

# Alison Kenner

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## EDUCATION

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2011 Ph.D. (Science & Technology Studies) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Dissertation Title: Breathtaking: Contemporary Figures of U.S. Asthma Care  
Committee: Mike Fortun (chair), Kim Fortun, Dean Nieusma, Tomie Hahn  
2006 M.A. (Women's Studies, *magna cum laude*) University of Albany, SUNY  
Thesis Title: From Triumph to Tragedy: The 1911 Triangle Fire as Historical Hypertext Fiction  
Committee: Vivien Ng (chair), Janell Hobson, Edward Schwartzschild  
2003 B.A. (English, *magna cum laude*) University of Albany, SUNY

Non-degree course work  
2003-2004 M.A. courses in Philosophy University of Albany, SUNY

## EXPERIENCE

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2011-present *Managing Editor and Program Director*  
*Cultural Anthropology* (The Journal of the Society for Cultural Anthropology)  
Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

2011-present *Adjunct Assistant Professor*  
Department of Science & Technology Studies  
School of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York

During graduate studies at Rensselaer

2008-2010 *Managing Editor*  
*Cultural Anthropology*, the Society for Cultural Anthropology  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York

2006-2008 *Teaching Assistant (4 terms)*  
TA positions: joint instructor (1 term), recitation instructor (3 terms)  
Department of Science & Technology Studies  
School of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York

2005-2008 *Course Instructor (4 terms)*  
Department of Women's Studies  
School of Arts and Social Sciences  
University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, New York

2007-2008 *Editorial Assistant*  
*Cultural Anthropology*, the Society for Cultural Anthropology  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York

Prior to graduate studies at Rensselaer

2004-2006      *Graduate Assistant*  
The New York State Writer's Institute  
University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, New York

2005            *Teaching Assistant* (1 term)  
Department of Women's Studies  
School of Arts and Sciences  
University of Albany, SUNY, Albany, New York

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles in Scholarly Journals

2008            "Securing the Elderly Body: Dementia, Surveillance, and the Politics of 'Aging in Place.'" *Surveillance & Society* 5(3): 252-269.

### Other Peer-Reviewed Publications

2009            "Review of Solove's *The Digital Person: Technology and Privacy in the Information Age*." *Surveillance & Society* 6(2): 193-194.

2008            "Situating Surveillance: Emerging Theories and Technologies." Review of David Lyon, ed. *Theorizing Surveillance: The Panopticon and Beyond*. *The Communication Review*, 11(1): 104-108.

### Other Publications (not peer reviewed)

2013            "On Making Breath Visible." *Fieldsights – Cultural Anthropology Online*. June 15, 2013. <http://production.culanth.org/fieldsights/342-invisibilities-provocation>

2013            "Findings from The Asthma Files." *CASTAC Blog (From the Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing)*. April 30, 2013. <http://blog.castac.org/2013/04/findings-from-the-asthma-files/>

2012            "Writing Space for Ethnography." *Guest Series: Ethnography on/from the Sidelines. Savage Minds*. July 27, 2012. <http://savageminds.org/2012/07/27/writing-space-for-ethnography/>

2012            "Ethnography's Sense." *Guest Series: Ethnography on/from the Sidelines. Savage Minds*. July 20, 2012. <http://savageminds.org/2012/07/20/ethnographys-sense/>

2012            "Making Ethnography Work." *Guest Series: Ethnography on/from the Sidelines. Savage Minds*. July 1, 2012. <http://savageminds.org/2012/07/13/making-ethnography-work/>

2012            "Caring for Our Sidelines." *Guest Series: Ethnography on/from the Sidelines. Savage Minds*. July 1, 2012. <http://savageminds.org/2012/07/06/caring-for-our-sidelines/>

## GRANTS

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### Funded Grants (as PI or Co-PI)

Title: Developing Dementia: Technoscientific Responses to the Alzheimer's Disease Epidemic  
Type: Research Fellowship  
Sponsoring agency: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
PI: Alison Kenner  
Dates: 2008-2010

### Proposals Submitted but Denied Funding

Title: Producing and Circulating Air Quality Science in the U.S.  
Type: Research Grant (Dissertation Improvement)  
Sponsoring agency: National Science Foundation  
PI: Alison Kenner  
Dates: 2010-2011

