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RESEARCH INTERESTS

racial capitalism | urban political economy | kinship | mass incarceration | abolition | political ecology of health

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Geography** March 2020
University of Washington Seattle, WA
Advisor: Michael Brown, Ph.D.
Dissertation: *Life in Prison: Biopolitics, Ill-Being, and the Neoliberal Penitentiary*
- Graduate Certificate in Sexuality and Queer Studies** January 2016
University of Washington Seattle, WA
- M.A. Geography** June 2014
University of Washington Seattle, WA
Thesis: *Governing Pet Love: 'Crazy Cat Ladies,' Cultural Discourse, and the Spatial Logics of Inter-Species Intimacies*
- B.S. Cultural and Political Studies** in Interdisciplinary Urban Studies June 2011
Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service Washington, DC
Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Full Instructor Positions

University of Washington at Seattle 2016-2020

Design course syllabus and assignments, including large lectures and writing-intensive seminars; coordinate graduate teaching assistants; coordinate field visits and student partners with community-based courses; lead weekly interactive lectures and applied classroom activities; provide quantitative and qualitative feedback on student work; mentor students in writing, research, and Honors projects

- **Social Justice and the City**, GEOG 478, Enrollment: 35 (AU 2020)
- **Prison Logics and Abolition Futures**, HONORS 345, Enrollment: 35 (AU 2020)
- **Intro to the Geography of Health and Healthcare**, GEOG 280, Enrollment: 30 (SU 2020)
- **Contested Commodities**, Honors 231, Enrollment: 35 (WI 2020)
- **Urban Geography**, GEOG 277, Enrollment: 26 (SU 19)
- **Prison Logics and Abolition Futures**, Honors 345, Enrollment: 23 (WI 2019)
- **Research Design**, GEOG 315, Enrollment: 84 (AU 2018)
- **Cultural Geography**, GEOG 301, Enrollment: 20 (SU 2017)
- **Animal, Capital, & Power**, CHID 480, Enrollment: 12 (WI 2017)
- **Qualitative Methodology in Geography**, GEOG 425, Enrollment: 40 (AU 2016)
- **Urban Geography**, GEOG 277, Enrollment: 20 (SU 2016)
- **Research Design**, GEOG 315, Enrollment: 68 (SPR 2016)

Full Instructor Positions (cont.)

University of Washington at Bothell

2017-18

Design course syllabus and assignments, including large lectures and writing-intensive seminars at satellite campus serving primarily working, non-traditional, first-generation, and immigrant students; lead weekly interactive lectures and applied classroom activities; provide quantitative and qualitative feedback on student work; mentor students in writing and research

- **Globalization**, BIS 282, Enrollment: 41 (AU 2017), 30 (SPR 2018)
- **Critical Animal Studies**, BIS 393, Enrollment: 14 (WI 2018)

Teaching Assistant Positions

University of Washington at Seattle

2013-16

Provide supplementary education, including technical instruction in GIS, statistical analysis, argumentative writing, peer review, close reading, and discussion; advise students in office hours

- **Geographies of Environmental Justice**, GEOG 272, Enrollment: 60 (AU 2019)
- **Environmental Conservation**, GEOG 370, Enrollment: 40 (WI 2016)
- **Research Design**, GEOG 315, Enrollment: 75 (AU 2015, AU 2013)
- **Principles of GIS Mapping**, GEOG 360, Enrollment: 40 (SPR 2015)
- **Geographic Information and Spatial Analysis**, GEOG 317, Enrollment: 40 (WI 2015)
- **Introduction to Globalization**, GEOG 123, Enrollment: 75 (AU 2014)
- **Urban Geography**, GEOG 277, Enrollment: 40 (SPR 2014)
- **Geography of Health and Health Care**, GEOG 280, Enrollment: 75 (WI 2014, WI 2013)
- **Geographic Patterns of Health and Disease**, GEOG 380, Enrollment: 40 (SPR 2013)
- **Economic Geography**, GEOG 207, Enrollment: 80 (AU 2012)

Supplementary Instructor Positions

University of Washington at Seattle

2014

Center for Learning and Undergraduate Enrichment

Designed and led weekly tutorial instruction for all students, reviewed conceptual material through applied examples, workshopped writing, fostered study skills

- **Introduction to Globalization**, GEOG 123, Enrollment: 230 (AU 2014)

TEACHING HONORS AND AWARDS

2020	Honors Excellence in Teaching Award – Nominated by Students, University of Washington
2018	Excellence in Teaching Award – Nominated, University of Washington
2016	Recognition for Excellence in Teaching from Divisional Dean of Social Sciences, University of Washington
2015	Howard Martin Medalist for Achievements in Teaching, Scholarship, and Service, Department of Geography, University of Washington

