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Originally from the United States, from a multi – cultural background, of the African Diaspora. I have lived and worked in Greenland since 1995 - as a health professional, educator, a researcher, cultural activist, a dance educator, a choreographer, a documentary producer, and a mentor. As a multifaceted professional I focus on a holistic approach to health, health promotion, ethics, use of culture and cultural awareness. I believe in sharing with communities in forms that are culturally relevant and have been the producer of several documentary and instructional films that are in use in Greenland, as well as in Norway, Denmark, Canada and Alaska. It is also my goal to create synergy and collective experiences by using the arts and culture to support experienced quality of life and cultural awareness.

I have a Doctoral degree in Public Health with a focus in mother-child health and Rural Health disparities in the Arctic. My strengths are in the use of anthropological and Community based research methods, ethics, and community involvement/ ownership. I believe in sharing with communities in forms that are culturally relevant. I am the producer of several documentary and instructional films that are in use in Greenland, as well as in Norway, Denmark, Canada and Alaska.

I am a trained dancer and parallel to my academic career, I have created dance theater, physical theater. Performances have been shown in Japan, Denmark, USA, Canada, Faroe Islands, USA and Greenland.

Professional Preparation

Nordic School of Public Health NHV, Sweden	Doctor of Public Health	2013
Nordic School of Public Health NHV, Sweden	Master of Public Health	2005
Danish College of Midwifery, Denmark	Certified Licensed Midwife	1990
Jutland’s School of Primary Education, Denmark	Certified Preschool Education	1981
University of Texas, Austin	Spanish & Dance	1977-1978

Interest areas: Qualitative research methods, CBPR, Research Ethics, Health Promotion, Children’s cultural expression, Children’s Rights, MCH, Migrant Health, Capacity building, Nation building.

Appointments

October 2022 – Present	Project Manager for NuQi – Nunatta (inuisa) Qiteqatigiittarfiat (Community Dance Center). Greenland’s first dance arena. Creating a holistic arena for health, cultural expression and dance.
2022– Present	Ilisimatusarfik – Greenland University. Associated Researcher –Center for Health Research in Greenland
January 2022 – Present	Nordic Migrant Expert Forum. The Nordic reference group, representing Nordic ministries with the responsibility for integration in the five Nordic countries and the 3 self- governing entities. The representative for Naalakkersuisut (Government) of Greenland. The forum consists of a total of 16 experts on integration and migration.
January 2019 – July 2021	Head of National Acting School Greenland - Nunatta Isiginnaartitsinermik Ilinniarfia. The architect or the BFA program to be initiated in 2025.
August 2016 – December 2018	Administrator and teacher at Qiajuk Studios & Productions. Associate Researcher at Ilisimatusarfik – Greenland University. Associated Researcher –Department for Culture and Social History.
August 2014 – May 2016	AWG2016 – Director for Cultural Programs & Events at Arctic Winter Games 2016. Responsibilities included development of programs that supported partnerships, competency building, promulgation of culturally relevant programs, values and the implementation of these policies, and programs. Budget responsibility: 2.7 million kroner.
April 2014 – June 2014	Independent Researcher connected with the research project “Population Dynamics in Greenland.”
2014 – 2021	

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Ilisimatusarfik – Greenland University. Associate Researcher –Department for Culture and Social History.

May 2013- April 2014

Project Development for the research project “Reproductive Health in Greenland” A National Science Foundation - NSF funded Research project in Kullorsuaq, Greenland (Now under the name PGD). A National Science Foundation - NSF funded Research project in Kullorsuaq, Greenland (Award No. 1319651).

January 2010-May 2013

Project Director for “Inuulluataarneq” a National Science Foundation - NSF funded Community-Based Participatory Research project. NSF funded grant (Award No. 0908151). Budget responsibility: 3 million kroner.

January-October 2011

Project Coordinator for Vignette Production for Inuulluataarneq. Funded by National Science Foundation Supplementary Grant and the Joint Committee for Culture and Education: Greenland, the United States and Denmark. Budget responsibility: 100.000 kroner.

January 2007-December 2009

Project Manager for the Greenlandic Sexual Health Project an IPY Community Health project collaboration that included Statens Serums Institut in Denmark, University of Toronto and Montana State University.

March 2007-December 2009

Information and Project manager at the Nordic Institute of Greenland- NAPA. Including responsibility for development of programs/projects that supported competency building for Greenlandic youth within culture and education.

