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Education

- Ph.D. in Anthropology, May 2015 Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), Cleveland, OH
GPA 4.00/4.00
Dissertation Title: Biopolitics and Subjectivity: The Case of Autism Spectrum Conditions in Italy (Dissertation Advisor: Atwood Gaines)
- M.A. in Anthropology, Jan. 2011 Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), Cleveland, OH
GPA 4.00/4.00
- B.A. in Anthropology, May 2009 Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL)
Graduated Summa cum Laude, GPA 3.81/4.00
Senior Honors in Anthropology
Award of Excellence in Research in Anthropology
Award of Outstanding Leadership in Anthropology

Appointments

2015-2016 Lecturer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Other Teaching Experience

- 2013-2014 Teaching Assistant (Katia Almeida), Being Human: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology, CWRU.
- 2013 Instructor, Anthropology of Adolescence, CWRU.
- 2011-2012 Teaching Assistant (Vanessa Hildebrand), Being Human: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology, CWRU.

Grants & Fellowships

- 2014 Arts & Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, CWRU
- 2013-2014 Baker-Nord Center Graduate Research Grant, CWRU
- 2013 Dissertation Research Assistance Grant under the Supervision of Eileen Anderson-Fye, CWRU
- 2012-2013 U.S. Student Fulbright Award
- 2011 Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fellowship, CWRU
- 2011 Phi Beta Kappa Grant for Student Research, CWRU
- 2010 Research Grant. LifeShare Blood Services, Elyria, OH.

2008 Undergraduate Research Grant. Office of Undergraduate Research, WUSTL

Awards and Honors

2014 Graduate Student Travel Award, CWRU
2013 Selected Participant, Fulbright Berlin Seminar
2011 Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation
2011 Graduate Student Appreciation Award, CWRU
2009 Elected Phi Beta Kappa, WUSTL (Beta of Missouri)
2009 Elected Sigma Xi, WUSTL
2007 Elected Lambda Alpha, WUSTL

Publications

Cascio, M.A., Ed. 2015. Special Issue on Conceptualizing Autism Around the Globe. *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 39(2).

Cascio, M.A. 2015a. Cross-Cultural Autism Studies, Neurodiversity, and Conceptualizations of Autism. Special Issue on Conceptualizing Autism Around the Globe. *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 39(2):207-212

Cascio, M.A. 2015b. Rigid Therapies, Rigid Minds: Italian Professionals' Perspectives on Autism Interventions. *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 39(2):235-253.

Cascio, M.A. 2014. New Directions in the Social Study of the Autism Spectrum: A Review Essay. *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 38(2):306-311.

Cascio, M.A. and R. Yomtovian. 2013. Sex, Risk, and Education in Donor Education Materials: Review and Critique. *Transfusion Medicine Reviews* 27(1):50-55.

Cascio, M.A. 2012. Neurodiversity: Autism Pride Among Mothers of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* 50(3):273-283.

Cascio, M.A. 2011. Review of *The Autism Matrix*, by Gil Eyal, Brendan Hart, Emine Onculer, Neta Oren, and Natasha Rossi. *Health Sociology Review* 20(2):235-236.

Conference Presentations

Cascio, M.A. 2015. "Asperger's Syndrome Does Not Exist": Diagnosis and Identity in Italian Autism Service. Paper to be presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 22.

- Cascio, M.A.** 2015. Creating Opportunities for Adult Roles for Italians with Autism. Paper presented at the Society for Psychological Anthropology Annual Meeting. Boston, MA, April 9-12.
- Cascio, M.A.** 2014. Biopolitics and Subjectivity: The Case of Autism Spectrum Conditions in Italy. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3-7.
- Cascio, M.A.** 2014. “The Italian Version of TEACCH”: Italian Adaptation of a North Carolina Autism Service Model. (Panel Organizer and Chair). Paper Presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March 18-22.
- Cascio, M.A.** 2013. Is Asperger’s Syndrome a Transient Mental Illness? Encountering the DSM-5. Paper Presented at the EASA Medical Anthropology Network, AAA Society for Medical Anthropology Joint International Conference, Tarragona, Spain, June 12-14.
- Cascio, M.A.** and R. Yomtovian. 2011. From the 4-Hs to MSM: Blood Donor Educational Materials As Constructions of the HIV/AIDS Patient. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association 110th Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 18.
- Cascio, M.A.** and R. Yomtovian. 2011. Defining Sexual Contact in Donor Educational Materials: Considerations for the Debate on Men Who Have Sex with Men. Poster presented at the AABB 64th Annual Meeting, San Diego, October 22-25.
- Cascio, M.A.** 2011. The Cultural Concept of the Child in the *DSM-IV-TR*. Paper presented at the Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Los Angeles, March 31.

