

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Current **Ph.D. Student**, University of South Florida
- 2017 **M.A.**, Anthropology, University of Central Florida
Thesis title: Life After the Boat: Understanding the Needs of Refugees in Sicily
Committee: Joanna Mishtal (chair), Shana Harris (co-chair), Vance Geiger, Ty Matejowsky
- 2015 **Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management**, University of Central Florida
- 2012 **Teaching Certification**, Orange County Public Schools, Middle Grades Social Science, Florida
- 2010 **B.A.**, University of Alabama, Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies

Research and Theoretical Interests

Cultural anthropology, applied/public anthropology, refugee resettlement, migration, migrant youth, public policy, social inequality, non-governmental organizations, Italy

Honors and Awards

- 2018 Outstanding Master's Thesis Award, College of Sciences Winner, University of Central Florida. (Amount: \$250)
- 2016 American Anthropological Association, Photography Contest Winner for Annual Calendar
- 2012 Orange County Public Schools, Florida Guidance Support Person of the Year Nominee
- 2011 Orange County Migrant Youth Association, Florida, Humanitarian Award
- 2010 Bernie Sloan Spirit of New College Award, University of Alabama
- 2009 New College Outstanding Work in the Social Sciences, University of Alabama
- 2002, 2003 University of Alabama Dean's List

Grants and Research Funding

- 2018 USF Presentation Fellowship—travel award to present at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting (Amount: \$500)
- 2016 UCF Presentation Fellowship – travel award to present at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Amount: \$500)
- 2015 UCF Presentation Fellowship – travel award to present at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Amount: \$500)

- 2012 Tampa Bay Buccaneers Buc-pacs for Back-to-School Grant – New backpacks and school supplies for 25 middle school students
- 2010 Arcadia University Study Abroad Scholarship – Cross-university study abroad award (Amount \$500)

Publications

- In Preparation “Rescuers or Traffickers?: Human Trafficking of Unaccompanied Minors on their Journey to Italy.”
- Forthcoming **Manzano, Russell**, Joanna Mishtal, and Shana Harris. 2018. “The Effect of Second Reception Center Practices on Refugee Experiences in Sicily” *Human Organization* 77(2).

Research Experience

Principle Investigator

- 2015-2016 **Siracusa, Italy.** “Life After the Boat: Understanding the Needs of Asylum-seekers in Sicily.” Ethnographic research conducted over three months at 6 second reception centers for asylum-seekers (3 centers for unaccompanied minors, 1 for adult men, 1 for women and children, and 1 center for men, women, and children).
- 2013-2015 **Orlando, Florida.** Qualitative and quantitative research conducted over 9 months at Lutheran Services Florida with newly arrived refugee families from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Focus on strategic planning and the organizational structure of the refugee resettlement program.

Research Assistant

- 2017 **Tampa, Florida.** “Legal Status and the Social and Emotional Well-Being of Undocumented Young Adults.” National Science Foundation.

Conferences and Research Presentations

Papers at National and International Professional Conferences

- Accepted “‘Parli Italiano?’: The Socioeconomic Impact of Language on Refugees Living in Sicily.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Politicizing Refugees: The Impact of Global Political Events on Refugees Living in Sicily.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2017 “‘Italy Only Rescued You’: Refugees’ Perspectives about Assistance from Nongovernmental Organizations in Sicily.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM

- 2016 “Changing Policies and Practices: How Non-Governmental Organizations in Sicily Affect the Experiences of Unaccompanied Minors in Sicily.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 “Resettlement and Marginalization: Understanding the Experiences and Needs of Refugees in Sicily.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

Conference Panels Organized

- 2017 “The Effects of Recent Changes in National and International Governments and Policies on Refugee Experiences in Host Countries.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.. Panel sponsored by the Association for the Anthropology of Policy. Co-organized with Kelly Yotebieng, **Invited Session**
- 2016 “What’s in a name? Evidence, Responses, and Policy in Global Refugee ‘Crises.’” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. Panel sponsored by the Association for the Anthropology of Policy. Co-organized with Adam Kersch

Invited Presentations

- 2017 “NGOs and the Effects of Policies and Practices in Siracusa, Italy.” ANT 2410: Cultural Anthropology: Global Perspectives, Local Contexts. University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology
- 2016 “The Effects of Immigration Policies and Local Practices in the Lives of Migrants in Siracusa, Italy.” Brown Bag Research Presentation. University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology
- 2016 “Migration and Non-Governmental Organizations in Siracusa, Italy.” ANT 3701: Engagement & Social Change: Public Anthropology. University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology
- 2015 “Understanding the Experiences and Needs of Refugees in Sicily.” Brown Bag Research Presentation. University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology

Teaching Experience

- Current **University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Spring 2018, Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 2000); Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410)
- 2014-2017 **University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Spring 2017, Sex Gender, and Culture (ANT 3302); Peoples of the World (ANT 3212)
Fall 2016, Mesoamerican Archaeology (ANT 3163) writing intensive course, 99 students
Spring 2016, Magic, Ritual, and Belief (ANT 3241) 147 students
Spring 2015, Sex, Gender, and Culture (ANT 3302) 145 students
Fall 2015, Sex, Gender, and Culture (ANT 3302) 144 students
- 2010-2012 **Apopka Middle School, Florida, Academic Tutor**
Academic tutor in English, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies

Professional Development

- 2017- Current Association for the Anthropology of Policy, Student Mentoring Program.

- 2016 Anthropology Writing Workshop, Department of Anthropology, UCF – a semester-long, 8 workshop series advancing scholarly writing
- 2016 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)—research ethics training module: Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Human Subject Research Curriculum. Valid until 2019

Community Engagement

- 2015-2017 **Member, UCF Graduate Anthropology Association.** Participated in and organized outreach programs.
- 2016 **Outreach Coordinator, Graduate Anthropology Association.** Developed a volunteer program with Lutheran Services Florida for anthropology graduate students to visit refugee families in Orlando, and created a donation drive program. Planned anthropology outreach event for Lockhart Middle School.
- 2013-present **Lutheran Services Florida.** Visited refugee families from the Democratic Republic of Congo to assist with cultural adjustment. Grant writer.
- 2010, 2015 **Stella Maris Centre for Refugees, Italy.** Led English class for refugees and assisted with computer skills.
- 2015 **Lockhart Middle School, Orlando, FL.** Taught basic concepts of cultural anthropology to 6th grade students.
- 2010-2014 **Hope Community Center Volunteer, Apopka, FL.** Mentored at-risk youth, citizenship class teacher.
- 2010-2012 **Notre Dame AmeriCorps Volunteer. Apopka Middle School; Hope Community Center, Apopka, FL.** Created and organized the Advancement Lab tutoring center for grades 6-8. Created an after school and summer youth group program for at-risk middle school students. Assisted with English classes at the Hope Community Center, gleaning volunteer at local farms.

Foreign Language Skills

Spanish: Reading and conversational

Italian: Reading and conversational

Professional Membership

- 2015-present American Anthropological Association
 Association for the Anthropology of Policy
 Society for the Anthropology of Europe
 Society for Applied Anthropology