

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology (anticipated 2022)
 - 2017 - present
 - University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
- Master of Science, Anthrozoology
 - 2011 - 2014
 - Canisius College, Buffalo, NY
- Master of Public Administration
 - 2008 - 2010
 - Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
 - 1998 - 2003
 - Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

HONORS

- Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, lifetime member

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Animals and society; social psychology; sociology of gender; sociology of disasters

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Teaching Assistant
 - Social Problems - Fall 2018
 - Introduction to Sociology - Spring 2018, Fall 2017

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
 - August 2018 - present
- Program and Communications Coordinator, Safe States Alliance, Atlanta, GA
 - January 2017 - September 2017

- Injury and Violence Prevention Research-Practice Toolkit Project - Conducted literature review; developed interview protocol; conducted key informant interviews; analyzed interview data; authored case studies
- Public Health Advisor, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
 - September 2012 - January 2017
 - Coordinated professional mentoring program; conducted needs assessments; created data presentations for senior staff
- Health Policy Analyst, Michigan Department of Community Health, Lansing, MI
 - December 2008 - July 2012
 - Michigan Critical Health Indicators; Michigan's Uninsured Project - Gathered health data from a variety of sources; analyzed data and constructed visual representations; wrote reports for a variety of audiences to communicate Michigan's health priorities

PUBLICATIONS

- Austin, Jessica J. 2016. "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.
- Austin, Jessica J. 2013. "Shelter from the Storm: Companion Animal Emergency Planning in Nine States." *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 40(4):185-210.

PRESENTATIONS

- Austin, Jessica. March 2015. *Moral Stress, Meaning-making, and Mourning: How Shelter Employees Process Euthanasia*. Oral presentation, Living With Animals bi-annual conference, Richmond, KY.
- Austin, Jessica. July 2013. *Companion Animal Welfare in Disasters: An Assessment of Nine State Emergency Plans*. Poster presentation, International Society for Anthrozoology annual conference, Chicago, IL.

INVITED LECTURES

- Guest Lecturer for Animals and Society undergraduate course, University of Colorado. Topic: Veterinary ethics. Fall 2017.
- Guest Lecturer for Introduction to Anthrozoology graduate course, Canisius College. Topic: Veterinary ethics. Spring 2013.

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Proseminar Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado. Fall 2018 - present.

- Faculty Meeting Liaison, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado. Fall 2018 - present.
- Graduate School Blog Liaison, Department of Anthrozoology, Canisius College. 2015 - 2016.
- Grant Reviewer, American Veterinary Medical Foundation, Unsolicited Grants Committee. 2013 - 2015.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Sociological Association - Student Member
 - Animals and Society Section
 - Social Psychology Section
 - Teaching and Learning in Sociology Section
- International Society for Anthrozoology - Student Member
- Animals and Society Institute - Scholar Member