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EDUCATION

- POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, BROWN UNIVERSITY, 1999-2001
- PH.D., CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY, DUKE UNIVERSITY 1997
Field of Specialization: Disability Studies
Doctoral Dissertation: Biology, Culture and Cognitive Disability: Twentieth Century Professional Discourse in Brazil and the United States
- B.A., LIBERAL ARTS, HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE, 1990
Senior Thesis: Motherhood and Power in Women Strike for Peace.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- *Associate Professor* 1/10-Present
- *Associate Professor (Clinical)* 9/02-12/09
Program in Occupational Therapy, School of Health Technology & Management
Stony Brook University
- *Affiliated Faculty* 5/03-Present
Stony Brook University Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies
- *Affiliated Faculty* 11/08-Present
Stony Brook University Women's and Gender Studies Program
- *Affiliated Faculty* 5/09-Present
Stony Brook University *Center for Medical Humanities*
- *Assistant Professor (Research & Adjunct)* 1/02-6/05
Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Dept. of Community Health, Brown University
- *Assistant Professor (Adjunct)* 1/00-6/03
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Rhode Island
- *Associate Research Scientist* 1/02-4/03
Decision Sciences Institute/PIRE
- *Postdoctoral Research Fellow* 9/99-12/01
Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Dept. of Community Health, Brown University
- *Postdoctoral Research Associate* 9/98-8/99
Dept. of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago
- *Project Director* 9/98-8/99
Capacity Building for the ADA in Minority Communities, NIDRR-funded
Dept. of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Disability, Empowerment, and Health Promotion
- Intersections of gender, sexuality, race, poverty, and disability
- Disability and Addiction
- Disability culture and cultural perceptions of disability; International disability-rights movements
- Medical, educational, and social service systems in Brazil and the United States;
- Organizational structures and the development of professional ideologies and practices
- Eugenics and involuntary sterilization in Brazil and the United States
- Social marginality and movements for social change
- Sexuality, reproductive health, and contraceptive technology.

FUNDED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology, Awarded on March 18, 2009

Principal Investigator, *Transition Issues for Youth with Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis* (\$44,000). National Multiple Sclerosis Society, January-December 2008 (10% FTE)

Principal Investigator, *Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis, Community and Capacity Building*, SHTM Mini-Grant (\$8,000)

"Humanization of Health Care" Award of Recognition for Efforts and Achievements, Brazilian Ministry of Health, October 2007

Mentor for "Play Fit Stay Fit" Lance Armstrong Foundation Community Program July 2006 - July 2007 (5% salary offset as an in-kind contribution)

Hope Award 2006 Annual Meeting for the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Clinics. Scottsdale, Arizona. (for poster by Milazzo, M., **Block, P.**, MacAllister, W., Bellman, A., Slota, N., and Krupp, L. (2006). A Weekend Retreat for Teens with Multiple Sclerosis.)

Rehabilitation Liaison, *Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Center of Excellence*, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, January 2006-December 2010

Co-Investigator, *Organizational Factors in Drug Abuse Treatment Outcomes* (\$2,000,000) National Institute on Drug Abuse, R01, July 2004 – June 2010. (annual subcontracts for 6 years: \$173,185 total subcontract taking into account a 20% NIH-mandated budget cut)

Consultant: *Tobacco Use Among Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis*, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Pilot Research Award, April 2004-April 2005 (\$1,000).

Principal Investigator, *Assessing Attitudinal and Structural Barriers to Physical and Recreation Activities*, Multiple Sclerosis Society Pilot Research Award, September 2003 – May 2005. (\$44,000)

Principal Investigator, *Shake It Up!: Health Promotion and Capacity Building for Persons with Traumatic Spinal Cord Injuries and Related Neuromuscular Disabilities*, Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Field Initiated Research Award CFDA Program 84.133, PR/Award No: H133G010094, January 2002 - December 2005 (\$450,000)

Principal Investigator, *Alcohol, Substance Use and Adaptation to Disability*, Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies Research Excellence Award, May-December 2001(\$5000)

NIAAA T-32 Postdoctoral Training Grant Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, September 1999 – December 2001.

Principal Investigator, Partners of the Americas Citizen Participation Grant, Needs assessment and conference in Aracaju, Brazil, March-April 1998 (\$5,000)

Principal Investigator, Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (\$8,000) Doctoral Research in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil April 1995 – March 1996 (\$8,000)

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship Portuguese study at Duke University, September 1992 – August 1993 (\$8,000)

Principal Investigator, Tinker Field Research Grant Preliminary Research in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June – August 1992 (\$1,500)

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Portuguese study in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June-August 1992 (\$5,000).

