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EDUCATION

Master of Science, Anthrozoology

August 2011 - May 2014

Canisius College, Buffalo, NY

Thesis title: *Cultivating Healing, Compassion, and Ethical Understanding Within a New Generation of Humane Veterinarians*

Advisor: Paul Waldau, PhD

Master of Public Administration

January 2008 - December 2010

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Thesis title: *Shelter from the Storm: Companion Animal Emergency Planning in Nine States*

Advisor: Robert Peters, PhD

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

August 1998 - December 2003

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

SELECTED
RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Program and Communications Coordinator, Safe States Alliance, 1/17 - 8/17

Injury and Violence Prevention Research-Practice Toolkit Project

Gathered literature and instruments; developed interview protocol; conducted key informant interviews; analyzed interview data; authored case studies

Health Policy Analyst, Michigan Department of Community Health, 12/08 - 7/12

Michigan Critical Health Indicators; Michigan's Uninsured Project

Gathered data from a variety of sources; analyzed data and constructed visual representations; wrote reports accessible to a variety of audiences to communicate Michigan's health priorities

Research Associate, Michigan Public Health Institute, 6/08 - 12/08

Improving Performance in Practice Evaluation

Conducted comprehensive literature review; identified appropriate evaluation instruments; assisted with logic modeling; developed survey protocol; gathered baseline data at primary care practices; developed SPSS databases; data entry and verification

Senior Research Assistant, Michigan Public Health Institute, 6/08 - 12/08

Public Health Agency Accreditation Finance

Conducted comprehensive literature review; assisted with focus group; conducted key informant interviews; analyzed focus group and interview data; assisted with developing survey measures; report writing

PUBLICATIONS

Austin, J. J. (2016). Beyond coping: Active mourning in the animal sheltering community. In M. DeMello (Ed.), *Mourning animals: Rituals and practices surrounding animal death*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press.

Austin, J. J. (2013). Shelter from the storm: Companion animal emergency planning in nine states. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 40(4), 185-210.

PRESENTATIONS

March 2015. *Moral stress, meaning-making, and mourning: How shelter employees process euthanasia*. Oral presentation, Living With Animals bi-annual conference, Richmond, KY.

July 2013. *Companion animal welfare in disasters: An assessment of nine state emergency plans*. Poster presentation, International Society for Anthrozoology annual conference, Chicago, IL.

VOLUNTEER
ACTIVITIES

Founder and Co-Managing Editor, *Animalia: An Anthrozoology Journal*, 2012 – present
<http://www.animaliajournal.com>

Coordinator and Author, Canisius College Anthrozoology graduate blog, 2015 – 2016
<http://blogs.canisius.edu/graduate/category/ANZO/>

Grant Reviewer, American Veterinary Medical Foundation, Unsolicited Grants Committee. 2013-2015

LECTURES

Guest Lecturer, Veterinary Ethics: Canisius College, Animal Ethics, Spring 2013

HONORS

Pi Alpha Alpha – Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, lifetime member