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RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS AND INTERESTS

- Cross-cultural variations in relationships and family structure (including families of two, pets)
 - Human-animal interactions/anthrozoology
 - Applied theory (i.e., identity, politicoeconomics, psychological anthropology)
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EDUCATION

PhD Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

December 2017

MA Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

August 2015

BA Psychology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

May 2013

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Academic Success Center: First-Year Seminar for Exploring Majors

July 2018 – current

Adjunct Instructor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Department of Anthropology

August 2017 – current

Visiting Lecturer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Academic Success Center: First-Year Seminar for Exploring Majors

August 2016 – June 2018

Part-Time Instructor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

COLA 100E - First-Year Seminar for Exploring Majors

August 2015 - July 2016

Graduate Assistant, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Department of Anthropology

August 2014 - May 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor on Record:

- COLA100E: First-Year Seminar for Exploring Majors
- ANTH101: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH102: Introduction to Physical Anthropology

Graduate Assistant/Substitute:

- ANTH102: Introduction to Physical Anthropology
- COLA100: First-Year Seminar for Liberal Arts Majors
- ANTH420: Psychological Anthropology
- ANTH438: Ethnographic Field Methods

Distance Education Instructor:

- CPDT-KA Fundamentals: A Preparation Course for the Certified Professional Dog Trainer National Exam
- Teaching Canine Scent Work

PUBLICATIONS

- Volsche, S.** (2018). Negotiated bonds: The practice of childfree pet parenting. *Anthrozoös*, 31(3), 367-377. doi: 10.1080/08927936-2018-1455470
- Volsche, S.** (2017). A comparison of mothers and childfree women on the common characteristics of romantic love. *Sage Open*, 1-8. doi: 10.1177/2158244017701529
- Volsche, S.** (2017). *Setting the childless free: An ethnographic study of the practice of the childfree identity*. (embargoed/unpublished dissertation). University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Volsche, S., & Gray, P.** (2016). "Dog moms" use authoritative parenting styles. *Human-Animal Interactions Bulletin*, 4(2), 1-16.
- Gray, P., **Volsche, S.**, Garcia, J., & Fisher, H. (2015). The role of pet dogs and cats in courtship and dating. *Anthrozoös*, 28(4), 673-683. doi: 10.1080/08927936.2015.1064216
- Volsche, S.** (2015). *An investigation into human to dog attachment systems and their influence on the degree of aversion used in training*. (Unpublished master's thesis). University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Jankowiak, W., **Volsche, S.**, & Garcia, J. (2015). Is the romantic-sexual kiss a near human universal? *American Anthropologist*, 117(3), 535-539. doi: 10.1111/aman.12286

Jankowiak, W., Shen, Y., Yao, S., Wang, C., & Volsche, S. (2015). What a cognitive study of Chinese youth's understanding of love reveals about the cross-cultural core features of love. *Cross-Cultural Research*, 49(4), 422-436. doi: 10.1177/1069397115594355

Volsche, S. (*in press*). Understanding cross-species parenting: A case for pets as children, in *Pets, People, and Psychotherapy: Best practices for common human-animal interaction clinical settings*, eds. Kogan, L., & Blazina, C. New York, N.Y.: Elsevier/Academic Press.

Volsche, S., Schmidt, S., & Farris, N. (*in press*). From voluntarily childless to childfree: Sociohistoric perspectives on a contemporary trend, in *International Handbook on the Demography of Marriage and the Family*, eds. Farris, N., & Threatt, E. New York, N.Y.: Springer.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

India Dogs: An Initial Investigation of the Attitudes of Urban, Indian Youth.

47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.
Las Vegas, Nevada. February 2018.

Reimagining the Village: The Importance of Extended and Fictive Kin in the Childfree Community.

47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.
Las Vegas, Nevada. February 2018.

Gender Roles, Romance, and Sexual Identity. *Session Chair.*

47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.
Las Vegas, Nevada. February 2018.

Natural & Created Relationships: The Human-Canine Bond. *Invited Speaker.*

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Marjorie A. Barrick Museum of Art. |
Las Vegas, Nevada. November 2017.

liminal. *Curator.*

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Marjorie A. Barrick Museum of Art.
Las Vegas, Nevada. Fall 2017.

