Adrian Van Allen

curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

2016	University of California at Berkeley Ph.D. in Sociocultural Anthropology Dissertation: Crafting Nature: An Ethnography of Natural History Collecting in an Age of Genomics
2000	California College of Art M.F.A., Video and Interactive Media
1999	California College of Art M.F.A., Photography
1997	Sarah Lawrence College B.A., Photography, minor in Cognitive Science

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

Museums • Collections and Collecting • Material Culture and the Biographies of Objects • Replicas, Copies and Digital Cultures of Reproduction • Anthropology of Craft and Design • History of Science • Emerging Science and Technology (genomics, synthetic biology, nanotechnology, biomimicry) • Genomics, Biodiversity and DeExtinctioning • Interactivity and Exhibit Design

EMPLOYMENT and RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2017–	California Academy of Sciences Associate Researcher, Department of Anthropology
2017–	Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Associate Researcher, Department of Anthropology
2016–	California Academy of Sciences Senior Content Developer, Exhibits Department
2014–2016	Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Peter Buck Fellow, Department of Anthropology
2013-2015	Cleveland Museum of Art Contractor, Rembrandt Conservation and Surrealist Photography exhibits
2010-2011	American Academy in Rome Rome Prize in Design
2009-2012	Synthetic Biology Research Center (SynBERC), U.C. Berkeley Creative Director, Rabinow Lab, Ars Synthetica, Bios Technika and Diogenes Lab projects

2007-2012 University of California at Berkeley

Contractor, Digital Nineveh Archives, Remixing Catalhoyuk, and ARC projects

2000-2009 Exploratorium

Multimedia Specialist

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Multimedia Exhibit Developer

2000-2008 ReadyMade Magazine

Founding Creative Director

2005 Smithsonian, National Museum of American History

Contractor, Legendary Coins: Stories on Money

Spring 2004 Mills College

Professor, School of Fine Arts

FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

Nov 2015	Council for Museum Anthropology, Travel Award
June 2014–June 2016	Wenner Gren Foundation, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
Aug 2014–Aug 2015	Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Predoctoral Fellowship
June–July 2013	Smithsonian Summer Institute in Museum Anthropology, Research Grant
Aug 2010–Aug 2013	National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship
Jan–July 2011	American Academy in Rome, Rome Prize Fellow in Design
May 1998	California College of the Arts, Murphy-Cadogan Grant

PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

Fall 2017	"Crafting Natural Orders: Biobanking and the Shifting Ontologies of Museum
	Companies? Now Consting and Society (fourth gaming) 2017

Genomics," New Genetics and Society (forthcoming) 2017.

Nov 2016 "Museums Are in The Forever Business:' Biobanking Tissues, Crafting Specimens and

Imagining Futures at the Smithsonian" Futures in the Making panel, American

Anthropological Association meeting, Minneapolis MI, Nov 18, 2016.

Aug 2016 "Cargo: 3D Scanning, Printing and Casting a Porcelain Natural History Collection" John

Michael Kohler Arts Center, Kohler WI. Part of the Arts/Industry Residency Program

series, August 12, 2016.

May 2016 "Crafting Nature: Biodiversity Biobanking at the Smithsonian" Biobanques: Quelles

reconfigurations pour le vivant? Approches interdisciplinaires et comparatives conference, École des

Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, May 12-12 2016.

Aug 2015 "An Ethnography of Natural History Collecting in an Age of Genomics" Peter Buck

Fellow Lecture, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C.

August 11, 2015.

