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Dr. Chaiken's career is a nutritional anthropologist who has combined professional activities in academia with research and consulting in international development. She builds on more than a decade of field research in Southeast Asia and Africa in which she has focused on a wide variety of issues, including voluntary and involuntary resettlement, agricultural development, gender equity, poverty reduction, and design of culturally sensitive health care systems. Her recent work has examined means to incorporate participatory perspectives in planning emergency humanitarian response, and programs in nutrition, and maternal and child health in the age of chronic hunger and HIV/AIDS. Her professional experiences in academia include significant institutional leadership and evaluation of academic departments, and diverse and effective teaching.

PERMANENT POSITION:

Dean (August 2014 – present)
William Conroy Honors College
New Mexico State University

Professor and Academic Department Head (January 2009-July 2014)
Distinguished Achievement Professor (May 2012 – present)
New Mexico State University

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Anthropology (December 1983) and M.A. in Anthropology (December 1979)
University of California
Santa Barbara, California

B.A. in Anthropology (June 1977, *Magna cum Laude*)
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

LANGUAGES:

English-native language
Tagalog (Philippines) - good speaking and comprehension, fair writing and reading
French – fair speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing.
Spanish, Portuguese, German – basic comprehension

FIELD RESEARCH

Mozambique – intermittent 2004-present
Ethiopia – 2004
US – 2000, 2017
United Kingdom - 1995
Indonesia – 1991
Kenya – 1983-1990
Zambia – 1987
Zimbabwe -- 1987
Philippines – 1980-81

DESK REVIEWS FOR PROJECTS

Malawi
Rwanda
Zambia
Ethiopia

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Kenya – Kenya National Archives
United Kingdom – Rhodes House Rhodes House, Oxford University
United Kingdom - Royal United Kingdom Holdings and Commonwealth Society Holdings,
Cambridge University
US – Syracuse University, Kenya and Tanzania colonial archives

SELECT HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Panelist, Fulbright Review Panel for East Africa (2015)

Outstanding Mentor (2014) Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University

Awarded status of *Distinguished Achievement Professor* (May 2012) New Mexico State University

Outstanding Department Head (2012) College of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University

Member (2010 – 2013) Advancing Leaders Steering Committee, New Mexico State University

Panel Reviewer (2010) National Endowment for the Humanities, Bridging Cultures through Film Proposal and Documentary film submissions

Panel Reviewer (2010) School for Advanced Research Annual Fellowships. Santa Fe, NM.

SELECT REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS:

2017 Michèle Companion and Miriam S. Chaiken, Eds. *Responses to Disasters and Climate Change: Understanding Vulnerability and Building Resilience*. CRC Press/Taylor and Francis

2017. Traditional and Contemporary Social Safety Nets in Rural Mozambique. In *Responses to Disasters and Climate Change: Understanding Vulnerability and Building Resilience*. Michèle Companion and Miriam S. Chaiken, Eds. CRC Press/Taylor and Francis.
2017. Understanding Famine and Severe Food Emergencies. in *Research Methods for Anthropological Studies of Food and Nutrition*. John Brett and Janet Chrzan, eds. Berghahn Press.
2016. Behaviour change communication in programmes to enhance infant and young child feeding: lessons from the field. Guest Editorial. *Maternal and Child Nutrition*. April.
2013. Narratives of Survival in Conflict. Book Review of *I Did it to Save My Life: Love and Survival in Sierra Leone*. By Catherine E. Bolten. *Current Anthropology*. Volume 54, Number 6, December.
2013. *No Heads, No Feet, No Monkeys, No Dogs: The Evolution of Personal Food Taboos*. In. Nutritional Anthropology: Biocultural Perspectives on Food and Nutrition. 2nd Edition. Darna Dufour, Alan Goodman, and Gretel Pelto, eds. New York: Oxford University Press.
2012. Miriam S. Chaiken, J. Richard Dixon, and Agy Herminio. *Food Sovereignty and Safety Nets: NGOs in Northern Mozambique* for Bulletin of the Association of Concerned Africa Scholars.
- 2012 Chaiken, Miriam S., J. Richard Dixon, and Agy Herminio. "Participatory Development, Social Safety Nets, and Rebuilding Civil Society in Mozambique." *CourseReader*. Detroit: Gale, 2011. Web. 19 June 2012.
- 2011 Using Qualitative Methods In Save the Children Programs and Research: A Training Manual. Save the Children: Washington, DC.
- 2010 Book Review of *Uncertain Tastes: Memory and the Politics of Eating among the Samburu, Northern Kenya*. By Jon Holtzman. University of California Press. *Journal of Anthropological Research*.
- 2010 *No Heads, No Feet, No Monkeys, No Dogs: The Evolution of Personal Food Taboos*. In [Adventures in Eating: Anthropological Tales of Dining Around the World](#). Helen Haines and Clare Sammels, eds. Boulder: University of Colorado Press
- 2010 *Edibles and Ethnic Boundaries, Globalization and Guinea Pigs*. In [Adventures in Eating: Anthropological Tales of Dining Around the World](#). Helen Haines and Clare Sammels, eds. Boulder: University of Colorado Press
- 2010 Book Review of *Bush Wives: Women's Lives through War and Peace in Sierra Leone*. by Chris Coulter (Cornell University Press). IN *Current Anthropology*. Volume 51, Issue 4, Page 566–568, Aug 2010
- 2010 *Community-Based Assessments of Risk and Vulnerability: Combating Hunger in Africa with Local Knowledge*. IN [Anthropology News](#). Volume 51, Number 7 (October): 6-8
- 2010 *Promoting Biofortified Vitamin A-rich Maize in Zambia: Nutritional and Gender Related Issues for Monitoring*. A Report Prepared for the International Center for Research on Women And the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- 2010 *Promoting Biofortified High Iron Beans for Rwanda: Nutritional and Gender-Related Issues for Monitoring*. A Report Prepared for the International Center for Research on Women and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

