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Academic Appointments

University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth

Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Biobehavioral Health 2018 – present
Postdoctoral Researcher 2017 – 2018

University of Minnesota Law School

Affiliated Faculty 2020 - present

American Bar Foundation

Affiliated Scholar 2022 – present
Access to Justice Faculty Scholar 2021 - 2022

Carthage College

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology and Asian Studies Departments 2014 – 2016

Education

University of Washington

PhD, Sociocultural Anthropology 2014

Dissertation: “Limited Relief: Cause Lawyering on Behalf of
Unaccompanied Chinese Youth”

Dissertation Committee: Stevan Harrell (advisor), Roberto Gonzales,
George Lovell, Arzoo Osanloo

Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law and Society Studies 2014

M.A., Sociocultural Anthropology 2011

Loyola University Chicago

B.S., Anthropology, *Summa cum Laude* 2005

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Chardin Award for Superior Achievement in
the Study of Anthropology

Southwest Minzu University, Chengdu China 2003

Fellowships and Awards

American Bar Foundation / JPB Foundation Access to Justice Faculty Scholar Award 2021 – 2022

UCLA Law and Humanities Junior Scholar Award 2020

“Duluth 20 Under 40” Award Winner, *Duluth News Tribune* 2020

Herz Fellowship for Teaching in Academic Medicine 2018

University of Minnesota Medical School

Health Equity Leadership and Mentoring (HELM) Fellowship 2017

University of Minnesota Medical School

Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Graduate Student Award 2014

University of Washington

Recognition for Excellence in Service Award 2013

Association for Political and Legal Anthropology

Gordon C. Culp Fellowship in Chinese Studies 2008 - 2012

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Intermediate Mandarin 2010

University of Washington

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Intermediate Tibetan 2008
University of Wisconsin
Gannon Women in Leadership Award, Loyola University Chicago 2005

Publications

Books

Statz, Michele. 2018. *Lawyering an Uncertain Cause: Immigration Advocacy and Chinese Youth in the U.S.* Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.

Statz, Michele and Daniel Newman. (Edited Volume, Under Review). *Whose Rural? Global Reflections on Positionality and Place in Rural Access to Justice Scholarship.*

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Watters, Brianna, Rob Stewart, Michele Statz. Under Review. “Retribution for Tribal Sovereignty: Spatial Control and Disparate Punishment of Native Communities.” *Punishment and Society.*

Statz, Michele and Megan Bristow. 2023. “Addressing Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders in Rural Places: A Knowledge Infrastructure.” *Wellbeing, Space & Society.*

Statz, Michele. 2022. “‘It is here we are loved’: Rural Place Attachment in Active Judging and Access to Justice.” *Law & Social Inquiry.* 1-31.

Statz, Michele. 2021. “On Shared Suffering: Judicial Intimacy in the Rural Northland.” *Law & Society Review* 58(1): 5-37.* <https://doi.org/10.1111/lasr.12537>

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lana.2021.100012>

Statz, Michele, Billings, Katie, and Jordan Wolf. 2021. “Rurality as Concordance: Addressing the Mental Health Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence across Rural Counties and Tribal Reservations.” *Sociological Perspectives.* <https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214211019078>

Statz, Michele and Kaylie Evers. 2020. “Spatial Barriers as Moral Failings: What Rural Distance Can Teach Us about Women’s Health and Medical Mistrust.” *Health & Place* 64.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2020.102396>.

Statz, Michele and Paula Termuhlen. 2020. “Rural Legal Deserts are a Critical Health Determinant.” *American Journal of Public Health.* E1-e4. <https://doi:10.2105/AJPH.2020.305807>.

Statz, Michele and Lauren Heidbrink. 2019. “A Better ‘Best Interests’: Immigration Policy in a Comparative Context.” *Law & Policy.* <https://doi.org/10.1111/lapo.12135>

Statz, Michele and Lisa Pruitt. 2019. “A Spatial Reading of *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt*: Legal Recognition of the Tyranny of Distance.” *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space.*
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X18757508>

Heidbrink, Lauren and Michele Statz. 2017. “Parenting Global Youth: Contesting Debt and Belonging.” *Children’s Geographies* 15(5): 545-557. DOI: 10.1080/14733285.2017.1284645.