### Research Support from Other Grants

Title: Strategizing Transdisciplinarity: From Exposure Assessment to Exposure Analysis in the U.S.  
Type: Research Grant  
Sponsoring agency: National Science Foundation  
PI: Kim Fortun  
Dates: 2008-2010  
(Note: This grant supported multiple fieldwork trips between 2009-2011; see the below 'Research Experience' section.)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2013 "Breathing In and Out of Place: Asthma, Care, and Environmental Embodiment." To be delivered at the American Anthropological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, November 20-24, 2013.
- 2013 "Diagnosing Data: Tracking Asthma Through U.S. Agencies and Beyond." To be delivered at the Society for Social Studies of Science Conference, San Diego, CA, October 9-12.
- 2013 Postnatural Breathing in Late Industrialism: Insights from Asthmatics. To be delivered at the Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Notre Dame, IN, October 3-6.
- 2013 "Asthmatic Matters, Agential Realism, and Emerging Modes of Environmental Health Care." Delivered at the Feminism, Science, and Materialism Conference, New York, NY, February 14-15.
- 2012 "Caring for Asthma with the Buteyko Method: On How to Make Breath Visible." Presented at the American Anthropological Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 14-18.

- 2011 "Digitizing *Cultural Anthropology*: Cultivating Community Around Scholarly Publishing." Delivered at the American Anthropological Association Conference, Montreal, QC, Canada. November 2011.
- 2011 "Patient Demographics and the Asthma Epidemic: Understanding How Age and Care Relations Shape Health Literacy." Delivered at the Political Sociology of Science and Technology Conference, Troy, New York. April 2011.
- 2011 "Accounting for Asthma and Air Quality: Understanding Biological Citizenship in Contemporary Epidemiology." Delivered at the Gordon Cain Conference, Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia, PA. March 2011.
- 2010 "Simpli-cities: Environmental Health, Asthma, and Graphematic Spaces." Delivered at the Society for Cultural Anthropology Meeting, Santa Fe, NM. May 2010.
- 2009 "Experimenting With the *Asthma Files*: Collaborative Articulations of Complexity." Delivered at the American Anthropological Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. December 2009.
- 2008 "Surveillance That Cares: The Politics of Elderly Security Technologies." Delivered at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, Cincinnati, OH. June 2008.
- 2007 "Our Shrinking Frontier: Nanotechnology, Power, and Democracy." Delivered at the Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, CA. October 2007.
- 2007 "Securing the Elderly Body: Caregiving Technologies and the Criminalization of Aging." Workshop on Surveillance and Inequality, Tempe, AZ. March 16-18.
- 2006 "When Knowledge Production Meets Global Capitalism: Framing Social Interests in the Entrepreneurial University." Delivered at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, Orlando, FL. June 2006.
- 2006 "Playing with Gender: Analyzing Ideologies That Persist Through Time and Space." Delivered at the Center for Humanities, Arts, and Technoscience Conference, Albany, NY. April 2006.

## TEACHING

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### Courses

- Fall 2012 *Senior Projects (STSS/STSH 4980)*  
 Department of Science & Technology Studies  
 School of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York
- Spring 2012 *Senior Projects (STSS/STSH 4980)*  
 Department of Science & Technology Studies  
 School of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York
- Fall 2011 *Senior Projects (STSS/STSH 4980)*  
 Department of Science & Technology Studies  
 School of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York

Fall 2011      *Public Service Internship (STSS/STSH 4900)*  
Department of Science & Technology Studies  
School of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York

Summer 2008      *Classism, Racism, Sexism (WSS 240)*  
Department of Women's Studies  
School of Arts and Social Sciences  
University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY

Summer 2007      *Classism, Racism, Sexism (WSS 240)*  
Department of Women's Studies  
School of Arts and Social Sciences  
University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY

Summer 2006      *Introduction to Feminisms (WSS 101)*  
Department of Women's Studies  
School of Arts and Social Sciences  
University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY

Summer 2005      *Introduction to Feminisms (WSS 101)*  
Department of Women's Studies  
School of Arts and Social Sciences  
University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY

#### Courses as a Teaching Assistant

Spring 2008      Senior Projects (STSS 4980) with Sharon Anderson-Gold  
Fall 2008      Product, Design, and Innovation (IHSS 2610) with Dean Nieusma  
Spring 2007      Introduction to Science and Technology Studies (STSH 1110) with David Hess  
Fall 2006      Professional Development (STSS 4840) with Melissa Everett  
Spring 2005      Women and the Media (WSS 281) with Janell Hobson

#### Guest Lecture/Participant

Fall 2012      Workshop, "Yoga and Wellness," for Society of Women Engineers  
Spring 2012      Workshop, "Yoga for Stress Reduction," for Society of Women Engineers  
Fall 2011      Workshop, "What's On Your Plate?" for the Ecological Education Group  
Fall 2011      Workshop, "Sustainability Photography," for the Ecological Education Group  
Spring 2011      Guest lecture in Gender, Science and Technology (Validya)  
Spring 2011      Guest lecture in Medicine and Society (Khandekar)

## SERVICE

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### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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#### Conference Panels

- 2013 Panel Organizer, "Current Biocommunicability Engagements Informing Future Publics," American Anthropological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 20-24.
- 2008 Panel chair, "Targeting Others: Power, Technoscience, and Surveillance at the Margins," National Women's Studies Association conference, Cincinnati, OH, June 19-22.
- 2007 Panel chair, "Nanotechnologies," 4S annual conference, Montreal, QC, October 11-13.
- 2006 Roundtable session organizer, "Student-Teacher Relationships: Building Community In and Out of the Classroom," National Women's Studies Association Conference, Oakland, CA. June 15-18.

Other Professional Service

- Fall 2012 Member, Open Access Task Force, Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Fall 2012 Member, Social Media Committee, *Cultural Anthropology*
- 2012 Chair, Teaching Tools Committee, *Cultural Anthropology*
- Fall 2011 Member, Ecological Education Working Group
- 2010-2012 Chair, Website Committee, *Cultural Anthropology*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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Institute

- 2004-2006 Representative, Graduate Student Senate, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2004-2006 Treasurer, C.A.T.A.L.Y.S.T., University at Albany, SUNY

STS Department

- 2011-2012 Co-organizer, STS Undergraduate Research Symposium (with Kim Fortun)
- 2008-2009 Member, Brown Bag Workshop committee
- 2007-2008 Member, Colloquium committee
- 2006-2007 Graduate student representative, Graduate program committee

Women's Studies Department

- 2005-2006 Member, Newsletter Editorial Collective
- 2004-2005 Graduate student representative, Graduate program committee

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

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Awards

- 2007 McKinney Writing Competition, First Prize, Graduate Electronic Media
- 2007 Master Teaching Fellow, Office of Graduate Education, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (for excellence in teaching; Institute-wide pool with \$2,500 stipend)
- 2006 Graduate Student Employee Union Professional Development Award, University at Albany, SUNY

2005 Graduate Student Employee Union Professional Development Award, University at Albany, SUNY

#### Other Recognition

2013 Competitively selected to participate in the “In-n-Out California: Circulating Things and the Globalization of the West Coast” Workshop, UC Berkeley, CA, September 5-7.

2007 Competitively selected to participate in the Workshop on Surveillance and Social Justice, Tempe, AZ, May 16-19 (one of 12 fully funded participants)

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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American Anthropological Association  
International Association of Yoga Therapists  
National Women’s Studies Association  
Society for Cultural Anthropology  
Society for the Social Studies of Science  
Yoga Alliance

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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2010-2012 Manager & Yoga Instructor, Troy-Yoga, Troy, New York  
Fall 2012 Yoga Instructor, Center for Nia and Yoga, Albany, New York  
2011 Yoga Instructor, Shanti Yoga, Troy, New York  
2010 Yoga instructor, Heartspace Holistic, Albany, New York

### REFERENCES

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**Dr. Mike Fortun (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)**  
Associate Professor of Science and Technology Studies

**Dr. Dean Nieuwma (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)**  
Associate Professor of Science and Technology Studies

**Dr. Anne Allison (Duke University)**  
Robert O. Keahane Professor of Cultural Anthropology  
Professor of Women’s Studies