Jennifer (2014) "Adolescent Movements: Dating, Elopements, and Youth Policing in Ladakh, India" *Ethnos*, doi: 10.1080/00141844.2013.813057

Aengst, Jennifer (2013) "The Politics of Fertility: Population and Pronatalism in Ladakh" *Himalaya: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*, Vol. 32: No.1, Article 11.

Aengst, Jennifer (2011) Review of the book *Pushing for Midwives: Homebirth Mothers and the Reproductive Rights Movement*, Association for Feminist Anthropology. Available online at: <http://www.aaanet.org/sections/afa/?book-review=pushing-for-midwives-homebirth-mothers-and-the-reproductive-rights-movement>

Aengst, Jennifer and Layne, Linda (2010) "A Need to Bleed? A Feminist Technology Assessment of Menstrual Suppressing Birth Control Pills" In Layne, Vostral, and Boyer (Eds.) *Feminist Technology* Chicago, IL: University of Illinois Press.

Aengst, Jennifer (2008) "Representation and Perception: Why Reproduction Matters in Ladakh" *Ladakh Studies* No.23.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Language: Ladakhi (beginning); Tibetan (beginning); Spanish (conversational); Italian (conversational)
- Computer skills: MS Office; database management; data analysis (Atlas. Ti; NVivo; Dedoose; JMP)