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- In Review **McKeithen, W.**, Carceral Nutrition: Dietary Knowledge and the Slow Violence of Prison Food in the Neoliberal Prison. (Manuscript submitted January 2021 to *Food and Foodways* for special issue on “Food and Carcerality,” Ed. Ashanté M. Reese and Joshua Sbicca)
- 2018 Knopp, L., Brown, M., and **W. McKeithen**. Urban Politics as the Unfolding of Social Relations in Place: The Case of Sexually Transmitted Disease Investigation in Mid-Twentieth-Century Gay Seattle. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 42(3): 390-407.
- 2017 **McKeithen, W.** Queer Ecologies of Home: Heteronormativity, Speciesism, and the Strange Intimacies of Crazy Cat Ladies. *Gender, Place, and Culture* 24(1): 122-134.

Book Chapters

- In Press **W. McKeithen** and S. Naslund, “Brave New Worms: (Non)Value in the Parasite Bioeconomy” in *Handbook of Critical Resource Geography*. Ed. M. Himley, E. Havice, and G. Valdivia. Routledge. (Final manuscript accepted June 2020)
- 2018 **McKeithen, W.**, M. Brown, and L. Knopp. “Queer(ing) Spaces of Urban Politics” in *Handbook on the Spaces of Urban Politics*. Ed. K. Ward, A.E.G. Jonas, B. Miller. And D. Wilson. Routledge. (pp. 528-538).

Editor-Reviewed Articles

- In Press **McKeithen, W.** “Geographies of the Family” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Geography*. Ed. Barney Warf. Oxford University Press. (Manuscript submitted December 2020)
- 2020 **McKeithen, W.**, “Full Surrogacy Now: A Review” in *Full Surrogacy Now: Author Meets Comrades*. Ed. E. Johnson and K. Bosworth. *Society and Space*. (Manuscript accepted June 2019)
- 2017 **McKeithen, W.**, M. Andrucki, C. Henry, and S. Stinard-Kiel. “The Boundaries and Binaries of Social Reproduction” in *Forum: Beyond Binaries and Boundaries in ‘Social Reproduction.’* Ed. **W. McKeithen**, M. Andrucki, C. Henry, and S. Stinard-Kiel. *Society and Space*. (Link: <http://societyandspace.org/2017/10/31/intro-beyond-binaries-and-boundaries-in-social-reproduction/>)
- 2017 **McKeithen, W.**, and S. Naslund. “Worms and Workers: Placing the Nonhuman and the Biological in Social Reproduction” in *Forum: Beyond Binaries and Boundaries in ‘Social Reproduction.’* Ed. **W. McKeithen**, M. Andrucki, C. Henry, and S. Stinard-Kiel. *Society and Space*. (Link: <http://societyandspace.org/2017/11/14/worms-and-workers-placing-the-more-than-human-and-the-biological-in-social-reproduction/>)

Encyclopedia Entries and Book Reviews

- 2020 **McKeithen, W.**, “FAQs about Prison Abolition.” The No New Washington Prisons Campaign. (Link: <https://www.nonewwashingtonprison.com/resources>)
- 2018 **McKeithen, W.**, Outside Time: A Personal History of Prison Farming and Gardening by Hannah Wright. *Carceral Geography Working Group RGS-IBG*.
- 2017 **McKeithen, W.**, “Bestiality” in *Humans and Animals: A Geography of Coexistence*. Ed. Julie Urbanik and Connie L. Johnston. ABC-CLIO Press.
- 2017 **McKeithen, W.**, “Race and Animals” in *Humans and Animals: A Geography of Coexistence*. Ed. Julie Urbanik and Connie L. Johnston. ABC-CLIO Press.

Encyclopedia Entries and Book Reviews (cont.)

- 2017 **McKeithen, W.**, “Zoophilia” in *Humans and Animals: A Geography of Coexistence*. Ed. Julie Urbanik and Connie L. Johnston. ABC-CLIO Press.
- 2017 **McKeithen, W.**, Staying with the Trouble: Making Kin in the Chthulucene by Donna Haraway. *Gender, Place, and Culture* 24 (10): 1517-1519.
- 2015 **McKeithen, W.**, By-Roads and Hidden Treasures: Mapping Cultural Assets in Regional Australia.” *Journal of Cultural Geography* 32 (3): 385–387.

