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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Masculinity, identity, cultural criminology, justice studies, anthropology of criminality, ethnographic field methods, critical social theory

EDUCATION

- (expected May 2018) PhD candidate in Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Arizona
PhD Dissertation Working Title: *Forging Selfhood: Masculinity, Identity, and Work in Arizona's Inmate Wildfire Program*
PhD committee chair: Thomas Sheridan; members: Diane Austin, Susan Shaw, William Simmons
- 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*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Qualitative Research Experience

May 2015–August 2016: 15 months of fieldwork to comprise the data for a PhD dissertation, tentatively 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 Comunidad 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 Comunidad, Nuestra Salud*. College of Nursing, University of Arizona. Primary Investigator: Marilyn McEwen, PhD.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of Arizona, School of Anthropology

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

ANTH 406/506: Gender and Social Identity. Upper-level undergraduate and Graduate.
Fall 2015. Enrollment = 21

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona, School of Anthropology

ANTH 160B: Schooling and Culture.
Spring 2014, 2015, 2016. Enrollment = 95

ANTH 150: Many Ways of Being Human.
Fall 2014. Enrollment = 150

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Feldman, Lindsey. 2017. Forged Selfhood: Social Categorization and Identity in Arizona's Inmate Wildfire Program. *Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*. *Accepted 9/17*

Feldman, Lindsey. 2017. "Coda: From an incarcerated firefighter." *Crime, Media, Culture. Accepted, expected release date 12/17.*

Feldman, Lindsey and Luminita Mandache. 2017. People Without Numbers: Emotional Anthropology In the Quantitative Era. *Under Review, Ethnography*

Feldman, Lindsey. 2016. Good Hands and True Grit: Making a Ranching Identity Work In the Altar Valley. *Journal of the Southwest* 58:1, 97-134

Book Chapters and Bibliographies

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. "Prison Labor." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology*. Ed. Beth M. Huebner. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Simmons, William and **Lindsey Feldman**. "Ethnographic Approaches: Lived Experiences." In: *Research Methods in Human Rights*. Smith, Rhona, ed. NY: Routledge, forthcoming.

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.

Further Publications

Feldman, Lindsey. Fighting a wildfire on a gun range, or, the sensuous memories of fieldwork. Allegra Laboratory, February 2017.

Feldman, Lindsey. Arizona's Inmate Firefighters. SAPIENS Magazine, July 2016.

Feldman, Lindsey. Hot Felons: Branding Jeremy Meeks. PopAnth website, August 2014.

Feldman, Lindsey and Christopher Lirette. New Adventures in Tandem Ethnography. Southern Spaces. October 2013.

Media

"Prison Labor, Fighting Wildfires, and Crafting New Identities." *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.

GRANTS & 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

PhD Funding (total: \$9,900)

Riecker Dissertation Research Grant
GPSC Dissertation Research Award
GPSC Student Travel Award
Diebold Applied Anthropology Dissertation Research Award
School of Anthropology Traditions, Transitions, and Treasures Research Award
GPSC Dissertation Research Award

Previous Funding

GPSC Student Travel Award, 11/2013
School of Anthropology Travel Award, 1/2013
William and Nancy Sullivan Scholarship, 1/2013
Charles Redd Center for Western American Studies Research Award, 4/2011
GPSC Student Travel Award, 3/2011
Edward H Spicer Award for Summer Research, 03/2011
William and Nancy Sullivan Scholarship, 3/2011
Diebold Fund Travel Award, 1/2011

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Volunteer with Professor Erec Toso, University of Arizona, teaching creative writing to prisoners with life-sentences inside Arizona State Prison Complex-Tucson. May 2017-present

President, Board of Directors. Old Pueblo Community Services, Tucson, AZ. March 2011-December 2017

Volunteer Mentor for women being released from prison. Old Pueblo Community Services February 2009-Present

State certified crisis counselor. Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault, Tucson, AZ. September 2007- January 2011

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS

Fundraising Chair, Vice President, Member of Anthropology Graduate Students at the University of Arizona. August 2011-May 2014

Graduate Student Representative, School of Anthropology Development Committee, University of Arizona. August 2013-May 2014

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentation

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"

Poster Presentation

GPSC Grant Winners Expo. University of Arizona, February 22nd, 2017. Presented a poster titled "Labor, Identity, and Incarceration"

GPSC Grant Winners Expo. University of Arizona, October 23, 2015. Presented a poster titled "Reform on Fire: The Role of Skilled Prison Labor in the Era of Mass Incarceration"

Panel Chair

Open Embodiments: Locating Somatechnics in Tucson, an International Conference. University Marriott, Tucson, Arizona. April 15-18, 2015. Chair of Panel titled "Cyborgs at Work."

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago Hilton, Chicago, Illinois, November 2013. Chair of panel titled "Making Identities Work: The Embodied Politics of Rurality in the 21st Century."

Invited Talks

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Applied Anthropology
American Society of Criminology
International Association of Wildland Fire

REFERENCES

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