

Curriculum Vitae

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Specializations

Medical and psychological anthropology; culture and mental health; anthropology of psychiatry; embodiment and somatization; chronic and medically unexplained illness; trauma and dissociation; cultural therapeutics; cultural neuroscience; Brazil; U.S.; Mexican diaspora.

Appointments

2015-present Associate Professor, Anthropology and Global Health, Northwestern University
2008- 2014 Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Global Health, Northwestern University
2006-2008 Dial Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Global Health, Northwestern University
2004-2006 Canadian Institute of Health Research Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill University

Affiliations

2024-present Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Faculty Fellow, Northwestern University
2014-present Science in Human Culture Affiliated Faculty, Northwestern University
2013-present Latin American and Caribbean Studies Affiliated Faculty, Northwestern University
2012-present Cognitive Science Affiliated Faculty, Northwestern University
2009-present Institute for Policy Research, Faculty Fellow

Education

2004 PhD, Emory University, Department of Anthropology
2002 Certificate, Transcultural Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University
2001 MA, Emory University, Department of Anthropology,
1995 BA, Anthropology, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, *summa cum laude*

Publications

Books:

In Preparation **Seligman, R.** Conditions of Meaning: An Ethnography of Mind-body Illness.
Under review for Advance Contract, University of California Press.

- 2015 Chiao, J., R. Turner, S. Li, and **R. Seligman** Editors, Oxford Handbook of Cultural Neuroscience. Oxford University Press.
- 2014 **Seligman, R.** Possessing Spirits and Healing Selves: Embodiment and Transformation in an Afro-Brazilian Religion. Palgrave/MacMillan, Culture, Mind, and Society Series of the Society for Psychological Anthropology.

Articles:¹

- In Preparation* **Seligman, R.**, **Layla Imani Joseph, **Brian Whetsell, and Rebecca Ford-Paz. Mental health care for Mexican American adolescents: Integrating the micro- and macrosocial in clinical care. To be submitted to Social Science and Medicine.
- In Preparation* **Seligman, R.** and M. Canna.** Ethnography as Care. To be Submitted to Current Anthropology.
- In press* **Seligman, R.** and M. Canna.** Biological Systems and the Embodiment of Culture. *In* Cambridge Handbook of Psychological Anthropology. Edward Lowe, Editor.
- 2024 **Seligman, R.** Mothering and Mental Health Care: Moral Sense-Making Among Mexican-American Mothers of Adolescents in Treatment. *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, 48:614-633.
- 2023 **Seligman, R.** Emotion Regulation Across Disciplines: Anthropology. *In* Handbook of Emotion Regulation (3e). James Gross and Brett Ford, Editors.
- 2022 **Seligman, R.** Metaphor and the politics and poetics of youth distress in an evidence-based psychotherapy. *Transcultural Psychiatry*, 13634615211066692.
- 2021 Canna, M.** , **Seligman, R.** & Koroma, M. (2021). How culture breaks down the mind-body divide. An interview with Maddalena Canna and Rebecca Seligman by Matthieu Koroma. *ALIUS Bulletin*, 5, 12-27.
- 2020 **ojalehto, Bethany, Douglas Medin, and **R. Seligman**. Cognition beyond the human: Cognitive psychology and the new animism. *Ethos* 48(1): 50-73.
- 2020 Canna, M.,** and **Seligman, R.** Dealing with the Unknown: Functional Neurological Disorders and the Conversion of Cultural Meaning. *Social Science and Medicine* 246: 112725.
- 2018 **Seligman, R.** Mind, Body, Brain and the Conditions of Meaning. *Ethos* 46(3): 397-417.

