Amanda Hilton

Curriculum Vitae

Anthropology Department

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EDUCATION

2020 PhD, Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Arizona

Dissertation: Selling or Saving Cultural Heritage? Sicilian Protected Geographical

Indication Extra-Virgin Olive Oil

Minor: Geography

2015 MA, Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Arizona

Thesis: Food Sovereignty at Ndee Bikiyaa, The People's Farm

Report: Ndee Bikiyaa Food Sovereignty Community Assessment Report (2014)

2007 BA, Anthropology and Religious Studies, Colby College, summa cum laude

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023	Visiting Professor, Università di Catania, Dipartimento di Scienze Umanistiche /
	University of Catania, Sicily, Italy; Department of Human Sciences (December)
2024-present	Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Anthropology Department, Maxwell
	School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
2020-2023	Research Scientist, Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of
	Arizona
2021	Instructor, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona
2019	Instructor, Syracuse Academy/ACCENT for University of California Education
	Abroad Program, Siracusa, Sicily, Italy

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2018	Fulbright EU-NATO Seminar Participant, Belgium and Luxembourg
2015	Selected participant, NSF Summer Institute for Research Design in Cultural
	Anthropology

SELECTED FUNDING

	2022	National Science Foundation, "Addressing Demographic Disparities in Students"
		Choice of Engineering Discipline," Co-PI, \$440,500
2	2019–2020	University of Arizona School of Anthropology Haury Dissertation Fellowship,
		\$20,000
2	2018–2019	P.E.O. Scholar Award, \$15,000
2	2017–2018	Fulbright International Institute of Education, Italy, \$16,630
2	2017	American Philosophical Association Lewis and Clark Fund for Field Research,
		\$5,000
2	2007–2008	Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Scholarship

Special Issues

Hilton, Amanda and Angela D. Storey, eds.

2022 Collaborative Futures in the Making. *Collaborative Anthropologies*, 14(2). Includes seven peer-reviewed articles.

Articles

- 2023 Quality and Genuineness in the World of Sicilian Olive Oil. *Gastronomica: The Journal for Food Studies*, 23(1): 38–50.
- 2022 *Amara e Bella*, Bitter and Beautiful: A praxis of care in valuing Sicilian olive oil and landscapes. *Economic Anthropology*, 9(2): 257–269.

Hilton, Amanda and Angela Storey

- 2022 Making Collaborative Futures: An Introduction to the Special Issue. *Collaborative Anthropologies*, 14(2).
- 2018 Collaboration in Anthropology: The (Field)Work of Grounded Practice. In *Cambio: Rivista Sulle Trasformazioni Sociali*, 8 (15): 113–126.

Book Chapter

Whose Arancino/a?: The Multiple Making of Place through an Iconic Sicilian Food. In *Food in Memory and Imagination: Space, Place and Taste*. Beth Forrest and Greg de St. Maurice (Editors). Bloomsbury Publishing.

In Preparation

- Nd What's in a Name? Sicilian Stereotypes and their Counternarratives. In preparation for Fall 2024 submission to *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* as part of the proposed Special Issue "Sicily, the Mediterranean, and the South".
- Nd Interembodiment beyond the human? Troubling bodies and more-than-human relationality. In preparation for Fall 2024 submission to *Social Science and Medicine* as part of the proposed Special Issue "Interembodiment".
- Nd Geographical Indications. In preparation for Spring 2025 submission to *Oxford Bibliographies*.

Book Review

Hilton, Amanda

2016 Review of *Latino Immigrants and the Transformation of the US South*, Mary E. Odem and Elaine Lacy, eds. In *Transforming Anthropology* 24(1): 86–87.

Technical Reports

Hilton, Amanda, Sydney Pullen, Elizabeth Eklund, and Diane Austin

2022 Community-University Relations: Community Perspectives on their Interactions with The University of Arizona. The Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

Hilton, Amanda and Diane Austin

2017 Composting Toilets in Nogales, Sonora: Assessing a Neighborhood Project After Seven Years. Prepared for the Asociación de Reforestación en Ambos Nogales. The Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

S. Hart, T.J. Ferguson, and M.T. Hopkins (Eds.)

2016 Ethnographic Literature Review. In O'odham Trails on the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument: The Western and Central Travel Corridors. School of Anthropology, University of Arizona.

