

CURRICULUM VITAE

BETTINA STOETZER

DEPARTMENT: Anthropology

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EDUCATION

DATE	DEGREE	INSTITUTION
2011	Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology	University of California at Santa Cruz
2005	M.A., Cultural Anthropology	University of California at Santa Cruz
2001	M.A., Sociology	Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen, Germany

TITLE OF DOCTORAL THESIS: At the Forest Edges of the City: Nature, Race and National Belonging in Berlin

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

2025	MITHIC (MIT Human Insight Collaborative) Funding Award for research initiative “Building Climate Action Infrastructures” (Humanities Cultivation Fund, co-led with Briana Meier)
2025	MITHIC (MIT Human Insight Collaborative) Funding Award for teaching initiative “From Lab to Land: Summer Field School for Climate Action Program Pilot” (MITHIC Education Innovation Fund, co-led with Briana Meier)
2024	Landhaus Fellowship, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany (3 months, declined)
2023	James A. and Ruth Levitan Research Prize in the Humanities, SHASS
2023	William A. Douglass Book Prize in Europeanist Anthropology, Society for the Anthropology of Europe, American Anthropological Association
2023	Diana Forsythe Book Prize, Society for the Anthropology of Work and the Committee on the Anthropology of Science, Technology and Culture, American Anthropological Association
2023	DAAD/GSA (German Studies Association) Best Book Prize, History and Social Sciences
2022	Landhaus Fellowship, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany (3 months, deferred)
2021	Individual research grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, as part of the Wenner-Gren Workshop on <i>Collaborative Ecologies</i>
2020	Rachel Carson Center for the Environment and Society Fellowship, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany
2019-2022	MIT Class of 1948 Career Development Chair

2018 Junior Scholar Award, honorable mention, Anthropology and Environment Society, American Anthropological Association

2018 MIT junior faculty nominee, Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program

2010-2011 Andrew W. Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship

2009-2010 University of California Chancellor's Dissertation Year Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz

2010 Richard Randolph Award for best ethnographic essay in Anthropology, UC Santa Cruz

2007-2008 Dissertation Research Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

2006 Teaching Sabbatical Fellowship, Graduate Division, UC Santa Cruz

2003-2004 DAAD Fellowship, Education Abroad Program, UC Santa Cruz

2002-2004 Research Stipend from the German Research Foundation (DFG)

2004 Travel Grant, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)

2000 DAAD Fellowship; International Women's University, (IFU) Hanover, Germany

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019 - Associate Professor of Anthropology, MIT

2015-2019 Assistant Professor of German Studies, Global Studies and Languages, MIT

2011-2015 Harper Fellow at the Society of Fellows, Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago

2011-2015 Faculty Associate, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2004-2009 Teaching Assistant, University of California at Santa Cruz

2002-2004 Research Fellow, German Research Foundation, Graduate College Research Group: Public Spaces and Gender, University of Frankfurt/M., Kassel, Germany

2001-2002 Researcher, Centre for Interdisciplinary Media Studies, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany, PD. Dr. Elisabeth Klaus

SEMINARS, COLLOQUIA, ETC.

May 2024 "Seeding Livable Futures," Global Affairs, Displacement and (Im)Mobilities Colloquium Series, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

April 2024 "Ruderal City: Ecologies of Migration and Urban Nature in Berlin," Anthropology of Life Seminar, Paris, France

January 2024 "Ruderal Ecologies," Rachel Carson Center, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany

- December 2023 “Ruderal City: Racial Formations and Urban Nature in Berlin,” Institute for Landscape and Urban Studies, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland
- November 2023 Roundtable participant, “Ecologies of War, Displacement, and Justice in More-than- Human Worlds,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Toronto, Canada
- September 2023 “Ruderal City,” invited book talk, Floating University Berlin, Germany
- June 2023 “Ruderal City,” invited book talk, Boston Athenaeum
- April 2023 “Ruderal City,” invited book talk, Science and Technology Studies Department, Rensselaer Institute of Technology
- April 2023 “Ruderal City,” invited book talk, Anthropology Department, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- November 2022 “Viral Bo(a)rders: More-than-Human Mobilities and Infrastructures of Care,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington
- November 2022 “Rummaging the Border: Pigs, People, and Viruses in the Border Zones of Global Capital and Climate Change,” paper presented at the Workshop, Who Gets the Remainder? Ethics and Politics of Gleaning, sponsored by the Wenner-Gren Foundation and the Departments of Anthropology, Comparative Literature, History, Institute for European Studies, and Society for the Humanities, Cornell University
- May 2022 “Ecography: Gleaning Methods for a Ruderal Analytic,” invited paper presented at the International Symposium on Ecography: Exploring Relational Methods, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Stockholm, Sweden
- October 2021 “Ruderal City,” invited talk presented at the Ruderal Ecologies 2 Virtual Conference, ARTS and STS Departments and School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in conjunction with the Nature Lab Initiative at the Sanctuary for Independent Media, Troy, New York
- September 2021 “Creating Refuge: More-than-Human Mobilities in an Era of Environmental Change,” invited paper presented at the Wenner-Gren Foundation