Statz, Michele. 2016. "Chinese Difference and Deservingness: The Paper Lives of Young Migrants." *American Behavioral Scientist* 60(13): 1629–1648. DOI: 10.1177/0002764216664946.

Statz, Michele. 2016. "Between Children and Transnational Economic Actors: The Discounted 'Belongings of Young Chinese Migrants.'" *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 39 (S1): 4-18. DOI:10.1111/plar.12168.

Law Review Articles

Statz, Michele, Hon. Robert Friday & Jon Bredeson. 2021. "They had access, but they didn't get justice': Why Prevailing Access to Justice Initiatives Fail Rural Americans." *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy* 28 (321).

Lisa R. Pruitt, Amanda Kool, Lauren Sudeall, Michele Statz, Danielle Conway, and Hannah Haksgaard. 2018. "Legal Deserts: A Multi-State Perspective on Rural Access to Justice." *Harvard Law & Policy Review* 13 (15).

Book Chapters

Statz, Michele. Forthcoming, 2024. "Access to Civil Justice in Diverse Rural Places." *Research Handbook on the Civil Justice System*, edited by Anne Bloom, David Engel, and Richard Jolly. New York: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Statz, Michele. Forthcoming, 2024. "Afterword." *Rural Access to Justice*, edited by Daniel Newman and Faith Gordon. London: Bloomsbury Publishing.

Statz, Michele and Will Garriott. 2022. "Ethnographic Research: Immersing Oneself in the Rural Environment." In *Research Methods for Rural Criminologists*, edited by Ralph Weisheit, Jessica Peterson, and Artur Pytlarz. New York: Routledge.

Heidbrink, Lauren and Michele Statz. 2021. "Youth Circulations: Tracing the real and imagined circulations of global youth." *Children and Youth as Subjects, Objects, Agents: Innovative Approaches to Research Across Space and Time*. Deborah Levison, MJ Maynes, and Frances Vavrus, eds. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Statz, Michele. 2018. "Transnational Migration and the Construction of Vulnerability." *Routledge Handbook on Ethics and International Relations*, Brent Steele and Eric Heinze, eds. New York: Routledge.

Book Reviews

Statz, Michele. 2017. Review essay: "Papers, Performance, and Making Immigration Matter." (Reviewing *Contesting Immigration Policy in Court: Legal Activism and Its Radiating Effects in the United States and France*, by Leila Kavar (2015) and *American By Paper: How Documents Matter in Immigration Literacy*, by Kate Vieira (2016)). *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. <https://polarjournal.org/2017/08/04/review-essay-papers-performance-and-makingimmigration-matter/>.

Statz, Michele. 2016. Review of *The Australian Country Girl: History, Image, Experience*. (Catherine Driscoll 2014). *Rural Sociology*. DOI: 10.1111/ruso.12150.

Statz, Michele. 2015. Review of *On the Doorstep of Europe: Asylum and Citizenship in Greece*. (Heath Cabot 2014). *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*, February 2015. DOI: 10.1111/1469-8676.12096_4.

Community Reports

Statz, Michele and Brianna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of Bois Forte Tribal Court.

Statz, Michele and Brianna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of St. Louis County District Court - Virginia.

Statz, Michele and Brianna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of Mille Lacs County District Court.

Statz, Michele and Brianna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of Bayfield County Circuit Court.

Statz, Michele and Brianna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of St. Louis County District Court – Duluth.

Bredeson, Jon and Michele Statz. 2019. *Not a Legal Issue: A Report on Community Legal Need*. (Legal Needs Assessment of Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota). www.northlandproject.org/assessments-and-reports.

Wolf, Jordan and Michele Statz. 2018. *Wisconsin Judicare Community Needs Assessment*. (Legal Needs Assessment of Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.) <https://www.northlandproject.org/assessments-and-reports>.

Policy Reports and Other Public Writing

Statz, Michele. 2020. *The Rural A2J Guide*. <https://www.northlandproject.org/the-rural-a2j-guide>.