Setting the Childless Free. *Guest Speaker for Anthropology of Women and Men.*

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Anthropology.
Las Vegas, Nevada. April 2017.

Rebel Intersectionality and its Travels within the Academy. *Panelist.*

The Intersection: The Academic Multicultural Resource Center at UNLV.
Las Vegas, Nevada. April 2017.

Setting the Childless Free: How modernity and feminism converge in the formation and practice of the childfree identity.

Southwestern Social Sciences Association: Gender and the Family Session.
Austin, Texas. April 2017.

Setting the Childless Free: How modernity and feminism converge in the formation and practice of the childfree identity.

Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Forum.
Las Vegas, Nevada. April 2017.

Making Lecturing More Effective/Lecturing for Learning *Panelist.*

Graduate and Professional Student Association Professional Development Workshop.
Las Vegas, Nevada. March 2017.

Approaching Intersections in the Classroom *Full Session.*

36th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience.
Atlanta, Georgia. February 2017.

Intersections in the Classroom *Poster.*

2017 UNLV Best Teaching Practices Expo.
Las Vegas, Nevada. January 2017.

Intersections in the Classroom.

NSHE Diversity Summit.
Las Vegas, Nevada. November 2016.

Mom, Dad, and the Dog: A New and Changing Definition of Family.

Southwestern Social Science Association 2016 Annual Meeting.
Las Vegas, Nevada. March 2016.

Mom, Dad, and the Dog: A New and Changing Definition of Family.

Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Forum.
Las Vegas, Nevada. March 2016.

Does Owner Attachment Influence Dog Training Methods? *Invited Speaker.*

Inspiration, Innovation, Impact: A Celebration of Graduate Student Research. University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2016.

Mom, Dad, and the Dog: A New and Changing Definition of Family.

45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.
Portland, Oregon. February 2016.

Family and Children: Play. *Session Chair.*

45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.
Portland, Oregon. February 2016.

Does Owner Attachment Influence Dog Training Methods? *Slammer.*

UNLV 3-Minute Thesis Competition.
Las Vegas, Nevada, November 2015.

Building Your CV and Professional Portfolio. *Invited Speaker.*

UNLV Research as Professional Development Workshop.
Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2015.

Decision to Be Childfree on the Rise. *Panelist.*

Nevada Public Radio's *State of Nevada*. Las Vegas, Nevada, September 2015.
for audio: <http://knpr.org/knpr/2015-09/decision-be-childfree-rise>

The Culture of Language in Human and Non-Human Animals. *Guest Teacher.*

Alexander Dawson College Bound Program.
Las Vegas, Nevada. July 2015.

Is the Romantic/Sexual Kiss a Human Universal?

Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Forum.
Las Vegas, Nevada. March 2015.

Is the Romantic/Sexual Kiss a Human Universal?

44th Annual Meeting for the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.
Albuquerque, New Mexico. February 2015.

Anthrozoology and the Human-Canine Relationship. *Guest Teacher.*

Alexander Dawson College Bound Program.
Las Vegas, Nevada. June 2014.

Fur Babies: From Wolf to Child. *Invited Speaker.*

e-Training for Dogs, Inc. Online presentation. May 2014.

Interspecific Cooperative Signaling: Is it as different as cats and dogs?

Anthropology Research Forum. University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
Las Vegas, Nevada. May 2014.

I Love My Dog: Influences on the Human-Canine Bond.

Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Forum.
Las Vegas, Nevada. March 2014.

Parenting Our Dogs: How humans are applying parenting strategies to dogs and what it means to the dog training community.

Anthropology Research Forum. University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
Las Vegas, Nevada. May 2013.