¹ Starred names indicate student or postdoctoral co-authors

- 2018 **Seligman, R.** "Bio-looping" and the psychophysiological in religious belief and practice: Mechanisms of embodiment in Candomblé trance and possession. *In* Handbook of Society and Biology. Palgrave MacMillan.
- 2017 **Seligman, R.,** & Halloy, A. Towards a biocultural approach of dissociative consciousness. An interview with Rebecca Seligman. *ALIUS Bulletin* (1):47-52.
- 2015 **Seligman R.,** Suparna Choudhury, and Laurence J. Kirmayer Locating Culture in the Brain and in the World: From Social Categories to an Ecology of Mind. Invited Chapter for Oxford Handbook of Cultural Neuroscience. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2014 **Seligman, R.,** **E. Mendenhall, M. **Valdovinos, A. Fernandez, and E. Jacobs Subjectivity and self-care among Mexican Americans with Diabetes. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 29(1):61-79.
- 2010 **Seligman, R.** The unmaking and making of self: Embodied suffering and mind-body healing in Brazilian Candomblé. *Ethos* 38(3):297-320.
- 2010 **Mendenhall, E., **R. Seligman,** A. Fernandez and L. Jacobs. Speaking through diabetes: Rethinking the uses of "trauma" in Mexican-American diabetes narratives." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 24(2):220-239.
- 2009 **Seligman, R.** and R. Brown Theory and Method at the Intersection of Anthropology and Cultural Neuroscience. *Social, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience* doi:10.1093/scan/nsp032.
- 2009 Brown, R. and **R. Seligman** Anthropology and cultural neuroscience: Creating productive intersections in parallel fields. *Progress in Brain Research* 178:31-42.
- 2008 **Seligman, R.** and L. Kirmayer. Dissociative experience and cultural neuroscience: Narrative, metaphor, and mechanism. *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 32(1):31-64.
- 2005 **Seligman, R.** Distress, dissociation, and embodied experience: Reconsidering the pathways to mediumship and mental health. *Ethos* 33(1):71-99.
- 2005 **Seligman, R.** From affliction to affirmation: Narrative transformation and the therapeutics of Candomblé mediumship. *Transcultural Psychiatry* 42(2):272-294.
- 2002 Rilling, J. and **R. Seligman.** A Quantitative morphometric comparative analysis of the primate temporal lobe. *Journal of Human Evolution* 42(5):505-534.

Working Papers

Seligman, R. Mothering and Mental Health Among Mexican American Mothers. IPR Working Paper Series. June 2024.

Book Reviews

- 2017 **Seligman, R.** Mental Disorder, by Nichola Khan. Medical Anthropology Quarterly.
- 2009 **Seligman R.** Mental Health among Taiwanese Americans: Gender, Immigration, and Transnational Struggles, by Chien-Juh Gu. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 23(1):72-74.
- 2009 **Seligman, R.** Religion and the Politics of Ethnic Identity in Bahia Brazil, by Stephen Selka. American Ethnologist 36(4):807-808.

Research Fellowships and Grants

- 2024-25 Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, full year sabbatical support.
- 2023 National Science Foundation Supplemental Grant. **R. Seligman, PI.** \$20,000.
- 2022 Buffett Institute Global Catalyst Grant "Remaking Media and Mental Health Across Cultures." **R. Seligman,** Peter Locke, David Tolchinsky PIs. \$60,000.
- 2022-2025 Three-year Institute for Policy Research Faculty Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2021 Buffett Institute Global Catalyst Grant "Media Representation of Mental Health/Illness." **R. Seligman,** Peter Locke, David Tolchinsky PIs. \$60,000.
- 2021 National Science Foundation Senior Scholars Grant. "From Sensations to Symptoms: The Social Shaping of Functional Illness Experience." **R. Seligman, PI.** \$216,629.
- 2019-2022 Three-year Institute for Policy Research Faculty Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2017 WT Grant Foundation Research Grant: "Cultures of Care: Exploring Inequalities in Mental Health Services Among Mexican American Youth." **R. Seligman PI,** R. Ford-Paz Co-PI. \$102,321.

- 2016-2019 Three-year Institute for Policy Research Faculty Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2016 Northwestern Buffett Center Big Ideas Grant: Medical Cultures and Law. Helen Tilley PI, **R. Seligman, Co-PI.**
- 2016 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: "The Role of Socioeconomic and Cultural Variation of Neurotrauma Recovery." **R. Seligman, PI.** L. Garofalo, Co-PI.
- 2014 Northwestern Institute for Policy Research Small Grant: "Making Sense of Mental Health Care: Interpretive, Cultural, and Psychosocial Dimensions of Mexican American Adolescent Experiences with Psychiatry." **R. Seligman, PI.**
- 2013-2016 Three-year Institute for Policy Research Faculty Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2011 NIH-funded Research Consortium "International Cultural Neuroscience" Joan Chiao PI, Shinobu Kitayama PI. **R. Seligman Key Personnel.**
- 2010 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: "Emotion, Stress, and Diabetes" **R. Seligman PI,** E. Mendenhall Co-PI.
- 2009-2012 Three-year Institute for Policy Research Faculty Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2000-2003 National Institutes of Health, National Research Service Award Fellowship, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine: "Psychobiology and Mental Health in a Spirit Possession Religion." **R. Seligman PI.**
- 2000 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Programs in Cultural and Physical Anthropology: "A Call to Mediumship: Social, Psychological, and Psychobiological Predispositions Among Mediums in a Brazilian Spirit Possession Religion." **R. Seligman PI.**
- 2000 Emory University Internationalization Fund, Research Grant Award. **R. Seligman PI.**
- 1999 Mellon Foundation Summer Research Grant Award. **R. Seligman PI.**
- 1997-2003 Four Year Graduate Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, Emory University

- 1995 Fulbright Institute of International Education (IIE), Grant for Independent Research Abroad: "Calypso and Carnival: A Psychosocial Study of a Trinidadian Mass Ritual." **R. Seligman, PI.**

Awards and Honors

- 2019-2020 Northwestern University Associated Student Government Faculty and Administration Honor Roll, Teaching Award.
- 2018-2019 Northwestern University Associated Student Government Faculty and Administration Honor Roll, Teaching Award.
- 2013-2014 Northwestern University Associated Student Government Faculty and Administration Honor Roll, Teaching Award
- 2003 Charles Hughes Fellowship for best paper, awarded by the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture: "From Affliction to Affirmation: Narrative Transformation and the Therapeutics of Candomblé Mediumship."
- 1995 O. Roger Gallagher Memorial Award for Outstanding Student in the field of Anthropology, Skidmore College.
- 1995 Periclean Honor Society Award for Outstanding Senior Honors Thesis, Skidmore College: "Synthetic Anthropology: A Biocultural Examination of the Trinidadian Carnival."
- 1995 Phi Beta Kappa

Conferences Organized

- 2023 **Seligman, R.** Conference organizer and Program Chair, Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting. Joan B. Kroc Center for Peace Studies, San Diego, California. April 27-30.
- 2023 **Seligman, R.** Co-Organizer, three-day symposium on Media and Mental Health, Co-organized with Pritzker Pucker Studio Lab and Dave Tolchinsky, Peter Locke, and Kate Erskine (Buffett Global Catalyst working group on Media and Mental Health). May 25-27.

Invited Lectures/Presentations

- 2025 **Seligman, R.** Conditions of Meaning: An Ethnography of Functional Illness. Invited lecture, Kaplan Conversations series. Northwestern. February 12.
- 2024 **Seligman, R.** New Paradigms of Brain and Body: Neurotechnologies in the Treatment of FND. Advanced Study institute, McGill University Division of Transcultural Psychiatry, Montreal QC. June 26-28.

- 2022 **Seligman, R.** Spiritual Sensations: Embodiment in Brazilian Candomblé. Invited lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of California, San Diego. November 7.
- 2022 **Seligman, R.** The Mind-Body Problem in Medicine: From Hysteria to FND, How Meanings Shape Illness Experience. Montgomery Lecture, Center for Medical Humanities and Bioethics, Feinberg School of Medicine. October 13.
- 2022 **Seligman, R.** From Sensations to Symptoms: The Social Shaping of Functional Illness Experience. Psychological and Medical Anthropology Symposium, University of California, San Diego. May 9.
- 2022 **Seligman, R.** From Sensations to Symptoms: The Social Shaping of Functional Illness Experience. Klopsteg Lecture Series, Northwestern University. Feb 14.
- 2021 **Seligman, R.** Mothering and Mental Health Care: Moral Sense-Making Among Latinx Mothers of Adolescents in Psychiatric Treatment. IPR Colloquium, Northwestern University. Dec. 6
- 2020 **Seligman, R.** Dealing with the unknown: Functional Neurological Disorder and the conversion of cultural meaning. Notre Dame University, Department of Anthropology Colloquium. *Cancelled due to COVID.*
- 2019 **Seligman, R.** The Biology and Culture of Spirit Possession: An Integrative Model of Dissociation and Altered States of Consciousness. Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness Annual Meeting. London, Ontario. June 28-29, 2019.
- 2019 **Seligman, R.** Metaphor and the politics and poetics of youth distress in Evidence Based Psychotherapy. Advanced Study Institute. McGill University Division of Transcultural Psychiatry. June 26-28, 2019.
- 2019 **Seligman, R.** and Rebecca Ford-Paz. Cultures of Care: Mexican-American Adolescent Mental Health Study. Invited talk for Latino Health Disparities Workshop, Northwestern University. January 24, 2019.
- 2018 **Seligman, R.** Cultures of Care: Measurement and Metaphor in Psychotherapy with Mexican American Adolescents. Invited lecture of Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University. May 7, 2018.
- 2017 Seligman, R. Cultures and Context. Invited panelist, The Power of Minds Symposium. Stanford University. December 5-7, 2017.

- 2015 **Seligman, R.** Conditions of the Brain: Meaning, Metaphor, and Mechanism in Illness and Healing. Invited lecture for Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UC Santa Barbara, October 22, 2015.
- 2015 **Seligman, R.** Global Mental Health. Invited Lecture for Northwestern's Seminars in Global Health, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University. October 6, 2015.
- 2015 **Seligman, R.** Culture and Mental Health. Invited Lecture for Buffet Center for International Studies, Northwestern University. May 29, 2015.
- 2015 **Seligman, R.** Making Sense of Mental Healthcare: Cultural, Political, and Social Dimensions of Psychiatric Treatment among Mexican-American Youth. Invited Lecture for Fay Lomax Cook Colloquium Series, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University. March 9, 2015.
- 2014 **Seligman, R.** Exploring the Social, Political, and Individual Dynamics of Psychiatric Patienthood Among Mexican-American Adolescents. Invited lecture for Community Mental Health Research Unit Grand Rounds at the Jewish General Hospital, Montreal and the Department of Psychiatry, McGill University. October 29, 2014. Montreal, Quebec.
- 2014 **Seligman, R.** Possessing Spirits and Healing Selves: Suffering and Self-Transformation in an Afro-Brazilian Religion. Invited Lecture for Department of Anthropology Lecture Series, Western Michigan University. October 9, 2014. Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2014 **Seligman, R.** Pathology, Normativity, and Ideologies of Selfhood in Dissociation. Invited Lecture for Department of Anthropology Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin, Madison. September 15, 2014. Madison, WI.
- 2013 **Seligman, R.** Locating culture in the brain and in the world: Anthropology meets Cultural Neuroscience. Armour Lecture Series at the Chicago Field Museum, October 16, 2013.
- 2013 **Seligman, R.** Locating Culture in the Brain and in the World: From Social Categories to an Ecology of Mind. Invited talk for International Cultural Neuroscience Consortium Conference, Northwestern University May 10-12, 2013.
- 2012 **Seligman, R.** Social Suffering, Emotional Distress, and Self-care among Mexicans in the United States. IPR Colloquium Series, Northwestern University. February 13, 2012.

- 2012 **Seligman, R.** Healing the Embodied Self in Candomblé. Presentation for the Clinical Ethnography Workshop, University of Chicago. April 24, 2012.
- 2011 **Seligman, R.** Spirit possession and dissociation: What they can tell us about self, embodiment, and the construction of mental health and illness. Invited lecture at the Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, March 11 2011.
- 2011 **Seligman, R.** Global Mental Health: Issues on a remaining frontier of international health research and intervention. Key-note address at the Global Health Summit, Medical College of Wisconsin, February 11.
- 2010 **Seligman, R.** Meeting of the Minds: Intersections of Anthropology and Cultural Neuroscience. Invited lecture at the Center for Culture, Mind, and the Brain seminar series. University of Michigan October 27-28.
- 2010 **Seligman, R.** Global Mental Health. Invited lecture presented at the Globemed Summit. Northwestern University, March 5.
- 2010 **Seligman, R.** Toward a cultural psychiatry of Dissociation. Presentation for the Clinical Psychology Brownbag series, Northwestern University. April 29.
- 2009 **Seligman, R.** Meaning in the ecology of emotional distress: Trauma, dissociation, and embodiment in cultural context. Invited paper presented at the International Society for Research on Emotion conference. August 6-9, Leuven, Belgium.
- 2009 **Seligman, R.** and R. Brown Community Based Psychophysiology. Presentation at the IPR and C2S Summer Biomarker Institute. June 8-10, Northwestern University.
- 2008 **Seligman, R.** Culture and Mental Health: Integrating Anthropological and Psychiatric Perspectives on Dissociation. Presented at the BCICS Faculty and Fellows Colloquium, January 18, Northwestern University.
- 2008 **Seligman, R.** Toward a Cultural Psychiatry of Dissociative Experience: Integrating Narrative, Metaphor, and Mechanism. Presented at the Clinical Ethnography Workshop, February 14, University of Chicago.
- 2007 **Seligman, R.** Culture and Mental Health. Presented for Cultural Evolution and Health Speaker Series, Sponsored by Department of Psychology, IPR, and C2S, January 8, Northwestern University.

