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**EDUCATION:**

**2025 (*expected*)**  **PhD, Biological Anthropology:** Yale University, CT USA   
Advisor: Prof. Richard Bribiescas

**2020**  **MPhil, Biological Anthropology:** Yale University, CT USA   
Advisor: Prof. Richard Bribiescas

**2015 MSc, Child Public Health:** Swansea University, Wales UK   
Advisor: Prof. Amy Brown

**2013 MSc, Medical Anthropology**: Oxford University, England UK  
Advisor: Prof. Stanley Ulijaszek

**2012 BSc (Hons), Health and Human Sciences**: Durham University, England UK

Advisor: Prof. Helen Ball

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:**

Daiy, K., **Harries, V.,** Nyhan, K., and Marcinkowska, U.M. (2022). Maternal weight status and the composition of the human   
 milk microbiome: A scoping review. PLoS ONE 17(10): e0274950.

**Harries, V.,** and Bribiescas, R. (2021). Leptin is not associated with testosterone, estradiol, follicle stimulating hormone,   
 or luteinizing hormone in healthy Ache men of Paraguay: A multiple daily assessment. American Journal of Human Biology:   
 e232638.

Arslanian, K., **Harries, V**., Fidow, U., Atanoa, T., Naseri, T., McGarvey, S., and Hawley, N. (2021). "No, I won’t allow   
 formula in my house": A cross-sectional qualitative study of breastfeeding culture in Samoa. Pacific Journal of Reproductive   
 Health, 1(13): DOI:10.18313/pjrh.2021.005

Chaney, C., Begum, K., Núñez-de la Mora, A., Sievert, L., Muttukrishna, S., **Harries, V.**, Sharmeen, T., Murphy, L., Gunu, R.,   
 Chowdhury, O., and Bentley, G. (2021). No impact of developmental conditions on serum estradiol levels among   
 Bangladeshi women in the UK and Bangladesh. American Journal of Human Biology, e232638: DOI:10.1002/ajhb.23631.

**Harries, V**., and Brown, A. (2019). The Association Between Baby Care Books That Promote Strict Care Routine and Infant   
 Feeding, Night-Time Care, and Maternal-Infant Interactions. *Maternal and Child Nutrition, 15*(4):e12858.

**Harries, V**., and Brown, A. (2017). The Association Between Use of Infant Parenting Books That Promote Strict Routines, and   
 Maternal Depression, Self-Efficacy, and Parenting Confidence. *Early Child Development and Care,*   
 DOI: [10.1080/03004430.2017.1378650](https://doi.org/10.1080/03004430.2017.1378650).

Brown, A., and **Harries, V**. (2015). Infant Sleep and Night Feeding Patterns During Later Infancy: Association with   
 Breastfeeding Frequency, Daytime Complementary Food Intake, and Infant Weight. *Breastfeeding Medicine, 10*(5), 246-252.

**FIELD AND LABORATORY EXPERIENCE:**

2019-Present: Field Researcher – Obesity, Lifestyle, and Genetic Adaptations Facility   
 OLaGA Laboratory, Apia, Samoa (P.I.: Prof. Nicola Hawley)

2019-Present: Lab Member – Obesity, Lifestyle, and Genetic Adaptations Research Team   
 Yale School of Public Health, USA (P.I.: Prof. Nicola Hawley)

2018-Present: Lab Member – Yale Reproductive Ecology Laboratory  
 Yale University, USA (P.I.s: Prof. Richard Bribiescas and Prof. Claudia Valeggia)

2018-Present: Research Team Member – Lactation, Infant Feeding, and Translational Research (LIFT)  
 Swansea University, UK (P.I. Prof. Amy Brown)

**RESEARCH/CONFERENCE GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FUNDS:**

2022 **Wenner Gren Dissertation Fund**Dissertation Research in Samoa: *November 2022 – September 2023*

2022 **MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Fund**   
Poster Presentation at Human Biology Association (HBA) Conference: *March 2022*

2021 **MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fund**  
Dissertation Research in Samoa: *November 2022 – September 2023*

2021 **Smith Fund Dissertation Research Award**   
Dissertation Research in Samoa: *November 2022 – September 2023*

2021 **Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies (YIBS) Biological Anthropology Graduate Student Research Award**   
Dissertation Research in Samoa: *November 2021 – September 2022*

2021 **MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Fund**   
Poster Presentation at Human Biology Association (HBA) Conference (online due to COVID-19): *March 2021*

2020 **Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies (YIBS) Biological Anthropology Graduate Student Research Award**   
Remote Summer Fieldwork in Samoa: *July 2020 – February 2021*

2020 **Smith Fund Pre-Dissertation Research Award**   
Remote Summer Fieldwork in Samoa: *July 2020 – February 2021*

2020 **MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Fund**   
Poster Presentation at Human Biology Association (HBA) Conference (online due to COVID-19): *April 2020*

2019 **Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies (YIBS) Biological Anthropology Graduate Student Research Award**   
Summer Fieldwork in Samoa: *May - July 2019*

2019 **Schwartz Family Foundation Conference Fund**   
Poster Presentation at Society for Study of Human Biology (SSHB) Conference: *September 2019*

**ADDITIONAL AWARDS:**

2021 **Yale Institute of Global Health Case Competition** (3rd Place)  
*Yale University*

2020 **Pickersgill Scholarship Fund 2020-2021** *Yale University*

2020 **AAPA's Pollitzer Student Travel Award** - $500 *American Association of Physical Anthropologists*