Ethics for Dog Trainers: Keeping professional in an unregulated industry. *Invited Speaker.*

e-Training for Dogs, Inc. Online presentation. February 2013.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018** UNLV McNair Summer Research Institute: Faculty Mentor (\$750)
- 2017** UNLV Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$7000)
Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award (\$500)
GPSA Merit Award (\$300)
- 2016** Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant (\$224)
Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award: Department Nominee (\$0)
Edwards & Olswang Scholarship (\$420)
GPSA Research Forum Podium Presentation: First Place (\$250)

- 2015** Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant (\$350)
Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award (\$500)
Friends of World Anthropology Scholarship (\$300)
Rebel Grad Slam 3-Minute Thesis: Finalist (\$100)
Rebel Grad Slam 3-Minute Thesis: Audience Choice (\$100)
GPSA Research Forum Podium Presentation: Second Place (\$125)
- 2014** Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant (\$250)
Friends of World Anthropology Scholarship (\$200)
GPSA Research Forum Podium Presentation: Honorable Mention (\$0)
- 2013** Graduate Student Research Grant (\$200)
Patricia Rocchio Scholarship (\$377)
Best Undergraduate Pecha Kucha (\$50)

TECHNICAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

- **Graduate College Teaching Program, UNLV, 2016-17**
- SPSS Statistics Package, V19.0 +
- **Certificate in Technical Communications**
 - Styles: MLA, APA, AP, MS Tech, Chicago
- Museum collections management
- Professional knowledge of graphic design software and concepts (Adobe Creative Suite)

MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Cross-Cultural Research, 2015 - current
American Anthropological Association, 2015 - current
Southwestern Social Sciences Association, 2015 - current
Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society, 2015 - current
International Society for Anthrozoology, 2014-current
Lambda Alpha, Anthropology Honors Society, 2013 – current
Anthropology Society, 2012 – 2017

EDITORIAL, SERVICE, & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Student Conduct Hearing Board, Academic Integrity Appeals Board
Faculty Representative, 2018 - current

APA Style Editor, Reviewer,
Human-Animal Interactions Bulletin, 2013 - current

Rebel Ready Mentor Program,
Faculty Mentor, Fall 2016

Search Committee Member

Professor-in-Residence, COLA100E, Spring 2016
Supplemental Instruction Coordinator, Spring 2017

Chapter President,

Alpha Nevada - UNLV's Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society, 2015 - 2016

Abstract Review Committee,

2015 Anthropology Research Forum, UNLV

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WORKSHOPS

Recognizing and Responding to Student Disclosures.

ASERTAV Title IX Workshops. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. June 2018.

47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.

Las Vegas, Nevada. February 2018.

37th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience.

San Antonio, Texas. February 2018.

DREAMzone Training: Serving Undocumented Students.

UNLV UndocuNetwork. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. March 2017.

Know the Code, How to Address Disruptive Behavior in the Classroom.

Graduate & Professional Student Association Workshop. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. March 2017.

36th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience.

Atlanta, Georgia. February 2017.

Using the Science of Motivation to Engage All Learners.

Pre-Conference Workshop. 36th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience. Atlanta, Georgia. February 2017.

Difficult Situations in the Classroom.

Graduate & Professional Student Association Workshop. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. February 2017.

Safe Zone Training.

UNLV Center for Social Justice. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. January 2017.

Conflict Resolution.

Graduate & Professional Student Association Workshop. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. November 2016.

Lecturing for Learning.

Mary-Anne Winkelmes. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. October 2016.

Designing Effective Research Assignments.

Graduate & Professional Student Association Workshop. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. October 2016.

Problem Based Learning.

Graduate & Professional Student Association Workshop. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. September 2016.

Active Shooter Training.

Paul Velez. UNLV Police Department. Las Vegas, Nevada. September 2016.

Transparency in Learning.

Mary-Anne Winkelmes. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. September 2016.

At Risk for University and College Faculty.

Online. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. August 2016.

First-Year Seminar Faculty Development Event.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. August 2016.

Emergency Preparedness Training.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. August 2016.

CPR and AED Certification.

Billy Ayers. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. June 2016.

Intersections: Preventing Harrassment & Sexual Violence.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Online. May 2016.

Finessing Fieldwork: Tips and Tricks.

Jonathan Marion and Laura Wilhelm. Southwestern Social Science Association. Las Vegas, Nevada. March 2016.

45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.

Portland, Oregon. February 2016.

Keeping a Survivor in School.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. October 2015.

44th Annual Meeting for the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.

Albuquerque, New Mexico. February 2015.