

# Kristopher Young

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## EDUCATION

- **PhD** Sociology: Environmental and Social Justice, Summer 2025: **University of Utah**
  - Dissertation: *Spatial Interrelations of Risk, Social Vulnerability, and Community Wildfire Loss in California*
- **MSc** Sociology: Environmental and Social Justice, Spring 2020: **University of Utah**
  - Focus: Environmental Sociology, Sociology of Development, Sociology of Disaster, Mixed Methods Research
- **MA** Environmental Studies: Sustainable Development and International Disaster Management, 2011: **Prescott College**
  - Thesis: *Empowering Marginalized People Recovering from Disaster in Developing Countries: An Ethnographic Look at Disaster Relief in Haiti*
  - Focus: Participatory Project Design and Community Development, Mixed Methods Research, Ecological Restoration, Natural Disaster Management, Sustainable International Development, Nonprofit Management, Public Speaking and Engagement
- **BS** Forest Resources, 2003: **Utah State University**
  - Focus: Disturbance Ecology, Environmental Hazards and Disaster, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources
  - Member of **Xi Sigma Pi**, National Forestry Honor and Leadership Society
- **National Student Exchange Program**, Forestry, 1998-1999: **Humboldt State University**

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Adjunct Professor, University of Utah**, Salt Lake City, UT (Spring 2024-present)

- Primary Instructor for two Norton Publishing-based Introduction to Sociology (SOC1010) online sections, with a total of 164 undergraduate students.
- Created syllabus and acted as primary instructor for Solutions Scholar Research Exploration (SBS 5990)
- Coordinated guest presenters consisting of faculty researchers visiting class as potential research mentors

**Lead Graduate Instructor, University of Utah**, Salt Lake City, UT (2020-Summer 2025)

- Created curriculum, syllabi, and acted as primary instructor for Doing Sociology: Introduction to Social Stats and Methods (SOC 2015; Fall 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and Spring 2024, 2025), both online and in-person formats
- Developed curriculum, syllabi, and taught Social Inequality (SOC/GNDR 3380; Spring 2022), in-person format
- Acted as primary instructor for Social Research Methods (SOC 3111; 2019-2025 academic years, including summer semesters), online, hybrid, and in-person formats
- Facilitated Solutions Scholars Research Exploration course (SBS 5990; Spring 2024), in-person format
- Facilitated Sociology Department Graduate Student Professional Development Forum (SOC 7800; 2020-2021 academic years)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Utah**, Salt Lake City, UT (2019-2020 academic year)

- Supported professors teaching and undergraduate students taking Social Research Methods

***Graduate Writing Fellow, University of Utah***, Salt Lake City, UT (2018-2019 academic year)

- Conducted almost 400 one-on-one tutorials with over 150 graduate students from a variety of disciplines and from diverse backgrounds to help them become stronger writers

***Adjunct Professor, Prescott College***, Prescott, AZ (January 2010-December 2010)

- Created and Co-taught an undergraduate course entitled *Themes in Social Entrepreneurship*
- Coordinated speakers and service-learning project events with local experts and organizations

***Graduate Teaching Assistant, Prescott College***, Prescott, AZ (2009-2011)

- Built curricula, coordinated and taught undergraduate college courses in Fire Ecology, Restoration Ecology, and Nonprofit Management
- Designed, implemented and, monitored service projects including fish surveys, embankment stabilization projects, small mammal habitat restoration, wildfire-effects monitoring, stream cleanups, and various other community-based learning projects
- Developed, administered, and graded coursework

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

***Graduate Research Assistant to Director of Graduate Studies, University of Utah, Sociology Department*** (August 2022-October 2023)

- Completed IRB applications for research projects conducted by the director
- Completed applications for sensitive social data from UK Biobank and Add Health Databases

***Founder/Executive Director, PROViDE (Participatory Response Offering Vitality in Devastated Environments)***, Headquarters in Salt Lake City, UT (July 2007-September 2018)

- Strategic planning, program development, fundraising, event coordination, and budget management
- Build and maintain relationships with granters, non-governmental organizations, volunteers, and disaster-affected communities
- Manage the Assessment, Design, Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation of all community development projects
- Lead trips for international volunteers and interns to work with locals on agriculture and sustainable development projects
- Facilitate team, committee, and community meetings
- Coordinate, and supervise volunteers on community-driven livelihood projects
- Provide consultation to community groups and non-governmental organizations in Haiti and Sri Lanka

