

## **Kate McClellan**

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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**

- Under review McClellan, Kate. "Comparing Lives: Human-Animal Welfare and the Limits of Posthuman Care in Jordan."
- 2019 (in press) McClellan, Kate. "Becoming Animal People: Empathy Pedagogies and the Contested Politics of Care in Jordanian Animal Welfare Work." *Anthropological Quarterly* 92(3).
- 2016 McClellan, Kate. "Truth, Vision, and the Market: Displaying Religion in the Suqs of Damascus." *Material Religion* 12(4): 433-456.
- 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. (Featured in the October, 2016 issue of AAA's digital journal *Open Anthropology*)

## Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2017 McClellan, Kate. 2017. “*Practicing Islam: Knowledge, Experience, and Social Navigation in Kyrgyzstan* by David W. Montgomery.” Invited book review. *American Ethnologist* 44(4): 727-728.
- 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

- 2016-18 PI, Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant, “Museums, Memory, and Contested Heritage in the Middle East,” U.S. Department of Education (\$78,040) (Co-Director with Dr. Jimmy Hardin, Mississippi State University)
- 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, ~\$2,000)
- 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

- 2017-18 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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**

- 2017 Conference Paper: “Animalitarianism: On Humanitarian Awkwardness in Jordanian Animal Welfare Work.” Presented at the 116<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November, 2017
- 2017 Invited talk: “The Politics of Care: Developing Humanitarian Values in Jordanian Animal Welfare Work.” Presented at the University of Mississippi Department of Anthropology speakers series, Oxford, MS
- 2016 Conference paper: “Multispecies Development: Labor, Productivity, and Moral Progress in Jordanian Animal Welfare Work.” Presented in absentia at the 115<sup>th</sup> 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 114<sup>th</sup> 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 48<sup>th</sup> 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 112<sup>th</sup> 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 73<sup>rd</sup> 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 109<sup>th</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 78<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society, Lexington, KY

## **Teaching**

### Instructor of Record

Mississippi State University

- AN1103 Introduction to Anthropology, SP2015
- AN1143 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, SP2013, SP2016, SP2017, FA2018
- AN1143-H01 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Honors), FA2012, SP2014, SP2015, SP2017, SP2018
- AN2990 (Special Topics in Anthropology) Anthropology of the Middle East, FA2015, FA2017, SP2019
- AN4123/6123 Anthropological Theory, FA2015, FA2017, FA2018
- AN4990/6990 Humans, Animals, Culture, SP2018
- AN8193 Current Cultural Theory, SP2015, SP2019
- HON3143 Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Honors), SP2014
- REL/MEC3473 Islam, SP2016, SP2018

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

### Advising

M.A. program in Applied Anthropology, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University

- 2018-present Major Thesis Co-Advisor and Committee Co-Chair, Rita Bouwens
- 2018-present Major Thesis Advisor and Committee Chair, Andrea Sakleh
- 2017-present Major Thesis Advisor and Committee Chair, Kelly Lower

- 2015-2018 Major Thesis Advisor and Committee Chair, Caitlin Ostrowski  
(graduated)  
2014-present Committee Member: Natalie Birch, Curtis Kennett, Malavika Jinka

### **Museum Exhibitions and Public Programming**

- 2017 Panel discussant for film screening of *Persepolis*, Gender Studies Program, Mississippi State University, November, 2017
- 2017 Public lecture: Syria, Before and After.” Invited talk presented at Mississippi State University’s chapter of No Lost Generation, October, 2017
- 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)