

**Verónica Maria Pascoal Sousa**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education:**

- 2019 – Present **Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon**  
 Doctoral Candidate – Medical Anthropology  
 FCT Fellow Number: 2020.08374.BD
- 2016 – 2019 **Princeton University**  
 Doctoral Student – Anthropology
- 2016 **The New School for Social Research**  
 M.A. – Anthropology  
 Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies  
 Dean’s List
- 2011 **University of California at Berkeley**  
 B.A. – Anthropology  
 Minors in English and Portuguese  
 Dean’s List

**Dissertation Project Title:**

“Sanitizing Care: Negotiations of Touch and Safety in Elder Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Portugal”

**Keywords:** care, aging, gender, infectious disease, institutionalization, technology, public health, touch

**Fields of Study:** Medical Anthropology, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Medical Humanities, History of Science and Medicine, (Feminist) Science and Technology Studies, Disability Studies, Critical Gerontology, Bioethics, Public Health, Medical Sociology, Anthropology of Southern Europe, Postcolonial Studies, Ethnographic/Documentary Film, Visual Anthropology.

**Languages:**

English (Fluent)  
 Portuguese (Fluent)  
 Spanish (Proficient)

**Awards and Scholarships:**

- 2020-2023 Portugal’s Science and Technology Foundation Doctoral Fellowship (FCT, A Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia); Fellow Number: 2020.08374.BD
- 2016-2019 Princeton University Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2018 PIIRS (Princeton Institute for International Research) Summer Funding Scholarship
- 2017 PIIRS Summer Funding Scholarship
- 2015 PALCUS (Portuguese-American Leadership Council of the United States) National Graduate Scholarship Award
- 2014 – 2016 Dean’s Scholarship Award, The New School
- Summer 2015 Gender and Sexuality Studies Stipend Award for Summer Research, The New School
- 2010 Portuguese Studies Program Student Research/Language Study Award, UC Berkeley
- 2009 - 2011 Undergraduate Pinto/Fialon Scholarship Award, UC Berkeley
- 2009 Celebration of the Humanities Contest (2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award in Creative Writing – Short Stories)

### Papers Presented at Conferences

- Fall 2021 American Anthropology Association (AAA) Annual Conference  
 “Neoliberal Negotiation as Care: The Politics of Catholic Responsibility of Nursing Home Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Portugal”  
 Baltimore, Maryland
- Summer 2020 European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference  
 “Aging On-Screen: Visual Media as Method for Communal Care”  
 Lisbon, Portugal and via virtual platform
- Spring 2019 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference  
 “Aging Communally: Contemporary Care Among the Elderly in Lisbon”  
 Portland, Oregon
- Fall 2018 American Anthropology Association (AAA) Annual Conference  
 “Aging Communally: Contemporary Care Among the Elderly in Lisbon”  
 San José, California
- Spring 2018 Princeton University English Department Graduate Conference – *The Present Moment*  
 “The Texture of Pain and the Art of Recognition: Ethnographic Considerations”  
 Princeton, New Jersey
- Fall 2017 American Anthropology Association (AAA) Annual Conference  
 “Problematizing Consent: Bioethics in the Sexual Assault Exam Room and the Forensic Laboratory”  
 Washington, D.C.
- Spring 2017 Johns Hopkins University Anthropology Department Graduate Student Conference –  
*Enacting Aspiration*  
 “Freeze Frame: Biomedical Technologies and Utopian Thinking”  
 Baltimore, Maryland

### Publications:

- 03/03/2021 **Publication of Op-Ed, *The Human Perspective* (United Kingdom)**  
 “Oops, They Did it Again: Negligence, Institutionalisation, and the U.S. Public Health Crisis”
- 12/7/2018 **Publication of Research-Based Op-Ed. *Diário dos Açores* (*The Azores Daily newspaper*)**  
 “A Problemática dos ‘Rape Kits’ nos EUA e as Implicações para os Direitos das Mulheres” (“The Problematic of Rape Kits in the United States and its Implications for Women’s Rights”)  
 • Originally written in English and translated into Portuguese for publication by me.

