

Bio: Elizabeth (EA) Quinn is a biological anthropologist and associate professor of anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis. She studies human milk as a part of human biological variation. In her early research, she looked at the role of maternal health from birth to adulthood impacted her health during lactation in a longitudinal study of women from Cebu, Philippines. Currently, she is the principal investigator on the longitudinal project *Infancy @Altitude*. She researches the impact of living at high altitude on maternal health, milk composition, and infant growth among ethnic Tibetans living in rural villages in the Nubri Valley of the Himalayas of Nepal. She is also developing a new project centered on understanding the centralized role of breast milk pumping on American women's breastfeeding experiences. In addition to her field research, she teaches, blogs on milk science (anthrolactology.com), and directs the Biomarkers and Milk Laboratory at Washington University in St. Louis.

Platform statement: I am honored to be nominated for the position of Program Chair for the Human Biology Association. I have been a member of the HBA since 2004 when I joined as a student member and have always been blown away by the support I received as a young scholar - especially as a student- from the HBA. If elected Program Chair, I will work with the other members of the Executive Committee and HBA Officers to continue to develop programming for the HBA annual meetings. I would plan targeted efforts to continue the HBA's practice of lunch time workshops and interest group meetings, especially for students and early career researchers. I will work to increase diversity initiatives through the annual meeting program by creating workshops and panels that will specifically come up with measurable ways the HBA can support an increasingly diverse group of scholars and develop ways to implement these programs. I was very excited to see the creation of student travel awards, and if elected I will continue to work to develop the student travel award program and increase accessibility of the HBA annual meetings to student members. I would also work with the Officers and Executive Committee to develop a HBA meetings Code of Conduct to ensure that the meetings are a safe and welcoming environment for all attendees expanding on the points and behavioral expectations laid out in the HBA Code of Ethics Section V.a. I would also like to prioritize developing new technological innovations, such as meeting apps, as part of the overall annual meeting program without losing the social community that is so much a part of the HBA as a professional society.