Statz, Michele. 2019. “On the Immigration History Research Center, or: What fuels you?” *Youth Circulations*, July 15, 2019. <http://www.youthcirculations.com/blog/2019/5/16/on-the-immigration-history-research-center-archives-or-what-fuels-you>.

Statz, Michele and Lauren Heidbrink. 2018. “Migration as Clickbait.” *Anthropology News*. February 6, 2018. DOI: 10.1111/AN.760.

Statz, Michele. 2017. “Who Didn’t Apply for DACA and Why It Matters.” *The Gender Policy Report*. <http://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/who-didnt-apply-for-daca-and-why-it-matters/>.

Statz, Michele. 2017. “Local Knowledge, Methods, and Manioc Landraces.” *Anthropology News* 58: e247-252. DOI: 10.1111/AN.341.

Statz, Michele and Lauren Heidbrink. “Widening the Frame: Unaccompanied Youth.” 9/15/14. Inaugural blog post for the American Anthropological Association’s Association of Children and Youth Interest Group (ACYIG) website. <http://www.aaanet.org/sections/acyig/2014/09/15/widening-the-frame-unaccompanied-youth/>.

Heidbrink, Lauren and Michele Statz. 2014. “Real help for immigrant children.” Letter to the Editor in the *LA Times*, 6/11/2014. <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/readersreact/la-le-0611-wednesday-immigrant-youth-20140611-story.html>.

Grants

Current External Sources

1. Role: PI
Granting Agency: National Science Foundation
Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC) Planning Grant
Grant Title: “CIVIC-PG Track B: Bridging the Rural Justice Gap: Innovating & Scaling Up Civil Access to Justice in Alaska”
Project Dates: 2022-2023

Amount Awarded: \$50,000
% Effort / Salary Support: .2 FTE

2. Role: PI
Granting Agency: National Science Foundation
Grant Title: “When Place Matters: A Comparative Study of Access and Justice across Tribal and State Courts”
Project Dates: 2022-2025
Amount Awarded: \$310,000
% Effort / Salary Support: .2 FTE
3. Role: Co-PI
Granting Agency: University of Minnesota Human Rights Initiative Research Grant
Grant Title: “Using a Human Rights-based Approach to Address Housing Precarity in Rural Minnesota”
Project Dates: 2022-2023
Amount Awarded: \$50,000
% Effort / Salary Support: 0

Pending External Sources

1. Role: PI
Granting Agency: National Science Foundation
Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC) Full Award (Submitted 03/2023)
Grant Title: “CIVIC-FA Track B: Bridging the Rural Justice Gap: Innovating & Scaling Up Civil Access to Justice in Alaska”
Project Dates: 2023-2024
Amount Requested: \$999,999
% Effort / Salary Support: 2
2. Role: PI
Granting Agency: Research for Indigenous Social Action and Equity (RISE) Center, U Michigan (Submitted 03/2023)
Grant Title: “Elevating and Advancing the Access to Justice Efforts of Rural Indigenous Judges”
Amount Requested: \$10,000
% Effort / Salary Support: NA

Past External Sources

1. Role: PI
Granting Agency: American Bar Foundation / JPB Foundation
Grant Title: “A Measure of Love: Evaluating Place-Based Intimacy as a Dimension of Rural Justice”
Project Dates: 2021-2022
Amount Awarded: \$65,000
% Effort / Salary Support: .4 FTE
2. Role: PI
Granting Agency: National Science Foundation
Grant Title: “Northland Access to Justice Supplemental Research Award”
Project Dates: 2020-2022
Amount Awarded: \$40,000
% Effort / Salary Support: .2 FTE
3. Role: PI
Granting Agency: National Science Foundation

Grant Title: “Northland Access to Justice: Legal Advocacy, Equity, and Mobilization”
 Project Dates: 2017-2020
 Amount Awarded: \$200,000
 % Effort / Salary Support: .2 FTE

4. Role: PI
 Granting Agency: University of Minnesota Updraft Grant
 Grant Title: “Determining Community Need through Geospatial Analysis”
 Project Dates: 2019
 Amount Awarded: \$4,826
 % Effort / Salary Support: 0