Policy Reports

- 2021 Washington Corrections Watch. *Imprisoning Relations: How WA DOC’s Collateral Damage and Hidden Costs Imprison Families*. (Contributing author; Link: www.wacorrectionswatch.org)

Edited Zines

- 2019 The Students of HONORS 345. *Carceral Archipelagoes of Washington: An Intro to Prisons, Jails, Policing, Juvies, and Migrant Prisons*. (Editor; Link: www.willmckeithen.com)

Works in Progress

- In Progress **McKeithen, W.** Stealing Care: A Feminist Political Economy of the Prison Commons. (Submission to *Antipode* planned for mid-2021.)
- In Progress **McKeithen, W.** Carceral Care: Mapping the Biopolitics of Health in the Neoliberal Prison. (Submission to *Social Science & Medicine* planned for mid-2021.)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 Ullmann-Abernathy Doctoral Fellowship, University of Washington (\$8,000)
- 2018 Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Social Professions, University of Washington (\$8,000) – Alternate, unawarded
- 2017-18 Program for Interdisciplinary Pedagogy Fellow, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington at Bothell (\$25,000)
- 2017 Howard Martin Award, Department of Geography, University of Washington (\$1,500)
- 2016-17 Harlan Hahn Disability Studies Grant, University of Washington (\$2,500)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2014-15 Urban Governmentalities in Local-State Relations with a Marginalized Population
NSF GRANT #1059732
Research Assistant; Co-PIs: Michael Brown and Larry Knopp, University of Washington

SERVICE

University Service

- 2020 “How to Record and Produce an Academic Podcast” Workshop
Workshop Organizer and Facilitator, Independent Contract, UW Seattle
- 2017-18 Workshop Coordinator, Project for Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, UW Bothell
- 2017-18 Member, Diversity Committee, Geography Department, UW Seattle

University Service (cont.)

- 2016-17 Member, Colloquium Committee, Geography Department, UW Seattle
Departmental Organizer, Program for the Comparative History of Ideas, UW Seattle
- 2014-16 Member, Teaching Committee, Geography Department, UW Seattle
Member, Department Facilities Committee, Geography Department, UW Seattle
Peer LGBTQ Mentor, Q Center, UW Seattle

Peer Review for Academic Journals

- 2016-20 *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* (2x)
Gender, Place, and Culture (5x)
Environment and Planning D: Society and Space (2x)
- 2014-15 *Plenum: A Critical Geographer Journal for Undergraduate Research* (2x)
- 2013 *Social and Cultural Geography* (1x)

Community Service

- 2019-Current Organizer, No New Washington Prisons
- Successful campaign to stop construction of new Washington state women's prison; now demanding decarceration and a statewide moratorium on prison expansion
- 2016-Current Organizer, Black and Pink – Seattle/Tacoma Chapter
- Work with formerly incarcerated and free individuals to organize support for LGBTQ+ individuals currently or formerly incarcerated in the area
- 2020 “Building a Culture of Political Participation for LGBTQ+ Graduate Students” Workshop
Workshop Co-Organizer and Co-Facilitator, Independent Contract, Cornell University
- Facilitate discussion of internal values, political goals, and organizing strategy for several LGBTQ+ graduate student organizations
- 2018 Guest Facilitator, Freedom Education Project Puget Sound
- Provide instructional and planning support to local organization offering accredited college courses and intellectual exploration for incarcerated individuals at nearby women's prison

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING

- 2016-19 Facilitator, Conference on Teaching and Learning, UW Seattle
- Planned and led collaborative learning sessions on “Facilitating Discussions,” “Teaching Quiz Sections in the Social Sciences and Humanities,” “How Students Learn” for all disciplines, and “Teaching Your Own Course: First Day and Beyond”
- 2019 Participant, Storytelling Fellows, UW Seattle
- Learned skills necessary to produce audio recordings for academic and lay audiences, including proficiency with Audacity software, audio recording, editing, and publication
- 2018 Participant, Project for Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, UW Bothell
- Planned and participated in quarterly workshops on performance-based teaching methods, innovative teaching methods in large classrooms, and course revision
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING (CONT.)

- 2017 Participant, Undoing Institutional Racism, The People's Institute, Tacoma, Washington
- Took part in 3-day workshop on the historical causes of institutionalized racism and my own personal and professional role in undoing these systems as an educator
- 2012-17 Participant, Conference on Teaching and Learning, UW Seattle
- Took part in yearly trainings on a range of pedagogical issues, including facilitating discussion, grading writing, and mentoring individual students
- 2016 Participant, Relationship Skills Workshop, NW Network, Seattle, Washington
- Took part in seven-week training in LGBTQ community-centered principles of relationship-building, collective healing, accountability, and conflict resolution
- 2014 Participant, Critical Pedagogies in Action, UW Seattle
- Took part in weekly discussions on teaching diverse classrooms, interdisciplinary pedagogical theory, and creative assignment and assessment development

