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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociocultural Anthropology **May 2024 (expected)**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL
Advisor: Dr. 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; biopolitics; abolition; policing.

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 Community Safety and Public Justice Lab 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.
<https://doi.org/10.5070/R72145860>

Public Engagement Writing

“It is time for U of I to divest from police and invest in Black Lives,” *Smile Politely* Op-Ed, July 24, 2020. Co-authored with Sabrina Arte, Heather Aubry, Francesca Fox, Rubab Hyder, and Shameem Razack.
<http://www.smilepolitely.com/opinion/it-is-time-for-u-of-i-to-divest-from-police-and-invest-in-black-liv/>

“A Brief History of Wild Wolves,” *Mission: Wolf* website, 2018.
<https://missionwolf.org/wild-wolves/>

Other Publications

“Sanctuary is Not a Place,” Fieldnotes from the Present Blog Series, *Kritik*, March 16, 2021.
<https://unitforcriticism.wordpress.com/2021/03/16/field-notes-from-the-present-blog-series-by-austin-d-hoffman-anthropology/>

“Black Feminism and the (Re)Making of Biopolitics,” Response to Dr. Alexander G. Weheliye’s Modern Critical Theory Lecture for Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory at UIUC, *Kritik*, October 14, 2020. <https://unitforcriticism.wordpress.com/2020/10/14/professor-alexander-g-weheliye-african-american-studies-northwestern-on-biopolitics-response-by-austin-hoffman-anthropology-uiuc/>

“Defining the Social Technologies of Non-Worlding: Challenging Nuclear Hegemony and Neoliberal Colorblindness,” Response to Drs. Iyko Day and Alyosha Goldstein panel for Racial Capitalism Symposium at UIUC, *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

“The Wolf/Dog Diaspora: Precarity, Alterity, and Resilience in Canine Refugees,” Environmental Justice in Multispecies Worlds, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. March 7, 2020.

“Of Wolves and Colonizers: Lupine Guerillas, Settler Mnemonics, and Hybrid Identities,” Rethinking Canid-Human Relations, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. 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 AWARDS AND HONORS

Department of Anthropology Summer Research Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2020
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

Editor, <i>Wolf Visions</i> , Mission:Wolf Newsletter	2017-2019
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 & Bell</i> , JCCC Journal	2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA) Member	2019-
The Graduate Employees’ Organization, IFT/AFT Local 6300 Solidarity Committee Co-Chair (2019-2021)	2018-

COVID-19 Impact Bargaining Team (2020-2021) Member (2018-Present)	
The Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory at UIUC Affiliated Student	2018-
Animals and Society Institute (ASI) Student Scholar Member	2018-
International Merleau-Ponty Circle Member	2017-
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society Member	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

- “Keeping Campuses Safe: Alternatives to University Police,” Invited panelist for Illinois Newsroom virtual townhall, February 25, 2021. <https://illinoisnewsroom.org/keeping-campus-safe-alternatives-to-university-police/>
- “Abolition at University of Illinois Chicago Session 2: Understanding policing at UIC and Chicago to build a mass movement for abolition.” Invited digital panelist, July 2, 2020. <https://glas.uic.edu/events/teach-in-abolition-at-uic-2/>
- “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.