

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

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| 2016- 2021 | University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana USA
Ph.D., Anthropology |
| 2019 | University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana USA
Master of Arts, Anthropology |
| 2015 | University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana USA
Master of Arts, International Peace Studies |
| 2011 | University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
Master Professional, Strategies and methods of nonviolent social change |
| 2006 | University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
Bachelor of Arts, Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Biocultural Anthropology; Medical Anthropology; Biological Anthropology; Environmental Anthropology; Cultural Anthropology; Global Migration; Displacement; Resettlement; Water Insecurity; Ethnography; Qualitative and Quantitative Methods; Community-based participatory research; Neuroendocrine, Immune, and Inflammatory Stress Physiology; Mental Health; Lived Experiences; Social Practices; Humanitarian Relief and Development; Gender; Social and Environmental Inequality; Resource Insecurity; Climate Change.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| 2023 - | Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina |
| 2023 - | Visiting Researcher, School of Human Evolution and Social Change (SHESC), Arizona State University |

- 2022 - 2023 Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Center for Global Health & Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation, Arizona State University
- 2022 -2022 Research Coordinator, Hormones, Health, and Human Behavior Laboratory, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
- 2021- 2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 Roque, A., Wutich, A., Landes, L., Li, W.W., Larson, R., Westerhoff, P., Zheng, M., Marcos Hernández, M., Hossain, M., Tsai, Y., Lucero, R., Todd, G. White, D. Hanemann, M., & Consortium, Action for Water Equity. Participatory Convergence: A process framework for action research. *Action Research Journal*. Submitted Jan. 3, 2023. **Authorship credit as consortium member*
- 2022 **Jankovic-Rankovic, J.**, Oka, R., Meyer, J., Snodgrass, J., Eick, G., Meyer, J & Gettler, L.T. Transient refugees' social support, mental health, and physiological markers: Evidence from Serbian asylum centers. *American Journal of Human Biology*, e23747, DOI: 10.1002/AJHB.23747.
- 2020 **Jankovic-Rankovic, J.**, Oka, R., Meyer, J., & Gettler, LT. 2020. Forced migration experiences, mental well-being, and nail cortisol among recently settled refugees in Serbia. *Soc Sci Med* 258, 113070.

Under review

Castro-Diaz, L., Roque, A., Landes, L., Lucero, R., **Jankovic-Rankovic, J.**, Marcos Hernandez, M., Beresford, M., Brewis, A., Jepson, W., Westerhoff, P., Wutich, A., Action for Water Equity Consortium. Water injustices in U.S. colonias along the Mexico border. *Environmental Justice*. Submitted June 19, 2023.

Jankovic-Rankovic, J., Roque, A., Rosinger, A., Adams, E., Pearson, A., Lloréns, H., Garcia-Quijano, C., Stoler, J., Harris, L., Wutich, A., & Brewis, A. Water Sharing: Implications for Disaster Relief and Water Policy. *Water Security*. Submitted Feb. 21, 2023.

In preparation

Jankovic-Rankovic, J., Oka, R., Meyer, J., & Gettler, LT. Work-related stress, mental health, and nail cortisol: A pilot study among aid and non-aid workers in Serbia. Anticipated submission date 01/03/23. Target journal: *American Anthropologist*.

Jankovic-Rankovic, J. Grasping the realm of ordinary, lived experiences, and routinized social practices (RSPs) in transient refugee spaces. Target journal: *Current Anthropology*.

Jankovic-Rankovic, J. ‘The game:’ Dangerous journeys, traumatic experiences, and health among transient refugees in Serbia. Target journal: *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.

OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Shirtcliff B, **Jankovic-Rankovic, J.**, Gettler, LT. 2023. A call for action with a call for papers: PNEC announces a special issue for “Biology, conflict, and mental health: Understanding the physiology and trauma of forced migration.” *Psychoneuroendocrinology*.

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES (Editorial roles)

Gettler LT, Shirtcliff B, **Jankovic-Rankovic J.** (eds). 2023. Mental health, war trauma and migration. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*.

