

## Fiona Gedeon Achi

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### EDUCATION

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- 2020            **PhD Anthropology**, McGill University, Montreal, Canada  
 Dissertation: *Evidence in action: an anthropology of global poverty alleviation efforts*  
 Committee: Tobias Rees, Stephen Collier, Setrag Manoukian, Shelley Clark, Ismael Vaccaro, Ronald Niezen (examiner), and Peter Redfield (examiner)
- 2012            **M.A in the Social Sciences** (Anthropology), The University of Chicago, IL  
 Thesis: *Behind the map: crises and crisis collectives in high-tech actions*  
 Advisor: Michael Fisch
- 2010            **Bachelor of Arts: Anthropology & Sociology**, McGill University, Montreal, Canada  
 One year abroad at Panthéon-Sorbonne University, Paris, France
- 2006            **French Scientific Baccalaureate Diploma**  
 Collège Stanislas, Montréal, Canada

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2022-present    **Postdoc Researcher**, Research Lab PASSAGES & Department of Social Sciences of Contemporary Changes, Université of Bordeaux
- 2021-present    **Research Associate (Consultant)**, Africa Gender Innovation Lab, The World Bank
- 2021-present    **Honorary Lecturer**, Centre for Public Health, Wolfson Institute of Population Health, Queen Mary University of London
- 2021-2022       **Assistant Professor in Anthropology**, Faculty of Governance, Economics, and Social Sciences, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Rabat, Morocco
- 2020            **Instructor**, CentraleSupélec, Université de Paris-Saclay
- 2020            **Instructor**, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Özyeğin University, Turkey
- 2019-2020       **Research Assistant**, Desautels Faculty of Management, McGill University  
 With Dr. Daphne Demetry.
- 2016-2018       **Visiting Researcher & Instructor**, Center for Urban Studies, İstanbul Şehir University, Turkey
- 2017            **Research Assistant**, Social Studies of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, Canada  
 With Dr. Tobias Rees.

- 2015            **Visiting PhD Student**, University of California, Berkeley  
Based at the Center for Effective Global Action, founded by Dr. Edward Miguel.
- 2014            **Lead Qualitative Researcher**, Bal Sabha impact evaluation project, India  
As part of a team composed of the Jameel Poverty Action Lab, IFPRI, and University of Michigan.
- 2012-2013      **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- 2010-2011      **Research Assistant & Database Coder**, McGill University, Montreal, Canada  
Life Histories, Health and HIV/AIDS Data Laboratory, director: Prof. Shelley Clark.
- 2008            **Archaeologist Intern**, Paris & South of France

## **ORIGINAL WORK AND PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

- 2020            “On border crossings: COVID-19 as a test to global health’s architecture”.  
COVID-19 Rapid Responses series in *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.
- 2020            “The Embodied Counterfactual”. *World Development*. Vol. 127, March 2020.
- 2014            “Behind the Map: Crises and Crisis Collectives in High-Tech Actions”. *Totem: The University of Western Ontario Journal of Anthropology*. Vol.22: Iss.1, Article 11.
- 2011            “Unpacking their libraries”. *Fields - Terrains, Undergraduate Journal of Anthropology*, McGill University. Montreal: Canada.

### **In Preparation:**

- “Reaching millions: scaling up, efforts and safe water in Kenya” for submission to *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.
- “What does evidence do? Development, policy impact, and the uncertain power of evidence” for submission to *Social Studies of Sciences*.
- “What is and what is not of the state? Partnership as enmeshment in Kenya” for submission to *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*.
- “Lentils don’t generalize – on similarity and difference in the social sciences” for submissions to *Economy and Society*.

### **Policy Analysis Reports:**

- 2014            “Empowering Adolescent Girls’ in India via ‘Children’s Parliaments’: Results from Focus Groups”, co-authored with Nikita Kapur. Submitted to teams at University of Michigan, IFPRI, and J-PAL.

### **Dissertation and Thesis:**

- 2019 *Evidence in action: An anthropology of global poverty alleviation efforts*. McGill University, Canada.
- 2012 *Behind the map: crises and crisis collectives in high-tech actions*. University of Chicago, Illinois.

### Newspaper Articles:

- 2010 « Courons Solidaires ». *Le Délit*, section Actualités, (McGill University), issued March 30, 2010.
- 2010 « Des J.O...où les minorités se font bien visibles ». *Le Délit*, section Actualités (McGill University), along with authored picture, issued March 2, 2010.

### AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2020 4S Travel grant to present at Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science
- 2018-2019 Wolfe Graduate Fellow, The Wolfe Fellowship in Scientific and Technology Literacy, McGill University, valued at 9,000\$
- 2018 TÜBİTAK Research Fellowship Program for International Researchers, the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, valued at 8,000\$
- 2016 Graduate Writing Fellowship, Anthropology McGill University, valued at 2,500\$
- 2015-2016 International Development Research of Canada Doctoral Award, valued at 18,115\$
- 2015 McGill International Experience Award for fieldwork in Kenya, valued at 1,000\$
- 2015 Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement, Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, valued at 6,000\$
- 2014 University of Michigan Department of Economics Research Grant, for the completion of qualitative fieldwork in Rajasthan (India), valued at 3,000\$
- 2014 McGill Arts Graduate Student Travel Award for fieldwork in India, valued at 2,000\$
- 2013-2016 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, valued at 105,000\$
- 2013 Fonds Recherche Société et Culture Doctoral Scholarship, Québec, valued at 60,000\$ (Declined)
- 2012-2013 McGill Graduate Excellence Fellowship Award, in support of doctoral work, valued at 6,000\$
- 2011-2012 University of Chicago Scholarship of half-tuition in support of MA studies, valued at 22,200\$

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2022 **University of Bordeaux**, *Master level*: Anthropology of development and humanitarianism (in French)
- 2021-2022 **University Mohammed VI Polytechnic**, *Undergraduate level*: Introduction to anthropology (in English); Theories in the Social Sciences (in French). *Graduate level*: Qualitative research methods for the social sciences (in French).
- 2020 **CentraleSupélec**, *Undergraduate level*: Sociology of organisations – labs & discussion sessions (in French). [online]

- 2020 **Özyeğin University**, *Undergraduate level*: Introduction to the social sciences (in English). [online]
- 2018 **İstanbul Şehir University**, *Undergraduate level*: Anthropology of infrastructure (in English).
- 2012-2013 **McGill University**: *Teaching Assistant at undergraduate level*: Medical anthropology, Anthropology of religion, and Prehistorical archaeology
- Guest lectures “The Politics of Infrastructure” at STS Turkey Winter School, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey – February 2021 [online]  
 “Global Poverty and Evidence-Based Policy” in SBP 457 - Social Policy and Planning course at Istanbul Technical University” – November 2020 [online]  
 “The Anthropology of Poverty” in Graduate Seminar on the Anthropological Perspectives on Global Issues at Istanbul Şehir University – November 2019  
 “Poverty, Economics, and Randomized Experiments” in ANTH 322 – New Horizons in Medical Anthropology course, McGill University –September 2015

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

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- Ongoing **Master’s level**:  
*At Mohammed VI Polytechnic University*: Ikhlas Djamai, Sanae Siamar  
*At Queen Mary University of London*: Marin Passerat de Silans
- 2021 **Master’s level**:  
*At Queen Mary University of London*: Elmuntasir Mukhier

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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- 2022 Invited presentation (in April and co-presented with Nassima Abdelghafour), Seminar Series Changer d’échelle – Changer de nature, **Centre de Sociologie de l’Innovation (MINES ParisTech) and Laboratoire d’Eco-anthropologie du Muséum d’Histoire Naturelle**.
- Invited paper (in June), Seminar Series Forms and Spaces of contemporary African Protests, **Konstanz University**, Germany.
- Invited paper, African Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, **Mohammed VI Polytechnic University**, Rabat, Morocco.