Duke University Graduate Scholarship Tuition and Fees for Graduate Study, September 1990 – May 1994

Principal Investigator, Motherhood and Power in Women Strike for Peace, Hampshire College Public Service/Social Change Grant, June 1989 (\$1,500)

Principal Investigator, Motherhood and Power in Women Strike for Peace, Hampshire College Threshold Grant, January 1990 (\$1,000)

RECENT PROJECTS

AUTISM, COMMUNICATION & FAMILY

In the spring of 2006 I began a research collaboration with my sister Hope Block, who is autistic and my mother, Barbara Kilcup to write about our personal experiences with autism. We have presented papers at several conferences including the Society for Disability Studies, TASH, the American Anthropological Association, and the Society for Applied Anthropology.

PILOT RESEARCH & COMMUNITY-BUILDING: PEDIATRIC MS

I worked collaboratively with a neurology team to collect information about children and teens with pediatric MS. Since July 2004 we have held annual “Teen Adventure Weekend” retreats to collect ethnographic data about the youth with MS, and to allow them to meet others with the same condition. Everyone participates in recreational activities such as a ropes course, kayaking, sailing, a cookout, and a drama workshop. This experience also serves to build the capacities of the community recreation organization and the neurology team to engage in community-collaborative research endeavors. These camps have been the largest concentration of children with MS ever gathered.

DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH & EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

I facilitated the visit of professionals from the Brazilian Ministry of Health to Stony Brook University in November 2004, October 2007, November 2009. They gave a series of lectures about the “Humanization of Health Care in Brazil, opened an exhibition on Brazilian psychiatric survivors living in the community and participated in round-table discussions with students and faculty on the development of collaborative research and exchange opportunities in Rio de Janeiro. I visited the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation in return in June 2010.

INTERSECTIONS OF ANTHROPOLOGY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND DISABILITY STUDIES

I have organized and presented on panels and meetings on this topic at the Society for Applied Anthropology (2006-2009) and the Society for the Study of Occupation (2006). I am first editor of a special issue of Practicing Anthropology (July 2008) and will be co-editor of a planned edited anthology.

ADVISOR: DISABILITY STUDIES CONCENTRATIONS

The Stony Brook University School of Health Technology and Management has established an undergraduate Disability Studies Concentration as a part of their Bachelor’s Degree in Health Sciences. I was instrumental in the development of this concentration, and am also involved in the development of a Doctoral-level concentration.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Block, P., Rodriguez, E., Milazzo, M., MacAllister, W., Krupp, L. Nishida, A., Slota, N., Broughton, A., Keys, C.B., (under review). Building Pediatric MS Community. *Research in Social Science and Disability*.

Block, P., Vanner, E., Keys, C. B., Rimmer, J., Skeels, S. (2010). Project Shake-It-Up!: A Disability Studies Framework of Empowerment for Capacity Building and Health Promotion. *Disability & Rehabilitation, 32(9):741-54*

MacAllister, W.S., Christodoulou, C., Troxell, R., Milazzo, M., **Block, P.**, Preston, T.E., Bender, H.A., Belman, A., & Krupp, L.B. (2009). Fatigue and Quality of Life in Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis. *Multiple Sclerosis. 15:1502-8*.

Vanner, E.A., **Block, P.**, Christodoulou, C.C. Horowitz, B.P., & Krupp, L.B. (2008) A Pilot Study Exploring Quality of Life and Barriers to Physical and Leisure/Recreation Activity in Persons with Moderate to Severe Multiple Sclerosis. *Disability and Health Journal, 1:58-65*.

Block, P. (2007). Institutional Utopias, Eugenics, and Intellectual Disability in Brazil. *History and Anthropology, 18(2):177-196*.

Block, P., Skeels, S., & Keys CB (2006). Participatory intervention research with a disability community: A practical guide to practice. *International Journal of Disability, Community & Rehabilitation. 5(1)*.

Friend, K., Mernoff, S., **Block, P.**, Reeve G, Levy D. T. (2006). Smoking Rates and Obstacles to Quitting Among Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis. *Disability & Rehabilitation. 28(18): 1135-1141*.

Block, P., Ricafrente-Biazon, M., Russo, A., Chu, K.Y., Sud, S., Koerner, L., Vittoria, K., Langrover, A., Olowu, T. (2005). Introducing disability studies to occupational therapy students. Special Issue on Occupational Therapy and Disability Studies, *American Journal of Occupational Therapy, 59(4):554-60*.