August 2001- March 2006

Hospital Midwife at the national referral hospital in Nuuk, Greenland and the primary caregiver for women and newborns. From 2003 - 2006 was the supervisor for the labor ward, prenatal outpatient clinic and screening processes of at-risk patients.

June 1995- August 2001

Rural District Hospital Midwife in Ilulissat and Sisimiut, north of the polar circle, Greenland. Primary caregiver for 100 women and newborns per year, including the responsibilities of prenatal, perinatal and post-natal care and follow-ups.

January- April 2000

Strategic Development Consultant at the International Confederation of Midwives the Haag, Holland Consultancy in strategic development of projects concerning mother-child health.

Peer - Reviewed Presentations

2022

- NunaMed 2022. Nuuk, Greenland. 29 September – 2 October 2022. “Touchstones: Intergenerational Caring and the Health of Perinatal Families”.

2021

- Ernissusiortut Kattuffiat (EK – Greenland’s Midwifery Association) seminar: “At Rejse for at føde”. October 18, 2021. Katuaq Cultural Center.
- “Borgerinddragende forskning – etik, formidling, metoder & implementering”. 8. December 2021. Hotel Hans Egede, Nuuk.

2020

- Ethics and Research Design. Intercultural research. Working with (in) Indigenous cultures as an “Other”. Fælles forsker-seminar 8. december 2020.

2019

- Ilisimatusaat presentation at Ilisimatusarfik.(September 2019)
- Nordic Dialogues Conference “Policymaking for Sustainable Diversity.” Panel Member. Nordic Council of Minister’s Conference on Diversity (December 2019).

2018

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- Conference: Promoting Women's Integration – Nordic Perspective. – Nordic Council of Ministers. Member of panel discussion on health literacy. <https://www.norden.org/en/event/promoting-womens-integration-nordic-perspectives>
- 2.-3. December 2019:
Conference: Nordic Dialogues. – Integration and cultural diversity. Kulturrådet. Member of panel discussion <https://www.kulturradet.no/mangfold/vis/-/nordic-dialogues-join-the-conference>
- 7.- 8. december 2016:
Konferanse: Kulturens och civilsamhällets roll som integrationsarena, Kulturkontakt Nord.
<http://www.kulturkontaktnord.org/sv/content/kulturens-och-civilsamh%C3%A4llets-roll-som-integrationsarena>
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12. – 13. December 2022:
Conference: Promoting Women's Integration – Nordic Perspective. – Nordic Council of Ministers. Member of panel discussion on health literacy. <https://www.norden.org/en/event/promoting-womens-integration-nordic-perspectives>
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Conference: Nordic Dialogues. – Integration and cultural diversity. Kulturrådet. Member of panel discussion <https://www.kulturradet.no/mangfold/vis/-/nordic-dialogues-join-the-conference>
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<http://www.kulturkontaktnord.org/sv/content/kulturens-och-civilsamh%C3%A4llets-roll-som-integrationsarena>
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Health Impact Assessments: Consultancy in Grontmij– Integrated Impact Assessment (September 2011 – December 2012).

Supervision/ Mentorship

- 2020 Mentorship in Greenland: Michelle Doucette. External PhD student Government of Nunavut & Ilisimatusarfik.
- 2018 Mentorship in Greenland: Kevin Rafie. Intern at the Government of Greenland, Department of Education.
- 2017 Mentorship in Greenland: Julien Pongérard, École Normale Supérieure de Cachan. A research internship in gender relations - with a special focus on the changing roles within the household economy in Greenland.
- 2017 PhD Contact Person – Ilisimatusarfik: Michelle Issaluk - Government of Nunavut & Ilisimatusarfik. Research across the geopolitical boundaries, that focus on women's similar experiences and encounters with health systems during pregnancy and during medical evacuation for birth. Understanding how food security is impacted during this time.

Review Boards

- 2018 - present Editorial Advisory Board of the Health Promotion Journal of Australia

Funded Projects

- 2014 – 2017 Ilaqutaaringorneq - The project seeks to document and understand family and community decisions and its effects on families' health and wellbeing.