workshop, Collaborative Ecologies: Anthropologies of (and for) Survival in the More-than-Human City (virtual)

- July 2020 “Animate Mobilities,” paper presented at the European Association for Social Anthropology Annual Meetings (virtual)
- April 2020 “Creating Refuge,” project presentation and lecture, Rachel Carson Center for the Environment, Munich, Germany
- November 2019 “African Swine Fever: Wildlife Mobilities and Border Politics in Contemporary Europe,” paper presented at the panel Feral Atlas, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, Canada
- November 2019 “Tracking Ecologies of Nationalism,” discussant commentary for the panel Ecologies of Nationalism, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, Canada
- November 2019 “Pigs, Viruses and Humans Co-Evolve in a Deadly Dance,” Environmental Studies Colloquium, Sarah Lawrence College
- September 2019 “Feral Fever: Pig-Virus Mobilities in the Border Zones of Global Capital,” paper presented at the Symposium on Emigrating Animals, Migratory Humans: Belonging, Prosperity and Security in More than Human Worlds, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
- May 2019 “Urban Worlds at the Edges of Habitability,” presented as part of The World/s at the End of the City colloquium series, Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
- November 2018 “The Feral Lives of Urban Infrastructure,” paper presented at the panel on Infrastructure, Environment and Life in the Anthropocene, Part I: Living Infrastructure, American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Jose, California
- August 2018 “Urban Ecologies Beyond the Resilient City,” paper presented at the panel on Imagining Resilient Cities, European Association for Urban History Conference, “Urban Renewal and Resilience, Cities in Comparative Perspective,” Rome, Italy
- April 2018 “The Botanical Afterlives of Concrete,” invited paper presented at Concrete Futures/Futuros Concretos Symposium, Sociology Department and Anthropology Program, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago, Chile (Remote)

- April 2018 “Ruderal City,” invited talk presented at Ruderal Ecologies: Grounds for Change Symposium, organized by the Sanctuary for Independent Media and the Faculty of Arts and STS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- November 2017 “Thinking with Sticky Goosefoot: Rubble and Human-Plant Encounters in Berlin,” invited paper presented on the panel Thinking with Soils: Social-Ecological Entanglements at the International Conference on Knowledge/Culture/Ecologies, organized by the Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University, at Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile
- May 2017 “Ruderal Ecologies: Rethinking Nature, Migration and the Urban Environment in Berlin,” invited paper presented as part of the Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Military Ecologies, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine
- Also presented at the Matters of Urban Citizenship Workshop, Anthropology Department, Columbia University
- April 2017 “Rubble Ecologies,” paper presented as part of the panel on Geographies of Extinction, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
- November 2016 “Ruderal City,” invited lecture, Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
- November 2016 “Use at Your Own Risk: Ethnographic Modes of Precise Inattention,” paper presented as part of the panel on Abduction! Captive Lines of Inquiry, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- November 2016 “Ruderal Ecologies: Rethinking Urban Infra-Structure in a World of Rubble,” invited paper presented at the STS Circle, Program on Science, Technology and Society, Harvard University
- October 2016 “Unruly Landscapes and Lives at Berlin’s Peripheries,” paper presented at the Ecologies of Socialism panel, Annual Meetings of the German Studies Association, San Diego, California
- April 2016 “Thinking with Berlin’s Ruderal Ecologies,” paper presented at the workshop on Feral Technologies: Making and Unmaking Multispecies Dumps, at the Anthropocene Campus – The Technosphere Issue, sponsored by Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW) and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany

- March 2016 “Notes on the Uncanny in Contemporary Asylum Worlds: A Report from Germany’s Forests,” paper presented at the conference Vampire Vibes: The Dark Side of Modernity, German Studies Program, Harvard University
- November 2015 “Re-Wilding Europe: Feral Landscapes and Lives at Berlin’s Peripheries,” paper presented at the panel Barbarians at the Gate: Feral Landscapes of the Anthropocene, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Denver, Colorado
- November 2015 “The Value of Infrastructure,” discussant commentary presented at the panel B/Ordering Infrastructures: Mediated Mobilities at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Denver, Colorado
- November 2015 “Reflections on Die Architekten,” talk presented in conjunction with the exhibit Public and Private: East Germany in Photographs, East German Film Night, MIT Museum
- October 2015 “In the Cracks of Matter: Thinking with Berlin’s Ruderal Ecologies,” paper presented on the panel Flows: Material, Energy and Narrative in the Ecological Humanities, Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association, Washington, D.C.
- October 2015 “Life Lines,” invited commentary presented at the workshop on Infrastructure, Environment and Life in the Anthropocene, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- October 2015 “Ruderal City: Ecologies of Migration and Urban Life in Berlin,” keynote lecture presented at the conference Chronopolis: Time and Urban Space, Department for Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- April 2015 “Urban Ecologies in a World of Rubble,” paper presented at the conference After Extinction, Center for 21st Century Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- December 2014 “Infrastructural Worlds of Zoopolis,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- April 2014 “Re-Wilding the East: Transforming Landscapes and Lives in Postsocialist Germany,” Symposium on Specters of the Other Germany: 25 Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Toronto, Canada

- March 2014 "Rubble Ecologies: Rethinking Urban Infrastructures in Berlin," Infrastructural Worlds Workshop, Anthropology Department, Duke University
- January 2014 "Ruderal City: Ecologies of Migration and Urban Life in Berlin," Anthropology Department, University of Chicago
- November 2013 "From Ruins to Gardens: Plant Publics in Berlin," paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago
- April 2013 "Forst: Geographies of Race and Nation in Brandenburg," invited talk, German Studies Symposium on "Race and Visual Culture," Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Toronto
- February 2013 "City of Rubble: Remaking Nature and the Nation in Berlin," invited lecture, Anthropology Department, Princeton University
- November 2012 "Ruderal Writing," paper presented as part of the panel Thinking Through Cross-Sections of Race-Nature-Culture at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, California
- May 2012 "Blasted Ground: The Story of Sticky Goosefoot," paper presented at the Annual Weissbourd Conference Ground Stories, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, University of Chicago
- November 2011 "Barbecue Area: Negotiating Urban Citizenship in Berlin's Parks," paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Montréal, Canada
- October 2011 "The Unhomely," paper presented at the Weissbourd Symposium, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, University of Chicago
- April 2011 "Tracking the Unheimlich at the Forest Edges of Berlin," paper presented at the Race, Space and Nature Symposium at the Center for Race and Gender, University of California, Berkeley
- March 2011 "Rubble Ecologies," paper presented with Sarah Whatmore, at Emerging Worlds Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz
- November 2010 "Remaking the Nation and Urban Nature in Post-WWII Berlin," paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana

- October 2010 “Notes on the Unheimlich at the Forest Edges of Berlin,” paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the German Studies Association, Oakland, California
- April 2010 “Unhomely Ecologies,” paper presented at the Experimental Ecologies Graduate Student Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz
- March 2010 “Botanizing Practices and Emerging Cultures of Urban Wilderness,” paper presented at The Interdisciplinary City Workshop, Anthropology Department, University of California, Santa Cruz
- December 2009 “Tracking the Unheimlich,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- November 2008 “On Refugee Camps and Forests: Berlin seen from the Countryside,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, California
- April 2006 “Of Walls, Ghosts and Sunflower Seeds,” paper presented at “Roads and Walls: Concrete Histories.” First Biannual UC-Santa Cruz Graduate Student Conference, Santa Cruz
- January 2002 “Donna Haraway’s “Feminist Critique of Science,” paper presented at Science and Power conference, BdWI [Association of Democratic Scientists], in cooperation with Heinrich Böll Foundation, Münster, Germany

