

# Alex J. Nelson

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## Academic Appointments

August 2022-Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN USA
June 2024-July 2024	Visiting Professor, Ewha International Summer College, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, ROK
August 2021-July 2022	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC USA
August 2020-June 2021	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC USA
August 2020-December 2020, August 2014-December 2014	Part-Time Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV USA

## Education

- Ph.D., May 2020, Anthropology, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Dissertation Title: *Love in South Korea: Transformations of Intimacy and Gender Relations in Korean Romantic Relationships*
- M.A., December 2014, Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- B.A., May 2009, Anthropology & Psychology, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
- A.A., December 2006, Liberal Arts, Minneapolis Community & Technical College

## Research & Teaching Interests

Gender & Sexuality; Sex Work & Human Trafficking; Crime & Criminalization; Love & Intimacy;  
Kinship, Marriage & Reproduction; Religion; Migration; Legal, Psychological, Medical, Economic, &  
Feminist Anthropology; Cross-Cultural Research; Critical Theory; Urban Ethnography; Mixed Methods;  
Content Analysis; Service-Learning; Korea; East Asia; U.S.A.

## **Publications**

### **Peer-Reviewed Publications**

- Glazer, E. & **Nelson, A.** 2024. Paying for gender (in)equality: The individualization of commodified dating rituals in South Korea. *Anthropological Quarterly*, 97(4), 735-765.
- Nelson, A.**, McBride, B., & Yu, Y. 2024. "Whorearchy:" Racial earnings disparities in webcam modeling. In B. Barton, B. Brents, & A. Jones (Eds.), *Sex work today: Erotic labor in the 21st Century*. (119-129). New York University Press.
- Jankowiak, W., & **Nelson, A.** 2023. Archeology of love: A review of the ethnographic exploration of love around the world. In D. Buss (Ed.), *Handbook of Human Mating* (pp. 447-465). Oxford University Press.
- Lee, S., Kim, M., Lee, D., Yon, K., & **Nelson, A.** 2022. Living up to parental expectations, psychological separation, and life satisfaction. *Emerging Adulthood*, 11(2), 403-414. doi: [10.1177/21676968221114584](https://doi.org/10.1177/21676968221114584).
- Nelson, A.** 2021. Sacrifice and the agapic love gender gap in South Korean romantic relationships. In C. Mayer & E. Vanderheiden (Eds.), *International Handbook of Love: Transcultural and Transdisciplinary Perspectives* (pp. 1013-1027). Springer.
- Jankowiak, W., & **Nelson, A.** 2021. The state of ethnological research on love: A critical review. In C. Mayer & E. Vanderheiden (Eds.), *International Handbook of Love: Transcultural and Transdisciplinary Perspectives* (pp. 23-39). Springer.
- Nelson, A.**, & Jankowiak, W. 2021. Love's ethnographic record: Beyond the love/arranged marriage dichotomy and other false essentialisms. In C. Mayer & E. Vanderheiden (Eds.), *International Handbook of Love: Transcultural and Transdisciplinary Perspectives* (pp. 41-57). Springer.
- Nelson, A.**, Korgan, K., Izzo, A., & Bessen, S. 2020. Client desires and the price of seduction: Exploring the relationship between independent escorts' marketing and rates. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 57(5), 664-680. doi: [10.1080/00224499.2019.1606885](https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2019.1606885).
- Nelson, A.**, & Yon, K. 2019. Core and peripheral features of the cross-cultural model of romantic love. *Cross-Cultural Research*, 53(5), 447-482. doi: [10.1177/1069397118813306](https://doi.org/10.1177/1069397118813306).

### **Manuscripts in Press**

- Nelson, A.** In Press. Sacrifice and the agapic love gender gap in South Korean romantic relationships. In C. Mayer & E. Vanderheiden (Eds.), *International Handbook of Love: Transcultural and Transdisciplinary Perspectives (Revised Second Edition)* (pp. 1013-1027). Springer.

Jankowiak, W., & Nelson, A. In Press. The state of ethnological research on love: A critical review. In C. Mayer & E. Vanderheiden (Eds.), *International Handbook of Love: Transcultural and Transdisciplinary Perspectives (Revised Second Edition)* (pp. 23-39). Springer.

