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Education

2010 Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Department of Anthropology
2006 M.A., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Department of Anthropology
2001 B.A., *magna cum laude*, Oberlin College, Department of Anthropology

Academic and Professional Appointments

2015-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University
2015-present Honors Faculty, Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University
2012-present Research Fellow, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University
2012-2014 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University
Fall 2013 Associate (affiliated scholar), Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Media Studies, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
2010-2012 Applied Anthropologist, Division of Environment, Culture, and Conservation (ECCo), The Field Museum, Chicago
2007-2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Loyola University, Chicago

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications

in preparation McClellan, Kate and Amanda Concha-Holmes. Introduction for special journal issue on “Multispecies Morals and More-Than-Human Ethical Entanglements.”
under review McClellan, Kate. “Becoming Animal People: Pedagogies of Empathy and Moral Logics of Care in Jordanian Animal Welfare Work.”
2016 (forthcoming, December 2016) McClellan, Kate. “Truth, Vision, and the Market: Displaying Religion in the Suqs of Damascus.” *Material Religion*. DOI: 10.1080/17432200.2016.1227641
2015 McClellan, Kate. “Envisioning Multispecies Encounters: Photographing Fish in Illinois and Birds in Qatar.” *Visual Anthropology Review* 31(1): 87-93.
2015 McClellan, Kate. “Damascenes: Imagination, Memory, and Digitized Studio Aesthetics in Contemporary Syria.” *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication* 8(2-3): 374-397.
2013 McClellan, Kate. “Presidents at Work: Shop Displays of Political Imagery in Pre-War Damascus.” *Visual Anthropology Review* 29(1): 16-28.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications and Other Work

- 2016 McClellan, Kate. "Multispecies Ethics." American Anthropological Association Ethics Blog, August 12, 2016.
- 2013 McClellan, Kate. "Connecting Health and Climate Change in Chicago." *Anthropology News*. Society for Medical Anthropology Section News, November 3, 2013.
- 2010 McClellan, Kate. *Artful Marketing: Visual and Aural Selling Practices in the Suqs (Marketplaces) of Damascus, Syria*, Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan.
- 2005 McClellan, Kate. Review of In/Visible: Contemporary Art by Arab American Artists. *Bidoun: Arts and Culture from the Middle East*, 1(5): 145.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Extramural

- 2016-17 PI: Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant, "Museums, Memory, and Contested Heritage in the Middle East," U.S. Department of Education (\$78,040)
- 2014-15 National Endowment for the Humanities Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, American Center of Oriental Research, for research in Jordan: "Reviving Himas: Conservation and New Multispecies Traditions in Jordan and Lebanon" (\$16,800)
- 2014-15 American Center of Oriental Research-Council of American Overseas Research Centers Senior Fellowship, for research in Jordan: "Reviving Himas: Conservation and New Multispecies Traditions in Jordan and Lebanon" (\$9,600)
- 2014 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Oregon State University: "Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia: Literature, the Arts, and Cinema since Independence." (\$2,700) (declined for NEH Postdoctoral Research Fellowship)
- 2013 National Science Foundation Funded Short Course on Research Methods: Methods of Ethnoecology, Beaufort, NC (room, board, tuition)
- 2005-2006 Fulbright Grant, Institute of International Education; for dissertation fieldwork in Syria
- 2005-2006 Fulbright Islamic Civilization Grant, Institute of International Education; for dissertation fieldwork in Syria

Intramural

- 2016-17 Mississippi State University College of Arts & Sciences Henry Family Research Fund (HFRF) grant, to aid research in Jordan: "Caring for Petra: New Models of Preservation, Welfare, and Heritage in Jordan" (\$5,000)
- 2016-17 Mississippi State University College of Arts & Sciences Humanities and Arts Research Program (HARP), to aid research in London: "In the Animal Archives: Histories of British Animal Work in Jordan" (\$2,500); Carries title of A&S HARP Research Fellow, 2016

- 2016-17 Mississippi State University Cobb Institute of Archaeology research grant, to aid research in Jordan: "Caring for Petra: New Models of Preservation, Welfare, and Heritage in Jordan" (\$1,775)
- 2016 Mississippi State University Department of Anthropology & Middle Eastern Cultures Janet Rafferty True Grit Award, for outstanding junior faculty in research, teaching, and service (\$300)
- 2015-16 Mississippi State University Cobb Institute of Archaeology research grant, to aid research in Jordan: "Caring for Petra: New Models of Preservation, Welfare, and Heritage in Jordan" (\$6,800, declined)
- 2015-16 Mississippi State University International Working Group grant, International Institute, to assemble a university-wide working group in Middle Eastern Studies. (\$2,500)
- 2013 Mississippi State University Social Science Research Center Research Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Center, to fund research in the Middle East (\$4000)
- 2009 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, for dissertation writing
- 2009 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Rackham Graduate School Research Grant, for fieldwork in Syria
- 2008 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Department of Anthropology Block Grant, for dissertation writing
- 2008 Travel Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for paper presentation at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association
- 2007 Rackham Humanities Research Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for dissertation writing
- 2005 Discretionary Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for pre-dissertation research
- 2005 Department of Anthropology language study grant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for study of colloquial Arabic
- 2005 Department Near Eastern Studies language study grant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for study of colloquial Arabic
- 2004 GROCS (Grant Opportunities/Collaborative Spaces) Grant, Duderstadt Center, Digital Media Commons, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for collaborative research on digital media and Muslim communities in Detroit
- 2004 International Institute Pre-Dissertation award, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for pre-dissertation research
- 2003 Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for pre-dissertation research
- 2002 LSA Regents' Fellowship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for two years of graduate tuition and stipend
- 2002 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship, International Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; for Arabic language study at the University of Chicago
- 2000, 2001 Jerome Davis Student Research grants (2), Department of Anthropology, Oberlin College; for Honors thesis research and conference paper presentation

