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Curriculum Vitae

University of Maryland Baltimore County
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Education

Ph.D. Department of Anthropology, American University, Washington DC, 2006
Dissertation: *Czech Political Prisoners: Remembering, Relatedness, Reconciliation*.
Committee: Geoffrey Burkhart (chair), Gretchen Schafft, Kenneth Ackerman

M.F.A Fine Arts Department, University of Delaware, 1997

B.A. Film and Photography Department, Academy of Performing Arts (FAMU),
Prague, Czech Republic, 1993

Professional Experience

2017-2018 Lecturer of Anthropology, University of Maryland College Park.

2017-2018 Consultant for Maryland State Library “Family Frames”: Smith Island
Pictorial History.

2017-2018 Assistant Researcher in Anthropology Department, UMBC.

2013-2017 Visiting Lecturer of Anthropology, Sociology, Anthropology and Health
Administration and Policy, University of Maryland Baltimore County

2003-2013 Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Sociology Department,
Loyola University Maryland

2004-2007 Co-Founder/Co-Director of Loyola Prague Summer Program, Czech

- Republic
- 2008 – 2013 Adjunct Faculty, Anthropology, Sociology and Criminal Justice
Department, Towson University, Baltimore
- 2002-2007 Faculty, School for Professional Studies, Johns Hopkins University
- 2001 - 2003 Teaching Assistant, Anthropology Department, American University,
Washington, DC
- 1995 - 2004 Cofounder, Co-Director and Faculty, The School for Photographic
Studies in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic
- 1996 - 1998 Teaching Assistant, Fine Arts Department, University of Delaware,
Newark, Delaware
- 1996 - 1997 Intern Assistant to the Curator of Photography, Baltimore Museum of
Art, Baltimore, MD
- 1993 - 1994 Assistant to Curator Museum of Applied and Decorative Arts, Prague

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Book

- 2018 *Politics of Joking: Anthropology and Humor*, ed. Vol. under contract with
Routledge Press. Upcoming.
- 2012 *Czech Political Prisoners: Recovering Face*, Lexington Books
Reviewed in “Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe”
<https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/aeer/>.
(For more book reviews or more information see:
<http://www.baltimoresun.com/entertainment/arts/bs-ae-book-rehak-20121229,0,3026184.story>, or <http://www.amazon.com/Czech-Political-Prisoners-Recovering-Face/dp/073917634X>.)

Peer Reviewed Book in Process

We Live in the Water: Aging and Ecology on Smith Island
Work in progress, working draft ready for first review in 2018.

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

“Aging in Place: Power of Kinship Changing Environment on Smith
Island”, *Anthropology & Aging*, Journal of Association for Anthropology and
Gerontology. (under review for Spring 2018)

“We Live in the Water”: Socio-ecology on Smith Island” *Human Organization*, Journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology (under review)

“Sacred Grounds in Baltimore: Dignifying Beauty, Open Canvas, Garden Magic and Rebel City” *Journal in Culture*, Journal of the Charles University, Prague. Fall 2017 Vol.

“Joking in The Space of Death” *The Institute for the Studies of Totalitarian Regimes*, Praha. Upcoming in 2018

“Rustling Silk” *Journal of Diplomacy and Cultural Studies*, Prague. Upcoming Fall 2017

“Practicing Urban Anthropology in Baltimore” *Practicing Anthropology*, Journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Vol.37.No 1. Winter 2015

“Moral Childhood and The Legacy of Socialism in Czechoslovakia” *European Journal for Population Studies*, December 2014

“Life Histories and Czech Political Prisoners” *SLOVO Journal*, published by The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library, Fall 2013

“Ecological Refugees and Lost Land” Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe: *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* Vol.30. No1. 2012

“Czech Political Prisoners: Recovering Face” Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe: *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* Vol. 2007

“Ecological Refugees” *Amnesty International* Norway #3 October 1994

“Prague Documents: Critical Essay in Czech Photo History about Czech British Photographer Marketa Luskacova” *Atelier* Prague October 1993

Public Lectures

2017 *Ecological Knowledge: Smith Island*
Biohabitat in Baltimore Spring 2017

2017 “Family Frames”: *Smith Island Pictorial History*. The Smith Island Center, May

