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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Michigan State University, Anthropology, 2011  
“Raising Malawi’s Children: AIDS Orphans and a Politics of Compassion”  
Committee Chair: Anne Ferguson
- M.A. University of South Florida, (Applied Anthropology) 2005
- M.P.H. University of South Florida, (Concentration in Global Public Health) 2005
- B.A. Vanderbilt University, Anthropology, May 1999

## POSITIONS

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- 2016-Present Assistant Professor, UNC Charlotte Department of Anthropology
- 2015-2016 Lecturer, UNC Charlotte, Department of Anthropology
- 2013-2015 Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, James Madison College and Lyman Briggs College (joint appointment)
- 2011-2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, James Madison College
- 2011 Instructor, Michigan State University, Department of Anthropology and Women’s Studies Program
- 2010 (Fall) Visiting Instructor, Appalachian State University
- 2010 (Spring) Instructor, Michigan State University, Department of Anthropology
- 2009 Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, Department of Anthropology

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**National Science Foundation REU award "Collaborative REU Site: Examining the Intersection of Food, Housing and Healthcare in the Beatties Ford Road Corridor, Charlotte, NC." PI Joseph C. Ewoodzie (Davidson College). Investigator.** Total award: \$337,000 for 3 years. Direct costs to UNCC: \$85,501 over 3 years (\$94,682 in indirect costs).

**Teaching Across the Curriculum Summer Bootcamp. UNC Charlotte.** June-August 2017 (\$1,000)

**Michigan State University Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship,** August 2010 – December 2010 (\$6,000)

**Residential College of the Arts and Humanities Fellowship,** August 2009 – May 2010 (\$7,500)

**Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad**, January 2008 (\$24,769)

**U.S. Department of Education Title IV Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships**

Awarded through the Center for Advanced Study of International Development / Women and International Development (Chichewa): Academic Year 2007-2008 (\$13,500 for half year), Academic Year 2006-2007 (\$27,000), Academic Year 2005-2006 (\$27,000), and Summer 2005 (\$6,500)

**Michigan State University – International Studies and Programs Predissertation Research Fellowship**

International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University. Funded pre-dissertation fieldwork in Malawi, Summer 2006 (\$5,000)

**PUBLICATIONS**

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Freidus, Andrea and Lenin Caro

2018 (in press) Malawi, Orphans and the Search of Authenticity in Protestant Short-term Missions. *Human Organization* 77:(4).

Freidus, Andrea

2016 Unanticipated Outcomes of Voluntourism among Malawi's Orphans. *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*. DOI:10.1080/09669582.2016.1263308.

Freidus, Andrea

2016 Blaming Their Mothers: Policing Childhood through The Learning Channel's Toddlers in Tiaras. In *Cultural Anthropology: Contemporary, Public and Critical Readings*, Keri Vacant Brondo, ed. Pgs.453-461. Oxford University Press: New York.

Freidus, Andrea

2013 "Malawi's Orphans: Children's Rights in Relation to Humanitarianism, Compassion, and Childcare." In *Worlds of Human Rights: Ambiguities of Rights Claiming in Africa*, A. Hellum, B. Derman, and K. Sandvik, eds. Pgs. 303-332. Brill Publishing: Boston, MA.

Freidus, Andrea and Anne Ferguson

2013 "Malawi Orphans: The Role of Transnational Humanitarian Organizations." In *Vulnerable Children: Global Challenges in Education, Health, Well-being, and Child Rights*. D. Johnson, D. Agbenyiga, and B. Hitchcock, eds. Pgs. 203-213. Springer Press

Freidus, Andrea

2010 Raising Malawi's Children: Unanticipated Outcomes Associated with Institutionalized Care. *Children and Society* 24(4): 293-303.

Freidus, Andrea

2010 "Saving" Malawi: FAITHFUL responses to orphans and vulnerable children  
*North American Practicing Anthropology Bulletin* 33(1): 50-67.

Freidus, Andrea and Nancy Romero-Daza

2009 The space between: globalization, liminal spaces, and personal relations in rural Costa Rica, *Gender, Place, and Culture: A feminist geography journal* 16(6): 683-702.

Freidus, Andrea and Linda Whiteford  
2008 Opening Up Mic Night: Using Karaoke to Teach Gender. In *Strategies in Teaching Anthropology*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, P. Rice and D. W. McCurdy, eds. Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Romero-Daza, Nancy and Andrea Freidus  
2008 Female Tourists, Casual Sex, and HIV Risk in Costa Rica, *Qualitative Sociology* 31 (2) pp.169-187.

### *TECHNICAL REPORTS*

Adams, Kara\*, Jessica Allison\*, Quinn Barnette\*, Ashlyn Booth\*, Victoria Bracken\*, Ashley Burke\*, Curtis Chancy\*, Crystal Cruz\*, Heather Dinkins\*, Benji Douglas\*, Daniel Dvorak\*, Maggie Dye\*, Andrea Freidus, Heather Gaffney-Darnell\*, John Hemrick\*, Corrine Huffman\*, Taylor Hurwitz\*, Kyleigh Keen\*, Emily Long\*, Hadley Mason\*, Alexis Mitchell\*, Audrey Page\*, Nicole Peterson, Julian Robinson\*, Christopher Smith\*, Mitchell Souders\*, Shanna Stewart\*, Maya Washington\*, and Yvette Whitley\*. 2017 Understanding the Elements of Food Insecurity at UNCC. Report on ANTH 4111 project to the UNCC Jamil Niner Food Pantry Spring 2017. No review.

\*indicates student contributors

Tobin, G. with Linda Whiteford and Carmen Laspina (2005) Perception, Social Support and Chronic Exposure to Hazards: Human Health and Community Well-being. Technical Report written with Heather M.Bell, Andrea Freidus, and Hugo Yepes.

Tobin, G.A., Bell, H.M., Hughey, E.P., Montz, B.E., Everist, M.P., Kelsey, C., Miller, R., Whiteford L.M., with Blackman, V., Freidus, A., Hill, B., Jafarova, L. and Perett A. (2005) Hurricane Charley - The Aftermath: Impacts and Responses. Technical Report in the Department of Geography, University of South Florida. pp. 223. (Paper and CD).

Romero-Daza, N, and A. Freidus (2004) Community Perceptions of Sexually Transmitted Infections in Monteverde, Costa Rica. Technical Report submitted to the Globalization and Research Center, University of South Florida.

### *PUBLICATIONS, OTHER*

Freidus, Andrea  
2007 Book Review, Elder, Glen's *Hostel's Sexuality and the Apartheid Legacy: Malevolent Geographies* (Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press). *Women and International Development Bulletin*, Michigan State University. Fall 2007, Vol. 23, Issue 1.

### *REVISE AND RESUBMIT, UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION*

Peterson, Nicole and Andrea Freidus  
More than money: barriers to food security on a collage campus. Revise and resubmit to the *Annals of Anthropological Practice*.

Freidus, Andrea

The role of nationalism and biomedical enculturation on the outmigration of Malawian physicians.  
Manuscript in process to be submitted to *African Affairs* (projected October 2018).

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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- Graduate Student Proposal Writing Class (UNCC)
- Applied Anthropology- Graduate and Undergraduate Seminars (UNCC)
- Health and Human Rights (UNCC, Lyman Briggs College, MSU)
- Development in Southern Africa (UNCC)
- Global Public Health (James Madison College, MSU)
- Comparative Cultures and Politics (James Madison College, MSU)
- Comparative Cultures and Politics in Transnational Perspective (James Madison College, MSU)
- Introduction to Public Affairs II: Globalization and Democracy (James Madison College, MSU)
- Social and Cultural Analysis (A History of Anthropological Theory and Methods, Anthropology Department, MSU)
- Women and Health: International and Anthropological Perspectives (Anthropology Department, MSU)
- Comparative Child Welfare (James Madison College, senior seminar)
- Women and Change in Developing Countries (Women's Studies Program, MSU)
- Understanding Culture (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Anthropology Department, Appalachian State University)
- Gender Relations in Comparative Perspective (Anthropology Department, MSU)

## **THESIS ADVISING**

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- Jasmine Stickland, MA, Committee Chair, in progress
- Sydney MA Committee Chair, in progress.
- Eden Van Essen, MA Committee Chair, in progress
- Ebony Hill, MA Committee member, in progress
- Lauren Ballard, MA Committee Chair, (on hold)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Committee Member, American Anthropology Association Resource Development Committee (Appointed position) Fall 2017-present  
Committee Member, UNCC Graduate Student Committee, UNC Charlotte (Fall 2016-present)  
Faculty Council, UNC Charlotte (Spring 2017)  
Reviewer, Journal of Sustainable Tourism  
Core and Consulting Faculty, The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) (MSU 2013 – 2015)  
Core and Consulting Faculty, Peace and Justice Undergraduate Specialization (MSU 2013-2015)  
Graduate Student Representative, Social Science Research Council (MSU Fall 2009-Spring 2010)  
Advisor and Reviewer, MSU Undergraduate Research Conference: Gender, Women, and Sexuality (Spring 2011)

*Professional Memberships*

American Anthropological Association

*Section Memberships*

Society for Medical Anthropology

Anthropology of Childhood

Society for Applied Anthropology

**PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INVITED LECTURES**

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*Panel Discussant*

Beyond Homo Economics: The Overlooked Subjectivities of Neoliberalism (2014). Panel Discussant at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association, Washington DC, Friday, December 5.

*Panels Chaired*

Anthropological Engagements with Post-Disaster Development: Markets, Voluntourism, Humanitarianism and the Will to Aide (2013) Panel Chaired at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. Chicago, IL, November 21, 2013.

Medical Citizenship as Contested Domain (2013) Panel Chaired at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO, March 19-23.

On the Edge of Disaster: Tsunami, Hurricanes and other Natural Disasters (2006) Panel Chaired at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Vancouver, British Columbia Saturday, April 1, 2006.

Catalysts and Calamities: Transnational Organizations and Community Dynamics in Developing Countries (2007) Panel Chaired at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Tampa, Florida, Saturday, March 31, 2007.

*Papers AND Posters Presented*

Freidus, A. with L. Caro (2018) Orphanage Tourism, Protestant Students and the Affect Economy. Paper Presented at the Africana Studies Symposium, UNC Charlotte. Thursday, February 22, 2018

Freidus, A. and L. Caro (2017) The Geography of Spiritual Development and the Search for Authenticity in Protestant Short Term Mission. Paper Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Washington D.C., Saturday, Dec 2, 2017.

Freidus, A. (2017) Orphans, Poor Patients, and Water Filters: Examining the Place of Compassion and Justice in Global Engagement. Paper Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fe, New Mexico, Friday, Mar 31, 2017

Freidus, A (2016) Retirement Tribute for Dr. Anne Ferguson. Paper Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, MN, Nov 16-20, 2016.

Freidus, A. with E. Guay (2013) Humanitarianism, Morality, and Human Rights? An analysis of U.S.

responses to Malawian orphans and patients. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. Chicago, IL, November 21, 2013.

Freidus, A. (2013) Madonna and Malawi's Orphans: The New Face of Development? Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, CO, March 20, 2013.

Guay, E with A Freidus (2013) Humanitarianism at the Interface of Rights and Virtue. Paper Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, CO, March 21, 2013.

Freidus, A. (2012) Children and Pageantry: Gendered and Childhood Constructions in Toddlers in Tiaras. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. San Francisco, CA, November 12-18, 2012

Freidus, A. and E Guay (2012) An Internal Brain Drain: The Urbanization of Malawi's Most Qualified Health Personnel. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Medical Anthropology. Baltimore, Maryland, March 27-31, 2012.

E. Guay and A. Freidus (2012) Healing the World: Actions and Conceptions of American Medical Students in Malawi. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Medical Anthropology. Baltimore, Maryland, March 27-31, 2012.

Freidus, A. (2011) "Do-it-Yourself" Foreign Aid: De-professionalized Responses to Malawi's Orphans. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Seattle, Washington, March 29 – April 2, 2011.

Freidus, A. (2010) Supporting Malawi's Orphans: Universalized and Universalizing Narratives Focused on Children. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. New Orleans, LA, November 17 - 21, 2010.

Freidus, A. and C. Schmidt (2010) From Lansing to Kathmandu: Student Engagement with Marginalized and Orphaned Children at Home and Abroad. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Merida, Mexico, March 24 – 27, 2010.

Eibl, M. and A. Freidus (2010) Governing through Healthcare? The impact of NGOs in Africa. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Merida, Mexico, March 24 – 27, 2010.

Freidus, A. with N. Romero-Daza and D. Himmelgreen (2010) Love Triangle: Tourism, Sex, and Risk in Rural Costa Rica. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Merida, Mexico, March 24 – 27, 2010.

