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Dr. Emma Varley

Academic Mentor: Brandon University

GETTING TO KNOW DR. EMMA VARLEY

Dr. Emma Varley is an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Brandon University. As well, she is an Adjunct at both the University of Saskatchewan and the Institute for Global Public Health at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Varley's research highlights the forces associated with poor maternal and neonatal health indicators in the Global South, and reveals the complexity of the social determinants of health during conflict and in zones of weak governance. In addition to these roles, Dr. Varley has previously served as the President of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASc) (2021-2024).



DR. VARLEY'S ROLE IN THE BCDI: 2030 PROJECT

As an Academic Mentor, Dr. Varley will be assigned to work with select BCDI: 2030 Scholarship Recipients between 2024 and 2028. These mentorships will be assigned based on the interests and experiences of both Dr. Varley and the BCDI: 2030 Scholarship Recipients. These mentorships are being facilitated to ensure that the students are provided academic support during their graduate studies at Brandon University. One of her roles will include meeting regularly with the specific students to provide any support and guidance during their coursework in the Master of Arts in Rural Development program. She will also work to facilitate conversations regarding specific research and project topics of interest, providing insights and feedback on how to best engage in projects and employment opportunities with recognition to these fields of work.



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