SELECT PAPERS PRESENTED AT MEETINGS AND INVITED COLLOQUIA:

2015 Compensating for Food Shortage: Strategies Employed by Rural Mozambiquans. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings. Pittsburgh (March)

2015 Understanding Vulnerability, Building Resilience. A Three part session co-organized with Michele Companion at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings. Pittsburgh (March)

2015 Engaging Students in Research and Community Service. Chair of a Panel at the Southwest Institute for Health Disparities Research. Las Cruces, NM (September)

2014 Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Livelihoods, and Human Agency in Community-Based Early Warning Systems. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings. Washington, DC.

2014 Indigenous Knowledge and Community-Based Early Warning Systems. Paper presented in a session entitled *Understanding Vulnerability – Building Resilience* (Miriam Chaiken and Michèle Companion, chairs) at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings. Albuquerque, NM. (March)

2013 Building Social Safety Nets and Civil Society: Lessons from Mozambique. Paper Presented in Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings. Denver, CO. (March).

2013. Session Organizer. Applied Nutritional Anthropology in the 21st Century. Parts I. and II. Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, CO. (March).

2012 *The Role of Nutrition in the Collaborative Research Support Programs*. Poster Presented at the World Food Prize Annual Meetings. Des Moines, Iowa.

2012 *The Legacy of History and the Challenges of Development in Western Kenya*. Invited Lecture Presented for the African Studies Program. University of Texas-El Paso.

2011. Miriam S. Chaiken and J. Richard Dixon. Community Mobilization, Human Agency, and Shock Avoidance: Strategies to Promote Food Security in Africa. Presented at the African Studies Association Meetings. Washington, DC. (November)

2010 *Community-Based Assessments of Risk and Vulnerability: Combating Hunger in Africa with Local Knowledge*. Presented at the International Association for the Study of the Commons Meeting. Tempe, AZ

2010 *Panel Presentation: PHD Anthropologists Study the World, but Mas run it*. Presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Merida, Mexico

PROFESSIONAL REVIEWER:

National Science Foundation

Oxford University Press

Human Organization

Journal of Anthropological Research

Agriculture and Human Values

Hunger and Environmental Nutrition

Maternal and Child Health

Journal of Nutrition

Advances in Nutrition

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Anthropological Association
Society for Applied Anthropology (Fellow)
Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition
Phi Kappa Phi International Honorary Society

SELECT UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

Member, Task Force on Experiential Education (2017)

Member, Search Committee for the Department Head, School of Public Health (2015-16)

Member, College Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Health and Social Services (2000-present)

Chair, Search Committee for Dean of College of Education (2014-15)

Search Committee Member, Dean of Graduate School, NMSU (2014-15)

Member, Advisory Board, Southwest Health Disparities Research Program (2014-present)

Member, Advisory Board, Center for International and Border Programs (2014-present)