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Guest Teaching Lectures

- May 2020 *Discourse Analysis*, GEOG 425, Qualitative Methodology in Geography, UW Seattle
- Nov 2019 *Gender, Race, Care, and Kinship*, AFAM 399, Race and Capitalism, Yale University
- June 2019 *Carceral Geographies and the Militarization of the City*, GEOG 277, Urban Geography, UW Seattle
- May 2019 *Content and Discourse Analysis*, GEOG 425, Qualitative Methodology in Geography, UW Seattle
- Jun 2018 *Nutrition as Carceral Ideology*, GEOG 271, Geographies of Food and Eating, UW Seattle
- Jan 2018 *Doing Document Analysis in Qualitative Research*, GEOG 495, Honors, UW Seattle
- Nov 2017 *Health and Citizenship in Prison*, TIAS 300 Power and Difference, UW Tacoma
- Apr 2016 *Queer Ecologies of Home*, GEOG 301 Cultural Geographies, UW Seattle
- Feb 2016 *Queer Environmentalisms*, GEOG 370 Environmental Conservation, UW Seattle
- Dec 2015 *Crazy Cat Ladies: Sexist Stereotypes and Queering Human-Animal Relationships*, Nerd Night Seattle
- Dec 2015 *Unpacking the Archive with Unobtrusive Methods*, GEOG 315 Research Design, UW Seattle
- Mar 2015 *Doing Critical Discourse Analysis*, GEOG 497 Geography Honors, UW Seattle
- Jan 2014 *Crazy Cat Ladies: Cultural Stereotypes, Geographies of Pet Love, and the Governmentality of Posthuman Possibilities*, GEOG 431 Geography and Gender, UW Seattle

Invited Panelist Presentations

- Apr 2019 Panelist, *Author Meets Critics: Full Surrogacy Now!* by Sophie Lewis, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC
- Jun 2015 Panelist, *A Decade of Influence: Revisiting Halberstam's 'In a Queer Time and Place'*, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Oct 2014 Discussant, *Nervous Interfaces: Polio, Spinal Taps, and the Cold War Primate Trade* by Visiting Scholar Neel Ahuja, Comparative History of Ideas, University of Washington

Conference Paper Presentations and Organized Sessions

- Apr 2021 Organizer, *Refusing Neoliberal Diversity Work in the Imperial University*, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC, Online
- Apr 2021 Organizer, Abolish the Family! Long Live Families! A Reading Discussion on Kinship and Care Within and Beyond the (Capitalist, White Supremacist, Cis-Hetero-Bio-Nuclear) Family,, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC, Online
- Sep 2019 Panelist, *Active Scholarship, Creative Storytelling, and Revolutionary Practice*, Prison Abolition, Human Rights, and Penal Reform Conference, University of Texas, Austin, TX
- Apr 2019 Presenter, *Right, Responsibility, and the Administrative Violence of Prison Healthcare*, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC
- Apr 2019 Organizer, *Critical Geographies of Health Reading Seminar*, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC
- Apr 2018 Organizer, Panel Session, *Queering Political Ecology: An Opening Dialogue*, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA
- April 2018 Presenter, *Sack Lunches and Black Boxes: Bureaucracy, Scientific Expertise, and Embodied Ecology in a Prison Food System*, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA
- Dec 2017 Presenter, *Differentiated Biocitizenships: Health in a Women's State Prison*, 2nd International Conference on Carceral Geography, Birmingham, UK
- Apr 2016 Organizer, Two-Day Series of Paper Sessions, *De/Naturing Social Reproduction*, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA
- Apr 2015 Presenter, *'Crazy Cat Ladies' and the Queering of (Post)Humanist Care Ethics*, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Chicago, IL
- Jun 2015 Organizer, Paper Session, *Spatiotemporalities of Violence and Political Response Across More-Than-Human Bodies and Ecologies*, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Nov 2014 Presenter, *litter boxes in the master bedroom: inhabiting the queer domestic ecologies of 'crazy cat ladies'*, Critical Geographies Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Apr 2014 Presenter, *Who Are You Calling A Cat Lady? Cultural Stereotypes and Geographies of More-than-Human Possibilities*, Institute for Critical Animal Studies Conference, Houston, TX
- Nov 2013 Presenter, *Parasitic Biocapital: Digesting the Nonhuman Ontologies of Biocapital*, Critical Geographies Conference, Peninsula College, WA
- Nov 2012 Presenter, *Wedding Crashers: Queer Animality, More-Than-Human Politics, and the Refusal of Scientific and Popular Discourse*, Critical Geographies Conference: Decolonizing Cascadia, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of American Geographers (Current)
Canadian Association of Geographers (Current)
Carceral Geographies Working Group, RGS-IBG (Current)
Society for Disability Studies (Current)