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APPOINTMENTS

- (Starting Aug 2024) Assistant Professor, School of Marine Science and Policy
University of Delaware
- 2021-Present Environmental Fellow, High Meadows Environmental Institute
Princeton University
- 2020-2021 Visiting Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies Program
Tulane University
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EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D., Anthropology**
Temple University
Dissertation: “Reshaping Louisiana’s Coastal Frontier: Tribal Community Resettlement and Climate Change Adaptation”
Committee: Naomi Schiller, Damien Stankiewicz, Heather Levi, Wazhmah Osman, Julie Maldonado
- 2015 **Certificate, Teaching in Higher Education**
Certificate, Documentary Film and Ethnographic Practice
Temple University
- 2010 **MS., Urban Studies**
University of New Orleans
- 2007 **BA., English and Philosophy**
University of New Mexico
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PUBLICATIONS

Books

Jessee, Nathan. *RESETTLEMENT: Mobility, Development, and Culture on Louisiana’s Climate Frontier.* (In progress).

Jerolleman, Alessandra (1), Elizabeth Marino (1), **Nathan Jessee (1)**, Liz Koslov (2), Chantel Comardelle (2), Melissa Villarreal (3), Daniel de Vries (4), and Simon Manda (5). (2024). *People or Property: Legal Contradictions, Climate Resettlement, and the View from Shifting Ground.* London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Barra, Monica and **Nathan Jessee**. (Forthcoming). Ecologies of Restoration as Reparative Practice. *Environment and Society*.

Marino, Elizabeth, Jerolleman, Alessandra, **Jessee, Nathan**, Weyiouanna, Annie, Topkok, Meghan Sigvana, Keene, Eli, & Manda, Simon. (2022). Is the Longue Durée a Legal Argument?: Understanding Takings Doctrine in Climate Change and Settler Colonial Contexts in the United States. *Human Organization*, 81(4), 348-357.

Jessee, Nathan. 2022. Reshaping Louisiana's Coastal Frontier: Managed Retreat as Colonial Decontextualization. *Journal of Political Ecology*.

Jessee, Nathan, Kourtney Collum and R D. Schulterbrandt Gragg. 2015. Community Based Participatory Research: Challenging 'Lone Ethnographer' Anthropology in the Community and the Classroom. *Practicing Anthropology*. 37 (4).

Book Chapters

Richard Krajewski, Lorna Jarrett Blanchard, Maraya Ben-Joseph, Mây Nguyễn, Tuoi Nguyen, Bryan Parras, David Rico, M. Kalani Souza, Dezzi Synan, Kristina Peterson, Julie Maldonado, Alessandra Jerolleman and **Nathan Jessee**. 2022. The Underside of Epiphany: Wandering Wonderings. In *Justice, Equity, and Emergency Management*. Eds. Alessandra Jerolleman and William Waugh Jr. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.

Jessee, Nathan. 2020. Community Resettlement in Louisiana: Learning from Histories of Horror and Hope. In Laska, S. (Ed.) *Louisiana's Response to Extreme Weather – A Test Case for Coastal Resilience*. Springer Publishing Company, NY

Web Publications

Jessee, Nathan. 2021. Tribal Leaders Raise 'Serious Concerns' About Plans to Turn Their Shrinking Louisiana Island Home Into a 'Sportsman's Paradise'. Desmog. <https://www.desmog.com/2021/07/23/isle-de-jean-charles-tribe-louisiana-sportsmans-paradise/>

Jessee, Nathan. Elder Rosina Philippe, Chief Shirell Parfait-Dardar, Theresa Dardar, Traditional Chief Albert Naquin, and Chantel Comardelle. 2020. "Resisting the Oblivion of Eco-Colonialism." Anthropocene Curriculum. <https://www.anthropocene-curriculum.org/contribution/resisting-the-oblivion-of-eco-colonialism>

Jessee, Nathan. 2016. "Hope for 'Just Resilience' on Earth Day." EnviroSociety. 22 April. www.envirosociety.org/2016/04/hope-for-just-resilience-on-earth-day

Book and Film Reviews

Jessee, Nathan. 2018. Disaster Displacement and the Politics of Government-Sponsored Community Relocation in Indonesia: Fighting for Nothing to Happen. Directed by Nora Wildenauer, 2015, 48 minutes. Distributed by Visual Development. *Visual Anthropology Review*, 34(1), 104-105.