5. Role: PI
 Granting Agency: University of Minnesota Herz Fellowship for Teaching in Academic
 Medicine
 Grant Title: “Implementing Student Voice at the University of Minnesota Medical School”
 Project Dates: 2018
 Amount Awarded: \$4000
 % Effort / Salary Support: 0

6. Role: PI
 External Granting Agency: American Association of University Women
 Grant Title: “Limited Relief: Cause Lawyering on Behalf of Unaccompanied Chinese Youth”
 Project Dates: 2013
 Amount Awarded: \$20,000
 % Effort / Salary Support: 0

7. Role: PI
 External Granting Agency: National Science Foundation
 Grant Title: “Limited Relief: Cause Lawyering on Behalf of Unaccompanied Chinese Youth”
 Project Dates: 2011
 Amount Awarded: \$18,000
 % Effort / Salary Support: 0

Presentations

Invited Keynote Addresses and Presentations at International Professional Meetings

“Rural Housing Precarity” (Statement) United Nations Human Rights Council - 49th session, Geneva, Switzerland	2022
“Access to Agrarian Justice” International Seminar on Challenges and Perspectives of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP) The Institute of Agricultural Law at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany	2022
“Place Attachment and Access to Justice” International Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Lisbon, Portugal	2022
“Rurality, Rights, and Law from a Working-Class Perspective” Alliance of Working-Class Academics Seminar Series Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom	2021

“Inclusivity and the Law: Do We Need to Prohibit Class Discrimination?” (Comments) 2021
British Institute of International and Comparative Law Harry Weinrebe Memorial Lecture
SOAS University of London, United Kingdom

“Innovations that were already there: How rural judges have navigated digital deserts during 2020
(and before) COVID-19”
“Transforming the Judiciary” Mini-Conference, Technological University Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Invited Keynote Addresses and Presentations at National Professional Meetings

“Intimacy and Rural Place: Feeling a New Access to Justice” 2023
National Access to Justice Roundtable
University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC

“STAR Justice Series: Place-Based Advocacy and Judging in Rural Areas” 2023
Southern Methodist University Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center, Dallas, TX

“Place-Based Judging in Rural Tribal and State Courts” 2022
American Bar Foundation Access to Justice Showcase
Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

“STAR Justice Series: Judicial Ethics in Rural Criminal Law” 2022
Southern Methodist University Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center, Dallas, TX

“Reimagining Place, Reimagining Justice” 2022
Reimagining Justice: From Ideas to Impact National Conference, Chicago, IL

“It is here we are loved”: Place Attachment in Active Judging and Access to Justice 2022
American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY

“A Socio-Spatial Consideration of ‘Just Solutions’” 2022
Access to Civil Justice, Regulatory Reform and Just Solutions Conference, Tempe, AZ

“Place-based Judging and Rural Access to Justice” 2022
National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference, Green Bay, WI

“What Do We Know About Access to Justice? Actionable Insights from Current Research” 2022
ABA/NLADA National Equal Justice Conference, Minneapolis, MN

“Rural Access to Justice” 2021
Access to Justice Law Reform Seminar
Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA

“Berkeley Boosts: Rural Access to Justice” (Keynote) 2021
UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA

“Rurality and Judging” (Keynote) 2021
Berkeley Judicial Institute, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA

“Youth Development and Education: Pressing Youth Issues in 2021” 2021
American University, Washington, D.C.