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Environmental anthropology
 Migration, race, mobility, and border studies
 Urban ethnography
 Social and environmental justice
 Feminist anthropology
 Science studies
 Botany and wildlife ecology
 Germany
 Europe
 North America

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE

American Anthropological Association
 Society for the Anthropology of Europe (section of the AAA)

Society for Cultural Anthropology (section of the AAA)
German Studies Association
European Association for Social Anthropology
l'Observatoire Terre-Monde, Paris
African Futures Action Lab

Peer Reviewer for *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Anthropological Quarterly*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Current Anthropology*, *Environmental Humanities*, *Ethnos*, *InterDisciplines*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Thresholds*, *Urban Studies*

- 2018 Proposal Screening Reviewer, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
- July 2020 Panel Co-Organizer, "Animate Mobilities: Troubling Social, Ecological and Biological Boundaries," with Aníbal Arregui and Sara Asu Schroer, European Association of Social Anthropologists, Lisbon, Portugal. (Remote)
- April 2016 Co-Organizer (with Elaine Gan and Anna L. Tsing) of the three-day workshop, Feral Technologies: Making and Unmaking Multispecies Dumps, at the Anthropocene Campus – The Technosphere Issue. Sponsored by Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW) and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany.
- 2012-2013 Organizer and member, Feminist Critical Studies Writing Forum, University of Chicago
- November 2010 Panel Co-Organizer, "The Nature of the City," with Rose Cohen, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana
- March 2010 Workshop Co-Organizer, The Interdisciplinary City; with Anna Tsing, Rose Cohen, Colin Hoag and Jen Gray; Anthropology Department, University of California, Santa Cruz
- December 2009 Panel Co-Organizer, "Natural Spaces as National Places: The Politics of Belonging in Rural and Urban Greenspaces," with Sandra Koelle, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- November 2008 Panel Co-Organizer, "The Social Lives of Nature Spaces: Landscapes of Inclusion and Exclusion in a New Europe," with Eunice Blavascunas, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, California
- April 2006 Conference Co-Organizer, "Roads and Walls: Concrete Histories," First Biannual UC-Santa Cruz Graduate Student Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz

MIT ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

Departmental and School Activities and Committees

Spring 2025	Anthropology Concentration Advisor
Spring 2025	Lecturer Search Committee, Program in Women's and Gender Studies
Spring 2024	HASTS Graduate Program Seminar Representative, Anthropology
Spring 2024	Lecturer Search Committee, Program in Women's and Gender Studies
2023-2024	Faculty Mentor for SHASS Diversity Predoctoral Fellow
2023-2024	Burchard Faculty Fellow, SHASS
2023	James Howe Paper Prize Committee, Anthropology
2022-	Curriculum Committee, Program in Women's and Gender Studies
2021-2022	Faculty Mentor for ACLS Emerging Voices Postdoctoral Fellow
Spring 2022	Undergraduate Officer, Curriculum Committee, Anthropology
2021-	MIT Energy Council, SHASS Representative
Fall 2020	Undergraduate Officer, Curriculum Committee, Anthropology
Fall 2019	HASTS Graduate Program Seminar Representative, Anthropology
Spring 2019	German Major, Minor and Concentration Advisor, Global Studies and Languages
2018-2019	Diversity Representative, Global Studies and Languages
2018	Co-Chair, German lecturer search, Global Studies and Languages
2016-2017	Steering Committee, Program in Women's and Gender Studies
2016-2017	Burchard Faculty Fellow, SHASS
2015-2017	German Major and Minor Advisor, Global Studies and Languages
2016-2017	English Language Studies Lecturer Review Committee, Global Studies and Languages
2015-2017	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, Global Studies and Languages

Educational Commons

2022	Living Climate Futures Symposium, co-organizer, Anthropology
2017	Panel moderator for "Liveable," <u>Symposium on Being Material</u> , Center for Art, Science and Technology, MIT

PUBLISHED MATERIALS

Books

- 2022 *Ruderal City: Ecologies of Migration, Race, and Urban Nature in Berlin*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press (352 pp.)
- 2004 *InDifferenzen. Feministische Theorie in der antirassistischen Kritik [InDifferences: Feminist Theory in Antiracist Criticism]*. Hamburg: Argument-Verlag (200 pp.)

