

“Research in Action” Podcast Instructor Guide

Use the following episode description, learning objectives, guiding questions and activity suggestions to more easily include “Research in Action” podcast episodes as a supplemental resource for your course.

Dr. Kenny Maes on Community Health Workers [00:00-32:46]

Research in Action - Episode 103

Podcast and Episode Information

“Research in Action” is a weekly podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines.

On this episode of the podcast, the guest is Dr. Kenny Maes, an assistant professor and Graduate Program Director for the Anthropology program in the College of Liberal Arts, and the School of Language, Culture and Society and an adjunct faculty member in Humanitarian Engineering, Global Health, and Public Policy at Oregon State University. Prior to joining OSU, Kenny was a postdoctoral fellow at Brown University’s Population Studies & Training Center, an interdisciplinary demography center specializing in the study of population, health and development. As a biocultural medical anthropologist, he teaches courses on human health that explore the links between what goes on inside human bodies and what happens outside, with a focus on social inequalities, and political and economic determinants of health. Kenny’s research focuses on community health workers: women and men who engage in healthcare, community organizing, and advocacy at the community level, both inside and outside of clinics and hospitals. Since 2006, his research has focused on health and healthcare in Ethiopia. Since coming to OSU in 2012, Kenny has begun to work with colleagues in Oregon to understand the experiences of community health workers in our home state. In his free time, he surfs.

Segment One [00:00-14:45] - In this segment, Kenny describes the work of being a biocultural medical anthropologist.

Segment Two [14:46-32:46] - In this segment, Kenny discusses his research on community health workers.

Bonus Clip [00:00-06:38]: Strategies for Building Trust as a Researcher

Show notes and a transcript for this episode can be found at:

<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e103/>

Learning Outcomes

By listening to this episode, students will be able to:

- Define biocultural medical anthropology
- Discuss some of the common methodologies used within the field of medical anthropology
- Describe the role of a community health worker

Guiding Questions for Listening

- What is biocultural medical anthropology?
- What led Dr. Maes to pursue his current realm of study?
- What does Dr. Maes describe are some of the typical methodologies used in his field of study?
- What does Dr. Maes share he discovered about the value of the observation method in his field of study?
- How does Dr. Maes describe the role of a community health worker?
- What has Dr. Maes observed are areas in the role of a community health worker that have not received a lot of attention?
- What Dr. Maes share are some of the differences and similarities regarding community health workers between Ethiopia and Oregon?
- According to Dr. Maes, what is the goal of researching community health workers?
- What does Dr. Maes share are some of his future plans for research surrounding community health worker programs?
- What does Dr. Maes explain about the importance of building trust within the environments in which he studies? (See also, Bonus Clip)

Possible Activities

- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e103/>) and look at an additional resource that is linked in connection with this episode. Students can write a short review of that resource to share with their peers.
- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e103/>) and post an additional resource connected to the content of the episode in the comments section.
- Have students share questions that are raised for them based on the content of this episode. What would they ask Dr. Kenny Maes if they could?

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Notes

About the Research in Action Podcast

“Research in Action” (RIA) is a podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines. Episodes are posted weekly and include guest interviews and occasional solo episodes. Guests are from a range of higher education institutions and share their expertise on qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods as well as their personal experiences as researchers, research and writing practices, organizational and productivity strategies, and much more. Some weeks, bonus content will also be posted.

“Research in Action” is hosted by [Dr. Katie Linder](#), research director for Oregon State University Ecampus.

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