### Research Experience:

- 03/2021 – **DiversITy Project, Fundação Aga Khan (Foundation) - Lisbon, Portugal**  
 Present Research Assistant
- Attend internal project meetings and with Aga Khan Foundation researchers.
  - Review and edit project questionnaire/survey.
  - Conduct focus group interviews.
- 09/2019 – **One River Grants - Freehold, New Jersey (Remote)**  
 05/2021 Database Research Associate II (Part-Time)
- Entry of medical grants into eGrants database for medical, biological, and biotech research, training, and health services.
  - Cataloguing, categorizing, and archiving grants, and their uses and purposes.
  - Researching medicine, health, wellness, biology, and biotech topics to critically inform categorization and other duties.
  - Writing and editing national, state, and city medical grants, section by section.
- 06/2017 – **Ethnographic Fieldwork– Azores Islands and Lisbon, Portugal**  
 03/2020 Pre-Dissertation Research in Medical Anthropology

- I have been conducting ethnographic fieldwork on aging, care, harm, gender, illness, and medical and women's histories in Portugal.
- My current fieldsites are a nursing home and senior day center in Lisbon, the surrounding communities, local archives, and the National Archives in Lisbon.
- My early research regarded domestic violence services and women's rights in the Azores Islands, especially for elderly women.

10/2019 –  
03/2020

**Transits: Migration, Material Culture, and Everyday Life Research Project – University of Lisbon, Institute for Social Sciences - Lisbon, Portugal**

Doctoral Researcher (Temporary)

- Conducted interviews in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area with interlocutors from Germany, Australia, Angola, and Portugal.
- Recorded and edited audio and video.
- Took photographs and fieldnotes, and wrote up a preliminary ethnography based on data collected through fieldwork.

08/2015 –  
08/2016

**The New School for Social Research - New York, NY**

Research Assistant to Professor Ann Laura Stoler

- Performed literature reviews and research, and collated articles and books for Professor Stoler as she researched and wrote for presentations, colloquia, lectures, and her own academic work.
- Found and gathered articles and books online and in local university and public libraries in New York City.
- Managed, maintained, and organized library accounts, course files, office hours schedules, and the calendar for letters of recommendation.
- Acted as intermediary for Professor Stoler and students for scheduling meetings and other administrative duties.

09/2010 -  
05/2011

**UC Berkeley Folklore Archives – Berkeley, CA**

URAP (Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program) Intern

- Researched, catalogued, and filed folklore pieces
- Assisted Folklore graduate and undergraduate students.
- Managed and updated Facebook page for Folklore community.
- Responsible for marketing and event planning and management on a monthly basis.

**Teaching and Grading Experience:**

Fall 2015

**Lang College, The New School – New York, NY**

Course Assistant, Introduction to Media Studies course

- Attended course lectures and provided assistance to students.
- Graded course assignments, exams, and papers.
- Conducted office hours to provide academic support to students throughout the semester.
- Attended meetings with the course professor, teaching assistant, and other course assistants.

03/2014 –  
08/2014

**Brighter Beginnings – Oakland, CA**

Family Advocate/Educator (Temporary)

- Taught Life Skills course to parenting and pregnant teens once a week to cultivate independence, knowledge, and empowerment.

Fall 2013

**Merritt College, Peralta Community Colleges – Oakland, CA**

Visitor/Assistant, Introduction to Sociology course

- Instructed class on sociological terms such as patriarchy, sexism, and rape culture, and facilitated discussion on how students have seen these concepts at work in the world around them.

- Assisted the instructor of the course, Professor Michael Levesque, in preparation of teaching materials and academic concepts concerning gender, sexuality, and patriarchy to present to the class.

01-05/2012 **Xamaze Tutoring, Inc. - San Francisco, CA**

English Tutor (Seasonal)

- Taught reading comprehension, spelling, and critical thinking.
- Students successfully gained an appreciation for literature and a passion for learning.

