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Curriculum Vitae

DEGREES AND HONORS

Ph.D. in Anthropology/Folklore, University of Texas at Austin, 1986.
M.A. in Anthropology/Folklore, University of Texas at Austin, 1974.
B.A. in Plan II (the Honors Program), University of Texas, 1972, Summa cum Laude and with Special Honors in Plan II.
Phi Beta Kappa, 1972; Phi Kappa Phi, 1972; Cum Laude Society, 1968.
Senior Class Valedictorian, St. Mary's Hall, 1969.

SECOND LANGUAGE Spanish

ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

1996-present, Senior Research Fellow, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Texas Austin
2002-2003 Flora Stone Mather Visiting Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve U., Cleveland, Ohio
1992-2002 Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, University of Texas Austin

2002 Visiting Lecturer, Southern Methodist University, Dallas
1999 Visiting Lecturer, Baylor Medical School, Houston
1993, 1996, 1999 Visiting Lecturer, Rice University, Houston

1987-1989 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Trinity University, San Antonio Texas
1983-1986 University of Texas, conducted PhD dissertation research and completed dissertation.
1980-1983 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Dept. of Soc/Anthro, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

1979 Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Texas
1977-1979 High school teacher, St. Mary's Hall, San Antonio, Texas
1976-1977 Instructor of Spanish, Centro de Artes y Lenguas Mexicanas, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico

ACADEMIC AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Medical/reproductive anthropology: The anthropology of reproduction (childbirth, midwifery, obstetrics, and the new reproductive technologies (NRTs); cultural conceptualizations and treatment of women's bodies/health; biomedicine as a cultural system; integrative medicine; politics of knowledge; shamanism.

Women's studies: Science, technology, and women; gender and health; gender and myth; feminist theory; the cultural roots of violence against women.

Interpretive/symbolic anthropology: Belief systems; ritual; rites of passage; shamanism; mythologies of science and technology; religion; cults.

Science and technology studies: The NRTs; aerospace engineers and the commercialization of outer space; early history of NASA.

Futures research: Emergent cultural systems; the use of scenarios for futures planning; local/global dynamics and globalization processes; the transnational development of direct-entry midwifery; the emergence of holistic obstetricians.

Regional specializations: The U.S. and Latin America, especially Mexico and Brazil.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate:

Anthropology of Reproduction
 Anthropology of Childbirth, Midwifery, and Obstetrics
 Health and Medical Systems in Industrialized Countries
 Anthropology of Alternative Medicine
 Myth and Ritual
 Cyborg Anthropology
 Fieldwork and Methodology
 Independent Study

Introduction to Folklore
 Medical Anthropology
 Anthropology of Healing and Health
 Anthropology of Women
 Sex and Gender Roles
 Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
 Ethnographic Studies
 Contemporary Minorities
 Culture and Cults
 The Power of Myth and Ritual
 Metaphor and Symbol
 Rites of Birth and Death
 Independent Study

Undergraduate:

Introduction to Anthropology
 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

PUBLICATIONS IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION

BOOKS AND SPECIAL ISSUES IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION

Full descriptions of most of the books below are available at www.davis-floyd.com.

- 1992 **Birth as an American Rite of Passage**. (Berkeley: University of California Press, Series on Comparative Health Care Systems, John M. Janzen, Series Editor). Based on interviews with 100 women, this book identifies obstetrical procedures as rituals, and analyzes the American medical system as a microcosm of our society which seeks through these rituals to socialize birthing women into the collective core value system of the technocracy. (Chapter 3, entitled "Birth Messages," is available at www.davis-floyd.com).
- 1993 Revised, expanded, and updated Brigitte Jordan's **Birth in Four Cultures** (Eden Press, 1978) and wrote the Foreword. (Prospect Heights, Ohio: Waveland Press.) *This revised edition was translated into Japanese and published in Tokyo in 2001 by the Japanese Nursing Association Publishing Company Ltd.*
- 1996 **The Social Production of Authoritative Knowledge in Pregnancy and Childbirth**, a special issue of *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 10(2), June 1996, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Carolyn Sargent. Seven of the eight articles in this special issue also appear in the book listed immediately below.
- 1997 **Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge: Cross-Cultural Perspectives**, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Carolyn Sargent. (Berkeley: University of California Press.) Presents ethnography on childbirth in 16 cultures through the analytical lens of Brigitte Jordan's concept of "authoritative knowledge"—the knowledge that counts in a given situation. *This book received the award for "Most Enduring Edited Collection" from the Council on Anthropology and Reproduction, 2004.*
- 1998 **Cyborg Babies: From Techno-Sex to Techno-Tots**, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Joseph Dumit. (New York: Routledge.) Tracks the production of children in symbiosis with pervasive technology across a wide range of perspectives, from resistance to ethnographic analysis to science fiction. *Chosen by the Village Voice as one of its "25 Favorites of the Year" for 1998, and selected Book of the Month for November 1999 by the Resource Center for Cyberculture Studies.*
- 2001 **Daughters of Time: The Shifting Identities of Contemporary Midwives**, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd, Sheila Cosminsky, and Stacy L. Pigg. Special triple issue, *Medical Anthropology*, Volume 20, Nos. 2-3 and 4. Presents ethnography on midwives in three industrialized and five developing countries, through the analytical lens of Davis-Floyd's concept of the "postmodern midwife"—one who takes a relativistic stance toward disparate knowledge systems.

- 2004 **Birth as an American Rite of Passage.** (Berkeley: University of California Press.) **Reissued in a 2nd edition with a lengthy new Preface** by the author--an update and analysis of the contemporary state of American birth and the ongoing relevance of the book.
- 2004 **Reconceiving Midwives: The New Canadian Model of Care**, eds. Ivy Bourgeault, Cecilia Benoit, and Robbie Davis-Floyd. (Toronto: McGill-Queens University Press.) A thorough overview of the new midwifery in Canada, with chapters written both by social scientists and by midwives.
- 2006 **Mainstreaming Midwives: The Politics of Change**, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Christine Barbara Johnson (New York: Routledge.) This collection describes and analyzes the development of direct-entry midwifery in the US by both nurse- and direct-entry midwives. It contains case studies of midwives' political and legislative efforts in 7 states, and analyzes key issues in contemporary American midwifery, including renegade midwives, transport from home to hospital, and the tensions between midwifery as a social movement and a professionalization project.
- 2009 **Perspectivas antropológicas del parto y nacimiento humano.** Buenos Aires: Fundacion Creavida. A collection of my articles, translated into Spanish.
- 2009 **Birth Models That Work**, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd, Leslie Barclay, Betty-Anne Daviss, and Jan Tritten. Berkeley: University of California Press. This groundbreaking book takes us around the world in search of birth models that work in order to improve the standard of care for mothers and families everywhere. The contributors describe examples of maternity services from both developing countries and wealthy industrialized democracies that apply the latest scientific evidence to support and facilitate normal, physiological birth; deal appropriately with complications; and generate excellent birth outcomes--including psychological satisfaction for the mother. Each chapter describes how one model was created and examines both the struggles and triumphs faced by those who have implemented it. These models include large-scale systems found in the Netherlands, New Zealand, Ontario, and Samoa as well as smaller scale models--including hospitals, birth centers, and home birth practices in the UK, Australia, Japan, the United States, Brazil, Mexico, and the Philippines. The book concludes with a description of the paradigm that underlies all these working models, known internationally as the midwifery model of care.
- 2018 (projected) **Birth Models That Work Volume II, Speaking Truth to Power: Birth Models on the Human Rights Frontier**, edited by Betty-Anne Daviss and Robbie Davis-Floyd. University of California Press, nearing completion. This volume highlights cutting-edge birth models at work in trying circumstances such as war and disaster zones, in impoverished nations, and on the frontiers of birth research, such as bringing back vaginal breech birth in this era of the global cesarean epidemic.
- 2018 (projected) **Ways of Knowing about Birth: Anthropological Perspectives on Midwives, Medicine, and Birth Activism.** For this anthology I have revised, updated, and expanded many of my most-read articles. Forthcoming from Waveland Press. Designed for undergraduate courses, with Thought and Discussion questions at the end of each chapter as well a list of videos relevant to that chapter.
- 2018 (projected) **Birth in Seven Cultures: A Cross-Cultural Investigation.** Edited by Robbie Davis-Floyd and Melissa Cheyney. Part 1 will consist of chapters on the history of the anthropology of birth and various theoretical perspectives; Part 2 will consist of three chapters written by excellent ethnographers comparing birth in two cultures each: The Netherlands and the U.S., Greece and New Zealand, Brazil and Japan, and one chapter comparing the cultures of midwifery and obstetrics in Mexico (in homage to Brigitte Jordan, who did her primary fieldwork there). Under contract with Waveland Press.
- Nd **Sustainable Birth.** Edited by Kim Gutschow, Betty-Anne Daviss, and Robbie Davis-Floyd. In the early design stage.
- Nd A complete revision and update of **Birth as an American Rite of Passage**, to be coauthored with Melissa Cheyney. Under contract with University of California Press.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION BASED ON ORIGINAL RESEARCH AND PUBLISHED IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS OR BOOKS

- 1987 **"The Technological Model of Birth,"** in Folklore and Feminism, Special Issue of the Journal of American Folklore, 100 (398): 93-109.
- 1987 **"Obstetric Training as a Rite of Passage,"** in Obstetrics in the United States: Woman, Physician, and Society, Robert Hahn, ed. Special Issue of the Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 1(3): 288-318. Reprinted in Miller, Cultural Anthropology, 7th edition.
- 1987 **"Pregnancy and Cultural Confusion: Contradictions in Socialization,"** in Cultural Constructions of Woman, Pauline Kolenda, ed., pp. 9-71. Salem, WI: Sheffield Press.
- 1988 **"Birth as an American Rite of Passage,"** in Childbirth in America: Anthropological Perspectives, Karen Michaelson, ed., Beacon Hill, MA: Bergin and Garvey Publishers, pp. 153-172.
- 1990 **"The Role of American Obstetrics in the Resolution of Cultural Anomaly,"** Social Science and Medicine 31 (2):175-189.
- 1992 **"The Technocratic Body and the Organic Body: Cultural Models for Women's Birth Choices."** In The Anthropology of Science and Technology, eds. David J. Hess and Linda L. Layne, a special issue of Knowledge and Society, Volume 9. Hartford, Conn.: JAI Press.
- 1994 **"The Technocratic Body: American Childbirth as Cultural Expression,"** Social Science and Medicine 38(8):1125-1140.
- 1996 **"Intuition as Authoritative Knowledge in Midwifery and Home Birth"** (co-authored with Elizabeth Davis) in The Social Production of Authoritative Knowledge about Childbirth, a special issue of Medical Anthropology Quarterly, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Carolyn Sargent, 10(2):237-269.
- 1998 **"From Technobirth to Cyborg Babies: Reflections on the Emergent Discourse of a Holistic Anthropologist."** In Cyborg Babies (see above), pp. 255-284.
- 2000 **"Technologies of the Exterior, Technologies of the Interior: Can We Expand the Discourse of Reproductive Studies?"** **Afterword** to Body Talk: Rhetoric, Technology, Reproduction, edited by Mary M. Lay, Laura J. Gurak, Clare Gravon, and Cynthia Myntti. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, pp 277-300.
- 2001 **"Designing Midwives: A Transnational Comparison of Educational Models,"** by Cecilia Benoit, Robbie Davis-Floyd, Edwin van Teijlingen, Sirpa Wrede, Jane Sandall, and Janneli Miller. In Birth by Design: Pregnancy, Maternity Care, and Midwifery in North America and Europe, eds. Raymond DeVries, Edwin van Teijlingen, Sirpa Wrede, and Cecilia Benoit, pp. 139-165. New York: Routledge.
- 2001 **"La Partera Profesional: Articulating Identity and Cultural Space for a New Kind of Midwife in Mexico,"** in Daughters of Time: The Shifting Identities of Contemporary Midwives, a special issue of Medical Anthropology, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd, Sheila Cosminsky, and Stacy L Pigg, Vol. 20, No.2-3:185-243.
- 2001 **"The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Models of Birth."** International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics 75, Supplement No. 1, pp. S5-S23.
- 2003 **"Home Birth Emergencies in the U.S. and Mexico: The Trouble with Transport."** In Reproduction Gone Awry, a special issue of Social Science and Medicine, eds. Gwynne Jenkins and Marcia Inhorn. 56(9): 1913-1931.

- 2004 **“Consuming Childbirth: The Qualified Commodification of Midwifery Care,”** in Consuming Motherhood, eds. Danielle Wozniak, Linda Layne, and Janelle Taylor. New Brunswick NJ: Rutgers U. Press. (Reprinted in revised form in Mainstreaming Midwives.)
- 2006 **“Why Are Social Scientists Studying the Development of Direct-Entry Midwifery in the US? Introduction to Mainstreaming Midwives: The Politics of Professionalization,** eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Christina Johnson. New York: Routledge, pp. 1-26.
- 2006 **“ACNM and MANA: Divergent Histories and Convergent Trends.”** In Mainstreaming Midwives, pp. 29-80.
- 2006 **“Idealism and Pragmatism in the Creation of the Certified Midwife: The Development of Midwifery in New York and the New York Midwifery Practice Act of 1992”** by Maureen May and Robbie Davis-Floyd. In Mainstreaming Midwives, pp. 81-162.
- 2006 **“Qualified Commodification: The Creation of the Certified Professional Midwife.”** In Mainstreaming Midwives, pp. 163-204.
- 2006 **“Renegade Midwives: Assets or Liabilities?”** by Robbie Davis-Floyd and Christina Johnson. In Mainstreaming Midwives, pp. 447-468.
- 2006 **“Home to Hospital Transport: Fractured Articulations or Magical Mandorlas?”** by Christine Johnson and Robbie Davis-Floyd. In Mainstreaming Midwives, pp. 469-506
- 2006 **“Why Midwives Matter: Overcoming Barriers to Caretake the Power of Birth,** by Christine Johnson and Robbie Davis-Floyd. In Mainstreaming Midwives, pp. 507-540.
- 2008 **“Practitioner Profile: Applying Anthropology to Birth”** in Culture and Health: An Introduction to Applied Medical Anthropology, by Michael Winkelman. New York: Jossey-Bass, a Publishing Unit of John Wiley & Sons.
- 2009 **“The CASA Hospital and the CASA School for Professional Midwives in Mexico”** by Lisa Mills and Robbie Davis-Floyd. In Birth Models That Work. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 305-336.
- 2009 **“Birth and the Big Bad Wolf: An Evolutionary Perspective”** co-authored with Melissa Cheyney, in Childbirth across Cultures, ed. Heleine Selin and P. Stone. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer Science, pp. 1-22..
- 2011 **“Which Models of Care Most Effectively Promote Normality?”** In Promoting Normal Birth: Research, Reflections, and Guidelines. Sylvie Donna, ed. Fresh Heart Publishing, pp. 55-67.
- 2011 **“The International MotherBaby Childbirth Organization: Working to Create Optimal Maternity Care Worldwide”,** by Robbie Davis-Floyd, Debra Pascali Bonaro, Mayri Sagady Leslie, Rae Davies, Helene Vadeboncoeur, and Rodolfo Gomez Ponce de Leon. In The 21st Century Motherhood Movement: Mothers Speak Out on Why We Need to Change the World and How To Do It, ed. Andrea O'Reilly. Demeter Press, pp. 181-195.
- 2011 **“The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative: Working to Achieve Optimal Maternity Care Worldwide”** by Robbie Davis-Floyd, Debra Pascali Bonaro, Mayri Sagady-Leslie, Helene Vadeboncoeur, Rae Davies, Rodolfo Gomez Ponce de Leon. International Journal of Childbirth 1(3): 196-212.
- 2011 **“Working with Anthropology in Policy and Practice: An Activist’s Report.”** Ed. Chris McCourt. *Anthropology in Action*, 18(2): 3–8 © Berghahn Books and the Association for Anthropology in Action doi:10.3167/aia.2011.180202
- 2014 **“Anthropological Engagement at a Global Women’s Health Conference: A Report on Women Deliver Conference, Kuala Lumpur 2013** by Margaret MacDonald, Debra Pascali Bonaro, and Robbie Davis-Floyd. *Anthropology in Action* 21(2):37-41.

- 2016 **"Humanistic Obstetrics in Brazil: A Revolution in Maternity Care,"** by Eugenia Georges and Robbie Davis-Floyd. In *The Routledge Handbook of Medical Anthropology*, eds. Lenore Manderson, Anita Hardon, and Elizabeth Cartwright. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 340-345. (To be reprinted in expanded form under the title "Humanizing Obstetrics in Brazil: Why Some Doctors Choose to Change" in *Sociology and Anthropology*, Horizon Research Publishing, forthcoming.)

ARTICLES BASED ON ORIGINAL RESEARCH AND PUBLISHED IN NON-PEER-REVIEWED FORUMS

- 1998 **"Autonomy in Midwifery: Definition, Education, Regulation."** *Midwifery Today* 46, Spring.
- 1998 **"The Ups, Downs, and Interlinkages of Nurse- and Direct-Entry Midwifery: Status, Practice, and Education."** In *Getting an Education: Paths to Becoming a Midwife*, 4th edition, ed. Jan Tritten and Joel Southern, pp. 67-118. Eugene, Oregon: Midwifery Today. Reprinted in subsequent editions in 2002 and 2010.
- 1998 **"Types of Midwifery Training: An Anthropological Overview."** In *Getting an Education: Paths to Becoming a Midwife*, pp. 119-133.
- 1999 **"Some Thoughts on Bridging the Gap between Nurse- and Direct-Entry Midwives,"** *Midwifery Today*, March, pp. 15-17.
- 2000 **"Mutual Accommodation or Biomedical Hegemony? Anthropological Perspectives on Global Issues in Midwifery,"** *Midwifery Today*, March, pp. 12-16, 68-69.
- 2003 **"My Dream."** *Midwifery Today*, January.
- 2003 **"Windows in Space/Time: A Personal Perspective on Birth and Death."** *Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care* 30 (4):272-277, Dec. (This is one of the most-read and most reader-appreciated articles in the history of this journal.) Reprinted in Robert Weston's *Vale of Tears*, 2007. New Wine, UK. Also reprinted at www.mothering.com/health (2010).
- 2004 **"Ways of Knowing: Open and Closed Systems."** *Midwifery Today* 69 (Spring): 9-13.
- 2005 **"Anthropology and Birth Activism: What Do We Know?"** *Anthropology News* 46(5):37-38. Reprinted in *Pathways to Family Wellness*, Issue 30, and posted on MindfulMama.com and at <http://anthrodoula.blogspot.com/2010/07/anth-and-birth-robbie-davis-floyd.html>. The full pdf with photos is available at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1525/an.2005.46.5.37/abstract>
- 2007 **"Changing Childbirth: The Latin American Example."** *Midwifery Today* 84: 9-13, 64-65, Fall.
- 2010 **"The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative (IMBCI): A Human Rights Approach to Optimal Maternity Care"** by Robbie Davis-Floyd, Debra Pascali Bonaro, Rae Davies, and Rodolfo Gomez Ponce de Leon. *Midwifery Today*, Issue 94: 12-14, 64-66. Reprinted in *Midwifery Today* 2016 (117:50-53) and JOPPAH, March 2017.
- 2013 **"An Update on The Netherlands"** by Robbie Davis-Floyd, Marjolein Faber, and Raymond DeVries. *Midwifery Today*, Spring, pp. 54-59.