Invited Talks

- Cascio, M.A.** 2015. Autism as a Way of Being in the Narratives of Professionals, Parents, and Youth with Autism. Paper presented at the SPA/Lemelson Workshop on Autism and Culture. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 11-14.
- Cascio, M.A.** 2013. I servizi per l’autismo negli Stati Uniti [Services for Autism in the United States]. Talk given at the conference, “Autismo: i punti fermi per la promozione dell’integrazione educativa e sociale” [Autism: The Firm Points for the Promotion of Educational and Social Integration], Università Cattolica Sacra Cuore, Milan, Italy, May 30.
- Cascio, M.A.** 2013. L’autismo e il sistema scolastico negli Stati Uniti: Le leggi e la pratica [Autism and the School System in the United States: The Laws and the Practice]. Talk given at the Cascina San Vincenzo conference, “Autismo: Ricerche e Modelli di Intervento nei Contesti di Vita” [Autism: Research and Intervention Models in Life Contexts], Vimercate, Italy, March 9.

Cascio, M.A. 2013. L'organizzazione dei servizi per l'autismo negli USA: modelli e confronto [The Structure of Services for Autism in the USA: Models and Comparison]. Invited Talk at Fondazione Sacra Famiglia Onlus di Cesano Boscone, Italy, February 1.

Media Presence

Cascio, M.A. M. Ariel Cascio: Il Sito (Italiano) Dedicato Alla Mia Ricerca sull'Autismo [M. Ariel Cascio: The (Italian) Website Dedicated to my Autism Research]. Individual Research Blog. Accessible at arielcascio.wordpress.com

Cascio, M.A. 2015a. "Conceptualizing Autism Around the Globe: A Special Issue of Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry Showcasing the Anthropology of Autism." Guest Post at the Autism Anthropologist, July 3. Accessible at <https://theautismanthropologist.wordpress.com/2015/07/03/conceptualizing-autism-around-the-globe-a-special-issue-of-culture-medicine-psychiatry-showcasing-the-anthropology-of-autism/>

Cascio, M.A. 2015b. "Culture, Medicine, and Neuropsychiatry." Guest Post at Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry Blog, March 25. Accessible at culturemedicinepsychiatry.com/2015/03/25/guest-blog-culture-medicine-and-neuropsychiatry/

Additional Professional Experience and Academic Service - CWRU

2015	Graduate Research Assistant, Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods
2014-2015	Assistant Manager of the Upper Class Experience, Department of Residence Life & Services
2014-2015	Member, Residence Life & Services Committee on Equity and Inclusion
2015	Volunteer Survey Administrator, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods
2014-2015	Research Assistant to Eileen Anderson-Fye
2011-2015	Editorial Assistant, <i>Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry: An International Journal of Cross-Cultural Health Research</i>
2013-2014	Assistant to Katia Almeida
2013-2014	Journal Chair, Graduate Discourse (The Student Association of Graduate Anthropologists)
2014	On-Site Coordinator, Beachwood High School Senior Search Project
2014	Poster Judge. Research ShowCASE
2014	Judge. MLK Essay Contest, Undergraduate Section

2014-2015	Reviewer. Summer Research Proposals to Support of Undergraduate Research & Creative Endeavors (SOURCE) Office
2012	Reviewer. SOURCE Office
2011-2012	Graduate Resident Mentor, Department of Housing, Residence Life & Greek Life
2011-2012	Member. Graduate Academic Integrity Board
2010-2012	Librarian. Graduate Discourse (The Student Association of Graduate Anthropologists)
2009-2012	Assistant to Vanessa Hildebrand
2010-2011	Member. Collegiate Behavioral Health Advisory Committee
2010-2011	Refuge Coordinator, Department of Housing, Residence Life & Greek Life
2009-2011	Member. Compensations and Benefits Committee, Graduate Student Senate
2009-2011	Senator. Graduate Student Senate
2011	Poster Judge. Intersections: SOURCE Symposium and Poster Session (Spring and Fall)

Additional Professional Experience and Academic Service - WUSTL

2014-2015	Member. Alumni and Parents Admission Program.
2008-2009	President. Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honorary (Beta of Missouri)
2007-2008	Educational Outreach Director. Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honorary (Beta of Missouri)
2005-2009	Office Assistant, Research Office

Community Service

2011-2015	Volunteer Gardener, Garden@Case, Cleveland, OH
2014-2015	Data Analyst and Volunteer Team Leader, Brite Winter Festival, Cleveland, OH
2013-2014	Volunteer Coordinator, Brite Winter Festival, Cleveland, OH
2012-2013	Volunteer, Weekly Dinners at Residence for People with Disabilities, Damatrà, Italy

Professional Societies

2011-Present	American Anthropological Association
2011-Present	Society for Medical Anthropology
2012-2013	Society for Psychological Anthropology
2012-2013	Society for the Anthropology of Europe

2012-2013 UACES: The academic association for contemporary European Studies

Related Professional Skills

Proficient in Spoken and Written Italian

Transcription Experience, English and Italian

Beginner in American Sign Language

Proficient in NVivo and Atlas.ti qualitative data analysis software

Proficient in SPSS Statistical Package for the Social Sciences

Safe Zone Member (LGBT Ally Training)

Certificate of Completion, Inclusive Leadership Workshop, Sustained Dialogue Institute