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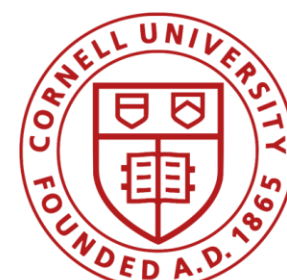
## BUFFALO-BASED RESEARCHER DIRECTORY



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Dr. Anderson currently directs the PULSE Healthy Weight Research Team, a multidisciplinary team focusing on the promotion of healthy weight in at-risk populations. Current research projects focus on (a) removing barriers that prevent parents from participating in health promotion programs, and (b) emphasizing mental health and de-emphasizing dieting in healthy weight promotion. Dr. Anderson also maintains a part-time private practice, specializing in pediatric overweight, anxiety/trauma, and behavioral disorders.

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Louanne Bakk came to the University at Buffalo School of Social Work in 2013 after serving at the Area Agency on Aging 1-B in Southfield, Mich. for nine years, first as the director of access and benefits assistance, then as a research specialist. Her interests include aging; health disparities; health access; social welfare policy; community-based intervention programs and services; and technology and older adults. Her research and community service focus on racial, ethnic and gender disparities in access to programs and services designed to maintain independence within the community. She is currently investigating the impact of the Town Square for Aging. This integrative model of care provides frail, older adults with an array of services designed to maintain their health, independence and quality of life.

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Dr. Ball's research interests include school discipline, racial disparities in suspensions, and the role of parents in partnering with and bettering public education. Locally, she is working with the Buffalo Public Schools. Her research focuses on the ways in which schools, families and communities partner to provide innovative, long-lasting and meaningful services that foster positive youth development and promote equity in education.

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Dr. Blair's research interests include the practice of social work in schools and linkages between anthropology and social work. Recently Dr. Blair has focused his attention on the Child Only component of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. He is currently engaged in a study of the strengths and stressors associated with being a kinship caregiver who is involved in the TANF program. His practice experience includes work as a school social worker, crisis intervention, divorce mediation, family therapy, and community organizing.

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Teresa serves UBRI in various capacities related to urban design and geospatial analysis, public outreach and stakeholder engagement, and graphic design and communications. Joining UBRI in 2011, first as a Graduate Assistant and transitioning to full-time staff in 2013, Teresa has contributed to multiple projects namely One Region Forward, Buffalo Promise Neighborhood, Mobile Safety Net, and the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail using her skills and expertise in architecture, urban design, and environmental planning.

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Larry Brooks' book is a comprehensive report on the Buffalo Niagara Metro region. It looks at the region through the healthy community's model which describes four dimensions: human, social, economic, and environmental. The book is divided into three parts the first of which is a state of the region report; the second is an analysis of reasons why we are where we are today; and part three is prescriptive, containing a new narrative for the way to go forward and for this region to realize its potential. Larry Brooks is currently the board president of the Western New York Land Conservancy.

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Sean Burkholder has spent the last decade dealing with projects of particular relevance to the Great Lakes region including urban vacancy, infrastructural re-purposing and dredge material management. This work has come in the form of published research, design projects, public engagement and instructed student work. His most interesting courses have focused on digital design and fabrication, exploring the performance aspects of surface and terrain, and design studios that examine issues of soil as it relates to the Great Lakes. He holds a degree in Architecture from Miami University and a Master in Landscape Architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

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Lisa D. Butler received her BS in philosophy and psychology (with honors) from the University of Toronto and her PhD in psychology (personality/psychopathology) from Stanford University. Her recent research involves investigations into anticipatory traumatic stress symptoms; trauma, stress and self-care in clinical training; applications of the trauma-informed framework; and identifying the care needs of veterans and their families.

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Renee Cadzow has collaborated with WNY school districts to implement system-wide changes to policy, environment, and programs that emphasize improved nutrition and physical activity behaviors. Her research focuses on the prevention of childhood obesity. As a public health advocate, she serves on two area school district wellness committees, is a board member of the Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network, and is an active member of the Western NY Healthy Lifestyles subcommittee focused on early childhood obesity--Healthy Start Healthy Futures for All. She has also worked closely with western New York community partners to advocate for environment and policy changes in support of breastfeeding, which are strongly related to later life health and well-being for both moms and children. Additionally, her past research has focused on methods to alleviate health disparities experienced by minority populations, including uninsured and underinsured individuals as well as newly arriving refugees in the Buffalo region.

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Jessica Castner's research agenda focuses on efforts to prevent, eliminate, and manage symptoms of dyspnea ("bad" breathlessness). Her currently funded work is focused on diminishing the gender gap in adult asthma control, developing sensors and devices as clinical applications to improve asthma, and using a "big data" approach to ascertain asthma phenotypes (sub-types) and biomarkers. She employs multi-level modeling, time-series analysis, and meta-analysis to integrate health data from multiple, disparate sources.

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Central to Dr. Hess' research agenda is interpreting how the built environment of cities (and the public policies that support this form) influences travel behavior. Access to employment for welfare recipients and low-wage workers is one of Dr. Hess' concerns, and he has conducted evaluations of policy and practice in California and New York. Dr. Hess is particularly interested in transit system performance and alternative transit funding arrangements, and he has conducted evaluations of employer and university transit pass programs.

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Research objectives include contributing to existing knowledge regarding the health status in historically marginalized urban population groups. His current focus consists of understanding facilitators and barriers to HIV testing access in specific Hispanic population groups such as migrants/immigrants, transgendered individuals, etc.

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Dr. Klait's animating questions center on why, how, and with what consequences people come to feel that their well-being is or is not bound up with that of others. His research investigates these issues in medical, religious, and political dimensions. Currently, with the support of a grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, he is exploring how members of African-American charismatic churches in Buffalo, New York understand tithing as a means of eliciting blessings for themselves and members of their families and communities under circumstances that deeply jeopardize them.

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Knight's research currently focuses on not just mapping the patterns we see with vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent properties, but now moving toward understanding how policy plays a role, either improving or exacerbating conditions. He has presented on the duality of Buffalo as not merely a shrinking city as known among researchers but more clearly a divided, dual city of concentrated disadvantaged juxtaposed with islands of affluence.

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Literacy, technology and multimodality

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