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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023- Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Computational Science
Stony Brook University

2021-2022 Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Earth and Environment
Boston University

EDUCATION

2021 PhD in Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
Emphasis in Environment and Society

2016 MA in Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

2013 BA in History, University of California, Santa Barbara

BOOK PROJECT

Bad Nature: How Rat Control Shapes Human and Nonhuman Worlds
Under contract at *University of Chicago Press*

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Scoville, Caleb and **Andrew McCumber**. Forthcoming. "Climate Silence in Sociology? How Mainstream Sociology, Environmental Sociology and Science and Technology Studies Treat Climate Change." *Sociological Perspectives*

McCumber, Andrew and Adam Davis. Forthcoming. "Elite Environmental Aesthetics: Placing Nature in a Changing Climate." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*.

McCumber, Andrew. 2023. "The Indoors/Outdoors Divide: Homelessness, Rat Infestation, and Spatial Management in Downtown Los Angeles." *Sociological*

Forum. 38 (2): 460–482.

McCumber, Andrew, Abigail Sullivan, Matthew Houser, Ranjan Muthukrishnan. 2023. “Are lakes a public good or exclusive resource? Towards value-based management for aquatic invasive species.” *Environmental Science and Policy*. 139: 130-138.

Scoville, Caleb, **Andrew McCumber** (equal first authorship), Razvan Amironesei, and June Jeon. “The Politicization of Face Masks in the American Public Sphere During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Socius*. 8 (January-December 2022)

Dryden, Patrick Neil and **Andrew McCumber** (Equal Co-Authorship). “The Bestiary in the Candy Aisle: A Framework for Nature in Unexpected Places.” *Environmental Humanities*. 14 (1): 110–128.

McCumber, Andrew. 2021. “‘You Can’t Ignore the Rat’: Nonhuman Animals in Boundary Work.” *Cultural Sociology*. 15 (1): 69-90.

**Nominee, Sage Award for Innovation/Excellence, British Sociological Association and Sage Publishers*

**Winner, Award for Best Student Paper, Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, 2019*

**Winner, Jane Goodall Award for Graduate Student Research, American Sociological Association Section on Animals and Society, 2019*

McCumber, Andrew and Zachary King. 2020. “The Wild in Fire: Human Aid to Wildlife in the Disasters of the Anthropocene.” *Environmental Values*. 29 (1): 47-66.

McCumber, Andrew. 2018. “Producing the Natural: Mobilities and the Managed Aesthetics of Nature.” *Sociology Compass*. 12 (9).

McCumber, Andrew. 2017. “Building ‘Natural’ Beauty: Drought and the Shifting Aesthetics of Nature in Santa Barbara, California.” *Nature + Culture*. 12 (3): 246-252.

Dryden, Patrick Neil and **Andrew McCumber** (Equal Co-Authorship). 2017. “#Nature: Postmodern Narrative, Place, and Nature in Santa Barbara, California.” *Environmental Sociology* 3 (3): 286-296.

BOOK CHAPTERS

McCumber, Andrew. 2018. “It Would Make More Sense For it to Be There Than Not: Constructing Night Vale as a Place” Pp. 69-81 in *Critical Approaches to Welcome to Night Vale: Podcasting Between Weather and the Void*, edited by Jeffrey Weinstock. New York: Palgrave

BOOK REVIEWS

Bargheer, Stefan. 2018. Moral Entanglements: Conserving Birds in Britain and Germany. *British Journal of Sociology*. 70(5): 2176-2178.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

McCumber, Andrew and Hesu Yoon (Equal Co-Authorship). "A Symbolic Hierarchy of Places: Global Inequalities in Tourism Narratives of the New York Times Travel Section." (Revise and Resubmit).

