

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2024 PhD, Sociology
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
Dissertation: “*Worshippers of Felinity*”: Identity Construction via the Domestic Cat
Chair: Dr. Leslie Irvine
- 2014 MS, Anthrozoology
Canisius College, Buffalo, NY
Thesis: *Cultivating Healing, Compassion, and Ethical Understanding Within a New Generation of Humane Veterinarians*
Chair: Dr. Paul Waldau
- 2010 MPA, Public Administration/Nonprofit Leadership
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Thesis: *Shelter from the Storm: Companion Animal Emergency Planning in Nine States*
Chair: Dr. Robert Peters
- 2003 BA, Psychology
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2025-present Research Associate, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2025, Spring Adjunct Professor, University of Colorado Boulder

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- 2024 Austin, Jessica, Candace M. Evans, Jocelyn West, Heather Champeau, Lori Peek, and Rachel M. Adams. “Defining and Practicing Reciprocity in Hazards and Disaster Research.” *International Journal of Qualitative Methods* 23. <https://doi.org/10.1177/16094069241309279>.
- 2022 Austin, Jessica. “‘I Suppose I’ll be Patching You Up, As Usual’: Women’s Roles and Normative Femininity in a Team-based Video Game.” *New Media and Society* 24(5):1116-1132.
- 2020 Peek, Lori, Heather Champeau, **Jessica Austin**, Mason Mathews, and Haorui Wu. “What Methods do Social Scientists Use to Study Disasters? An Analysis of the Social Science Extreme Events Research Network.” *American Behavioral Scientist* 64(8):1066-1094.
- 2020 Austin, Jessica, and Leslie Irvine. “‘A Very Photogenic Cat’: Personhood, Social Status, and Online Cat Photo Sharing.” *Anthrozoös* 33(3):441-450.

- 2013 Austin, Jessica J. “Shelter from the Storm: Companion Animal Emergency Planning in Nine States.” *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 40(4):185-210.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- 2020 Peek, Lori, **Jessica Austin**, Elizabeth Bittel, Simone Domingue, and Melissa Villarreal. “Children Take Charge: Helping Behaviors and Organized Action among Young People after Hurricane Katrina.” Pp. 87-111 in *Bottom-Up Responses to Crisis*, edited by V. Storr and S. Haeffele. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2016 Austin, Jessica J. “Beyond Coping: Active Mourning in the Animal Sheltering Community.” Pp. 165-170 in *Mourning Animals: Rituals and Practices Surrounding Animal Death*, edited by M. DeMello. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press.

EDITED COLLECTIONS

- 2021 Breeden, Jolie, Rachel Adams, **Jessica Austin**, Lori Peek, and Sandra Appiah, Editors. Special Collection on Mass Sheltering and Disasters. Volume 4, *Research Counts*. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://hazards.colorado.edu/news/research-counts/special-collection/mass-sheltering>.

PUBLISHED DATASETS

- 2023 Peek, Lori, **Jessica Austin**, and Heather Champeau. “2022 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-rjay-8g20>.
- 2023 Peek, Lori, Heather Champeau, and **Jessica Austin**. “2021 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-htk5-9w67>.
- 2022 Peek, Lori, **Jessica Austin**, and Heather Champeau. “2020 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-arw3-9z86>.
- 2022 Peek, Lori, Mason Mathews, **Jessica Austin**, and Heather Champeau. “2019 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-tkix-rf45>.
- 2022 Peek, Lori, Mason Mathews, Emma Hines, Haorui Wu, **Jessica Austin**, and Heather Champeau. “2018 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-2qc4-fh48>.

WEB-BASED PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Peek, Lori, Brigid Mark, **Jessica Austin**, and Heather Champeau. “2023 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-584f-vz32>.