Block, P., Skeels, S., Keys, CB & Rimmer J. (2005). Shake-It-Up: Health promotion and capacity building for people with Spinal Cord Injuries and related neurological disabilities. *Disability and Rehabilitation. 27(4): 185-90*. February 18, 2005.

Block, P. (2004). Disability studies in the belly of the beast. *Disability Studies Quarterly. 24(4)*. Special Issue on Disability Studies in the Education of Public Health and Health Professionals: Can It Work for All Involved?

Block, P. (2002). Sexuality, parenthood, and cognitive disability in Brazil. *Sexuality and Disability, 20(1): 7-28*.

Block, P. (2002). Introduction to the Special Issue: Parents with disabilities. *Sexuality and Disability, 20(1):3-5*.

Block, P., Bock, B., Becker, B., & Everhart, S. (2001). Alcohol and substance use by adolescents and young adults with recent spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries. *Disability Studies Quarterly. 21(2)*.

Block, P., Balcazar, B., & Keys, C. (2001) From Pathology to Power: Rethinking Race, Poverty and Disability. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies. 12(1):18-27*.

Block, P. (2000). Sexuality, Fertility and Danger: Twentieth Century Images of Women with Cognitive Disabilities. *Sexuality and Disability*, 18(4): 239-54.

Block, P. (1992). The politics of reproduction in Brazil. In, *Proceedings: Engendering Knowledge/Engendering Power: Feminism in Theory and Practice*, Cynthia Baker, Ed. The Third Annual Women's Studies Graduate Conference, Duke University.

EDITOR-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Block, P. (2010) Participant: Neurodiversity and Caregiving: A Roundtable with Parents and Siblings of Children with Autism (moderator, Ralph James Savarese). *Disability Studies Quarterly* 30(1). <http://www.dsquds.org/article/view/1061/1236>

Block, P. (2009). Commentary: A study of perceived facilitators to physical activity in neurological conditions. *International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation*, 16(1):24.

Frank, G., **Block, P.**, and Zemke, R. (2008). Introduction to the Special Issue. *Practicing Anthropology*, 30(3):2-5.

Block, P. & Rodriguez E., (2008). Team Building: An Anthropologist, A Cultural Anthropologist and the Story of a Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Community. *Practicing Anthropology*, 30(3):6-9.

Block, P., Balcazar, F., Keys, C. (2002). Race Poverty and Disability: Three Strikes and You're Out! Or are You? *Social Policy*. 33(1): 34-8.

Block, P. (1996) Frankenstein moves to Glen Ridge: Sexual violence and 'mental defect.' *Infanto - Revista de Neuropsiquiatria da Infância e Adolescência* 4(2):21-5.

SPECIAL ISSUES EDITED

Block, P., Frank, G. and Zemke, R. (2008). Anthropology, Occupational Therapy and Disability Studies: Collaborations and Prospects. *Practicing Anthropology*, 30(3):1-31.

Block, P. (2002). Parents with disabilities. *Sexuality and Disability*, 20(1): 1-101 and 20(2)117-23.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Lopez, A. and **Block, P.** (in press) PAR FORE: A Community-based Occupational Therapy Program. IN Occupational Therapy Without Borders: The Spirit of Survivors, Second Edition (Eds. Frank Kronenberg, Dikaïos Sakellariou and Nicholas Pollard). Oxford, England: Elsevier Churchill Livingstone.

Block, P. (2007). Doing cultural anthropology and disability studies in rehabilitation training and research contexts. IN Anthropology Put to Work. (Eds. Les Field and Richard Fox). Oxford, UK & Gordonsville, Virginia: Berg Publishers

REPRINTS OF JOURNAL ARTICLES

Block, P., Balcazar, F. & Keys, C. (2006). Race Poverty and Disability: Three Strikes and You're Out! Or are You? IN Race, Class & Gender: An Anthology, Sixth Edition. (Eds. Margaret Anderson and Patricia Hill-Collins). Belmont, California: Thomson Wadsworth. pp. 426-32.

Block, P. (2006). Feeble Excuses: Public Representations of Gender, Sexuality & Disability. IN Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader. (Eds. Mindy Stomblor, Dawn M. Baunach, Elisabeth O. Burgess, et al.). Boston, Massachusetts: Allyn & Bacon.

Block, Pamela. (2004). "Sexuality, Fertility, and Danger: Twentieth-Century Images of Women with Cognitive Disabilities." IN The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns and Possibilities. (Eds. Spade and Valentine.) Pp 313-323.

Block, P. (2002). Sterilization, Sexual Control, & Intellectual Disability in Brazil. IN Health of Women with Intellectual Disabilities (Eds. Patricia Walsh, and Tamar Heller) Oxford: Blackwell Science, pp. 76-89.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Block, P., Bieler, R. (2005) Solicited Entry. Disability Experience: Brazil. The Encyclopedia of Disability. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications..

Block, P. (2005) Solicited Entry. Niels E. Bank-Mikkelsen. The Encyclopedia of Disability. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Block, P., Nelis T. (2005) Solicited Entry. People First. The Encyclopedia of Disability. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

BOOK REVIEWS

Block, P. (2003). Solicited Book Review. Venus on Wheels: Two Decades of Dialogue on Disability, Biography, and Being Female in America. Gelya Frank. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000. ix + 284 pp., photographs, notes, references, index. *American Ethnologist*, 30(1): 175-6.

TRANSLATIONS

Rocha L.E. & Seligmann, S. (2002). *Health and Work*. F.E. Balcazar, M. Montero, and J.R. Newbrough (eds.), Health Promotion in the Americas: Theories and Practices (Washington, DC: Pan American Health Organization, 2002).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Guest Editors, Peer Reviewed Special Issue:

Patterson, S and **Block P.** (in progress) Historical Perspectives on Disability and Work *Review of Disability Studies*. Expected publication in 2011.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

Rodriguez, E., **Block, P.** (Working Paper) How Youth and Family Cope with Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis. To be submitted to *Multiple Sclerosis*.

Rodriguez, E., **Block P.** (Working Paper). Using play to empower adolescents with disabilities. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy*.

Book Chapters:

Kasnitz, D. & **Block P.** (in progress) Access and Participation. IN Expressions of Doing: Negotiating Occupations (Eds. Pollard, N., Sakellariou, D.). Oxford, England: Elsevier Churchill Livingstone.

Block, P., Shuttleworth, R. Pratt, J., Block, H., Rammler, L. (in progress) Sexuality, Dating and Intimacy. IN Expressions of Doing: Negotiating Occupations (Eds. Pollard, N., Sakellariou, D.). Oxford, England: Elsevier Churchill Livingstone.

CONFERENCE PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

Block, P., Milazzo, M., Rodriguez E. (2010) "Growing Up with MS" Film Presentation. Society for Disability Studies, Thursday June 3, 2010, Philadelphia, PA.

Block, P. (2010) Moderator: Health and Occupation Equity. Society for Disability Studies, Thursday June 3, 2010, Philadelphia, PA.

Block, P. (2010) Moderator: Power, Truth & Trust in Communication Access. Society for Disability Studies, Friday June 4, 2010, Philadelphia, PA.

Block, P. (2010) Discussant: United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - What Does It Mean to Guarantee Freedom of Expression? Society for Disability Studies, Friday June 4, 2010, Philadelphia, PA.

Block, P. (2010) Moderator: Business Meeting. Society for Disability Studies, Saturday June 5, 2010, Philadelphia, PA.

Perkinson, M. and **Block, P.** (2009). Teaching health research ethics: Examples from the U.S. and Guatemala. American Anthropological Association Meetings, December 3, 2009, Philadelphia, PA.

Block, P. (2009) Bus Rides and Back Rooms: Disability, Family, Meaningful Occupation and Life Transition, Society for Medical Anthropology Annual Meetings September 25, 2009, New Haven CT.

Rodriguez, E., **Block, P.** (2009) Community Building and Shared Beliefs among Youth with Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis. Society for Medical Anthropology Annual Meetings September 26, 2009, New Haven CT.

Block, P. Milazzo, M., Rodriguez, E., Nishida, A. (2009) The Discomfort Zone: Collaborative Disability Studies Research with Clinicians, Activists, and Youth with Multiple Sclerosis. Society for Disability Studies Meetings, June 19th, Tucson, Arizona.

Kasnitz, D., Seelman, K., **Block, P.** (2009) Town Hall Meeting: Collaborations between the Society for Disability Studies and Allied Organizations. Society for Disability Studies Meetings, June 19th, Tucson, Arizona.

Kasnitz, D. and **Block, P.** (2009): Discussants: Occupational Therapists' Interactions with Patients and Communities: Bringing Social Sciences, Phenomenology, Narrative Theory and Disability Studies to Medical Rehabilitation, Part II. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 21, 2009

Block, P. and Frank G. (2009). Chairs: Disability, Occupation and Anthropology in Local and Global Communities. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 20, 2009.

Block, P., Block, H., Kilcup, B. (2009). Autism, Family, Meaningful Occupation and Life Transition. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 19, 2009.

Rodriguez, E., and **Block P.** (2009). Empowering Youth with Pediatric MS for Life Transitions through Play. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 19, 2009.

Kasnitz, D., Blakeney, A., **Block, P.**, and Gupta, J. (2009). Chairs: Teaching Cultural Competence around Life-Cycle Transitions: Anthropology, Occupational Science, and Disability Studies, Part I, Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 19, 2009.

Kasnitz, D., Rodriguez, E., Paul-Ward, A., **Block, P.** (2009). Chairs: Teaching Cultural Competence around Life-Cycle Transitions: Anthropology, Occupational Science, and Disability Studies, Part II, Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 19, 2009.

Block, P., Block, H., Kilcup, B. (2008). Autism, Communication, Family & Community. American Anthropological Association Meetings, November 21, 2008. San Francisco.

Block P. (Chair), Kasnitz, D., & Frank, G. (Organizers). Inclusion of Autism and Disability, Collaboration with Disability Studies and Occupational Science, and Engagement of Kinship and Citizenship in Social Justice. American Anthropological Association Meetings, November 21, 2008, San Francisco.

Stout, R., Friend, K., Zywiak, W., **Block, P.**, Lagasse, A., Lawson, C., Shipton-Levy, R. (2008). Organizational Quality of Drug Abuse Clinics and Client Satisfaction: A Longitudinal Analysis. Addiction Health Sciences Research Conference, Boston Massachusetts.

McKenna, R., Sniffen, J., Johnson, R., Mancini-Johnson, L., Benz-Scott, L., **Block, P.**, Mattera, D., Parker, R. (2008). Play Fit-Stay Fit: A comprehensive community based wellness program for childhood survivors of cancer. American Public Health Association, October 2008.

Block, P., Block, H. & Kilcup, B. (2008). Autism, Communication, and Family. Society for Disability Studies Meetings, New York City, June 20, 2008.

Block, P. and Frank, G. (2008). Transcending Spheres: Disability Studies, Occupational Therapy and Anthropology Go Public. 4-session Panel at Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Memphis Tennessee, March 29, 2008.

Block, P., Friend K., Stout, R., Zwyiak, W., Fernandez, M., Sanabria, K., Tse, W. Xi, M., & Wang, Xi. (2008). Narrative Constructions of Substance Abuse Treatment: Mapping Trajectories Reported Over a Year-long Treatment Program. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Memphis Tennessee, March 29, 2008.

Rodriguez, E., Milazzo, M., & **Block, P.** (2008). Parents and Youth Coping with Pediatric MS. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Memphis Tennessee, March 29, 2008.

Milazzo, M., **Block, P.**, MacAllister, W., Rodriguez, E., Krupp, L., Koch, K., Slota, N., Access2Adventure (2007). Community Building and Youth with Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis. Crossroads II: Critical Issues in Community-Based Research Partnerships. Conference Organized by the Institute for Community-Based Research, Hartford, Connecticut, June 8, 2007.

Block, P. & Frank G. (2007). Global Solutions from Occupational Therapy, Occupational Science, Disability Studies and Anthropology: Community-Based Research and Practice. 3-session Panel at the Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, Florida, March 27-31, 2007.

Block, P., Milazzo, M., MacAllister, W., Rodriguez, E., Krupp, L., Koch, K., Slota, N., Access2Adventure (2007). Community Building with Children with Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis: Perspectives from Anthropology, Disability Studies and Occupational Therapy. Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, Florida, March 27-31, 2007.

Block, P., Milazzo, M., MacAllister, W., Krupp, L., Koch, K., Slota, N., Access2Adventure (2006). Community building with children with pediatric multiple sclerosis: Finding ways to work together. American Public Health Association Meetings, Boston, Massachusetts, November 8, 2006.

Block, P., Buckovinsky D., Dour, M., Keltz, L., Moskowitz, L. (2006). Disability, Independent Living and Capacity Building. Society for the Study of Occupation Annual Meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, October 7, 2006.

Milazzo, M., **Block, P.**, MacAllister, W., Slota, N., Belman, A., Krupp, L. (2006). Therapeutic camp intervention for teens with multiple sclerosis. 22nd Congress of the European Committee for the Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis, Madrid, Spain, September 28, 2006.

Block, P. (2006). Organizer and Roundtable Moderator: Putting Disability Studies Into Practice: Disability Studies Curricula. Society for Disability Studies Annual Meetings, Bethesda, Maryland, June 16, 2006.

Block, P. (2006). Disability, Independent Living and Capacity Building. Occupation on the Edge II: Occupational Therapy and Anthropology, The Continuing Conversation. Society for Applied Anthropology and Society for Medical Anthropology 2006 Annual Meetings. Vancouver, BC, Canada. April 1, 2006.

Block, P. (2005). Swimming with strange fish (trying not to get eaten): Doing cultural anthropology and disability studies in rehabilitation training and research contexts. Wenner Gren Foundation Symposium, New York, New York, May 20, 2005.

Block, P., Skeels, S., Choquette, P. (2004). Collaborative Research with and within a Disability Community. Crossroads: Critical Issues in Community-Based Research Partnerships. Conference Organized by the Institute for Community-Based Research, Hartford, Connecticut, June 11, 2004.

Block, P. & Choquette, P. (2004). Addiction and Physical Disability. Presentation for Post-Doctoral Research Fellows, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University, May 28, 2004.

Block, P. (2004). Participatory Action Research: A case with and within a disability community. Assoc. for Applied Anthropology 2004 Meetings, Dallas, Texas, April 3, 2004.

Block, P. (2002). Teaching Anthropology and Disability Studies to Medical and Health Care Students, Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 23, 2002.

Block, P. & Choquette P. (2002). Disability and Addiction, Panel Organized for the 16th Annual Rhode Island Independent Living Conference, Providence, September 30, 2002.

Block, P. (2002). Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Disability and Substance Use; Panel organizer and moderator at the Society for Disability Studies 15th Annual Meeting, June 8, 2002, Oakland, California.

Block, P. (2001). Social History and Cultural Perceptions of Women with Cognitive Disabilities; Paper presented at Symposium on Diversity and Disability. University of Hawaii, March 3, 2001, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Block, P. (2001). Alcohol and substance use by adolescents and young adults with recent spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries; PacRim Disability Studies Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 5, 2001.

Block, P. (2001). Alcohol, Drugs, and Disability: Breaking the Silence; Session organized for the 128th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 16, 2000.

Block, P. (2000). Overcoming Barriers to Self Advocacy; Paper presented at Ride the Wave: The 5th National Self Advocacy Conference, Providence, September 1, 2000.

Block, P. & Keys, C. (2000). International Symposia on Self Advocacy, Co-Organizers; This series of symposia included self advocates and researchers from Brazil, the United States, Canada, England, and Australia at the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability, Seattle, August 3, 2000.

Block, P. (2000). Supporting Self Advocacy: Addressing Race, Poverty and Disability; Paper presented at the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability, Seattle, August 3, 2000.

Block, P. & Chartlon, J. (2000). International and Cross Cultural Perspectives on Research and Activism in Disability Rights; Paper presented at the Society of Disability Studies Meetings, Chicago, June 30, 2000.

Block, P. (2000). Sexuality, Fertility and Danger: Twentieth Century Images of Women with Cognitive Disabilities; Paper presented at Disability, Sexuality and Culture: Societal and Experiential Perspectives on Multiple Identities, San Francisco, March 18, 2000, San Francisco State University.

Block, P. (1998). Developmental Dilemmas: The History of Special Education in Brazil; Paper presented at the 1998 Social Science History Association Meetings, Chicago, November 22, 1998,.

Block, P. (1998). As Pessoas Portadoras de Necessidades Especiais e a Cidadania, (People with Special Needs and Citizenship); Keynote address presented at II Congresso Latino Americano de Escola Publica. Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil, June 4, 1998.

Block, P. (1998). Sexualidade (Sexuality), 1998 Congresso sobre Cidadania para as Pessoas com Necessidades Especiais; Panel discussion at the 1998 Conference on Citizenship for People with Special Needs. Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil, Mar 31-Apr 2, 1998.

Block, P. (1997). The Evolution of Service Provision in Brazil; Paper presented at the 1997 TASH Conference, Boston, December 11, 1997.

Block, P. (1997). Eugenic Sterilization in Brazil; Paper presented at the Brazilian Studies Association Conference, BRASA IV, Washington, D.C., November 13, 1997.

POSTERS

Block, P., Friend, K., Zywiak, W., Stout, R. (2010). Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Addiction and Disability. Society for Disability Studies, June 4, 2010.

McKenna, R., Sniffen, J., Johnson, R., Mancini-Johnson, L., Benz-Scott, L., **Block, P.**,

Mattera, D., Parker, R.(2008). "Play Fit-Stay Fit: A comprehensive community based wellness program for childhood survivors of cancer" American Physical Therapy Association-CSM, February 2008.

Stout, R., Friend, K., Zywiak, W., **Block, P.**, Neighbors, C. (2007) The Reliability of an Organizational Assessment of Substance Abuse Clinics Based upon the Malcolm Baldrige Model. Academy Health, Annual Research Meeting, Orlando Florida June 3-5, 2007.

Block, P., & Everhart Skeels, S. (2006). Project Shake-It-Up and Beyond: Building a Community-Based Disability Studies Research Program. Society for Disability Studies Annual Meetings, Bethesda, Maryland, June 17, 2006.

Milazzo, M., **Block, P.**, MacAllister, W., Bellman, A., Slota, N., and Krupp, L. (2006). A Weekend Retreat for Teens with Multiple Sclerosis. Annual Meeting for the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Clinics. Scottsdale, Arizona.

Horowitz, B., Lee J., Soin, S., Wan, W.L., **Block, P.** & Vanner E. (2005). Valued Activities, Daily Routines, and Roles among Church Affiliated Among Chinese and Korean American Elders. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meetings, Orlando, Florida, November, 19 2005.

Badalamenti, C., Cheung, H., Liu, A., **Block, P.**, Vanner, E., Horowitz, B (2005). Three barriers in multiple sclerosis to physical and recreational activities: depression, fatigue, and cognitive impairments. American Occupational Therapy Association 2005 Annual Meeting, Long Beach, California, May 13, 2005.

Lee, J., Soin, S., Wan, W. L., Horowitz, B., **Block, P.** & Vanner E. (2005). The influence of occupations and roles within family life on perceived quality of life among Chinese and Korean American elders. American Occupational Therapy Association 2005 Annual Meeting, Long Beach, California, May 13, 2005.

Brtalik, L., Farkas, T., Nguyen, M., Horowitz, B., **Block, P.**, Vanner, E. (2005). The Influence of Leisure/Social Activities on Quality of Life of Assisted Living Residents. American Occupational Therapy Association 2005 Annual Meeting, Long Beach, California, May 13, 2005.

Harrison, J., Toolan, L., Vittoria, K., Dechello, K. & **Block P.** (2004). Assistive device compliance among total hip replacement clients. American Occupational Therapy Association 2004 Annual Meeting, May 21, 2004, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Block, P., Bock, B., Everhart, S., Rimmer, J., Becker, B., Keys, C., Hart, K. & Canuel, L. (2002). Project Shake It Up: Health Promotion and Capacity Building for Persons with Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury; PacRim Disability Studies Conference, Honolulu, March 5, 2002.

Block, P., Becker B., & Bock, B. (2000). Alcohol, traumatic injury and disability: Differences by gender, race, and ethnicity; Research Society on Alcoholism Meetings, Denver, June 28, 2000.

WORKSHOPS

Block, P. (Fall 2005, 2006) Introduction to Self Defense. Mother's Center of Suffolk County, Setauket New York.

Block, P. (2002). Self Defense for All, 16th Annual Rhode Island Independent Living Conference. Providence, September 30, 2002.

Block, P. (1998). Self Defense; Workshop presented at "Leading the Way": Rhode Island's 6th Statewide Self- Advocacy Conference, Providence, September 12, 1998.

Block, P. (1998). Inclusão na Comunidade e Profissionalização para Adultos Portadoras de Necessidades Especiais, (Community Inclusion and Jobs for Adults with Special Needs); Workshop presented at Escola Rosa Azul, Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil, June 12, 1998.

Block, P. (1998). Treinamento de Liderança, 1998 Congresso sobre Cidadania para as Pessoas com Necessidades Especiais, (Leadership Training); Three-day workshop given at the 1998 Conference on Citizenship for People with Special Needs, Aracaju, Sergipe, March 31-April 2nd, Brazil.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board of Directors, Society for Disability Studies 2007-2010
President, 2009-2010, Ex-Officio 2010-2011
Vice President, 2008-2009

National Association for the Practice of Anthropology Special Interest Group on Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science, Lead organizer for 2007 and 2008 conference panels, annual meeting and journal special issue.

Treasurer: International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability (IASSID) Special Interest Group on Citizenship and Empowerment 2000-2005

Peer reviewer for the following academic journals:

Alcoholism
International Journal of Intellectual Disability
Disability Studies Quarterly
Disability and Rehabilitation
American Journal of Occupational Therapy
Sexuality Research and Social Policy
Human Organization
Ethos

SERVICE TO PROGRAM, SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY

SHTM Committees

By-Laws 2008-Present
Recruitment 2006-2007
Nomination Committee, SHTM Faculty Assembly, March 2006-Present
Curriculum 2002-2006
APT 2003-2008, 2009 (ad hoc)
Research 2003 - 2009 (Includes Grant Getting Group and Doctoral Study Group)
Vice-Chair, Research Committee, 2006-Present
Diversity 2004-2005, 2008-Present
Mission Statement (ad hoc) 2004
OT Search Committee 2005-2006
PT Search Committee 2005