Penney, Lauren and Amanda Hilton

2014 BARA Report on Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona Client Survey 2014.
Prepared for the staff of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. The Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

Ndee Bikiyaa and Amanda Hilton

Ndee Bikiyaa Survey Report. Prepared for the staff of Ndee Bikiyaa, The People's Farm, an effort of the Water Resources Division of the White Mountain Apache Tribe

Bulletts, Charley, Shanan Anderson, Mike Osife, Kevin Bulletts, Megan Sheehan, Amanda Hilton, Diane Austin

2014 Southern Paiute Consortium Colorado River Corridor Resource Evaluation Program: Annual Report of Activities. Prepared in conjunction with the Southern Paiute Consortium, Pipe Spring, Arizona and Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona for the National Park Service.

Hilton, Amanda and Ryan Powers

2013 BARA Report on Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona Client Survey 2013.

Prepared for the staff of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. The Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Internal Funding

2020, 16, 15	School of Anthropology William and Nancy Sullivan Scholarship Award
2020, 16, 15	School of Anthropology Traditions, Transitions, and Treasures Research Award
2019	University of Arizona Graduate College Fellowship
2019	Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award
2019, 17	Diebold BARA and The Salus Mundi Foundation Graduate Research Award
2015-2016	Cacioppo Foundation Mentored Research Experiences for Success Award
2015, 2013	The Salus Mundi Foundation Graduate Travel Award

2015, 14, 13	Diebold BARA Graduate Travel Award
2015, 14	Comins Native American Studies Award
2014	Edward H. Spicer Fund Award
2014	School of Anthropology Graduate Student Travel Scholarship Fund
2013	Student-Faculty Interaction Award

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker Presentations

- "The oil is alive": shifting markets, volatile ecologies, and multispecies care in Sicily, Italy. Invited presentation for Liebniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient and the Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean conference: Emplacements and Mobilities: Changing Olive Entanglements Around and Beyond the Mediterranean. Scheduled for 17–18 October.
- 2023 Living Landscapes of Loss and Love: Oliviculture in Sicily. Invited lecture for Colby College Center for Humanities Lecture Series: Food for Thought. Colby College, Waterville, Maine, February 27.
- Living Landscapes in Sicilian Oliviculture: A Political Ecological Approach. Guest lecture for Master's Seminar *L'antropologia tra conservazione e trasformazione: riflessioni metodologiche e etnografiche,* Anthropology between conservation and transformation: methodological and ethnographic reflections, University of Catania, May 11 (online).
- The Olive in Sicily and the Mediterranean. Guest lecture for Anna Tasca Lanza Cooking School's 10-week Cook the Farm Program, Regaleali, Sicily, November 8.
- The Olive in Sicily and the Mediterranean. Guest lecture for Ethnobotany, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, April 4.
- Experiences as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Italy. Invited speaker at "Language Makes a Difference" Panel at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, April 19.

Panels Organized

- The sea, its shores, and its people: doing and undoing anthropology in/of the Mediterranean. Organized with Maggie Neil. The European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference. Barcelona, Spain, July 24.
- Sensory Approaches to Landscapes, Labor, Livelihoods, and Lifeworlds. Organized with Cari Tusing. Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky (hybrid), March 24–26.
- 2021 Constructing Quality: Power and Negotiation in Commodity Chains. Organized with Emma McDonell. The American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland, November 19.
- 2020 Collaborative Futures in Practice: Methods and pedagogies for imagining and doing anthropology together [PechaKucha]. Organized with Angela Storey and Alessandro

- Lutri. Panel at the European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference. Lisbon, Portugal (online), July 24.
- Fixing territory: bodies and socionatures in flux (part 1); Fixing territory: place-based products out of place (part 2). Organized with Emma McDonell. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Jose, California, November 18.
- Examining the 'How': Experiences with Creative Research Methodologies. Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, February 25.

