EDUCATION

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| **Harvard University,** Ph.D. in Social Anthropology | 2007 |
| Dissertation: *Managed lives: privatizing public health in Puerto Rico* |  |
| **Georgetown University**, M.A. with distinction Latin American Studies | 1999 |
| **The George Washington University**, B.A. with honors Latin American Studies | 1997 |

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| SPS Faculty Excellence Award | Providence College, 2018 |
| Treasurer, Society for Medical Anthropology | American Anthro. Assoc., 2018-21 |
| The Collaborative Research Grant | Providence, RI 2015 |
| Short Seminar Co-Chair, School for Advanced Research | Santa Fe, NM 2015 |
| Committee on Aid to Faculty Research Grant | Providence College, 2014, 16, 19 |
| School of Professional Studies, Summer Scholar Funding | Providence College, 2014, 17, 18 |
| Expert Advisory Committee Member | HealthSourceRI 2013 - 2015 |
| Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship | Connecticut College 2008-2010 |
| Graduate Society Fellowship for Dissertation Completion | Harvard University 2006-2007 |
| Predissertation Fellowship | Brown University 2006 |
| Hemenway Fellowship of American Ethnology | Harvard University 2005 |
| Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Grant | Harvard University 2003 |
| Saltonstall Population Innovation Fund Fellowship | Harvard University 2001-2002 |
| Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship | Harvard University 1999-2000 |
| Graduate Scholarship Recipient | Georgetown University 1997 - 1999 |
| Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude | George Washington University 1997 |
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# ACADEMIC/TEACHING POSITIONS

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| **Providence College,** Associate Professor of Health Policy & Management  Coordinator for Undergraduate Research  Assistant Professor of Health Policy & Management  Interim Program Director | 2015 - present  2019 - present  2010 – 2015  Spring 2014 |
| Courses: Epidemiology of Health and Disease; Culture, Health and Illness; Senior Seminar in Health Policy and Management; Community Health Practice; Gender, Medicine and Care; Research; Disaster and Recovery in Cultural Perspective |  |
| **Connecticut College,** Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow | 2008-2010 |
| Courses: Community Learning Seminar; Public Policy and Social Ethics | |
| **Brown University,** Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology | 2008 |
| Courses: Gender, Medicine, and Care | |
| **Harvard University,** Lecturer on Anthropology | 2007-2008 |
| Courses: Anthropology of the Market in Latin America; Gender, Medicine, and Care | |
| **University of Puerto Rico,** Adjunct Professor of Anthropology | 2003-2005 |
| Courses: Human Evolution | |
| **Harvard University**, Teaching Fellow | 2001-2002 |
| Courses: Introduction to Anthropology; Gender and Health |  |

**BOOKS**

**Mulligan, Jessica** and Heide Castañeda, editors. 2018. *Unequal Coverage: The Experience of Health Care Reform in the United States*. NY: NYU Press. [I co-edited this volume, co-wrote the introduction and conclusion, and wrote a single authored chapter.]

**Mulligan, Jessica**. 2014. *Unmanageable Care: An Ethnography of Health Care Privatization in Puerto Rico*. NY: NYU Press.

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

**Mulligan, Jessica** and Emily K Brunson. N.D. Structures of Resentment: On Feeling—and Being—Left Behind by Health Care Reform. *Cultural Anthropology*, accepted for publication, August 7, 2019.

Peters, Rebecca Warne and **Jessica Mulligan.** 2019.Introduction to a symposium on development implementation: discipline, deception, and the relational work of development. *Critical Policy Studies*, published online August 28. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19460171.2019.1657923>

Brugnoli-Ensin, Ingrid[[1]](#footnote-1) and **Jessica Mulligan**. 2018. Instability in Insurance Coverage: The Impacts of Churn in Rhode Island, 2014-2017. *Rhode Island Medical Journal* 101(8), 46-49.