**Conferences Planned:**

Fall 2018	<b>Princeton University Anthropology Graduate Student Conference</b> Conference Organizer Princeton, New Jersey
Summer 2017	<b>Project Continua Conference: Reviving Women's Intellectual History</b> Conference Organizer, Liaison, Research Assistant New York, New York
Spring/Fall 2016	<b>Agng: Health as a Human Right Workshop and Conference</b> Conference Organizer and Research Assistant New York, New York
Spring 2016	<b>The New School for Social Research Anthropology Graduate Student Conference</b> Conference Organizer New York, New York
Spring 2015	<b>The New School for Social Research Anthropology Graduate Student Conference</b> Conference Organizer New York, New York

**Relevant Professional Experience:**

03/2021 – Present	<b>American Ethnological Society (AES), a section of the American Anthropological Association (AAA)</b> Editorial Intern (2021-2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend internal meetings and editorial meetings at the AAA and AES annual meetings.</li> <li>• Edit website and blog posts, interviews, book and film reviews.</li> <li>• Conduct and transcribe interviews with anthropologists, academics, artists, and activists.</li> <li>• Review other website content, including films, photography, and audio productions.</li> </ul>
03/2015 – 2017	<b>LGBT Asylum - The Law Office of C. Caleb Arring – San Francisco, CA</b> Translator and Proofreader (Telecommute) – Portuguese and Spanish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translated and proofread certified legal documents for an immigration law firm serving LGBTQ populations, for submission to USCIS and U.S. immigration courts.</li> </ul>
08/2014 – 06/2015	<b>The New School, Student Health Services, Health and Wellness Promotion – New York, NY</b> Social Justice Coordinator and Peer Health Advocate, Federal Work Study position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked in a team of two other social justice coordinators, organizing, researching, and reaching out to social justice-oriented student groups on campus for events, workshops, campaigns, etc.</li> <li>• Spearheaded, organized, created content, and co-facilitated a series of capacity building workshops, centering on issues of microaggressions (racial, sexist,</li> </ul>

homophobic, transphobic, classist, ageist, ableist, sizeist, etc.); mental health; and sexual assault, domestic violence, and intimate partner violence.

- Attended, promoted, and engaged with social justice-oriented meetings and events around campus and the greater NYC area.

03/2014 –  
08/2014

**Brighter Beginnings – Oakland, CA**

Family Advocate/Educator (Temporary)

- Maintained a caseload of about sixty clients (pregnant and parenting teens at or below the poverty line in Alameda County and their children) and performed case management with these clients.
- Provided linkages and referrals for community resources to pregnant and parenting teens, as well as monitored child development milestones for the children.
- Provided both in-home and in-office (or in-community setting) care and support for clients.
- Assisted and supported clients in times of crisis and emergency.
- Taught Life Skills course to parenting and pregnant teens once a week to cultivate independence, knowledge, and empowerment.

08/2013 –  
03/2014

**Scion Staffing, Inc. – San Francisco, CA**

Temp

- Worked as an administrative assistant for the vaccine research team at Bridge HIV, a non-profit HIV preventative research clinic which partners with the San Francisco Department of Public Health.
- Specialized in non-profit organizations and administrative roles.

08/2012 –  
06/2013

**The Law Office of Robert B. Jobe – San Francisco, CA**

Immigration Legal Assistant/Paralegal

- Intermediary between clients and attorneys, wrote declarations on behalf of clients.
- Maintained files and wrote motions for court, as well as prepared applications and other filings for use in court and for submission to the U.S. government.
- Performed international research and coordinated with attorneys, physicians, mental health professionals, and anthropologists.
- Referred diverse clientele to a multitude of resources in the Bay Area, serving: at-risk youth, those with mental illness, and those seeking community counseling and health centers, community HIV testing, and low-income housing and childcare.
- Maintained my own calendar and that of attorneys while performing case management with clients on a daily basis.

**Relevant Volunteer Experience:**

03/2015 –  
Present

**New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill-Cornell – New York, NY**

Victim Intervention Program Volunteer

- Completed 40-hour Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy course.
- Have been and am currently volunteering in on-call advocacy in the hospital's Emergency Department for patients presenting as sexual assault and/or domestic and family violence survivors.

04/2013 –  
08/2014

**Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus – Modesto and Turlock, CA**

Hospitality Volunteer and Trauma Response Advocate Volunteer

- Completed 80-hour Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy course.
- Volunteered in and community outreach advocacy while providing crisis management and childcare as needed.
- Volunteered in and trained for specific trauma response advocacy for crisis intervention, emergency transport to the women's shelter, and interactions with survivors, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement.