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B. Education

Bachelor

2007 BA Anthropology
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Graduate/Master MSc Medical Anthropology
2011 University of Edinburgh

2014 MSc Gerontology
University of Southampton

Graduate/PhD

2024 PhD (Health Sciences)
University of Hull, Yorkshire, UK
Dissertation: Loneliness and isolation in older women
Supervisor: Professor Julia Holdsworth

C. Appointments

2025/Present Full Time Faculty Lecturer
Department of Public and Global Health
McGill University

2024-2025	Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anthropology University of Southern California
2018 – 2024	Professor, Department of Science and Public Health Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
2020-2021	Professor, Department of Public Health Universidad de Trujillo
2018 – 2019	Professor, Department of Anthropology Universidad Católica del Perú

D. Special Scholarships

Research Awards

2022	CONCYTEC: Applied social sciences Fund: impact of the intercultural approach in Health programs.
2022	PAHO: PAN AMERICAN Health Organisation Fund for the study: "Analysis of barriers and facilitating factors for the access of women, children and adolescents in vulnerable situations to first-level health services and hospitals in the districts of Raymondi and Chachapoyas, Peru
2020	CONCYTEC: Special projects to tackle issues related to COVID-19 Fund that allowed the implementation of telemedicine during the first and second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Perú.
2015	University of Hull: Full Doctoral scholarship Fully funded student and researcher.
2013	University of Oxford: Leslie Kirkley Fellow Scholarship for a six-month internship at the Institute of population ageing at the University of Oxford

E. Teaching

McGill University

Year/term	Course title	Role
2026	PPHL 201Population and Global Health Ethics	Co Instructor

2026	PPHS 613 Practice of Global Health	Co Instructor
2025	GPHL 200 Foundations in Population and Global Health	Co Instructor

University of Southern California

Year/term	Course title	Role
2024	Introduction to Medical Anthropology	Instructor
2024	Politics, Social Organization and the Law	Instructor
2024	Culture, Medicine and Politics	Instructor

Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia Courses in the faculty of i) Medicine and ii) Public Health

Year/term	Course title	Role
2018	Community work	Instructor
2018	Social Medicine	Co-Instructor
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2019	Social sciences	Co-Instructor
2020	Social Medicine	Co-Instructor
2021	Social Medicine	Co-instructor
2021	Anthropology of food	Instructor
2022	Social Medicine	Co-Instructor
2022	Qualitative research	Instructor
2023	Social Medicine	Co-Instructor
2023	Qualitative Research	Instructor
2024	Social Aspects of Sexual and Reproductive Health	Instructor
2024	Health and Sexuality	Co-instructor

Universidad de Trujillo, Public Health postgraduate school

Year/term	Course title	Role
2021	Qualitative research	Instructor

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Year/term	Course title	Role
2018	Anthropology of ageing	Instructor

F. Invited seminars and/or presentations

Matassini S. "Diagnostic Trajectories: Learning to Unlearn the Body and the Validation of Pain in Women". November 2025

American Anthropological Association AAA

Matassini S. Ethnography and ethical considerations

Vice-Rectorate for Research Pontificia Universidad Católica del Per.

https://www.youtube.com/live/8F9YEeHI_XU. October 2025

Matassini S. "Diagnostic Trajectories: Learning to Unlearn the Body and the Validation of Pain in Women". Latin American Studies Association. May 2025.

Matassini S. Funerary rituals in the Shipibo-Konibo Community and the implementation of verbal autopsy: Adaptations and Resilience Amid COVID-19 Disruptions. American Anthropologist Association. Tampa, Florida. November 2024.

Matassini S. Contribution of social sciences on health research. National Institute of Health. Lima, Perú, 17th of July 2024.

Matassini S. Intercultural Health in Peruvian Amazonian. Latin American Studies Association. Bogota, Colombia, 14th of June, 2024

Matassini S. Older women, resilience and Social Capital. Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Postgraduate school. Lima, Perú, 26th of march, 2024

Matassini S. Covid-19 in an indigenous community: The case of the Shipibo Conibo and their funeral rituals. Seminar of intercultural Health. National Social Security-EsSalud. Lima, Perú, 5th of June, 2022

Matassini S. International Seminar: Who Takes Care of Parents When Children Emigrate?. Center for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion. Santiago de Chile, 10TH of December 2020.