**Mulligan, Jessica**, Stephanie Arriaga\* and Jeannette Torres\*. 2018. An ethnographic study of enrollment obstacles in Rhode Island, U.S.A.: Struggling to get covered on an Affordable Care Act insurance marketplace. *Critical Public Health*. Published online July 16, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09581596.2018.1495827>

Brunson, Emily K., **Jessica Mulligan**, Elise L. Andaya, Milena A. Melo, Susan Sered. 2018. Unrequited Engagement: Misadventures in Advocating for Medicaid Expansion. *American Anthropologist*, 120(3): 601-609. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.13064>

**Mulligan, Jessica.** 2017. The problem of choice: From the voluntary way to Affordable Care Act insurance exchanges. *Social Science and Medicine* 181:34–42, DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2017.03.055.

Levine, Deborah and **Jessica Mulligan**. 2017. Mere Mortals: Overselling the Young Invincibles. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 42(2): 22.

**Mulligan, Jessica**. 2016. Insurance Accounts: The Cultural Logics of Health Care Financing. *Medical Anthropology* *Quarterly*. 30(1):37-61.

Amy Dao and **Jessica Mulligan**. 2016. Towards an Anthropology of Insurance and Health Reform: An Introduction to the Special Issue. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 30(1):5-17.

Levine, Deborah and **Jessica Mulligan.** 2015. Overutilization, Over Utilized. *Health Politics, Policy and Law* 40(2): 421-437.

Horton, Sarah, Cesar Abadía, **Jessica Mulligan**, and Jennifer Jo Thompson. 2014. Critical Anthropology of Global Health 'Takes a Stand' Statement: A Critical Medical Anthropological Approach to the US' Affordable Care Act. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 28(1):1-22*.*

Willen, Sarah, **Jessica Mulligan**, and Castañeda, Heide. 2011. Take A Stand Commentary: How Can Medical Anthropologists Contribute to Contemporary Conversations on “Illegal” Im/migration and Health? *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 25(3): 331–356.

**Mulligan, Jessica**. 2010. It Gets Better if You Do? Measuring Quality Care in Puerto Rico. *Medical Anthropology* 29(3): 303–329.

**OTHER ACADEMIC WRITING**

**Mulligan, Jessica** and Ingrid Brugnoli-Ensin\*. 2019. "Health Policy." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*. Ed. John Jackson. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780199766567-0210

**Mulligan, Jessica**. 2017. "Biological Citizenship." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*. Ed. John Jackson. New York: Oxford University Press. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199766567/obo-9780199766567-0164.xml>

**Mulligan, Jessica**. 2016. Governing by Complaint. In *The Routledge Handbook in Medical Anthropology*. Lenore Manderson, Elizabeth Cartwright, and Anita Hardon, editors. Pp. 129-133. New York: Routledge.

**PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

**Mulligan, Jessica.** 2018. Why Americans Have a Love-Hate Relationship with Health Reform, So Far. Scholars Strategy Network, <https://scholars.org/brief/why-americans-have-love-hate-relationship-health-care-reform-so-far>

**Mulligan, Jessica** and Adriana Garriga-López. 2017. Bringing Paper Towels to a Flood. *Huffington Post*, <https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/bringing-paper-towels-to-a-flood_us_59dfacc5e4b003f928d5e503>

**Mulligan Jessica** and Heide Castañeda. 2017. Do Americans suddenly like Obamacare? Contextualizing opinion polls and media narratives. *Somatosphere*, <http://somatosphere.net/2017/07/obamacare.html>

Brunson, Emily **and Jessica Mulligan.** 2017. Falling Further Behind on Health. De-Provincializing Development, Public Anthropologies Series, *American Anthropologist* (web only),<http://www.americananthropologist.org/2017/07/11/falling-further-behind-on-health/>

Castañeda, Heide, Jessica Mulligan, and Mark Schuller. 2017. With Attention Elsewhere, Healthcare for Millions Quietly Still at Risk. *Huffington Post*, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/with-attention-elsewhere-healthcare-for-millions-quietly_us_5932099de4b0649fff211929>