RESEARCH REPORTS

- 2019 Oka, R., **Jankovic-Rankovic, J.**, Gengo, R., Fink, K., Hare, T., & Mulemi, B. Understanding stakeholders’ interpretations and use of voucher-based refugee relief assistance. *Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration*, U.S. Department of State.
- 2015 Beteul, A. & **Jankovic, J.** Strength through diversity: Five cases of local and state level coalition success. *Institute for Social Policy and Understanding*.

RESEARCH SUPPORT AND FUNDING

- 2019 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Award: Project title: A biocultural approach to evaluating psychosocial stress mediators in vulnerable communities (DDRIG#1948653). National Science Foundation, (\$25,153).
- 2019 Civil Society Scholar Awards 2019-2020: A biocultural approach to routinized social practices (RSPs) in refugee temporary settlements (CSSA#IN2019-53489). Open Society Foundations, (\$14,968).
- 2016-2021 Pulte Institute for Global Development - Graduate Research Fellowship, \$25,000
- 2016-2021 Kellogg Institute for International Studies - Graduate Research Fellow
- 2020 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts - Graduate Research Grant, \$2,500
- 2019 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts - Graduate Research Grant, \$2,750
- 2019 Nanovic Institute for European Studies - Graduate Research Fellowship, \$1,000
- 2018 Nanovic Institute for European Studies - Graduate Research Grant, \$2,800
- 2018 Kellogg Institute for International Studies - Graduate Research Grant, \$7,000
- 2017 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts - Graduate Research Grant, \$3,000
- 2017 Nanovic Institute for European Studies - Graduate Research Grant, \$2,500

- 2017 Nanovic Institute for European Studies - Graduate Professional Development Grant, \$750
- 2017 Kellogg Institute for International Studies - Graduate Professional Development Grant, \$1,250
- 2013 University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies - Graduate Research Fellowship, \$36,000
- 2010 Center for Applied Nonviolent Action and Strategies - Graduate Research Fellowship, SRB 150,000

AWARDS

- 2019 The Phyllis B. Eveleth Graduate Student Award, Human Biology Association Meeting, Cleveland, OH, USA.
- 2018 The Katie Murphy McMahon Award for Russian and East-Central European Studies Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame.

TEACHING & RESEARCH ASSISTANSHIPS

- 2024 Instructor, University of South Carolina. Anthropology of Migration: Displacement, Borders, and Health. ANTH 591.H01, Spring semester.
- 2023 Instructor, University of South Carolina. Human Variation. ANTH 260, Carolina Core Integrative Course for Anthropology Majors, Fall semester.
- 2022 Instructor, University of Notre Dame. ANTH 20203.01: Global Cultural World: Fundamentals of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Spring semester.
- 2021 Instructor, University of Notre Dame. ANTH 30304.01: Anthropology of Migration: Displacement, Borders, and Health, Fall semester.
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame. ANTH 33211.01: Sherds for Nerds-Pottery in Archaeology, Spring semester. Meredith Chesson, instructor.
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame. ANTH 20105.01: Human Ethology, Fall semester. James McKenna, instructor.
- 2016-21 Research Fellow. Applied Innovation Division. Notre Dame Pulte Institute for Global Development.
- 2015-16 Research Assistant. Anthropology Department, University of Notre Dame.
- 2015-16 Research Assistant. Applied Innovation Division. Notre Dame Pulte Institute for Global Development.

2014-15 Graduate Research Intern. Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, Washington D.C.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2023 University of South Carolina. The Migration Lab. "Migration, lived experiences, and health: A critical biocultural perspective." September 22.
- 2022 The World Bank Group. "The experiences of marginalization and vulnerability to psychosocial stress among refugee and asylum seekers in Serbia." (*Upcoming - February 28*).
- 2021 Baylor University. Human Evolutionary Biology & Health Lab. "A biocultural approach to displacement." April 8.
- 2020 University of Notre Dame. ANTH 30103: Critical Refugee Studies. "An integrative anthropological perspective on forced migration: A study of refugees in Serbia." 28 October.
- 2019 University of Notre Dame. ANTH 43302: Anthropology of War & Peace. "A war in Yugoslavia, displacement, and refugees." 16 October.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Podium/Panel Presentations

