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EDUCATION:

- 2009 Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Dissertation: *Difficult Decisions: Karimojong Healing in Conflict*
- 2008 Graduate Certificate in African Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- 2002 M.A., with Honors, in Anthropology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Thesis: *Mortality and Causes of Death Among Karimojong Agropastoralists of Northeast Uganda, 1940-1999*
- 1999 B.A. in Anthropology, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

ACADEMIC INTERESTS:

Ethnomedicine and local healing strategies
Migration, resettlement, and internally displaced persons
Child health, growth and development, and caretaking methods
Sub-Saharan Africa with a focus on East African pastoralists

UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT:

- 2020- Present Professor, Washburn University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Courses taught: *Anthropology of Food; Anthropology of Women; Biological Anthropology (both in-class and online versions); Cultural Anthropology (both in-class and online versions); Forensic Anthropology; History and Theory of Anthropology; Human Origins and Evolution; Medical Anthropology; Peoples and Cultures of Africa; Primate Social Behavior; Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft; Supervised Study (Primate Social Behavior; Cannibalism; Environmental Anthropology; Changing Maasai Gender Roles); and Internships.*
- 2020-Present Director, Washburn University, African American and African Diaspora Studies Minor
- 2017-Present Chair, Washburn University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2015-2020 Associate Professor, Washburn University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2009-2015 Assistant Professor, Washburn University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- 2003-2004 Instructor, University of Kansas, Department of Anthropology
Courses taught: *General Anthropology; Peoples of Africa.*
- 2000-2003 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas, Department of Anthropology

BOOKS:

- Sundal, M.B. (Under Contract). *Becoming "one who treats": Karimojong indigenous healers in a time of conflict.* Routledge.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

- 2017 Gray, S.J. and M.B. Sundal. "Milk has gone": Changing dietary strategies in Karamoja, Uganda. *American Anthropologist* 119(4): 662-83.
- 2014 Sundal, M.B. How migrant Karimojong negotiate risk in the slums. In *Medical Anthropology in Global Africa: Current Trends in Knowledge and Practice.* eds. K.A. Rhine & J.M. Janzen. Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas Anthropology Monograph Series, pp. 151-156.
- 2012 Sundal, M.B. Not in my hospital: Karimojong healers and biomedicine. *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 6(4):571-590.
- 2010 Sundal, M.B. Nowhere to go: Karimojong displacement and forced resettlement. *Nomadic Peoples* 14(2):72-86.
- 2010 Gray, S.J., H.A. Akol, and M.B. Sundal. Longitudinal weight gain of immunized infants and toddlers in Moroto District, Uganda (Karamoja subregion). *American Journal of Human Biology* 22(1):111-123
- 2009 Gray, S.J., H.A. Akol, and M.B. Sundal. Mixed-longitudinal growth of Karimojong girls and boys in Moroto District Uganda. *American Journal of Human Biology*, 21(1):65-76.
- 2008 Gray, S.J., H.A. Akol, and M.B. Sundal. Mixed-longitudinal growth of breastfeeding children in Moroto District, Uganda (Karamoja sub-region): A loss of biological resiliency? *American Journal of Human Biology* 20(5):499-509.
- 2007 Gray, S.J., H.A. Akol, and M. Sundal. Social and demographic effects of the crisis in Karamoja: A preliminary report. *Uganda Journal* 51:15-26.
- 2003 Gray, S.J., M.B. Sundal, B.L. Wiebusch, M.A. Little, P.W. Leslie, and I.L. Pike. Cattle raiding, cultural survival, and adaptability of East African pastoralists. *Current Anthropology* 44:S3-S30.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- 2016 Sundal, M.B. Review of *Stirring the Pot: A History of African Cuisine*, by James C. McCann. Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition, August 2016 (<https://foodanthro.com/2016/08/12/review-stirring-the-pot/>)
- 2013 Sundal, M.B. Review of *AIDS Policy in Uganda: Evidence, Ideology, and the Making of an African Success Story*, by John Kinsman. *African Studies Review* 56(1): 201-202.
- 2013 Sundal, M.B. Review of *Moral Power: The Magic of Witchcraft*, by Koen Stroeken. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 27(2): b23-b25.
- 2010 Sundal, M.B. Difficult decisions: Karimojong healing in conflict. Dissertation (Ph.D.), University of Kansas.