- 2017 *Traditional Knowledge, Sense of Place and Seascape: Smith Island*
The Center for Environmental Engineering, UMBC, May 2017
- 2016 *Recovering Face: The Legacy of Socialism in the Czech Republic*
Vaclav Havel Library in Prague, Czech Republic, October 2016
- 2016 *Urban Ecology and Ethnographic Practice in Baltimore City*
The Department of Environmental Engineering in UMBC, Spring 2016
- 2013 *Czech Political Prisoners: Recovering Face*, book presentation, Enoch Pratt
Library, Central Branch, Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 *Czech Political Prisoners: Recovering Face*, book presentation
Library of Congress, European Division, Spring 2013, Washington D.C.
- 2013 “Czech Political Prisoners, Life History and Anthropology.”
National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Spring 2013.
- 2005 *Czech Culture and Traditions*, co-ordinator and lecturer for Odyssey Program,
Johns Hopkins University, May 2005.

Visual Arts Exhibitions

- 1999 “Contemporary Documents” University of Maryland Baltimore County,
Curator: Tom Beck
- 1997 Maryland Art Place, “ARTSCAPE ‘97” Baltimore, MD
Curator: Peter Walsh
- 1996 Art Gallery, Gainesville College, Atlanta, Georgia
Curator: Ann Besac
- 1996 Delaware Center for Contemporary Art
Graduate Student Exhibition
- 1994 International Photographers in Prague, People’s House, Prague.

Professional Affiliations

American Anthropological Association

The Society for Applied Anthropology

The Society for Arts and Science

Society for the Anthropology of Europe

Society for Visual Anthropology

Grants & Awards

- 2017-2018 Maryland State Library and Maryland Sea Grant “Family Frames”: Smith Island Pictorial History, active funding
- 2017 Maryland Humanities, - reviewed
- 2017 Russell Sage Foundation, NY - reviewed
- 2016 NIH, - reviewed
- 2013 Vilcek Foundation, NY
- Czech and Slovak Heritage Association Baltimore
- Urban Anthropology Service Fellowship, Loyola University Maryland
- 2012 Urban Anthropology Fieldwork, Towson University
- 2004 Vollmer Foundation Scholarship, American University
- 2005 The American Fund for Czech & Slovak Relief, Fieldwork Grant
- 2005 The Dusti Bonge Foundation – Fieldwork Grant
- 2000 Maryland State Arts Council, Visual Artists Fellowship Grant

Conference Presentations

- 2018 “Family Frames” Smith Island Pictorial History: Women in Fisheries. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, Spring 2018
- 2017 Aging in Place: Life Histories on Smith Island Maryland, Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, Mar.
- 2016 “Joking in the Face of Death”. Conference of the Institute for Investigation of Crimes under Totalitarian Regimes, Jachymov, Czech Republic, Oc.
- 2016 “Urban Ecology: Future Hope and Anthropological Practice in Baltimore”. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, CA, Mar.
- 2015 “Moral Childhood: The Legacy of Socialism and Childhood Memories”. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Nov.18 – 22.
- 2015 “Aging and Ecology on Smith Island: Applied Practice”. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Pittsburg, PA, Mar.24-28.
- 2014 “Joking Relations” American Anthropological Association Meeting,

Washington, DC, Dec. 3-7.

2014 “Urban Habitat: Housing, Health and Habitat in Baltimore”. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, Mar.18-22.

2007 “Czech Political Prisoners: Reconciliation”. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, Nov.28 – Dec. 2.

Classes Taught

University of Maryland College Park

Anthropology and Climate Change

University of Maryland Baltimore County

Cultural Anthropology

Contemporary Problems from an Anthropological Perspective

Urban Anthropology

Ethnographic Film

Environment and Culture

Migration and Immigration

Applied Anthropology

Loyola University Maryland

Cultural Anthropology

Methods and Urban Anthropology

Applied Anthropology

Towson University

Cultural Anthropology

American Culture

Johns Hopkins University

Cultural Anthropology

Urban Anthropology

Immigration

Life History and Methods in Urban Anthropology

Ethnic Conflict

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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