***Mentor to Graduate Students, Prescott College***, Remote Location (September 2011-May 2018)

- Facilitate learning and provide guidance to a small assignment of graduate students
- Uphold institutional standard of quality of work and effort completed by graduate students
- Ensure graduate student deadlines were met

***Consulting Forester, Vegetation Specialist, and Arborist, Davey Resource Group***, (March 2006-November 2008, special projects 2013/2015, January-May 2017)

- (2017) Supervised ten remotely located Vegetation Specialists throughout UT, WY, and ID as a Senior Consultant
- (2015) Developed an ecosystem management plan for Xcel Energy's natural gas pipelines across Colorado
- (2013/2015) Municipal tree consultation contract with Salt Lake City, UT. Made recommendations to city officials
- (2008) Municipal tree consultation contract in Tempe, AZ. Reported to Tempe Department of Parks and Recreation

- (2006 and 2007) Trained/supervised insecticide application specialists, and vaccinated trees across the five boroughs of New York City to prevent Asian Long-horned beetle outbreak
- (2006-2007) Consulting Utility Forester. Vegetation management in utility corridors throughout San Diego County, CA

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES**

- (7/2025) Presenter, “Spatial Interdependence of Sociodemographics and Expected Annual Loss to Wildfire in California.” Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- (7/2025) Presenter, “Spatial Interdependence of Socioeconomic Characteristics and Wildfire Expected Annual Loss in California.” 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Boulder, Colorado.
- (3/2024) Guest Lecturer, “Perspectives in Wildfire Policy Analysis.” Presented to Health Society and Policy Capstone course. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- (7/2022) Presenter, “Age-related Disparity in FEMA Individual Assistance: Are Equity Reforms Working?” 47th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Boulder, Colorado. [Virtual Conference]
- (3/2022) Presenter, “Investigating Equitability in FEMA’s Wildfire Response: A Mixed-Effects Multi-Level Analysis.” Presentation to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences faculty and graduate students. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- (7/2021) Presenter, “Inequity in Wildfire Recovery: An Evaluation of FEMA Individual Assistance Programs in California, 2015-2020.” The XXIV Society of Human Ecology International Conference, Brazil. [Virtual Conference]
- (8/2017) Presenter, “Voluntourism and the Paradox of Humanitarian Aid.” Presentation to University of Utah Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department faculty and graduate students. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- (11/2014) Visiting Speaker, “PROViDE: An Update on Disaster Relief in Haiti.” Prescott College’s MA and PhD Biannual Colloquium. Prescott, Arizona.
- (10/2013) Presenter, “Three Years of Participatory Relief in Haiti.” ECHO Community Caribbean Regional Conference. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- (5/2013) Visiting Speaker, “Discussions on Participatory Action Research,” Graduate Mentor Presentation. Prescott College’s MA and PhD Biannual Colloquium. Prescott, Arizona.
- (10/2012) Guest Lecturer, “Discussion of Participatory Disaster Relief and Voluntourism.” Guest Lecturer in an undergraduate Public Health Course. University of Utah. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- (9/2012) Guest Lecturer, “PROViDE (Participatory Response Offering Vitality in Devastated Environments).” Weber State University. Ogden, Utah.
- (5/2011) Thesis Presentation. “Empowering Marginalized People Recovering from Disaster in Developing Countries: An Ethnography of Disaster Relief in Haiti.” Prescott College’s Biannual MA and PhD Colloquium. Prescott, Arizona.
- (12/2005) Presenter, “Quercus gambelii Regeneration Modeling and Response to Wildfire at Camp Williams National Guard Training Facility.” Utah State University. Logan, Utah.

## **RESEARCH AND PROJECTS**

- Conducted survey research to examine risk perception of wildfires in the Wildland-Urban Interface of California
- Employed mixed-effects multi-level regression analysis to examine inequitable FEMA disaster relief after wildfires in California, 2015-2020
- Planned and implemented development of a resource center and vocational school that serves almost 1000 people, including elementary school for over 80 students, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, in La Ferme Blanchard, Haiti
- Developed a reforestation initiative and tree nursery, and a sustainable-agriculture demonstration site in Turbe, a community of close to 5000 people in Haiti
- Researched and developed a Home Garden project in Seenigama, Sri Lanka, as a conservation effort for 200 individual household self-sustenance gardens
- Coordinated community meetings, taught gardening techniques, accumulated seeds, taught composting, collected tools for the program, and monitored 200 individual gardens
- Coordinated dozens of collaborative ecological restoration and community development projects with Haitian and Sri Lankan interest groups, non-governmental organizations, and volunteer groups