Nelson, A., & Jankowiak, W. 2021. Love's ethnographic record: Beyond the love/arranged marriage dichotomy and other false essentialisms. In C. Mayer & E. Vanderheiden (Eds.), *International Handbook of Love: Transcultural and Transdisciplinary Perspectives (Revised Second Edition)* (pp. 41-57). Springer.

### Manuscripts Under Review

Nelson, A., Korgan, K., Izzo, A., & Veiverberg, F. Under Review. The earnings and business practices of independent escorts: Autonomy, risk, and inequality in a U.S. sex market. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

Nelson, A., de Munck, V., & Jankowiak, W. (Eds.). Under review after R&R. *Love apocalypse: New intimacies and the decline of marriage and fertility*. Rutgers University Press.

Nelson, A. Under review after R&R. Love's fallout: Fertility decline, romantic precarity, and the individualization of intimacy in South Korea. In A. Nelson, V. de Munck & W. Jankowiak (Eds.), *Love apocalypse: New intimacies and the decline of marriage and fertility*. Rutgers University Press.

Nelson, A., de Munck, V., & Jankowiak, W. Under review after R&R. Love apocalypse: Global concerns about marriage and fertility decline. In A. Nelson, V. de Munck & W. Jankowiak (Eds.), *Love apocalypse: New intimacies and the decline of marriage and fertility*. Rutgers University Press.

### Book Reviews

Nelson, A., & Jankowiak, W. 2015. *Fathers in cultural context*. D. Shwalb, B. Shwalb, and M. Lamb (Eds). Routledge. 2013. *Ethos*, 43: E24–E25. doi:[10.1111/etho.12091](https://doi.org/10.1111/etho.12091).

### Editor-Reviewed Publications

Jankowiak, W., & Nelson, A. 2021. Does love always come before marriage?, *Sapiens*.  
<https://www.sapiens.org/culture/love-and-marriage/>.

Nelson, A., Yu, Y., & McBride, B. 2020. Sex work during the COVID-19 pandemic, *Society for the Anthropology of Work*. doi: [10.21428/1d6be30e.3c1f26b7](https://doi.org/10.21428/1d6be30e.3c1f26b7).

Korgan, K., Nelson, A., & Izzo, A. 2019. The coercive impact of FOSTA on consensual adult sex workers. *The Gender Policy Report*, <https://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/the-coercive-impact-of-fosta-on-consensual-adult-sex-workers>.

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

Korgan, K., Nelson, A., & Izzo, A. In preparation. Legal liminality and erotic escorting: Safety as business strategy. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*.

Nelson, A. & Glayzer, E. In preparation. Rituals of romance in South Korea: Individualization, intimacy, and the communication of coupledness. *Ethnos*.

Nelson, A. In preparation. *Seoul Mates: Gendered transformations of love, marriage and fertility in South Korea*. Monograph manuscript targeted at Rutgers University Press.

Nelson, A., Yu, Y., & Veiverberg, F. In preparation. Variations in Earnings from Adult Webcam Modeling: Examining Market Stratification. *Porn Studies*.

**Refereed Conference Presentations****Presenter / Author / Co-Author**

Nelson, A. Glayzer, E. Love, Reciprocity, and the Gendered Division of Dating Costs in South Korea. Annual Conference of the National Women's Studies Association, Detroit, MI, November 15, 2024.

Han, Y., Yu, Y., & Nelson, A. The impact of the 'Act on the Punishment of Commercial Sex Acts' on female sex workers in South Korea, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Denver, CO, June 7, 2024.

Nelson, A., Cox, E., Douglas, A., Fernandez, P., Hall, M., Maltempi, H., & Veiverberg, F. Adult content creators, social media, & client interactions, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Denver, CO, June 7, 2024.

Nelson, A. Agapic love, gender friction, & fertility decline in South Korea, International Conference on Love Studies, Las Palmas, ES, Jan, 3, 2024.

Nelson, A., & Glayzer, E. Paying for gender (in)equality: The individualization of commodified dating rituals in South Korea, AAS-in-Asia Conference, Daegu, ROK, June 25, 2023.

Nelson, A., Yu, Y., Cox, E., Maltempi, H., Douglass, A., & McBride, B. De-platforming and streamers' use of Twitter: A comparison of cam models and Twitch streamers, Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, San Juan, PR, June 2, 2023.

Nelson, A., Renegotiating the patriarchal bargain: Love and reciprocity in Korean romantic relationships, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Seattle, WA, Nov. 15, 2022.

- Nelson, A., McBride, B., Yu, Y., Parker, N., Cox, E., & Maltempi, H. "I'm Online!": The strategies and implications of cam models' use of twitter, Global Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Lisbon, PT, July 14, 2022.
- Yu, Y., & Nelson, A., The ethno-erotic capital and pricing power of East Asian cam models, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 21, 2021.
- Nelson, A., Love's fallout: Fertility decline and the individualization of intimacy in South Korea, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 18, 2021.
- Nelson, A., McBride, B., & Yu, Y., Measuring racial inequality in a virtual sexual economy: A mixed methods approach, Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Virtual, May 27, 2021.
- Korgan, K., Nelson, A., & Izzo, A., Safer together: Social capital as risk management for online escorts, Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Virtual, May 27, 2021.
- Nelson, A., Yu, Y., Wolcott, E., Ringoen, J., Hill, E., & Eyer, A., Racial and ethnic inequality in the adult web cam modeling industry, Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Virtual, May 31, 2020.
- Korgan, K., Nelson, A., & Izzo, A., Legal liminality: Opportunity and risk for online escorts pre- and post-FOSTA, Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Virtual, May 28, 2020.
- Nelson, A., Conspicuous intimacy: Gender, sexuality and public displays of affection in South Korea, American Anthropological Association 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, CA, Nov. 21, 2019.
- Nelson, A., "Love is an emotion, marriage is reality": Pragmatic love and fragile breadwinner masculinities in South Korea, Eleventh International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden, NL, July 18, 2019.
- Nelson, A., Izzo, A., & Korgan, K., Criminalizing collaboration: Socialization, safety, and social networks among U.S. escorts, Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Washington, DC, June 2, 2019.
- Korgan, K., Izzo, A., & Nelson, A., Re-reading FOSTA/SESTA: Online escorts' perceptions of risk and strategies for safety, Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Washington, DC, May 30, 2019.
- Nelson, A., Intra-cultural variation in the meaning of romantic love in South Korea, Society for Applied Anthropology 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 20, 2019.
- Nelson, A., The transformation of sacrifice: Agapic love in South Korean romantic relationships, American Anthropological Association 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, Nov. 17, 2018.

- Nelson, A., Korgan, K., & Bessen, S., What clients want and what providers need: Online escort marketing and valuations of market niches in the U.S., Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Toronto, ON, CA, June 9, 2018.
- Nelson, A., Intimate speech: Linguistic negotiations of hierarchy, intimacy and respect in South Korean marriage and courtship, American Anthropological Association 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Nov. 30, 2017.
- Korgan, K., Nelson, A., Izzo, A., Besson, S., & Lopez-Embury, S., Displacing client anonymity: Power, politics, safety and the dynamics of vetting practices among independent online escorts, 'Displacing Sex for Sale' conference by COST Action ProsPol, Copenhagen, DK, March 29, 2017.
- Nelson, A., Love, capital and marriage strategies in South Korea, American Anthropological Association 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 17, 2016.
- Korgan, K., & Nelson, A., The erotic entrepreneurs project: Independent, top tier, online escort trends and rates, Desiree Alliance 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, New Orleans, LA, July 15, 2016.
- Korgan, K., Nelson, A., & Izzo, A. Liminal sex & markets: The business practices of elite online escorts, SASE (Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics) Annual Meeting, Berkley, CA, June 25, 2016.
- Korgan, K., Nelson, A., & Izzo, A., Sex in the gig economy: The tyranny & opportunity of online platforms for independent escorts, SASE (Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics) Annual Meeting, Berkley, CA, June 25, 2016.
- Korgan, K., Nelson, A., & Izzo, A., TERribly unequal: Asymmetrical availability of information between internet sexual service providers and prospective clients, Society for Applied Anthropology 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, CA, April 2, 2016.
- Korgan, K., Nelson, A., Izzo, A., & Bessen, S., Business strategies of erotic entrepreneurs: Scripting desire through social, cultural & sexual capital, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA, March 31, 2016.
- Korgan, K., Nelson, A., & Izzo, A., Erotic entrepreneurship: An analysis of the business practices of independent online escorts in the United States, American Anthropological Association 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Nov. 18, 2015.
- Korgan, K., Nelson, A., & Izzo, A., Sex work and commerce in late capitalism: Online escorts as erotic entrepreneurs, 'Troubling Prostitution: Exploring Intersections of Sex, Intimacy and Labour' Conference by COST Action ProsPol, Vienna, AT, April 17, 2015.
- Nelson, A., Serious drinking games: Christian men's negotiation of corporate drinking practices and religious identity in South Korea, American Anthropological Association 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Dec. 4, 2014.

Nelson, A., The liquor dilemma: Origins and repercussions of Christian drinking prohibitions on men's religious identity and social relations in South Korea, American Anthropological Association 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Nov. 24, 2013.

### **Organizer / Co-Organizer**

"Transformations of intimacy in contemporary East and South Asia." AAS-in-Asia Conference, Daegu, ROK, July 25, 2023.

"Complicating the history of love and intimacy in East and Southeast Asia." AAS-in-Asia Conference, Daegu, ROK, July 24, 2023.

"A Day of Dialogue (Between Portuguese service providers & CRN6)," Law & Society Association CRN6 Pre-Conference Workshop, Lisbon, PT, July 12, 2022.

"Love 'Apocalypse': New Intimacies and the Decline of Marriage and Fertility," Panel at the American Anthropological Association 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 18, 2021.

"Intimacy, Sexuality and Gender Performance in East Asia's 'Love Apocalypse'," Panel at the American Anthropological Association 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, CA, November 21, 2019.

"A Day of Dialogue: Criminalization of Online Sex Work, Impacts & Strategies," Law & Society Association CRN6 Pre-Conference Workshop, Washington, DC, May 29, 2019.

### **Chair / Co-Chair**

"CRN6 New Books in the Field." Annual Meeting of the Law & Society association, Denver, CO, June 6, 2024.

"Author-Meets-Reader: Gender, equity and social justice: anti-trafficking, sex work and migration law and policy in the EU." Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, San Juan, PR, June 2, 2023.

"Troubling Carceral Approaches to Regulating Sex Work," Panel at the Global meeting of the Law & Society Association, Lisbon, PT, July 14, 2022.

"Love 'Apocalypse': New Intimacies and the Decline of Marriage and Fertility," Panel at the American Anthropological Association 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 18, 2021.

"Bringing Sex Workers' Expertise to the Fore: Grassroots Activism, Community Development, and Knowledge Uptake," Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Denver, CO, May 28, 2020.

"Intimacy, Sexuality and Gender Performance in East Asia's 'Love Apocalypse'," Panel at the American Anthropological Association 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, CA, November 21, 2019.

"The Socio-Political Implications of Gender Identity in Asia," Panel at the Eleventh International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden, NL, July 18, 2019.

"Third Parties, Criminalization and Other Forms of Social Control," Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Washington, DC, May 31, 2019.

"Intimate Asia: Romantic and Familial Entanglements," Panel at the American Anthropological Association 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 17, 2018.

"Marriage and Family in Asia." Panel at the American Anthropological Association 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 17, 2016.

### **Discussant**

"Transformations of intimacy in contemporary East and South Asia." AAS-in-Asia Conference, Daegu, ROK, July 25, 2023.

"Author-Meets-Reader: Gender, equity and social justice: anti-trafficking, sex work and migration law and policy in the EU." Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, San Juan, PR, June 2, 2023.

"Love 'Meets' Politics" a panel for the [On Matters of Love Seminar](#), Virtual, May 17, 2023.

"In and Out: Remittances and Transnational Ties in South Korea," Panel at the Association for Asian Studies' AAS-in-Asia Conference, Seoul, South Korea, June 26, 2017.

### **Professional Associations**

American Anthropological Association	CRN#6: Sex, Work, Law and Society
Society for East Asian Anthropology	National Women's Studies Association
Law and Society Association	International Society for Korean Studies

### **Research Experience**

Quantitative and qualitative content analysis of survey data for the Rouge Support Network, 2025

Indianapolis refugee ESL resources assessment via service-learning fieldwork, 2024

Content analysis of romantic relationships in Korean television dramas, 2021-Present

Ethnographic research on marriage and fertility decline in South Korea, 2018-Present

Mixed-methods research on stratification in the webcam modeling industry, 2019-present

Mixed-methods ethnographic dissertation research on love, gender and marriage in Korea, 2016-2018

Mixed-methods research on the business strategies of erotic escorts in the U.S., 2014-2020



Pilot ethnographic research on masculinity and homosocial intimacy in Seoul, summer 2015

Pilot ethnographic research on Korean Christian masculinity and alcohol in Seoul, summer 2013, 2014

Undergraduate ethnographic research on Korean Christian evangelization in the U.S., 2008-2009

Undergrad. cultural psych. lab research on Korean transnational adoption in the U.S., 2008-2009

### **Awards**

2022-2023 Education for Service Award, University of Indianapolis, 2024

Outstanding Dissertation Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2020

Robert F. Spencer Award for Outstanding Work in Cultural Anthropology by an Undergraduate, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota, 2009

### **Professional Development**

2023 UIndy Interdisciplinary Service-Learning Faculty Learning Community | \$1000

### **Grants and Fellowships**

2021 App State Virtual Initiatives Program Award in Global Virtual Exchange Pedagogy | \$1,000

2019 UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$394

UNLV Friends of World Anthropology Travel Grant | \$750

UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$350

2018 UNLV Friends of World Anthropology Travel Grant | \$659

UNLV Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship | \$7,000

UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$750

2017 UNLV Edwards & Olswang Grant | \$2,000

UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$500

2016 UNLV Edwards & Olswang Grant | \$1,430

UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$1,250

UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$347

2015 UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$421

UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$500

2014 UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$400

UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$1,250

2013 UNLV Friends of World Anthropology Research Grant | \$1,000

UNLV GPSA Graduate Research Travel Grant | \$765

2008 Ewha Womans University Office of Global Affairs' Excellence Award | \$1,000

### **Invited Lectures**

Love, gender friction, and fertility decline in South Korea, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, ROK July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Love, marriage, and fertility decline in South Korea, Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures Seminar Series, Friedrich-Alexander-Universitaet Erlangen-Nuernberg, Virtual, May 8, 2023.

Requiem for romantic love, marriage and children?: Explorations in intimate relations in China, Japan and South Korea, Vilnius University, Virtual, February 25, 2021.

Love and gender relations in pre-modern Korean folklore, DePaul University, Virtual, April 7, 2020.

Romantic love in South Korea: A cross-cultural perspective, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, USA, February 28, 2018.

Love and marriage in popular media, Seoul National University, Seoul, ROK, May 8, 2017.

### **Courses Taught**

#### **University of Indianapolis**

ANTH 100: Cultural Anthropology (In-person & Online)

ANTH 229: East Asia Through Ethnography & Film (In-person)

ANTH 240: Human Sexuality & Intimacies (In-person)

ANTH 310: Witchcraft, Ritual & Religion (In-person)

ANTH 320: Anthropology of Crime and Criminalization (In-person) [Service-Learning]

ANTH 430: Ethnographic Writing & Theory (In-person) [Capstone/Independent Study]

ANTH 340: Human Migration & Trafficking (In-person) [Service-Learning Course]

ANTH 445: Cross-Cultural Research (In-Person) [Research Methods]

ANTH 475: Ethnographic Writing (In-Person) [Capstone/Service-Learning/Research Methods]

ST 299: Exploring South Korea (10-day Spring Term Travel Course to Seoul, ROK)

ST 299: Exploring East Asia – Japan (10-day Spring Term Travel Course to Japan)

#### **Ewha Womans University**

EISC 11494: Contemporary Issues in Korean Culture (In-person)

**Appalachian State University**

ANT 1415: Understanding Culture (In-person, Online, & Hybrid)

ANT 2100: East Asia through Ethnography (In-person & Hybrid)

ANT 2215: Cultural Anthropology (In-person & Hybrid)

ANT 2420: Gender, Race and Class (In-person, Online, & Hybrid)

ANT 3533: Anthropology of Crime and Criminalization (Online)

ANT 3533: Complicating Human Trafficking (In-Person & Hybrid)

ANT 4535/6: Outlaw Worlds (In-Person) [Capstone/Honors Course]

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

ANTH 101: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (In-person & Online)

