

Dr. Alanna Rudzik

Candidate Bio:

Dr. Alanna E.F. Rudzik is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at State University of New York College at Oneonta. She has been a member of the HBA since 2005. Dr. Rudzik is primarily interested in women's experiences of breastfeeding. She has conducted research on breastfeeding and stress among low-income women in Brazil, using a bio-experiential approach that identified strong interconnections between unplanned pregnancy and shortened breastfeeding duration. Dr. Rudzik's current project compares breastfeeding and formula feeding mother-infant dyads with regard to infant sleep development, maternal sleep and measures of maternal well-being.

Platform statement:

I am honored to be nominated for a position on the Nominations and Elections Committee of the Human Biology Association. I am an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the State University of New York College at Oneonta. I joined the HBA as a student member in 2005, and I have been gratified to be part of an organization that seeks to improve the professional experiences of its members and diversify its membership, and promotes a high standard of scholarship. Now, as a faculty member and full member of the Association, I appreciate the efforts that the HBA makes to support and recognize early career members. I view the HBA as my scholarly home and would be thrilled to serve in an official leadership position on the Nominations and Elections Committee.