

# Boston University School of Medicine, Division of Graduate Medical Sciences

## Program Information

Program Name	Boston University School of Medicine, Division of Graduate Medical Sciences
General Description / Special Programs	<p>Based in the Division of Graduate Medical Sciences at Boston University School of Medicine (which awards the degree) the Master of Science in Medical Anthropology &amp; Cross-Cultural Practice (MACCP) is a two-year, full-time program requiring research methods and theory courses, seven electives, an eight-month service-learning internship in the student's potential field site, intensive summer fieldwork, training in data analysis and ethnographic writing, and professional development workshops. Students also attend the weekly Research-In-Progress meeting in the Department of Family Medicine, with clinician researchers. (Students can opt to participate in the program on a half-time basis.) The overall goal of the MACCP program is to provide interdisciplinary training in medical anthropology and cross-cultural research, advocacy and/or clinical practice. The curriculum has been designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the theory and methods of medical anthropological and qualitative research, and in the student's own area of concentration. The combination of a core curriculum and elective courses allows students to design a program tailored to their specific needs and career plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theory and its application to medical anthropological research</li> <li>• Research design and related proposal development for BU School of Medicine Institutional Review Board (ethics committee) review</li> <li>• Qualitative and anthropological research and fieldwork methods</li> <li>• Proposal development for funding applications</li> <li>• The student's own area of research concentration</li> <li>• Skill and career-development workshops</li> <li>• Techniques for translating medical anthropological research into clinical interventions and services</li> <li>• Original research experiences, resulting in a master's thesis that emphasizes the integration of medical anthropology with the student's own discipline and career goals. The thesis, on a topic of the student's choice, must demonstrate a solid research design; engagement in fieldwork with the collection of related data; data analysis skills; the effective application of theory; and well written ethnographic results. By the time students complete their program they should be able to demonstrate:</li> <li>• Advanced knowledge of the history and breadth of medical anthropology theory and its application in research;</li> <li>• An ability to design and propose an original fieldwork research project for Institutional Review Board review and funding agencies, including the use of community-based participatory research methods;</li> <li>• Expertise in a particular area of research concentration;</li> <li>• The ability to collaborate with a group related to their research focus, to develop applied dimensions;</li> <li>• The ability to work across disciplinary boundaries.</li> <li>• Strategies for effective public and professional communication of medical anthropology research through publication and presentations</li> </ul>
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## Program Details

Degrees Offered	MS
Tuition Information	For the most up to date information on tuition and fees, please visit <a href="http://www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/students/financing-options">www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/students/financing-options</a> . We provide every student admitted to the program with a Tuition-Reduction Provost's Scholarship equivalent to the cost of one of the four semesters.
Highest Degree Offered	MA/MS
Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropology</li> <li>• Applied Anthropology</li> <li>• Cultural Anthropology</li> </ul>
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Anthropology</li> <li>• Cultural Anthropology</li> </ul>
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internship</li> </ul>
MA/ MS Requirements	Required Seminars: History and Theory of Medical Anthropology (Parts 1 & 2), Medical Anthropological & Qualitative Research Methods and Design, IRB Proposal Development and Writing, Service Learning Internship, Summer Fieldwork (Parts 1 & 2), Medical Anthropological & Qualitative Data Analysis, Reading Ethnography in Medical Anthropology, Writing Ethnography in Medical Anthropology, Final Writing Project (Parts 1 & 2). Electives: Seven elective course are required. A minimum of 3 must be selected from those offered within the program. Students also have the option to pursue a 3- or 4-credit independent directed study project within MACCP or to take an elective course from any of those offered within the Division of Graduate Medical Sciences. Up to 12 elective credits can be taken in other parts of the university (e.g., the School of Public Health).
MA/MS Specializations	Medical Anthropology, Applied Anthropology
Research Facilities	African Studies Center with extensive library holdings, computer center; International Center for East Asian Archaeology and Cultural History; Institute on Culture, Religion & World Affairs; Pardee Center for Global Studies
Support Opportunities	We provide each student with a Provost's Tuition-Reduction Scholarship for full-time study (awards for half-time students are pro-rated accordingly). The program website also provides links to other funding sources for which students may want to apply.
Library Resources	Alumni Medical Library; Mugar Library; department library
Internships Available	
Internship Info	Throughout their first year, all students are required to do a Service-Learning Internship in their potential fieldwork site. Students develop their Service Learning Internship sites, mentored by the Service Learning Internship Program (SLIP) coordinator and the student's program advisor. All placements must be in the Boston region, and can include such sites as clinical settings; non-profit agencies; advocacy organizations; and religious centers, among others.
Internship Required	
Certs Offered	



## Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Area(s) of Expertise	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Linda Barnes		lbarnes@bu.edu	History and anthropology of therapeutic pluralism in the United States, with a focus on Chinese medicine and healing traditions in the U.S., and the interdisciplinary study of medical anthropology and comparative religious studies.	United States	Western Hemisphere
Lance Laird		llaird@bu.edu	Multiple intersections of Muslim identity with healing professions and public health in the US. Dr. Laird is currently an organizer with the Greater Boston Muslim Health Initiative, studying networks of faith and health that affect local Muslims; and conducting research on healthcare access for Muslim women who have experienced domestic violence.	United States	Western Hemisphere
Justeen Hyde		Justeen.Hyde@va.gov	Participatory research and evaluation approaches in health services research; understanding experiences of care among vulnerable populations; social determinants of health; qualitative research methods; Health Services Researcher at Center for Healthcare Outcomes and Implementation Research, Veteran's Administration		
Bayla Ostrach		ostrachb@bu.edu	Reproductive justice, publicly funded health systems, the role of social and mutual support in people's ability to overcome obstacles, and Syndemics (available for online directed studies).	Catalunya, United States	Europe / Eurasia, Western Hemisphere
Pietra Check			Research and practice interests include research translation; health equity and social determinants of health; public health policy; mixed methods research and evaluation; working with low-literacy, Spanish-speaking, and immigrant communities; plain language communication; transdisciplinary research, and global health	Puerto Rico, and Puerto Rican communities in the United States	Western Hemisphere
Merav Shohet		shohetm@bu.edu	Psychological, medical, and linguistic anthropology, focused on the subjective, emotional lives of specific persons to illuminate how discursive practices – and the socio-historical and political-economic transformations of which they are a part – mediate individuals' experiences of moral personhood and lived possibilities in extra-clinical contexts of care-giving, suffering and recovery.	Vietnam, United States	East Asia and the Pacific, Vietnam, Western Hemisphere
Lois McCloskey		loism@bu.edu	Health care of women and their infants, particularly in communities that are under-served. In both international and domestic settings, her work focuses on the disconnects between the lives of women and the health care systems meant to serve their needs across the life course and proven strategies for engaging and activating women to be full partners in their reproductive health care and planning.	United States	Western Hemisphere
Anthony Petro		apetro@bu.edu	Religion and culture in the United States; religion, medicine, and public health; and gender and sexuality studies	United States	Western Hemisphere