DERIVED PUBLICATIONS IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION (reprints, revisions, variants)

- 1983 **"Pregnancy and Cultural Confusion: Contradictions in Socialization"** in *The Life Cycle of Women: New Anthropological Approaches*, Pauline Kolenda, ed., photocopied reader distributed by the Dept. of Anthropology, U. of Houston Central Campus.
- 1985 **"Visualization in Pregnancy"** in *Childbirth Alternatives Quarterly*, 7(1), Janet Isaacs Ashford, ed.

- 1986 "**Routines and Rituals in Childbirth: A New View**," NAACOG (Nurses Association of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology) Update Series, Vol. 5, Princeton, NJ: Continuing Education Professional Center .
- 1985 "**Visualization in Pregnancy**" Special Delivery (The Newsletter of Informed Homebirth), Rahima Baldwin, ed., Fall 1986: 1-12, (Reprinted from Childbirth Alternatives Quarterly, , Janet Isaacs Ashford, ed. 7(1).)
- 1987 "**Hospital Birth Routines as Rituals: Society's Messages to American Women**," Journal of Pre- and Peri-Natal Psychology 1(4): 276-296. NY: Human Sciences Press Inc.
- 1989 "**The Technological Model of Birth**," Anthropology 89/90 (Annual Editions Series), pp. 163-170. Dushkin Publishing Group, Guilford Ct. (Excerpted from JAF 1987).
- 1990 "**The Role of American Obstetrics in the Resolution of Cultural Anomaly**," Pre- and Perinatal Psychology Journal 4:3:162-175 and 5:1:23-39. (Reprinted from Social Science and Medicine 31 (2):175-189.)
- 1991 "**Ritual in the Hospital: Giving Birth the American Way**" in Anthropology: Contemporary Perspectives, 6th edition, pp. 275-285. Whitten and Hunter, Boston: Little, Brown and Co.
- 1993 "**The Technocratic Model of Birth**" in Feminist Theory in the Study of Folklore, eds. Susan Tower Hollis, Linda Pershing, and M. J. Young, U. of Illinois Press, pp. 297-326.(Updated and expanded revision of "The Technological Model of Birth" JAF 100(398):93-109, 1987.) Reprinted in full in Medical Anthropology, ed. Cecil Helman, a volume in The International Library of Essays in Anthropology, ed. Gerald Mars. Ashgate Publishing, 2009.
- 1993 "**Hospital Birth as a Technocratic Rite of Passage**," Mothering 67:68-75.
- 1994 "**The Rituals of American Hospital Birth**." In Conformity and Conflict: Readings in Cultural Anthropology, 8th edition. David McCurdy, ed., pp. 323-340. New York: HarperCollins. (A revision of "Ritual in the Hospital: Giving Birth the American Way" in Anthropology: Contemporary Perspectives, 1991.)
- 1994 "**Culture and Birth: The Technocratic Imperative**," International Journal of Childbirth Education," 9(2):6-7. Reprinted in Birth Gazette, 11(1):24-25. Translated into Russian, available at <http://omama.ru/docs/tpl/doc.asp?id=717/>
- 1994 "**Mind Over Body: The Pregnant Professional**." In Many Mirrors: Body Image and Social Relations, pp. 204-233. New Brunswick NJ: Rutgers University Press. (Revised from Social Science and Medicine.)
- 1995 "**Ritual in the Hospital: Giving Birth the American Way**." In Trust Your Body! Trust Your Baby! by Andrea Henkart, pp. 25-28. New Haven CT: Greenwood Press/Bergin and Garvey. (An abridged version of "The Rituals of American Hospital Birth" in Conformity and Conflict, 1994).
- 1996 "**The Technocratic Body and the Organic Body**." In Gender and Health: An International Perspective, eds. Carolyn Sargent and Caroline Brettell, pp. 123-166. Upper Saddle River NJ: Prentice-Hall. (Revised from Social Science and Medicine 38(8):1125-1140.
- 1996 "**Birth in the Technocracy: Body Image and Worldview**." In The Ecology of Health," ed. Jennifer Chesworth, pp. 72-90. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage Publications.
- 1996 "**The Technocratic Model of Birth**." In Childbirth: Changing Ideas and Practices in Britain and America 1600 to the Present, Vol. 3: 247-277. Hamden CT, Garland Publishing. (Reprinted from Feminist Theory and the Study of Folklore, eds. Hollis, Pershing, and Young, , pp. 297-326. U. of Illinois Press, 1993.)
- 1997 "**Intuition as Authoritative Knowledge in Midwifery and Home Birth**" (co-authored with Elizabeth Davis) (an abridged version of the 1996 MAQ article by the same title.) In Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge: Cross-Cultural Perspectives, Davis-Floyd and Sargent, eds. pp. 315-349. UC Press. Translated into Italian by Irene Maffi for

publication; full ref is: Davis-Floyd, R., Davis, E., 2010, "L'intuizione come sapere autorevole nella pratica ostetrica e nel parto a domicilio", *Annuario di antropologia*, n. 12, pp. 19-60.

- 1997 **"Gender and Ritual: Giving Birth the American Way"** (a revised version of "The Rituals of American Hospital Birth" in *Conformity and Conflict*, 1994). In *Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective*, eds. Caroline B. Brettell and Carolyn F. Sargent, pp. 403-415. Englewood Cliffs NJ: Prentice-Hall.

Reprinted in *Down to Earth Sociology*, ed. Jim Henslin. The Free Press, 2005. *The Promise of America* by Shane Borrowman and Edward M. White. Longman.

Reprinted in the *Temple University Reader on Gender*, Bedford/St. Martin's, 2008. (This is the 8th reprinting of this article, which was first published in *Anthropology: Contemporary Perspectives*, 1991, under the title "Ritual in the Hospital: Giving Birth the American Way.")

- 1997 **"Intuition as Authoritative Knowledge in Midwifery and Home Birth"** in *Intuition: The Inside Story*, eds. R. Davis-Floyd and P. Sven Arvidson, pp. 145-176. New York: Routledge. (Revision of the original version in *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Carolyn Sargent, 10(2):237-269.)
- 2002 **"The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Childbirth,"** *Journal of Japan Academy of Midwifery* 15(3):40-52.
- 2002 **"The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Childbirth,"** *Healthy Birth*, a compendium of papers from the International Conference on Perinatology, Midwifery, and Rescue for Critical Pregnant Women. Guangzhou, China, June, pp. 138-157.
- 2003 **"The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Childbirth."** *MIDIRS Midwifery Digest* 12(4):500-505.
- 2004 **"The Rituals of Hospital Birth,"** *Hebamme, Sage-Femme, Levatrice, Spendrera* (a magazine about midwifery in Germany, France, Italy, and Switzerland). Translated into German. 4/2004, pp. 4-9.
- 2004 **"Home Birth Emergencies in the US: The Trouble with Transport."** In *Unhealthy Health Policy: A Critical Anthropological Examination*, eds. Arachu Castro, Merrill Singer, pp. 329-350. Altamira Press. (Revised from SSM article.)
- 2004 **"Let me tell you a story..."** *The Practising Midwife* 7(6):18. Excerpt from my Foreword to *Normal Birth: Evidence and Debate*, ed. Soo Downe. London: Elsevier.
- 2005 **"Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife."** *MIDIRS Midwifery Digest* 15(1): 32-39. Reprinted in revised form in *Revista da Escola de Enfermagem da Universidade do Sao Paulo* (REEUSP). Parts 1 and 2, Spring and Fall issues 2007. Translated into German by Gerline Michel and published in *Hebamme, Sage-Femme, Levatrice, Spendrera* (a magazine about midwifery in Germany, France, Italy, and Switzerland), November.2005.
- 2005 **"Global Midwives: Birthing the Future."** *World Pulse Magazine: Women and Children Transforming Our World*, Issue 2, August, pp. 26-28. (A synthesis of earlier writings.)
- 2006 **"Anthropology and Birth Activism: What Do We Know?"** *Anthropology Reader*, eds. Nancy Lamar and Bartholomew Dean. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co. (Reprinted from *Anthropology News*, 2005.)
- 2010 **"Anthropology and Birth Activism: What Do We Know?"** (Reprinted from *Anthropology News*, 2005 on the Mindful Mama website <http://www.mindful-mama.com/blogs/explore/archive/2010/06/17/anthropology-and-birth-activism-what-do-we-know.aspx>. Also reprinted in the Pearson Custom Publishing Customizable Reader, in *Pathways to Family Wellness* magazine (Issue 30: 32-33, 2011), and as a short blog at <http://mothersadvocate.wordpress.com/2010/08/24/knowning-is-believing/>.

2011 **"The International MotherBaby Childbirth Organization: Working to Achieve Optimal Maternity Care Worldwide,"** by Robbie Davis-Floyd, Debra Pascali Bonaro, Mayri Sagady Leslie, Rodolfo Gomez. In The Motherhood Movement, ed Adrea O'Reilly. Berghan. In press. (Excerpted from "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative," International Journal of Midwifery).

2011 **"A iniciativa internacional pelo nascimento MãeBebê: Uma bordagem de um atendimento materno eficiente à luz dos direitos humanos"**

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2015 **'The Rituals of American Hospital Birth,'** reprinted in *Pathways to Family Wellness* Dec. This is the 9th reprinting of this article (see above). <http://pathwaystofamilywellness.org/Pregnancy-Birth/the-rituals-of-american-hospital-birth.html>

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1986 **Afterword** to The Healing Power of Birth, Rima Beth Star, pp. 120-135. Austin, Texas: Star Publishing.

1994 **Foreword** to Gentle Birth Choices by Barbara Harper, pp. xi-xvi. Rochester VT: Healing Arts Press.

1995 **Introduction** to Anne Frye's Holistic Midwifery: A Comprehensive Textbook for Midwives in Homebirth Practice. Volume 1, Care During Pregnancy, pp. 1-8. Portland Oregon: Labrys Press.

1996 **Introduction to Commentaries on the ASPO/Lamaze Birth Philosophy**, Journal for Perinatal Education, Mar.

1996 **Introduction** to The Social Production of Authoritative Knowledge in Pregnancy and Childbirth, a special issue of the *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Carolyn Sargent, 10(2):111-120.

1997 **"The Anthropology of Birth"** by Robbie Davis-Floyd and Carolyn Sargent. Introduction to Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge: Cross-Cultural Perspectives, ed. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Carolyn Sargent, pp. 1-51. UC Press.

1998 **Introduction** (by Joseph Dumit and Robbie Davis-Floyd) to Cyborg Babies: From Techno-Sex to Techno-Tots, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Joseph Dumit). New York: Routledge.

2001 **Foreword** to Birth by Design: Pregnancy, Maternity Care, and Midwifery in North America and Europe, eds. Raymond DeVries, Edwin van Teijlingen, Sirpa Wrede, and Cecilia Benoit. New York: Routledge.

2001 **Introduction** (by Robbie Davis-Floyd, Sheila Cosminsky, and Stacy L. Pigg) to Daughters of Time: The Shifting Identities of Contemporary Midwives, a special triple issue of Medical Anthropology, Vols. 20 (2-3 and 4): 105-139.

2004 **Foreword** to Reconceiving Midwifery: The New Canadian Model of Care, eds. Ivy Bourgeault, Cecilia Benoit, and Robbie Davis-Floyd. Toronto: McGill-Queens University Press, pp.ix-xi.

2004 **Foreword** to Normal Birth: Evidence and Debate, ed. Soo Downe. London: Elsevier. Revised for 2nd edition, 2008.

2005 **"The Postmodern Midwife as a Source of Authoritative Knowledge," Introduction** to Anne Frye's Holistic Midwifery: A Comprehensive Textbook for Midwives in Homebirth Practice. Volume 2, Care During Labor and Birth, pp. xviii-xx. Portland Oregon: Labrys Press.

2009 **"Introduction"** and **"Conclusion"** to Birth Models That Work, by Robbie Davis-Floyd, Lesley Barclay, and Jan Tritten. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 1-27.

2016 **Foreword** to Doulas and Intimate Labour: Boundaries, Bodies, and Birth, eds. Angela N. Castaneda and Julie Johnson Searcy. Bradford Ontario: Demeter Press.

2017 **Introduction** to the 2nd edition of Anne Frye's Holistic Midwifery: A Comprehensive Textbook for Midwives in Homebirth Practice. Volume 1, Care During Pregnancy, pp. 1-8. Portland Oregon: Labrys Press.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES RE THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION AND BIOMEDICINE

1993 Robbie Davis-Floyd, "**Hospital Birth: An Anthropological Analysis of Ritual and Practice.**" In The Encyclopedia of Childbearing: Critical Perspectives, ed. Barbara Katz Rothman, pp. 178-181. Phoenix AZ: Oryx Press.

1996 Robbie Davis-Floyd, Entry on "**Childbirth**," The Blackwell Dictionary of Anthropology, Thomas J. Barfield, ed. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.

1996 Robbie Davis-Floyd and Eugenia Georges. Entry on "**Pregnancy**," The Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology, pp. 1014-1016. New Haven CT: Human Relations Area Files. Also posted at <http://anthrodoula.blogspot.com/2009/12/love-robbie-davis-floyd.html>.

2001 Robbie Davis-Floyd, Entry on "**Birth**" in the Oxford Companion to the Body, eds. Colin Blakemore and Sheila Jennett, Oxford University Press.

2001 Sarah Franklin and Robbie Davis-Floyd. Entry on "**Reproductive Technology**," Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women's Studies, edited by Tara Montgomery. New York: Routledge.

2001 Joseph Dumit and Robbie Davis-Floyd. Entry on "**Cyborg Anthropology**" in the Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women's Studies. New York: Routledge.

2001 Deborah Cordero Fiedler and Robbie Davis-Floyd. Entry on "**Midwifery as a Reproductive Right**" In The Historical and Multicultural Encyclopedia of Female Reproductive Rights in the United States, ed. Judith A. Baer. Greenwood.

2003 Robbie Davis-Floyd, "**Childbirth**" In Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expression, eds. Gary Laderman and Luis Leon. ABC-CLIO (revised from earlier versions of "Ritual in the Hospital").

2003 Atwood Gaines and Robbie Davis-Floyd, Entry on "**Biomedicine**," Encyclopedia of Medical Anthropology, eds. Carol and Melvin Ember. Human Relations Area Files.

2006 Robbie Davis-Floyd, Entry on "**Childbirth**," Encyclopedia of Anthropology, pp. 491-494. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage Publications.

2006 Robbie Davis-Floyd and Gwynne L. Jenkins, Entry on "**Midwifery**," Encyclopedia of Anthropology, pp. 1596-1598. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage Publications.

2006 Robbie Davis-Floyd and Sarah Franklin, Entry on "**Reproduction**," Encyclopedia of Anthropology, pp. 2015-2017.

2006 Hans A. Baer and Robbie Davis-Floyd, Entry on "**Health Care, Alternative**," Encyclopedia of Anthropology, ed.H. James Birx, pp. 1146-1148. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage Publications.

2007 Robbie Davis-Floyd, Entry on "**Birth**," Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender. Macmillan Library Reference, in press.

2008 Robbie Davis-Floyd and Alice Edwards. Entry on "**Midwifery**," Encyclopedia of Women's Folklore and Folklife: An Encyclopedia of Beliefs, Customs, Tales, Music, and Art, eds. Liz Locke and Theresa A. Vaughan. Westport CT: Greenwood Press.

- 2008 Robbie Davis-Floyd and Rachel Chapman. Entry on “**Ritual.**” Encyclopedia of Women's Folklore and Folklife, eds. Liz Locke, Theresa A. Vaughan, and Pauline Greenhill. Westport CT: Greenwood Press.
- 2008 Robbie Davis-Floyd and Gwynne L. Jenkins, entry on “**Midwifery,**” International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd ed., edited by Wm. A. Darity. Detroit: Macmillan Reference, pp. 151-154.
- 2008 Robbie Davis-Floyd and Sarah Franklin. Entry on “**Reproduction.**” International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd ed., edited by Wm. A. Darity. Detroit: Macmillan Reference, pp. 178-180.
- 2008 Robbie Davis-Floyd, entry on “**Rituals,**” International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd ed., edited by Wm. A. Darity. Detroit: Macmillan Reference, pp. 259-264.
- 2008 Robbie Davis-Floyd, entry on “**Rites of Passage,**” International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd ed., edited by Wm. A. Darity. Detroit: Macmillan Reference, pp 256-259.
- 2014 Robbie Davis-Floyd, “**Childbirth**” In Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expression, 2nd edition, eds. Gary Laderman and Luis Leon. ABC-CLIO (revised and updated from the 2003 entry).
- 2015 Ivry, Tsipy, Elly Teman, Robbie Davis-Floyd, and Eugenia Georges. Entry on “**Pregnancy.**” The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality, eds. Patricia Whelehan and Anne Bolin. Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2017 Davis-Floyd, Robbie. Entry on “**Birthing Practices.**” International Encyclopedia of Anthropology, ed. Hilary Callan. Wiley Blackwell.

PUBLICATIONS IN OTHER AREAS

BOOKS IN OTHER AREAS

Full prospecti of the books in print below are available at www.davis-floyd.com.