- 2006 **Seligman, R.** International Mental Health. Presented at C2S/CICS Workshop on International Dimensions of Social Disparities in Health, October 12, Northwestern University.

Conference Panels Organized/Chaired, Panel Discussant

- 2025 **Seligman, R.** and Keegan Krause Co-Organizers. Complex Embodiments: Reciprocal Bodies and Social Worlds. Panel for Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting. April 3-6, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 2019 Canna, M. and **R. Seligman** Co-Organizers. "Somatic Cultures and Consciousness" panel for the meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Vancouver, CA. November 20-24, 2019.
- 2019 **Seligman, R.** Discussant for "Bodily Techniques of Self-Transformation" Panel, SPA Biennial Meeting, April 4-7. Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.
- 2015 **Seligman, R.** Discussant for "Place, Identity, Trauma and Healing" Panel, AAA November 19-23. Denver, Colorado.
- 2013 **Seligman, R.** and S. Selka Co-Organizers. "The Religious Dynamics of Body, Place, and Subjectivity." Panel for the meeting of the American Anthropological Association. November 20-24, 2013, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2013 **Seligman, R.** Member, Conference Committee. International Cultural Neuroscience Consortium Conference, Northwestern University May 10-12.
- 2013 **Seligman, R.** Session Chair "Cultural Neuroscience of Emotion" and "Enhancing the Culture in Cultural Neuroscience" panels at International Cultural Neuroscience Consortium Conference, Northwestern University May 10-12.
- 2009 **Seligman, R.** and R. Lester Co-Organizers and Chairs. "Volition and Self-direction in Subjective Experience, Emotional Distress, and Healing." Panel for the Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting. March 27-29, Asilomar, CA.
- 2008 **Seligman, R.** and KA McKinney Co-Organizers. "Suffering and the Self." Session organized for the joint meetings of the Society for Medical Anthropology and the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 25-29, Memphis, TN.
- 2005 **Seligman, R.** Organizer and Chair. Religion and Mental Health. Panel for the biennial meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology, April 7-10, San Diego.

Conference Presentations

- 2025 **Seligman, R.** Social Symptoms and Medical Meanings: Processes of Embodiment

in a Functional Illness. Society for Psychological Anthropology, Biennial Meeting. April 3-6. Santa Fe, NM.

- 2023 **Seligman, R.** Plenary talk “Communicative Traps and Feedback Loops: Using Bateson to Think About Embodied Distress.” Biennial Meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology. San Diego, California. April 27-30.
- 2021 **Seligman, R.** and M. Canna. Functional Disorders, Conversion, and the Biocultural Emergence of Chronic Illness. Biennial Meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology. April 6-10, 2021.
- 2019 **Seligman, R.** Somatic Enculturation, Emotion Regulation and the Body in Child and Adolescent Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, CA. November 20-24, 2019.
- 2019 **Seligman, R.** Anthropology of the mind-body. Flash-presentation at “Big-Tent Anthropology Convening,” Emory University. Atlanta, GA. September 6-8, 2019.
- 2019 **Seligman, R.** Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Narrative Transformations among Mexican American Youth in Psychotherapy. Biennial meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology. April 4-7, 2019 Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico.
- 2017 **Seligman, R.** and **L. Garofalo The Imperative to rebirth: Post-Traumatic growth and the meaning of trauma. Presented at the Society for Psychological Anthropology biennial meeting. March 9-12, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2015 **Seligman, R.** Feelings Thermometers and False Alarms: The Strange-Familiar Dynamics of Clinical Metaphors in CBT with Kids. Presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting. November 19-23, 2015, Denver, Colorado.
- 2015 M. Cameron Hay, D. Lende, H. Odden, E. Anderson-Fye, **R. Seligman.** Exploring the Intersections and Psychological and Medical Anthropology. Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology. April 11, Boston, MA.
- 2013 **Seligman, R.** Transforming Subjectivity Through Embodied Practice in Brazilian Candomblé. Presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting. November 20-24, 2013, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2011 **Seligman, R.** Embodied suffering and “self” care among Mexican Americans with diabetes and depression. Paper presented at the Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting. March 31-April 3, Santa Monica, CA.

