Dr. Mary K. Good

Relationships, Responsibilities, and Economies of Care in Tonga and the U.S.

Mary K. Good is a cultural and linguistic anthropologist currently working at the VA Iowa City Health Care System as a Qualitative Analyst. She currently works on research in the areas of women’s health, Indigenous Veterans, and on projects related to kidney and cardiovascular disease. Her previous research projects in Tonga focused on youth, responsibility, global modernity, and economic participation. In this talk, she will discuss a group of short ethnographic case studies that knit together research on youth and employment in Tonga, work on the COVID-19 response for the CDC, and research on Veterans health care. In so doing, she will examine the ways in which orientations to responsibility and relationships animate decision-making and negotiation of systems of power.

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