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Allison M. Kabel, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Post Doc NIH Post Doctoral Fellowship in Aging and Urban Health. Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University (2005-present).

Ph.D. (Major: Anthropology, with specialization in Medical Anthropology) Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan (2005)

M.A. (Major: Anthropology) Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan (1997)

B.A. (Major: Anthropology) Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan (1994)

Dissertation Title:

“Hospice Philosophy, Practice, and the Construction of Personhood among British Hospice Patients,” Dissertation Advisor, Sherylyn Briller, Ph.D. Completed: March 2005.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Post Doctoral Fellowship Research Training Program in Aging and Urban Health, Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University June 2005 to June 2007 (\$70,000).

Graduate Museum Assistantship, Wayne State Museum of Anthropology, Wayne State University, September 2002 to May 2003 (\$20,000).

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Wayne State Graduate School, June 2003 to August 2003 (\$5,000).

Graduate Research Assistantship, Data collection for Education and Professional Socialization of Funeral Service Providers Project, Wayne State University, September 2001 to July 2002 (\$20,000).

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Wayne State University, Department of Anthropology September 1999 to May 2000 (\$20,000).

Scaff Award for Overseas Research, (2001) Wayne State University, Dean of Liberal Arts. Awarded for summer research in the United Kingdom (\$500).

Kaplan Research Travel Award, (2000) Wayne State University, Department of Anthropology. Travel grant awarded for fieldwork abroad (\$400).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

- 2007-present **Research Assistant Professor**, University of Kansas Medical Center, Dept. of Occupational Therapy Education. Kansas City, Kansas.
- 2006- 2007 **Research Associate**, Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University,

Start-up specialist for 4-year funded project, (PI: Dr.Marl Luborsky) “Hip Fracture: Cultural Loss and Long-Term Reintegration” (\$700,000). Develop interview protocols, recruit project staff and subjects, train recruits and manage IRB procedures.
- 2004-2005 **Research Associate**, Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University.

Primary responsibilities included subject recruitment, screening and in-depth qualitative interviewing on a 4-year federally funded (\$1,000,000) grant entitled Community Life after Spinal Cord Injury: Models and Outcomes (PI: Dr. C. Lysack). Secondary responsibilities included contributions to quantitative and qualitative data analysis, and participation in all aspects of dissemination activities, mentorship and training of OT student volunteers.
- 2002-2003 **Museum Assistant**, Anthropology Museum, Wayne State University Department of Anthropology.

Museum assistant duties included museum supervision and presentation, cataloguing artifacts, exhibit research and installation. Assisted with grant preparation, including grants to The Institute for Museum and Library Studies (IMLS), and the Wayne State Office of Computing and Information Technology (funded for \$45,000).
- 2001-2002 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Anthropology. Education and Professional Socialization of Funeral Service Providers Project, Wayne State University.

Collected data through classroom participant observation and interviews with students enrolled in Mortuary Science. Maintained computer database on end-of-life research.
- 2000-2001 **Dissertation Researcher**, Manchester, England. Under supervision of Dr. Sherylyn Briller. Research design, data collection, data management, participant observation, interviewing, interview transcription and data coding and analysis.
- 1999-2000 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University.

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Independently taught three sections of Introduction to Four Field Anthropology #2100. Responsible for course design, textbook selection.

1999 **Research Volunteer**, Detroit Linguistics Project Detroit, Michigan.
(PI: Dr. Frances Trix) Collected interview data on local speech patterns.

1997 **Thesis Researcher**, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University, “Independent Elderly” under supervision of Dr.Linda Hogle. Research design, data collection, data management, participant observation, interviewing, interview transcription and coding and analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles

Briller, S. and **Kabel, A.** (In Press) The Making of Ritual Specialists: What Cultural Anthropologists Can Contribute to the Education of Funeral Service Professionals. *Practicing Anthropology*.

Briller, S.H.,Meert, K.L., Schim, S.M., Thurston, C.S. & **Kabel, A.** (Under Review) Implementing a Triangulation Protocol in a Study of Bereaved Parents’ Needs. *Death Studies* (20 manuscript pages)

Lysack, C. Komanecky M., **Kabel A.**, & Katherine Cross. (2007). “Community Integration: A Conceptual Step in the “Barriers-Participation” Relationship for People with Spinal Cord Injury”. *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy* vol 74 Special Issue: ICF.

