

Robert M. Anderson, PhD

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Education

- 2017 – 2022 PhD University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Department of Geography. Reading Committee: Christine Biermann (co-chair), Sarah Elwood (co-chair), Benjamin Gardner, Cleo Wölfle Hazard. Dissertation: “Killing for coexistence: the bio- and necro-political ecology of wolf conservation and management in Washington state”
- 2015 – 2017 MA University of Washington. Department of Geography. Thesis: “From non-native “weed” to butterfly “host”: knowledge, place and belonging in ecological restoration.”
- 2011 – 2012 Certificate in Stream Restoration, University of Washington Professional & Continuing Education, Seattle, WA.
- 2001 – 2005 BA Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY. Double major in Political Science and Music, minor in Mathematics. Graduated with honors.

Research and Publications

Ongoing research collaboration: “Managing wolves and livestock on National Forests in the western United States,” in collaboration with Susan Charnley (US Forest Service), Katie Epstein (Montana State University), and Jeff Vance Martin (University of California Berkeley).

Peer-reviewed publications:

- In review **Anderson, Robert M**; Charnley, Susan; Epstein, Kathleen; Gaynor, Kaitlyn M.; Martin, Jeff V.; and McInturff, Alex. “The socioecology of fear: a critical geographical consideration of human-wolf-livestock conflict.”
- 2021 **Anderson, Robert M.** (2021) “Killing for the common good? The (bio)politics of wolf management in Washington State.” *Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene*, 9(1): 00179. doi: 10.1525/elementa.2020.00179
- 2021 Martin, Jeff V; Epstein, Katie; **Anderson, Robert M**; and Charnley, Susan. (2021) “Coexistence praxis: the role of resource managers in wolf-livestock interactions on public lands.” *Frontiers in Conservation Science*. doi: 10.3389/fcosc.2021.707068
- 2019 **Anderson, Robert M** and Lambert, Amy M. (2019) “Endangered butterflies and their non-native host plants: examining shifting values of belonging in restoration.” *Case Studies in the Environment* (online, October 2019). doi: 10.1525/cse.2019.002147

2017 Biermann, Christine and **Anderson, Robert M.** (2017) “Conservation, biopolitics, and the governance of life and death.” *Geography Compass*, 11(10). doi: 10.1111/gec3.12329

Non-refereed publications in academic journals:

In press **Anderson, Robert M** and Cleo Woelfle-Erskine. “Toward Pedagogies of Critical Restoration.” Symposium: Critical Restoration Geographies. *Antipode*.
2019 **Anderson, Robert M**; Buitenwerf, Robert; Driessen, Clemens; Genes, Luísa; Lorimer, Jamie; and Svenning, Jens-Christian. (2019) Introducing rewilding to restoration to expand the conservation effort – a response to Hayward et al. *Biodiversity and Conservation*. 28(13). doi: 10.1007/s10531-019-01845-1

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

2016 – 2021 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$138,000)
2020 – 2021 Alvord Fellowship in the Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, UW (\$16,000)
2020 – 2021 Frank L. and Catherine D. Doleshy Endowed Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, UW (\$9,000)
2020 – 2021 Society of Scholars Fellowship, Simpson Center for the Humanities, UW
2020 – 2021 Graduate Fellow, Center for Environmental Politics, UW
2021 Research and Support Award, Graduate Student Affinity Group, American Association of Geographers (\$250)
2020 Howard Martin Award, Department of Geography, UW (\$1,634)
2020 Gerlach Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Geography, UW (\$8,274)
2018 – 2019 Joff Hanauer Endowment for Excellence in Western Civilization Fellowship (\$5,000).
2018 Edward L. Ullman Award for Excellence in Scholarship by a Master’s Student, Department of Geography, UW
2016 Howard Martin Award, Department of Geography, UW (\$1,500)

Professional Experience

2020 – 2021 Research Fellow, U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station, administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education.
2015 – 2021 Teaching Associate and Predoctoral Lecturer, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
2012 – 2015 Senior Project Manager, EarthCorps, Seattle, WA.
2009 – 2012 Project Manager, EarthCorps, Seattle, WA.
2007 – 2009 Logistics and Project Coordinator, EarthCorps, Seattle, WA

Teaching Experience

As Instructor of Record (Predoctoral Instructor) at the University of Washington:

- Spring 2022 Introduction to Globalization (Geography 123)
Autumn 2021 Maps and Health (Geography 381).
Summer 2021 Our Global Environment: Physical and Human Dimensions (Geography 205).
Summer 2020 Our Global Environment: Physical and Human Dimensions (Geography 205).
Autumn 2019 Introduction to Restoration Ecology (Environmental Sciences 362, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington Bothell)
Summer 2019 Our Global Environment: Physical and Human Dimensions (Geography 205).
Autumn 2018 Critical and Imaginative Restoration Ecologies (Marine and Environmental Affairs 550 and Comparative History of Ideas 498). Co-developed with Cleo Woelfle-Erskine.