Courses & Seminars

- 2017 – 2019 Guest lecturer SIT– Ísafjörður, Iceland. Iceland and Greenland: Climate Change and the Arctic.
- 2017 Guest lecturer Högskolan i Skövde, School of Health and Education, Public Health Science
- 2016 – 2018 External Lecturer Ilisimatusarfik, Greenland. Antropologisk Metode (Anthropological Method)
- 2014 External Lecturer Ilisimatusarfik, Greenland. Seminar: Food, Wellbeing and Cultural Identity (Mad, velvære og kulturelle identitet)

Synergistic Activities (including research and cultural endeavors)

1. Circumpolar Mother-Child Network Workshop, Copenhagen, Denmark June 2022
2. ICCH 17 Organizing Committee member, Copenhagen, Denmark August 2018
3. I - Dance. Producer. Short film on identity and youth (2017). Director Maida Hals.
4. Inuulluataarneq Video Series. Director & Producer. A series of public service and health promotion vignettes. (2013) Co-Director Pete Barnstrom.
5. Member of the Steering Committee for OuterVision Dance Festival (2010- 2019)
6. The Meeting. Producer/ Director for documentary film that tells the story of friendship between two elderly women, across the boundaries of language and country. The film has been selected for the International Black Women's Film Festival (2010) in Berkley, CA. (www.ibwff.com); San Diego Black Film Festival (2012) San Diego, CA (www.sdbff.com); 60°N Film

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Festival (2012) Os, Norway (www.60n.no); 18th Inuit Studies Conference (2012) Smithsonian, Washington, DC (<http://www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/ISC18/filmfestival.html>) Released: 2010.

7. Qanuqtuurniq- Finding the balance - Resources and a live TV Phone-in Series on Inuit Wellness. Vignette production. 12th of May 2009. Consultant and Producer on the Circumpolar Inuit Wellness Program. Director & Editor Inngi Lennert Olsen <http://www.isuma.tv/hi/en/naasautit/greenlands-community-lay-midwife-program>
8. Commission on the Status of Women at the 51st and 53rd Session of the UN. (2007 & 2009)
9. Ajortoq Toqqortaq Parts I & II. Co- Producer for documentary/teaching film for professionals. Part two concerns life as a grown-up after being sexually abused as a child. Used as teaching tool in the fight against sexual abuse of children. Released: 2006
10. Member of Greenlandic government's working group on healthy reproductive health decisions under Greenland's commission on health reform (2006-2007)
11. Project Manager for Greenlandic government's project development for Wrap-Around Project: Early Intervention Program. Department of Health, Greenland (2006-2007)
12. Birth on Human Terms. A documentary film on the changing role of families within the Greenlandic society. Released: 2003
13. Pilot project on intervention and support program for pregnant women and their families. Focus on families whose children are at risk of being neglected. Greenland's Referral Hospital, Nuuk (2003-2005)

Other Affiliations

2022 – present	Founding member Circumpolar Network for Mother- Child Health. Greenland, Sápmi, Canada & Alaska.
2022 – present	Associated researcher with the Greenlandic Center for Health Research
2015 – present	Associate member of CEARC – “Cultures, Environments, Arctic, Representations, Climate” CEARC
2014 – present	BUFFI Centre for Children, Youth & Family Research at Ilisimatusarfik (Meeqqanik, Inuusuttunik Ilaqutariinnermillu Qitiusumik Ilisimatusarfik – MIIQJ)
2013 –2021	Associated researcher with Ilisimatusarfik – Department for Culture and Social History
2010 – present	Nordic Research Network on Health Promotion, member
2014 – 2019	Associated researcher with the Greenlandic Center for Health Research
2014- 2018	KNR –Greenlandic Public Service TV and Radio, member of the board