- 2023 Champeau, Heather, **Jessica Austin**, and Lori Peek. “2022 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Census,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-4qek-wg82>.
- 2023 Austin, Jessica, Heather Champeau, and Lori Peek. “2021 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Census,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-jw4k-6w60>.
- 2022 Champeau, Heather, **Jessica Austin**, and Lori Peek. “2020 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Census,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-v0xj-gw06>.
- 2022 Peek, Lori, Heather Champeau, and **Jessica Austin**. “2019 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Census,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-t0k5-3v04>.
- 2022 Peek, Lori, Haorui Wu, Mason Mathews, Heather Champeau, and **Jessica Austin**. “2018 Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Census,” in *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Data, Survey Instrument, and Annual Census*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-0f0q-vz13>.
- 2022 Austin, Jessica. *All in the Family: Planning for Animals is Planning for People*. Research Counts, Special Collection on Mass Sheltering and Disasters. <https://hazards.colorado.edu/news/research-counts/all-in-the-family-planning-for-animals-is-planning-for-people>.
- 2022 West, Jocelyn, Heather Champeau, **Jessica Austin**, Candace M. Evans, Rachel M. Adams, and Lori Peek. *Reciprocity in Hazards and Disaster Research Training Module*. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://converge.colorado.edu/resources/training-modules>.
- 2020 Austin, Jessica. *Approaches to Sampling*. CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-ygx8-eh29>.
- 2020 Austin, Jessica. *Privacy Requirements and Use of Health Data*. CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-0bn5-dv59>.
- 2020 Austin, Jessica. *Social Science Methods*. CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-m96p-hn68>.
- 2020 Austin, Jessica. *Social Science Methods: Focus Groups*. CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-vcp2-jr78>.
- 2020 Austin, Jessica. *Social Science Methods: In-Depth, Semi-Structured Interviews*. CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-mmhr-td76>.
- 2020 Peek, Lori, and **Jessica Austin**. *Social Science Methods: Observations*. CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-4evc-4k10>.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021 Austin, Jessica. "A Call to Protect Both Humans and Non-Humans in Disaster." Review of *All Creatures Safe and Sound: The Social Landscape of Pets in Disasters* by Sarah E. DeYoung and Ashley K. Farmer. *Symbolic Interaction*, <https://doi.org/10.1002/symb.582>.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- 2024 Austin, Jessica. "'We're All Cat People': Identity Work Among Feline-Exclusive Veterinarians." Under review at *Anthrozoös*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Champeau, Heather, **Jessica Austin**, and Lori Peek. *The Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network at Five: An Overview*. Poster presentation, 48th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Broomfield, CO.
- 2022 Austin, Jessica, Heather Champeau, and Lori Peek. *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network: 2018-2020 Census Reports*. Poster presentation, 47th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Virtual.
- 2021 Austin, Jessica. *Patching You Up, As Usual: Women and Gendered Labor in an Online Shooting Game*. Oral presentation, American Sociological Association conference, Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology section roundtables. Virtual.
- 2021 Champeau, Heather, **Jessica Austin**, and Lori Peek. *What Disasters Do Social Scientists Study? Social Science Extreme Events Research Network*. Poster presentation, 46th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Virtual.
- 2021 Peek, Lori, **Jessica Austin**, and Heather Champeau. *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network Annual Census*. Poster presentation, 46th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Virtual.
- 2020 Peek, Lori, **Jessica Austin**, and Heather Champeau. *Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network and Web Map*. Poster presentation, 45th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Virtual.
- 2019 Austin, Jessica. *On Cats' Photographs*. Oral presentation, Animals in Ethnography: Methods and Ethical Positionings conference. Paris, France.
- 2019 Austin, Jessica. *'A Very Photogenic Cat': Sociological Aspects of Sharing Cat Photos Online*. Oral presentation, International Society for Anthrozoology annual conference. Orlando, FL.
- 2015 Austin, Jessica. *Moral Stress, Meaning-making, and Mourning: How Shelter Employees Process Euthanasia*. Oral presentation, Living with Animals bi-annual conference. Richmond, KY.
- 2013 Austin, Jessica. *Companion Animal Welfare in Disasters: An Assessment of Nine State Emergency Plans*. Poster presentation, International Society for Anthrozoology annual conference. Chicago, IL.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2024 Departmental Dissertation Fellowship. Funded by the Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. \$12,568.
- 2023 Scholar-in-Residence, Animal Studies Summer Institute. Funded by the Brooks Institute and the Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2023 Summer Dissertation Grant. Funded by the Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. \$1,350.
- 2022 National Science Foundation Non-Academic Research Internships for Graduate Students (NSF-INTERNSHIP) Supplemental Grant. Professor Lori Peek, PI; Jessica Austin, Graduate Research Assistant (NSF Award #1841338). \$38,238.
- 2022 Summer Dissertation Grant. Funded by the Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. \$1,350.
- 2021 Summer Research Grant. Funded by the Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. \$1,313.
- 2021 Graduate Research Assistant Indirect Cost Recovery Seed Grant. Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. Professor Lori Peek, PI; Jessica Austin, Graduate Research Assistant. \$4,668.
- 2020 Collaborative Research Award. Funded by the Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. \$2,000.
- 2020 Summer Research Grant. Funded by the Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado Boulder. Professor Lori Peek, PI; Jessica Austin, Graduate Research Assistant. \$750.
- 2020 Graduate Research Assistant Indirect Cost Recovery Seed Grant. Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. Professor Lori Peek, PI; Jessica Austin, Graduate Research Assistant. \$4,900.
- 2019 Third Year Paper Grant. Funded by the Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. \$750.
- 2019 Conference Travel Grant. Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. \$500.
- 2019 Conference Travel Grant. Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder. \$300.
- 2019 Conference Travel Grant. United Government of Graduate Students, University of Colorado Boulder. \$300.
- 2018 Summer Research Grant. Funded by the Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder. \$750.
- 2010 Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, lifetime member.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025, Spring	Adjunct Professor Social Inequalities in Health [virtual] University of Colorado Boulder
2024, Fall	Adjunct Professor Animals and Society University of Denver
2021, Summer	Graduate Part-Time Instructor Social Inequalities in Health [virtual] University of Colorado Boulder
2020, Summer	Graduate Part-Time Instructor Social Inequalities in Health [virtual] University of Colorado Boulder
2019, Spring	Graduate Teaching Assistant Animals and Society University of Colorado Boulder
2018, Fall	Graduate Teaching Assistant Social Problems University of Colorado Boulder
2018, Spring	Graduate Teaching Assistant Introduction to Sociology University of Colorado Boulder
2017, Fall	Graduate Teaching Assistant Introduction to Sociology University of Colorado Boulder