Jessee, Nathan. 2015. Picturing Atrocity: Photography in Crisis. Edited by Geoffrey Batchen, Mick Gidley, Nancy K. Miller, and Jay Prosser. London: Reaktion Books, 2012. *Visual Anthropology Review*, 31(2), 210-212.

Photography

“The Catch” in Preserving Our Place exhibit. Curators: Chantel Comardelle and Dennis Davis.
Showed at Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, National Center for Atmospheric Research, and Paul Robeson Center for the Arts

“Storm Water” in Preserving Our Place exhibit. Curators: Chantel Comardelle and Dennis Davis.
Showed at Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, National Center for Atmospheric Research, and Paul Robeson Center for the Arts

“Fish Kill” in Preserving Our Place exhibit. Curators: Chantel Comardelle and Dennis Davis.
Showed at Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, National Center for Atmospheric Research, and Paul Robeson Center for the Arts

Lowlander Team. 2018. National Climate Change Assessment. Southeast Chapter. Photo from Isle de Jean Charles Tribal Resettlement Workshop.

Contributing Author on Following Reports

Naquin, Chief Albert., Comardelle, Chantel, Jerolleman, Alessandra, Lesen, Amy, Peterson, Kristina, Evans, Joseph, Tooher, Erin, Mansfield, James, Corum, Nathaniel, **Nathan Jessee**, Kunkel, Joseph, Bainbridge, S., Shao, A., Udvardi, M., Billiot Jr., Wenseslaus, Dardar, Tommy, Naquin. Démé. 2019. Preserving Our Place. A Community Field Guide to Engagement, Resilience, and Resettlement: Community regeneration in the face of environmental and developmental pressures. Report generated for Gulf Research Program of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine under award number 200008164.

Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Lowlander Center. 2021. Addressing Climate-Forced Displacement in the United States: A Just and Equitable Response. Accessible at <https://www.uusc.org/addressing-climate-forced-displacement-in-the-united-states-a-just-and-equitable-response>
Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

TEACHING

University of Delaware, Assistant Professor, School of Marine Science and Policy
Technical Writing in the Marine Sciences (Fall 2024)
Introduction to Ocean Science (Co-taught, Fall 2024)
Capstone (Co-taught, Fall 2024)

Princeton University, Environmental Fellow, Prison Teaching Initiative
Climate, the Environment, and Justice (Spring 2024)

Princeton University, Environmental Fellow, Environmental Studies Program
Field Seminar in Regional Environmental Politics (Fall 2022)
Freshman Seminar in Environmental and Climate Justice (Fall 2023)

Tulane University, Visiting Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies Program & English
Introduction to Environmental Studies (Fall 2020)
Environmental Expository Writing (Fall 2020)

Tulane University, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies Program

Introduction to Environmental Studies (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)
Displacement and Environmental Change (Spring 2020)
Media and Environment (Spring 2019)

Temple University, Adjunct Instructor, Department of Anthropology
Human Ecology (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)
Representing Race (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

Temple University, Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology
Youth Cultures (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
Representing Race (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

October 2023 Invited Panelist. Princeton University's McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, Roundtable on Teaching Indigenous Studies

October 2023 Invited Workshop Co-Coordinator. Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. "Navigating Co-Production of Campus-as-Lab Initiatives" Workshop

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2023 (UNDER REVIEW) National Endowment for the Humanities. \$150,000
2022 Kavli Fellow. National Academy of Sciences and Kavli Frontiers of Science Foundation
2020 Newcomb Tulane College Classroom Enhancement Grant \$400
2020 Tulane University Center for Scholars Award, \$1,000
2019 Temple University Graduate School, Dissertation Completion Grant, \$11,000
2017 Temple University, Advanced Scholar Fellowship, \$17,000
2017 Tulane University Center for the Gulf South, Global South Research Grant, \$2,400
2017 Society for Applied Anthropology, Michael Cernea Involuntary Resettlement Award, \$500
2017 National Academy of Sciences, Science Policy Fellowship (offer declined)
2016 Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Grant, \$18,500
2014 Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, \$500
2013 National Science Foundation, Ethnographic Field School Fellow

RESEARCH, PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP, AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

2023 Coordinator and co-curator. Our Knowledge is Power: The Cultures of Beauty and Survival in Isle de Jean Charles, LA and Shishmaref, AK, Arts Council of Princeton.