**Institutional Service**

Chair, Shaheen Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, University of Indianapolis, 2024-Present

Member, Shaheen College Applied Liberal Arts Faculty Working Group, 2024-Present

Member, Service-Learning Council, University of Indianapolis, 2023-Present

Rep., Shaheen Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, University of Indianapolis, 2023-Present

**Professional Service**

Co-Chair, CRN#6 Organizing Committee, Law and Society Association, 2020-Present

Co-Editor, CRN#6 Monthly Newsletter Compiling New Sex Work Publications and CFPs, 2021-Present

Teaching Team Member, EASA Anthropology of Crime and Criminalisation Network, 2021-2022

Senior Thesis Content Specialist, Caldwell Academy, 2021-2022

Organizer, CRN#6: Sex, Work, Law & Society, Law and Society Association, 2018-2020

Anthropology Dept. Representative, UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association, 2013

Organizer, Anthropology of East Asia Reading Group, UNLV Anthropology Dept., 2012-2015

**Languages**

English: Native speaker

Korean: High Intermediate (Spoken & Written)

**Peer Referee**

Human Organization	Comparative Studies in Society and History
Disability Studies Quarterly	Errantes – Journal of Social and Cultural Anthropology
Feminist Economics	Computers in Human Behavior
Qualitative Psychology	International Review of Psychiatry
Sage Open	International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy
Mitacs Accelerate	International Journal of Gender, Sexuality and Law
Evolutionary Psychology	Current Sociology
Social Sciences	

**Community Service, Outreach & Consulting**

Consultant / Expert Interviewee, Consumer Trends Research, ReD Consulting (Denmark), 2024  
 Consultant / Expert Interviewee, Consumer Trends Research, Samsung Electronics (South Korea), 2024  
 Instructor, Service-Learning Projects, Burmese American Community Institute, 2024-Present  
 Volunteer Consultant, Sex Worker Outreach Project – Behind Bars, 2020-2022  
 Director of Research / Anthropologist, Yongsan Legacy Project, 2017-2018  
 Fellow, Wikipedia Fellows, 2018  
 EFL Tutor, Korea International Volunteers, Somang Regional Children’s Center, 2016-2018  
 EFL Tutor, People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCORE), 2011-2012  
 ESL Instructor, Family Opportunities for Living Collaboration (FOLC), 2008

**Related Professional Experience**

February 2013-May 2020	Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
August 2010-Aug. 2012	Native English Teacher, Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education, Kwanak High School, Seoul, ROK
August 2009-Jun. 2010	Foreign English Teacher, Beijing New Oriental Foreign Language School at Yangzhou, Yangzhou, PRC

## **Professional References**

### **Dr. William Jankowiak**

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Knowledge: Dr. Jankowiak was my faculty adviser throughout my graduate training as UNLV. We have also co-authored several papers together and are editing a book together. He can speak best to my abilities as a scholar, a collaborator, and a colleague.

### **Dr. Yeon Jung Yu**

Associate Professor; Assistant Director of Graduate Studies

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Knowledge: Dr. Yu and I have known each other as colleagues since 2013 and have worked together on the Virtual Sexual Economies Project since 2019. Dr. Yu can speak best to my qualities as a teacher, as a mentor to students, a colleague, and as a scholar.

### **Dr. Christopher Schmidt**

Professor; Chair

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Knowledge: Dr. Schmidt has served as my department chair since I was hired at UIndy in the fall of 2022 and can speak to my teaching, research, service contributions, and collegiality.

## **Optional/Alternate References**

### **Dr. Kathryn Hausbeck Korgan**

Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor

Graduate College, Department of Sociology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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Knowledge: Dr. Korgan was one of my dissertation committee members and my supervisor for 7.5 years at UNLV while I worked with her as a GRA on the Erotic Entrepreneurs Project. She is also my fellow co-chair of CRN6: Sex, Work, Law & Society. She can speak best to my qualities as an employee, a colleague, a scholar, a manager of student RAs, and a co-chair of CRN6.

### **Dr. Krista Lewis**

Professor, Department Chair  
Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University  
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Knowledge: Dr. Lewis was department chair during my year as a visiting professor at Appalachian State University (2021-2022) and so can best speak to the quality of my teaching and services contributions, as well as my collegiality.