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SPECIALIZATIONS AND INTERESTS

- Human-animal interactions and evolutionary cognition
 - Evolutionary novelties and the influence of social change on kinship and family
 - One Health approach to behavioral health and human-animal relationships
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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

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Boise State University, Department of Anthropology

Lecturer, *July 2019 – current*

Undergraduate Advising Coordinator, *November 2019 - current*

ASSERT Fellow, *December 2019 – current*

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Department of Anthropology, Adjunct Professor, *Aug 2017 – May 2019*

Honors College, Adjunct Professor, *Jan 2019 – May 2019*

College of Southern Nevada

Department of Human Behavior, Adjunct Professor, *Jan 2019 – May 2019*

University of Nevada, Las Vegas - First-Year Seminar for Exploring Majors

Visiting Assistant Professor/Lecturer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, *Aug 2016 – Dec 2018*

RESEARCH

Current Research/Field Sites

Las Vegas Valley/Boise Area Dog Friendly Parks

Digital Spaces and Social Media

Endocrinology of Social Relationships Lab (Boise State)

Research Planned or in Progress

- Multispecies ethnography/behavioral observations of humans and companion animals
- Evolutionary novelties (voluntary nulliparity, pet parenting)
- Interspecific social contagions and communication
- Human female friendship, social grooming, and cortisol responses

Monograph

Volsche, S. (2019). *Voluntarily childfree: Changing kinship in the U.S.* (Series: Anthropology of Kinship and the Family). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Peer Review Publications

Kogan, L., & **Volsche, S.** (2020). Not the cat's meow? The impact of posing with cats on female perceptions of male dateability. *Animals*, 10(6), 1007. doi.org/10.3390/ani10061007

Volsche, S., Johnson, E., Reyes, B., Rumsey, C., Murai, K., & Landeros, D. (*in press*). Owner Sex and Human-Canine Interactions at the Park. *Anthrozoös*.

Volsche, S., Shen, Y., Tana, S., & Jankowiak, W. (*in press*). Women's autonomy and the rise of parenthood as a choice in China. *Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy in China*.

Volsche, S. (2020). Reimagining the village: Alloparenting and community involvement among the childfree, in *Parenting as Cultural Practices*, eds. Ashdown, B., & Faherty, A. New York, N.Y.: Springer.

Volsche, S. (2019). Pet parents and the loss of attachment, in *Pet Loss, Grief, and Therapeutic Interventions: Practitioners Navigating the Human-Animal Bond*, eds. Kogan, L., & Erdman, O. New York, N.Y.: Routledge.

Volsche, S., Mohan, M., Gray, P., & Rangaswamy, M. (2019). An exploration of attitudes toward dogs among college students in Bangalore, India. *Animals*, 9, 514. doi:10.3390/ani9080514

Volsche, S. (2018). Understanding cross-species parenting: A case for pets as children, in *Clinician's Guide to Treating Companion Animal Issues: Addressing Human-Animal Interaction*, eds. Kogan, L., & Blazina, C. New York, N.Y.: Elsevier/Academic Press.

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., & 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

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

Works in Review or Preparation

Volsche, S., & Kinney, M. (*in preparation*). Investigating life history factors of self-identified childfree women.

Johnson, E., & **Volsche, S.** (*in preparation*). Considering pets in the home during shelter in place.

Volsche, S. (*invited paper in preparation*). From wolf at the door to babe in the bed: Demographic transitions and their impact on pet dog keeping. *Animals special issue*, "Encountering Animals."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor on Record

- Evolution and Human Behavior
- Environmental Anthropology
- Foundations of Intellectual Life: Wild, Tame, & Inbetween
- Behavior Observation Field School
- Honors Seminar – Animal Cognition and Culture
- Introduction to Physical Anthropology
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Independent Research/Independent Study (Mentor)
- First-Year Seminar for Exploring Majors

Courses in Development

- UF100: Wild, Tame, & In Between
- Behavioral Observation Field School

INVITED TALKS AND SELECT PRESENTATIONS

The Evolution of Pet Parenting with Dr. Shelly Volsche. *Podcast Interview.*

DogLab with Brian Burton and Sarah Fraser. May 2020.

<http://doglab.buzzsprout.com/815920/3798512-the-evolution-of-pet-parenting-with-dr-shelly-volsche>

Animal Instinct: Our Ever-Growing Bond with Pets During Isolation. *Invited Panelist.*

Boise State Public Radio: Fresh Air. May 2020.