- 1997 **Intuition: The Inside Story**, edited by Robbie Davis-Floyd and P. Sven Arvidson. (New York: Routledge) The chapters in this book explore intuition from the perspectives of various disciplines, including anthropology, psychology, philosophy, physics, engineering, medicine, and midwifery.
- 1998 **From Doctor to Healer: The Transformative Journey** by Robbie Davis-Floyd and Gloria St. John. This book explores the three major paradigms of health care in the United States today--the technocratic, humanistic, and holistic models--and investigates the paradigm shift from technomedicine to holistic healing made by 40 holistic physicians. (*New Brunswick NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1998.*) (*This book has been translated into Portuguese for publication in Brazil by Editora Saint Germain and has appeared in Spanis in Argentina, published in 2004 by Fundacion Creavida.*)
- 2012 **Space Stories: Oral Histories from the Pioneers of America's Space Program** by Robbie Davis-Floyd, Kenneth J. Cox, and Frank White. Kindle E-Book. This book presents some of the results of an oral history project carried out under the auspices of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), the NASA Alumni League, and Johnson Space Center. Interviewees include Paul Dembling, author of the 1958 Space Act; Eilene Galloway, Senior Specialist in Space Research for the Library of Congress, 1956-1975; Chris Kraft, Apollo engineer and Director of Johnson Space Center; Caldwell Johnson, designer and draftsman for the early space program; Guy Thibodaux, rocket scientist; Max Faget, father of spacecraft design; and Paul Purser, former manager, Langley Research Center.
- 2016 **The Power of Ritual**, by Robbie Davis-Floyd and Charles D. Laughlin. This book describes and analyzes what ritual is—its primary characteristics—and how it works in the world and in human brains and bodies. Brisbane, Australia: Daily Grail Publishing.

2016 **Surviving the Death of an Ex: The Grief That No One Talks About**, coedited by Robyn Hass and Robbie Davis-Floyd. Praeclarus Press.

2016 **Robbie's Short Stories: Vignettes of My Magical Life**. (*Writing in progress.*)

nd **Grieving and Grace: A Chronicle**. (*Writing in progress.*)

BOOK SERIES COEDITOR:

LIFE PASSAGES, a series from the University of California Press. Robbie Davis-Floyd and Ronald L. Grimes, Series Editors; Doug Abrams Arava, Sponsoring Editor. This book series commissions leading scholars of ritual to write broadly conceived, synthetic, and comparative studies of rites of passage in cultures around the world and in North America. (*To date, the series includes volumes on rites of passage, weddings, and death. We are looking for Volumes on initiation, menopause, and other subjects.*)

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS IN OTHER AREAS

1973 "Folklore and Women: A Social Interactional Analysis of the Folklore of a Texas Madam," Journal of American Folklore, 86: 211-224. *This article, originally my master's thesis, is still widely used for teaching and is considered a "classic in the field." It is freely available on my website under the title "Landlady at La Grange: The Folklore of a Texas Madam."*

1975 "Mexico on Five Words a Day: A Guide to Schools of Spanish," Texas Monthly, October.

1997 "Dying as Medical Performance: The Oncologist as Charon," by Megan Bieseke and Robbie Davis-Floyd. In The Performance of Healing, eds. Carol Laderman and Marina Roseman, pp. 291-322. New York: Routledge.

1998 "Storying Corporate Futures: The Shell Scenarios" in *Late Editions V*, Corporate Futures, George Marcus, ed. University of Chicago Press, pp. 141-176.

1998 "Preface" by Robbie Davis-Floyd and P. Sven Arvidson to Intuition: The Inside Story, eds. Robbie Davis-Floyd and P. Sven Arvidson, pp. xi-xvii. New York: Routledge.

1999 **Oral History Interview with Guy Thibodaux, rocket scientist**. Conducted with Kenneth J. Cox. Full text available at www.davis-floyd.com

1999 **Joint Oral History Interview with Guy Thibodaux, rocket scientist, Max Faget, father of spacecraft design, and Paul Purser, former manager, Langley Research Center**. Conducted with Kenneth J. Cox. Available at http://space.systems.org/oh/allthree/2part_1.htm Available at www.davis-floyd.com.

2000 "Commercializing Outer Space: The SATWG Stories" in *Late Editions VII*, Para-Sites. George Marcus ed. U. of Chicago Press.

2001 "Bucky Balls, Fullerenes, and the Future: An Oral History Interview with Professor Richard E. Smalley." Houston TX: Institute for Advanced Interdisciplinary Research. (Also available at www.davis-floyd.com.)

2003 "The Art of Grieving Gracefully." www.davis-floyd.com (Reprinted at www.mothering.com/health/the-art-of-grieving-gracefully (2010). Also reprinted in expanded and updated form as an Appendix to *Surviving the Death of an Ex.*)

2008 "Oh God, how can I work out the *real* truths?" A chapter on intuition co-authored with Kathy Frye. In Frye, Kathy, Oh God, what the hell do I tell them? The guide for vaguely spiritual parents. Random House: Auckland

INSTRUCTOR'S MANUALS

- 1990 **Instructor's Manual and Test Bank** for Anthropology: Contemporary Perspectives, 6th edition, eds. Phillip Whitten and David Hunter. New York: Harper and Row.
- 1991 **Instructor's Manual** for We the Alien: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, by Paul Bohannon. Waveland Press.
- 2001 **Instructor's Manual and Test Bank** for Anthropology: Contemporary Perspectives, 8th edition, ed. Phillip Whitten. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

GRANTS

- Trinity University**, Faculty Development Grant, Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 1988-89.
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship** to participate in NEH summer seminar for college teachers on "Symbolic Anthropology," led by Dr. Christopher Crocker, U. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., June-August 1980.
- Academy of Consciousness Studies Fellow, Princeton University**, Prof. Robert G. Jahn, Director, June 26-July 9, 1994.
- Institute of Noetic Sciences** grant for "Shifting the Paradigm: A Study of Holistic Physicians," 1995-1997.
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)** research grant for "Space Stories: Oral Histories from the Pioneers of the American Space Program," 1996-1998.
- Honeywell Corporation**, research grant for "Space Stories: Oral Histories from the Pioneers of the American Space Program," 1998.
- NASA Alumni League**, research grant for "Space Stories: Oral Histories from the Pioneers of the American Space Program," 1999.
- Institute for Advanced Interdisciplinary Research (IAIR)**, research grant for "Space Stories: Oral Histories from the Pioneers of the American Space Program," 1999; grant for interview with Dr. Richard Smalley, Nobel Prize Winner for the invention of nano-technology, 2000.
- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grant #6015** for "Direct-Entry Midwifery Certification: The Politics and Problematics of Professionalization," May 1996-May 1998.
- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grant #6427**, renewal of Grant #6015, Dec. 1998-Dec. 2000
- Council for European Studies, International Research Planning Groups Program**, selected participant in a working group on "The Evolution of Obstetric Care in Europe and the U.S.: Toward an Understanding of the Relationship between Culture, Medicine, Reproduction, and Women's Health," convened by Raymond DeVries, Edward van Tiejlingen, Signild Vallgarda, and Hilary Marland, 1997-1999.
- Finnish Academy of Science**, selected participant in a symposium held at Abo Akademi University, "Crosscultural and Multi-Disciplinary Approaches: The Case of Maternity Care," Turku, Finland, Dec. 1999.
- New York University, Nurse-Midwifery Program**, selected participant in a maternity care symposium on the future of midwifery and childbirth, April 1999.
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)** grant for a conference on "Reconceiving Midwifery: The New Social Science of Midwifery in Canada," with papers presented by the contributors to Reconceiving Midwifery: The New Canadian Model of Care, edited by Ivy Bourgeault, Cecilia Benoit, and Robbie Davis-Floyd, Toronto, Canada, July 17-18, 1999.
- Baylor College of Medicine**, grants from the Department of Family and Community Medicine, the Baylor branch of the American Medical Students Association, and the Baylor chapters of the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association, to present a 4-part seminar entitled "From Doctor to Healer: Integrating Body, Mind, and Medicine," October-November 1999.
- International Women's University**, Senior Lecturer in the project area "On the Traces of the Body in a Technogenic World," invited to present lectures on "Childbirth as Cultural and Individual Expression: Whose Knowledge Counts?" and "Midwives in the Technocracy: The Politics of Change." Hannover, Germany, September 2000. (NB: A family tragedy that occurred two days before I was to leave prevented me from actually making this trip.)
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation**, in conjunction with the **Foundation for the Advancement of Midwifery**, grant to assist in the completion of *Birth Models That Work*, and in support of my childbirth and midwifery research, 2005.
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation**, in conjunction with the **Foundation for the Advancement of Midwifery**, grant to have various of my articles translated into Spanish, 2008.

Foundation for the Advancement of Midwifery, grant to assist in my childbirth and midwifery research, book writing, and lecture presentation, 2007-present.

AWARDS

Lamaze International Research Award, 1996

Seattle Midwifery School, award for “**Service to Midwifery**,” 1997

North American Registry of Midwives (NARM), award for “**Service to NARM and to American Midwifery**,” 1999

Council on Anthropology and Reproduction, award to Robbie Davis-Floyd and Carolyn Sargent for “**Most Enduring Edited Collection**” for Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge: Cross-Cultural Perspectives and for “**Service to Junior Scholars in the Anthropology of Reproduction**,” 2003

State University of New York (SUNY) Brooklyn, Midwifery Education Dept., Health Care Sciences Division, Award for “**Extraordinary Service to Midwifery and Women’s Health**,” 2007

Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology, 2008-present

North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) award for 15 years of service to NARM and to American midwifery, 2009.

III International Congress on the Humanization of Childbirth, Homenagem (Homage) from the the **Network for the Humanization of Birth (ReHuNa)** for my lifework, presented to me by the Brazilian Minister of Health, Nov. 27, 2010.

Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA). 2012. “Beloved Midwife to the Movement” certificate presented to me by the first MANA President, Therese Charvet, and the immediate Past-President Gera Simpkins, during the Awards Session, MANA Asilomar, Sept. 30. The certificate reads: “For years of visioning, researching, and communicating the essence of midwifery to the larger world and undending advocacy for midwives, the midwifery model of care, and MANA.”

Medical Anthropology Quarterly 2012 Editorial Fecundity Award. The certificate reads: “Bestowed in recognition of powerful sustained contributions to the future of medical anthropology by ensuring that numerous manuscripts received deeply critical yet constructive development. The award recognizes, beyond her long-term contribution of deep insights into fundamental sociocultural processes and practices of human reproduction, her leadership in dedication to growing a future body of knowledge by delivering vigorous, critical, and supportive reviews of other authors’ manuscripts. In 2012 notably, she willingly took on the role of Special Editor to engage with a foreign author in protracted labor on the manuscript’s analyses, writing, and Spanish-to-English translation, leading to a successful delivery in MAQ 26:3. Thank you for outstanding productivity as a scholar and nourisher of medical anthropology’s future.” –Mark R. Luborsky and Andrea P. Sankar, Editors.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AAA--American Anthropological Association

APPPAH--Association for Pre- and Perinatal Psychology and Health

ACNM--American College of Nurse-Midwives (Friend of the College)

CAR--Council on Anthropology and Reproduction

CIMS--Coalition for Improving Maternity Services

IMBCO—International MotherBaby Childbirth Organization

MANA--Midwives' Alliance of North America (non-voting)

NARM—North American Registry of Midwives

SfAA—Society for Applied Anthropology

SMA--Society for Medical Anthropology

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Anthropology organizations:

Member, **Council on Anthropology and Reproduction (CAR) Annual Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee**, 1999-2011

Member, **CAR Advocacy Committee**, 2006-2011

Senior Advisor to CAR, 2005-present

Executive Board Member, Society for Medical Anthropology, 2004-2007

Program Co-Chair for SMA for the AAA meetings, 2005-2007

Member, Millennium Book Award Committee, Society for Medical Anthropology, 2007-2008

Consulting Editor, Editorial Board Member, Anthropology in Action, 2005-2008.

Editorial Board Member, Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality, Wiley-Blackwell, 2009-2010

Associate Editor, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 2012-2013

Childbirth, midwifery, and nursing organizations:

Board Member, **Association for Pre- and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPPAH)**, 1993-1998

Member, **Seattle Midwifery School (SMS)** Strategic Planning Task Force, 1998

Member, National Advisory Council of the **Maternity Center Association's Institute for Family Centered Maternity Care**, New York, 1998-2003

Board of Advisers Member, **BirthWorks, Inc.**, 1998-2005.

Consultant to the **International Childbirth Education Association**, 2000-2003

Advisory Committee Member, **Association of Nurse Advocates for Childbirth Solutions**, 2001-2005

Member, **Midwifery Certification Task Force (CTF)**, 1994-1997 (This task force gave input to the NARM Board about the development of the CPM credential.)

Board Member, **North American Registry of Midwives (NARM)**, 1994-2009. (The NARM Board is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) credential.)

Senior Advisor to the NARM Board, April 2009 – present.

Advisory Board Member, **National Association of Certified Professional Midwives' Association**, 2001-present

Ethics Committee Member for CPM2000 Research Project, **Division of Research of the Midwives Alliance of North America**, 2000-2006

Board Member, **MANA Division of Research**, 2005-2009

Ad Hoc Advisor and Consultant, **Anna Nery Nursing School Journal of Nursing**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2007

Member, **Scientific Committee**, III International Congress on the Humanization of Childbirth, ReHuNa, Brasilia, Brazil 2010

Editorial Committee Chair, **Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS)**, 1995-2000 (This committee was responsible for refining the wording of the U.S.-based Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative and for editing all public documents created by CIMS.)

Chair, **CIMS Slide Show Committee**, 1997-2000 (I conceived and developed the first slide show presenting the Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative developed by CIMS to the public.)

Member, **CIMS Designation Committee**, 2002.

CIMS Council Member, 1999-2004

CIMS Advisory Council Member, 2005-present

CIMS Representative to the **Global Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative Technical Advisory Group**, WHO Headquarters, Geneva, June 2006.

Member, **CIMS U.S. Birth Practices Advisory Council**, 2008

CIMS International Committee, Steering Committee Member 2006-2007

International MotherBaby Childbirth Organization (IMBCO), formerly the **CIMS International Committee**, Board member 2007-present. The purpose of the IMBCO is to develop and promote the IMBCI (see below).

International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative (IMBCI)—Editorial Committee Chair 2006-present. In this capacity, I am responsible for the wording of this international initiative and for writing or co-authoring various publications about it. The purpose of this Initiative is to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity by improving the quality and outcomes of women's birth experiences through humanistic, evidence-based care, to reduce unnecessary medical interventions, and to promote breastfeeding and infant survival through birth practices that facilitate breastfeeding success.

INVITED LECTURES

1983 **ICEA Southern Regional Conference**, Knoxville, TN Topic: "Pregnancy as an American Rite of Passage: The Role of the Childbirth Educator"

1983 **MENSA Southern Regional Gathering**, Chattanooga, TN. Topic: "Rites of Passage"

1984 **Consumer Task Force on the Childbearing Year**, Conference on "Childbirth and the Feminist: Politics, Ritual, and Responsibility," Lansing, MI. Topic: "Childbirth and Ritual."

- 1984 **New Life Midwifery School**, Austin, TX. Topic: "Pregnancy, Birth and American Society: Midwives as Mediators"
- 1985 **ICEA Southern Regional Conference**, Atlanta, GA. Topics: "Childbirth and the Power of Symbolic Oppositions," "Pregnancy as an American Rite of Passage: The Role of the Childbirth Educator"
- 1985 **Childbirth and Family Education, Inc.**, Seminar, "Childbirth '85," Houston, TX. Topic: "The Rituals of Birth in the Hospital: What Do They Really Mean?"
- 1986 **International Childbirth Symposium**, London, England. Topics: "Birth Messages"; "The Influence of Culture Paradigm on Childbirth Practices"
- 1986 **ICEA International Conference**, Chicago, IL. Topics: "Right and Left, Male and Female: Medieval Thought in Modern Childbirth"; "Hospital Birth Rituals"
- 1987 **ICEA International Conference**, Los Angeles, CA. Topics: "Rituals of Hospital Birth"; "Right and Left, Male and Female"; "Belief Systems and Birth"
- 1988 **American Academy of Husband-Coached Childbirth**, B.I.R.T.H.S Conference, Anaheim, CA. Topic: "Ritual in American Childbirth"
- 1990 **American Academy of Husband-Coached Childbirth**, B.I.R.T.H.S Conference, Anaheim, CA. Topics: "American Paradigms: The Bradley Method in Cultural Context"; "The Pregnant Professional and the Epidural Epidemic"
- 1991 **First International Men's Conference**, Austin, TX. Topic: "The Power of Rituals, Past and Present";
- 1991 **Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA)**, El Paso, Tx. Opening Plenary and Keynote: "Midwives in the Technocracy: Guardians of Holism in Birth"
- 1991 **Fetzer Foundation**, Kalamazoo, MI. Topic: "Ritual and Engendered Belief"
- 1991 **Mind Science Foundation**, Monthly Speaker Series, Witte Museum, San Antonio TX. Topic: "On Ritual and Rite"
- 1992 **WomanSpirit Conference**, Austin, Texas, April. Topic: "Birth Mythology in the Technocracy"
- 1992 **Wildflower Conference**, Austin TX May. Keynote Address: "The Power of Ritual."
- 1992 **First Canadian Conference on Birth Centers**, London, Ontario, September. Keynote: "Birth as a North American Rite of Passage."
- 1992 **2nd International Men's Conference**, Austin TX, October. Topics: "Raw Material for Myth-Making: A Gift from Anthropology to the Men's Movement"; "The Power of Ritual"
- 1992 **Dept. of Nurse-Midwifery**, UCSF, San Francisco CA, October. Topic: "Mind Over Body or Bodymind? The Technocratic Body of the Pregnant Professional and the Organic Body of the Home Birth Mother"
- 1992 **California Association of Midwives**, Los Angeles CA, October. Keynote Address: "Midwives in the Technocracy: Guardians of Holism in Birth"; Workshop: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage."
- 1992 **Houston Area Women's Center**, Houston, TX, October. Keynote address: "The Cultural Roots of Violence against Women"
- 1992 **Wellesley Club of Houston**, Evening Colloquium on "Gender Roles and Evolution," October.
- 1992 **Midwives' Alliance of North America (MANA)**, New York City, November. Closing Plenary: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage"; Workshop: "The Power of Ritual."
- 1993 **American Holistic Medical Association**, Kansas City, February. Topics: "Birth as a Rite of Passage: An Example of Technocracy at Work"; "Medical Training as a Rite of Initiation"; "The Power of Ritual."
- 1993 **Maternal-Child Nursing Association**, Orlando, Florida, March. Keynote: "Caring in the Technocracy: Toward Evolution or Extinction?" Workshop: "Professional Women and Earth Mothers: The Influence of Lifestyle on the Experience of Pregnancy and Birth"
- 1993 **Great Mother Conference**, Billings, Montana, June. "Birth and the Goddess"; "The Power of Ritual."
- 1993 **Baylor Medical School Conference on Advances in Obstetrics and Gynecology**, Houston Texas, September. Plenary: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage"
- 1993 **Seattle Midwifery School**, All Day Workshop, Seattle, Sept. "Birth as an American Rite of Passage"
- 1993 **University of Washington, Dept. of Anthropology**, Seattle, Sept. "The Technocratic Body."
- 1993 **Third International Men's Conference**, New Braunfels, Oct. Plenary: "Co-creating the Eco-Culture"; Workshops: "Myths and Stereotypes of Masculinity and Femininity"; "Gender: An Evolutionary Perspective"
- 1993 **Midwives' Alliance of North America**, San Francisco CA, Oct. Half-Day Workshop: "The Power of Ritual"
- 1993 **Dept. of Anthropology**, U. of Santa Clara, S. C., CA, Oct. Public Lecture: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage"
- 1993 **Birth and Bonding, Inc.**, Berkeley CA, October. Evening Workshop: "Childbirth in the Technocracy"
- 1993 **UCSF Dept. of Nurse-Midwifery**, San Francisco CA, October. Seminar: "The Malaise of Postmodern Midwifery"
- 1993 **Futron Corporation**, Bethesda MD, November. Seminar: "Paradigms and Progress: Evolutionary Perspectives"

