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## EDUCATION

### Ph.D., Sociocultural Anthropology

May 2024 (expected)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL  
Advisor: Jane C. Desmond

### B.A., Sociology and Philosophy; *summa cum laude*

Dec. 2015

Minors in Anthropology and Classical Studies  
University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO

### A.A., Liberal Arts and Recording Arts & Audio Production

Dec. 2013

Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Canid-human relations; animal studies; wildlife management; multispecies ethnography; embodiment and phenomenology; comparative colonialisms; decolonization and the politics of memory; Indigenous studies; identity and constructions of whiteness; critical theory.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Teaching Assistant

*Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

ANTH 103: Anthropology in a Changing World (ONLINE)

Spring 2019

ANTH 103: Anthropology in a Changing World

Fall 2018

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistant

Jan. 2019-

*Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.*

Assistant to Professor Jeffrey T. Martin on Urbana-Police Community relations project.

### Assistant to the Resident Director

July 2019

*Summer Institute for Human-Animal Studies, Animals & Society Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Assistant to Professor Jane C. Desmond

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles:

“Lupine Sensibilities: Dynamically Embodied Intersubjectivity between Humans and Refugee Wolves.” *Refract: An Open Access Visual Journal* 2, no. 1 (2019): 133-164.

“Black Lives Matter: Pain, Protest, and Representation.” *Midwest Journal of Undergraduate Research* 7, no. 1 (2017): 223-243.

### Other Publications

“Defining the Social Technologies of Non-Worlding: Challenging Nuclear Hegemony and Neoliberal Colorblindness,” *Kritik*, April 4, 2019.

<https://unitforcriticism.wordpress.com/2019/04/04/undermining-indigenous-sovereignty-techniques-of-wastelanding-and-welfare-provision-response-by-austin-d-hoffman-anthropology/>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Of Wolves and Colonizers: Lupine Guerillas, Settler Mnemonics, and Hybrid Identities,” Rethinking Canid-Human Relations, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON. November 22, 2019.

“Lycan Identities: Intersubjectivity and Embodied Communication in Wolf-Human Relationships,” Anthropology Graduate Research Symposium, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL March 9, 2019.

“Fables of the Lycanthropos: The Symptoiesis of Wolves and Humans in Sanctuary,” Fictions and Frictions: The Power and Politics of Narrative, Graduate Art History Student Symposium, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL. March 2, 2019.

“In Between the Wolf and the Dog: Shaping Perceptions of Wolf Conservation in the Anthropocene,” International Wolf Symposium, Minneapolis, MN, October 12, 2018.

“Black Lives Matter: Pain, Protest, and Representation,” Central States Anthropological Society, Kansas City, MO, April 22, 2016.

“Protest and Agency: Symbolic Representations of Pain within the Black Lives Matter Movement,” University of Missouri-Kansas City Honors Colloquium, Kansas City, MO, Dec. 5, 2015.

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Honors Scholar, University of Missouri-Kansas City	2015
Selene Scholarship in Philosophy, University of Missouri-Kansas City	2014-2015
Chancellor’s Scholarship, University of Missouri-Kansas City	2014-2015
Curator’s Transfer Scholarship, University of Missouri-Kansas City	2014-2015

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UMKC Philosophy in Prison Program	2015-2016
Editorial Assistant, <i>Lucerna</i> , UMKC Undergraduate Research Journal	2014
Editor, <i>The Mind's Eye</i> , JCCC Literary Magazine	2012-2013
Founding Member and Editorial Assistant, <i>Hare &amp; Bell</i> , JCCC Journal	2012-2013

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)	2019-
Animals and Society Institute (ASI)	2018-
International Merleau-Ponty Circle	2017-
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society	2014-

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Showing Up for Racial Justice-Kansas City Chapter, Founding Member	2015-2016
Kansas City Food Not Bombs, Organizer	2015-2016
One Struggle KC, Organizer	2014-2016

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Wolves as Refugees in the Human World.” Part of invited digital panel for Brown University wintersession course, Zoologic: Wild Animals in the Surveillance State (Dr. Thalia Field), Jan, 2018.

## GUEST LECTURES IN COURSES

Fall 2018, ANTH 103: Anthropology in a Changing World, Instructor Agnes Sohn, Ph.D.  
Candidate in anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.