<https://www.boisestatepublicradio.org/term/shelly-volsche#stream/0>

Life History Factors of Voluntarily Childfree Women. *Speaker.*

49th Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research. February 2020.

Childfree Pet Parents: A New Population in Your Practice. *Invited Speaker.*

APA Division 17 CE Webinar Series. November 2019.

Human's Best Friend: The Evolution of a Bond. *Speaker.*

NWEEHB 6, Boise, Idaho. October 2019.

Families of Two: Kinship in the Face of Social Change. *Speaker.*

117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
San Jose, California. November 2018.

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

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. *Speaker.*

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

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

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.

l i m i n a l. *Curator.*

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

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

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

Making Lecturing More Effective/Lecturing for Learning *Invited 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. *Speaker.*

NSHE Diversity Summit.
Las Vegas, Nevada. November 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. *Speaker.*

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

EDITORIAL, SERVICE, & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- **Undergraduate Advising Coordinator**
Boise State University, Department of Anthropology
- **Academic Integrity Hearing and Appeals Board**
Boise State University, Faculty Representative
- **Boise State University, First Forward and First Gen Celebration**
Faculty Representative, Fall 2019
- **Editorial Review Board**
Human-Animal Interactions Bulletin, 2018 - current
- **APA Style Editor, Reviewer,**
Human-Animal Interactions Bulletin, 2013 - current
- **Reviewer:** *Animals; Personality and Individual Differences, Human-Animal Interactions Bulletin; Human Dimensions of Wildlife; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; iScience.*
- **Office of Undergraduate Research, UNLV**
Research Forum Faculty Judge/Session Chair, 2018 - 2019
- **Student Conduct Hearing Board, Academic Integrity Appeals Board**
Faculty Representative, 2018 - 2019
- **Rebel Ready Mentor Program,**
Faculty Mentor, Fall 2016
- **Chapter President,**
Alpha Nevada - UNLV's Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society, 2015 - 2016

GRANTS AND AWARDS

in rev. Human Animal Bond Research Institute

2019 ASSERT Fellowship

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)

TECHNICAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATION	MEMBERSHIPS
Teaching Innovation Program Certificate, Boise State University CTL, <i>December 2019</i>	International Society for Anthrozoology, 2014-current
BUILD Certificate, Boise State University CTL, <i>February 2020</i>	American Anthropological Association, 2015 - current
Graduate College Teaching Program, UNLV, <i>2016-17</i>	Society for Cross-Cultural Research, 2015 - current
Certificate in Technical Communications Styles: MLA, APA, AP, MS Tech, Chicago	Lambda Alpha, Anthropology Honors Soc., 2013 – current
Qualitative/Quantitative Software SPSS V19.0+; Qualtrics; Atlas.ti	
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WORKSHOPS	

Flexible Teaching for Student Success Institute.
 Corinna Provant-Robishaw & Jennifer Black, Boise State CTL, Boise State University.
 June 2020.

Online 2020 Penn Vet Working Dog Conference.
 UPenn Working Dog Center. May 2020.

An Introduction to Effective Course Design.
 Boise State CTL, Boise State University. December 2019.

Strategies for Supporting Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Students.
 Boise State CTL, Boise State University. November 2019.

How Accessible is Your Syllabus?
 Boise State CTL, Boise State University. November 2019.

Promoting Higher-Order Cognitive Thinking.
 Boise State CTL and Santiago Toledo Carrion. Boise State University. October 2019.

Introduction to Universal Design and Accessibility.
 Boise State CTL, Boise State University. October 2019.

Faculty Learning Community: Creating Video for Higher Education.
 Brian Martin and the Boise State IDEA Shop. Boise State University. Fall Semester 2019.

Faculty Learning Community: Universal Design and Accessibility.
 Boise State CTL. Boise State University. October 2019.

How Can Knowing More About Student Development Help Us to Better Support Student Learning. Boise State CTL. Boise State University. October 2019.

Introduction to Service Learning in the Curriculum.
 Boise State CTL. Boise State University. September 2019.

Fostering Lateral Learning (Student to Student).
 Boise State CTL. Boise State University. September 2019.

Inclusive Excellence at Boise State.

Boise State CTL and New Faculty Orientation. Boise State University. August 2019.

117th Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association.

San Jose, California. November 2018.

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. 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 Harassment & 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.