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Dr. Jennifer Miller-Thayer is a four field trained anthropologist (Cultural, Biological, and Linguistic Anthropology and Archaeology) focusing on Cultural and Medical subfields, with training and experience in Applied Anthropology as well. She began her college career at Pasadena City College, then transferred to California State University, Los Angeles where she completed her B.A. and M.A. in cultural anthropology. Her Master's thesis explored Chinese American Elder Care in the San Gabriel Valley in order to understand the challenges faced by the Chinese American community in providing safe, good quality care for their elder family members. She attended a joint medical anthropology program at UC San Francisco/UC Berkeley for a year and was trained in theory and methods for medical anthropology and then transferred to University of California, Riverside where she graduated with her Ph.D. in December 2010. Her dissertation topic was cross-border healthcare at the U.S.-Mexican Border where she examined the practice of U.S. residents going to Mexico for various types of medical and dental care that they could not access in the United States. Dr. Miller-Thayer has extensive college teaching experience spanning more than 12 years at various colleges and universities including UC Riverside, Mount San Jacinto College, Chaffey Community College, and California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) where she was nominated for the Lecturer of the Year Award in 2013-2014. She was very excited to join the faculty at Citrus as a full-time professor in the fall of 2015. Dr. Miller-Thayer became a tenured faculty member in 2019. She will be teaching study abroad for the first time in Costa Rica in winter 2020.