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EDUCATION

- 2017 **Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Studies**
Antioch University New England, Keene, New Hampshire
“From Disposable Culture to Disposable People: Teaching the Unintended Consequences of Plastics” (orcid.org/0000-0002-4718-5730)
- 2004 **Master of Public Health, International Health Track**
Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon
Internship: *Health Care Accessibility in Baker, Union, and Wallowa Counties*
Burdick Interdisciplinary Team Training, Oregon Health & Science University
- 1997 **Bachelor of International Studies, World Issues Program**
School for International Training, Brattleboro, Vermont
Capstone: *Midwifery through Life Stories in Xela, Guatemala and El Paso, Texas*

TEACHING

- Current **Lecturer**, Institute of Environmental Sustainability, Loyola University, Chicago, IL
- 2016-2017 **Visiting Lecturer**, Global & Community Health, IDCE, Clark University, Worcester, MA
Environmental and Social Epidemiology, Environmental Toxicology, Introduction to Global Health and Social Change, What Is Public Health
- 2014 - 2015 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Global Health Studies, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA
Exposure Assessment: Occupational Health, Applied Toxicology: Endocrine Disruption, Intro to Global Health, Epidemiology
- 2014 **Instructor**, Environmental Studies, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
'Plastics, Human Health, and the Environment'
- 2013 **Teaching Assistant**, Environmental Studies, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
'Women, Health, and the Environment' and *'Religion and Ecology'*

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Adkins, S. “Slow Violence: The Erosion of Plastic Marine Debris and of Human Health” in *Plastic Legacies*, Eds. Trisia Farrelly, Sy Taffel, and Ian Shaw: University of California Press (in press)

Adkins, S. "Plastics: A Spiritual Crisis" in *Watershed Discipleship: Reinhabiting Bioregional Faith and Practice*. Ed. Ched Myers. Portland, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2016. 154-167.

Adkins, T. "Plastics." *Achieving Sustainability: Visions, Principles, and Practices*. Ed. Debra Rowe. Vol. 2. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2014. 588-592.

Adkins, T. 2010 “How Wide Is the Ocean,” *Whole Terrain*, Volume 17 (pp 14-16).

Adkins-Bates, T. 2002 “When There Are Two Mommies,” *International Journal of Childbirth*

Education, Volume 17 (pp 26-27)

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Panel participant, "Teaching with Case Studies," Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Washington, DC, June 2018.

Panel participant, "Decolonizing Food Systems Education: Feminist, Posthuman, and Postcolonial Intersections," American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, December 2017.

"What Sticks, What Leaches: Human Health Implications of Plastic Marine Debris," Lives and Afterlives of Plastics, online conference via University of New Zealand <http://perc.ac.nz/wordpress/the-lives-and-afterlives-of-plastic>. June 2017

"Unhelpful Responses to Environmental Justice" lecture, with Dr. Atyia Martin, Chief Resiliency Officer of Boston. Clark University, Worcester, MA, March 2017.

"Plastic Marine Debris: A Novel Pathway for Mercury Contamination of Seafood?" (poster) New Hampshire Water and Watershed Conference. Plymouth State University, New Hampshire, March 2016.

"Perceptions of Risk of In Utero Exposure to BPA" (poster) Endocrine Society's PPTOX IV, Boston, Massachusetts, October 2014 (with undergraduate students K.L. Garcia, K. Garrett, E.Hickox, J. Perez, W.F. Schroer, J. Schick, C.T. Stone, K. Thompson).

"Teaching Environmental Health Outside Academia" Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences Annual Conference Panel, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 2013.

"A Thirst for Justice: International Perspectives on Water Security," Keynote Address, Upward Bound Diversity Conference, Northfield Mount Hermon, Northfield, Massachusetts, May 2012.

"The Role of Plastic Marine Debris in the Concentration of Mercury in Seafood," (poster), Gordon Research Conference on Environmental Endocrine Disruptors, Mount Snow, Vermont, June 2012.

"A Church-Based 'Eco-team' Leads Community in Sustainable Food Initiative," (poster), American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2009.

"Green Building or Green Washing: Evaluating Public Health Aspects of Green Building," Greening the City: Fostering Inspiring and Innovative Leadership for Just and Sustainable Urban Communities, Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 2009.

"Endocrine Disruption and Farm Worker Health," National Center for Farm Worker Health Forum, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2008 (a joint presentation with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Toxicology, American Public Health Association, Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE

- 2007 - **Senior Web Researcher**, Environmental Health Sciences, Charlottesville, VA
2015 Supervised a team of researchers contributing to the production of the *Above the Fold* and *The Daily Climate* newsletters
- 2005- **Prevention Specialist**, AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, Brattleboro, VT
2007 Adapted and implemented an HIV prevention program from the CDC's "Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions" framework; provided HIV counseling and testing services; and cultivated a community network of prevention partners
- 2001- **Director**, Volunteer Program, HIV Alliance, Eugene, OR
2002 Recruited, trained, and supervised over 200 volunteers; conducted HIV/Hep C prevention classes
- 1997- **Farmworker Health Outreach Specialist** (AmeriCorps VISTA)
1998 Southeast Georgia Communities Project, Lyons, GA
Taught health classes (in Spanish), co-founded the Toombs County Breastfeeding Coalition and a bilingual doula program
- 1996 **Apprentice Midwife**, Maternidad La Luz, El Paso, TX
Assisted the midwives at births and at prenatal and postnatal appointments (earned certification as an ICEA Childbirth Educator and as a DONA birth doula)

SERVICE

President, Board of Directors, Deer Paths Nature School, Wendell, Massachusetts (2005- present)

Instructor, *Advancing Clark Excellence (ACE)*, Clark University, Worcester, MA (2016 & 2017)

Taught an intensive summer writing course for first-gen and/or ALANA incoming first-year students

Accredited member of the National Resources Defense Council delegation to *Rio+20*; participated in a preparatory side meeting on plastic marine debris at the United Nations headquarters, New York (March 27, 2012).

Instructor, '*Is Creation Disposable?*' and '*Environmental Racism: Facing Our Complicity, Choosing Resistance*' (two semester-length classes) at Soteria Community School (formerly Servant Leadership School) at Festival Center, Washington, DC (2010-2011)

Americorps GED/Bridge-to-College Instructor, The Academy of Hope, Washington, DC (2010-2011)

Scientific advisor to Sandrine Feydel in the production of the full-length documentary, *The Mermaids' Tears: Oceans of Plastic* (2008).

Research Intern, Algalita Marine Research Foundation, Long Beach, CA (2008)

Research Assistant to Sandra Steingraber *The Falling Age of Puberty in US Girls: What We Know, What We Need to Know* (for The Breast Cancer Fund, San Francisco, CA). Conducted a literature review and analysis of secular trends in the age at onset of thelarche and menarche (2007)

Appointed Member, Lane County Public Health Advisory Board, Eugene, Oregon (2006)