- 2011 **Seligman, R.** Panelist, “Dissociation and Embodiment” discussion panel. Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting. March 31-April 3, Santa Monica, CA.
- 2009 **Seligman, R.** Socially sanctioned trauma and the diabetes “lifestyle”: Emotional distress and everyday suffering in the lives of Mexican Americans with Diabetes. Paper presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology 50th anniversary meeting. September 24-27, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2009 **Seligman, R.** Losing control and choosing to lose control: The complex role of volition in dissociative experiences across cultures. Paper presented at Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting. March 27-29, Asilomar, CA.
- 2008 **Seligman, R.** Cultural Neuroscience and the Anthropology of Dissociation. Presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, November 19-23, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 **Seligman, R.** The unmaking and making of self: Embodied suffering and mind-body healing in Brazilian Candomblé. Presented at the joint meetings of the Society for Medical Anthropology and the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 25-29, Memphis, TN.
- 2008 E. Mendenhall, **R. Seligman**, A. Fernandez, and L. Jacobs *Un Cuento de Coraje*: Anger, Depression, and Diabetes in a Chicago Mexican population. Presented at the joint meetings of the Society for Medical Anthropology and the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 25-29, Memphis, TN.
- 2006 **Seligman, R.** A Biocultural Perspective on Dissociation: Metaphors and Mechanisms. Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Medical Anthropology, March 28-April 4, Vancouver, BC.
- 2005 **Seligman, R.** A supernatural guide to the self: emotional distress, personal identity, and the Orixas. Presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology, April 7-10, San Diego.
- 2004 **Seligman, R.** Sometimes affliction is a door: a bio-psycho-cultural analysis of the pathways to Candomblé mediumship. Presented at Culture and Mental Health Research Meeting, Institute for Community and Family Psychiatry, Jewish General Hospital, November 5. Montreal, CA.
- 2003 **Seligman, R.** From affliction to affirmation: Narrative transformation and the therapeutics of Candomblé mediumship. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture, October 2-5, Montreal.

- 2003 **Seligman, R.** Mediumship and mental health: insights from Brazilian Candomblé. Presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology, April 10-13, San Diego.
- 2003 **Seligman, R.** Mental health and Spirit Possession Mediumship: biocultural findings from a study of religious participation in northeastern Brazil. Presented at "Building Biocultural Anthropology Conference," Emory University March 5-7, Atlanta.
- 2002 **Seligman, R.** Mediumship and mental health: preliminary results from a biocultural study in northeastern Brazil. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 19-23, New Orleans.

Briefings

- 2018 **Seligman, R.** and Rebecca Ford-Paz. Interpretive, Cultural and Psychosocial Dimensions of Latino Adolescent Experience with Psychiatry and Psychotherapy. Briefings for Clinicians at OPS (Study Site) December 7 and 12.

Consultancies and Research Consortia

- 2017-2019 **Member,** Northwestern Research Consortium on Latino Health, a consortium of social and health science researchers developing a collaborative research program to better understand and intervene in Latino health disparities. Funded by Northwestern University Grant for Innovation in Diversity and Equity.

Areas of Teaching

Psychological Anthropology, Medical anthropology, Global Health.