- July 2015 Discussant at SIMA Colloquium 2015, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. July 17, 2015.
- July 2015 "Flight Paths through the Museum: The Circulation of Bird Specimens" *Cargo: Birds as Material Culture* symposium at Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC, July 6, 2015. Symposium co-organized by myself and Joshua A. Bell, Curator of Globalization NMNH.
- May 2015 "Platform for Experimental, Collaborative Ethnography (PECE)-Design Logics Workshop" at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute organized by Mike and Kim Fortun, Troy, NY. May 8-9, 2015. Invited participant.
- March 2015 "Reassembling the Wild: Mining the Museum for an Authentic Bison Genome" Disclosures: Meaning and Materiality Across Spaces symposium at George Washington University, Washington D.C. March 20, 2015.
- Nov 2014 "Object Lessons: Dioramas, Genomes, and Shifting Concepts of Authenticity at the Smithsonian" *Afterlives: Interventions in Museum Collections and Ethnographic Contexts*, panel at the American Anthropological Association meeting, Denver CO, November 18-22, 2015.
- Oct 2014 "From Display to Dialogue: Case Studies of Collaborative Methods in Interactive Media for Museums" Mathers Museum of World Cultures, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana. Oct 19-21.
- Aug 2014 Book Review "Museums: A Visual Anthropology (Mary Bouquet)" in Museum Anthropology Review Vol 8(1) 2014: 86-88. doi.org/10.14434/mar.v8i1.12940
- March 2014 "Objectivity: Perspectives on Replicating a Galilean Telescope," Foundations of Mind Conference, March 6-7, 2014. UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.
- July 2013 "Replicas, Authenticity, and the Reproduction of Knowledge in the Smithsonian's 1967 Bushman Diorama" *SIMA Colloquium 2014*, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC.
- Aug 2011 "Galileo, Kircher, Fermi: Mapping Science in Rome" Presentation to accompany exhibition *Zoologia*. Compound Gallery, Oakland, CA.
- May 2011 "Galileo, Kircher, Fermi: Mapping Science in Rome" Lecture at American Academy in Rome, Rome, Italy.
- Jan 2009 "Ars Synthetica: Negotiating Between the Biological and Social Sciences" Presentation given in collaboration with Dr. Paul Rabinow and Dr. Gaymon Bennett. Leonardo Art Science Evening Rendezvouz (LASERs)
- Aug 2008 "Ars Synthetica: Negotiating Between the Biological and Social Sciences" Presentation given in collaboration with Dr. Paul Rabinow. Joint Biological Engineering Institute (JBEI), Emeryville, CA.

SELECTED FIELDWORK and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016-2017	Hearst Museum of Anthropology, UC Berkeley. Berkeley, CA
April 2015	Molecular Research Laboratory, Natural History Museum London, London, UK
April 2015	Pitt-Rivers Museum, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
2014-2015	Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
Nov 2014	Ambrose Monell Cryo-Collection, American Museum of Natural History, New York
Jan 2014	Division of Birds, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC
Jan 2013	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington DC
June 2013	Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC
June 2013	Smithsonian Museum Resource Center, Suitland, MD
June 2012	Museo di Anatomia Comparata, Università di Roma 'La Sapienza,' Rome, Italy
June 2012	Sala della Crociera, Collegio di Romano, Rome, Italy
May 2012	La Specola, Florence, Italy
May 2012	Museo di Ulisse Aldrovandi, Bologna, Italy
Feb 2011	Museo di Ulisse Aldrovandi, Bologna, Italy
March 2011	Museo Etnografico 'I Pigrini,' Rome (EUR), Italy
May 2011	Museo di Fisica, Università di Roma 'La Sapienza,' Rome, Italy
May 2011	Museo di Enrico Fermi, Via Panisperna, Rome, Italy
May 2011	Museo di Zoologia, Università di Roma 'La Sapienza,' Rome, Italy
April 2011	Accademia di Lincei. Rome, Italy
April 2011	Museo Galileo, Florence, Italy
June 2011	Museo Geologia, Università di Roma 'La Sapienza,' Rome, Italy.
June 2011	Museo dell'Erbario di Roma. Università di Roma 'La Sapienza,' Rome, Italy
June 2011	Museo di Storia di Medicina, Università di Roma 'La Sapienza,' Rome, Italy
Aug-Dec 2010	Joint Biological Engineering Institute, Emeryville, CA
July 2009	NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA
June 2008	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY
Jan 2007	Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany
Aug 2001	California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA

SERVICE

Advisory Board, Hearst Museum of Anthropology, University of California at Berkeley (2015–)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association Society for the Social Study of Science Society of Fellows, American Academy in Rome