



Rachael Healy

Ph.D. Student in Anthropology, admitted Autumn 2021

Bio

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I am a PhD student in Anthropology focusing on youth culture in a West Belfast neighbourhood in the North of Ireland. I am interested in discourses of intergenerational trauma and community spaces and how these are seen as points of relation in a larger communal making-sense of a growing youth mental health crisis in the area.

Previously I received a BA in Global Health and Social Medicine from King's College London in 2019 where my dissertation focused on historical trauma in the US.

I completed my MA in Anthropology and Sociology at L'Institut de Hautes Études Internationales et du Développement (IHEID) in Geneva, where I wrote my thesis on Brexit's impact on political identity and political precarity among young adults in Belfast.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Master of Arts, Anthropology and Sociology , Graduate Institute Geneva (IHEID) (2021)
- Bachelor of Arts (with Honors), King's College London , Global Health and Social Medicine (2019)
- Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins University , Political Science and Anthropology (2017)

LINKS

- Stanford Anthropology profile: <https://anthropology.stanford.edu/people/rachael-healy>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Research interests: youth, working-class life, colonialism, urban landscapes, intergenerational trauma, (contentious) commemoration, collective memory, time and space/place-making, narrative and storytelling, borderlands, post-conflict space, Northern Ireland/Ireland, political identity, precarity, hope(lessness).

Broadly, my PhD research focuses on youth culture and teenage life in post-conflict Belfast. I am interested in discourses of intergenerational trauma and community spaces and how these are seen as points of relation in a larger communal making-sense of a growing youth mental health crisis in a West Belfast neighbourhood. My research contributed to new understandings about how vernaculars of political violence shift according to new and ever-expanding pressures and priorities in community life and cultural cultivation.

Prior to joining Stanford, I received a first-class honors degree in Global Health and Social Medicine from King's College London. I also received a Master of Arts in Anthropology and Sociology from the Graduate Institute Geneva. Before attending university, I worked for four years in various health advocacy and youth work roles, including in South Africa and Scotland.

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology: ANTHRO 1, ANTHRO 201 (Win)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Zuckerberg, get out of my uterus! An examination of fertility apps, data-sharing and remaking the female body as a digitalized reproductive subject** *JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES*

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