Paper Presentations

- What's in a Name? Sicilian stereotypes and their counter narratives. Paper presented at The European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference. Barcelona, Spain, July 24.
- The Parallel Lifeworlds of Sicilian Olive Oil: Moral Economies of Sale and Scale. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, 18 November.
- 2023 *Sicilianità*: The Southern Answer. Paper presented at Italy, The Mediterranean, and The South Workshop at Oxford University, Oxford, UK, June 15.
- Gorton, H., Austin, D., Hilton, A., Macias, M., Pilli, L., and Robinson, K. (BARA, U Arizona); Henriquez, P., Sandoval, F., and Wolf, A.M. (Sonora Environmental Research Insitute, Inc.). The Challenges of Applying Anthropology During the COVID Pandemic: The *Promotora* Model in a Community Partnership. Paper presentation recorded and presented online at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 28–April 1.
- 2022 Living oil, living landscapes: Multispecies relationality and vitality in Sicilian oliviculture. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, November 12.
- Vivere la terra: Living landscapes of Sicilian oliviculture. Paper presented at the European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland, July 26–29.
- Italian lives matter? Belonging and gastronationalism in Sicilian PGI olive oil. Paper presented at The Umbra Center for Food & Sustainability Studies Biennial Conference in Perugia, Italy, June 9–12. (postponed from 2020 because of COVID-19)
- Harvesting olives in Sicily: A sensory multispecies ethnographic exploration. Paper presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky (online), March 25.
- Geographical Indications and Precarious Heritage: Sicilian Perspectives. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 26.

- Authentic or Not? Quality versus Genuine Sicilian Olive Oil. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, November 19.
- 2021 Protected Geographical Indication of Love? The Parallel Lifeworlds of Sicilian Olive Oil. Paper presented at the Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, online, March 4.
- 2021 "Twenty years ago there didn't exist a family that didn't have oil in the house": The Local Lifeworld of Sicilian Extra-Virgin Olive Oil. Paper presented at Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky (online), February 19.
- Cultural heritage, intellectual property, and the invention of tradition. Paper presented at Indigenous Inequalities: Intersections of property, place, and rights in the United States and Australia Conference in Tucson, Arizona (online from Sicily), November 14.
- The Promise of Protected Geographic Indication Sicilian Olive Oil. Paper presented at 12th Italian National Conference of Environmental Sociologists in Salerno, Italy, September 27.
- 2019 Selling or Saving Cultural Heritage? The Case of Sicilian PGI Olive Oil. University of Arizona. Paper presented at the Center for Regional Food Studies Graduate Student Panel, Tucson, Arizona, February 13.
- 2019 Precarious heritage: Sicilian Protected Geographic Indication olive oil and traditional cultural landscapes. Paper presented at the Food Security and Social Justice Network Graduate Student Research Panel, Tucson, Arizona, April 11.
- 2018 Sicilian PGI olive oil pushing the boundaries. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, California, November 18.
- Abandoned olive groves and protected cultivars: the pasts and futures of Sicilian olive oil. Paper presented at the European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, August 16.
- Taking the Ecological Seriously: The Ethnobotany of Sicilian Olive Oil Production. Paper presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, February 25.
- Farming for Holistic Wellbeing: The Meanings of Food Sovereignty at Ndee Bikiyaa, the People's Farm. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 1.
- 2015 Holistic Wellbeing through Agriculture at Ndee Bikiyaa (The People's Farm). Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 21.

- 2015 Harvey, Clayton (Community Member), Danya Carroll (MPH, Community Member), Breann Clarkson (Community Member), Cheryl Pailzote (MS, Community Member), and Amanda Hilton. Benefits and Challenges of Food Policies on a Southwest Tribally Owned Farm. Was not present for oral paper presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 2.
- 2015 "In Apache, Land and Mind Mean the Same Thing": The Cultivation of White Mountain Apache Wellness Through Traditional Agriculture. Paper presented at Il cibo e il sacro: tradizioni e simbologie (Food and the Sacred: Traditions and Symbols) Conference, Rome, Italy, July 8.
- 2015 Lessons from Ndee Bikiyaa, the People's Farm: The Healing Potential of Food Sovereignty in White Mountain Apache Territory. Paper presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, February 28.
- Food Sovereignty at Ndee Bikiyaa (The People's Farm). Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 25.
- Food Insecurity in Southern Arizona: Working with Food Banks as Community Partners. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 19.

Poster Presentations

- Herrera, Victor, Wingate, Samantha, and Amanda Hilton. Diversity in the University of Arizona College of Engineering. Not present in person for poster presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 30.
- Hilton, Amanda, Sydney Pullen, Jessica Harris, Julia Nestor, Elizabeth Koleski, Darya Anderson. Composting Toilets in the Sonoran Desert. Poster presented at the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Arizona Annual Conference, Tucson, Arizona, March 21.
- Hilton, Amanda and Will Robertson. The Burden of Cost: A Mixed-Methods Approach Exploring Differences in Cost as a Barrier to Medication Adherence. Poster presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 21.

