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EDUCATION

- 2005 **Ph.D.** in Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 1999 **M.A.** in Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 1997 **B.A.** in Anthropology and Spanish Literature, Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington

EXTERNAL HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019-2020 Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Society and Culture, Dalhousie University.
- 2012 Jose Maria Arguedas Article Award, given by the Peru Section of the Latin American Studies Association, for “Kinship Paths To and From the New Europe: A Unified Analysis of Peruvian Adoption and Migration.”
- 2010 Margaret Mead Award, jointly given by the American Anthropological Association and the Society for Applied Anthropology, for *The Circulation of Children: Adoption, Kinship, and Morality in Andean Peru*.
- 2005 Horace H. Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award, given by the University of Michigan, for *Familiar Ways: Child Circulation in Andean Peru*

SCHOLARSHIP

Books:

- 2024 *Care and Agency: The Andean Community Through the Eyes of Children*. With Jeanine Anderson. Rutgers University Press.
- 2013 *Adoptive Migration: Raising Latinos in Spain*. Durham: Duke University Press.
Translated 2015: *La migración adoptiva: criando a peruanos en España*. Lima: Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, trans. Adriana Soldí.
- 2008 *The Circulation of Children: Adoption, Kinship, and Morality in Andean Peru*. Durham: Duke University Press.
Translated 2009: *Los niños ayacuchanos: una antropología de la adopción y la construcción familiar en el Perú*. Lima: Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, trans. Adriana Soldí.

Edited Journal Issues:

- 2015 “The Geography of Transnational Adoption: Kin and Place in Globalization,” special issue of *Social & Cultural Geography* 16(5), co-edited with Sonja van Wichelen.
- 2009 “Cultural and Political Economies of Transnational Adoption,” special issue of *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 14(1), co-edited with Linda J. Seligmann.
- 2007 “The State and Children’s Fate,” special issue of *Childhood: A global journal of child research* 14(3), co-edited with Claudia Fonseca.

Peer-reviewed Essays:

- 2025 “Encoding family struggles through Peruvian child welfare practice: Microbiographic insights from an alternative care database.” *Human Organization* 84(3): 265-277.
[10.1080/00187259.2025.2514452]

- 2025 Jessaca Leinaweaver and Diana Marre. “Résister à l’absence dans l’adoption, avant et après.” (“Resisting adoptive absence, before and after.”) In special issue “Absent-es: des existences en creux” (Michèle Baussant and Maria Couroucli, eds), *Communications* 117:59-70. [10.3917/commu.117.0059]
- 2024 “Museum families: Canadian kinship and material culture.” *Museum Anthropology* 47(1): 3-12. [10.1111/muan.12282]
- 2024 “Working together, learning apart: Findings from a Multicommunity Study in Rural Peru.” With Jeanine Anderson. *Ethnography and Education* 19(2): 175-193. [10.1080/17457823.2024.2339859]
- 2024 “La educación rural y sus micro contextos: lecciones de Yauyos.” With Jeanine Anderson. *Revista Peruana de Investigación Educativa* 15(19): 73-96. [10.34236/rpie.v15i19.456]
- 2023 “Solidarity Exclusions: Problematizing kinship and humanitarianism from the perspective of transnational adoption.” With Diana Marre. *American Anthropologist* 125:9-22. [10.1111/aman.13794]
- 2023 “Caring between the lines: trying to know others in Andean Peru.” In the collection “A Sign of Our times: Caring in an Unsettling World,” edited by Magdalena Zegarra Chiappori and Salwa Tareen, *American Ethnologist* website. [https://americanethnologist.org/online-content/collections/uncaring-world/trying-to-know-others-in-andean-peru-by-jessaca-leinaweaver/]
- 2023 “Disappearance via Adoption: On Missing Children in Spain (1936-96).” With Diana Marre. In *An Anthropology of disappearances: disturbed intimacies, emergent politics, and methodological pessimism*, edited by Laura Huttunen and Gerhild Perl. European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Book Series, Berghahn Books. (In press)
- 2022 “Adoption Knowledge: A Citizen-Scientific Use of FamilySearch to Understand Peruvian Adoption.” With Milagros Caroline Forrester. *Tapuya*, special issue on “Citizen Science in Latin America and the Global South.” [10.1080/25729861.2022.2123635].
- 2022 “What is Adopted in Dobbs?” *Adoption & Culture* 10(2). <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/30/article/870573/pdf>.
- 2022 “Counter-Demography: Situated Caring for the Aged in Andean Peru.” *Medical Anthropology* 41:6-7: 630-644. [10.1080/01459740.2021.1988595]
- 2022 “Adoption and Fostering.” Jessaca Leinaweaver and Diana Marre. In *The Routledge Handbook of Anthropology and Reproduction*, Sallie Han and Cecilia Tomori, eds. Routledge. Pp. 618-630.
- 2019 “Transnational Adoption.” In *The Cambridge Handbook of Kinship*, Sandra Bamford, editor. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 391-411.
- 2019 “Papering the Origins: Place-making, Privacy, and Kinship in Spanish International Adoption.” *Genealogy* 3(4), 50. [10.3390/genealogy3040050]
- 2018 “Kinship, Households, and Sociality.” In *The Andean World*, Linda J. Seligmann and Kathleen S. Fine-Dare, editors. New York: Routledge, pp. 235-248.
- 2018 “Adoption.” In *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (CEA), Felix Stein, Sian Lazar, Rupert Stasch, Joel Robbins, Andrew Sanchez, Matei Candea & Hildegard Diemberger, eds. <http://www.anthroencyclopedia.com/entry/adoption> and <http://doi.org/10.29164/18adopt>.
- 2018 Jessaca Leinaweaver and Diana Marre. When Gaming the System Is the Only Way to Parenthood. In *SAPIENS*, <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/adoption-spain/>
Translated 2018: Jessaca Leinaweaver and Diana Marre. Cuando regatear al sistema es el único camino para crear una familia. (Spanish version of When Gaming the System Is the Only Way to Parenthood.) In *SAPIENS*, <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/adopcion-espana/>

- 2017 Jessaca Leinaweaver, Diana Marre, and Susan Frekko. "'Homework' and Transnational Adoption Screening in Spain: The Co-Production of Home and Family." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 23(3): 562-579. [10.1111/1467-9655.12652]
- 2017 "The Unsustainability of Transnational Adoption in *La Vergüenza*." *Adoption & Culture* 5:29-48.
- 2017 "Transatlantic Unity On Display: The 'White Legend' and the 'Pact of Silence' in Madrid's Museum of the Americas." *History and Anthropology* 28(1):39-57. [10.1080/02757206.2016.1253567]
- 2016 "Andalusia, the Americas, and the Anthropological Object." Invited commentary for *American Anthropologist* 118(3):626-7. [10.1111/aman.12669]
- 2015 Susan Frekko, Jessaca Leinaweaver, & Diana Marre. "How (not) to talk about adoption: On communicative vigilance in Spain." *American Ethnologist* 42(4): 703-719. DOI: 10.1111/amet.12165
- 2015 "Geographies of Generation: Age Restrictions in International Adoption." *Social & Cultural Geography* 16(5): 508-521. DOI: 10.1080/14649365.2014.994669.
- 2015 Jessaca Leinaweaver & Sonja van Wichelen. "The Geography of Transnational Adoption: Kin and Place in Globalization." *Social & Cultural Geography* 16(5): 499-507. DOI: 10.1080/14649365.2015.1033449.
- 2015 "How Internationally Adoptive Parents Become Transnational Parents: 'Cultural' Orientation as Transnational Care." In *Anthropological Perspectives on Care: Work, Kinship, and the Life-Course*, Erdmute Alber and Heike Drotbohm, editors. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2015 "Transnational Fathers, Good Providers, and the Silences of Adoption." In *Globalized Fatherhood*, Marcia Inhorn, Wendy Chavkin, and José-Alberto Navarro, eds. New York: Berghahn, pp. 81-102.
- 2015 "Adoption, Demography of." Invited entry for the Demography section of the *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, James D. Wright, editor-in-chief. (2nd ed., Vol. 1), Oxford: Elsevier, pp. 136-141.
- 2014 "Informal Kinship-Based Foster Care Around the World: Anthropological Findings." Invited essay for *Child Development Perspectives*. 8(3):131-136. DOI: 10.1111/cdep.12075.
- 2014 "The Quiet Migration Redux: International Adoption, Race, and Difference." *Human Organization* 73(1): 62-71.

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- 2013 "Toward an Anthropology of Ingratitude: Notes from Andean Kinship." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 55(3): 554-578.

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- 2013 "Practice Mothers." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 38(2):405-430.
- 2011 "Kinship Paths To and From the New Europe: A Unified Analysis of Peruvian Adoption and Migration." *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 16(2):380-400.
- 2011 "Adoption and the Politics of Modern Families." *The Scholar & Feminist Online* 9(1)/9(2).
http://www.barnard.edu/sfonline/reprotech/leinaweaver_01.htm.
- 2010 "Outsourcing Care: How Peruvian Migrants Meet Transnational Family Obligations." *Latin American Perspectives* 37(5):67-87.
- 2010 "Losing Lévi-Strauss: The 2009 Year in Cultural Anthropology." *American Anthropologist* 112(2):219-227.

- 2010 "Alejarse como proceso social: niños y ancianos 'abandonados' en Ayacucho." ("Distancing as a Social Process: 'Abandoned' Young and Old in Ayacucho.") *Anthropologica* 28:139-162.
- 2010 "Agencia infantil y organización social y cultural del cuidado en Yauyos, Perú." In *Contribuciones a la antropología de la infancia. La niñez como campo de agencia, autonomía y construcción*, Maritza Díaz B. and Socorro Vásquez, editors. Bogotá: Editorial Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, pp. 41-60.
- 2009 "Raising the Roof in the Transnational Andes: Building Houses, Forging Kinship." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 15(4):777-796.
- 2009 "Kinship into the Peruvian Adoption Office: Reproducing Families, Producing the State." *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 14(1):44-67.
- 2009 "The Medicalization of Adoption in and from Peru." In *International Adoption: Global Inequalities and the Circulation of Children*, Diana Marre and Laura Briggs, editors. New York: New York University Press, pp. 190-207.
- 2009 "Foster and Kinship Care: Historical and Cultural Perspectives." In *The Child: An Encyclopedic Companion*, Richard A. Shweder, editor-in-chief. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp. 373-376.
- 2009 "Caring for Aging Parents in Peru: Social Obligations and Economic Change." *Anthropology News* 50(8):14-15.
- 2009 Leinaweaver, Jessaca and Linda Seligmann. "Introduction: Cultural and Political Economies of Transnational Adoption." *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, 14 (1):1-19.
- 2008 "Improving Oneself: Young People Getting Ahead in the Peruvian Andes." *Latin American Perspectives* 35(4):60-78.
- 2008 "Aging, Relatedness, and Social Abandonment in Highland Peru." *Anthropology & Aging Quarterly* 29(2): 44-46, 58.
- 2007 "On Moving Children: The Social Implications of Andean Child Circulation." *American Ethnologist* 34(1): 163-180.

Translated 2012: "El desplazamiento infantil: las implicaciones sociales de la circulación infantil en los Andes." Trans. Jessica Herrera. *Scripta Nova: Revista Electrónica de Geografía y Ciencias Sociales*. XVI(395:13). <http://www.ub.es/geocrit/sn/sn-395/sn-395-13.htm>.
- 2007 "Choosing to Move: Child Agency on Peru's Margins." *Childhood: A global journal of child research* 14(3): 375-392.
- 2007 Leinaweaver, Jessaca and Claudia Fonseca. "The State and Children's Fate: Reproduction in Traumatic Times." *Childhood: A global journal of child research* 14(3): 291-299.

FUNDED FIELD RESEARCH

- "Shifting Kinwork: A Cultural Analysis of Compensated Motherhood in Latin America." (Innsbruck, Austria, Summer 2019; Lima, Peru, Fall 2023)
- "Demography, Identity, and Family: Adoption's Second Generation." (Halifax, Canada, Fall 2019; Fulbright)
- "Aging and Elder Care in the Developing World: A Peruvian Case Study." (Ayacucho and Lima, Peru: 2007 and 2013-present; National Science Foundation, Howard Foundation, and Landes Fund)
- "Transnational Circulations: Peruvian Migrants and Adoptees in Spain." (Madrid, Spain, 2009-2012: Fulbright, Wenner-Gren Foundation, National Science Foundation, and Howard Foundation)
- "Children's Agency and the Transformation of the Household Organization of Care." (Yauyos, Peru, 2008-9) With co-PI Jeanine Anderson (Wenner-Gren and CIES/CIDA)
- "Child Circulation and Adoption in the Andes." (Ayacucho and Lima, Peru: 2001-2003 and Summers 2000, 2004, and 2006; Fulbright, Wenner-Gren, the National Science Foundation, and the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship)