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Appointments:

- 2016 Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Georgia Southern University
- 2015-present Co-Primary Investigator
Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association
Georgia Southern University
Project title: Assessing the Viability of a Commercial Lionfish Fishery in the
U.S. Virgin Islands
- 2014-present Research Consultant
Georgia Sea Grant Research Project
Georgia Southern University
Project title: Can the local food movement be an opportunity for Georgia
seafood producers to participate in the inland seafood market?
- 2014-present Adjunct Faculty
Environmental Sciences
Emory University
- 2014-2016 Post-Doctoral Research and Teaching Fellow
Georgia Sea Grant and Environmental Sciences
Emory University
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Education:

- 2013 PhD, Anthropology
Emory University
Dissertation: "Rice and Peas in the Diaspora: Food, Health and the Body
among Barbadian Migrants in Atlanta"
- 2013 Graduate Certificate, Women's Studies
Emory University
- 2009 M.A., Anthropology
Emory University
- 2006 Certificate, Haitian Creole Summer Institute
Florida International University, Miami

- 2005 M.A., Cultural Anthropology (with Distinction)
California State University, Northridge
 Thesis: “Rum Culture: An Ethnography of the Barbadian Rum Shop”
- 1999 B.A., Liberal Studies
California State University, Northridge
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Publications:

- (2015) **Tookes, J. Sweeney.** “The Food Represents: Barbadian Foodways in the Diaspora.” *Appetite* 90(65-73).
- (N.D.) **Tookes, J. Sweeney,** Peggy Barlett, and Tracy Yandle. “How Local is *Your* Local Seafood? Issues of Locality and Sustainability in Georgia Seafood.” In preparation for *Culture, Agriculture, Food, and Environment*.
- (N.D.) **Tookes, J. Sweeney.** “Good Health in Your Body?: Physical Activity in the Barbadian Diaspora.” In preparation for *International Journal of Migration Health and Social Care*.
- (N.D.) **Tookes, J. Sweeney.** “Getting Food to Southern Tables: Where Service and Learning Meet.” In preparation for: *Learning and Teaching in the Social Sciences*.
- (N.D.) **Tookes, J. Sweeney** and Tracy Yandle. “You Can't Catch 'Em and Sell 'Em:’ Perceptions of Obstacles to Direct Marketing among Georgia Fishermen.” In preparation for *Human Organization*.
- (N.D.) **Tookes, J. Sweeney.** “Traveling to Market: Provision Grounds and the Caribbean Higgler.” In preparation for *Wadabagei: A Journal of the Caribbean and its Diaspora*.
- 2013 **Tookes, J. Sweeney.** *Rice and Peas in the Diaspora: Food, Health and the Body Among Barbadian Migrants*. Doctoral Dissertation. PhD Committee: Peter J. Brown (chair), Peggy Barlett, David Nugent, Craig Hadley, Leandris Liburd.
- 2009 Brown, Peter and **J. Sweeney Tookes.** The Anthropology of Overweight, Obesity and the Body. *AnthroNotes: Smithsonian Museum of Natural History* 30(1): 6-12.
- 2008 Turner, Bethany, K. Maes, **J. Sweeney,** G. Armelagos. Human Evolution, Diet and Nutrition: Where the Body Meets the Buffet. In Trevathan, Wenda R., E.O. Smith, and J.J. McKenna, (Eds.) *Evolutionary Medicine and Health: New Perspectives*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2007 **Sweeney, J.** Technology in the Classroom. *A Community of Excellence: Reflections and Directions from the Year of the Faculty*. Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
- 2005 **Sweeney, J.** *Rum Culture: An Ethnography of the Barbadian Rum Shop*. Master’s Thesis. MA Committee: Sabina Magliocco (chair), Judith Marti, Christina VonMayrhauser.

Fellowships and Grants:

- 2015-2017 Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association
PI: Tracy Yandle, Emory University. Co-PIs: **Jennifer Sweeney Tookes**, Georgia Southern University; Sherry Larkin, University of Florida.
Grant Amount: \$314, 437
Project Title: Assessing the Viability of a Commercial Lionfish Fishery in the U.S. Virgin Islands
- 2014-2016 Georgia Sea Grant Research Grant
PI: Tracy Yandle, Emory University. CoPI: **Jennifer Sweeney Tookes**, Georgia Southern University
Grant Amount: \$118, 671
Project title: Can the local food movement be an opportunity for Georgia seafood producers to participate in the inland seafood market?
- 2015 Classroom Grant- Travel Funding for Invited Guest Speaker
Center for Faculty Development and Excellence
Emory University
- 2014 Classroom Grant-Travel Funding for Invited Guest Speaker
Center for Faculty Development and Excellence
Emory University
- 2011-2013 Graduate Fellowship for the Center for Community Partnerships
Environmental Studies Internship Coordinator and Instructor
Emory University
- 2009-2010 The Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
Dissertation Research Grant (#7990)
Project Title: "Rice and Peas in the Diaspora: Nutrition and Food Choice among Barbadian Migrants in Atlanta"
- 2009-2010 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow (for PRISM: Problems and Research to Integrate Science and Mathematics)
Emory Center for Science Education
- 2009-2010 Community Partnership Fellowship (*declined*)
Emory Office of University-Community Partnerships
- 2007 Institute for Comparative International Studies Graduate Fellowship Award
Emory University
- 2006 Foreign Language Area Studies Grant (FLAS), Haitian Creole
University of Florida, Gainesville
- 2006 Graduate Student Council Travel Award
Emory University

- 2004 Department of Anthropology Keith Morton Memorial Scholarship
California State University, Northridge
- 2003 Office of Research and Sponsored Projects Research Grant
California State University, Northridge
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Papers and Posters:

- 2016 **Tookes, J. Sweeney** and Tracy Yandle. *You Can't Catch 'Em and Sell 'Em: Perceptions of Obstacles to Direct Marketing among Georgia Fishermen*. Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology; March 30, 2016, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2015 Tookes, J. Sweeney. *Getting Food to Southern Tables: Where Service and Learning Meet*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association; November 20, Denver, CO.
- 2015 **Tookes, J. Sweeney** and Tracy Yandle. *How Local is Your Local Seafood? Issues of Locality and Sustainability in Georgia Seafood*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society; April 10, Athens, GA.
- 2012 **Tookes, J. Sweeney**. *The Food/Exercise Conundrum: Diet and Activity among Barbadian Migrants in Atlanta*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society; March, Birmingham, AL.
- 2010 Brown, Peter, **J. Sweeney Tookes** and J. Mascaro. *Using Global Health Narratives to Enhance Empathy in Middle School Students: A Classroom Trial?* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology; March, Merida, Mexico.
- 2006 **Sweeney, J.** Macaroni Pie in the Diaspora: Retention and Reinvention of Barbadian Foodways in Atlanta. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association; November, San Jose, CA.
- 2006 **Sweeney, J.** Rice and Peas in the U.S.: Retention and Reinvention of Barbadian Foodways in the Diaspora. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society; October, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2005 **Sweeney, J.** Corned Beef to Rotisserie Chicken: Globalization and Changing Foodways in the Barbadian Rum Shop. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society; October, Atlanta, GA.
- 2005 **Sweeney, J.** Gender, Social Identities, Globalization: The Barbadian Rum Shop. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society; April, San Diego, CA.
- 2004 **Sweeney, J.** Gender, Social Identities, Globalization: The Barbadian Rum Shop. Paper accepted for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association; November, San Francisco, CA. (*conference cancelled*)

- 2004 **Sweeney, J.** The Barbadian Rum Shop and the Creation of Women’s Identities. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Folklore Society; April, Northridge, CA.
- 2004 **Sweeney, J.** Corned Beef to Rotisserie Chicken: Globalization and the Changing Role of Food in the Barbadian Rum Shop. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology; April, Atlanta, GA.

Teaching Experience:

- 2016 ANTH 4334 “Ethnographic Methods”
 ANTH7436 “Graduate Seminar: Qualitative Methods”
Assistant Professor, Georgia Southern University
- 2016 ANTH2131 “Biological Anthropology”
 ANTH3091 “Medical Anthropology”
 ANTH7631 “Graduate Seminar: Medical Anthropology”
Assistant Professor, Georgia Southern University
- 2015 ENVS 491 “Seafood in the Global Food System: Service Learning”
Adjunct Lecturer, Emory University
- 2014 ENVS 491 “Local Foods and Georgia Seafood: Service Learning in Food Systems”
Adjunct Lecturer, Emory University
- 2013 ENVS 491 “Food, People, and the Environment”
 Service-Learning in Environmental Studies
Instructor, Emory University
- 2012 ENVS 497 Undergraduate Internships in Environmental Studies
Co-Instructor, Emory University
- 2012 ENVS 491 “The Global Food System”
 Service-Learning in Environmental Studies
Instructor, Emory University
- 2011 ENVS 497 Undergraduate Internships in Environmental Studies
Co-Instructor, Emory University
- 2011 ANT 202 “Concepts and Methods in Cultural Anthropology”
Instructor, Emory University
- 2009-2010 “Environmental Science” and “Earth Systems,” 12th Grade Science
Graduate Fellow, Miller Grove High School, Lithonia, GA
- 2008 ANT 102 “Cultures and Peoples of Latin America”
Teaching Associate for Dr. David Nugent, Emory University
- 2008 ANT 202 “Concepts and Methods in Cultural Anthropology”

Invited Lecture for Dr. Chikako Ozawa-de Silva, Emory University

- 2007 ANT 202 “Concepts and Methods in Cultural Anthropology”
Teaching Assistant for Dr. Chikako Ozawa-de Silva, Emory University
- 1999-2005 Elementary School Teacher
Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, CA
- 2003-2005 YSCARES Youth After-School Program
Program Supervisor, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, CA
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Other Teaching and Mentoring Experience:

- 2014-2015 Mentored, supervised, and evaluated six undergraduate students from a diverse array of academic majors in qualitative and quantitative research methods. Students conducted weekly field research at local farmers markets to collect data as part of a Service-Learning course in local food systems (ENVS491). Supervised work-study student personnel for Georgia Sea Grant research project.
- 2012-2013 Mentor and committee member for one anthropology student selected for the Senior Honor’s Thesis program. Guided student in qualitative and quantitative research, project design, data analysis, and thesis writing. This culminated in the thesis, “It Just Ain’t Like It Used to Be’: The Relationship of Food, Culture, and Metabolic Disease in African American Senior Citizens of the South,” which was awarded the anthropology department’s highest undergraduate honor, the 2013 Marjorie Shostak Award for excellence in ethnographic writing.
- 2013 Guided and supervised eight undergraduates in completing service-learning proposals, plans and projects for local organizations (Truly Living Well Center for Urban Agriculture and The Wylde Center/Oakhurst Community Garden) as part of a Service-Learning course in food (ENVS491)
- 2012-2013 Mentored, supervised and evaluated thirteen environmental studies majors in obtaining, completing and learning from off-campus internships with organizations such as the United States Geological Survey and the Atlanta Local Food Initiative
- 2012 Guided and supervised twelve undergraduates in completing service-learning proposals, plans and projects for local organizations (Truly Living Well Urban Farm and Farmer’s Market, Concrete Jungle [urban foraging from abandoned fruit trees to benefit local homeless shelters], and Poncey-Highlands Community Garden) as part of a Service-Learning course in food (ENVS491)
- 2011-2012 Mentored, supervised and evaluated thirteen environmental studies majors in obtaining, completing and learning from off-campus internships with organizations such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Aquarium of the Pacific, and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation

- 2011 Mentored, supervised and evaluated twenty-five undergraduate students in research design, literature review, qualitative research, data analysis, and ethnographic writing for a course in cultural anthropology (ANTH202)
- 2010-2011 Mentor and informal advisor for one anthropology student selected for the Senior Honor's Thesis program. Guided student in qualitative and quantitative research, project design, data analysis, and thesis writing. This culminated in the Honor's Thesis, "Detangling the Impact of Social Class, Race, and Culture on the Health Attitudes, Beliefs, and Behaviors of College-Educated African-American Women," which was awarded the anthropology department's highest undergraduate honor, the 2011 Marjorie Shostak Award for excellence in ethnographic writing.
- 2007 Mentored, supervised and evaluated fifteen undergraduate students in research design, literature review, qualitative research, data analysis, and ethnographic writing for a course in cultural anthropology (ANTH202)

Research Interests: Foodways, nutrition; local and global food systems; sustainable agriculture; racial, ethnic and gender identity; health, obesity, the body; migration, transnationalism, Caribbean; fisheries and fishing culture

Research Experience:

- September 2015-present Co-Primary Investigator
Collaborated in proposing and securing funding for a two-year project investigating the potential viability of a fishery for the invasive lionfish in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Qualitative fieldwork conducted in St. Thomas and St. Croix, USVI during the summer of 2016.
- March 2014-August 2016 Post-Doctoral Research
Collaborated in proposing and obtaining funding for a two-year project investigating Georgia fishing communities and their potential for building economic alliances with the local foods movement in Atlanta, Georgia. Conducted qualitative interviews with farmers market and community-supported-agriculture managers, fishermen and fish dealers, chefs, and related officials. Worked closely with project PIs in the creation of research instruments for online and in-person surveys, open-ended interviews, data analysis methods, and dissemination of information to a varied audience of academic peers, industry stakeholders, interested citizens, and government agencies. Supervised and mentored undergraduate students and work-study employees in data collection, entry, and analysis methods. Responsible for all day-to-day operations of the research project.
- May 2009-August 2010 Dissertation Research
Proposed, obtained funding for, and implemented fifteen months of dual-sited dissertation research with Barbadian migrants in Atlanta, and on the Caribbean island of Barbados. Investigated the relationships between food choice, traditional food practices, physical activity, body ideals and health in migration. Utilized mixed methods, including interviews, participant observation, food and activity journals, anthropometric measurements, cultural consensus/consonance analysis, and elicitation images.

- August 2005-August 2010 Barbadian Migrant Experience
Conducted long-term ongoing research on the meaning of traditional foods in the diaspora. Through participant observation and interviews, examined the shifting nature and meanings of tradition evidenced in foodways of Barbadian migrants in Atlanta.
- July-September 2007 Pilot Dissertation Research
Spent three months in preliminary dissertation research in Barbados, conducting interviews and engaging in participant-observation. Explored the relationships between traditional and contemporary foodways, the significance of food choices in identity negotiation, and the changing nature of food practices in a rapidly developing nation.
- December 2004-January 2005 Film- Rum Shops of Barbados
Two months were spent as the Associate Producer for a short documentary film on Barbadian rum shops. This film was based on my Master's thesis fieldwork.
- November-December 2003 Rum Shops of Barbados
Fieldwork conducted in Barbados over this two month period was the foundation for the Master's Thesis, Rum Culture: An Ethnography of the Barbadian Rum Shop.
- June 2003 Film- Barbadian Chattel Houses
Spent one month as the Research Supervisor for the documentary film on this style of traditional architecture that emerged in the mid 19th century, following the end of slavery in the British Caribbean. Conducted extensive archival research, participant-observation, and interviews with owners of chattel homes

Ethnographic Film Credits:

- 2006 *Shirley*, Short Film Produced by Jennifer Sweeney
Examining the migrant experience through the eyes of one long-term Atlanta resident, this film focuses on Caribbean native, Shirley. As one of the first Barbadians in Georgia, she describes her experience coping with life in the US South, the ways she maintains links to her home nation, and how she keeps a bit of the island in her daily life.
- 2004 *Rum Shops*, Associate Producer, "Based on Research By"
This film explores the key role of these small shops in the development of the modern grocery store and the various functions that this type of business fulfilled in neighborhood communities. It analyzes the broader societal themes of food, economics, alcohol and drinking behaviors, and gender as they were evidenced in this locale. Special attention is paid to the nature of gendered interactions and the effects of globalization on the shops.
- 2003 *Chattel Houses*, Research Supervisor
Chattel House compiles a narrative of this vernacular architecture native to Barbados. It tells the story of these structures that emerged to fill the need for temporary, moveable housing in the post-Emancipation years, and have been ubiquitous to the island since the end of slavery. Due to associations with slavery and poverty, the homes are quickly vanishing from the contemporary society, and this film attempts to document their history before they completely disappear from the Barbadian landscape.

Professional Service:

- 2016-present SocioEconomic Panel Member
South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council
- 2016-present Faculty Advisor, Lambda Alpha Society, Anthropology Program
Georgia Southern University
- 2016-present Advisory Council, Master of Arts in Social Sciences Program.
Georgia Southern University
- 2011-2013 Internship Coordinator, Environmental Studies
Emory University
- 2010 Undergraduate Research Symposium Judge; SIRE (Scholarly Inquiry and Research at Emory)
Emory University
- 2007 Women's Studies Departmental Committee; Graduate Certificate Student Representative
Emory University
- 2007 Transforming Community Project Dialogue on Race; Committee Participant
Emory University
- 2006 Co-Organizer, Anthropology Film Series
Emory University
- 2005 Research/Editorial Assistant, *The Other 50%*, Judith Marti and Mari Womack, eds.
California State University, Northridge
- 2004-2005 Editorial Assistant, *Western Folklore*
California State University, Northridge

Professional Affiliations:

American Anthropological Association
Society for Applied Anthropology
Caribbean Studies Association
Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition
Southern Anthropological Society

References:

Dr. Peter Brown

Professor &
Director, Center for the Study of Health, Culture
and Society
Department of Anthropology
Emory University

Dr. Peggy Barlett

Goodrich C. White Professor
Department of Anthropology
Emory University

Dr. Tracy Yandle

Associate Professor
Environmental Studies Department
Emory University

Dr. David Nugent

Professor &
Director, Development Practice Program
Department of Anthropology
Emory University

Dr. Craig Hadley

Associate Professor
Department of Anthropology
Emory University

Dr. Sabina Magliocco

Professor
Department of Anthropology
California State University, Northridge

Dr. Leandris Liburd

Director of the Office of Minority Health
and Health Equity
Centers for Disease Control
Atlanta, Georgia