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Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of specialization and current research interests

Maternal biology & health, child growth, pregnancy, developmental origins of health & disease, phenotypic plasticity, parent-offspring conflict, metabolic syndrome

Professional Appointments

2024-2026 Postdoctoral Research Associate; Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois Chicago

Education

2017-2023 Ph.D., Anthropology, Northwestern University; Evanston, IL
Dissertation: *Developmental Influences on Reproductive Investment: Linking Maternal Nutritional History with Pregnancy Metabolism and Fetal Growth*
Advisor: Christopher W. Kuzawa

2017-2019 M.A., Anthropology, Northwestern University; Evanston, IL

2014-2017 B.A.*, Anthropology- Human Biology, Temple University; Philadelphia, PA
**magna cum laude*

Publications

- 2023** **Ragsdale, H.B.**, Lee, N., and Kuzawa, C.W. Evidence that highly canalized fetal traits are sensitive to maternal developmental nutrition. *Am J Biol Anth.* 183 (4): e24883.
- 2019** Rutherford, J.N., deMartelly, V.A., **Ragsdale, H.B.**, Avila, J.L., Lee, N., and Kuzawa, C.W. Global population variation in placental size and structure: evidence from Cebu, Philippines. *Placenta.* 2019; 85:40-48.
- 2019** **Ragsdale, H.B.**, Kuzawa, C.W., Borja, J.B., Avila, J.L. and McDade, T.W. Regulation of inflammation during gestation and birth outcomes: Inflammatory cytokine balance predicts birth weight and length. *Am J Hum Biol.* 2019; 31:e23245.

Professional presentations with published abstracts

- 2023** **Ragsdale, H.B.**, and Kuzawa, C.W. A developmental origins paradox? How improved maternal early life nutrition exerts opposing effects on fetal growth. Human Biology Association, 48th Annual Meeting; Reno, NV. *Am J Hum Biol.*
- 2019** **Ragsdale, H.B.**, Kuzawa, C.W., deMartelly, V., Lee, N., Avila, J.L., and Rutherford, J.N. Global population variation in placental phenotypes: evidence from Cebu, Philippines. International Federation of Placenta Associations, 2019 Meeting; Buenos Aires, Argentina. *Placenta* 2019; 83:e1-e146.
- 2018** **Ragsdale, H.B.**, Kuzawa, C.W., Borja, J.B. and McDade, T.W. Inflammatory cytokines in pregnancy and birth outcomes in the Philippines. Human Biology Association, 43rd Annual Meeting; Austin, TX. *Am J Hum Biol.* 2018; 30:e2311.

Honors and Awards

- 2021** Earle Dissertation Research Grant; Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University
- 2019** National Institutes of Health (NIH) New Investigator Travel Award; International Federation of Placenta Associations 2019 Meeting
- 2019** Conference Travel Grant; Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University
- 2018** Foster-FAN Award for Summer Research and Training; Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University
- 2018** Fellow- Interdisciplinary Cluster in Society, Biology, and Health; The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- 2017** Milton Moses Memorial Award in Anthropology; College of Liberal Arts, Temple University
- 2016** The Phi Beta Kappa Society, Temple University (Rho of Pennsylvania) Chapter

Other Professional Experience

- 2020-21** Graduate Teaching Assistant; Human Origins, Introduction to International Public Health, Global Bioethics, Northwestern University
- 2019** Graduate Research Assistant; Anthropology, Northwestern University
- 2018** Delegate; Placental Biology Course, Centre for Trophoblast Research, University of Cambridge, UK