

CHRISTOPHER ZRAUNIG
CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- Since 2019 Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University
(defense date: 1 June 2026)
Certificate Program “Gender and Sexuality Studies”
- 2021 M.A., Anthropology, Princeton University
- 2018 M.Sc., Research Master’s Social Sciences Program, Highest
Honors, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2016 B.Sc., Anthropology, University of Amsterdam
Fall 2015 Exchange Semester at NYU New York University, GPA: 4.0

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Since 2025 Fellow at Princeton University’s Writing Center
Facilitating one-on-one research writing conferences for undergraduate,
graduate, and faculty writers at any stage of the writing process.
- Fall 2024 Guest Lecturer, Princeton University School of Public and International
Affairs (SPIA). SPI 500 (required summer program for all Incoming MPA
students): Race, Power, and Inequality
- 2021–2024 Teaching Assistant, Princeton Anthropology
Lecturing, facilitating precept classes, grading, mentoring BA students
2024: ANT 301: The Ethnographer’s Craft. Prof. Elizabeth Davis
2022: ANT 240 Medical Anthropology. Prof. João Biehl;
2021: ANT 300 Ethnography, Evidence, and Experience. Prof. Jerry Zee

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

- Since 2026 Section Editor
Anthropology & Aging (peer-reviewed journal)

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 “Scham, Verfolgung, Freiheit? Queeres Altern Im Historischen
Kontext.” In *Queeres Altern. Biographische Erzählungen*, edited by
Miranda Leontowitsch, Ralf Lottmann, Christina Dülfer, and Smilla
Henning. Bielefeld: Transcript.
- [English: “Shame, Persecution, Freedom? Queer Aging in Historical
Context.” In *Queer Aging*, edited by Miranda Leontowitsch, Ralf
Lottmann et al. Bielefeld: Transcript]

Manuscripts in Submission (revise and resubmit as of 12/2025):

Negotiating Desires. Sexuality in Berlin's Long-term Residential Care Homes. *Medical Anthropology*.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2026	Jacob Climo Award, Association for Anthropology, Gerontology and the Life Course
2025	PIIRS Dissertation Fellowship, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Dissertation Year Fellowship
2025	Society for Medical Anthropology Graduate Student Award
2024	Laurence S. Rockefeller Prize Fellowship, University Center for Human Values, Dissertation Year Fellowship
2024 (declined)	PIIRS Dissertation Fellowship, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Dissertation Year Fellowship
2023	Stanley J. Seegers Summer Fellowship
2022	Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
2021	American Ethnological Society Fieldwork Grant

University Research Grants:

2025, 2023	Princeton Center for Health and Wellbeing, Research Grant
2025	Princeton Effron Center for the Study of America, Research Grant
2025, 2023	Princeton Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies, Research Grant
2024, 2022	PIIRS Research Grants
2020	Princeton Mellon Initiative Research Grant
2018	Amsterdam Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences Fieldwork Grant
2015	Knottelbet Fonds Amsterdam University Fund Study Abroad Grant

INVITED UNIVERSITY TALKS

2025	"My Best Informant's Make-Up Stick. Negotiating Desire in the Field." Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, The Netherlands
2025	"Verbatim Scenes. Experimentations in Multi-modal Ethnography." Free University Berlin, Germany
2023	"The Ethnographic Play. Exploring New Methods." Panteion University Athens, Greece
2023	"Negotiating Desires in Long-term Geriatric Care." Free University Berlin

- 2022 “We’re Still Here, We’re Still Dancing. Long-Term Survivorship of HIV and Care in New York.” University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2022 “Queer Aging & Diversity Work in Geriatric Institutions.” Free University Berlin/German Anthropological Association: Queer Interstice.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

- Sept. 2025 “Care Unsettled: Queer in Medical Anthropology.”
Medical Anthropology Europe Conference. Vienna, Austria

Panel Discussant

- Nov. 2025 “‘Other’worldly Methodologies: Queer and Crip Embodied Methods.”
American Anthropological Association Annual Conference
New Orleans, LA
- Nov. 2025 “Living Memory: Thinking with Medical Histories and Envisioning Health Futures.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference
New Orleans, LA

Papers Presented

- May 2026 “Intimate Negotiations: Sexuality in Berlin’s Long-term Care Institutions.”
AAGE (Association for Aging, Gerontology, and the Life Course) Biennial
Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- April 2026 “Residual Lives: HIV, Care, and Ambivalence in the Era of Ending AIDS.
Sprockets/Selvage/Shores – Center for Research and Study Graduate
Student Conference, NYU Tisch School of the Arts
- Nov. 2025 “The Stickiness of Touch: Intimate Labor in German Geriatric Care
Homes.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference
New Orleans, LA
- Sept. 2025 “Negotiating Desires: Sexual Access in Residential Care Homes.”
Medical Anthropology Europe Conference. Vienna, Austria
- Nov. 2024 “Care and Its Others. Queer Aging in Germany.”
American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Tampa, FL
- July 2024 “Undoing Gerontic Norms. Aging Well Outside the ‘Successful Aging
Paradigm.’” European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
Biennial Conference, Barcelona, Spain
- Nov. 2019 “Between Remembering and Forgetting: HIV as Folded Object.” American
Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC
- July 2018 “HIV as Folded Object.” EAST 2018 - Conference of the European
Association for the Study of Science and Technology, Lancaster
University, Lancaster UK

- July 2018 “Living with Multiple Temporalities of HIV.” ASSHH 2018 - International Conference of the Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- July 2018 “The (multi-)temporality of HIV in New York City” AIDS 2018, 22nd International AIDS Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

CAMPUS TALKS

- Apr. 2024 “Care and Its Others in Germany. Images From Fieldwork.” Princeton Anthropology
- Apr. 2022 “Diversity Work & Queer Aging in Berlin.” Princeton Gender & Sexuality Studies
- Feb. 2022 “Queer Aging in Berlin. What Diversity Work Does (and Doesn’t) Do, in Geriatric Institutions and Beyond.” Princeton Anthropology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-2025 Dissertation Fieldwork in Berlin, Germany, New York City, Houston, TX
Funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the American Ethnological Society, the Princeton Mellon Initiative, Princeton PIIRS, Princeton School for Public and International Affairs (SPIA)
- 2022-2023 Research Assistant to Prof. Laurence Ralph, Princeton University, for his Book project *Sito. An American Teenager and the City that Failed Him*.
- 2019 Research Associate at the Amsterdam University Medical Center (NL), working on an interdisciplinary research project on Delirium Superimposed on Dementia (DSD); PI: Prof. W.A. van Gool
- 2019 Research Consultant; Evaluating public health interventions for women Living with HIV in London, UK. PI: Dr. Sara Papparini (Oxford Univ.)
- 2017-2018 Research assistant to Prof. Marci Cottingham (University of Amsterdam), evaluating media representations of the 2014 Ebola Epidemic
- 2015-2016 Student Research Assistant to Prof. Mario Rutten (University of Amsterdam), research project with twice Indian/Ugandan twice migrants

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2018 Managing my own massage therapy company. Providing body work treatments and facilitating workshops in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2007-2011 Working as general staff (kitchen, front desk, restaurant) at Stayokay Hostel Vondelpark, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2005-2006 Mandatory Civilian Service, assistant nurse, hospital Schwarzach (Austria)

LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE AND LICENSES

German Native speaker, Princeton German Language Exam passed (2019)

English Near native speaking, certificates: GRE (ETS), TOEFL iBT,

Dutch Near native speaking, certificate: NT 2, IB-Groep, (2009)

Massage therapy license (2011)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2022—2024 Volunteer at Schwulenberatung Berlin (Germany's largest LGBT resource center), facilitating diversity trainings, groups, (part of fieldwork)

2019–2022 Volunteer at the Queens LGBT Senior Center, New York City

2017–2019 Treasurer at the foundation *Leefgroep Marnix*, promoting housing in Amsterdam for people with low income

2016–2017 Volunteer at *Buddy Rainbow Support*, providing social support for Recently relocated LGBTQ+ refugees

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association

Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA)

Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)

Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)

Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)

Society for the Anthropology of Europe (SAE)

Association for Anthropology, Gerontology and the Life Course

European Anthropological Association

German Association of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Interest Group Gender & Sexualities | Queer Anthropology

TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Anthropology

Queer Anthropology

Urban Anthropology

Anthropology of Institutions

Anthropology of the Global North

Critical Disabilities Studies

Gender and Sexuality Studies

Aging & Care