Publications /Manuscripts /Book Chapters

1. Montgomery-Andersen, R. (in review) Touchstones - Dance within an Indigenous cultural arena with an Afro -centric perspective: The Griot
2. Doucette, M.M., Montgomery-Andersen, R. (in review) Perceptions and Determinants of Food Security as Experienced by Pregnant Inuit Women in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut.
1. Andreassen, S., Montgomery-Andersen, R., Støvlbæk, A. (2022). Teater og dans i Grønland. Book Chapter in: Trap i Grønland. Koch, N.E (Editor) Trap Grønland. Editor for Chapter 5: Daniel Thorleifsen: Kultur i Trap Grønland.
2. Montgomery-Andersen, R. (2022). Arctic Arts Newspaper (Det artske kunstavisprojektet). Editors: Anatasia Patsey, Paavo Heinonen, Marion Bouvier. https://www.tffk.no/_f/p1/ic63a8ef7-37ac-4e7a-939d-7da64aa1d540/arctic-art-newspaper.pdf
3. Montgomery-Andersen, R. (2021) The Development of the Modern Greenlandic Film and Nation Building. Book Chapter in: Arctic Cinemas: Essays on Polar Spaces and the Popular Imagination. Editor: Hart, Kylo-Patrick. McFarland & Company, Inc.
4. Montgomery-Andersen, R & Doucette, M.M. (2021). Ethnographic Research Design, Chapter 7 in Christopher Hayre & Paul M. W. Hackett: Handbook of Ethnography in Health Research. Taylor & Francis Group, USA.
5. Montgomery- Andersen, R. (2019). Windows, holes, and touchstones - Creating cultural expression in Greenland. In Making Culture – Children's and young people's leisure cultures. Ed. Anna Sparmann. Kulturanalys Norden. <https://kulturanalys.se/publikation/making-culture/>
6. Montgomery-Andersen, R. (2019). Customs that can support women in labour in Greenland. Ilisimatusaat, Ilisimatusarfik Greenland. https://uni.gl/media/4932942/ilisimatusaat_engelsk.pdf
7. Ireland, S., Montgomery-Andersen, R. Geraghty, S., (2019). Indigenous Doulas: A literature review exploring their role and practice in Western maternity care. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2019.04.005> Published online April 16, 2019.
8. Montgomery-Andersen, R. (2019) The Spirit of Collaboration in Nordplus Explorations and Collaborations in the Arts / The E.C.A. Network, Documenting 10 years 2006 – 2016. <http://julkaisut.turkuamk.fi/isbn9789522167293.pdf>
9. Rink, E., Montgomery-Andersen, R., Anastario, M. (2015). The effectiveness of an education intervention to prevent chlamydia infection among Greenlandic youth. Int J STD AIDS February 2015 26: 98-106.
10. Rink, E., Montgomery-Andersen, R., Anastario, M. (2014). "Today we are not good at talking about these things": A Mixed Methods Study of Inuit Parent/Guardian-Youth Sexual Health Communication in Greenland. International Journal of Indigenous Health 12/2014; 10(1):2014-83.