G. Research

National Institute of Health

June 2022-2024

Researcher

Main activities:

i) Principal investigator of qualitative studies: Studies to improve oncological outreach services in Perú

Primary Health Care Research Center-CINAPS

June 2022-present

Peruvian Medicine University Cayetano Heredia

Main activities:

i) Principal investigator of qualitative and gender approach studies

ii) Mentor of interns

Amnesty International

External consultant and researcher: "Access and barriers to health services in Perú"

November 2022-February 2024

Main activities

- Qualitative methodology and fieldwork.

- Co-author of regional reports

- Presentations of results

Making cents international-Short-term qualitative researcher

October 2022-January 2024 (expected)

Main activities

-Part of the research team in the study commissioned by USAID: GBV and impunity in Perú

-In charge of the study of trafficking and violence in Madre de Dios and Loreto

-Recommendations for the implementation of programs and services to protect indigenous women.

World Bank- qualitative researcher

March-August 2022

Main activities

-Part of the research team in the study: "Addressing the rights gaps among Venezuelan migrants and refugees considering gender aspects in Peru".

Vital Strategies-External Consultant

2021

Main activities

-Researcher in the study: "Mortality and causes of death of an urban-marginal Shipibo-Konibo population in Pucallpa, Ucayali, Peru during the COVID-19 pandemic".

Institute for the evaluation of technologies in health and research- Researcher

(Social health national insurance)

May 2019-2022

Main activities

- Researcher of qualitative health studies, focusing on gender and feminism. In charge of developing qualitative research courses, research protocols and systematic literature reviews.
- In charge of the dissemination of research results.

H. Publications

Resilient Matriarchs: Older Women's Contributions to care infrastructures

Oxford intersections

<https://academic.oup.com/oxford-intersections/>

Manuscript submitted and under review.

Loneliness, ageing and Feminist Methodology: A Reflection on Fieldwork and Embodied Experiences

Routledge handbook: 'Women's lived experience as researchers: situating the personal in qualitative inquiry'

Manuscript submitted and under review.

Intercultural Health, Self-Care, and Traditional Medicine during COVID-19: Shipibo-Konibo Narratives from the Peruvian Amazon

Manuscript in process.

Patient engagement and perceptions of the COVIDA project a Volunteer-Led Telemonitoring and Teleorientation Service for COVID-19 community management in Peru: a mixed-method study.
JMIR Formative Research

Report: Addressing the human rights gaps of Venezuelan migrant and refugee individuals, considering gender aspects in Peru.

<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/entities/publication/30852ec9-d34a-49be-8de2-a0d0914394e6>

Gender/Family violence during the quarantine.

<https://dialnet.unirioja.es/servlet/articulo?codigo=8547941>

Barriers for diagnosis and therapy of cervical cancer in a public hospital in Lima; Peru: a qualitative study

http://www.scielo.org.pe/scielo.php?pid=S1728-59172020000400463&script=sci_abstract

Barreras para la implementación del Método Mamá Canguro (Barriers for the implementation of Kangaroo mother care practice)

<https://cmhnaaa.org.pe/ojs/index.php/rcmhnaaa/article/view/1248/483>

Patient navigation in women with suspected breast cancer: A qualitative study in Lima, Peru

<https://cmhnaaa.org.pe/ojs/index.php/rcmhnaaa/article/view/1320>

Collateral Effects of COVID-19: Caring for the Elderly at Home

<https://revistas.pucp.edu.pe/index.php/antropologica/article/view/24139/23444>

CHAPTER IN PUBLISHED BOOKS

1. Discrimination and mistreatment in accessing healthcare services among ethnic minorities. In: Territories and violence in the Health Area: Concepts and methodological proposals for its study.") ISBN 978-65-251-3711-7. DOI 10.24824/978652513713.1