McCumber, Andrew. "Killing for Life: Species Eradication and the Ecology of Meaning in Ecuador's Galapagos Islands." (In Preparation)

**Winner, Marvin E. Olsen Award for Best Student Paper, American Sociological Association Section on Environmental Sociology, 2020*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020	Marvin E. Olsen Award for Best Student Paper ASA Section on Environmental Sociology
2020	Social Science Division Fellowship University of California, Santa Barbara
2019	Jane Goodall Award for Graduate Student Research ASA Section on Animals and Society
2019	Flacks Fund for Democratic Possibilities Award Sociology Department, University of California, Santa Barbara
2019	Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship University of California, Santa Barbara
2019	Best Student Paper Association for Environmental Studies and Science
2019	Burnand-Partridge Foundation Award Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara
2018	Enders Student Fellowship Association for Canadian Studies in the United States
2018	Humanities and Social Sciences Grant University of California, Santa Barbara

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2012	Orfalea Scholarship Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara
2010	Herbert and Gertrude Latkin Trust Scholarship Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara
2009	John Boettner Memorial Scholarship Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara

PRESENTATIONS

August 2023	“The Symbolic Affluence of Street Trees: Cultural Meaning and Urban Greening in an Unequal Landscape” American Sociological Association, Environmental Publics, Policy, and Practice: The educative power of environmental sociology (Special Session)
August 2022	“The Indoors/Outdoors Divide: Homelessness, Rat Infestation, and Spatial Management in Downtown Los Angeles” American Sociological Association, Regular Session on Urban Sociology I
August 2022	“Consuming Places: Cultural and Natural Tourism Narratives in the New York Times Travel Section” American Sociological Association, Sociology of Culture Roundtable
March 2022	“The Indoors/Outdoors Divide: Homelessness, Rat Infestation, and Spatial Management in Downtown Los Angeles” Boston University Urban Inequalities Workshop
November 2021	“Extermination Cultures: Rat Control as Boundary Maintenance” Yale University Department of Sociology (Invited Talk).
August 2021	“Elite Environmental Aesthetics: Placing Nature in a Changing Climate” American Sociological Association, Regular Session on the Sociology of Culture II (Event held virtually due to COVID-19).

August 2019	“Killing for Life: Species Eradication and the Ecology of Meaning in Ecuador’s Galapagos Islands” Junior Theorists Symposium. New York, New York.
August 2019	“You Can’t Ignore the Rat’: Cultural Narrative and the Roots of Social and Interspecies Hierarchies” American Sociological Association. New York, New York.
March 2019	“You Can’t Ignore the Rat’: Cultural Narrative and the Roots of Social and Interspecies Hierarchies” Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, California.
November 2018	“You Can’t Ignore the Rat’: Rat Control and Eco Cultural Entanglement in Alberta, Canada” UCSB IPEES Symposium. Santa Barbara, California.
October 2018	The Wild in Fire: Discourses on Public Aid to Wildlife During the Thomas Fire” Animals and Us Conference, University of Windsor. Windsor, Ontario.
March 2016	“Hashtagging Nature: Narrative, Place, and Nature Capital in Santa Barbara, CA” Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, California.
April 2016	“Drying Oasis: Drought and Cultural Ideas of Nature in Santa Barbara, CA” UCSB IPEES Symposium. Santa Barbara, California.
April 2016	“Dry Oasis: Structural Implications of Drought and the Culture of Nature in Santa Barbara, CA” Society for Human Ecology. Santa Ana, California

TEACHING AND EMPLOYMENT

2017 – 2019	Teaching Associate, University of California, Santa Barbara Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2019 Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2018 Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2017
2015 – 2021	Teaching Assistant, University of California Santa Barbara Sociology Department, Environmental Studies Department
2014 – 2021	Instructional Design Assistant Collaborate (Letters and Sciences Instructional Development) University of California, Santa Barbara

SERVICE

Committees and Events

- 2019-2020 Co-Organizer, Junior Theorists Symposium, San Francisco 2020
(Held virtually due to COVID-19)
- 2019 Graduate Member, Faculty Search Committee (Environmental)
University of California, Santa Barbara Sociology Department
- 2019 Graduate Member, Graduate Program Admissions Committee
University of California, Santa Barbara Sociology Department

Peer Reviewing

- 2023 *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*
Social Problems
Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
- 2022 *Cultural Sociology*
- 2020 *Environmental Sociology*
- 2020 *Environmental Sociology*
Human Ecology
- 2019 *Nature + Culture*
- 2018 *Current Sociology*

REFERENCES

Dissertation Committee Co-Chairs

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