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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cultural criminology, masculinity, identity, justice studies, intersectional race and gender studies, anthropology of emotions, ethnography of prison, 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](#). *Crime, Media, Culture* 16(2):1-16.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa and Luminita Mandache. 2018. [Emotional Overlap and the Analytic Potential of Emotions in Anthropology](#). *Ethnography* 20(2):227-244.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. 2018. [Forging Selfhood: Social Categorisation and Identity in Arizona's Prison Wildfire Programme](#). *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](#). *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](#). 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."](#) In: *Research Methods in Human Rights*. Smith, Rhona, ed. NY: Routledge.

Feldman, Lindsey Raisa. 2018. ["Prison Labor."](#) 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](#). *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](#). 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

[“Female inmate firefighters build character but often can’t use fire skills after release.”](#) Cronkite News. January 2021.

[“If Not Prisoners, Who Will Fight the West’s Fires?”](#) Sierra Magazine. September 2020.

[“As Climate Change Burns Arizona, State Has More Imprisoned Firefighters Than Employees.”](#) Drilled News. July 2020.

[“Covid-19's Toll on Prison Labor Doesn't Just Hurt Inmates.”](#) WIRED Magazine. May 2020.

[“Why prison inmates fight wildfires.”](#) BYUradio, Sirius XM. August 2019.

[“When Arizona catches fire, prisoners step up.”](#) High Country News. August 2019.

[“Supervisors Vote to send more OC Inmates to fire camp.”](#) OC Weekly. June 2019.

[“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.

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

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

Faculty liaison for PhD in Urban Affairs (2019-present)
CAS Undergraduate Council (2020-present)
Graduate Committee
Colloquium Committee
Editor, Department of Anthropology Newsletter

Service to Profession

Board Member, Society for Visual Anthropology (2021-present)
Journal Reviews:

- *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*
- *Sociology Compass*
- *Incarceration*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2020-Present: Founding Board Member, The History 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 (MICAHA). Serving on Race and Class Equity in the Justice System task force.

2011-2017: Board President (previously: vice president, member), Old Pueblo Community Services, Tucson, AZ

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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