- 2004 (Co-edited with Jennifer Gonzalez, Anna Tsing, and Bregje van Eekelen). *Shock and Awe: War on Words*. Santa Cruz: New Pacific Press (187 pp.)

Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2018 "Ruderal Ecologies: Rethinking Nature, Migration, and the Urban Landscape in Berlin." *Cultural Anthropology* 33(2): 295-323.
- 2014 "A Path Through the Woods: Remediating Affective Landscapes in Documentary Asylum Worlds." *TRANSIT* 9(2): 1-23.
- 2001 "Dekonstruierte Subjekte: Cyborgs in feministischer Theorie und medialer Wirklichkeit," *Mensch & Medien: Pädagogische Konzepte für eine humane Mediengesellschaft*, GMK-Rundbrief-Forum Kommunikationskultur, pp. 82-100.
- 2000 "Gender: Karriere eines feministischen Konzepts" (with Pia Gries and Ruth Holm). *Forum Wissenschaft*, 18(2): 11-15.
- 1998 "Lieber Cyborg als Göttin: Zur politischen Relevanz des Cyborg Mythos von Donna Haraway," *Wir Frauen* 3/98: 6-9.

Chapters in Books

- 2020 "Pigs, Viruses, and Humans Co-Evolve in a Deadly Dance," in Anna Tsing, Jennifer Deger, Alder Keleman, and Feifei Zhou, eds., *Feral Atlas: The More-than-Human Anthropocene*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. A Stanford Digital Project: <https://feralatlus.supdigital.org/poster/pigs-viruses-and-humans-co-evolve-in-a-deadly-dance>
- 2020 "Ailanthus Altissima, or the Botanical Afterlives of European Power," in Matthew Gandy, ed., *Botanical City.*, Berlin: JOVIS. Pp. 82-90.
- 2019 "Wildes Brandenburg: Engaging Unruly Nature in Berlin's Peripheries," in Scott Moranda and Eli Rubin, eds., *Ecologies of Socialisms: Germany, Nature, and the Left in History, Politics and Culture*. Bern: Peter Lang. Pp. 295- 315.
- 2014 "Wild Barbecuing: Urban Citizenship and the Politics of (Trans-)Nationality in Berlin's Tiergarten," in Jeffrey Diefendorf and Janet Ward, eds., *Transnationalism and the German City*. London: Palgrave Macmillan. Pp. 73-86.
- 2014 "Boar," in Naito et al. eds., *To See Once More the Stars: Living in a Post-Fukushima World*. Santa Cruz, CA: New Pacific Press. Pp. 15-19. Also translated into Japanese.

- 2004 “Anti-Terror Legislation,” pp. 14-16; and “Wired,” pp. 173-174, in *Shock and Awe: War on Words*, co-edited by Jennifer Gonzalez, Bettina Stoetzer, Anna Tsing, and Bregje van Eekelen. Santa Cruz: New Pacific Press.

Other Publications – Refereed

- 2020 “Urban Vulnerabilities,” *Social Anthropology* 28(2): 360-361.

Other Publications – Non-Refereed

- 2021 “Interview with Bettina Stoetzer, Presented at Ruderal Ecologies 2,” The Sanctuary for Independent Media, October 21.
<https://www.mediasanctuary.org/stories/2021/interview-with-bettina-stoetzer-presenter-at-ruderal-ecologies-2/>
- 2019 “Europe’s Other Walls,” *Anthropology News*, November 15.
- 2019 “Rethinking Nature and Migration: An Interview with Bettina Stoetzer,” Supplementals, SCA’s *Fieldsights*, December 18. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/rethinking-nature-an-interview-with-bettina-stoetzer>
- 2016 “Infrastructure: Peripheral Visions and Bodies that Matter: A Commentary,” solicited essay for the special issue The Nature of Infrastructure in “Engagement,” online publication of the Anthropology and Environment Society, American Anthropological Association, August.
<https://aesengagement.wordpress.com/2016/08/23/infrastructure-peripheral-visions-and-bodies-that-matter-a-commentary/>

UNPUBLISHED MATERIALS

Works in Progress

- 2024 *Unsettling Refuge: Disrupted Mobilities in Multispecies Worlds*. Unfinished ms. (159pp.)
- 2024 “Of Boars and Borders: More-than-Human-Mobilities and the Politics of Porcine Rummaging in Europe” (32pp.)