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11. Montgomery-Andersen, R., Montgomery-Andersen, S. (2014). "We must be the first example for our children, an example for what they are to become" – The Caring Nature of Men. *Grønlandsk Kultur og Samfundsforskning 2012-14*. Nuuk, Ilisimatusarfik/Forlaget Atuagkat.
12. Raluca Datcu, Dionne Gesink, Gert Mulvad, Ruth Montgomery-Andersen, Elisabeth Rink, Anders Koch, Peter Ahrens and Jørgen Skov Jensen. (2014). Bacterial vaginosis diagnosed from first void urine specimens. *Journal of clinical microbiology* 11/2014
13. Raluca Datcu, Dionne Gesink, Gert Mulvad, Ruth Montgomery-Andersen, Elisabeth Rink, Anders Koch, Peter Ahrens and Jørgen Skov Jensen. (2013). Vaginal microbiome in women from Greenland assessed by microscopy and quantitative PCR. *BMC Infectious Diseases* 2013, 13:480. Doi:10.1186/1471-2334-13-480
14. Montgomery-Andersen, R., Douglas, V., Borup, I. (2013). Literature Review: The 'logics' of birth settings in Arctic Greenland. *Midwifery* (2013), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2013.06.014i>
15. Montgomery-Andersen, R. (2013). Faces of Childbirth-The culture of birth and the health of the Greenlandic perinatal family. <http://www.nhv.se/upload/dokument/forskning/Publikationer/DrPH-avhandlingar/Ruth-Montgomery-Andersen-avhandlingen-till-webbplatsen-130418-mindre-storlek.pdf>
16. Rink, E., Montgomery-Andersen, R., Koch, A., Mulvad, G., Gesink, D. (2013). Ethical Challenges and Lessons Learned from Inuulluataarneq – "Having the Good Life" Study: A Community Based Participatory Research Project in Greenland. *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics- An International Journal*. Volume 8; 1. 2013.
17. Montgomery-Andersen, R., Borup, I. (2013). Songlines and Touchstones: A Study of Perinatal Health And Culture In Greenland. (In Press: *AlterNative-Journal of Indigenous People* 9; 1: 88–102.
18. Elisabeth Rink, Ruth Montgomery-Andersen, Gitte Trondheim, Dionne Gesink, Louise Lennert Sandsgaard, Navarana Kotalawala. (2012). The Role of Personal Responsibility, Trust in Relationships, and Family Communication in the Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Infections Among Greenlandic Youth: Focus Group Results from Inuulluataarneq. *Grønlands*. In Kleist Pedersen, B., Nielsen, F., Langgård, K., Rygaard, J. (2012). *Grønlandsk Kultur og Samfundsforskning 2010-12*. Nuuk, Ilisimatusarfik/Forlaget Atuagkat.
19. Montgomery-Andersen, R., Douglas, V., Borup, I. (2013). Literature Review: The 'logics' of birth settings in Arctic Greenland. *Midwifery* (2013), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2013.06.014i>
20. Montgomery-Andersen, R. & Borup, I. (2012). Family support and the child as health promoting agent in the Arctic – "The Inuit Way". *Rural and Remote Health* 12; 1977:1-10. Accessed January 28, 2012. (Online)
21. Dionne C. Gesink, Gert Mulvad, Ruth Montgomery-Andersen, Upaluk Poppel, Stephan Montgomery-Andersen, Aka Binzer, Lee Vernich, Gillian Frosst, Flemming Stenz, Elizabeth Rink, Ove Rosing Olsen, Anders Koch and Jørgen Skov Jensen. (2012). *Mycoplasma genitalium* presence, resistance and epidemiology in Greenland. *International Journal of Circumpolar Health*, [S.l.].v.71, apr. 2012. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.3402/ijch.v71i0.18203>.
22. Montgomery-Andersen R, Willén H, Borup I. There was no other way things could have been-Greenlandic women's experiences of referral and transfer during pregnancy. *Journal of Anthropology and Medicine*, 2010; 17 (3): 301-311
23. Gesink-Law, D., Rink, E., Montgomery-Andersen, R., Mulvad, G., Koch, A. (2010) Developing a Culturally Competent and Socially Relevant Sexual Health Survey with an Urban Arctic Community. *Journal of Circumpolar Health*. 69(1): 25-37
24. Gesink Law DC, Rink E, Montgomery-Andersen R, Mulvad G, Koch A.(2010) Cognitive Interviewing to Exchange Sexual Health Knowledge: Developing a Sexual Health Survey with an Urban Arctic Community. *International Journal of Circumpolar Health*. 68 (4): 405-413
25. Rink, E. Gesink Law, D., Montgomery-Andersen, R., Mulvad, G., Koch, A. (2009). The Practical Application of Community Based Participatory Research in the North American Arctic: Initial Findings from the Greenland Sexual Health Study. *International Journal of Circumpolar Health*. 68 (4): 405-413
26. Montgomery-Andersen, R. Adolescent Mothers: A Challenge for First Nations. *International Journal of Circumpolar Health*. 2004; 63 Suppl.2: 274-9.

Publications in development

- Montgomery-Andersen, R. (2022 – in development). Touchstones: Dance within an intercultural – perspective - Developing cultural expression through dance.
- Montgomery-Andersen, R. & Ireland, S. (2021– in development) The Ethics and Language of Intercultural Research.
- Doucette, M. & Montgomery-Andersen, R.(2022 – in development) A Case for Understanding from a Woman's Perspective:Contemporary Themes in Inuit Food Security Literature and Future Research Directions
- Doucette, M. & Montgomery-Andersen, R.(2022 – in development). Navigating Theory, Methodology, and a Wicked Population Health Problem as a Settler Researcher in Indigenous Food Security
- Doucette, M. & Montgomery-Andersen, R.(2022 – in development). Perceptions and Determinants of Food Security as Experienced by Pregnant Inuit Women in the Baffin Region of Nunavut

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Films

- Louise. Producer & Director. Documentary on the cultural icon Louise Zeeb from Uummannaq (in production)
- I - Dance. Producer. Short film on identity and youth (2017). Director Maida Hals.
- Inuulluataarneq Video Series. Producer/ Director. A series of public service and health promotion vignettes. (2013) Co-Director Pete Barnstrom.
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- Qanuqtuurniq- Finding the balance - Resources and a live TV Phone-in Series on Inuit Wellness. Vignette production. 12th of May 2009. Consultant and Producer on the Circumpolar Inuit Wellness Program. Director & Editor. Inngi Lennert Olsen <http://www.isuma.tv/hi/en/naasautit/greenlands-community-lay-midwife-program>
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