“Representation and Influence: The Work of Youth Circulations” 2021

Syracuse University School of Architecture, Syracuse, NY	
“A Measure of Love: Judicial Intimacy in the Rural Northland” Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Chicago, IL/hybrid	2021
““They had access, but they didn’t get justice’: Why Prevailing Access to Justice Initiatives Fail Rural Americans.” Rural Legal Scholars Workshop, University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law	2020
“A Better Best Interests” In Children's Best Interests Symposium, American University Washington College of Law	2020
“Lawyering an Uncertain Cause” Invited Book Talk, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA	2019
“Lawyering an Uncertain Cause” Invited book talk: California State University – Long Beach, Long Beach, CA	2019
“On Law and Rurality” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Washington, D.C.	2019
“Researching Immigrants and Refugees in Rapidly-Changing Contexts” Late-breaking Session, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA	2018
“Poverty, Justice, and Lived Expertise Across the Rural Northland” “Rural Poverty Fifty Years After <i>The People Left Behind</i> ” Conference, Washington, D.C.	2018
“Identity and Experience Across the Rural Landscape” Rural Politics Mini-conference: The 2016 Elections—Where We Are Now Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio	2017
“A Spatial Reading of <i>Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt</i> : Recognizing the Tyranny of Distance” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA	2017
“When we don’t talk about care: Immigrant advocacy efforts in rural America” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN	2016
“Chinese Difference and Deservedness: The Paper Lives of Immigration Law” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities (ASLCH) Conference, Hartford, CT.	2016
“Seasonal Work, Seasonal Lives: Migrant Housing Precarity in the Rural West” Rural West Conference, sponsored by Stanford University. Missoula, MT.	2016
“Parenting Global Youth: Contestations of Debt and Belonging” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO	2015
“Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Activism and Advocating for Vulnerable Immigrants.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, WA.	2015
“Labor, Legality and Everyday Life: Global Youth in Rural America.” Rural West Conference, sponsored by Stanford University. Portland, OR.	2015
“Chinese Difference and Deservedness: The Paper Lives of Immigration Law.”	2014

ClassCrits VII—Poverty, Precarity, and Work: Struggle and Solidarity in an Era of Permanent Crisis
UC Davis School of Law, CA.

“Illegality, Youth and Belonging” 2013
Youth Migration Symposium, Harvard University, Boston, MA.

Invited Keynote Addresses and Presentations at Regional Professional Meetings

“Access to Health and Justice in Minnesota” 2023
Hennepin County Healthcare Center Medicine Grand Rounds, Minneapolis, MN

“Rural Access to Justice in Greater Minnesota” (Keynote) 2022
Minnesota Association of County Administrators Annual Conference, Bloomington, MN

“Understanding and Improving Rural Access to Justice in Wisconsin” 2022
State Bar of Wisconsin Equal Justice Conference. Milwaukee, WI.

“When Access to Justice Matters on the Range” (Keynote) 2022
Iron Range Bar Association, Chisom, Minnesota

“Access to Justice in Rural Tribal and State Courts” 2021
Wisconsin Department of Justice
Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Legal Subcommittee, Madison, WI

“Love Letter from the Boondocks: Debunking the Myths of Rural Justice” (Keynote) 2021
Minnesota State Bar Association Pro Bono Week event, Minneapolis, MN

“Access to Justice and Rural ‘Justice Gaps’” 2021
University of Minnesota Law School “Crash the Course,” Minneapolis, MN

“Place Attachment in Active Judging and Access to Justice” 2021
Midwest Law & Society Retreat, Madison, WI

“Rural Access to Justice and the Pandemic” (Keynote) 2020
Minnesota State Bar Association Convention, Minneapolis, MN

“An Introduction to Judicial Performance Evaluations” (Keynote) 2020
Minnesota 6th Judicial District Judges’ Retreat

“Rural Access to Justice in Greater Minnesota” 2020
Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St Paul, MN

“Rural Access to Justice: A Study in Needs and Approaches” (Keynote) 2019
Minnesota Legal Services Coalition: 2019 Statewide Conference, Alexandria, MN

“An In-depth Study on the State of Legal Practice in Greater Minnesota: Lessons for All Small Firms, No Matter the Location” (Keynote) 2019
Solo and Small Firms Conference, Minnesota State Bar Association, Duluth, MN

“Rural Justice Gaps as a Critical Health Disparity” 2019
University of Minnesota Medical School Community Advisory Board Meeting, Duluth, MN