- 2022 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** Grasping the realm of lived experiences and daily practices in transient refugee spaces in Serbia. 28th Conference for Europeanists, Council for European Studies, Virtual conference, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2021 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** Refugees in Europe: Social and cultural challenges facing contemporary Serbia. 27th Conference for Europeanists, Council for European Studies, Virtual conference.
- 2020 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** Refugees in Europe: Social and cultural challenges facing contemporary Serbia. 27th Conference for Europeanists, Reykjavik, Iceland. (*Conference canceled*).
- 2019 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** Displacement, struggle, and everyday life in asylum centers in Serbia. 5th regional Conference for Refugees and Migration, Serbia, Tara.
- 2019 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** Is it a choice or coercion? A dichotomy or spectrum? The dynamics of exclusion and inclusion in the realm of human mobility and displacement. DGSKA-GAA Conference, Konstanz, Germany.

- 2019 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** The impact of routinized social practices on well-being: Documenting the everyday experiences of encamped refugees in Belgrade. Royal Geographical Society International Annual Conference, London, UK.
- 2019 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** Challenges for a new beginning: Life of asylum seekers in Serbia. 26th Conference for Europeanists, Madrid, Spain.
- 2019 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** Co-organizer. Nanovic Institute for European Studies Student Conference, University of Notre Dame.
- 2018 **Jelena Jankovic Rankovic.** An integrative anthropological perspective on forced migration. Student Anthropology Research Forum, University of Notre Dame, South Bend.
- 2018 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** A conceivable transformation of Serbia: From a country of emigration to a country of (im)migration. 25th Conference for Europeanists, Chicago.
- 2017 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic.** Displaced people: Forced migratory movement in the modern world. Student Anthropology Research Forum, South Bend, University of Notre Dame.
- 2015 **Jelena Jankovic.** Manufacturing bigotry. Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, Washington, DC.
- 2011 **Jelena Jankovic.** Transforming of residential institutions of children and developing sustainable alternatives. United Nations Children's Funds (UNICEF), Serbia, Belgrade.
- 2010 **Jelena Jankovic.** Founding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the former Yugoslavia. 6th Regional Forum RECOM- Regional commission for establishing facts about war crimes and other gross violations of human rights committed on the territory of the former Yugoslavia, Serbia, *Facilitator*.

Poster Presentations

- 2023 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic,** Rahul C Oka, Jerrold S Meyer, Lee T Gettler. Mental health, blood pressure, and nail cortisol among refugees in Serbia. Annual Meetings of the Human Biology Association, Reno, NV. (*upcoming*)
- 2022 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic,** Rahul C Oka, Jerrold S Meyer, Lee T Gettler. Work-related stress, mental health, and nail cortisol: A pilot study among aid and non-aid workers in Serbia. Annual Meetings of the Human Biology Association, Denver, CO.
- 2021 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic,** Rahul C Oka, Jerrold S Meyer, Lee T Gettler. Perceived social isolation, mental health, and nail cortisol: A study of refugees in Serbia. Annual Meetings of the Human Biology Association, Virtual conference.

- 2020 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic**, Rahul C Oka, Geeta N. Eick, J. Josh Snodgrass, Lee T Gettler. Evaluation of mental well-being, inflammation, and cell-mediated immune function following forced migration: A study of refugees in Serbia. Annual Meetings of the Human Biology Association, Los Angeles, CA. (*Conference canceled*)
- 2019 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic**, Rahul C Oka, Jerrold S Meyer, Lee T Gettler. Forced migration and chronic stress: A study of traumatic experiences, mental health, and cortisol among refugees in Serbia. Annual Meetings of the Human Biology Association, Cleveland, OH.

