

# OLIVIA BROPHY

## Curriculum Vitae

PhD Student  
Medical Anthropology, University of British Columbia  
Traditional, Ancestral, and Unceded Territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm

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### Research Area:

Reproductive health; youth health; health risk narratives; social support networks; life histories and life course narratives; feminist anthropologies; neoliberal personhood; development cultures; North America

### Education

- 2025      **MA, Anthropology**  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Thesis: “*Reconsidering Adolescent Pregnancy in the Willamette Valley: Engaging Adult Support Providers*”  
Committee: Drs. Vinay Kamat (Supervisor), Zahra Hayat
- 2019      **BA, Summa Cum Laude, Global and Regional Studies and Spanish: Hispanic Cultural Studies**  
Minor: Anthropology  
Saint Mary’s College of California  
Thesis: “*The Problematization of Adolescent Pregnancy in Latin America: A Case Study*”  
Supervisor: Dr. Dana R. Herrera

### Languages

- English      Reading, speaking, and writing: Fluent  
Spanish      Reading, speaking, and writing: Professional competency

### Academic Positions

- 2022 –      Graduate Teaching Assistant  
Courses: Anthropology of Drugs, Introduction to Medical Anthropology, Contemporary Anthropological Theory, Anthropology of the Supernatural, Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology  
Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of British Columbia

2019 Teaching Assistant  
Courses: Principles of Anthropological Theory  
Department of Anthropology, School of Liberal Arts, Saint Mary's College of California

#### Academic Service

2024 Graduate Student Representative  
Cascadia Seminar in Medical Anthropology

2022–2023 Graduate Archive Coordinator  
Anthropology Graduate Student Society, Department of Anthropology,  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of British Columbia

#### Academic and Research Experience

2023–2024 Research Assistant  
Dr. Letitia Henville, Writing Short is Hard, Vancouver BC  
Responsible for information and data collection, analysis, and organization.

2022 Research Assistant  
Dr. Vinay Kamat, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC  
Responsible for providing analytical feedback and line editing for two full length drafts of *In A Wounded Land: Conservation, Extraction, and Human Well-Being in Coastal Tanzania* (published April 2024).

2020 Research Coordinator  
Drs. Dana R. Herrera and Anna I. Corwin, Saint Mary's College of California  
Responsible for providing project management and research support to undergraduate students via concise feedback, 1:1 workshopping, and group meetings.

2018 Primary Researcher  
Advisor: Dr. Anna I Corwin, Saint Mary's College of California  
Project: "*Mayan Aging Ideals: Networked Care in the Turnos Model*"  
Responsible for the development and implementation of ethnographic research protocols on Tz'utujil Mayan conceptions of aging and the life course from May to July 2018.

#### Work and Volunteer Experience

2024 Admissions Clerk  
University of British Columbia Medical School

2021–2024 Owner and Reading Intervention Specialist  
Olivia Brophy Reading Intervention

- 2021–2022 Nanny (Infant/Toddler + Child)  
Private Employer - Portland, Oregon, USA
- 2019–2021 Middle School Teacher (Lasallian Volunteers)  
San Miguel School of Washington D.C.
- 2017–2019 Resident Advisor  
Office of Residential Experience, Saint Mary's College of California
- 2015–2019 Student Assistant  
Office of Residential Experience, Saint Mary's College of California
- 2018 Intern (Summer)  
Taa' Pi't Intercultural Learning Center, San Pedro la Laguna, Sololá,  
Guatemala
- 2016-2017 Lasallian Community Leader  
Mission and Ministry Center, Saint Mary's College of California
- 2016 Weekend of Welcome Leader  
New Student and Family Programs, Saint Mary's College of California

#### Publications

- forthcoming* Dana R. Herrera and Olivia Brophy  
“Let's Play: Digital Gaming as Tourism Practice” in *Handbook on Tourism Imaginaries*. Nelson Graburn, Maria Gravari-Barbas, Jean-François Staszak (eds.) UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2019 “Mayan Aging Ideals: Networked Care in the Turnos Model”  
*Anthropology and Aging*  
Margaret Clark Award
- 2017 “The Interplay of Knowledge and Experience in Lucretius, Boethius, and Saint Augustine”  
*The Undergraduate* – Saint Mary's College of California  
Newman Award

#### Presentations

- 2024 *Let's Play: Digital Gaming as Tourism Practice*. Co-Presenter with Dr. Dana R. Herrera. Imagining Tourism and Tourists: Fiction, practices, and representations. Institut National d'Art et d'Histoire, Paris, France. In-Person.

#### Awards and Honours

2022	Warren George Povey Award in Global Health, UBC, CA\$3,500
2020	O'Brien Award for Teaching Excellence, San Miguel School of Washington, D.C., US\$2000
2019	Margaret Clark Award, Association for Anthropology, Gerontology, and the Life Course, US\$300
2019	Senior Thesis Award, Saint Mary's College of California
2019	Dag Hammarskjöld Award, Saint Mary's College of California
2019	Dante Award, Saint Mary's College of California
2019	Anthropology/Archaeology Department Honor Roll, Saint Mary's College of California
2015–2019	Dean's List, Saint Mary's College of California
2018	Student Summer Research Collaborative Grant, Saint Mary's College of California, US\$1500
2017	Newman Award, Saint Mary's College of California

Grants, Scholarships, and Fellowships – total: \$17,900 CAD

2025	Student Travel Bursary, Canadian Anthropological Association, CA\$268
2024	Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, UBC, CA\$400
2023	Canada Graduate Scholarship, Master's (CGS-M), 1YR, SSHRC, CA\$17,500

Teaching Experience

**Course Curriculum Development**

San Miguel School of Washington D.C.	2019-2020	Ancient Civilizations 6	Developed culturally relevant and responsive course curriculum in alignment with NCSS standards; facilitated online transition and delivery of curriculum due to COVID-19 school shutdowns.
San Miguel School of Washington D.C.	2020-2021	English Language Arts 7	Developed culturally relevant and responsive course curriculum in alignment with CCSS standards utilizing Dr. Ghody Muhammad's Cultivating Genius Equity Framework; facilitated online delivery of curriculum due to COVID-19 restrictions on in-person delivery.

**Teaching Assistant (TA)/Tutor Marker (TM)**

UBC	2024 + 2025 Winter 2	TA	U	ANTH 300 (2)	Contemporary Anthropological Theory	40
UBC	2023/4 Winter 2	TA	U	ANTH 206 (3)	Anthropology of Drugs	75(150)

UBC	2023/4 Winter 1	TA	U	ANTH 227 (3)	Introduction to Medical Anthropology	85
UBC	2023/4 Winter 1	TA	U	ANTH 300 (3)	Contemporary Anthropological Theory	40
UBC	2022/23 Winter 2	TA	U	ANTH 206 (3)	Witches, Vampires, and Zombies: Anthropology of the Supernatural	75(150)
UBC	2022/23 Winter 1	TM	U	ANTH 227 (3)	Introduction to Medical Anthropology	75(125)
UBC	2022/23 Winter 1	TA	U	ANTH 100 (3)	Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology	75(375)