“Access to Justice Across the Rural Northland” (Keynote) 2019

Minnesota State Bar Association “One Profession” event, 9 th Judicial District, Bemidji, MN	
“Access to Justice Across the Rural Northland” (Keynote) Minnesota State Bar Association “One Profession” event, 6 th Judicial District, Duluth, MN	2019
“On Shared Suffering: Judicial Intimacy and Discretion in the Rural Northland.” Midwest Law and Society Retreat, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI	2018
“Best Interests of Unaccompanied Children: Immigration Policy in a Global Context” Migration Across Global Regimes of Childhood Symposium, University of Minnesota	2018
“Civil Legal Aid as a Component of Rural Health Equity” Minnesota Rural Health Conference, Duluth, MN	2018
“Northland Access to Justice: Wisconsin Overview” (Keynote) Wisconsin State Bar Association Access to Justice Meeting, Madison, WI	2017
Conferences and Panels Organized	
Indigenous Access to Civil Justice Global Conference (conference co-organizer) Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	2023
“Bureaucracy, Courts, and Revolving Doors: How Government Systems and Legal Structures Erode Access to Justice in the Rural United States” (Panel) Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Lisboa, Portugal / hybrid	2022
“Access to Justice, Institutions, and Everyday People: What's Different about the Rural US?” (Panel) Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL / hybrid	2021
“Counter-Narratives of the Rural Access to Justice Crisis: Interrogating Hypotheses, Methods, and the Stories We Tell” (Panel) Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL/hybrid	2021
“Judging in Dialogue” (Panel) Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, virtual conference	2020
“Tracing Plurality, Process and Persistent Injustice across the Rural Landscape: Ethnographic Engagements with State and Tribal Courts” (Panel) American Anthropological Association, 2018, San Jose, CA	2018
“Claiming and Contesting Vulnerability in Rural America.” (Panel) Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, WA	2015
“Encountering Culture: Imaginaries of and by Global Youth.” (Panel) Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO	2015
“Intergenerational Identity and the Institutional Dismantling of Intimate Narratives of Global Youth.” (Panel) Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Minneapolis, MN	2014

Media Appearances

Legal Services Corporation Talk Justice Podcast. 2022. “The Crisis in Access to Justice in Rural America.” <https://legaltalknetwork.com/podcasts/talk-justice/2022/03/the-crisis-in-access-to-justice-in-rural-america/>. March 9, 2022.

State Bar of Wisconsin interview. 2022. “Rural Legal Deserts: Hazardous to Health.” January 28. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REX1Wbvfla4>

Ackerson, Hon. David. 2021. “One Rural Judge’s Reflection on ‘Shared Suffering’ by Michele Statz.” *The Rural Reconciliation Project Commentary*, May 5. <https://www.ruralreconcile.org/ruralreview/shared-suffering-reflection>.

“Just Us and the Law” podcast. 2021. Interview about research and rural access to justice. August 8. Mitchell Hamline Law School.

Weeks, Olivia. 2021. “Research: Big-City Approaches to Legal Aid Don’t Work in Rural Settings” *Daily Yonder*, March 31, 2021. <https://dailyyonder.com/research-big-city-approaches-to-legal-aid-dont-work-in-rural-settings/2021/03/31/>.

“Episode 22: Children and Youth as Subjects, Objects, Agents.” 2021. Critical Childhoods and Youth Studies Collective (CCYSC) Awaaz podcast. July 22. <https://anchor.fm/ccysc-awaaz/episodes/Children-and-Youth-as-Subjects--Objects--Agents-e14r9al>.

Redman, Henry. 2020. “Lack of rural lawyers harms people’s health.” *Wisconsin Examiner*, August 31, 2020. <https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2020/08/31/lack-of-rural-lawyers-harms-peoples-health/>.

Mosedale, Mike. 2019. “Atticus Doesn’t Live Here Anymore: Rural Minnesota lawyers are facing a succession crisis. Can anything be done?” *Bench and Bar of Minnesota*. 09/2019.

Zeigler, Catherine. 2019. “Michele Statz, finding balance in America’s heartland.” *Anthropology, Actually*, January 4, 2019. <https://anthropology.washington.edu/news/2019/01/04/anthropology-actually-michele-statz-finding-balance-americas-heartland>.

Rea, Mary. 2019. “LASNEM and U of M Medical School Partner on Rural Access to Justice Study.” *Legal Services State Support* blog, January 14, 2019. <http://www.mnlegalservices.org/legal-services-in-the-news/2019/1/14/lasnem-and-u-of-m-medical-school-partner-on-rural-access-to-justice-study>.