**Mulligan, Jessica** and Emily Brunson. 2017. The “Anecdote” Insult, or, Why Health Policy Needs Stories. Critical Care Blog, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* <http://medanthroquarterly.org/2017/03/07/the-anecdote-insult-or-why-health-policy-needs-stories/>

**Mulligan, Jessica** and Rebecca Peters. 2016. Speaking Ethnography to Policy. *Anthropology News* 57(7-8): 38-39.

**Mulligan, Jessica**. 2015. Choosing a Health Exchange for Rhode Island. Research Brief published by *The Collaborative*, <http://collaborativeri.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Choosing-a-Health-Exchange-for-Rhode-Island-.pdf>

**Mulligan, Jessica**. 2012. Managed Care in Puerto Rico: Privatizing the Public Health System. Mini-statement prepared for the Critical Anthropology of Global Health special interest group as part of the “Take a Stand” Statement on health insurance reform. <http://medanthro.net/research/cagh/insurancestatements/Mulligan%20(Puerto%20Rico).pdf>

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Willen, Sarah, **Jessica Mulligan**, and Castañeda, Heide. 2012. Engaged Critical Medical Anthropology: Five Steps for Influencing Conversations on “Illegal” Im/migration and Health. *Anthropology News,* January 2012, 36-37.

Founding member and occasional contributor to *Access Denied: A Conversation on Unauthorized Im/migration and Health.* <http://accessdeniedblog.wordpress.com/>

**UNDER REVIEW**

Adriana Garriga-López and Jessica Mulligan. N.D.The Transformative Power of Disaster: Ethics of Care in Puerto Rico After Maria.Grant application under review at the Wenner Gren Foundation.Submitted Nov 2019.

Mulligan, Jessica and Adriana Garriga-López. N.D. Collaborative Proposal: RUI: The Transformative Potential of Disaster: Ethics of Care in Puerto Rico after Maria. Grant application under review at the National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology Program. Submitted August 2019.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

Book review of Sandy Smith-Nonini, *Healing the Body Politic: El Salvador’s Popular Struggle for Health Rights from Civil War to Neoliberal Peace.* (Rutgers 2010). *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 36(1):184-186, 2013.

Book review of Raquel Romberg, *Healing Dramas: Divination and Magic in Modern Puerto Rico* (University of Texas Press, 2009). *American Anthropologist* 113(3): 530–531, 2011.

Book review of Heather Levi, *The World of Lucha Libre: Secrets, Revelations, and Mexican National Identity* (Duke 2008). *Sociology of Sport Journal* 27(2): 221-223, 2010.

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

“Forging *Compromiso* after the Storm: Activism as Ethics of Care among Health Care Workers in Puerto Rico,” paper to be presented with Adriana Garriga-López at the conference “Public health activism in changing times: Re-locating collective agency,” at the London School of Economics, London, UK, December 16-17, 2019.

“Dying to Care: Financialized Social Protections and Insurance Loss,” paper to be presented at the American Anthropological Meetings, Vancouver, CAN, November 21, 2019.

“Family Values: On the Making and Fracturing of Insurance Families,” paper presented at Valuing Health Conference, University of Edinburgh, September 5, 2018

*Unequal Coverage* book talk. Presented at University of Connecticut, Providence College, and Brown University School of Medicine, 2018.

“Awaiting repeal: Fear and hope on Obamacare insurance exchanges” paper presented at the American Anthropological Meetings, Washington DC, December 1, 2017.

“Expertise without experience: Unraveling discontent with the Affordable Care Act” paper presented at Interpretive Policy Analysis (IPA) Conference, Department of Politics and Public Policy, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK, July 5-7, 2017.

“’No One from the Exchange is Here:’ Implementing Responsibility for Insurance Coverage” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Minneapolis, MN, November 18, 2016.

“Segmented Risks: Eligibility and Resentment on Insurance Exchanges,” paper presented at the

Unpacking the Value of Health Insurance in India: Fostering Dialogue Amongst Methodologies Workshop, University of Chicago, November 15, 2016.