Cross, K., **Kabel, A.** and Lysack, C. (2006). Images of Self and Spinal Cord Injury: Exploring drawing as a visual method. *Visual Sociology Vol 21, No.2.* p.183-193.

Kabel, A. and Roberts, D. (2003) Professional Perceptions of Personhood. *International Journal of Palliative Nursing.* Vol. 9, no 7.

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Book Chapters

Meert, K.M., Harris, L., Canady, A., Briller, S.H. and **Kabel, A.** (2005) Stories of Malika: Defining a Person. In D.E. Gelfand, R. Raspa, S.H. Briller, and S.M. Schim, S.M., eds. End-of-Life Stories: Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries. New York: Springer.

Book Reviews

Kabel, A. (2006) Book review of Older Americans, Vital Communities: A Bold Vision for Societal Aging. *Anthropology of Aging Quarterly*. Vol. 27 no.2 p.31.

Kabel, A. (2004) Book Review of The Dying Process: Patients' Experiences of Palliative Care. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. Vol 18, no1 pp117-118.

Articles in Progress

Briller, S.H. and **Kabel, A.** "Margins of Body and Personhood: Restorative Arts Pedagogy in a Mortuary Science Curriculum." (In progress.)

Kabel, A. "The Snog and Grog Club: Experiences in Hospice Day Care". (In Progress.)

Kabel, A., Cross, Kathy and Lysack, Cathy. "Making Sense of Spinal Cord Injury". *Medical Anthropology* (Under Review.)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National

"Making Sense of Spinal Cord Injury". Poster Presentation, AAA San Jose, CA. November 18, 2006.

"The Snog and Grog Club: Day Therapy in British Hospice". Gerontological Society of America (GSA). Orlando. November 21, 2005.

"Professional Perceptions of Personhood". Poster presentation, American Anthropological Association (AAA) conference, Chicago. November 20, 2003.

"British Construction of Personhood at the End of Life: An Anthropological Analysis of How Hospice Staff Carry Out the Hospice Mission". American Anthropological Association conference, New Orleans. November 24, 2002.

International

"Personhood in Hospice Care". Trans-Pennine Palliative Care Research Network, Sheffield England, UK. June 19, 2002.

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“Perceptions of Personhood Among Hospice Staff” Poster presentation, European Association of Palliative Care Conference. Lyon, France. May 23, 2002.

“Current Issues in Hospice Care” St. Ann’s Hospice, Manchester England, UK. July 20, 2001.

TEACHNG EXPERIENCE

Instructor “Psychiatric Considerations” OCTH 472 University of Kansas Medical Center. January- May 2008.

Instructor “Occupational Therapy Practicum I” OCTH 430 University of Kansas Medical Center. August-December, 2007

Instructor “Evidence Based Practice” OCTH 783 University of Kansas Medical Center. August-December, 2007

Adjunct Lecturer “Culture and Occupational Therapy Research”, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Allied Health, WSU. May 15-24, 2006.

Instructor “Introduction to Four Field Anthropology”. Department of Anthropology. 3 sections. Wayne State University. September 1999- May 2000.

Guest Lecturer “Qualitative Research Techniques”, Anthropology of Aging course. Wayne State University. March 29, 2006.

Guest Lecturer “Medical Anthropology and Research Abroad”, Introduction to Anthropology course. October 9, 2004.

Guest Lecturer “Hospice Staff’s Attempt to Support and Maintain the Personhood of Hospice Patients in Two Facilities in Northwest England”, Institute of Gerontology, Detroit Colloquium Series. February 2, 2004.

Guest Lecturer “Cross Cultural Death and Dying”, Interdisciplinary Studies course, Wayne State University. October 29, 2002.

Guest Lecturer “Field Work Experiences in the United Kingdom”, Anthropology Methods course, Wayne State University. October 2, 2001.

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PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Bookstore Income Distribution Committee, University of Kansas Medical Center 2007

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Phi Beta Delta

Honor Society for International Scholars, Epsilon Beta Chapter, Wayne State University

Association for Anthropology and Gerontology (AAGE)

Review Panel member for the AAGE 2004, 2005, 2006 Margaret Clark Award competition.

Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

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References for Allison Kabel, Ph.D.

Dr. Catherine Lysack, Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy and Gerontology

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