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Executive Summary

Academic leader, anthropologist, and interdisciplinary scholar with extensive experience advancing research, education, and institutional leadership across the biomedical sciences, social sciences, humanities, and cultural heritage. Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology, former Director of the Center for the Humanities at Temple (CHAT), Fulbright U.S. Scholar, and Principal Investigator on multiple U.S. Government-funded research and educational projects. Experienced in shared governance, strategic planning, curriculum innovation, budget administration, faculty mentoring, ethics oversight, and interdisciplinary program development. Proven record of leading institutional change, strengthening cross-campus collaboration, and advancing research, public engagement, and international partnerships.

Leadership Appointments

- Chair, Department of Anthropology (2021–Present)
- Professor of Anthropology (2024–Present)
- Director, Center for the Humanities at Temple (2019–2025)
- Executive Committee, College of Liberal Arts (Elected Member 2023–2026; Chair 2024–2026)

University Leadership & Shared Governance

- Elected Member, Faculty Senate (2013–2020; 2025–2028)
- Appointed Member, University Research Council (2024-2026)
- Elected Member, Graduate Board (2013-2016; 2018-2024)
- Member, Institutional Review Board A1 (2021-present)
- Chair, CLA Budget Priorities Committee (2020-2023); Chair (2020-2021)
- Leader, Department Self-Study and External Review; undergraduate and graduate curriculum revision
- Invited participant in Temple University strategic planning and AAHRPP accreditation initiatives
- Leadership during COVID-19 transition to online teaching and graduate student strike

Selected Administrative Accomplishments

- Implementation of Temple's undergraduate, 4+1, and M.A. programs in Cultural Heritage Management.
- Supported development of the Temple Anthropology Laboratory and Museum (TALM).
- Managed departmental budgets, faculty recruitment, mentoring, promotion, and annual evaluation.
- Directed interdisciplinary humanities initiatives and faculty development through CHAT.
- Principal Investigator on NSF, NIH, Fulbright, APS, other foundation, and Temple-funded projects.

Areas of Expertise

Shared governance • Strategic planning • Faculty affairs • Curriculum development • Budget and research administration • Ethics oversight • Interdisciplinary leadership • International partnerships • Public engagement