Roundtable Presentations

- 2017 **Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic**. Refugee crisis in the media: Is Serbia the exception to the rule? Panel title: Migration, Media, and the Politics of Representation. 116th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2023 *Social Science & Medicine*, Population Health. Reviewer.
- 2023 *Water In security Journal*. Reviewer.
- 2023 Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) National Fellowship Program. External Reviewer for GWIS National Fellowship Program.
- 2022 National Science Foundation, Human-Environment and Geographical Sciences Program.
- 2022 Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) National Fellowship Program. External Reviewer for GWIS National Fellowship Program.
- 2021 Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) National Fellowship Program. External Reviewer for GWIS National Fellowship Program.
- 2021 *The Royal Society Journals*. External Reviewer.
- 2020-21 Search Committee member, Assistant Professor in medical anthropology (tenure-track), Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame.
- 2020-21 Search Committee member, Assistant Professor in cultural anthropology (tenure-track), Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame.
- 2019-22 Group Member, Anti-racism working group, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame.

- 2017-18 Graduate Student Representatives, Department of Anthropology. Graduate Student Union (GSU), University of Notre Dame.
- 2015 Group Leader, Sustained Dialogue Chapter. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame.
- 2014-15 ROTC-Peace Student Dialogue Co-organizer. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame.

Outreach & Community Service

- 2022 Interview for Voice of America. “Anthropologist Jelena Jankovic-Rankovic: Psychosocial support is key for migrants.” 05 March 2022.
- 2022 Interview for K1 TV, morning show “Uranak,” Serbia. “The effects of transnational migration and displacement of displaced people health and well-being.” 24 February 2022.
- 2022 Interview for an online portal Objektiv.rs. Serbia. “Serbian scientist conquers America: Cooperation between Notre Dame and the Commissariat for Refugees begins.” 20 February 2022
- 2021 Interview for Notre Dame Majors Night social media campaign (Instagram) “Exploration Week (Majors Night).” 8 October 2021.
- 2021 Interview for an online portal: “The first Serbian women to receive a Ph.D. scholarship in anthropology at the University of Notre Dame,” *Srbijadanas.com*. 25 January 2021.
- 2018 Podcast interview: “A chat with Phyllis Eveleth Award Winner Jelena Jankovic,” *Sausage of Science* podcast, Human Biology Association. 17 September 2019.

RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK

- 2023 Arizona Water for All, part of the Arizona Water Innovation Initiative supported by the State of Arizona
Action for Water Equity, National Science Foundation Growing Convergence Research program (GCR #2021147)
The Engineering with Nature program in the US Army Corps of Engineers (#W912HZ-21-2-0040)
- 2022 Action for Water Equity, National Science Foundation Growing Convergence Research program (GCR #2021147)
The Engineering with Nature program in the US Army Corps of Engineers (#W912HZ-21-2-0040)

- 2020 Chronic stress and mental well-being: A pilot study of aid workers in an asylum center in Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia.
- 2020 A biocultural approach to evaluating psychosocial stress mediators in vulnerable communities, Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya.
- 2019-20 A biocultural approach to routinized social practices (RSPs) in refugee temporary settlements, Asylum Centers ‘Krnjaca,’ and ‘Banja Koviljaca,’ Serbia.
- 2016-19 Understanding stakeholders’ interpretations and use of voucher-based relief assistance. US State Department Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration Project.
- 2018 The case of the Middle Eastern and African Refugees ‘transiting’ through Serbia Project, Asylum Centers ‘Krnjaca,’ and ‘Bogovadja,’ Serbia.
- 2017-18 The case of the Middle Eastern and African Refugees ‘transiting’ through Serbia, Asylum Center ‘Krnjaca,’ Belgrade, Serbia.
- 2016-18 Understanding stakeholders’ interpretations and use of voucher-based relief assistance, asylum centers ‘Krnjaca,’ and ‘Bogovadja, Serbia and Nairobi, Kenya. Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), United States Department of State (S-PRMCO-16-CA-1073). (\$199,999).
- 2016-17 The case of the Middle Eastern and African Refugees ‘transiting’ through Serbia, Asylum Center ‘Krnjaca,’ Belgrade, Serbia.
- 2015-16 Social impact assessment project, World Bank/UNHCR.
- 2010 Social mobilization for members of local youth teams. UNHCR Serbia.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
 Society for Anthropology of Europe
 Human Biology Association
 Council for European Studies (CES)
 European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

LANGUAGE & SKILLS

Serbian (native); Croatian; Bosnian; English; Microsoft Office; STATA; MAXQDA