- Coordinated and co-created the first formal, non-academy youth soccer league in Croix-de-Bouquets, Haiti
- Researched participation levels of disaster-affected people in humanitarian aid programs five municipalities throughout Haiti
- Directed interns and volunteers from USA, Canada, Asia, and Europe on an array of development, social enterprise, and agricultural projects in Haiti
- Created and co-managed a group of 16 environmentally minded young adults in Seenigama, Sri Lanka for 10 small-scale community environmental improvement projects
- Led training sessions for the U.S. Forest Service teaching land managers and decision makers protocols for federal fuels survey and wildland fire effects data collection developed by our team in Williams, AZ

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN-PROGRESS**

Young, Kristopher. "How Do Local Social Characteristics Influence Wildfire Expected Annual Loss Totals?" To be submitted to *Risk Analysis: An International Journal*.

Young, Kristopher. "To What Extent Does FEMA's National Risk Index Address Drivers of Social Vulnerability: Hazardousness of Place, Built Environment, and Social Characteristics?" To be submitted to *Jamba: Journal of Disaster Risk Studies*.

Young, Kristopher. "How Effective Have Implemented Wildfire Mitigation Initiatives Been Against Risk of Destructive Wildfire?" To be submitted to *International Journal of Wildfire*.

Young, Kristopher, Lazarus Adua, and Brett Clark. "Inequity in Wildfire Recovery: An Evaluation of FEMA Individual Assistance Programs in California, 2015-2020." Complete Draft. Making final revisions before submission to *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*.

## **COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

- The Natural Hazards Center Researchers Meeting Organizing Committee (January 2021-present)
  - Committee Chair (July 2025-present)
  - Lead Session Organizer (September 2023-July 2025)
  - Abstract Review and Editing Member (January 2021-September 2023)
- International Association of Wildland Fire Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (January 2024-present)
- Sociology Department Graduate Representative for College of Social and Behavioral Science Student Council (August 2019-February 2022)
  - Vice President (August 2020-February 2022)
  - Treasurer (August 2019-August 2020)
- Chairperson, Integrated Agriculture Collaborative, La Ferme Blanchard, Ouest, Haiti (February 2011-March 2020)
  - Initiation an integration of an agriculture site and collaborative organization of farmers, gardeners, and small-land holders
  - Facilitate regular meetings to ensure quality and continuation of collaborative projects and programs
  - Provide continued technical support to the organization ad hoc
- Sustainability Council Representative, Prescott College, Prescott, AZ (Fall 2009-Spring 2011)
  - Co-created and developed the Sustainability Council as a frontrunner in college campus sustainability across the U.S.
  - Implemented programs adherent to AASHE, LEEDS, and STARS sustainability protocols on campus including new construction and retro-fitting
  - Granted funds to promote sustainability projects proposed by Prescott College students and alumni

- Environmental Studies Graduate Program Department Chair Committee Member, Prescott College, Prescott, AZ (Fall 2010)
  - Conducted interviews with six department chair applicants
  - Collected and directed graduate students' questions and concerns to applicant interviews
  - Acted as a main contact for applicants with questions about the program and the college

### **SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER POSITION**

- Mentor for undergraduate research capstone projects in Environment and Sustainability, and Sociology (Spring 2024-present)
- Session Moderator, *Bridging the Gap: Actionable Disaster Communication*, 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Boulder, CO (July 2025)
- Presentation Evaluator at University of Utah Office of Undergraduate Research Symposium (Spring/Fall 2021, Spring/Fall 2022, Spring/Fall 2023, Spring/Fall 2024)
- Presentation Judge at University of Utah College of Social and Behavioral Studies Student Research Day (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Session Moderator, *Assessing Equity in Mitigation and Recovery Assistance*. 2023 Natural Hazards Researchers Meeting. Boulder, CO (July, 2023)
- Session Moderator, *Protective Actions and Evacuation Decision-Making*. 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Boulder, CO [Virtual Conference] (July, 2022)
- Disaster Relief and Community Development interpretive display and information booth coordinator for PROViDE at 33 Salt Lake City events and weekend markets (2011-2020)
- Stream cleanup and Earth Day Festival Coordinator, Prescott, AZ (April, 2010)
- Created interpretive displays and shared information on the benefits of community trees at several Arbor Day Fests in San Diego, CA (2006-2008)
- Interpretive program leader discussing the importance of natural resources to elementary students in Cache Valley, UT (2000-2003), San Diego, CA (2006-2008), Seenigama, Sri Lanka (October 2007), and Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti (2010-2022)
- Hillside and ecological restoration projects Collaborator in San Diego County (May-August, 2007)