Member, Community Engagement Council (2015-present)

Member, University Academic Council (2014-present)

Member, President's Advisory Council (2014 – present)

Vice Chair, Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (2009-2014)

Search Committee Member, Gallery Director, Department of Art, NMSU (2014)

Member of Promotion and Tenure Committee, Departments of Nursing, Social Work, and Public Health, College of Health and Human Services, NMSU (2011-present)

Search Committee Chair, Museum Curator Position, NMSU University Museum (2013)

Steering Committee, J. Paul Taylor Quality of Life Initiative, NMSU (2011-13)

Advancing Leaders Steering Committee, NMSU (2011-2013)

Department Head Academy Steering Committee (2011 – present)

RECENT SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND DISCIPLINE

Elected Member, Nominations Committee, Society for Applied Anthropology (2015-2018)

External Reviewer for Promotion, Dr. Margaret Graham, University of Texas-Rio Grande (2015)

External Reviewer for Promotion, Dr. Holley Moyes, University of California-Merced (2015)

External Reviewer for Promotion, Dr. Michèle Companion, U of Colorado – Colorado Springs (2015)

Program Committee to Organize Professional Meeting, Society for Applied Anthropology (2014-15)

Presenter at Awards Ceremony, Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, (2014)

Grant proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation

Manuscript reviewer for journals, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Culture and Agriculture*, *Conservation and Society*, *Nutritional Anthropology*, *Human Organization*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, *Agriculture and Human Values*, *Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*, and Oxford University Press

RECENT SERVICE ON DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Discipline</i>
Melinda Chernev	Member	Nursing (NMSU)
Dawn Bowker	Member	Nursing (NMSU)
Clarence Moniba	Member	Rhetoric/English (NMSU)
Benjamin Marlin	Member	Industrial Engineering (NMSU)
Vivian Giles	Member	Nursing (NMSU)
Patricia Dian Scott	Chair	Leadership Studies (IUP)
Hak Sun Han	Member	English (IUP)
Shu-Chuan Wang	Member	English (IUP)
Michele Sanchez Schweitz	Member	International Studies (Univ of Pittsburgh)

RECENT SERVICE ON MASTERS COMMITTEES (2009-present)

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Discipline</i>
Enas Khaleq	Member	Anthropology
Kayla Myers	Member	Anthropology
Meraz Rahman	Chair	Anthropology
Norma Hartell	Chair	Anthropology
Irene Unpingco	Member	History
Lydia Hammond	Member	Government
Leigh Cooper	Member	Biology
Danielle Lo Piano	Member	Public Health
Aracely Pedraza	Member	Anthropology
Travis Blecha	Member	Economics & Applied Statistics
Jacquelyn Heuer	Member	Anthropology
Vanessa Martinez	Member	Nutrition
Karmon Kuhn	Member	Anthropology
Michael Mendoza	Member	Nutrition & Dietetics
Allison Czapp	Member	Anthropology
Amanda Hernandez	Member	Anthropology
Brittany Porter	Chair	Anthropology
Kari Richards	Chair	Anthropology

Marc Paalvast	Member	Anthropology
Frances Cochrane	Chair	Anthropology
Jennifer Wiskowski	Member	Anthropology
Emily Bois	Member	History
Joyce Bradley	Member	Anthropology
Kimberly Iwen	Member	Anthropology
Kate McCollum	Member	Anthropology
Dararai Sangsui	Member	Nutrition
Tommie Shane Wallis	Member	Business/MBA
Helene Hurrey	Chair	Anthropology
Julia Holland	Chair	Anthropology
Ty Elwin	Member	History
Jaime Vela	Chair	Anthropology
Lydia Pittman	Chair	Anthropology
Ashley Graboski-Bauer	Chair	Anthropology
Nada Saleh	Member	Sociology
Katrina Tariol-Gattengo	Chair	Anthropology
Aileen Dear	Chair	Anthropology
Gina Utman	Chair	Anthropology
Michael Guerrero	Member	Nursing
Wesley Peters	Chair	IMAP
Deneve Sam	Member	Anthropology
Kimberly Wasney	Chair	Anthropology
Kristen Morehead	Chair	Anthropology
Tracy Luna	Member	Nursing
Nancy Benitez	Member	Anthropology
Krista Avila	Chair	Anthropology
Adam Stasko	Member	Anthropology
Sarah Ring	Chair	Anthropology

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