- 2008 Sundal, M.B. Bribe, beaten, and berated: How biomedicine fails Karimojong. *Viennese Ethnomedicine Newsletter* 10(2-3):10-13.
- 2003 Sundal, M.B. Mortality among Karimojong agropastoralists. *KU Anthropologist* 14:1-2.
- 2002 Sundal, M.B. Mortality and causes of death among Karimojong agropastoralists of Northeast Uganda, 1940-1999. Thesis (M.A.), University of Kansas.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 2018 *Karimojong Indigenous Healers in a Time of Conflict*. Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 *Life as a Migrant Street Beggar*. Paper presented at the International Conference of Transatlantic Studies, Warrensburg, MO.
- 2013 *Instead of Water, Coke: Gum Arabic Production in Karamoja, Uganda*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2012 *Tribe Versus Territory: Examining Identity in Karamoja and Kampala*. Paper presented at the roundtable, "Research frontiers in the East African pastoralist zone: Karamoja, Uganda" at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2012 *More Than a Gunshot Wound: The Every Day of Violence in Karamoja, Uganda*. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. I also served as the Session Chair, *Generation, Gender and Other Issues of Identity in Modernizing Africa*.
- 2012 *The Pawnee Sacred Bundle Video Project: A Case Study in Anthropological Ethics*. Paper presented at the Flint Hills Conference, Emporia State University, (co-presenter with Margaret C. Wood).
- 2011 *Becoming "One Who Treats": The Legacy of Karimojong Medicinal Knowledge*. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2011 *Karimojong Medicine: The Role of Indigenous Healers in a Time of Conflict*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. I also served as the Session Chair, *Health Care for the 21st Century: Creative Alternatives to Allopathic Dominance, Part I*.
- 2010 *Circulating Livelihoods: Karimojong Migration and Resettlement in the Context of Disarmament*. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 *Slum Life: The Role of Medical Anthropology in Migration Studies*. Paper presented at the Medical Anthropology in Global Africa Meeting, Lawrence, KS.
- 2009 *Fragmented Identities: Changing Karimojong Affiliation*. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 *Not in My Hospital: Karimojong Healers and Biomedicine*. Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. I also served as the Session Chair, *Medicine, Spirituality, and Culture*.
- 2008 *Bribe, Beaten, and Berated: How Biomedicine Fails Karimojong*. Paper presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Memphis, TN.
- 2007 *Karimojong Migrants: Uganda's Unwanted Residents*. Paper presented at the African Studies Association 50th Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2006 *Loss of Cattle, Loss of Health: Morbidity of Karimojong Children*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC.
- 2002 *Cause of Death Among Karimojong Adults of Northeast Uganda*. Poster presented at the Human Biology Association Annual Meeting, Buffalo, NY.
- 2001 *Child Mortality Among Karimojong Agropastoralists of Northeast Uganda*. Poster presented at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

INVITED TALKS:

- 2015 *Critical Medical Anthropology: Karimojong Ethnomedicine*. Guest Lecturer at the University of Kansas for the Cultural Anthropology course (Dr. Brian Lagotte).
- 2010 *Witchcraft in Daily Lives: Spirit Possession, Evil Eye, and Magical Fetishes*. Summer Teacher Institute, "Using the Arts and Cultural Events to Teach About Africa," University of Kansas, Kansas African Studies Center (KASC).
- 2010 *Karimojong Livelihoods: Subsistence, Gender, and Health*. Guest lecturer at Johnson County Community College for the Introduction to Cultural Anthropology course (Dr. Jessica Craig).
- 2008 *Karimojong Local Healers: An Ethnographic Case Example*. Guest lecturer at the University of Kansas, Introduction to Medical Anthropology course (Dr. John Janzen).

RESEARCH & FIELD WORK:

- August 2017-December 2017 Livelihood Strategies of Homeless Parents, Kansas
Pilot study on families living in homeless shelters or transitional housing and included ethnographic field methods to illicit qualitative data regarding homeless families' child caretaking and livelihood strategies.
- July-August 2014 Biomedicalization of *Cannabis*, New Mexico
Pilot study to identify Licensed Non-Profit Producers (LNPP) in the New Mexico Cannabis Program and establish research contacts within the LNPPs.
- November 2011-June 2012 Ethics of the Pawnee Sacred Bundle, Kansas
Worked in collaboration with Dr. Margaret Wood (co-PI) and two Washburn University undergraduate students to investigate the ethical issues surrounding the curation, study, and display of a Pawnee sacred bundle.
- October 2006-August 2007 Karimojong Health and Healing, Uganda
Interviewed and observed Karimojong women regarding healing methods and the sociopolitical factors affecting family well-being and child health. Interviewed Karimojong local healers about their roles as health care providers, health treatment regimens, and medical training. Interviewed migrant Karimojong on their displacement and their slum living conditions. Visited biomedical health centers and collected patient illness and treatment data.
- October 2006-January 2007 NgaKarimojong Intensive Language Study, Uganda
Received the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship through the University of Kansas' African Studies Resource Center to fund NgaKarimojong intensive language training.
- February 2007 Disarmament Effects on Karimojong Livelihoods, Uganda
Sole field-researcher for Dr. Sandra Gray's project *Drought, Famine, and Disarmament of North East Uganda*, funded by the General Research Fund at the University of Kansas. Interviewed Karimojong women who participated in a 1998-1999 study to update their demographic data.