GUEST LECTURES

2023, Spring	Animals and Society (undergraduate) University of Colorado Boulder Topic: Veterinary ethics
2022, Spring	Animals and Society (undergraduate) University of Colorado Boulder Topic: Veterinary ethics
2020, Spring	Animals and Society (undergraduate; virtual) University of Colorado Boulder Topic: Veterinary ethics
2017, Fall	Animals and Society (undergraduate) University of Colorado Boulder Topic: Veterinary ethics

2013, Fall Introduction to Anthrozoology (graduate)
Canisius College
Topic: Veterinary ethics

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 Graduate Industry Fellow, Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri)

2020-23 Data Manager, National Science Foundation CONVERGE Social Science Extreme Events Research network, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder

2018-23; 2024-present Graduate Research Assistant, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder

2017 Program and Communications Coordinator, Safe States Alliance, Atlanta, GA

2012-17 Public Health Advisor, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

2008-12 Health Policy Analyst, Michigan Department of Community Health, Lansing, MI

2004-08 Research Associate, Michigan Public Health Institute, Okemos, MI

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

2021 Graduate Mentor, National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates program

2020-21 Peer Mentor, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

2018-19 Peer Mentor, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025-present Associate Editor, Social Science, *Society and Animals*

2022 Graduate Student Representative, University of Colorado Boulder, Institute of Behavioral Science, Environment and Society Program Director Hiring Committee

2020-21 Faculty Meeting Liaison, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

2020-21 Social Media Volunteer, Animals and Society Section, American Sociological Association

2019-21 Student Representative, Animals and Society Section, American Sociological Association

2019-20 Climate Survey Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

2018-19 Professionalization Seminar Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

2015-16 Graduate School Blog Liaison, Department of Anthrozoology, Canisius College

2013-15 Grant Reviewer, American Veterinary Medical Foundation, Unsolicited Grants Committee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2020-23 Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction - Student Member

2017-present American Sociological Association - Student Member

2012-22 Animals and Society Institute - Scholar Member

REFERENCES

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