

AARON M. NEIMAN
Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Doctor of Philosophy, June 2023

Department of Anthropology, Culture and Society Track

- Dissertation: “Therapy Without Therapists: An Ethnographic Study of e-Mental Health in Australia”
- Committee: Professors Duana Fullwiley, Angela Garcia, Sharika Thiranagama, and Natasha Schüll

Hampshire College, Amherst, MA
Bachelor of Arts, May 2016

- Cultural/Medical Anthropology; Political Philosophy
- Thesis: “The Politics of Approximation: A Mathematical and Epistemological Critique of the Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Australia, anthropology of science and medicine, psychiatry, mental illness, human-computer interaction, late 20th century history, capital & psychoanalysis, drugs, pop culture & film.

POSITIONS HELD

June 2024–Present– NIMH Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Mental Health Services Research, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis

July 2023-May 2024– Lecturer, Medicine & Society Program, Department of Anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis

PUBLICATIONS

Neiman, Aaron, Natalie Gukasyan, Leopoldo Cabassa. 2025. “A Qualitative Analysis of Treatment Manuals for Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy” *Mental Health Services Research*. (In progress).

Neiman, Aaron. 2025. “Che Vuoi, Mate?": Lacanian Subjectivity in an Australian Public Mental Health Campaign. *Social Text*. (In press June 2025).

Neiman, Aaron. 2025. “‘It’s like... ‘you’re welcome. Love, science’”: On Doing Critical Anthropology When the Enterprise is Under Attack”. *Platypus*. May 1, 2025. <https://blog.castac.org/2025/05/its-like-youre-welcome-love-science-on-doing-critical-anthropology-when-the-enterprise-is-under-attack/>

- Claypool, Emily, **Aaron Neiman**. 2025. "What are we doing here?": Towards an Understanding of Research as Context Using Ethnographic Methods." *Journal of Critical Public Health*. (Submitted June 2025).
- Neiman, Aaron**. 2025. The Ethical Mechanic: e-Mental Health and the Disavowal of the Therapeutic Alliance. *Medicine Anthropology Theory* (prepared for submission Feb 2025).
- Neiman, Aaron**. 2024. "Constant Confession." *Aeon*. October 14, 2024. <https://aeon.co/essays/mental-health-campaigns-are-no-substitute-for-well-funded-care>.
- Neiman, Aaron**. 2023. "Client States: Australia's Offshore Detainees and the Limits of Therapy." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 37 (3): 264–79. <https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12763>.
- Gallagher, Bronagh, **Aaron Neiman**, Marie-Claire Slattery, and Declan M. McLoughlin. 2023. "Online News Media Reporting of Ketamine as a Treatment for Depression from 2000 to 2017." *Irish Journal of Psychological Medicine* 40 (4): 607–15. <https://doi.org/10.1017/ipm.2021.47>.
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- Neiman, Aaron**. 2020. "Have Some Mental Health: The Black Summer Bushfires, COVID-19, and the Governance of Psychic Retreat." *Engagement*. Commentary from Adrian Petryna. May 5, 2020. <https://aesengagement.wordpress.com/2020/05/05/have-some-mental-health-the-black-summer-bushfires-covid-19-and-the-governance-of-psychic-retreat/>.
- Neiman, Aaron**. 2017. "A Pain in the Back." *The New Inquiry*. November 14, 2017. <https://thenewinquiry.com/a-pain-in-the-back/>.

FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

2025-2026

- National Institute of Mental Health T32 Postdoctoral Training Fellowship (#MH19960)

2022-2023

- Andrew Mellon Dissertation Writing Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, September-June
- The Anthropology Award for Outstanding Graduate Research and Publication (\$500), Stanford University, June 2023

2022

- Visiting research fellow at Center for Advanced Internet Studies, July-September, Bochum, Germany

2021-2022

- Race and Technology Fellow, Stanford Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity

2019-2020

- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant #BCS-1917569 (\$9,540)
- Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant #5387093910 (\$19,960)

- Anthropology Department support in recognition of extramural funding success (\$11,448)
- Stanford Community Engagement Grant (\$3,800)
- Stanford History of Science Grant (\$1,000)

2016-2018

- National Human Genome Research Institute predoctoral fellowship (5T32HG008953-08), Center for the Integration of Research on Genetics and Ethics at the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics at the Stanford University School of Medicine

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2025

- New York University Silver School of Social invited PhD seminar lecture, “‘What are we doing here?’ Implementation Science and the Politics of Research” New York, New York (remote).
- Bates College Medical Anthropology invited guest lecture, “Is Anyone Okay? Therapy, Confession, and the Strange Case of Mental Health Culture,” Lewiston, Maine (remote).

2024

- Washington University Psychological & Brain Sciences Clinical Science Seminar, “State Violence and the Limits of Therapy: WhatsApp Crisis Counseling for Refugees in Australia,” St. Louis, Missouri.

2023

- American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting paper presentation, “‘Everybody Has Mental Health?’: Australia’s Offshore Refugees and Psychic Nonbelonging,” Toronto, Canada.

2022

- Center for Advanced Internet Studies fellows colloquium, “Therapy without Therapists in the Internet Age: History, Theory, and Political Economy,” Bochum, Germany.

2021

- Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Conference paper presentation, “The Typing Cure: Interrogating the Therapeutic Alliance in Australia and Online,” presented remotely.

2019

- Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Conference paper presentation, “The Username of the Father: Predictive Sentencing Algorithms, Race, and the Shame of Law,” New Orleans, Louisiana.

2018

- Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Conference paper presentation, “Millenarian Metropolises: Science, Empire, and the Production of Novelty in Contemporary Liberalism,” Sydney, Australia.
- National Human Genome Research Institute Research Training and Career Development Annual Meeting poster presentation, “Providing Care in the After-Math: Clinical Translation of Machine-Learning in Genomic Medicine,” UCLA Medical School, Los Angeles, California.

2017

- National Human Genome Research Institute Research Training and Career Development Annual Meeting featured talk, “The Politics of Approximation: An Epistemological Critique of the Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium,” St. Louis, MO.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Fall 2024/Spring 2025

- Informal graduate and undergraduate advising.

Spring 2024

- Instructor, *Anthropology and Film*, lecture with 35 undergraduates
- Instructor, *Anthropology of Drugs*, lecture with 20 undergraduates
- Instructor, *Tech & Health: Minds, Bodies, Societies*, advanced seminar with 10 undergraduate and 2 graduate students

Fall 2023

- Instructor, *"I am Not a Robot": The Contemporary Politics of Man and Machine*, lecture with 35 undergraduates
- Instructor, *Advanced Seminar in Medicine & Society*, upper-level theory class for Medicine & Society-track premed students
- Instructor, *Anthropology of Mental Health*, upper-level course on the history and ethnography of mental illness.

Spring 2022

- Instructor for original anthropology course, *"I am Not a Robot": The Contemporary Politics of Man and Machine*, small seminar with three advanced undergraduates

Fall 2021

- Teaching assistant with lectureship and syllabus development responsibilities for Professor Duana Fullwiley's lab course, *Technology and Inequality*

Winter 2018

- Teaching assistant for Professor Duana Fullwiley's *Genes and Identity*, instruction included giving lectures and leading discussions for 40 students

Fall 2017

- Teaching assistant for Professor Angela Garcia's *Introduction to Medical Anthropology*, instructed two weekly sections of 21 students

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024

- Mental Health Services T32 Training Seminar, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis

2023

- Early Career Faculty Teaching Seminar, Center for Teaching and Learning, Washington University in St. Louis

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025-2026

- Contributing Editor, CASTAC *Platypus* Blog

2025

- Co-convenor, inaugural group model building seminar, Center for Holistic Interdisciplinary Research in Psychedelics (CHIRP), Washington University School of Medicine
- Peer reviewer, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*

2024

- Peer reviewer, *Medical Anthropology*

2023

- Peer reviewer, *American Anthropologist*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

September 2019-November 2020

Dissertation field researcher
Sydney, Australia.

Summer 2018

Guest Researcher
University of New South Wales

Summer 2017

Honorary Researcher
Trinity College Dublin Department of Psychiatry
St. Patrick's University Hospital

Fall 2013-Spring 2016

Research Assistant
Hampshire College
School of Critical Social Inquiry

FREELANCE WORK

2022-Present

Freelance editor, Four Eyes Editing— editor for academic colleagues working on book monographs, journal articles, dissertation drafts, tenure letters, etc.