

**CURRICULUM VITAE  
REBECCA M. BEDWELL**

*Address* 1729 E 13<sup>th</sup> St. *Phone* (520) 275-1552  
Tucson, AZ, 85719 *Email* rebeccabedwell@email.arizona.edu

**EDUCATION**

*Degrees*

2014 B.A. Anthropology and Spanish, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.  
2017 M.A. Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

*International Experience*

2016 Conducted research on a federal education program at CONALEP, Sonora in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico  
2012 Completed coursework in Anthropology at the Pontific Catholic University of Peru (PUCP), Lima, Peru

**AWARDS**

2018 Peter K. New Award 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Society for Applied Anthropology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
2017 Student Poster Competition 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award, Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
2014 Graduated with Highest Distinction, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
2014 Phi Beta Kappa Alumnus, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
2014 Hilde Spielvogel Award for Outstanding Presentation by an Undergraduate Student, Human Biology Association, Calgary, AB, Canada  
2013 Undergraduate Paper Prize, Anthropology Graduate Student Association's Symposium, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
2010-2014 IU Founders Scholar, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
2010-2014 Member of Dean's List, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

**FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, and GRANTS**

**Fellowships**

2017-2022 Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation  
2015-2017 Graduate Assistant Fellowship, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona  
2015-2017 Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduate College Fellowship, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

**Scholarships**

2010-2014 IU Excellence Scholarship, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
2010 NSE Scholarship, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese

### Research Grant

*The Impact of Federal Breastfeeding Policy Initiatives and Socioeconomic Factors in Indiana on Women's Breastfeeding Practices and Attitudes.*

2013 Hutton Honors College, Undergraduate Grant Program, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

### Travel Grant

2017 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

2016 The Ethnographic Turn Conference, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

2012 Human Biology Association Conference, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

## RESEARCH

### Current Research Interests

*Geographical Areas of Specialization:* United States, Latin America

*Topical Interests:* medical anthropology, feminist anthropology, women's health, immigration, illness narratives, mental health, structural inequality, health disparities, public policy, risk, and gender

### Language

Spanish: fluent in reading, writing, and speaking

### Research Experience

2017-present Research Assistant to Dr. Julie Armin, Family and Community Medicine, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

2018 Ethnographer for 2018 Food and Farm Forum, Local First Arizona Foundation, Gilbert, Arizona.

2016-2017 Research Assistant for Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

2016-2017 Principal Researcher for MA thesis, *Diabetes Illness Narratives among Mexican Immigrants in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region*, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

2016 Research Assistant to Dr. Susan Shaw, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

2016 Independent Consultant for Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

2011-2015 Research Assistant to Dr. Virginia J. Vitzthum, Department of Anthropology and the Kinsey Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

2013-2014 Principal Researcher for senior thesis, *The Impact of Federal Breastfeeding Policy Initiatives and Socioeconomic Factors in Indiana on Women's Breastfeeding Practices and Attitudes*, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