Tuten, Cassandra. 2018. “Researchers Conducting Study on Access to Justice in Rural Communities.” *Grand Rapids Herald Review* December 15, 2018. https://www.grandrapidsmn.com/free_press/researchers-conducting-study-on-access-to-justice-in-rural-communities/article_f3065d1c-ffe8-11e8-9491-a34e573a2b1a.html.

Koons, Jennifer. 2018. “Tear Gas, Children, and ‘Distracted Outrage’: Dissecting the Most Common Response to Children in Distress.” *Medium* December 5, 2018. <https://medium.com/@jkoons/tear-gas-children-and-distracted-outrage-5a1eecd76475>.

Professional Leadership

Leadership Council Member, National Advisory Council for Frontline Justice	2023 – present
Advisory Council Member, NSF Law & Science Dissertation Grant program	2023 – present
Board Member, ACLU – Minnesota	2023 – present
Consultant, Pew Charitable Trusts Civil Court Modernization Principles Framework	2022
Consultant, Judicial Innovation Fellowship Program, Georgetown Law	2022

Co-founder and Editor, Youth Circulations (www.youthcirculations.com)	2014 – present
Co-founder, Law and Rurality Collaborative Research Network Law and Society Association	2019 – present

Service to the Profession

Board Member, <i>Law and Society Review</i> Editorial Advisory Board	2023 – present
Member, Legal Services Corporation Rural Justice Task Force	2021 - present
Board Member, International Alliance for Working Class Academics	2019 – present
Member, Law and Society Association	2013 - present
Elected Committee Member, Rural Sociological Society Ethics Committee	2018 – 2019
Co-editor, <i>Culture & Agriculture</i> , American Anthropological Association	2016 - 2018
Member, American Association of Geographers	2014 – 2021
Member, Rural Sociological Society	2013 - 2020
Member, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology	2013 – 2020
Member, Society for Applied Anthropology	2012 – 2018
Member, American Anthropological Association Culture and Agriculture Section	2012 - 2015
Member, American Anthropological Association	2010 – 2018

Proposal Reviewer	National Science Foundation Law and Science DDRIG Proposal Reviewer	2023
	National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Advisory Panel	2021
	National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Advisory Panel	2020
	National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Program Senior Proposal Reviewer	2019
	National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Advisory Panel	2019
	National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Advisory Panel	2018

Peer Reviewer	<i>American Anthropologist</i>
	<i>Anthropological Quarterly</i>
	<i>Gender, Place and Culture</i>
	<i>International Journal of Rural Criminology</i>
	<i>Law & Social Inquiry</i>
	<i>Law & Society Review</i>
	<i>Lancet Regional Health - Americas</i>
	<i>PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review</i>
	<i>Social Forces</i>
	University of California Press

Service to the Institution

Co-Chairperson	Foundations Committee	2022-present
Elected Chairperson	Duluth Scientific Foundations Committee	2021-2023
Elected Committee Member	Regional Campus Faculty Advisory Committee	2019-2021
Search Committee Member	Regional Campus Dean Search Committee	2021-2022
	End User 1 (IT) Staff Search Committee	2019
	End User 2 (IT) Staff Search Committee	2018
Co-organizer	Women’s Mentoring Group	2019 - 2021
Committee Member	Educational Advisory Council	2021-present
	Medical School Education Committee	2021-present
	Committee on Undergraduate Medical Education	2017-2021

Teaching and Curriculum Development

University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth, MN

Course Director	Rural Health MPact Course	2022 - present
Lecturer	Essentials of Clinical Medicine (TC campus) (2 hours)	2022
Course Director	Justice, Law, and Medicine	2021 – present
Lecturer	Access to Rural Justice and Health in Minnesota (2 hours)	2021 – present
Content Writer	Problem Based Learning (PBL) cases, NeuroMedicine	2020 - 2021
Course Director	Social and Behavioral Medicine II	2017 – 2019
Course Director	Social and Behavioral Medicine I	2017 - 2018
Facilitator	Problem Based Learning (PBL), NeuroMedicine	2019 - 2020

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