2019 **Pickersgill Scholarship Fund 2019-2020** *Yale University*

2019 **The Roger Barnett Public Health Video Challenge** - $1,500 (2nd Place)  
 *Yale University* - Yale School of Public Health competition to create a Public Service Announcement (PSA):   
 <https://publichealth.yale.edu/news-article/19837/>

2012 **Durham Award 2011/12**  
 *Durham University* - A prestigious award for outstanding extra-curricular activities that contribute to the status of   
 the University outside of academia

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Fall 2022 ANTH 210: Birth: Intersections between Biology, Society, and Culture *Associate in Teaching*  
Fall 2021 ANTH 217: Hormones, Evolution, and Behavior *Teaching Fellow*   
Spring 2021 ANTH 116: Introduction to Biological Anthropology *Teaching Fellow*   
Fall 2020 ANTH 242: Human Evolutionary Biology and Life History Theory *Teaching Fellow*   
Summer 2020 ANTH S242: Human Evolutionary Biology and Life History Theory *Teaching Fellow*

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

2022 **Exploring the impact of freezing and thawing on metabolic hormone degradation in human milk samples** [poster]  
Human Biology Association (HBA): 2022 Annual Conference *Denver, CO, USA – March 2021*

2022 **Postpartum maternal nutrition and infant body size in Samoan mother-infant dyads at 2-4 months** [poster – co-author]  
Human Biology Association (HBA): 2022 Annual Conference *Denver, CO, USA – March 2021*

2021 **Factors driving changes in breastfeeding practices among Bangladeshi migrant women in the UK** [poster]  
Human Biology Association (HBA): 2021 Annual Conference *Virtual Platform Format – March 2021*

2021 **Serum estradiol levels show no impact of developmental conditions among adult women** [poster – co-author]  
Human Biology Association (HBA): 2021 Annual Conference *Virtual Platform Format – March 2021*

2020 **Unacknowledged human variation: The association between adiposity and leptin in understudied populations** [poster]  
Human Biology Association (HBA): 2020 Annual Conference  
*Los Angeles, CA, USA – April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19 and published in online format)*

2020 **An assessment of urinary triiodothyronine (uT3) levels as a biomarker of energy balance: preliminary data from the Biomarkers of Energy Balance and Expenditure Study (BEBES)** [poster – co-author]  
Human Biology Association (HBA): 2020 Annual Conference  
*Los Angeles, CA, USA – April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19 and published in online format)*

2019 **Samoan mother's perception of infant hunger and food enjoyment, and association with continuation of exclusive breastfeeding: Foafoaga O Le Ola study** [poster]  
Society for Study of Human Biology (SSHB): 2019 Conference ‘Cohort Methods and Applications in Human Biology’ *Oxford, UK – September 2019*

**INVITED TALKS & SCIENCE COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT:**

2021 *Podcast: Sex and Reproduction Series* (Spring 2021)– Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine “Podsquad”  
Invited speaker to co-host for podcast episode discussing topics of reproduction and maternal-infant health   
<https://medicine.yale.edu/yjbm/podcast-list/podsquad/>

2020 *Guest Lecture: Reproductive Ecology and Field Methods* – Southern Connecticut University  
Guest lecture for undergraduate course “Intro to Biological Anthropology”

2019 *Workshop: Clinical Audit and Health Research* – National University of Samoa (NUS) and School of Medicine, Samoa  
Joint facilitator and section speaker for “Writing a research proposal”

2019 *Workshop: Using NVivo Software in Qualitative Analysis* – National University of Samoa (NUS), Samoa   
 Invited speaker and demonstrator   
 **Other Research Outputs:**

2019 Brown, A., and Harries, V. “Some baby care books are giving advice that goes against safe infant care guidelines.” *The Conversation.* July 4, 2019. <https://theconversation.com/some-baby-care-books-are-giving-advice-that-goes-against-safe-infant-care-guidelines-117606>

**Select Media Coverage:**

2017 Swansea University Press Office  
<https://www-2018.swansea.ac.uk/press-office/news-archive/2017/newresearchfindslinkbetweensomebabybooksandpostnataldepression.php>

2015 Huffington Post  
<http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/05/21/baby-not-sleeping-through-the-night_n_7350108.html>

2015Wales Online  
<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/health/feeding-babies-more-during-day-9319230>

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Association of Physical Anthropology  
Human Biology Association  
International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML)  
American Society for Nutrition

**GRADUATE COMMITTEE POSITIONS:**

**Biological Anthropology ‘Brown Beer’ Colloquium Series, Co-organizer (Fall 2019)**  
*Department of Anthropology, Yale University, USA*Responsibilities:

* Applying for funding to cover expenses, managing the budget, and providing an end of semester expense report
* Identifying and contacting speakers, and coordinating transport and accommodation for speakers when necessary
* Organizing opportunities for student meetings with speakers to facilitate networking

**MCR (Middle Common Room) Committee, Social Secretary (September 2012 – September 2013)**  
*Kellogg College, Oxford University, UK*Responsibilities:

* Liaising between students, faculty, vendors, and staff – both within my own and other Colleges within the University – throughout the organization and execution of events
* Organizing social activities and events for fellow students and providing a support network through weekly tea and cake meetings and game nights
* Representing the student body at College committee meetings; conveying student concerns, feedback, and suggestions to the College to ensure the student voice was heard when decisions were made

**UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP:**

**Internship for Sudden Infant Death Research (June 2011 – July 2011)***Infant Sleep Laboratory, Durham University, UK (in association with James Cook Hospital, South Tees)*Responsibilities:

* Recruiting study participants
* Welcoming participants to the lab and ensuring they were informed and settled
* Data collection, processing, and analysis