Anthropology Strengthening Democracy

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I use anthropology to…

- Support grassroots advocacy
- Strengthen public education
- Tell stories ethically
- Code switch with rural and urban stakeholders
- Connect the dots that create policy change

Anthropology is essential for systemic work to solve complex problems

Public education

Challenges
- Created to enculturate for white and middle class life
- Persistent inequity

Tools
- History of public education
- Power mapping with values and all forms of capital

Rural / Urban

Challenges
- Different experience and needs
- Different priorities for public services and public life

Tools
- Participant observation
- Rapport building
- Code switching

Advocacy

Challenges
- Persuading people with different values to support one solution
- Lack of civics education

Tools
- Coding complex qualitative data
- Making the strange familiar and...

Storytelling

Challenges
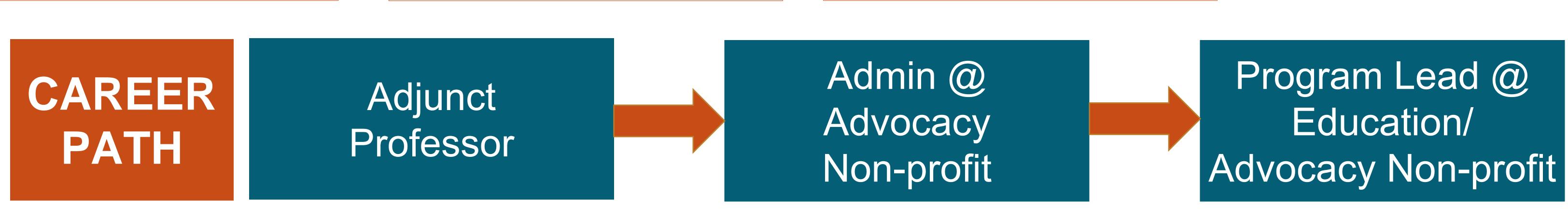- Aims of development can conflict with stories that honor agency

Tools
- IRB experience
- Long-form interview
- Best practices and policies from ethnography

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