

Dr. Alanna Rudzik

**Platform Statement:** I would be honoured to serve on the Publications committee. I have been a member of the HBA since 2005, first as a student member and then as a regular member. I value membership in the HBA because of its emphasis on high quality scholarship and creating a strong community of human biology scholars. This would be my first opportunity to serve the HBA in an official leadership position, having previously stepped in as an ad hoc judge for the Hunt student prize and volunteered as a faculty facilitator at the graduate student reception. The efforts that the HBA makes to support and recognize its student and early career members are especially valuable and worthy of promotion and I look forward to the chance to be of service to the Association.

**Candidate Bio:** Dr. Alanna E.F. Rudzik is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at State University of New York College at Oneonta. 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 in the UK with regard to infant sleep development, maternal sleep and measures of maternal well-being.