September 2004-December 2004 Violence and Maternal Caretaking, Uganda
 Examined the effects of insecurity on Karimojong mothers' caretaking strategies. Interviewed women regarding drought, raiding, and the disarmament program. Measured food resources and observed interactions between mothers and children.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- 2021 Certificate of Inclusive Teaching & Learning, Washburn University, Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning.
- 2021 Certificate of Teaching & Learning, Washburn University, Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning.
- 2021 *Free Your Mind: Department Anti-Racist Teaching Program* member
- 2020 Supervisor Essentials Program, Washburn University (attended workshops January 9, 2020 and January 16, 2020).
- 2020 Certificate of Inclusive Teaching & Learning, Washburn University, Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning.
- 2020 Certificate of Teaching & Learning, Washburn University, Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning.
- 2019 QOCI-Managing a Meaningful and Active Online Course, Washburn University, Summer 2019.
- 2019 Certificate of Teaching & Learning, Washburn University, Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning.
- 2018 American Anthropological Association Department Leaders Summer Institute, June 19-21, 2018, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Supervisor Essentials Program, Washburn University (attended workshops November 1, 2018 and December 20, 2018).
- 2018 Clifton Strengths Assessment
- 2017 Creating Respectful Working Relationships Workshop and Preventing Employment Discrimination, Washburn University (May 30, 2017).
- 2016 Preventing Sexual Harassment, Washburn University (August 3, 2016)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS:

- 2021 C-TEL Assessment Grant, Washburn University, \$500, to remodel the B.S. in Anthropology program learning outcomes and assessment materials
- 2019 C-TEL Assessment Grant, Washburn University, \$500, to remodel the B.A. in Anthropology program learning outcomes and assessment materials
- 2019 Small Research Grant, Washburn University, \$3000, to prepare monograph during a two course-load reduction in the fall 2019 semester.
- 2017 Academic Sabbatical (Fall 2017), Washburn University, to examine livelihood strategies of homeless parents residing in community shelters.
- 2016 Curriculum Development Grant, Washburn University, \$1400, to purchase hominin replica casts for the anthropology lab fossil collection.
- 2016 Kathleen Brown Fund, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Washburn University, \$200, to purchase instructional materials for the new forensic anthropology lab.
- 2015 Washburn Women's Venture Partnership (WWVP), Washburn University, \$6960, to purchase instructional materials for the new forensic anthropology lab.
- 2015 Kathleen Brown Fund, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Washburn University, \$165, to attend the "Essential of Morita Therapy" seminar and purchase EndNote software.
- 2014 Mary B. Sweet Summer Sabbatical, Washburn University, \$4500, to examine the biomedicalization of *Cannabis* among New Mexico's Licensed Non-Profit Producers.

- 2014 Kathleen Brown Fund, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Washburn University \$200, to take *Peoples and Cultures of Africa* students to the Ladysmith Black Mambazo Concert.
- 2013 Curriculum Development Grant, Washburn University, \$2008.39, to purchase forensic replica casts for the anthropology lab fossil collection.
- 2013 Kathleen Brown Fund, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Washburn University, \$200, to attend to attend the Society for Applied Anthropology 2013 Annual Meetings.
- 2012 Faculty Development Grant, Washburn University, \$500, to attend the African Studies Association 2012 Annual Meeting.
- 2011 Curriculum Development Grant, Washburn University, \$2000, to purchase primate casts for the anthropology lab fossil collection.
- 2011 Curriculum Development Grant, Washburn University, \$1859, to investigate anthropological ethics in collaboration with Dr. Margaret Wood (co-recipient of the grant).
- 2011 International Travel Grant, Washburn University, \$900, to attend the American Anthropological Association 2011 Annual Meetings in Montreal, Canada.
- 2011 Freeman Fellowship, Freeman Foundation, \$900 plus tuition and board, to attend the Japan Studies Association's 2011 Summer Freeman Institute Workshop.
- 2010 Small Research Grant, Washburn University, \$3000, to prepare journal articles during a two course-load reduction in the spring 2011 semester.
- 2010 Curriculum Development Grant, Washburn University, \$2000, to build the anthropological video library
- 2010 Faculty Development Grant, Washburn University, \$500, to attend the Society for Applied Anthropology 2011 Annual Meeting.
- 2007 Carroll D. Clark Research Award, University of Kansas, Department of Anthropology.
- 2006 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship to learn NgaKarimojong, University of Kansas, Kansas African Studies Center, 2006-2007 Academic Year.
- 2004 Howard J. Baumgartel Peace and Justice Award, University of Kansas, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- 2004 E. Jackson Baur Award for Research and Study of Social Conflict and Conflict Resolution, University of Kansas, Department of Sociology.
- 2004 Carroll D. Clark Research Award, University of Kansas, Department of Anthropology.
- 2001 Carroll D. Clark Research Award, University of Kansas, Department of Anthropology.

