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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Masculinity, identity, anthropology of crime and justice, ethnographic field methods, critical social theory

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2018-present University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

Assistant Professor of Applied Anthropology

2013-2017 University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Instructor of Record; Teaching Assistant

**EDUCATION**

2018 PhD in Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Arizona

PhD Dissertation: *Forging Selfhood: Masculinity, Identity, and Work in Arizona’s Inmate Wildfire Program*

2013 MA in Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Arizona

Thesis: *Good Hands and True Grit: Making a Ranching Identity Work in the Altar Valley, Arizona*

2009 BA in Anthropology and Latin American Studies, University of Arizona (summa cum laude)

Thesis: *Guatemala’s Silent War: Looking Beyond Individual Action to Discuss Sexual Violence in a Post-Conflict Nation*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa, and Michael Vicente Perez. 2020. Living at the LUX: Homelessness and Improvisational Waiting under COVID-19. *Visual Anthropology Review* 36(2):379-400.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa, Keri Vacanti Brondo, Stanley Hyland, and Edward Maclin. 2020. Grit Grind and Praxis: The Memphis Model of Applying Anthropology. Accepted to *Annals of Anthropological Practice,* December 2020.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. 2019. [Anti-Heroes, Wildfire, and the Complex Visibility of Prison Labor.](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1741659019865309) *Crime, Media, Culture* 16(2)1-16.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa and Luminita Mandache. 2018. [Emotional Overlap and the Analytic Potential of Emotions in Anthropology](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1466138118768620#articleCitationDownloadContainer). *Ethnography* 20(2):227-244.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. 2018. [Forging Selfhood: Social Categorisation and Identity in Arizona's Prison Wildfire Programme](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/hojo.12239). *Howard Journal of Crime and Justice* 57(1):21-36.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. 2016. [Good Hands and True Grit: Making a Ranching Identity Work in the Altar Valley.](https://muse.jhu.edu/article/615902/summary) *Journal of the Southwest* 58(1): 97-134

**Book Chapters and Bibliographies**

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. 2020. On the Possibilities of Emotional Praxis for Feminist Prison Research. *In: Prison Stories: Women Scholars’ Experiences Doing Research Behind Bars*. Jennifer Schlosser, editor. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. 2019. [Selfhood in flames? Understanding cauterization and imprisonment through a case study of Arizona’s prison wildfire program](https://politicalandlegalanthroreview.files.wordpress.com/2019/05/authoritarianism-and-confinement-in-the-americas.pdf). In: *Authoritarianism and Confinement in the Americas.* Biondi, Karina, Jennifer Curtis, and Randi Erwin, eds. Brazil: UEMA Press.

Simmons, William and **Lindsey Feldman**. 2018. [“Ethnographic Approaches: Lived Experiences.”](https://www.routledge.com/Research-Methods-in-Human-Rights/McConnell-Smith/p/book/9781138943247) In: *Research Methods in Human Rights*. Smith, Rhona, ed. NY: Routledge.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. 2018. [“Prison Labor.”](http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195396607/obo-9780195396607-0236.xml) In Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology. Ed. Beth M. Huebner. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Policy and Agency Reports**

*The History and Experiences of the Inmate Wildfire Program: A Policy Report* prepared by Lindsey Feldman for Arizona’s Department of Corrections and the Arizona State Forestry Division. February 2017.

*History Based Education Package* prepared by Lindsey Feldman for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. December 2013.

**Other Publications**

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. [Selfhood in flames? Understanding cauterization and imprisonment through a case study of Arizona’s prison wildfire program](https://politicalandlegalanthro.org/2018/10/03/selfhood-in-flames-imprisonment-and-cauterization-in-arizonas-prison-wildfire-program/). *Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Speaking Justice to Power series.* October 2018.

Feldman, Lindsey. [Fighting a wildfire on a gun range, or, the sensuous memories of fieldwork](http://allegralaboratory.net/fighting-a-wildfire-on-a-gun-range-or-the-sensuous-memories-of-fieldwork/). Allegra Laboratory, February 2017.

Feldman, Lindsey. [Arizona’s Inmate Firefighters](https://www.sapiens.org/culture/arizonas-inmate-firefighters/). SAPIENS Magazine, July 2016.

Feldman, Lindsey. [Hot Felons: Branding Jeremy Meeks](https://popanth.com/article/hot-felons-branding-jeremy-meeks). PopAnth website, August 2014.

Feldman, Lindsey and Christopher Lirette. [New Adventures in Tandem Ethnography](https://southernspaces.org/2013/new-adventures-tandem-ethnography). Southern Spaces. October 2013.