Courses Taught and Curriculum Development

Brain, Body, Culture (ANTH 496): Graduate "bridging" seminar.
Culture and the Brain (ANTH 101): Freshman seminar
Mind, Body, and Health (ANTH 485): Graduate seminar
Medical Anthropology (ANTH 315): Upper-level undergraduate course
Psychological Anthropology (ANTH 377): Upper-level undergraduate course
The Nature and Culture of Ritual (ANTH 101): Freshman seminar
International Perspectives on Mental Health (GH 390, now GH 307) Upper-level undergraduate
Gender and Global Health (GH 303): Upper-level undergraduate course

Professional Service

- 2025 Reviewer for University of California Press
2024 Member Anthropology Senior Review Panel, National Science Foundation
2024 Reviewer for Ethos, Cambridge University Press
2022-2023 Chair, SPA Biennial Program Committee.

2022	External Reviewer for Tenure Case, University of Haifa
2020-Present	Member, Editorial board of Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology
2021	Reviewer for National Science Foundation, Transcultural Psychiatry, Ethos
2020	Reviewer for Transcultural Psychiatry, Ethos, Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry; External Reviewer for Tenure Case, Haverford College.
2019	Reviewer for Ethos, National Science Foundation, Identities, Transcultural Psychiatry, Routledge, and Cultural Anthropology
2018	Reviewer for Oxford, WT Grant Foundation, Cultural Anthropology, Social Science and Medicine, Ethos
2018	Chair, Condon Student Paper Prize Committee, Society for Psychological Anthropology
2017	Reviewer for Ethos, Identities, Social Science and Medicine
2017	Program Committee Chair, SPA Biennial Meeting
2014-2018	Elected Member, Board of the Society for Psychological Anthropology
2015-2017	AAA Program Committee Chair, SPA section
2013-2019	Book Reviews Editor, Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology
2015	Reviewer for National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, Transcultural Psychiatry, Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry and American Ethnologist
2013	Reviewer for National Science Foundation, Ethos, Transcultural Psychiatry, Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry and SSHRC
2012	Reviewer for National Science Foundation, Ethos, Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry
2011	Reviewer for Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry and Transcultural Psychiatry
2010	Reviewer for National Science Foundation, Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry and Ethos
2009	Reviewer for National Science Foundation, Journal of Social, Cognitive, Affective Neuroscience and Transcultural Psychiatry
2009	Chair, Condon Student Paper Prize Committee, Society for Psychological Anthropology, reviewer for Transcultural Psychiatry
2006-2009	Member, Condon Student Paper Prize Committee, Society for Psychological Anthropology

Northwestern University Service

2025-2026	Franke Fellows Coordinator, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities
2021-2023	Member, Anthropology Department Executive Committee
2021-2022	Member, Science in Human Culture Advisory Board
2020-2021	Chair, <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee for Tenure and Promotion Case, Weinberg College
2019-2023	Associate Chair, Department of Anthropology
2018-19	Member: IPR at Fifty Conference Committee Member: Global Health Studies Promotion Committee for Peter Locke
2018	Chair: Anthropology Department Tenure Committee for Adia Benton
-	Member: Global Health Studies Promotion Committee for Noelle Sullivan

- Member: IPR Seed Grant Committee
- Member: Anthropology Department Executive Committee
- 2016-18 Member: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- 2016 Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Anthropology
- Member: Weinberg College Ad Hoc Tenure Committee
- Member: Institute for Policy Research and Indigenous Studies Research Initiative Search Committee
- Member: Institute for Policy Research Summer Undergraduate Research Assistantship Committee
- 2015 Member: Search Committee for Medical Anthropology/PAS Assistant Professor
- Member: Departmental Review Committee for teaching faculty promotion case
- 2014 Member: Executive Committee, Dept. of Anthropology
- Member: Undergraduate Honors Committee, Dept. of Anthropology
- Member: Search Committee for continuing lecturer in Global Health Studies
- 2013 Member: Executive Committee, Anthropology Department
- Member: Search Committee, Continuing Lecturer in Global Health
- Member: Undergraduate Honors Committee, Department of Anthropology
- 2009 Member, Graduate program committee, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University
- 2008-present Member, Global Health Curriculum Committee, Northwestern University**

Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association
Society for Psychological Anthropology
Society for Medical Anthropology
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness
Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture

Language Skills

Fluent Portuguese
Conversational Spanish
French - reading