2011 Research Assistant to Dr. Daniel Suslak, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington Indiana.

### Professional Presentations

- 2018 *The Role of Primary Care Physicians in Implementing and Coordinating Advance Care Planning for Cancer Patients*. Poster. Rebecca Bedwell, Julie Armin, Leila Ali-Akbarian, Linda Garland, and Myra Muramoto. El Rio/Wright Center for GME Virtual Health Fair Poster Session. Tucson, Arizona.
- 2018 *Diabetes Illness Narratives among Mexican Immigrants in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region*. Presentation. Rebecca Bedwell. Society for Applied Anthropology – P.K. New Award Session. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2018 *Discussing What to Do If “Things Don’t Go the Way We Want Them To”: Insights from Oncologists about Advance Care Planning*. Presentation. Society for Applied Anthropology – Sustainable Deathways?: Ambivalence in Death, Dying, and Disposal Session. Presentation. Julie Armin, Rebecca Bedwell, Leila Ali-Akbarian, and Linda Garland. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2017 *Assessment of a Federal Educational Enrichment Program in Sonora, Mexico*. Poster. Society for Applied Anthropology Student Poster Session. Santa Fe, New Mexico. Rebecca Bedwell, Leila Castro, Michael Chikos, and Beatriz García Ordoñez.
- 2016 *Decentering Difference in the Ethnographic Encounter*. Paper. Rebecca Bedwell. The Ethnographic Turn Conference. University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.
- 2016 *Annual CFB Client Survey 2016*. Presentation. Rebecca Bedwell. Executive Board Meeting at the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Tucson, Arizona.
- 2014 *The Impact of Federal Breastfeeding Policy Initiatives and Socioeconomic Factors in Indiana on Women’s Breastfeeding Practices and Attitudes*. Poster. Rebecca M. Bedwell. Human Biology Association Poster Session. Calgary, AB, Canada. Abstract: American Journal of Human Biology.
- 2013 *How Do Beliefs about Anemia among Rural Bolivian Women Influence Health Behavior?* Poster. Rebecca M. Bedwell and Virginia J. Vitzthum. Human Biology Association Poster Session. Knoxville, Tennessee. Abstract: American Journal of Human Biology.
- 2013 *Ladies First: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Women’s Experiences and Media Portrayal of Urinary Incontinence*. Paper. Rebecca Bedwell. Anthropology Graduate Student Association Symposium. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 2012 *Project REPA (Reproduction and Ecology in Province of Aroma) Does Investment in Lactation vary Seasonally in Bolivian Agropastoralists?* Poster. Rebecca M. Bedwell, Jonathan Thornburg, and Virginia J. Vitzthum. Human Biology Association Poster Session. Portland, Oregon. Abstract: American Journal of Human Biology.

### Published Papers

- 2017 “The Impact of Federal Breastfeeding Policy Initiatives on Women’s Breastfeeding Practices and Attitudes in Southern Indiana.” *Journal of Poverty* 21

- (6): 508-527. DOI: 10.1080/10875549.2017.1348423.  
2017 with Hilde Spielvogel, Diva Bellido, and Virginia Vitzthum. "Factors Influencing the Use of Biomedical Health Care by Rural Bolivian Anemic Women: Structural Barriers, Reproductive Status, Gender Roles, & Concepts of Anemia." *PLOS ONE* 12 (1): e0170475, DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0170475.

### Submitted Papers

- 2018 "Diabetes Illness Narratives among Mexican Immigrants in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region." Research article submitted to *Human Organization*.

### Reports

- 2018 with Megan Carney and Sarah Renkert. *Report on Arizona Food and Farm Finance Forum 2018*. Prepared for the staff of Local First.  
2017 with Sarah Renkert. *BARA Report on the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona's 2017 Client Survey*. Prepared for the staff of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.  
2016 with Nikki Skelton and Rachel Filippone. *BARA Report on the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona's 2016 Client Survey*. Prepared for the staff of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

### TEACHING

- Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant for ANTH 395D Introduction to Forensic Anthropology, R. Reineke instructor, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.  
Oct 2016 Analyzing Qualitative Data Workshop, BARA, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.  
Sept 2016 Survey Research & Design Workshop, BARA, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.  
Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant for ANTH 150B1 Many Ways of Being Human, Section C, T. Park instructor, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.  
Feb 2016 Survey Implementation Training, BARA, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.  
Spring 2016 Teaching Assistant for ANTH 202 Applying Anthropology in Global Contexts, M. Baro instructor, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.  
Fall 2015 Teaching Assistant for ANTH 200 Cultural Anthropology, B. Silverstein instructor, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.  
Spring 2013 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for ANTH Culture, Health, and Illness, S. Phillips instructor, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2018-present Lecture Co-Chair for the Anthropology Graduate Students at the University of Arizona (AGUA), University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

- 2018 Member of Hiring Committee for the Graduate Research Assistantship  
“Efficiently Navigating to Degree: Creating Tools for Anthropology Graduate  
Students,” University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.
- 2018 Judge for Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Outreach and Research Showcase  
Poster Session, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.
- 2017-2018 Treasurer for AGUA, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.
- 2017-2018 Volunteer Interpreter at Clínica Amistad, Tucson, Arizona.
- 2017 Judge for Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grants, University of  
Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.
- 2017 Completed UndocuPeer Training, Immigrant Student Resource Center, University  
of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.
- 2013-2014 Graduate Student Liaison for the Undergraduate Anthropology Association,  
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association, Society for Medical Anthropology, Society for Applied  
Anthropology