**Media**

[“Female inmate firefighters build character but often can’t use fire skills after release.”](https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2021/01/12/women-inmate-firefighters-build-character-but-often-cant-use-fire-skills-after-release/?fbclid=IwAR3wzG5ZshkA33rvx6e9Z6Ucm3FFPGwW9rX8R9mkQGO61dSaITA6hZc4fWY) Cronkite News.

January 2021.

[“If Not Prisoners, Who Will Fight the West’s Fires](https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/if-not-prisoners-who-will-fight-west-s-wildfires)?” Sierra Magazine. September 2020.

[“As Climate Change Burns Arizona, State Has More Imprisoned Firefighters Than Employees](https://www.drillednews.com/post/as-climate-change-burns-arizona-state-has-more-inmate-firefighters-than-employees).” Drilled

News. July 2020.

[“Covid-19's Toll on Prison Labor Doesn't Just Hurt Inmates](https://www.wired.com/story/covid-19-prison-labor/).” WIRED Magazine. May 2020.

[“Why prison inmates fight wildfires.”](http://www.byuradio.org/episode/31f5425d-45b5-4d45-8435-145707355601/top-of-mind-with-julie-rose-child-brides-inmate-firefighters-mushroom-houses) BYUradio, Sirius XM. August 2019.

“[When Arizona catches fire, prisoners step up.”](https://www.hcn.org/issues/51.13/wildfire-when-arizona-catches-fire-prisoners-step-up) High Country News. August 2019.

“[Supervisors Vote to send more OC Inmates to fire camp.”](https://www.ocweekly.com/board-of-supervisors-votes-to-send-oc-inmates-to-fire-camp/) OC Weekly. June 2019.

[“Prison Labor, Fighting Wildfires, and Crafting New Identities.”](https://anthropologistonthestreet.com/2017/09/26/episode-11-prison-labor-fighting-wildfires-crafting-new-identities-with-lindsey-raisa-feldman/) Anthropologist on the Street Podcast. Aired 9/26/2017.

“On the line, Firefighters Incarcerated and Free Share the Same Goal.” National Public Radio Interview, *Here and Now Arizona*. September 2016.

“Q+A With Lindsey Raisa Feldman, Sociocultural Anthropologist and Photographer.” Be Your Own Muse, April 2016.

**SELECTED COURSE INSTRUCTION** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**University of Memphis**

ANTH 7255: Applying Anthropology (graduate)

ANTH 4166/6166: Culture, Identity, and Power (mixed graduate)

ANTH 3282: American Communities

ANTH 3282/Inside Out: Just Communities

ANTH 1200: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Certified Instructor for Inside Out Prison Exchange Program, October 2019

**At previous institutions:**

Fall 2016. ANTH 150A1: Race and the American Dream. Undergraduate. Enrollment = 160

Fall 2015. ANTH 406/506: Gender and Social Identity. Undergraduate/Graduate. Enrollment = 21

**FUNDING & AWARDS**

**Awards**

Winner, best PhD paper, Association for Legal and Political Anthropology, September 2017

Winner, best PhD paper, Howard League Conference on Justice and Penal Reform, Oxford University, March 2016

Winner, best photo series, School of Anthropology Photography Contest, Spring 2016

Winner, best photograph, School of Anthropology Photography Contest, Spring 2014

**Select Funding**

*University of Memphis*

University of Memphis College of Arts and Sciences faculty research funding. Received May 2020.

Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change: Seed Funding for New Research. Received 09/2019.

*Previous Institutions*

Riecker Dissertation Research Grant

GPSC Dissertation Research Award

Diebold Applied Anthropology Dissertation Research Award

School of Anthropology Traditions, Transitions, and Treasures Research Award

GPSC Dissertation Research Award

William and Nancy Sullivan Scholarship, 1/2013

Charles Redd Center for Western American Studies Research Award, 4/2011

Edward H Spicer Award for Summer Research, 03/2011

William and Nancy Sullivan Scholarship, 3/2011

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Qualitative Research Experience

May 2015–August 2016: 15 months of fieldwork to comprise the data for a PhD dissertation, titled “*Forging Selfhood: Masculinity, Identity, and Work in Arizona’s Inmate Wildfire Program*.” Gained certification as a type-2 wildland firefighter and spent 2 active fire seasons and one off-season conducting participant observation and formal interviews with incarcerated individuals and other stakeholders in the highly skilled Inmate Wildfire Program.

2013: 6 weeks of fieldwork in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, conducting household level interviews with individuals affected by the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. This fieldwork research was conducted as part of the Post *Deepwater Horizon* Phase II project through the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology

2011: 10 weeks of fieldwork in the Altar Valley, AZ. Included living, working, and conducting life history interviews with 24 ranchers and cowboys in the valley. This fieldwork research was conducted to achieve a Master’s thesis in sociocultural anthropology.