"The problem of choice: Predicting risk and buffering insecurity on ACA insurance exchanges," paper presented at the University of South Florida, September 29, 2016.

“‘More Choice Is Always Good.’ Choice Architecture and Decoding Risk on Insurance Exchanges,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Denver, CO, November 19, 2015.

Co-chair of a short seminar at the School for Advanced Research (SAR) entitled *Transformations in Social Citizenship: Stratification, Risk and Responsibility in Health Care Reform*. Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 6-8, 2015.

“Compelled to Choose: Ethnographic Engagements with Consumer Directed Healthcare” paper presented with Sarah Raskin (University of Arizona) at the European Association of Social Anthropologists’ Medical Anthropology meeting. University of Sussex, UK, 9-11th September 2015.

“But is it for me? Resentment politics, social stratification and access to coverage under Obamacare,” invited lecture at Syracuse University, April 9, 2015.

Author Meets Critic with Jessica Mulligan and Chris Dole (Amherst College). Providence College. February 25, 2015.

“Insurance and (In)Security: Accounts from the Newly Insured in Rhode Island and Florida” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Washington, DC on December 6, 2014.

“The American Health Care System: A Crash Course,” invited lecture, at the University of Rhode Island, November 24, 2014.

“Unmanageable Care” invited lecture/book talk at New Mexico State University on October 9, 2014.

“Obamacare: The Myths and Realities of the Affordable Care Act,” special lecture with William Hudson, sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, Department of Political Science, and Health Policy and Management Program, Providence College, April 29, 2014.

“Shop Talk with Insurance Executives: On Disappointment and Chaos in Managed Care” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Chicago on November 21, 2013.

“The Financialization of Health Systems: Ethnographic Engagements with Insurance” paper presented at the EASA Medical Anthropology Network and AAA Society for Medical Anthropology joint meeting in Tarragona, Spain on June 12, 2013.

“Accounting for Value: Anthropological Approaches to Finance, Insurance and Market-Based Health Reform” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Montreal on November 18, 2011 (*in abstentia*).

“Reforming Risk: Markets and Managed Care in Puerto Rico” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings in New Orleans on November 18, 2010.

“Unmanageable Care: Health Reform and Privatization in Puerto Rico” paper presented at the Puerto Rican Studies Association meetings in Hartford, CT on October 21, 2010.

“Working Toward a Public Anthropology: Reports from a Blog on Migration and Health” public lecture at Connecticut College on April 15, 2010.

“Cultural Meaning, Gender, and New Reproductive Technologies,” invited lecture in the course ‘Culture, Illness and Healing: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology’ at Harvard University on February 23, 2010.

“Making the Margins Central: Anthropology of Health Policy,” invited presentation at Providence College on November 30, 2009.

“Documenting Immigrant and Latino Health Disparities through Community/Campus Collaboration” paper presented at the conference “Undocumented Hispanic Migration: On the Margins of a Dream” held at Connecticut College on October 16-18, 2009.

“Managing by Numbers” paper presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology meetings at Yale University on September 24-27, 2009.

“Anthropology of a Runaway Train: Consumer Choice and Absentee Regulation at an HMO in Puerto Rico” paper delivered at a campus wide lecture at Connecticut College as part of the Mellon Colloquial Series on April 15th, 2009.

“Market Medicine: Partnering for Private Health” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meeting in San Francisco, CA on November 21, 2008.

“What’s gender got to do with it? Accidental itineraries, feminist anthropology, and doing ethnography at an HMO in Puerto Rico” invited presentation at “Gender Studies—Rethinking the Past, Imagining the Future: A Conference in Honor of Louise Lamphere” at Brown University, October 25, 2008.

“Adjusted Risks: Medical Management in Puerto Rico” paper presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology meeting in Memphis, TN on March 28, 2008.

