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Although the lines of inquiry in which Dr. Worthman is actively involved are diverse and several, they are unified by a central focus, upon the biocultural interface. Biocultural dimensions of the human condition remain largely uncharted and represent immense opportunity for anthropological investigation, for the empirical, theoretical, and pedagogical formulation of new ways to understand what it is to be human. Dr. Worthman's research is animated by more than a passionate interest in understanding the human condition, though that is a central moving force. Rather, it aims to contribute to intelligent human being-in-the-world, based on a conviction that how we understand human nature and culture influences and legitimates our behavior, values, and decisions. Her goals are as much practical as intellectual, aimed to illuminate the pathways to differential human well-being and thereby to both critique existing social conditions and point the way toward redressing and forestalling distress and inequity. Unlike many human biologists, then, Dr. Worthman is concerned as much with psychological as physical development and health. Like many biological anthropologists, she also sees biology as a lens through which we can gain fresh insight into culture and its large but bounded roles in human behavior and experience.

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