- 1994 **Informed Birth Movement**, Dallas TX, February. All-Day Workshop: "American Childbirth as Cultural Experience." CEUs approved by: Texas Nursing Association, American College of Nurse-Midwives; International Childbirth Education Association, Midwifery Board, Texas Dept. of Health
- 1994 **Dept. of Religion, University of Colorado at Boulder**, March. Religion Dept. Colloquium: "The Power of Ritual"; Public Lecture: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage"
- 1994 **New Haven Birth Consortium**, March. Joint keynote with Michel Odent, MD.: "Women, Power, and Birth."
- 1994 **MANA New England Conference**, April. All-Day Workshop: "Meaning and Malaise in Postmodern Midwifery"
- 1994 **NEW ENGLAND SPEAKING TOUR OF COLLEGES**, April 12-21. Lecture topic: "**Birth and Women's Power: Body Image, Worldview, and the Culturally Mediated Choices Women Make in Childbirth**" Lectures given at:
- 1994 **Wesleyan University**, co-sponsored by the Wesleyan Women's Center and the Health Education Dept.
- 1994 **Harvard School of Public Health**, co-sponsored by the Dept. of Health and Social Behavior, and the Harvard Medical School Dept. of Social Medicine
- 1994 **Brown University Biomedical Center**, co-sponsored by Rhode Island Chapter, International Cesarean Awareness Network, and the Sarah Doyle Women's Center
- 1994 **Smith College**, co-sponsored by Smith College and Women in Science of Hampshire College
- 1994 **University of Vermont**, co-sponsored by the Sociology Dept., the President's Commission on the Status of Women, the Women's Studies Program, and the Linthicum Foundation.
- 1994 **National Public Radio** Interview on "Cambridge Forum," April 13.
- 1994 **Aldous Huxley Centennial Conference**, April. Symposium: "Dis/Embodied Childbirth"
- 1994 **SATWG (Strategic Avionics Technology Working Group) Meeting**, Phoenix, AZ, May. Lecture: "From Tribes to Technocracy: An Evolutionary Perspective on the Future"
- 1994 **Association of Texas Midwives Regional Conference**, San Antonio TX, May. Keynote: "An Anthropological View of Midwifery"; Workshop: "The Power of Ritual"
- 1994 **MANA 1994 Conference**, Chicago IL, September-October. Breakout Session: "Anthropological Perspectives on Open and Closed Systems: A Challenge to Midwives" All-day workshop: "Meaning and Malaise in Postmodern Midwifery: An Evolutionary Perspective on Patriarchy, Gender Roles, and Birth"
- 1994 **ICEA 1994 International Convention**, St. Louis MO, October. Plenary Session: "The Technocratic Body: American Childbirth as Cultural Expression"; Breakouts: "American Paradigms of Birth and Health Care"; "The Power of Ritual"; "Malaise and Meaning in Postmodern Midwifery and Childbirth Education"
- 1994 **CAPSAC Conference**, Calgary, Canada, October. Keynote: "Dis/Embodied Childbirth"; Workshop: "The Politics of Postmodern Midwifery"
- 1994 **SATWG (Strategic Avionics Technology Working Group)**, Boston, November; Keynote: "The Power of Ritual and the New Paradigms in Business"
- 1994 **Common Boundary Conference**, Bethesda MD, November. Topics: "The Power of Ritual"; "Birth and the Goddess: An Evolutionary Perspective"
- 1995 **Spohn Hospital**, Corpus Christi, Texas, Ob/Gyn Conference, January. Keynote Speaker, two full mornings. Topics: "Birth as an American Cultural Experience" "Cultural Roots of Violence Against Women"; "Power of Ritual"
- 1995 **AWHONN (Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses) Conference**, Corpus Christi Tx. Keynote: "Open and Closed Systems: A Challenge to Birth Practitioners" Workshops: "The Technocratic Body and the Organic Body: Cultural Models for Women's Birth Choices" "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge: Cross-Cultural Perspectives"
- 1995 **Birth Gazette Conference**, Summertown TN, August. Keynote Speaker. Topics: "American Paradigms: The Technocratic, Holistic, and Natural Models of Birth"; "The Power of Ritual"; "The Future of North American Midwifery"
- 1995 **Parkland Hospital Nursing Conference**, Dallas, Texas, September. Keynote: Birth as an American Rite of Passage. Workshop: Open and Closed Systems: A Challenge to Birth Practitioners
- 1995 **Women's Conference**, "La Mujer: Releasing the Power Within," McAllen, TX. Keynote: "Celebrating Women, Reclaiming Our Power: An Evolutionary, Historical, and Futuristic Perspective."
- 1995 **Women's Forum**, San Antonio TX, September. Luncheon Speaker: "Myths of Men and Women: An Evolutionary Perspective on Bridging the Gap"
- 1995 **APPPAH 7th International Congress**, San Francisco, Sept. Panel Organizer and Chair, "Birth and Obstetrical Challenges." Panel Members: Midwife Elizabeth Davis, Ob/Gyn Bethany Hays, lecturer and author Suzanne Arms.
- 1995 **Fetzer Institute**, Participant in Fetzer Dialogue on "Creative Edges in Science, Medicine and Education", Kalamazoo, MI.

- 1995 **Florida School of Traditional Midwifery Conference**. October. Keynote: "Midwives in the Technocracy: Guardians of Holism in Birth" Workshop: "The Politics of Postmodern Midwifery"
- 1995 **MANA 1995 Conference**, Phoenix AZ. November. Session: "Witches, Nurses, Christians, and Cyborgs: The Perils and Politics of Postmodern Midwifery."
- 1996 **Midwifery Today Conference**, Hawaii, March. "The Ethnography of Birth"; "Open and Closed Systems."
- 1996 **Wadley Regional Medical Center**, Texarkana, Texas. Keynote: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage"
- 1996 **ALACE Conference**, Boston, April. Keynote: "American Childbirth: The Politics of Power, Privilege and Discrimination" Workshop: "Gender Roles and Power"
- 1996 **AHMA Conference**, Philadelphia, May. Workshop: "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Physicians"
- 1996 **Meristem LeaderQuest Conference**, Boise, Idaho. Workshop: "The Power of Ritual: Breaking and Building Organizational Paradigms"
- 1996 **ACNM Conference**, Palm Desert, California, June Workshops: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage"; "American Paradigms of Birth and Health Care"
- 1996 **SATWG (Strategic Avionics Technology) Conference**, Colorado Springs, CO. Workshop: "Dominant and Partnership Models"
- 1996 **DONA (Doula of North America) Conference**, Cleveland, Ohio, July. Keynote: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage: Why Doula Matter" Workshop: "Open and Closed Systems of Birth and Health Care"
- 1996 **MANA Conference**, Austin, TX. Sept. All Day Workshop: "Anthropology for Midwives: An Introduction." Workshop: "Witches, Nurses, Christians, and Cyborgs: The Perils and Politics of Postmodern Midwifery"
- 1996 **ASPO/Lamaze Conference**, Dallas, Oct. Keynote: "American Paradigms" Workshop: "Childbirth Across Cultures"
- 1996 **Seattle Midwifery School**, Seattle WA, October. Public Lecture: "Home Birth." All-Day Workshop: "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge: Cross-Cultural Perspectives."
- 1996 **SATWG**, Houston TX. "Space Stories: A Work in Progress"
- 1996 **Chicago Humanities Festival**, Chicago, IL, Nov. Lecture: "BirthRites"
- 1996 **University of California, San Francisco School of Nurse-Midwifery**. San Francisco, November. Lecture: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage: Why Midwifery Matters."
- 1996 **University of Southern California School of Nurse-Midwifery**, Graduation Address, Dec., Los Angeles CA.
- 1996 **The Chapman Childbirth Center**, Dec., LA. "Intuition as Authoritative Knowledge in Midwifery and Home Birth"
- 1997 **Seton Hospital, Austin, Texas** "From Doctor to Healer: The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Physicians," Jan.
- 1997 **Rice Premedical Society**, "From Doctor to Healer: The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Physicians," Feb.
- 1997 **Seattle Midwifery School**, Graduation speaker, March.
- 1997 **Midwifery Today Conferences**: San Diego, March; Eugene OR, June; New York, Sept.; Orlando FL, Sept.; London, November. Topics include: "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge," "Anthropology for Midwives," "The Ethnography of Birth," "Autonomy in Midwifery," "Education for the Midwifery Model," "Birth of a Baby: The Social Context."
- 1997 **Dept. of Medical Anthropology, UCSF**. "Childbirth in the Technocracy: An Anthropological Perspective"
- 1997 **ACNM Conference**, Boston MA, May. Workshop: "Anthropology for Midwives: An Introduction."
- 1997 **Crouse Hospital**, Two days of in-service talks for ob/gyns and nurses, Syracuse NY, June.
- 1997 **AWHONN/ACOG Regional Meeting**, Syracuse, NY. Keynote: "Childbirth in the Technocracy: An Anthropological Perspective."
- 1997 **The B.E.S.T. Connection**, Annual Conference, October, Waterville, Maine. Topics: "Childbirth as a Rite of Passage in America"; "Women and Their Bodies: The Biomedical View of Menstruation, Childbirth, and Menopause"; "Midwives in the Technocracy: Guardians of Holism in Birth."
- 1997 **MANA**. Panel speaker and facilitator: "ACNM and MANA: A Direct-Entry Dialogue." 2 sessions, morning and afternoon. Seattle.
- 1997 **APPPAH Conference**, "The Benefits of Midwifery Care," December, San Francisco.
- 1998 **Midwifery Today Conferences**, Salem, Mass.; Portland, Oregon; London, England; Kyoto, Japan. Topics: "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge," "Becoming a Birth Change Agent," "Women's Ways of Knowing," "Anthropology for Midwives," "Birth Story Across Cultures," "Unity: Strength in Diversity."
- 1998 **Hudson Valley Chapter, ACNM**, "A Day with Robbie Davis-Floyd," New York, March.
- 1998 **York University**, "Witches, Nurses, Earth Mothers, and Cyborgs: The Perils and Politics of Postmodern Midwifery," April, Toronto, Canada.
- 1998 **Crinalli Conference**, keynote: "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge: Cross-Cultural Perspectives," Milan, Italy
- 1998 **University of Milan**, Invited Lecture. "Childbirth in the Technocracy: An Anthropological Perspective."
- 1998 **MANA Mexico Regional Conference**, Plenary Speaker, "How Tradition Keeps Culture Alive." Oaxaca City, June.

- 1998 **Birth among Friends Conference**, All-day workshop on direct-entry midwifery in North America; Keynote on "Direct-Entry Midwifery: The Politics of Change," breakout session on "Birthing Women and The Technomedical Model of Care." Canberra, Australia, Sept.
- 1998 **Australian National University Anthropology Department**, invited lecture, Canberra, Sept.
- 1998 **National Association of Childbearing Centers (NACC) Conference**, keynote, "Birth Centers in the Technocracy: Guardians of Holism in a Cyborg Society." Indianapolis, Sept.
- 1998 **Institute of Noetic Sciences**, lecture and book launching for From Doctor to Healer, Sausalito CA, Sept.
- 1998 **Maternity Center Association Birth Forum**, Keynote, "Birth as an American Rite of Passage." New York, Oct.
- 1998 **Toledo Hospital**, Grand Rounds, workshop for hospital staff, lecture to Prime Plus (a women's group), evening lecture to the Ob/Gyn Society, talk at Toledo University for the Women's Studies Program.
- 1998 **Smithsonian Institution**, invited speaker on a panel on Native American birth traditions. Topic: "Native American Birth Traditions in Cross-Cultural Context," November.
- 1998 **MANA**, "The Development of Direct-Entry Midwifery in North America," "From Doctor to Healer: Physicians Shifting Paradigms," "CIMS Report." Traverse City MI, Nov.
- 1998 **Association of Texas Midwives**, invited panel facilitator, "Finding Common Ground," Mo Ranch, November.
- 1998 **Midwifery Today Conference**, various talks, including "Making Decisions in Childbirth and Midwifery: Whose Knowledge Counts?", Kyoto, Japan, November.
- 1999 Speaking tour of midwifery programs in British universities, Feb. Topic: "Whose Knowledge Counts in Childbirth and Midwifery? A Cross-Cultural Perspective. Talks given at **City University**, London, **Thames Valley University**, London, **Anglia Polytechnic University**, Chelmsford, **Southbank University**, London, **University of Central Lancashire**, Preston, **Sheffield University**, Sheffield.
- 1999 **Midwifery Today Conference**, Austin, Texas, March. Topics: "Pursuit of Excellence: Autonomy a Must," "Epidemics: Cesarean, Epidural, Ultrasound," "Making Decisions in Childbirth and Midwifery: Whose Knowledge Counts?" "Anthropology of Birth," "Birth Change Agent"
- 1999 **University of Pennsylvania**, symposium on alternative health care, March. "From Doctor to Healer: Physicians Shifting Paradigms," "Midwifery and Childbirth: The Cultural and Political Scene"; "The CIMS Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative."
- 1999 **New York Open Center**, conference on "The Art of Birth," Keynote speaker: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage," "Cyborg Babies?"
- 1999 **A Breath of Fresh Air Healing Center**, lecture at opening day event, Austin, April.
- 1999 **ACNM National Convention**, speaker, "Anthropology for Midwives: An Introduction," "Paradigms of American Health Care: Where Do Midwives Fit?" Orlando, FL, May-June.
- 1999 **AWHONN National Conference**, Keynote Speaker, "Birth as an American Rite of Passage,"; workshops: "American Paradigms: The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Models of Health Care," "The Cultural Roots of Violence against Women." Chicago, June.
- 1999 **Texas Department of Health**, seminar on "Whose Knowledge Counts in Childbirth?"
- 1999 **Institute for Noetic Sciences**, annual conference, workshop on "The Power of Ritual." Orlando, July.
- 1999 **Goddard College**, Vermont. Summer residency, Health Arts and Sciences Program. Keynote speaker: "Transformative and Holistic Visions for the 21st Century." Three workshops, on childbirth, midwifery, and qualitative research.
- 1999 **International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA)**, keynote speaker: "Whose Knowledge Counts in Childbirth? A Cross-Cultural Perspective"; breakout: "Postmodern Midwifery: What Childbirth Educators Should Know." Panel facilitator: "Ways of Knowing about Pregnancy and Birth." Los Angeles, August.
- 1999 **Mind Science Foundation**, San Antonio, October 11. "From Doctor to Healer: The Transformative Journey."
- 1999 **Baylor Medical School**, 4-part seminar series "From Doctor to Healer: Integrating Body, Mind, and Medicine." Seminar topics: "From Doctor to Healer: The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Physicians"; "The Power of Ritual: Medical Training as Initiation"; "Doctors, Nurses, Midwives, and Women: Whose Knowledge Counts in Childbirth?"; "Visions for the Future: Integrating Medicine, Culture, and Life."
- 1999 **MANA Conference**. "The Coalition for Improving Maternity Services"; "El Futuro de la Partera Tradicional: Un Intercambio." Lake Tahoe, November.
- 1999 **Avionics Technology Working Group (ATWG)**, Luncheon speaker, "Space Stories." Phoenix, Nov.
- 1999 **Midwifery Today**, Jamaica, Dec. Topics: "Making Decisions in Childbirth and Midwifery: Whose Knowledge Counts?"; "CIMS"; "Birth Change Agent".
- 1999 **University of Pennsylvania Nurse-Midwifery Program, Graduation Speaker**, Dec.

- 2000 **March of Dimes**, Chicago, Feb. Evening plenary speaker: "Whose Knowledge Counts in Childbirth? Cross-Cultural Perspectives and American Paradigms"
- 2000 **University of Wyoming**, keynote speaker for Women's History Month, sponsored by the departments of Anthropology and Sociology, Nursing, and Women's Studies. Talks on "Cyborg Babies" and "Midwives in North America: The Politics of Change," plus various classes. Laramie, March 1-3.
- 2000 **American Medical Students Association**, "From Doctor to Healer: The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Physicians," Washington DC, March.
- 2000 **Midwifery Today**, various talks, Philadelphia, March.
- 2000 **Rochester University**, "Whose Knowledge Counts in Childbirth and Midwifery? A Cross-Cultural Perspective."
- 2000 **Syracuse University**, "Whose Knowledge Counts in Childbirth and Midwifery? A Cross-Cultural Perspective," sponsored by the SU School of Social Work, the SU College of Nursing, and the SU/Upstate Women's Health Interest Group. March.
- 2000 **Yale School of Nursing, First Inaugural Class Day Speaker for the graduating MSN candidates**. Topic: "Paradigms of American Health Care: Why Nurses Matter." May.
- 2000 **American Holistic Medical Association**, June. "From Doctor to Healer: The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Physicians."
- 2000 **Midwifery Today**, New York, Sept. Various talks, including "The Anthropology of Hospital Birth" and "Global Issues in Midwifery."
- 2000 **International Women's University on Technology and Culture.**, Senior Lecturer in the project area "On the Traces of the Body in a Technogenic World," invited to present lectures on "Childbirth as Cultural and Individual Expression: Whose Knowledge Counts?" and "Midwives in the Technocracy: The Politics of Change," Hannover, Germany, Sept. 2000. (Due to a family tragedy, I was unable to attend.)
- 2000 **Case Western Reserve University**, Cleveland. Nurse-midwifery and anthropology, series of talks, including "Midwives in Mexico" and "American Paradigms: Whose Knowledge Counts in Childbirth?" October.
- 2000 **First International Home Birth Conference** in Spain, Oct., various talks and roundtables.
- 2000 **Humanizing Childbirth**, Fortaleza, Brazil. Topic: "History and Cultural Meaning of Birth Technologies." Nov.
- 2000 **MANA**, Clearwater FL. "The Anthropology of Midwifery," "Global Issues in Midwifery," "El Futuro de la Partera Tradicional." November.
- 2000 **Avionics Technology Working Group (ATWG)**, Langley Field, Hampton Va. Luncheon speaker, "Space Stories from the Langley Pioneers." November.
- 2001 **New York University Midwifery Alliance**, "Paradigms of American Health Care: Where Do Midwives Fit?" April.
- 2001 **New York Open Center**, conference on "The Art of Birthing," April. General session: "The History of Childbirth." Workshop: "Midwives in Mexico: Tradition Meets Profession."
- 2001 **Partners in Perinatal Health conference**, Boston, May. Keynote: "Women and Their Bodies."
- 2001 **ACNM** convention, half-day workshop: "Anthropology of Reproduction." Session: "Midwifery Training as a Rite of Passage: Education and Socialization" with Lisa Kane-Low CNM, DC, June.
- 2001 **Midwives' Alliance of North America (MANA)**, Panel facilitator: "When Parents' Wishes Conflict with Midwifery Protocols." Workshop: "Midwives in Mexico: Continuity and Change." Albuquerque NM, September.
- 2001 **International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA)**, General Session: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth." Workshop: "Midwives in North America: An Anthropological Overview." Orlando, September.
- 2001 **Midwifery Today**, Paris. General Session: "Whose Knowledge Counts in Childbirth and Midwifery?" Workshops: "Evidence-Based Midwifery," with Sara Wickham, "Midwifery Education for a Global Future," "Saving Traditional Midwives." Half-day workshop: "The Anthropology of Birth."
- 2001 **Childbirth Solutions**, panel discussant of movie "Born in the USA," New York, November.
- 2001 **Elizabeth Seton Birth Center**, Talk on "Women's Intuition," New York, December.
- 2001 **Association for Pre- and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPPAH)**, panel on "Crises in Childbirth," San Francisco, December.
- 2002 **Austin Doula Association**, "Paradigms of Birth Care: An Anthropologist Talks to Doulas," January. Center for Health Training, nursing conference, "Ancient Rites and Modern Medicine," Austin, February.
- 2002 **Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS)**, lecture for the public, "The Role of CIMS in the Alternative Birth Movement," Feb, San Jose.
- 2002 **American Medical Students Association (AMSA)**, "Midwives in the US," "Midwives in Mexico"
- 2002 **Japanese Midwives Association**. Keynote speaker: "Why Midwifery Matters." This trip included various talks to nurse-midwifery educational programs and anthropology departments around the country. March.

- 2002 **Midwifery Today**, Philadelphia, "The Anthropology of Hospital Birth"; "Closing the Evidence-Practice Gap" with Marsden Wagner; "Dealing with Consumer Demand"; "Medical Imperialism: The Impact of the Western Model of Birth on the World" with Marsden Wagner; "Birth Renaissance around the World: Models that Work," with Jan Tritten. March.
- 2002 **University of Concepción**. General session speaker in a conference on "The Art of Birth in the Diversity of the New Century," Concepción, Chile, April.
- 2002 **Hospital conference** in Rio de Janeiro, keynote speaker on "The Humanization of Childbirth," April.
- 2002 **Humanization of Childbirth Conference** in Florianopolis, Brazil, keynote speaker, April.
- 2002 **International Confederation of Midwives**, "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife," "Cyborg Babies," "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care," Vienna, April.
- 2002 **American College of Nurse-Midwives**, "Midwifery through the Lens of Social Science," with Barbara Katz Rothman and Wendy Simonds, "Direct-Entry Midwifery Credentialing and Promotion: Making Sense of the Alphabet Soup," with Kate Finn CM, CPM, "Midwifery Training as a Rite of Passage: Education and Socialization" with Lisa Kane-Low CNM
- 2002 **Midwifery Today Conference in Guangzhou, China**, multiple presentations, June.
- 2002 **CASA Conference on International Midwifery Education and Certification**, keynote speaker "A Global Tour of Models of Midwifery Education and Certification, San Miguel, Mexico, June
- 2002 **Speaking tour of Brazil**, July 13-August 6, 16 keynote lectures in 7 cities (Salvador, Vitoria, Curitiba, Porto Alegre, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Sao Paulo) at conferences on the Humanization of Childbirth. Topics: "Birth and Obstetric Training as a Rite of Passage," "Three Paradigms of Birth and Health Care," "Birth Centers in the Technocracy," "Models of Midwifery Education: A Global Tour." Various newspaper, magazine, and television interviews.
- 2002 **Texas Dept. of Health**, Breastfeeding Summit, keynote speaker, "Paradigms of Health," San Antonio, Texas, Sept.
- 2002 **MANA**, "Birth in Brazil and Mexico" "Midwifery Training as a Rite of Passage," and others. Boston, October.
- 2002 **Cleveland Chapter, American College of Nurse-Midwives**. "Midwifery: A Global Tour." September.
- 2002 **Flora Stone Mather Alumni Association, Case Western Reserve University**, "Living Anthropology." October.
- 2002 **Dept. of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University**, "When the Natives Talk Back: Doing Anthropology in the Public Eye," November.
- 2002 **Anchorage Museum of History and Art**, Anchorage, Alaska, Keynote: "Midwives in America." Nov.
- 2002 **Midwifery Today Conference**, The Hague. Multiple presentations on midwifery education and socialization, the anthropology of sexuality and birth, hospital birth, global issues and trends in midwifery, autonomy in midwifery. November.
- 2003 **Women's Center, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU)**, "Birth: A Women's Issue," January.
- 2003 **Cleveland Chapter, International Cesarean Awareness Network (ICAN)**. "Changing Childbirth." Feb.
- 2003 **CWRU, Friday Public Affairs Forum**, "Cesareans in the US," Feb.
- 2003 **CWRU Nursing Program**, April, "Paradigms of Health Care."
- 2003 General session speaker, **Midwifery Today**, Eugene OR. March. Multiple presentations.
- 2003 General session speaker, **Hungarian Midwives Association**, Budapest, May. Multiple presentations.
- 2003 General session speaker, **Midwifery Today/MANA Mexico Joint Conference**, Oaxaca, Mexico, September. Talks: "The Making of New Midwives: Midwifery Education"; "Midwifery and Childbirth in Mexico"; "Barriers to Practice Traditional Midwives Face"; "The Importance of Birth Traditions for Keeping Midwifery Culture Alive"; "Birth Change Plans for the Americas"; "Country report: Canada."
- 2003 General session speaker, **Midwifery Today**, Paris, October. Talks: "Birth Models That Work"; "Country Reports"; "Birth Change"; "The Threat of Technology"; "Anthropology of Midwifery."
- 2003 **MANA**, Austin, October. Workshop: "The Anthropology of Midwifery and Birth." Talk: "Birth Messages."
- 2003 Martha Brown Bryant Memorial Lecture, **Oregon Chapter of ACNM**, October. "The Anthropology of Obstetrics, Midwifery, and Birth." 4-part all-day workshop. Individual topics:
 "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms: Three Ways of Knowing about Birth"
 "The Role of Obstetric Rituals in Childbirth: Whose Knowledge Counts?"
 "Models That Work and Models That Don't: Midwifery Education and Practice in Cross-Cultural Perspective"
 "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife and the Future of Global Midwifery"
- 2003 **Alfred P. Sloan Center for the Ethnography of Everyday Life, University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, conference on Childbirth as a Work and Family Issue. Keynote speaker: "Birth as an American Rite of Passage: A Ten-Year Retrospective"; "Riting, Righting, and Writing of Birth." October.
- 2003 **American Medical Students Association (AMSA)**, CWRU chapter, talk on "Three Paradigms of Health Care."
- 2003 **Mercyhurst College**, talk on Culture and Birth, Erie PA, Nov.
- 2003 **Midwifery Today**, Paris, multiple talks, November.
- 2004 Keynote speaker, **midwifery section of the Latvian International Conference on Ob-Gyn**, Riga, Latvia, April.

- 2004 Keynote speaker for **Fundacion Creavida**. Evening talk for consumers, all-day workshop for midwives, hospital seminar for obstetrical practitioners. Buenos Aires, Argentina, May. **Launching of Spanish translation of From Doctor to Healer: The Transformative Journey**.
- 2004 Keynote speaker, **hospital seminar**, Porto Alegre, Brazil, May.
- 2004 Keynote speaker, **midwifery university program**, Porto Alegre, Brazil, May.
- 2004 General session speaker, **International Congress on the Ecology of Birth**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May.
- 2004 Keynote speaker, **2nd Conference on Normal Birth Research**, Univ. of Lancashire, June, Grange-over-Sands, UK. Topic: "Fractured Articulations: The Trouble with Transport"
- Keynote speaker, **Conference on Pollution and Safety in Childbirth**, University of Sheffield, UK, June. Topic: "Ritual, Safety, and Danger in Birth."
- 2004 Study day speaker, **midwifery programs at Bournemouth University, Huddersfield University, the University of Edinburgh, and Thames Valley University, London**, UK, June. Topics: "Rituals, Paradigms, and Midwives: An Evolutionary Overview of Contemporary Obstetrics" and "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife."
- 2004 Keynote speaker, **The Midwifery Way: A National Forum Reflecting on the State of Midwifery Regulation in Canada**, Halifax, Nova Scotia, July. Topic: "Midwifery: Global Trends and Transformations."
- 2004 Public Health Conference sponsored by the **University of Puerto Rico**, Topic: "Birth Models That Work." Sept.
- 2004 **MANA**, session in Spanish for traditional midwives on how to form regional organizations, Portland, Oct.
- 2004 **Midwifery Today**, Bad Wildbad, Germany, Oct. Topics: "The Anthropology of Hospital Birth," "Open and Closed Thought Systems," "Midwifery Models That Work," "What Is Appropriate Hospital Technology?" "Industrialized Birth and Medical Imperialism," "Promoting Positive Change in Birth."
- 2004 **2nd International Congress on Hungarian Midwifery**, general session speaker, Budapest, November. Topic: "Global Trends in Midwifery: The Emergence of the Postmodern Midwife."
- 2004 Talks for the students and faculty at the **Nurse-Midwifery Program, University of Sao Paulo**, and for **COBEON**, the annual conference of **ABENFO** (the national Brazilian nurse-midwifery association), Nov. Topics: "Issues in Midwifery Education," "Three Paradigms of Birth and Health Care," "Global Trends in Midwifery," "Cyborg Babies and the Future of Reproduction."
- 2004 **8th National Congress of ReHuNa** (a Brazilian organization for the humanization of birth), general session speaker; "Three Primary Paradigms of Birth Care and their Relevance for Brazil."
- 2004 **ASPQ Public Health conference** in Quebec, general session speaker, "Birth as a Rite of Passage Revisited: The Cultural Context of Contemporary Obstetrics," November.
- 2005 **Coalition for Improving Maternity Services**, speaker on panel discussion: "Is Natural Childbirth Possible in America Today?" Washington DC, February.
- 2005 **Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital**, Akron, Ohio. "Keeping Birth Normal: Birth Models That Work," March.
- 2005 Keynote speaker, **REACHE Childbirth Education Conference**, Seattle, March. Topics: "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge," "Myths, Rituals, and Paradigms of Birth"
- 2005 **Midwifery Today**, Eugene, March. Topics: "Visions and Dreams for Midwifery," "Birth Change," "Open and Closed Thought Systems," "Global Midwifery: Trends vs. Traditions" "Reclaiming Traditional Midwifery in the Americas," "Barriers to Practice That Traditional Midwives Face" "The Importance of Birth Traditions for Keeping Midwifery Culture Alive" "Birth Change Plans for the Americas."
- 2005 **Indiana Perinatal Educators Association**, Indianapolis. "Paradigms of Contemporary Health Care."
- 2005 **Maternity Care Coalition**, Philadelphia. Conference on "Childbirth at a Crossroads." Topic: "Childbirth and Culture"
- 2005 **MANA North Atlantic Regional Conference**, Silver Springs PA, July. Keynote speaker: "Global Issues in Midwifery" and "The Development of Direct-Entry Midwifery in North America"
- 2005 **MANA Mexico**, Oaxtepec, Morelos. Topics: "Home Birth Emergencies: The Trouble with Transport," "Paradigms of Health Care." July.
- 2005 **Midwifery Today**, Bahamas. "Anthropology of the Caribbean," "Haitian Birth Culture," "Impact of the Western Model of Birth," "Sharing the Culture of Birth," "Making Our Voices Heard" "International Issues" "Caribbean Country Reports"
- 2005 **MANA**, Boulder CO. Topic: "Renegade Midwives." October.
- 2005 **APPPAH conference**, San Francisco, November. Chair of general session panel, "Creating Family in the Face of Technology in the 21st Century"
- 2005 **University of Texas El Paso**, Invited public lecture, "Birth as an American Rite of Passage Revisited," sponsored by the Departments of Sociology/Anthropology, Philosophy, Women's Studies
- 2005 **American Anthropological Association (AAA)**, Washington DC, November. Invited lecture on public speaking for anthropologists.

- 2006 **Midwifery Today**, Philadelphia, March. "Anthropology of Hospital Birth," "Preserving Choice for VBAC Mothers," "Liberty and Autonomy in Midwifery," "International Issues: Global Trends in Midwifery," "Creating Birth Change"
- 2006 **Birth Unlimited**, Calgary. Keynote: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health." May.
- 2006 **Alberta Association for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth**. Keynote: "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge." May.
- 2006 **Asociacion Espanola de Matronas**, Oviedo, Asturias, Spain, May. General sessionspeaker: "Los Tres Paradigmas de Salud y Nacimiento"
- 2006 **Hecvsante Nursing and Midwifery School**, Lausanne, Switzerland, June. Invited lectures on "Paradigms of Birth Care," "The Postmodern Midwife," and the International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative.
- 2006 Talks in Uruguay and Paraguay for various groups on various topics, including presentation of the International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative. August-Sept.
- 2006 "Perspectivas de Atuacao da Obstetriz no Panorama Mundial," **Curso de Obstetricia da Escola de Artes, Ciencias, y Humanidades da Universidade de Sao Paulo y pela Asociacao Brasileira de Obstetizes e Enfermeiros Obstetras**, Sao Paulo, Aug. 31.
- 2006 **IX Encontro Nacional de Aleitamento Materno (ENAM)** (national breastfeeding conference). Porto Alegre, Brazil. Keynote speaker: "Breastfeeding in the Postmodern World." Sept.
- 2006 **REHUNA** (Rede pela Humanizacao do Parto y Nacimiento). Presentation of the IMBCI, Porto Alegre, Sept.
- 2006 **Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association (CAPPA)**, Atlanta, September. "Three Paradigms of Birth and Health Care: The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Models" "Birth Models That Work."
- 2006 **Fundacion Creavida**, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sept. Joint seminar with Michel Odent. Various topics.
- 2006 **Ser y Nacer: La Genesis de lo Humano**, Conference on Humanizing Childbirth, **University of Concepcion**, Chile, October. General session speaker: "Medical Paradigms" "Sisters in Time? Traditional and Professional Midwives" "Birth in Various Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective" "Birth Models That Work"
- 2006 **MANA**, Baltimore, Oct. "Mainstreaming Midwives: The Politics of Change"
- 2006 **Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical, and Neonatal Nursing (AWHONN)**, Calgary chapter, Oct. Keynote speaker: "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge: Cross-Cultural Perspectives."
- 2006 "Humanizing Birth," a conference sponsored by the **Israel Childbirth Education Centre**, Jerusalem, Nov. General session speaker: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth."
- 2006 **University of Haifa**, Haifa, Israel. Invited lecture on "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife."
- 2006 **HUMPAR** (Associacao Portuguesa pela Humanizacao de Parto), Nov., Lisbon. General session speaker: "Os Tres Paradigmas da Assistencia o Parto."
- 2007 **National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW)**, National Summit to Ensure the Health and Humanity of Pregnant and Birthing Women, Atlanta, January. "Midwifery in the United States: An Overview."
- 2007 **Association for Pre- and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPPAH)**, Los Angeles, Feb. Full-day workshop on the "Anthropology of Reproduction"; General session presentation of the IMBCI.
- 2007 **Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS)**, Atlanta, March. General session speaker: "Mainstreaming Midwives: The Politics of Change"
- 2007 **AMAYAL Center for Health & Wellness Education** conference on "The Humanization of Birth." Monterrey Mexico, March. General session speaker: "The Three Paradigms," "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative," "Birth Models That Work."
- 2007 **Midwifery Today**, Eugene Oregon, March. "Anthropology of Hospital Birth," "Presentation of the IMBCI," "Birth Models That Work," "Postmodern Midwives," "Renegade Midwives"
- 2007 **I Encuentro Ecuatoriano para la Humanización del Parto**, Quito, Ecuador. General session speaker, 3 presentations.
- 2007 A series of talks in Caracas, Venezuela sponsored by **AuroraMadre** and the **Venezuelan Ministry of Health**
- o **Hospital _____**, "Los Tres Paradigmas de Salud y Nacimiento," Caracas, April.
 - o **Hospital Maternidad Concepcion Palacios**, "La Iniciativa Internacional del Parto MamaBebe," Caracas, April
 - o **Instituto Anatomico Jose Izquierdo** (a medical school), "Los Rituales del Parto Hospitalario," Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas, April
 - o **Acociacion Civil Buennacer** (a childbirth educator/doula organization), "Hija del Tiempo: La Comadrona Postmoderna," Caracas, April.
 - o **Leche y Miel** (a breastfeeding center), "La Lactancia como Fenomeno Postmoderno," Caracas, April.
 - o **Escuela de Antropologia, Universidad Central de Venezuela**, "Parto y Nacimiento en Varias Culturas: Una Perspectiva Evolutiva y Un Estudio Etnografico," Caracas, April.

- 2007 **Partners in Perinatal Health**, Boston, May. Keynote: "Three Paradigms of Birth and Health Care: The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Models"
- 2007 **Midwifery Today**, San Juan, Costa Rica, May. "The Anthropology of Hospital Birth," "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative," "The Appropriate Use of Technology in Birth: Can It Be Cost-Effective?" "Barriers to Practice Traditional Midwives Face," "Birth Change in Traditional Midwifery," "Changing Childbirth in Latin America," "Birth Models That Work," "Fostering Cross-Cultural Understanding," "Anthropology of Midwifery and Ecology of Birth,"
- 2007 **American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)**. Chicago, May. Half-day workshop on the "Anthropology of Reproduction."
- 2007 **Peruvian Midwives Association**, Congreso "Nacer en Peru," Lima, International keynote speaker. August.
- 2007 **Ciencia y Tradicion en el Mismo Camino**, midwifery conference in Cuernavaca, Morelos, put on by the traditional midwives of Morelos. General session speaker: "Hija del Tiempo: La Partera Postmoderna."
- 2007 Lecture with Dr. Marcos Leite of Brazil at the largest maternity hospital in Oaxaca, Mexico: "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative." Half-day workshop at **Luna Llena Midwifery School**.
- 2007 **Midwifery Today**, Oslo, Norway, Sept. "Midwifery around the World," "Midwifery Training as a Rite of Passage: Education and Socialization," "Paradigms of Birth and Health Care," "Birth Models That Work"
- 2007 **Gentle Birth World Congress**, Portland, September. Keynote: "Postmodern Birth Practices." Breakout: "Mainstreaming Midwives: The Politics of Change."
- 2007 **College of Obstetricians of Tuscany**, conference on "New Perspectives on Birth," General sessions on "The Postmodern Midwife" and "Birth Models That Work," Livorgno, Italy, November
- 2008 **Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS)**, "Changing Childbirth in Latin America," "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative," Kissimmee FL, March
- 2008 **Midwifery Today**, Philadelphia, March. "The Anthropology of Midwifery and Birth" "Mainstreaming Midwives: the Politics of Change" "Changing Childbirth in Latin America" "Models That Work" "Midwives Cabaret!"
- 2008 **Parto Libre**, Mexico City, May. "The Three Paradigms"
- 2008 **California Association of Midwives**, May. "Renegade Midwives" "Mainstreaming Midwives"
- 2008 **International Confederation of Midwives**, Glasgow. "Birth Models That Work," "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative," June.
- 2008 **Doulas of North America (DONA)**, keynote speaker. "Birth Models That Work," "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective"
- 2009 **CIMS** San Diego, keynote speaker, Birth Models That Work, first launch of book, early March.
- 2009 **Business of Birth**, Conference on Controversies in Childbirth, second launch of Birth Models That Work, Ft. Worth, late March.
- 2009 **Ministry of Health**, Tucuman, Argentina. Presentation of the International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative at meetings organized by the Governor's wife and the Ministry of Health. Lecture to birth professionals--mostly physicians, professional midwives, and Ministry of Health personnel on Birth Models That Work. April.
- 2009 **Fundacion Creavida**, Buenos Aires, launch of new book in Spanish, Anthropological Perspectives on Birth. April.
- 2009 **APPPAH**, Monterrey California, presentation of the International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative. April.
- 2009 **Midwifery Today**, Copenhagen, Half-day workshop: The Anthropology of Midwifery. General sessions: "Ways of Knowing: Open and Closed Systems"; Birth Models That Work"; What the European Birth Movement Can Learn from Latin America." May.
- 2009 Normal Birth Conference, sponsored by the University of Lancashire, Grange-over-Sands, UK. Keynote speaker for European launch of Birth Models That Work.
- 2009 **Mountain Midwives Association**, 1st annual conference. Keynote speaker: "Mainstreaming Midwives" and "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife." Spearfish, South Dakota, Sept.
- 2009 **George Mason University**, Childbirth Symposium, keynote speaker, "Birth Models That Work." Fairfax VA, October.
- 2009 **MANA**, general session speaker, Birth Models That Work, Asilomar, California, October.
- 2009 **Birth Matters Virginia**, Childbirth Symposium, Keynote speaker, "Birth Models That Work." Richmond VA, November.
- 2009 **Bon Secours Hospital**, workshop on "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective." Richmond VA, November.
- 2009 **Richmond Hospital**, workshop for ob residents and medical students on "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care." Richmond Va, November.
- 2009 **Sage Femme Film Festival and Symposium on "Making Healthy Babies, Living Well in a Toxic World,"** general session speaker on "The History of Childbirth in America." Berkeley California, November.
- 2009 **ALAPAR** (Asociacion de Parteras de Latinoamerica). General session: "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative (IMBCI). And various workshops. Tulum, Dec.

- 2010 Keynote speaker, conference on Preserving Normal Birth, "Birth Models That Work," **University of Lafayette**, Louisiana.
- 2010 Lecture on "Cyborgs and Women, Technology and Birth" at the Women's Health Resource Center, **Rice University**, Houston Texas, April.
- 2010 **Maternal Child Health Student Organization Symposium, University of South Florida**, Tampa. Keynote speaker: "Birth Models That Work" "Ritual in the Hospital: Giving Birth the American Way"
- 2010 **Wisdom Within Conference**, Salida, Colorado, April. Keynote speaker, several talks: "Renegade Midwives" "Birth Models That Work" "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care" "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective." Half-day workshop: "The Anthropology of Reproduction."
- 2010 Keynote speaker, **First-ever childbirth conference, Sofia, Bulgaria**. May 26-28.
- 2010 Speaker's corner, "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative" **Women Deliver Conference**, Washington DC, June.
- 2010 Keynote speaker, **MANA Region IV conference**, Madison WI, July. Topics: Birth Models That Work" and "Mainstreaming Midwives: The Politics of Change"
- 2010 General session speaker, **Midwifery Today**, Strasbourg France, Sept. "Birth Models That Work." Workshops on "Open and Closed Systems" and "Authoritative Knowledge in Childbirth." Roundtable on "Obstetrical Violence against Women."
- 2010 Presenter on the IMBCI, **IMBCO International Day**, Strasbourg France Sept.
- 2010 Two days of talks in Zagreb, Croatia, October, sponsored by the Croatian Chamber of Midwives.
- 2010 Ljubljana, Slovenia. Natural Beginnings Association. Talk for consumers: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Childbirth." Talk for the Slovenian university midwifery program: "Global Trends in Midwifery: The Postmodern Midwife." Talk for the Anthropology Dept. at the university: "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective."
- 2010 **MANA conference**, Nashville TN. Topic: "Birth and the Big Bad Wolf: An Evolutionary Perspective"
- 2010 General session speaker, **APPPAH conference**, Asilomar CA, "Birth Models That Work," November. Workshop on "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective."
- 2010 Keynote speaker, **III International Congress on the Humanization of Childbirth**, Brasilia, Brazil, November. "Birth Models That Work" and various panels and workshops.
- 2011 **Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS) Conference**. General Session: "An Update on the IMBCI," Chapel Hill North Carolina, March 11-13.
- 2011 **Midwifery Today conference**, "Anthropology of Reproduction" (all day workshop); "Birth Models That Work"; "The Trouble with Transport"; "How to Give an Effective Presentation" (general session). March 30- April 2. Eugene, Oregon.
- 2011 **School of Nursing, University of Texas**. Elizabeth Sharpe Lecture Series, Keynote presenter: "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective," March 29.
- 2011 **Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical, and Neonatal Nursing Conference (AWHONN)** General session on "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective," Domain Westin Hotel, Austin, Texas, April 8, 2011.
- 2011 **Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement** General session on "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative: 10 Steps to Optimal Maternity Care", Toronto, Ontario, May 12-15, 2011.
- 2011 **American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)** My talks: All-day workshop on "The Anthropology of Reproduction, Childbirth, Obstetrics, Midwifery, and the New Reproductive Technologies" Primary session: "Birth Models That Work," San Antonio, Texas, May 24-28.
- 2011 **Midwifery Today**, Moscow, Russia. multiple talks, June 13-17
- 2011 **International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)** My talk, with Betty-Anne Davis: "Birth Models That Work: Standing the Test of Time." Durban, South Africa, June 19-23.
- 2011 August 7-16, talks in New Zealand. "Talk Day" with the **New Zealand College of Midwives**, talk for the midwives of Christchurch Women's Hospital: "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife." Two talks for midwifery students at Christchurch: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care" and "The Postmodern Midwife." All-day workshop on "The Anthropology of Reproduction," Hamilton.
- 2011 August 19-21, Newcastle, Australia. **Homebirth Australia Conference**. Keynote speaker: "Mainstreaming Midwives" "Renegade Midwives: Asset or Liability?" "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife" "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective," "Home Birth Emergencies in the U.S. and Mexico: The Trouble with Transport."
- 2011 **Juneau Health and Birth Center**. Keynote speaker. Two talks for various audiences, Juneau, Alaska, August 25-29
- 2011 **Midwives Association of Alaska** Annual Conference, Aug. 31-Sept. 1. "The Anthropology of Reproduction," "Birth Models That Work," "Renegade Midwives: Asset or Liability?"

- 2011 **Birth Circle San Antonio**, "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative," Sept.
- 2011 **School of Nursing, Emory University, Georgia Midwifery Association, and Georgia Affiliates of ACNM** October 3-6. Talks: "Mainstreaming Midwives: The Politics of History," "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective," "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife," "Ritual in the Hospital: Giving Birth the American Way," "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Models of Birth and Health Care"
- 2011 **The Gathering of Texas Midwives**, Galveston, Oct. 28-30. Talks: "How to Give a Great Presentation" and "Birth Models That Work."
- 2011 **Midwifery Today Conference**, multiple talks, Oct. 19-23 Bad Wildbad, Germany.
- 2011 **Beyond Boundaries: Midwifery's First Joint North American Conference (CAM/MANA/ACNM)**. Talk: "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative (IMBCI): An Update"
- 2011 **Speaking and research tour of Brazil—talks in 6 cities, Dec.1-21:**
- 2011 **University of Sao Paulo, Direct-Entry Midwifery Program**. "Global Trends in Midwifery: The Postmodern Midwife."
- 2011 **Grupo de Apoio à Maternidade Ativa de Sao Paulo (GAMA)**. Talk: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care"
- 2011 **Belo Horizonte Public Health Department and Belo Horizonte for Normal Birth**. Talk: "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective"
- 2011 **Rede para la Humanizacion del Parto y Nacimiento (ReHuNa), National Seminar**, Brasilia. Talk: "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative: An Update on our Pilot/Demonstration Sites"
- 2011 Recife. All-day workshop on "The Anthropology of Childbirth and Reproduction"
- 2011 Curitiba. Talks: "Birth across Cultures" and "Birth Models That Work"
- 2011 **University of Florianopolis Santa Catarina-CFH—Campus Trinidad**. Talk: "Global Trends in Midwifery: The Postmodern Midwife"
- 2012 **Midwifery Today Conference**, Harrisburg PA, April. Talks: "The Anthropology of Midwifery" (half-day workshop); "Birth Models That Work," "Open and Closed Thought Systems," "Birth around the World."
- 2012 **Central Du Page Hospital**, Perinatal Conference, Chicago, April. Keynote speaker. Talk: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care"
- 2012 **Flemish Association for Midwives Conference**, Belgium, May. Keynote speaker. Talks: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care," "Birth Models That Work," "The Anthropology of Reproduction, Midwifery, and Birth" (all-day workshop).
- 2012 **Hague University of Applied Sciences, Conference on Human Rights in Childbirth**. The Netherlands, May.
- 2012 **ReHuNa/Enpartu Conference**, Sorocaba, Brazil, July. General session speaker. Topic: "The Rituals of Hospital Birth"
- 2012 Talks at all three **Dutch midwifery schools** (Academie Verloskunde Amsterdam Groningen; Academie Versloskunde Rotterdam, Academie Verloskunde Maastricht), The Netherlands, Sept. Topic: "Global Trends in Midwifery: The Postmodern Midwife."
- 2012 Talk for **The Birth Movement**, Amsterdam, on "Renegade Midwives." Sept.
- 2012 **Vesta Parenting, Birth and Beyond Conference**. London, Ontario, Sept. Keynote speaker, 9 talks and one all-day workshop on "The Anthropology of Reproduction." Topics of other talks: "Changing Childbirth in Latin America: How to Create a Social Movement"; "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective"; "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care"; "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife"; "The Rituals of Hospital Birth"; "Birth Models That Work"; "Mainstreaming Midwives"; "Renegade Midwives"
- 2012 **Midwives Alliance of North America**, Asilomar CA, Sept. Half-day workshop: "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective"
- 2012 **Mid-Pacific Birth Conference**, Honolulu, Oct. "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective" and "Birth in 4012: Can Cyborgs Be Holistic Too?"
- 2012 **Association for Pre- and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPPAH)**. All-day workshop with Suzanne Arms, Nov.
- 2013 Keynote speaker for the **Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS)**. Talk: "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians: Why Some Doctors Choose To Change."
- 2013 Keynote speaker at **Birth beyond Borders**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May. Multiple talks, including "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care," "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife," "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective," "Human Rights in Childbirth: The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative" (with Debra Pascali Bonaro)

- 2013 **Midwifery Today**, Blankenberg, Belgium. "Birth across Cultures," "Birth as a Human Rights Issue," "Birth Models That Work," "Global Trends in Midwifery: The Postmodern Midwife," "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative" (with Debra Pascali Bonaro). Roundtable: "Midwifery around the World," October.
- 2013 **Human Rights in Childbirth International Symposium**, Blankenberg, Belgium. Speaker and panel facilitator. Oct.
- 2013 **Birth and Beyond Conference, London, Ontario**. All-day workshop: "The Anthropology of Reproduction." Talks: "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective," "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care," "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians: Why Some Doctors Choose to Change," "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge," "The Power of Ritual."
- 2013 **Princeton University**. Talk for **course Women's Bodies, Women's Lives**: "Birth Models That Work: An Update." Lunchtime talk for **Princeton Women's Center**: The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care." Afternoon talk for **Princeton Center for Teaching Excellence**: "Harnessing the Power of Powerpoint: How To Give an Effective Presentation."
- 2014 **Midwifery Today**, Harrisburg PA, April. "Home Birth Emergencies: The Trouble with Transport," "Intuition as Authoritative Knowledge in Midwifery and Home Birth," "Changing Birth Worldwide" (with Debra Pascali Bonaro), "Respectful Care" (with Debra Pascali Bonaro), "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians: Why Some Doctors Choose to Change and How Midwives Can Facilitate the Shift," Roundtable discussion: "Midwifery Around the World," "Unity in Midwifery (with Jan Tritten and Angelina Martinez Miranda)
- 2014 **Mother-Friendly Childbirth Symposium**, Los Angeles CA, April. Talks: "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective," "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care," "Home Birth Emergencies: The Trouble with Transport," "Birth Models That Work: An Update," "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians," All-day workshop: "The Anthropology of Reproduction."
- 2014 **Midwifery Today**, Bury St. Edmunds UK, May. All-day workshop: "The Anthropology of Reproduction." Talks: "The Power of Ritual: How People Think, What They Believe, and Why," Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective," "International Activism" (with Jan Tritten and Eneyda Spradlin Ramos), "New and Old Models That Work from Around the World" (with Betty-Anne Daviss). Roundtable: "Midwifery around the World."
- 2014 **International Confederation of Midwives**, Prague, June. Panelist discussant for the screening of "The Face of Birth." Assisted Kathy Herschederfer with preparation for her talk on "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative."
- 2014 **Hampshire College**, Amherst MA. College-wide lecture on "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective." Class talks and visits with students.
- 2014 **Birth and Beyond Conference**, Vesta Parenting, London, Ontario, October. Multiple talks: "Birth Models That Work"; "Home Birth Emergencies in the U.S. and Mexico: The Trouble with Transport"; "The Power of Ritual: How People Think, What They Believe, and Why"; "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative (IMBCI): 10 Steps to Optimal Maternity Care"; "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians: Why Some Doctors Choose to Change and How They Do It"; "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care."
- 2014 **First National Conference on Natural Childbirth, Alexandria, Egypt**. October. Workshop: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care"; Talks: "Birth Models That Work"; "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care."
- 2014 **Midwifery Today**, Byron Bay, Australia, November. All-day workshop: "The Anthropology of Reproduction: Childbirth, Midwifery, and the New Reproductive Technologies." Talks: "Birth Models That Work: Standing the Test of Time," "History and Traditions of Latin American Midwifery," "Daughter of Time: The Postmodern Midwife," "International Issues: Developing Direct-Entry Midwifery in Egypt."
- 2015 **Midwifery Today**, Eugene, Oregon. Multiple talks: "Renegade Midwives"; "Mainstreaming Midwives: A Recent Political History of American Midwifery"; "The Power of Ritual: How People Think, What They Believe, and Why": "Birth Models That Work: Standing the Test of Time"; "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians: Why Some Doctors Choose to Change." Roundtable: "Midwifery around the World."
- 2015 **SOMCANZ conference**, Auckland New Zealand. Keynote speaker: "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians" and all-day workshop with Elizabeth Davis: "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective." May.
- 2015 **New Zealand College of Midwives**, multiple topics. May
- 2015 Co-organizer of **IMBCO Day at Midwifery Today**, Bad Wildbad, Germany.
- 2015 **Goettingen University, Goettingen, Germany**. "Birth across Cultures: An Evolutionary Perspective."
- 2015 **APPPAH Conference**, Berkeley CA. Keynote speaker, "The Power of Ritual." Half-day workshop with Suzanne Arms on birth activism.

- 2016 **Idaho Midwives Association**, Boise, Idaho. October. Keynote speaker: "Birth Models That Work: Standing the Test of Time"; Intuition as Authoritative Knowledge in Midwifery and Home Birth"; Home Birth Emergencies: The Trouble with Transport"; "The Challenge of Birthing Normally in a Modern Culture."
- 2016 **GOLD Online Midwifery Conference**, October. "The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative: 10 Steps to Optimal Maternity Care"
- 2016 **Southern Methodist University Health and Society Program**, "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians: Why Some Doctors Choose to Change." October.
- 2016 **ReHuNa, IV International Congress on the Humanization of Birth**, Brasilia, Brazil, November. Opening Keynote Speaker: "The Technocratic, Humanistic, and Holistic Paradigms of Birth and Health Care." Talk: "The Paradigm Shift of Brazilian Obstetricians" (with Nia Georges). Two-day workshop: "The Anthropology of Reproduction"
- 2017 **Midwifery Today**, Eugene OR. "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians," "An Anthropological History of Midwifery: What Your Pioneering Predecessors Did to Give you the Chances You Have Today," "The Power of Ritual," "Traditional and Professional Midwifery: A Blend that Works" (with Angelina Martinez Miranda, a traditional midwife from Mexico)
- 2017 **University of Stockholm**, Stockholm, Sweden. Topic to be chosen.

MEDIA

- 1998 **Talk of the Nation, National Public Radio with Ray Suarez**, on "Social and Historical Aspects of Childbirth," July.
- 1998 **www.wirednews.com, with R. U. Sirius**. Interview re publication of *Cyborg Babies*, August
- 1998 **Ann Online**, with Ann Devon. Interview re publication of *Cyborg Babies*, August
- 1998 **Connections, National Public Radio**. Interview re publication of *Cyborg Babies*, August.
- 1998 **The Tom Pope Show, Dudley Broadcasting Network**. Interview re publication of *Cyborg Babies*, Sept.
- 1998 **Birth Gazette**, "Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge: An Interview with Robbie Davis-Floyd.
- 1998 **KLRU Public Television**, interview re *Cyborg Babies* and *From Doctor to Healer*, Austin Texas, October.
- 1998 **Australian radio station, Canberra**, interview on midwifery and birth
- 1999 **Salon.com**, interview regarding Ina May Gaskin, May.
- 1999 National radio interview re *Cyborg Babies*, June.
- 1999 Consultant to **CBS Miami** for a talk show on the implications of the new reproductive technologies
- 1999 **University of Wyoming radio station**, interview on childbirth and alternative healing
- 2000 **Lagarto Producciones**, interview for Argentinian television on the need for humanizing childbirth
- 2000 Consultant to the **NY Times** and the **Discovery Channel** re a TV series on childbirth across cultures.
- 2000 Consultant to **Mother Jones Magazine** regarding an article on the elimination of natural childbirth.
- 2001 Interviewed by **Pregnancy Magazine** for an article on induction of labor.
- 2001 Interviewed by **Parenting Magazine** for an article on contemporary birth.
- 2001 Consultant to **Wall Street Journal** for an article on cesarean section.
- 2001 Radio interview with Jay Hughes, **WHUS FM**, University of Connecticut
- 2002 Interviewed and quoted in article on birth in **US News and World Report**
- 2002 Half-hour interview on **Globo News** ("the CNN of Brazil") on humanizing birth in Brazil (aired in August)
- 2002 Interview with the major national parenting magazine in Brazil
(and many others not listed here, including multiple interviews by the popular press in Japan, Latvia, the UK, the US, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Ecuador, Venezuela, and other countries)
- 2007 Featured in "**Birth: An Audio Journey through Practices and Perceptions of Birth in America**," PRI (www.thinairmedia.org)
- 2005 Featured in "**Real Moms, Real Stories, Real Savvy**," Real Moms Sept.
- 2007 Featured in "**The Business of Being Born**," a documentary produced by Ricki Lake and directed by Abby Epstein, which premiered at Tribeca Film Festival, New York City, April 29, and has been shown all over the US and in many other countries.
- 2008 Featured in "**Pregnant in America**," a documentary by Steven Bounaglaro, shown all over the US.
- 2008 Featured in "**Orgasmic Birth**," a documentary produced by Debra Pascali-Bonaro, which premiered in London and Prague and has been shown in dozens of countries. www.orgasmicbirth.com
- 2009 Tucuman, Argentina, launching of the International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative (www.imbci.org), sponsored by the Ministry of Health, multiple press interviews.

2009 Multiple press interviews for various US newspapers and magazines.

2010 Multiple press interviews in Bulgaria, Slovenia, and the US. Link to Slovenian press interview:

<http://www.dnevnik.si/objektiv/intervjuji/1042411100>

2011 Interviewed for and quoted extensively in Italie, Leanne, "Home birth on the rise by a dramatic 20 percent," Associated Press article (Tuesday July 5) that was picked up and widely distributed by Yahoo, the Washington Post, and many others.

2011 July 21, 2011 Interviewed for a ½ hour segment of Here and Now, a nationally distributed NPR show.

2011 July Interviewed for the Patt Morrison Program - *Winner of the 2007, 2009 & 2010 RTNA Golden Mike for best Radio News & Public Affairs program and The Nation's 2010 Most Valuable Radio Voice* Southern California Public Radio - NPR Affiliate for LA

2011 August Radio interview in Christchurch, New Zealand about the New Zealand maternity care system.

2012 Featured in "**The Face of Birth**," a documentary produced by Kate Gorman and widely shown in Australia and New Zealand, with more plans for international showings and distribution. Also featured in "**Meet The Experts**," produced by Kate Gorman.

2012 Featured in **Freedom of Birth** documentary produced by Toni Hartman.

2013 Featured in **O Renascimento do Parto**, documentary film about birth in Brazil produced by Erica de Paula and Eduardo Chavet and shown nationally in theaters, August 2013.

2013 Speaker for the podcast "Maternally Yours: A Conversation about Pregnancy, Childbirth and Early Motherhood" on "Rituals of Pregnancy and Childbirth around the World," Aug. 27.

And many more not listed here.

ACADEMIC PAPERS PRESENTED

1972 **American Folklore Society (AFS)**, Austin Tx. Paper: "A Social Interactional Analysis of the Folklore of a Texas Madam."

1981 **Conference on Anthropology and Women**, U. of Houston, Central Campus. Papers: "Landlady at La Grange: The Folklore of a Texas Madam"; "Stress and Adaptive Strategy: The Role of the Childbirth Narrative in the Process of Pregnancy."

1982 **American Anthropological Association (AAA)**, Washington, D. C. "Pregnancy as a Rite of Passage: Knowledge, Power, and Transformation."

1983 **AFS**, Nashville. "'....as a seal impresses wax'? A Symbolic Analysis of Childbirth in the United States."

1984 **AAA**, Denver. "Right and Left, Male and Female: Childbirth and the Power of Symbolic Oppositions."

1984 **Dept. of Anthropology, Michigan State U.** Anthropology Colloquium. Paper: "Birth as a Rite of Passage."

1985 **Pre- and Perinatal Psychology Association of North America (PPANA) 2nd International Congress**, San Diego. "Pregnancy as an American Rite of Passage: Society's Messages to American Women."

1986 **Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) Annual Meetings**, Wrightsville Beach, NC "Birth as an American Rite of Passage."

1986 **AFS**, Baltimore. "Process vs. Product in Hospital Birth: The Politics of (Re)Production."

1987 **American Ethnological Society**, San Antonio. "The Technological Model of Birth."

1987 **PPANA 3rd International Congress**, San Francisco. "Obstetrics in Cultural Context."

1988 **AA**, Chicago. "The Role of American Obstetrics in the Resolution of Cultural Anomaly."

1988 **AAA Annual Meetings**, Phoenix. "Biological Women in a Technological World"

1988 **Women's Studies Symposium**, UT Austin. "Birth as an American Rite of Passage."

- 1989 **PPPANA 4th International Congress**, Amherst. "The Role of American Obstetrics in the Resolution of Cultural Anomaly."
- 1989 **AAA Annual Meetings**, Washington, D.C. "On Being Biological in a Symbolic World: The Pregnant Professional."
- 1990 **AAA**, New Orleans. "The Technological Body and Women's Choices."
- 1991 **Society for Social Studies of Science**, Cambridge MA. "Engendered Power: Birth in the Technocracy."
- 1991 **AAA Annual Meetings**, Chicago. "Whose Power, Whose Glory? Ritual Images of Birth in the Technocracy."
- 1992 **PPPANA 5th International Congress**, Atlanta. "From Technocratic to Holistic: The Spectrum of Beliefs about Birth in American Society"; "The Experience of Childbearing in Relation to Conceptions of Self and Body: The Pregnant Professional"
- 1992 **AAA**, San Francisco. "Sourcing Authoritative Knowledge in the Self: Technocratic Diagnosis vs. 'Inner Knowing'"
- 1992 **Women's Studies Symposium**, UT Austin. "The Technocratic Body and the Organic Body,"
- 1993 **AAA**, D.C. "From Body-as-Machine to Body-as-Energy Field: The Conversion Stories of Holistic Physicians."
- 1994 **Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness**, Tempe AZ, April. "Intuition in Midwifery and Home Birth."
- 1994 **Society for Social Studies of Science**, New Orleans, Oct. "The Earth as a Cyborg? A 'Shared Vision' for the Commercialization of Outer Space."
- 1994 **AAA**, Atlanta, GA, Nov. Participant on AES Invited Session on Cultural Studies of Science, Technology, and Medicine. "Inner Space and Outer Space as Cyberspace? Technocratizing Womb and World."
- 1995 **AES**, San Antonio, Texas, April. "Cyborg Babies: From Techno-Sex to Techno-Tots."
- 1995 **AAA**, Washington D.C., Nov. "From Technobirth to Cyborg Babies: Reflections on the Emergent Discourse of a Holistic Anthropologist."
- 1996 **AAA** San Francisco. "The Development of Direct-Entry Midwifery in North America: Implications for Health Care Policy." Discussant for panel "Public Cultures of Science," chaired by Chris Toumey.
- 1997 **Colloquium, Series in Expressive Culture**, U. of Texas Austin. "The Politics of Postmodern Midwifery."
- 1997 **SfAA/SMA**, Seattle, March. "Birth of a Dream, Death of a Dream: The Development of Direct-Entry Midwifery in New York."
- 1997 **SSSS**, Tucson, Oct. "Space Stories: Oral Histories from the Pioneers of the American Space Program."
- 1997 **AAA**, D.C., Nov. "Politics and Professionalization: A Comparative Analysis of the Development of Direct-Entry Midwifery in New York, Washington State, and California."
- 1998 **Midwifery Symposium, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education**, Toronto, April. "What's in a Name?: The Development of 'Direct-Entry' Midwifery in the United States."
- 1998 **AAA**, Philadelphia, Dec. Invited participant in panel on "Kinship and Consumption: A Productive, Reproductive Paradox," organized by Linda Layne, Daniell Wozniak, and Janelle Taylor: "Consuming Childbirth: The Commodification of Midwifery Care."

- 1999 **Birth by Design: The Social Shaping of Maternity Care in Euro-America**, symposium for contributors, Bilthoven, The Netherlands, March-April.
- 1999 **SHRCC**, Toronto, July. Invited participant in a conference on "Reconceiving Midwifery: The New Social Science of Canadian Midwifery": "Southern Discomfort: American Midwifery as a Cautionary Tale."
- 1999 **AAA**, Chicago, November. Invited participant on a panel sponsored by the Critical Anthropology of Health Caucus on "Unhealthy Health Policies": "Unhealthy Maternity Care: Obstetrics vs. Midwifery." Discussant, Council on Anthropology and Reproduction Panel.
- 1999 **Dept. of Sociology, Abo Akademi University, the Finnish Network for Qualitative Health Research, the Finnish Doctoral Program in Public Health, and the group "Cultural Perspectives on Childbirth and Parenthood" of the Nordic Network of Folklore**. Turku, Finland, Dec. An international multi-disciplinary symposium entitled "Cross-Cultural and Multi-Disciplinary Approaches: The Case of Maternity Care" Paper: "Childbirth and Core Cultural Values." Following the symposium, all presenters met with groups of students to review their recent work.
- 1999 **Birth by Design: The Social Shaping of Maternity Care in Euro-America**, symposium for contributors, Turku, Finland, Dec.
- 2000 **Latin American Studies Association (LASA)**, Miami, March. "Yo Soy Partera Profesional: A New Kind of Midwife in Mexico."
- 2000 **SMA/SfAA**, San Francisco, March. "The Anthropology of Midwifery" and "Analysis or Action? Reflections on Doing Ethnography among Postmodern Midwives."
- 2000 **AAA**, San Francisco. "The Public Face of Anthropology Meets the Public Image of Midwifery."
- 2001 **AAA**, Washington DC., November. "Home Birth Emergencies in Mexico: The Trouble with Transport."
- 2002 **AAA**, Washington DC. Invited participant in the session "Culture as Context for Clinical Communication" organized by Linda M. Hunt and Carole Browner: "Fractured Articulations in Practitioner-to-Practitioner Communication: The Trouble with Home-to-Hospital Birth Transport in the US." Discussant for the session "Informatic Bodies and Posthuman Medicine: The Future is Now," organized by Susan L. Erickson.
- 2003 **AAA**, "Birth as an American Rite of Passage for Subaltern Women?"
- 2003 **Association for Pre- and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPPAH)**, San Francisco, "Techno-Babies: The Cultural Aspects of Birth Technologies"
- 2004 **Society for Medical Anthropology**, "The Social Scientist as Midwifery Advocate." Dallas, April.
- 2004 **Society for Applied Anthropology**, Santa Fe. "Suggesting Criteria for Birth Models That Work," April.
- 2005 Conference on **Reproductive Disruptions, University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, May. "Developing Direct-Entry Midwifery: The Politics of Disruption."
- 2005 **AAA**, discussant on two panels and SHA invited speaker on "Public Speaking for Anthropologists"
- 2006 **AAA** San Jose, "Critical Windows, Dangerous Junctures: A Personal Retrospective on Birth and Death"
- 2007 **SfAA** Tampa Bay, "Creating the International MotherBaby-Friendly Initiative"

2008 **SfAA** Santa Fe "Marginally Mainstream, Professionally Countercultural: The Development and Work of the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM)"

2012 **AAA** San Francisco, Paper: "The Paradigm Shift of Holistic Obstetricians: Brazil's 'Good Guys and Girls'. Also served as discussant for the panel "Birth, Resistance, and the Re-formation of Motherhood Identities in the U. S.: Transgressing Border Zones, organized by Melissa Cheyney.

PANELS AND SESSIONS ORGANIZED AND CHAIRED AT ACADEMIC MEETINGS

1992 **AAA**, San Francisco. Organizer and chair, SMA Invited Session: "Birth in Twelve Cultures: Papers in Honor of Brigitte Jordan."

1994 **AAA**, Atlanta GA. Session Organizer and Chair: "Postmodern Pregnancy and Birth."

1995 **AAA**, D.C., Nov. Session Organizer and Chair: "The Anthropology of Postmodern Midwifery."

1996 **AAA**, San Francisco. Organizer and Chair (with David Hess): "Alternative Medicine and Health Care Policy."

1997 **SfAA/SMA**, Seattle, March. Organizer and Chair (with Patricia Kaufert): "The Development of Direct-Entry Midwifery in North America: Politics, Professionalization, and Change."

1997 **AAA, D.C.**, Nov. Organizer and Chair (with Sheila Cosminsky): "Midwives in the 21st Century Political Economy: Policy, Practice, and Constraints on Care."

1999 **AAA**, Chicago, November. Organizer, "Daughters of Time: The Shifting Identities of Postmodern Midwives."

2000 **AAA** San Francisco. Organizer and Chair: "The Public Face of Anthropology Meets the Public Image of Midwifery."

2001 **AAA**, D.C. November. Organizer and Chair (with Sheila Cosminsky): "Science and Humanism in Midwifery and Anthropology: Global Transformations."

2003 **AAA**, Session Organizer with Rachel Chapman, "Birth in the Other America."

2004 **SMA/SfAA**, Co-organizer, Co-Chair with Linda Layne, "Social Scientists Advocating for Women in Reproduction."

2006 **SFAA** Santa Fe, Session Co-Organizer/Chair with Melissa Cheyney, "Birth Models That Work."

2006 **AAA** San Jose, Co-Organizer, Co-Chair with Margaret Souza, "Critical Intersections, Dangerous Issues: Birth and Death, Birthing and Dying"

2007 **SfAA** Tampa Bay FL, March. Session Co-Organizer, Co-Chair with Crystal Patil, "Insecurity and Intervention: Anthropology's Role in Reproductive Health Initiatives"

2016 **AAA** Minneapolis. Session Organizer and Chair. "Back to the Basics of Birth: Evidence, Practice, Discovery."

BOOK REVIEWS

1988 Reviewed for **Western Folklore**: "In the Way of Our Grandmothers": A Cultural View of Twentieth Century Midwifery in Florida, Deborah Ann Susie, University of Georgia Press, 1988.

1990 Reviewed for **Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care** 17(2): The Woman in the Body by Emily Martin. Boston: Beacon Press, 1987.

- 1990 Reviewed for **Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care** 17(1):59-60. School-Age Pregnancy and Parenthood: Biosocial Dimensions, eds. Jane B. Lancaster and Beatrix A. Hamburg, Aldine de Gruyter, 1986.
- 1991 Reviewed for the **American Anthropologist** (93:1): Maternity, Medicine, and Power: Reproductive Decisions in Urban Benin, Carolyn Fishel Sargent, Berkeley: U.C. Press, 1989.
- 1991 Reviewed for **Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care** (18:4): Childbirth in America: Anthropological Perspectives, Karen Michaelson and Contributors, Bergin and Garvey, 1988.
- 1992 Reviewed for **Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care** (19:1): Special Women: A Study of the Monitrice by Paulina Perez, Penny Press, 1990.
- 1993 Reviewed for **Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care** (20:3): The American Way of Birth by Jessica Mitford, 1992.
- 1994 Reviewed for **American Ethnologist**: Feminist Messages: Coding in Women's Folk Culture Joan N. Radner, ed. U. of Illinois Press, 1993.
- 1994 Reviewed for **Man**: Blood Relations: Menstruation and the Origins of Culture. Chris Knight, Yale U. Press, 1991.
- 1995 Reviewed for **American Ethnologist**: Technologies of Procreation: Kinship in the Age of Assisted Conception, Jeannette Edwards et al. eds, Manchester University Press, 1993.
- 1996 Reviewed (with Judy Luce, midwife) for **Medical Humanities Review**: Bearing Meaning: The Language of Birth by Robbie Pfeuffer Kahn, U. of Illinois Press, 1995. 10(2):113-118.
- 1997 Reviewed for **Medical Anthropology Quarterly**: Conceiving the New World Order: The Global Politics of Reproduction, eds. Faye Ginsburg and Rayna Rapp. U. of Ca. Press, 1995. 11(3):398-401.
- 1999 Reviewed for **American Anthropologist**, Embodied Progress: A Cultural Account of Assisted Conception by Sarah Franklin. London and New York: Routledge, 1997. 100 (4).
- 2011 Reviewed for **Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care**, Birthing a Mother: The Surrogate Body and the Pregnant Self, by Elly Teman. University of California Press, 2010. *Winner of the Eileen Basker Award*. 38(2):180-181.
- 2012 Reviewed for **Ethnos**, At Work in the Field of Birth: Midwifery Narratives of Nature, Tradition, and Home, by Margaret MacDonald. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2007.

ANONYMOUS REVIEWS

As an anonymous reviewer, I have carefully reviewed hundreds of grant proposals, journal articles, and books for:

The Wenner-Gren Foundation
 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 National Science Foundation (NSF)
American Anthropologist
Social Science and Medicine
Medical Anthropology Quarterly
Medical Anthropology
Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry
Gender and Society

Women's Health and Urban Life
Sociology of Health and Illness
The Sociological Review
Signs
Hypatia
Human Organization
Journal of Humanistic Anthropology
Pre- and Perinatal Psychology Journal
Anthropology of Consciousness
Feminist Studies
Technology and Culture
Ethnos
Journal of Folklore Research
Feminism and Psychology

*Midwifery**Health, Risk, and Society**Ecology and Nutrition**Sexual and Reproductive Health Care*

Altamira Press

Austrian Science Fund

Annals of Iowa

Beacon Press

Blackwell Press

Cambridge University Press

Columbia University Press

Health Research Board Ireland, for Clinical

Nursing and Midwifery Training Fellowships

Indiana University Press

Johns Hopkins University Press

Oxford University Press

Routledge UK

Routledge US

Rutgers University Press

Temple University Press

University of California Press

University of Illinois Press

University of Michigan Press

University of Minnesota Press

University Press of Mississippi

University of Wisconsin Press

Vanderbilt University Press

Women's Health and Urban Life

COVER BLURBS PROVIDED FOR:

Barclay, Lesley, Fulisia Aiavao, Jennifer Fenwick, and Kaisarina Tooloa Papua. 2005. Midwives' Tales: Stories of Traditional and Professional Birthing in Samoa. Vanderbilt U. Press.

Chester, Penfield. 1997. Sisters on a Journey: Portraits of American Midwives. New Brunswick NJ: Rutgers U. Press.

Craven, Christa. 2010. Pushing for Midwives: Homebirth Mothers and the Reproductive Rights Movement. Temple University Press.

DeLoache, Judy and Alma Gottlieb, eds. 2000. A World of Babies: Imagined Childcare Guides for Seven Societies. New York: Cambridge University Press.

DeVries, Raymond, Edwin van Teijlingen, Sirpa Wrede, and Cecilia Benoit, eds. 2001. Birth by Design: Pregnancy, Maternity Care, and Midwifery in North America and Europe. New York: Routledge.

DeVries, Raymond. A Pleasing Birth: Midwifery in the Netherlands. Vanderbilt U Press, in press.

Dougherty, Ann. 2004. Herbal Voices.

Gaskin, Ina May. 2003. Ina May's Guide to Childbirth. New York: Bantam Dell.

Georges, Eugenia. 2008. Reproduction in Greece.

Harper, Barbara. 1994. Gentle Birth Choices: A Guide to Making Informed Decisions about Birth. Rochester VT: Healing Arts Press.

Klassen, Pamela. 2001. Blessed Events: Religion and Spirituality in American Birth. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

Lay, Mary. 2000. The Rhetoric of Midwifery: Gender, Knowledge, and Power. New Brunswick NJ: Rutgers U. Press.

Lukere, Vicki and Margaret Jolly. 2002. Birthing in the Pacific: Beyond Tradition and Modernity. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

Matthews, Sandra and Laura Wexler. 2000. Pregnant Pictures. New York: Routledge.

Rabuzzi, Kathryn A. 1994. Mother with Child: Transformations through Childbirth. Bloomington: Indiana U. Press.

Rooks, Judith. 1997. Midwifery and Childbirth in America. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Simonds, Wendy, Barbara Katz Rothman, and Bari Meltzer. 2006. Laboring On: Birth in Transition in the United States. New York: Routledge

Tritten, Jan and Joel Southern, eds. 1998, 2001. Paths to Becoming a Midwife: Getting an Education. Eugene OR: Midwifery Today.

(and many others not listed here)

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL LISTINGS:

Continuously since 2010 or 2011: Marquis *Who's Who in America*; Marquis *Who's Who in the World*; Marquis *Who's Who in American Women*. Marquis *Who's Who in Science and Technology*.

PHD DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

Since 1994, I have served or am serving as a PhD dissertation committee member for:

- ♦ Terri Ellen Westra, Psychology, California Institute of Integral Studies (women's psychological experiences of pregnancy and birth);
- ♦ D'Arcy Randall, University of Texas Austin (poetry of birth and motherhood);
- ♦ Gloria Giarratano, LSUMC School of Nursing, New Orleans (a study of nursing students who had been educated in a radical feminist model to determine how they had fared in their hospital jobs);
- ♦ Lisa Summers CNM, Columbia University, New York (midwives' use of obstetric technologies);
- ♦ Martha Sleutel, University of Texas Nursing School (a study of nursing and labor support);
- ♦ Cynthia Gabriel, UCSC (childbirth in Russia);
- ♦ Olivia Robinson (childbirth and midwifery in Oman).
- ♦ Laurie Brant, Santa Barbara Graduate Institute (childbirth psychology).
- ♦ Maureena Bivens, Santa Barbara Graduate Institute (theories of the lifetime effects of early trauma) 2011
- ♦ Kristi Foster, Santa Barbara Graduate Institute (reproductive psychology)
- ♦ Marianne Moore, CNM, RN, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, School of Nursing, "How do Nulliparous Black Women Construct Their Expectations of Birth?" 2011
- ♦ Margaret Wardlaw, 2011, "Religion, Emotion, and Spirituality in American Hospital Childbirth" for a PhD in Medical Humanities, University of Texas Galveston
- ♦ Jennifer Schwartz, 2011-2012, CIIS, Dissertation topic: "The Spiritual Aspects of Childbirth"

PHD DISSERTATION EXTERNAL EXAMINER

I have served as the primary PhD dissertation external examiner for:

- ♦ Sally Graham, Southbank University, London (traditional birth attendants among the Karimoja of Uganda); 1999
- ♦ Julia Byford, Australian National University (women's health and childbirth on Misima Island, Papua New Guinea); 2000.
- ♦ Holly Cargill, Monash University, Australia (a phenomenological investigation of birth control); 2002
- ♦ Subhadhra Devi Rai, University of Alberta (women's work and knowledge in the context of childbirth), 2003.
- ♦ Elizabeth Hoban, University of Melbourne (traditional midwives in Cambodia), 2003.
- ♦ Helen M. Callaghan, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia (definitions of pollution and dirt in childbirth and their effect on/reflections of structural relationships of power), 2003.
- ♦ Kaosar Afsana, School of Nursing and Public Health, Edith Cowan University, Joondalup, Australia ("Power, Knowledge, and Childbirth Practices: An Ethnographic Exploration in Bangladesh"—a comparison of indigenous and hospital-based childbirth in Bangladesh based on hospital and community ethnography), 2003.
- ♦ Shirley Hiebert, Dept. of Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba (taking control of birth in Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation), 2003
- ♦ Alpha Louise Possamai-Inesedy, College of Health and Social Sciences, University of Western Sydney, Australia (risk and safety in Australian birth), 2006
- ♦ Fiona Hawthorne, School of Nursing/School of Social Work and Applied Human Sciences, University of Queensland ("Holding Our Breath": The Experiences of Women Contemplating Nuchal Translucency Screening), 2006.
- ♦ Rachelle Joy Chadwick, Dept. of Psychology, University of Cape Town, South Africa. ("Paradoxical Subjects: Women Telling Birth Stories"—a feminist comparison of the ideologies and experiences of home-birthers and women giving birth by scheduled cesarean), 2007.
- ♦ Kayli Wild,
- ♦ Annika Kempe, Sweden, 2017, Dissertation on midwives in Yemen. My role: the "antagonist" in her oral defense.
- ♦ And others not listed here.

GRADUATE ADVISOR

Since 1994, I serve or have served as off-campus academic advisor and/or master's thesis reader or advisor for the following graduate students: Penfield Chester CPM, Women's Studies, Smith/U. of Vermont ("Sisters on a Journey: Portraits of North American Midwives"); Jess Fallon, Women's Studies, Wesleyan; Pamela Klassen, Religion, Drew University (spirituality in home birth); Maureen May, Syracuse University (midwifery politics and legislation in New York state); Christina Player

(midwifery politics in Massachusetts); Melissa Denmark, University of Florida (the development of direct-entry midwifery legislation in Florida); Fern McGill, Antioch University (an investigation of feminist positions on childbirth), Kate Masley (the political economy of reproduction in Honduras and in Cleveland, Ohio), and others not listed here; and as an informal advisor to dozens more.

UNDERGRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY SUPERVISOR

I have served as an undergraduate independent study supervisor at the University of Texas for Kit Aldrich (anthropology: birth stories); Edith Ellwood (sociology); Jennifer Haas (anthropology: childbirth in Cameroon); Adam Ford (religious studies: labyrinths); Margaret Wardlaw (in-hospital birth centers), Laurel Ripple Carpenter (Burlington—the anthropology of reproduction) and many others. At Case Western Reserve University, I served as Independent Study Advisor for Sarah Scott (educational pathways to midwifery).

CONTENT EDITING FOR OTHERS:

I served as a professional content editor for:

Paul Bohannon *We the Alien: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*, Waveland Press, 1991.

Richard Katz, *The Straight Path: A Fijian Perspective on Healing and Development*, Harvard U. Press, 1993.

Richard Katz, Megan Biesele, Verna St. Denis, "Healing Makes Our Hearts Happy": *Spirituality and Social Change among the Kalahari Ju'/hoansi*. Inner Traditions Press, 1997.

INTERVIEW EXPERIENCE

During my anthropological career, I have conducted well over 500 tape-recorded interviews with diverse individuals and groups, including pregnant women and mothers, nurses, midwives, obstetricians, holistic physicians, legislators, aerospace engineers, and key figures in the development of the American space program.

FIELDWORK

Women's folklore:

From 1970-1971, as a graduate student in Anthropology and Folklore, I conducted observations and interviews at the Chicken Ranch, a house of prostitution in La Grange, Texas. My research focused primarily on the madam and her artful verbal manipulations, and was published in the *Journal of American Folklore* (1973).

Shamanism:

From 1977-79, as a graduate student, I worked in central Mexico with both modern and traditional shamans and their followers. The results of that work appear in two unpublished papers: "Myth and Ritual in Modern Mexico: A Shaman and his Group"; "Myth, Ritual, and Shamanism: A Symbolic Analysis of Cultural Vitality in Mexico."

Childbirth:

My interest in birth was sparked by the birth of my first child in 1979 and by my spontaneous questioning of other women about their birth experiences, and has been continuous since then. From 1983 to 1992, I collected data on the pregnancy and childbirth experiences of 100 middle and upper-middle class mainstream pregnant women and mothers, and on the health professionals (physicians, nurses, midwives, childbirth educators) who care for them, through observation and interviews in hospitals, offices, and homes. This research was published first in my dissertation (1986) and later in *Birth as an American Rite of Passage* (1992, reprinted in a second edition with a new preface 2004).

With my colleague Melissa Cheyney, we are in the process of conducting 100 interviews with women who have given birth since 2000 for a complete update and revision of *Birth as an American Rite of Passage*. (2016-2018)

From 1988-1991, I collected interview data on the self- and body-images of 40 professional women and homebirthers in relation to their beliefs and choices about pregnancy and birth, and published that study in *Social Science and Medicine* and elsewhere.

Ritual:

My interest in ritual was stimulated by my realization that standard obstetrical procedures serve as rituals through which hospital birth is transformed into a rite of technocratic initiation. Since 1984 I have been collecting data on rituals of all types, in preparation for writing *The Power of Ritual*, co-authored with Charles Laughlin and published in 2016.

Physicians:

In the late 1980s, I interviewed 12 obstetricians about their experiences of medical training for "Obstetric Training as a Rite of Passage," an article first published in the *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* that later became a chapter in *Birth as an American Rite of Passage*.

Invited to speak about childbirth at a conference of holistic physicians in 1993, I became fascinated by their alternative practices and beliefs, and wanted to understand what motivated them to make a paradigm shift from technomedicine to holistic healing. Between 1994 and 1996, my colleague Gloria St. John and I carried out forty in-depth interviews with holistic physicians, and published the results in *From Doctor to Healer: The Transformative Journey* (1998).

In 2002, I began a new study of humanistic and holistic obstetricians in Brazil, in an effort to understand in detail the motivating factors behind, and the specifics of, what they themselves refer to as "a paradigm shift." In 2002 I conducted ten four-hour in-depth interviews and some observation of their practices. (Those interviews were lost when my computer was stolen.) In Dec. 2011 and July 2012, I returned to Brazil with my colleague Eugenia Georges, Chair of the Anthropology Dept. at Rice University to continue this research. Together we have interviewed 32 holistic obstetricians in 7 Brazilian cities and have published the results in several articles.

Midwives:

In 1991 my interest in childbirth shifted from women's experiences to a focus on midwives, the birth practitioners who offer women the widest range of choice. I began first to interview midwives who attend home births, seeking to understand their strongly alternative and holistic worldview. The first phase of this research focused on their use of intuition as authoritative knowledge, and was published in the *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* (Davis-Floyd and Davis 1996) and reprinted in *Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge* (1997) and in *Intuition: The Inside Story* (1998).

In 1996 I received a Wenner-Gren grant to extend my research on American midwifery to encompass the historic moment in American midwifery that I was witnessing: the development of two new direct-entry (non-nurse) midwifery certifications by the Midwives' Alliance of North America and the American College of Nurse-Midwives. Each certification represents a significant transformation: the lay midwives are professionalizing, and the nurse-midwives are letting go of nursing as a requirement. Seeking to understand the motivations of the key players who developed these certifications, I have interviewed over 30 members of the national boards and major divisions of both organizations, and have conducted case studies of midwifery politics and legislation in New York, California, and Washington state. **New York:** 23 interviews completed in October 1996, with CNMs, legislators, physicians, and DEMs and their supporters. **Washington:** 18 interviews completed 1997-1998. **California:** 22 interviews conducted in March 1997. I received a second WennerGren grant in 1998 to continue this project.

Realizing that the central issue dividing these organizations is education, during 1998 and 1999 I interviewed 45 nurse- and 30 direct-entry midwifery students about their educational processes, seeking to understand their divisions and noting significant convergent trends. Phase 1 of this work on midwifery education was published in two chapters ("The Ups, Downs, and Interlinkages of Nurse- and Direct-Entry Midwifery"; and "Types of Midwifery Training: An Anthropological Overview," in *Getting an Education: Pathways to Midwifery* (1998); both articles are available on my website. Since then, my Wenner-Gren-funded research has formed the basis of multiple articles, and of *Mainstreaming Midwives: The Politics of Change*.

In 1997 I asked WennerGren for permission to extend my research into Mexico, in order to study the emergence of direct-entry midwifery there and the remarkable effect these direct-entry midwives are having on traditional Mexican midwives, especially in central Mexico. In the summer of 1997 I visited San Miguel, Mexico City, Cuernavaca, and Tepoztlan and interviewed almost every direct-entry midwife in Mexico (many of whom are American-trained), as well as some nurse-midwives and government officials; 25 interviews completed. In summer 2000 I interviewed the first four graduates from the new CASA School for Professional Midwives, and in summer 2001 the three graduates from the second graduating class. These professional midwives are the subject of "*La Partera Profesional: Articulating Identity and Cultural Space for a New Kind of Midwife in Mexico*," which appears in Daughters of Time.

At the same time as I was studying the emergence of professional midwifery in Mexico, I became aware of and began to work with seven urbanized, somewhat biomedicalized traditional midwives in the state of Morelos who have been influenced by middle-class Mexican midwives to develop what I would call a postmodern consciousness of themselves as participants in midwifery as a social movement. Since then I have been repeatedly visiting these midwives to interview them and observe their lives and practices, in order to understand the changes they make in both practice and consciousness as a result of their ongoing contact with the professional midwives. This research investigates their strategic articulation of the discrepant knowledge systems with which they are confronted: their traditional system, the biomedical system, and the new professional midwifery system. This research has been published in several articles and books.

Aerospace engineers:

Aware that midwifery, home birth, and holistic healing--areas in which I have had longstanding research interests--constitute conscious attempts to construct the human future, in 1994 I became interested in futures planning. I began attending symposia held by a NASA-sponsored group called SATWG (Strategic Avionics Technology Working Group)/SIIG (SATWG Industry Interface Group). These are corporate leaders, aerospace engineers, and NASA personnel who are actively engaged in generating and bringing to fruition their emerging "vision" for the commercialization of outer space. The oxymoronic nature of their discourse, the fact that they command billion-dollar budgets, and the tension they feel and express between "old-paradigm" competitive models of business, and "new-paradigm" partnership models, makes this fieldwork project especially fascinating. These people are reaching out for a future for the human species in outer space. I focused on their ritual and symbolic enactments of their own value system as a template for the values with which they will approach space travel and space commerce in the 21st century, and have published that research in *Late Editions VIII, Para-Sites*, edited by George Marcus (2000).

In 1996 I was asked by Dr. Kenneth J. Cox, an administrator at Johnson Space Center and the founder of SATWG (see above) to conduct an oral history project with those engineers and administrators still alive (most are in their 70s and 80s) who played pivotal roles in the formation and early days of NASA. With funding from the AIAA Houston Chapter, Honeywell Corporation, and the Houston Chapter of the NASA Alumni League, we conducted interviews with 11 space pioneers. Space Stories: Oral Histories from the Pioneers of the American Space Program has been published as an e-book containing condensed versions of selected interviews. The full texts of all the interviews appear on my website: www.davis-floyd.com.

DISSERTATION

1986 "**Birth as an American Rite of Passage**," Ph.D. Dissertation, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin. University Microfilm Publication #86-18448.

Description: Based on interviews with over 100 mothers and many of their health care professionals, this dissertation applies a model derived from symbolic anthropology to the pregnancy/childbirth process which interprets this process as a year-long initiatory rite of passage. Primary focus is on the messages conveyed to the initiates through emotional and physical channels by the rituals of hospital birth. These rituals are decoded symbol-by-symbol, and interpreted as signifiers of the core values of American society. The American medical system is analyzed as a microcosm of our society which seeks through these rituals to socialize women into its collective core value system.

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