“Governing by Complaint: privatized public health in Puerto Rico,” invited presentation at Southern Methodist University Department of Anthropology on January 17, 2008.

“Measures of Quality: valuations of privatized public health in Puerto Rico,” invited presentation at Case Western Reserve University Department of Anthropology on April 3, 2007.

“Measures of Quality: valuations of privatized public health in Puerto Rico,” invited presentation at Washington University, St. Louis Department of Anthropology on February 27, 2007.

“Quality Work: Managing the Neoliberal Patient” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association meeting in San Jose, CA on November 19, 2006.

“Locating the downsized state: a view from corporate healthcare” paper presented at the graduate student conference *Anthropology of the State; the state of Anthropology*. Stanford University, April 8-9, 2005.

“The Contracting State: *La Reforma de Salud* in Puerto Rico” paper presented at the Conference of the Puerto Rican Studies Association. Graduate Center, City University of New York, October 23, 2004.

“Displacing Appropriate (Maya) Objects: Workshops on Museum Display with Community Cultural Promoters in Yucatán,” paper presented at American Anthropological Association, 98th annual meeting in 1999 and the Latin American Studies Association Meetings in Miami, March 2000.

“Visual Narratives: the Construction of Maya Identity in Community Museums,” paper co-written with James Todd (University of California, Santa Cruz) at the Future of the Anthropology of Visual Communication Conference, Temple University, 1998.

“Strategy, Ventriloquism, and Identity in Yucatán: Community Museums in the Subjunctive Case,” Paper presented at American Anthropological Association meeting in Washington, DC, 1998.

**Master’s Thesis**

*Losing Culture, Saving Objects: the Politics of Revitalization in Yucatán.* M.A. Thesis, Georgetown University. 1999.

RESEARCH

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| **The Transformative Power of Disaster: Ethics of Care in Puerto Rico After Maria** | | 2018 -present |
| Using qualitative interviewing and observations, this research documents how health care workers responded to Hurricane María. This project contributes to broader theoretical debates in anthropology by interrogating the concept of resiliency, theorizing how emergency infrastructures transform into more permanent structures, and conceptualizing how an ethics of care emerged and was transformed in the recovery process. Providence College student researchers are an integral part of this project. | | |
| **Expanding Access to Coverage in FL and RI: Insurance Exchanges and the Impact of Health Reform** | | 2012 - present |
| This project uses the qualitative methodologies of participant observation and semi structured interviews to document the experiences of newly and still uninsured residents of Florida and Rhode Island in the wake of the Affordable Care Act. This research has been supported by the Committee on Aid to Faculty Research at Providence College, the School of Professional Studies at Providence College, and The Collaborative. Student researchers from Providence College participated in this project by collecting data, analyzing the findings and co-authoring publications. | | |
| **Improving Safety-Net Access** | | 2008-2010 |
| Postdoctoral research conducted at the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, Connecticut College. Collaborated with students and community organizations to conduct qualitative and survey research at two community health centers in New England. | | |
| **Reforming Health Reform** | | 2007-2009 |
| Field research into new forms of organizing and activism aimed at reforming the health care system in Puerto Rico. This research was supported by the Mellon Foundation and Connecticut College. | | |
| **Unmanageable Care: An Ethnography of an HMO** | 2003 – 2007 | |
| Ethnographic research conducted over a period of three years investigating the implementation of a managed care model in Puerto Rico. The project examined how managed care and privatization reshaped the relationships between the state, corporations, and citizens. This research was supported by various fellowships at Harvard University and Brown University. | | |

**REVIEWER** (in last five years)

**Grants:**

The Swiss National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation

**Journals:**

American Anthropologist

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

American Ethnologist

Anthropological Quarterly

BioSocieties

Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry

Economic Anthropology

Family and Community Health

Human Organization

Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies

Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

Medical Anthropology

Medical Anthropology Quarterly

Political and Legal Anthropology Review

Social Science and Medicine

Social Studies of Science

**University Press:**

Duke University Press

NYU Press

Vanderbilt University Press

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