2001 Comfort Starr Award in Anthropology, Oberlin College, for excellence in anthropological research

Paper Presentations and Invited Talks

- 2016 (accepted) Conference Paper: "Multispecies Development: Labor, Productivity, and Moral Progress in Jordanian Animal Welfare Work." To be presented at the 115th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 Invited talk: "Pedagogies of Care: Teaching Animal Welfare and Ethics in Jordan." Presented at Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, Starkville, MS
- 2016 Invited talk: "Developing Multispecies Morals: Pedagogies of Ethics and Care in Jordanian Animal Welfare Work." Presented as part of the Mississippi University for Women's Gordy Honors College Forum Series, Columbus, MS
- 2016 Invited talk: "Humans, Animals, and Cultures of Care and Compassion in the Middle East." Presented at the 2016 Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar Conference, Jackson, MS
- 2015 Conference Paper: "'If we were animals...': Multispecies ethics of welfare and compassion in Jordan." Presented at the 114th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO (Session co-organizer: *Multispecies Morals and More-Than-Human Ethical Entanglements*)
- 2015 Invited talk: "'If We Were Animals': Developing Multispecies Morals in Jordan." Presented at Mississippi State University's Department of Anthropology & Middle Eastern Cultures Brown Bag Lecture Series, Starkville, MS
- 2015 Conference Paper: "'Communities Like Us': Islam and the Development of Multispecies Morals in Jordan." Presented at the 2015 Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion, San Diego, CA
- 2014 Conference Paper: "Sacred Natures: Mapping Islamic Landscapes in Jordan and Lebanon's Hima Conservation Movement." Presented at the 48th annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C. (Session co-organizer: *Challenging Places: Cartographic and Affective Re-Mapping in Social and Environmental Projects*)
- 2014 ACOR Fellow's Talk: "Developing Multispecies Morals: Human/Animal Welfare in Jordan." Paper presented at the American Center of Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan
- 2013 Conference Paper: "Envisioning Multispecies Encounters: Visual Documents of Fish, Mushrooms, and Birds in Northern Illinois." Paper presented at the 112th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Conference Paper: "Birds, Mushrooms, and Fish: Ways of Knowing the Kankakee River Basin." Paper presented at the 73rd annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO
- 2013 Invited Talk: "Visual Marketing: Art and Display in Syria's Marketplaces." Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Swarthmore College
- 2013 Invited Talk: "Visual Culture and Artful Selling in Syria's Marketplaces." Center for Arab and Islamic Studies and Department of Art History, Villanova University

- 2010 Conference Paper (Session Chair): “Visual Marketing: Merchandise and Shop Displays in the Suqs of Damascus, Syria.” Paper presented at the 109th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2008 Conference Paper: “Artful Marketing: The Aesthetics and Captivation of Marketplace Display in Damascus, Syria.” Paper presented at the 42nd annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2001 Conference Paper: “Missionaries and Ethnographic Collecting: Representing and Interpreting ‘Heathen’ Life.” Paper presented at the 78th annual meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society, Lexington, KY

Teaching and Service

Instructor of Record

Mississippi State University

- AN1103 Introduction to Anthropology, SP2015
- AN1143 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, SP2013, SP2016
- AN1143-H01 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Honors), FA2012, SP2014, SP2015
- AN2990 (Special Topics in Anthropology) Anthropology of the Middle East, FA2015
- AN4123/6123 Anthropological Theory, FA2015
- HON3143 Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Honors), SP2014
- REL/MEC3473 Islam, SP2016

Loyola University Chicago

- ANTH205, Anthropology of Gender, FA2007
- ANTH271 Globalization and Local Cultures, SP2008, SU2008, FA2008
- ANTH361 Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East, FA2007, FA2008
- ANTH398 Independent Study in Anthropology, SU2008

Mentorship and Advising

- 2015-present Major Thesis Advisor and Committee Chair, Caitlin Ostrowski (M.A. in applied cultural anthropology), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University
- 2015-present Committee Member, Natalie Birch (M.A. in applied bioarchaeology), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University
- 2014-present Committee Member, Curtis Kennett (M.A. in applied cultural anthropology), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University
- 2004 Graduate Student Mentor, University of Michigan Department of Anthropology
- 2003-2004 Co-coordinator, Works in Progress Colloquium Series, University of Michigan Department of Anthropology

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

- ANTH101 Introduction to Anthropology, SP2004, FA2004

Museum Exhibitions and Public Programming

- 2015 Public Lecture: “Before the War: Contextualizing the Syrian Conflict.” Presented at Mississippi State University’s fundraiser for Syrian refugees, October, 2015
- 2015 Coordinator, Cobb Museum of Archaeology, Mississippi State University
- 2011 Curator and Project Director, *Planting Dreams*, a temporary exhibition designed, curated, and assembled by high school students at the Field Museum
- 2010 Researcher, writer, and photographer, *Chicago Community Climate Action Toolkit*, an educational, web-based project of The Field Museum’s Division of Environment, Culture, and Conservation (ECCo)
- 2005 Researcher and co-curator, *Building Islam in Detroit: Foundations, Forms, Futures*, an exhibition at the University of Michigan

Languages

Arabic, French

Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association (AAA), Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR), Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA), Syrian Studies Association (SSA)