2022-2023 Co-Interim coordinator. Environmental Humanities and Social Transformation Colloquium, Princeton University

2022-2023 Co-Organizer. Fluid Futures Forum, Princeton University
Environmental research forum.

2022- Advisory Committee Member. Living with Water Climate Adaptation Project. Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions.

2021- Co-Founding Facilitator. High Meadows Environmental Institute and Natives at

Princeton's Indigenous x Environmental Studies Working Group

- 2021- Participant. Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences. Relocation and Site Expansion Working Group
- 2019-2021 Co-founding Faculty. Critical Visualization and Media Lab. Tulane University. Environmental Studies program. The American Dream Denied art exhibit on environmental racism and a struggle for justice in New Orleans.
- 2019 Invited participant. The Anthropocene Campus, co-sponsored by Tulane University's Center for the Gulf South and the Max Planck Institute
- 2018 Steering Committee Member. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Healthy Places for Healthy People program, Isle de Jean Charles.
- 2016-2017 Resource Committee member, National Endowment for the Arts' Citizens Institute on Rural Design work with Isle de Jean Charles community leaders.
- 2015-2017 Member. Society for Applied Anthropology, Human Rights and Social Justice Committee
- 2015-2020 Doctoral Research alongside Jean Charles Choctaw Nation leaders. Studied development and disaster-forced displacement and political barriers to Tribal community resettlement.
- 2013 Participant & Researcher. National Science Foundation Community Based Participatory Research Field School. Worked with community leaders and University of Florida scholars to study health disparities and experiences of race and racism in Tallahassee, FL.
- 2010 Survey Representative and Researcher. Stratus Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster Project Data collection on social impact of 2010 BP Oil Disaster for United States federal litigation.
- 2009-2010 Research Assistant. Center for Hazards Assessment, Response, and Technology (CHART) at the University of New Orleans
Participatory action research that examined how local government agencies, nonprofits, and businesses in New Orleans respond to layered disasters after the levee failures following Hurricane Katrina.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- 2024 Invited book presentation. "People or Property: Legal Contradictions, Climate Resettlement, and the View from Shifting Ground" U.S. Geological Survey Human Dimensions Community of Practice Working Group.
- 2023 Invited participation. "Coastal Socio-Environmental Tipping Points" symposium. Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth University. VCU Rice Rivers Center

- 2023 “Displacement, Climate Change, and Struggles for Human Rights in the Mississippi River Delta”
Princeton University
- 2022 “Community Relocation and Climate Justice”
Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions’ Living with Water Advisory Committee and Project Team
Workshop
- 2021 “Advancing Tribal-driven Adaptation and Resettlement through Collaboration”
Loyola University of New Orleans
- 2020 “Racial Capitalism and Managed Retreat in the Mississippi River Delta”
University of South Carolina
- 2018 “Visual Media, Climate Change, and Activism in Coastal Louisiana.”
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Select Conference Papers

- 2023 “By Deed or Neglect”: Development and Disaster Displacement, Indigenous Conservation, and Struggles for Housing Justice in the Mississippi River Delta”
Denver, CO. American Association of Geographers.
- 2022 “Collaborative Research for Equitable Climate Adaptation & Disaster Recovery in the Mississippi River Delta”
Irvine, CA. 32nd US Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium. National Academy of Sciences
- 2020 “Dangers of Managed Retreat...By and For Whom?” Workshop. Co-facilitator with Chief Shirell Parfait-Dardar, Elder Rosina Philippe, Theresa Dardar, Lesley Laukea, Julie Maldonado, Alessandra Jerolleman, Kristina Peterson.
Virtual National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference.
- 2019 “Beyond to Stay or Move: The How and Why of Some Communities’ Decision-Making.”
New York, NY. At What Point Managed Retreat? Conference. The Earth Institute at Columbia.
- 2018 “Resilience, Redevelopment, and Justice in New Coastal Frontiers.” Presenter and Panel Organizer.
San Jose, CA. American Anthropology Association Conference.
- 2018 "Community Resettlement as an Act of Cultural Survival." Co-Presenter with Chantel Comardelle,
Jean Charles Choctaw Nation.
New Orleans, LA. American Association of Geographers.
- 2014 "Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR): Challenging Lone Ethnographer
Anthropology.”
Albuquerque, NM. Society for Applied Anthropology.

LANGUAGES

English (native); French (basic); Spanish (beginning)

SOFTWARE

Office Suite; MAXQDA; R