2008: 8 weeks volunteering through *Cross Cultural Solutions* at a Community Health Clinic in Zone Two of Guatemala City, Guatemala. Assisted in a national campaign to vaccinate children against common bacterial diseases. Also collected informal data to be used in my undergraduate Honor’s thesis.

2005: 8 weeks of fieldwork in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Conducted household interviews in Spanish regarding access to proper nutrition and green space with pregnant and post-birth women for a University of Arizona College of Nursing public health grant called *Nuestra Communidad Nuestra Salud*.

Research Projects

2012-14: Graduate Research Assistant, Data Manager, *Social Impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on Coastal Communities along the U.S. Gulf of Mexico* for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona. Primary Investigator: Diane Austin, PhD.

2010-14: Graduate Research Assistant*, History of the Gulf of Mexico Offshore Oil and Gas Industry during the Deepwater Era for the Gulf of Mexico,* OCS Region of the Minerals Management Service. Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona. Primary Investigator: Diane Austin, PhD.

2012-13: Graduate Research Assistant, *History Based Education Package* for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona. Primary Investigator: Diane Austin, PhD.

2005: Undergraduate Intern, *Nuestra Communidad, Nuestra Salud.* College of Nursing, University of Arizona. Primary Investigator: Marilyn McEwen, PhD.

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

**Papers and Roundtables**

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting (virtual), 2021. Chair of COPAA sponsored roundtable titled “COPAA Department Reflections on Applied Anthropology Training.”

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 19-22, 2019. Author of paper titled “Seeing Humanity: The Role of Visual Anthropology in Prison Research.”

American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 14-18 2017. Author of paper titled “Men In Flames: Wildfire, Vulnerability, and Gendered Resistance in a U.S. Prison.”

College of Public Health Social Justice Symposium, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ, April 7th 2017. Author of Paper titled “Self-Worth In Flames: The Inmate Wildfire Program and its Effects on Prisoner Identity.”

American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. New Orleans Riverside Hilton, New Orleans, LA. November 16-19, 2016. Author of paper titled “Reform on Fire: The Role of Skilled Prison Labor in the Era of Mass Incarceration.”

Howard League Conference on Penal Policy and Reform, Keble College, Oxford University, UK. March 16-18, 2016. Author of paper titled “Reform on Fire: The Role of Skilled Prison Labor in the Era of Mass Incarceration”

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago Hilton, Chicago, Illinois, November 2013. Author of paper titled “Strong Men and Good Hands: Identity Formation and Ranch Work in the Altar Valley”

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Denver Marriott City Center Hotel, Denver, CO, March 2013. Author of paper titled “Strong Men and Good Hands: Identity Formation and Ranch Work in the Altar Valley”

Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Waikiki Beach Marriott, Honolulu, HI, January 2012. Session Chair and Author of scholarly paper titled, “Good Hands and Strong Cattlemen: Work and Status in the Altar Valley”

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Grand Hyatt Seattle, WA, March/April 2011. Co-Author of paper titled “Looking Offshore: Negotiating images of community and history in the Gulf Coast”

**Invited Talks**

Central States Anthropology Conference, Memphis, TN. Invited talk as featured speaker, titled, “Intimate Masculinities and the Complexities of Self-Making in an Arizona Prison Labor Program.” April 2019.

Mississippi State University, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies, Starkville MS. Invited talk titled “Forging Selfhood: Identity, Masculinity, and Work in Arizona’s Inmate Wildfire Program.” February 2019.

University of Cambridge, UK, Prison Research Centre. Invited talk titled “Meanings of Work for Incarcerated Men: Arizona’s Inmate Wildfire Program.” October 2016

University of Arizona, Honors 204, Ethnicities and Conflicts. Invited talk titled “On Hope: An Optimistic Ethnography at the Gates of Hell.” October 2016

University of Arizona, Anthropology 160. Invited talk titled “Masculinity and Performance.” September 2016

**ACADEMIC SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**University of Memphis**

Colloquium Committee

Editor, Department of Anthropology Newsletter

Graduate Committee

Undergraduate Committee

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT \_**

2020-Present: Founding Board Member, Scholars Underground. Nonprofit dedicated to advancing indigenous archaeological and anthropological scholarship in the U.S.

2019-Present: Board Member, Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope (MICAH). Serving on Reentry Taskforce under pillar of Economic Equity.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association

Society for Applied Anthropology

American Society of Criminology

International Association of Wildland Fire