Stony Brook University Committees

Presidential Committee on the ADA 2003-Present

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Committees

LACS Rockefeller Fellowship Committee (2005)

LACS Tinker Fellowship Committee (2003-2004, 2008)

Miscellaneous Program and School Service

Advisor: Student Occupational Therapy Association, SHTM, 2004-2007

Informal Advisor: BSHS Disability Studies Concentration, SHTM 2003-Present

Facilitator: Stony Brook University Disability Studies Discussion Group (originally funded by a the Dialogues for Diversity Grant) 2003 – 2005

Co-Facilitator: Brown University Disability Studies Group, (Funded by a Wayland Collegium Grant) 2000-2002

PUBLIC SERVICE

Peer Facilitator and Steering Committee Member: Mother's Center of Suffolk County May 2006 – 2009

Consultant (pro bono) – Educateur, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 2004-Present

Honorary Board Member: Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO) 2003-Present

Board Member: Parents and Friends for Alternative Living (PAL) 2001-2003

Program Organizer: Partners of the Americas Exchange Rhode Island – Sergipe Brazil 1998-2001

COURSES TAUGHT

Research Practicum for OT	SBU	Summer 2007
Introduction to Research for OT	SBU	F2006-2007
Projects in Disability Studies	SBU	S2005
Grantwriting for OT	SBU	S2004-2006, 2008
Disability Studies & OT	SBU	S2004-2010
Research Design for OT	SBU	S2003-2009
Research Tutorial for OT	SBU	S2003-2008
Independent Study for OT	SBU	F2003-2008
Health, Sciences & Society	SBU	S2003-2004, S2007
Disability and Medicine	SBU	S2003
Society, Culture, and Disability	URI	F2001
Cultural Anthropology	URI	S2001
Societies and Cultures of Latin America	URI	S2001
Disability, Health and Community,	Brown U	F2000-2001
Sex and Gender	URI	S2000

STUDENT MENTORING (NAMES REMITTED AS PER FERPA REQUIREMENTS)OT Program Advisees

Class of 2005: Six Students

Class of 2006: Two Students

Class of 2007: Two Students
Class of 2008: Five Students
Class of 2009: Three Students
Class of 2010: Four Students
Class of 2011: Five Students
Class of 2012: Seven Students
Class of 2013: Six Students

Master's Level Research

Principal Mentor: Five OT Students (2006-2008) Interpreting Outcomes of Substance Abuse Treatment.

Co-Mentor: Six OT Students (2006-2007). Pediatric MS: Experience of Teens and Their Parents.

Principal Mentor: Four OT Students (2006-2007). Models of Independence: Cultural Anthropology, Disability Studies, Occupational Therapy and Independent Living.

Co-Mentor: Five OT Students (2006-2007). Multiple Sclerosis and Quality of Life.

Principal Mentor: Three OT Students (2004-2005). Three Barriers of Multiple Sclerosis to Physical and Recreational Activities: Depression, Fatigue, and Cognitive Impairments.

Co-Mentor: Three OT Students (2004-2005). The influence of occupations and roles within family life on perceived quality of life among Chinese and Korean American elders.

Medical Students

Mentor (2005-2006) Third Year Medical Student, Depression in Brazilian Street Children.

Mentor (2005) Second Year Medical Student, Family Medicine in Brazil.

Mentor (2003) Second Year Medical Student, Disability & Medicine. Curriculum Development in Disability Studies.

Undergraduate Research

Senior Thesis Advisor (2005) Sexuality and mental retardation: The case of Maryhaven. Stony Brook University

Mentor (2002-2005) Undergraduate/Pre Medical Intern, Project Shake It Up, Brown University.

Mentor (2003) Undergraduate Student Intern, Project Shake It Up, Hampshire College.

Mentor (2002) Undergraduate/Pre-medical Student Intern, Project Shake It Up, Brown University

Mentor (2002) Undergraduate/Pre-medical Student Intern for Project Shake It Up, Brown University.

Mentor (2001) Undergraduate Student Intern, Alcohol, Adaptation to Disability, Brown University

Mentor (2000) Undergraduate Student Intern, Alcohol & Adaptation to Disability, Brown University

FACULTY MENTORING

2004-Present Informal mentor in both teaching and research for adjunct and regular faculty in the BSHS disability studies concentration and in the Division of Rehabilitation Sciences.

2005-2008 Coordination of the faculty Grant Getting, Professional Development and Doctoral Support Groups to support SHTM faculty endeavours.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Skill Level

Portuguese
Spanish

Fluent
Proficient