- 2021 **Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association**, hybrid: Baltimore & online.  
 Panel: Incomplete Infrastructures
- Workshop Beyond Audit Cultures?**, online.
- Annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science**, Toronto, Canada.  
 Panel: Mass-Produced Uncertainties  
 Panel: Global Health Futures
- German Anthropological Association Conference**, Bremen, Germany.  
 Panel: Regimes of (Im)potentiality
- Conference of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore**, Helsinki, Finland.  
 Panel : Beyond Audit Cultures?
- Invited paper, **Kadir Has University**, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Invited paper, Organizations, Critical & Ethnographic Perspectives Research Center (OCE), **emlyon Business School**, Lyon, France.
- Invited paper, **Research group AYAK at the French Institute for Anatolian Studies**, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Invited paper, Department of Sociology, **Boğaziçi University**, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2020 Invited paper, Department of Sociology, **Koç University**, Istanbul, Turquie.
- Annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science**, Prague, Czech Republic.  
 Panel: Making Global Government
- 2018 Séminaire invité, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, **Yıldız Teknik University**, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2016 Invited paper at the workshop « Evidence and Organisations in Development », **Edinburgh University**, Scotland.
- Invited paper at the workshop « Evidentiary Practices: Testing, Measuring and Accounting in Global Infrastructures », **Research Group Law, Organisation, Science, and Technology (LOST)**, Berlin, Germany.
- 2015 Invited seminar at the Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), **UC Berkeley**, United States.
- 2014 **Annual meeting of American Anthropological Association**, Washington, D.C.  
 Panel: Global Knowledge II
- 2012 Knowledge/Value Workshop, Department of Anthropology, **University of Chicago**.
- 2010 Philopolis: annual graduate philosophy conference (Concordia, McGill University, University de Montréal, and UQAM), Montreal, Canada.

## **CONFERENCE AND EVENT COORDINATION**

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- (2022) Organizer for a session “About teaching” with invited speaker Tim Ingold at Université Bordeaux-Montaigne.
- (2021) Panel organizer for “Confronting Worlds” panel at 4S – the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, co-organized with Darcie DeAngelo, Jonathan Wald, and Julianne Yip.
- (2018) Seminar organizer for a talk on Syrian refugee healthcare professionals in Istanbul by Souad Osseiran, at the Center for Urban Studies at Istanbul Şehir University, co-organized with Eda Yücesoy
- (2013-2014) Conference organizer, 5th and 6th McGill Graduate Anthropology Conference.

## **LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

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Languages	<b>French</b> , native; <b>English</b> , fluent; <b>Italian</b> : fluent; <b>Turkish</b> : upper-intermediate; <b>Spanish</b> : proficient; <b>Moroccan Arabic</b> (Darija): beginner.
Skills	Over two-year experience carrying out qualitative fieldwork research, including <b>participant-observation, interviews, focus groups, and data analysis and reporting.</b>
Training	J-PAL executive education – Evaluating Social Programs, MIT edX Challenges of Global Poverty.

## **FIELDWORK RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION**

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2021-ongoing	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso: qualitative research on access and use of daycares; remote team coordination and supervision.
2016	Kenya: 8 months of qualitative participant-observation with the NGO Evidence Action, including interview with government officials and donors.
2015	USA: participant-observation with the Center for Effective Global Action at UC Berkeley, California.
2014	Rajasthan, India: participant-observation and focus groups with the NGO Educate Girls, in partnership with the Jameel Poverty Action Lab, University of Michigan and IFPRI.

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

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2020	<b>Memberships:</b> Society for Social Studies of Science (4s); AYAK research collective at Institut Français d’Études Anatoliennes (Istanbul)
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- 2016-present **Coordinator of McGill Social Studies of Medicine Writing Group**
- 2014-present **Reviewer:** *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*; *NEXUS: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology*
- 2015 **Volunteer for International Rescue Committee (IRC)**, Sacramento, California
- 2012-2013 **Vice President Finance**, Anthropology Graduate Student Association, McGill University
- 2012 **Invited Discussant**, Knowledge/Value Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2011-2012 **Crisis Mapping Member**, Standby Task Force, Online Volunteer Community