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EDUCATION

2016 PhD, Cultural Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
2013 MA, Cultural Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
2004 MBA, International Economic Development, Eastern University.
1999 BA, English and Piano, with Distinction, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

2015-present **Assistant Professor of Anthropology. Wheaton College.** Wheaton, IL.

2009-present **Adjunct Faculty. Eastern University School of Leadership and Development.**
St. Davids, Pennsylvania and various locations in Africa.

2013-2014 **Teaching Assistant. University of Wisconsin-Madison.**

2008-2009 **Faculty. ESSA Seminary.** Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

2008 **Director, founder, and instructor of computer training center.** Winterton, South
Africa.

2006-2007 **Co-Director of Microfinance Organization. Youth Empowerment Business
Organization.** Winterton, South Africa.

2003-2005 **Faculty. Lanzhou Teachers College, with English Language Institute, China.**
Lanzhou, China.

2001-2002 **Spanish Adult Education Instructor. Madison College.** Madison, Wisconsin.

2000-2001 **Business Training and Community Development Practitioner.** El Porvenir,
Nicaragua.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals

Jeske, Christine. Sept. 2016. "Are Cars the New Cows?: Changing wealth goods and moral economies in South Africa." *American Anthropologist* 119(3).

The “God thing” testimony: Managing moral narratives as a strategy for wellbeing in South Africa (accepted for *Science, Religion, and Culture*)

Why work?: Do we understand what motivates work-related decisions in South Africa? (accepted for *Journal of Southern African Studies*)

Dissertation

This is Not Working: South African Unemployment and Competing Narratives of a Good Life. Defended May 2016. (Embargoed until 2017). Chair: Dr. Claire Wendland.

Books

Jeske, Christine and Adam Jeske. 2012. *This Ordinary Adventure: Settling Down Without Settling*. Downer’s Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Jeske, Christine. 2010. *Into the Mud: Inspiration for Everyday Activists: True Stories from Africa*. Chicago: Moody.

Other publications

Book review. *Give a Man a Fish*: (forthcoming in *Anthropology of Work*, Dec. 2016)

2005-present Articles published in: *Relevant, Neue Quarterly, MomSense, The Gardener, Prism, Adventure Motorcycle, Country, The Lookout, Ruminare, The Well: Women in the Academy and Professions*, and *Overland Journal*. Topics: development, Christianity, travel, academia, Africa.

2011 Research writing consultancy. SIL International, Ethiopia, one-month assignment.

2006-2009 Columnist: *The Oshkosh Northwestern*. Biweekly newspaper column about life in South Africa.

Current work in progress

Hard Work is Not Working: The Laziness Myth and Other Narratives of a Good Life from South Africa. Book proposal in review.

“Although you’ve got more powers”: Respect as a moral order amidst inequality in South Africa. (in revision)

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

2017 Research Fellowship at Biola University on Suffering and the Good Life (declined)

2013 Scott Kloock-Jenson Summer Research Fellowship

- 2012-2013 FLAS Fellowship, Zulu
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- 2011 Hawkinson Foundation for Peace and Justice (for demonstration of long-term commitment to peace and justice work)
- 2010 Distinguished Alumna University of Wisconsin Rewind Award (presented lecture and honored during homecoming events)
- 2008 Forward Under Forty Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison (for outstanding achievement as an alumna under 40 years of age)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Perspectives on Global Mission training session. 2017.
- 2017 Pay Doesn't Matter: Work-readiness Training Messages in South Africa. University of Wisconsin-Madison Colloquium Series. Jan. 2017.
- 2016 Hustling: Moral Economies of a Good Life Among South African Young Men. American Anthropological Association. Nov. 2016.
- 2016 Moral Economy and the Good Life in Africa. Panel organizer and chair. American Anthropological Association. Nov. 2016.
- 2016 Why the Global Church Needs to Talk About Economic Moralities as Much as Jesus Did. Evangelical Missiological Society, invited speaker. Oct. 2016.
- 2016 Living Daily Lives of Justice. Kingdom Justice Summit, Madison, WI. Feb. 2016.
- 2015 "Although you've got more powers:" Moralities of respect among low-income Zulu people. American Anthropological Association. Nov. 2015.
- 2015 South African narratives of a good life: insights into work, church, and prejudice. Eastern University On Knowing Humanity Conference. May 2015.
- 2015 Conflicting messages in church and culture on how work makes a good life. University of KwaZulu-Natal Theology Roundtable Seminar. Mar. 2015.
- 2014 Is Laziness the Problem?: Unemployment and the Good Life Among Zulu South Africans. University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Oct. 2014.
- 2013 Pentecostalism as a Door into the World of Work. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Nov. 2013.
- 2013 Social conceptualizations of work, unemployment, and blame in KwaZulu-Natal. University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa, Centre for Civil Society Seminar.

- 2013 “Take me home in your suitcase”: Examining the boundaries of truth and intervention in anthropological subjects’ imaginary futures. Johns Hopkins University Anthropology Graduate Conference, Reclaiming Truth: Obligations, Methodologies, and Implications.
- 2013 The Tragedy of a Wasted Life. Collyde conference, World Vision representative on microfinance and unemployment.
- 2011 Remember us: Positive international connections from mundane America. Trinity Christian College, WorldView lecture series.
- 2011 Literature as a response to poverty. Wheaton University Symposium, An Urban Majority: Responses to Deepening Hunger and Poverty in the World’s Burgeoning Cities.
- 2010 International Development Student Brownbag Seminar, Eastern University.
- 2010 Human Rights Week, Gordon College, Convocation plenary speaker.
- 2010 Race and freedom in South Africa. Guest lecture at Bethel University, Interdisciplinary Course on International Development and Poverty.
- 2010 Interviewing for creative non-fiction. Guest lecture at Spring Arbor University, Writing Course.
- 2010 Interviewing as a gift: Stories from South Africa. Guest lecture at Covenant College, Interdisciplinary Course on Ethnography and Intercultural Communication.

COURSES TAUGHT

Economy, Morality, and Culture. Wheaton College.

Medical Anthropology. Wheaton College

Ethnographic Writing. Wheaton College

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. Wheaton College.

Biculturalism. Wheaton College.

Economic Development of Developing Countries. Eastern University Graduate School of Leadership and Development.

Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity. T.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Anthropology and Intercultural Communication. ESSA Seminary, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

Western culture, conversational and written English at beginner through advanced levels and in faculty workshops. Lanzhou Teacher’s College, China.

Spanish. Madison College.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Human Needs and Global Resources (HNGR) committee member. Wheaton College (present)
 Student advising. Wheaton College (present)
 American Anthropological Association member (present)
 Society for the Anthropology of Work member (present)
 Society of Economic Anthropology member (present)
 College communications and school magazine oversight. ESSA seminary (2008-9)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

present	The Road Home. Volunteering alongside families experiencing homelessness. Madison, Wisconsin.
2009, 2015	Workshop titled “More than Money: Understanding Poverty” taught at NGOs in South Africa
2010-2011	Circle of Support volunteer with formerly incarcerated women. Madison-Area Urban Ministry, Madison, Wisconsin.
1999, 2005	English as a Second Language Instructor and Refugee Host. Jubilee Partners, Comer, Georgia.

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE AND PROFICIENCY

Zulu: highly proficient
Spanish: highly proficient
Mandarin Chinese: elementary level.