SERVICE:

Departmental Service

- 2021 Member CAS Success Group, 4-year plan and major maps
- 2020 Organizer and Member CAS Success Group, BLM and antiracism
- 2020 Member CAS Success Group, Navigate
- 2019-Present B.S. in Anthropology Assessment Committee member
- 2019-Present B.A. in Anthropology Assessment Committee member
- 2019-Present Co-organizer, SOAN Faculty-Student events
- 2014-Present Anthropology Assessment Liaison
- 2012-Present General Education Anthropology Course Coordinator
- 2019 Teaching Subcommittee member, SOAN Tenure/Promotion Document Revisions
- 2018 Organizer and member CAS Success Group, Major Maps
- 2017 Organizer and member CAS Success Group, General Education Rubrics
- 2015-2016 Chair, Forensic Anthropology Search Committee

2015-2016	Anthropology (Archaeology) New Hire Committee member
2015	Sociology New Hire Committee member
2010-2012	Sociology New Hire Committee member (two hiring searches)
2010-2012	Faculty Advisor for the Social Justice League
2010	Physical Anthropology representative at the Kansas Board of Regents Core Outcome Project
2009-2011	Anthropology Curriculum Revision Committee member

University Service

2021-Present	CCPT Committee member
2020-Present	Director, African American and African Diaspora Studies (AAADS) Minor
2020	Remote Instruction Policies Ad Hoc Committee member
2020	Department Committee member, Promotion, English Department
2020	Department Committee member, 3 rd Year Review, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
2019-Present	Academic Diversity and Inclusion Committee member
2020	Affinity Sub-Committee Chair, Academic Diversity and Inclusion Committee
2019-2020	African American and African Diaspora Studies (AAADS) Minor Subcommittee member, Academic Diversity and Inclusion Committee
2019-2020	President, Social Science Division
2019	Chair, Affinity Group Subcommittee, Diversity and Inclusion
2016-2020	Program Review Committee member
2009-Present	Safe-Zone ALLY representative
2018	Critical Thinking USLO Campus-Wide Assessment member
2016-2017	College Faculty Council (CFC) member
2015-2016	Library Committee member
2013-2015	New Faculty Mentor
2010-2015	International Education Committee member
2015	Pilot Program: D2L/USLO Assessment member
2014	Critical Thinking USLO Campus-Wide Assessment Pilot member
2012-2014	College Faculty Council (CFC) member
2012-2013	Chair, Professional Development Committee, College Faculty Council (CFC)
2012-2013	Critical Creative Thinking Assessment Committee member
2011-2013	Interdisciplinary Studies Committee member
2011-2012	Faculty Mentor West Hall Residential Living
2010-2012	Student Appeals Committee member
2011	Chair of the Grade Appeal Committee

Community Service

2021	Participant, Greater Topeka Partnership Series <i>A Seat at the Table</i>
2019-2020	WU Hostile Terrain 2020 Committee member
2019	Presenter, Gender Brownbag Lecture Series, Washburn University, <i>Kampala Street Roundup and Resettlement Abuses</i>
2017	Presenter, <i>Biomedical Ethics Exploration</i> . 2Book Topeka Series, Topeka Public Library, Summer 2017
2012-2013	Vice President of the Board of Directors, The Community Mercantile

2011-2013 Board of Director, The Community Mercantile, natural food co-operative
2011-2013 Board Development Committee, The Community Mercantile
2012 Presenter, Brownbag International Lecture Series, Washburn University, *More Than a Gunshot Wound: The Every Day of Violence in Karamoja, Uganda*
2012 Women in Science Lab Leader, Women in Science Day
2011 Women in Science Lab Leader, Women in Science Day

Professional Service

2021 Manuscript Reviewer, *Civil Wars journal*
2020 Reviewer, Mitacs Elevate Research Proposal (IT21887)
2019-2020 Manuscript Reviewer, Culture, Health and Sexuality
2018 Textbook Reviewer, Oxford University Press
2015-2017 Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Eastern African Studies (JEAS)
2014 Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF)
2011-2013 Co-program Editor, Association for Africanist Anthropology (AfAA)
2011 Pearson Focus Group participant at the 2011 AAA Annual Meetings
2011 Cengage Learning Focus Group participant at the 2011 AAA Annual Meetings