Freidus, A. (2009) VolunTOURing Malawi: Summertime Explorations into Orphans, AIDS, and Elephants. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009.

Ferguson, A. and A. Freidus (2009) "Saving" Malawi: FAITHFUL Responses to Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied

Anthropology Conference. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009.

Freidus, A. (2009) VolunTOURing Malawi: Summertime Explorations into Orphans, AIDS, and Elephants. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Santa Fe, NM, March 17-21, 2009.

Freidus, A. and A. Ferguson (2008) Friction over Malawi's "left children": Exploring donor desire, community response, and orphan outcomes. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the African Studies Association. Chicago, IL November 13 to November, 16, 2008.

Ferguson, A. and A. Freidus (2008) Constructing Orphan Identities: The Role of Transnational Organizations in Malawi. Paper presented at the Conference on the Undependent Childhood in Global Perspective. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, April 3 to April 4, 2008.

Ferguson, A. and A. Freidus (2007) Orphan Care in Malawi: Examining the Transnational Images and Discourses of Humanitarianism. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. Washington DC, November 28 – December 2, 2007.

Freidus, A. and N. Romero-Daza (2007) Wear Your Rubbers!: HIV Prevention Campaigns in Monteverde, Costa Rica. Paper Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Tampa, Florida, March 31, 2007.

Ferguson, A. and A. Freidus (2007) Privatizing Human Rights: Health and Nutrition for Malawi's Orphaned Children. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Tampa, FL, March 31, 2007.

Freidus, A. and N. Romero- Daza (2006) Constructing the "Other": How the Public/Private Space Dichotomy Structures Relations in Rural Costa Rica. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Geography Conference. Tampa, FL October 11 to October 14, 2006.

Bell, H. and A. Freidus (2006) Methodological Advances: Understanding the Volcano Hazard through Geography and Anthropology. Poster presented at the Cities on Volcanoes Conference. Quito, Ecuador, January 23 to 27, 2006.

Freidus A. with L. Whiteford and C. Workman (2006). "We're Victims, Not Criminals": Governmental Response And Policy Implications For Hurricane Relief Efforts After Charley And Katrina. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Association. Vancouver, British Columbia March 28 to April 2, 2006.

Freidus, A. and N. Romero-Daza (2005) Young, Independent, and at Risk: American Women and the Risk for HIV Infection in Rural Costa Rica. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropology Association. Washington, DC November 30 to December 3, 2005.

Freidus, A. with C. Workman and L. Whiteford (2005) "Why pout about it? I mean, you could have died": Ethnographic insight into FEMA relocation in South Florida. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Applied Geography Conference. Washington, DC, November 2 to 5, 2005

Whiteford, L. with C. Workman and A. Freidus (2005) Alligators, Basketball, and Yea – it's Pretty Good: Hurricane Charley and the FEMA Relocation. Paper presented at the Florida Society of Geographers. Orlando, FL, February 4 to 6, 2005

*Roundtable Discussions*

Freidus, A. (2018) Connecting Disciplines, Connecting Faculty: The WI Teaching Academy Presentation at the International Teaching Across the Curriculum Conference. Auburn, AL. June, 5, 2018

Collaborative Solutions to Global Insecurities: Challenges, Opportunities, and Potential (Roundtable) Chaired by Bird, S. Elizabeth. (USF). Roundtable discussion at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Tampa, FL March 30, 2007.

*Other Public Outreach*

Freidus, A. (2018) "Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and 'Orphan Aid.'" Invited Guest Speaker, University of South Florida Global Health from an Anthropological Perspective Course. Tampa, FL, Feb. 6, 2018.

Freidus, A. (2017) "Productive Moral Sentiments or Inhumane Humanitarianism?: The Place of Compassion in International Volunteering in Malawi." Invited Guest Speaker, University of Oklahoma Dreamer's Course. Norman, OK, Oct 10. 2017  
(\$3,000 stipend)

Freidus, A. (2017) Volunteer Tourism: what's wrong with it and how it can be changed. The Conversation on-line. Published Nov. 8, 2017. <https://theconversation.com/volunteer-tourism-whats-wrong-with-it-and-how-it-can-be-changed-86701>

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

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Chichewa (Advanced)  
Spanish (Fluent)