

Stanford



Tara Diener

PWR Lecturer

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Bio

BIO

Tara received a Ph.D. in Anthropology and History from the University of Michigan in 2016 and a Graduate Certificate in Science, Technology, and Society in 2014. Prior to graduate studies at Michigan, she practiced as a Registered Nurse in obstetrics and pediatrics while earning an M.A. in Bioethics, Humanities, and Society from the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences (CEHLS) at Michigan State University. She has taught courses in creative non-fiction writing, medical, biological, and sociocultural anthropology, international and African studies, global health, political science, and the history of medicine in the US, Western Europe, and sub-Saharan Africa. She is an anthropologist and historian of medicine, maternal and infant health and mortality, global health (non)systems, and nursing ethics and practice. She is proficient in both archival and ethnographic methods and her previous projects have focused on the United Kingdom and Sierra Leone.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Writing and Rhetoric Studies

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Fulbright IIE (Declined), US Department of State (2011)
- Fulbright Hays DDRA, US Department of State (2011-12)

Teaching

COURSES

2021-22

- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Anatomy of a Discipline: Rhetorics of Health, Illness, and Medicine: PWR 1TD (Aut, Win)

2020-21

- PWR 6 Leland Scholars Program: Exploring Research, Writing and Argument at Stanford: PWR 6LSP (Aut)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Anatomy of a Discipline: Rhetorics of Health, Illness, and Medicine: PWR 1TD (Aut, Spr)

2019-20

- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Anatomy of a Discipline: Rhetorics of Health, Illness, and Medicine: PWR 1TD (Aut, Win, Spr)

2018-19

- Health Care, Ethics, and Justice: THINK 56 (Win)
- Reading the Body: How Medicine and Culture Define the Self: THINK 48 (Spr)
- Stories Everywhere: THINK 49 (Aut)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- "Not a death of that hospital": the social production of maternity statistics in Freetown *CANADIAN JOURNAL OF AFRICAN STUDIES*
Diener, T.
2018; 52 (3): 311–30