RESEARCH

Independent

2015–2020 12 weeks scoping fieldwork in 2015-16; 14 months of ethnographic fieldwork in 2017-18 in Sicily, Italy to comprise the data for a PhD dissertation; continued presence in Sicily during analysis and write-up. Conducted participant observation harvesting and pressing olives in 2 growing seasons as well as ethnobotanical walking and semi-structured interviews with growers, millers, marketers, auditors,

and taste-testers of extra-virgin olive oil. Collaborations with academic colleagues and farmers ongoing.

2014 10 weeks of fieldwork on the Fort Apache (White Mountain) Reservation in eastern Arizona, USA. Lived at Fort Apache and worked as a farmhand at Ndee Bikiyaa (The People's Farm), while conducting pile sorts and semi-structured interviews with White Mountain Apache Tribal participants. This fieldwork research was conducted to achieve a Master's thesis in sociocultural anthropology.

Collaborative

2020—present Addressing Demographic Disparities in Students' Choice of Engineering Discipline.

Funded by The National Science Foundation.

<u>Co-PI:</u> Mixed methods research design and grant proposal; supervision and mentoring of post-baccalaureate researchers; participant observation, focus groups, semi-structured interviews; data collection ongoing.

2022–2023 Cultivating Equitable Food Policy in Pima County.

With CLIMAS (Climate Assessment for the Southwest) and Dr. Gigi Owen and the Center for Regional Food Studies and Dr. Laurel Bellante. Funded by Thriving Communities Grant, Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

<u>Researcher:</u> Research design, focus group and participant observation data collection ongoing.

2020–2023 Climate, culture, movement: Navigating decision-making in a shifting landscape for a resilient United Houma Nation.

Funded by The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine: Gulf Research Program.

<u>Ethnographer:</u> Participant observation, semi-structured interviews; data cleaning and analysis; write-up.

2020–2023 Long Term Effectiveness of Healthy Homes Interventions.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For and with Sonora Environmental Research Institute, Inc.

<u>Project Manager and Researcher:</u> Supervision and mentoring of graduate students and undergraduate interns; survey development, data collection ongoing.

2021–2022 Community-University Relations: Community Perspectives on Their Interactions with The University of Arizona.

Internally funded.

<u>PI</u>: Project management, interviews (zoom), data cleaning and analysis, and write-up.

2013–2021 Southern Paiute Consortium Grand Canyon Citizen Science Monitoring and Evaluation Program.

Funded by the Bureau of Reclamation.

<u>Consultant, Research Scientist, and Graduate Research Assistant:</u> Project support; field data collection, analysis, and write-up.

Graduate Research Assistant, A Study on Urban Ethnohydrology: Exploring green infrastructure and xeriscaping practices and policies in the arid Southwest.

With Dr.Lucero Radonic at Michigan State University.

Graduate Research Assistant: Interviews, project and data management.

2016–2017 Composting Toilets in Colinas del Sol, Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. For the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology (BARA) at The University of Arizona.

Graduate Research Assistant: Data cleaning and analysis, and write-up.

2014–2016 *Medication Adherence and Health Literacy.*

Funded by The National Institutes of Health.

Supervisor: Dr. Susan Shaw at The University of Arizona.

Graduate Research Assistant: Quantitative data analysis and project support.

2013–2016 BARA Internship Program.

For BARA at The University of Arizona.

<u>Graduate Research Assistant:</u> Oversight, mentoring, and team leadership of undergraduate interns, project completion and presentation.

2014 O'odham Salt Trails in Organ Pipe National Monument Project.

For Organ Pipe National Monument.

Supervisor: Dr. T.J. Ferguson at The University of Arizona.

<u>Graduate Research Assistant:</u> Ethnographic literature review and community meetings.

2013–2014 *Client Survey.*

For Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona partnered with BARA at The University of Arizona.

<u>Graduate Research Assistant:</u> Team leadership, survey development, administration, analysis, and write-up

2013 Tohono O'odham Summer Health Careers Research Camp.

For SEAHEC (South-Eastern Arizona Health Education Center) and Tohono O'odham Nation partnered with BARA at The University of Arizona.