As Teaching Associate at the University of Washington:

- Spring 2020 Research Design: Explanation and Understanding in Geography (Geography 315). Instructor: Julian Barr
Spring 2018 International Development and Environmental Change (Geography 270). Instructor: Christopher Cox
Autumn 2017 GIS and Mapping (Geography 360). Instructor: Luke Bergmann
Spring 2016 Research Design: Explanation and Understanding in Geography (Geography 315). Instructor: Will McKeithen
Winter 2016 Digital Geographies (Geography 258). Instructor: Sarah Elwood
Autumn 2015 Our Global Environment (Geography 205). Instructors: Christine Biermann and Katie Gillespie

Conference Presentations

- 2021 “Producing the socio-ecology of fear: wolf deterrence as spatial conservation biopolitics.” Royal Geographical Society and Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG). London, UK / Virtual, September 2021.
“Producing wolves: the political animal geography of wolf conservation in Washington state.” Finalist, Animal Geographies Specialty Group graduate student paper competition. Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). Virtual, April 2021.
“Wolves, livestock, and the (socio)ecology of fear: a critical geographical re-consideration of a prominent ecological concept,” co-authored with Jeff Vance Martin, Katie Epstein, and Susan Charnley. AAG. Virtual, April 2021.

- “Multispecies encounters with and through the digital,” presented by Lauren Drakopoulos, with co-author Cleo Wölfle Hazard. Digital Ecologies workshop, sponsored by the University of Cambridge. Virtual, March 2021.
- 2020 “Killing as care: the biopolitics of wolf conservation in Washington state.” Joint meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) and the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST). Prague, Czech Republic (virtual due to COVID19), August 2020.
- “Killing to coexist: biopower and wolf conservation in Washington state.” Duck Family Graduate Workshop on Environmental Politics and Governance, UW. Seattle, WA (virtual due to COVID19), May 2020.
- “Killing for the common good: the biopolitics of wolf management in Washington state.” AAG. Denver, CO (virtual due to COVID19), April 2020.
- Discussant, “Politicizing Wildlife Management,” invited by session organizers John Connors, Roopa Krithivasan, and Anne Short Gianotti, AAG, April 2020, Denver, CO (virtual due to COVID19).
- 2019 “Nature and gender in the ‘rewilding’ of North America.” National Women’s Studies Association conference. San Francisco, CA, November 2019.
- “Become your monsters: restoration symbiopolitics and the making of environmental subjects.” Dimensions of Political Ecology conference. Lexington, KY, February 2019.
- 2018 “Studying critical scientists: developing a reflexively collaborative ethnography of conservation science.” AAG. New Orleans, LA, April 2018.
- 2017 “From ‘weed’ to ‘host’: Ecological restoration as biopolitics for the Anthropocene.” AAG. Boston, MA, April 2017.

Workshops

- 2021 Invited participant, Critical Physical Geography Dissertation Workshop. Organized by Melanie Malone, Salvatore Engel-DiMauro, and Rebecca Lave. Virtual, April 2021.
- 2018 Invited participant, Graduate Student Workshop on Socio-Environmental Synthesis, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis, MD, August 2018.

Disciplinary Service

Sessions organized at professional conferences:

- 2019 “Critical and Imaginative Restoration Ecologies.” Dimensions of Political Ecology conference, Lexington, Kentucky, February 2019. (co-organized with Cleo Wölfle Hazard; 2 sessions)

2018 “Ethnographies of Environmental Management.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. New Orleans, LA. (co-organized with Lauren Drakopoulos; 3 sessions)

Peer review of manuscripts for academic journals:

2020 Case Studies in the Environment

2018 Political Geography

Student mentorship:

2017 Faculty Mentor, Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program.

Community Service

2019 – present Volunteer GIS technician and cartographer, mapping salmon habitat in Lyon Creek and McAleer Creek watershed, Lake Forest Park, WA, for the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation

Skills and Additional Experience

Qualitative research skills, including conducting interviews, ethnographic methods, document analysis, and analyzing and interpreting qualitative data

Experience working on inter-disciplinary and collaborative projects

Excellent written and oral communication skills

Leadership and supervisory experience

Project management skills, including professional experience managing budgets, timelines, and contracts

Software proficiency: GIS and mapping (ArcGIS and ArcGIS Online); qualitative data analysis (Atlas.ti); reference management (Zotero); education management (Canvas); database management (Salesforce, Microsoft Access), Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)

Professional Affiliations

American Association of Geographers (AAG), including specialty groups in Cultural and Political Ecology, Animal Geography, and Human Dimensions of Global Change

Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)