

OLIVIA "LIVY" DREXLER  
Curriculum Vitae

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Applied Anthropology  
Disability Studies  
Native American and Indigenous Studies,  
Special Education  
Ethnography

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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Expected 2021, Anthropology, Michigan State University, Lansing, Mi.

**Bachelor of Science Magna Cum Laude**

May 2017, Major Sociology and Anthropology, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Mi.

**Associate in Arts**

May 2015, Major in General Studies, Delta College, University Center, Mi.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

2018 Drexler, O. "Disability and Queerness: exploration of disability and sexuality in autoethnography and institutional ethnography." *Michigan Sociological Review* 32.

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**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2019	Anthropology Department Travel-Training Award	\$ 800
2019	Scholar's Research Award from the College of Social Science	\$1,516
2019	Charles P. and Linda A. Thompson Endowment	\$1,000
2019	Kenneth E. and Marie J. Corey Research Enrichment Fund Award	\$1,000
2018	Anthropology Travel Training Award	\$ 400
2017	Michigan State University Fellowship	N/A
2015	Central Michigan University Transfer Scholarship	\$5,000

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Drexler, O. “\_\_\_\_\_.” Cultural Citizenship and Diversity in Complex Societies, Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque NM.
- 2019 **Drexler, O.** “Native American Youth and Special Education Tracking.” American Indian Studies Symposium, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI.
- 2019 **Drexler, O.** “Special Education in Indian Country and off the Rez.” Native American Critical Issues Conference, Traverse City, MI.
- 2019 **Drexler, O.** “Investigating Special Education in Indian Country” GSA: Graduate Research Symposium, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI.
- 2018 **Drexler, O.** “Colonization in Autism: Understanding the Role that Colonialism Plays in the Disparity in Native American Autism Rates” Michigan Academy of Science Arts and Letters, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI. (Poster).
- 2018 **Drexler, O.** “Colonization in Autism: Understanding the Role that Colonialism Plays in the Disparity in Native American Autism Rates,” “Transformations Conference,” Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. (Poster).
- 2018 **Drexler, O.** “Disability and Queerness: An Exploration of Disability and Sexuality” COGS: Graduate Research Conference, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. (Poster).
- 2017 **Drexler, O.** “Traverse City State Hospital: Insane Asylum as a Tourist Attraction,” Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI. (Poster).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant ISS 220 Time Space and Change in Human Sociate
- Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant ANP 270 Women’s Health, Department of Anthropology
- Summer 2019 Lead Instructor ANP 270 Women’s Health, Department of Anthropology
- Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant ANP 370 Medical Anthropology, Department of Anthropology
- Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant ISS 315: Globalization and Capitalism, College of Social Science

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 **Investigating Special Education in Indian Country**  
Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, Dr. Heather Howard  
Gathering literature and research centered around special education, disability and Native Americans and continuing to work with
- 2018 **Exploration of Cultural Blending**  
Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, Dr. Heather Howard  
Personally, established contact with tribal college’s administration board, tribal college IRB board, and informants for pilot dissertation project.

- 2017 **Muslim Student Association and Muslim Identity**  
 Department of Anthropology, Central Michigan University, Dr. Laura Cochrane  
 Conducted an ethnographic study with Central Michigan University's Muslim Student Association in the wake of the "Muslim ban."
- 2016 **The Discourse of Disabled Sexuality**  
 Department of Sociology, Central Michigan University, Dr. Amanda Garrison  
 Collaborated with faculty to come up with working theory for the discourse of Disabled Identity and Disabled Sexuality.
- 2016 **Assessment of Students in Central Michigan's Sociology, Youth Studies, and Criminal Justice Program**  
 Department of Sociologu, Central Michigan University, Dr. Mary Senter  
 Conducted an ethnography and a descriptive statistical analysis of the sociology, youth studies and criminal justice students for the sociology department.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2019 to present Graduate Employee's Union, Member Defense, Michigan State University
- 2019 Graduate Employee's Union, Diversity Specialist, Michigan State University
- 2018 to 2019 Graduate Employee's Union, Diversity and Inclusion Positions Plank Team Leader, Michigan State University
- 2018 to present Graduate Students of Anthropology, Treasurer, Michigan State University
- 2017 to 2019 Graduate Employee's Union, Steward, Michigan State University

#### ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

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- 2019 to present Society of Disability Studies
- 2018 to present Society of Applied Anthropology
- 2017 to present Graduate Students in Anthropology
- 2017 to present Michigan State University's Indigenous Graduate Student Collective
- 2015 to present Michigan Sociological Association
- 2015 to present Alpha Kappa Delta: The International Honor Society of Sociology
- 2013 to present Alpha Mu Gamma: The National Collegiate of Foreign Language Honor Society

#### CERTIFICATIONS

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- December 2018 Cochrane Systematic Review Certification
- September 2018 Certificate of Competition of MSU Michigan Indian Day:  
 Intergenerational Trauma: The Impact on Indigenous Communities
- July 2018 National Institute of Health Certification
- March 2018 Certificate of Excellence in Dialogue
- January 2018 HRPP/IRB Certification