<u>Graduate Research Consultant:</u> Summer program development and implementation.

2013 EcoCasa Demonstration Site Development

For Associación para la Reforestación de Ambos Nogales (ARAN) partnered with BARA at The University of Arizona.

<u>Graduate Research Assistant:</u> Community partnership development and project support.

2012 Urban Landscape Assessment.

For the Watershed Management Group and the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona partnered with BARA at The University of Arizona. Graduate Research Assistant: Data collection and analysis.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2017–2018 Università degli Studi di Palermo (University of Palermo)
Visiting Scholar, Department of Agrarian and Forestry Sciences

2018–2019 Università degli Studi di Catania (University of Catania) Guest Instructor, Department of Humanistic Sciences

INSTRUCTION

Instructor

2024 Syracuse University

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Sensory Anthropology Across Multispecies Relations

Native Peoples and Cultures of North America

2021 University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development

Introduction to Critical Food Studies

2019 Syracuse Academy and ACCENT for University of California Education Abroad

Program, "Mediterranean Politics, Food and Culture Program in Syracuse,

Barcelona and Florence," Siracusa, Sicily

Sicilian Foodways: Migration, Labor, and Identity in the Mediterranean (study

abroad site-specific condensed course)

2017 University of Arizona, School of Anthropology

Ecological Anthropology

Co-instructor

2019 Università degli Studi di Catania (University of Catania), Dipartimento di

Scienze Umanistiche (Department of Humanistic Sciences)

Etnografie ambientali della Sicilia (Environmental Ethnographies of

Sicily) (2-month laboratory course)

2018 Università degli Studi di Palermo (University of Palermo) and the Anna Tasca

Lanza Cooking School

What is Good, Clean, and Fair? An Experiential Ethnographic Engagement with

Valledolmo's Food System

(1-week experiential learning course combining University of Palermo students with international cooking school students in central Sicily)

2017 University of Arizona, Food Security and Social Justice Network (Graduate

Student Group)

Breaking Down Our Food System: A Two-day Introduction to Critical Food Studies

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2013–2019 University of Arizona, School of Anthropology

ANTH150: Many Ways of Being Human, Dr. Brian Silverstein (Spring 2019),

Dr. Tad Park (Fall 2013)

ANTH150A1: Race, Ethnicity, and the American Dream, Dr. Maisa Taha (Spring

2015)

CLAS329: Art History of the Cinema, Dr. David Soren (Spring 2017, Spring

2013)

SERVICE

2022-present	At-large Board Member, Society for Economic Anthropology
2021–present	Nominations Chair, Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition
2020-present	Advisory Board Member, Culture & Agriculture's Sensorium, an editor-
	reviewed, virtual platform that highlights engagement with the senses
2019-present	Founding and board member, Associazione Food Heritage, Palermo, Italy
2019–2020	Volunteer, after school program for migrant children at CIAO (Centro
	Interculturale di Aiuto ed Orientamento, Intercultural Center for Help and
	Orientation), Siracusa, Italy
2014-2019	Founding member and Organizer, Food Security and Social Justice
	Network at the University of Arizona
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2014-2017	Leadership Council member, Pima County Food Alliance, Tucson, AZ
2016-2017	President, Food Security and Social Justice Network at the University of
	Arizona
2016	Graduate Student Representative, College of Social and Behavioral
	Sciences Search Committee for Food Studies Strategic Hire, University
	of Arizona
2016	President, Anthropology Graduate Students at the University of Arizona
2015	Treasurer, Anthropology Graduate Students at the University of Arizona
2013-2014	Teaching Assistants' Ombudsperson, Anthropology Graduate Students
	at the University of Arizona
2013-2014	Mentor, Office of Academic Success and Achievement, University of
	Arizona

Review for Academic Journals and Awards

American Ethnologist, Antropologia Pubblica, City & Society, Culture & Agriculture's Sensorium, Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition Christine Wilson Undergraduate Paper Award, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst German Academic Exchange Service PRIME Fellowship Award

LANGUAGES

English – native fluency

Italian – near-native fluency in written and spoken Italian Spanish – strong written proficiency, moderate conversational proficiency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
Anthropology and Environment Society
Culture and Agriculture
European Association of Social Anthropologists
Political Ecology Society
Society for Applied Anthropology
Society for Economic Anthropology
Society for the Anthropology of Europe
Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition