

**Jenny R. Vermilya**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

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Associate Teaching Professor  
University of Colorado Denver  
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***Academic Appointments***

- 2023-present      *Associate Professor, Clinical Teaching Track (now titled Associate Teaching Professor), Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Denver*
- 2020-2023        *Assistant Professor, Clinical Teaching Track, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Denver*
- 2019-2020        *Senior Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Denver*
- 2015-2019        *Assistant Professor, Tenure Track, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia*

***Education***

- 2015                Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2006                B.S., Department of Psychology, Cum Laude, University of Georgia, Athens
- 2006                B.A., Department of Sociology, Cum Laude, University of Georgia, Athens

***Professional Interests***

Sex and Gender, Gender and Professions, Animals and Society, Social Psychology, Symbolic Interactionism, Qualitative Methodology

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## ***Publications and Other Writing***

### *Scholarly Books*

**Vermilya, Jenny R.** 2022. "Identity, Gender, and Tracking: The Reality of Boundaries for Veterinary Students." *New Directions in the Human-Animal Bond* book series: Purdue University Press.

### *Chapters in Scholarly Books*

**Vermilya, Jenny R.** Forthcoming. "Anthropomorphism: The Challenge of Representing Animals." *Research Handbook on Animals and Society*, edited by Angela G. Mertig. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

Irvine, Leslie, and **Jenny R. Vermilya.** 2019. "Gender and Professions." *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Thacker Thomas, Devon, and **Jenny R. Vermilya.** 2019. "Framing 'Friend': Media Framing of 'Man's Best Friend' and the Pattern of Police Shootings of Dogs." *Social Sciences* 8(4), 107:1-24.

This article also appeared in a Special Issue Reprint Book "We Are Best Friends: Animals in Society" in September 2019. Edited by Leslie Irvine, published by MDPI Books.

**Vermilya, Jenny R.** 2012. "Contesting Horses: Borders and Shifting Social Meanings in Veterinary Medical Education." *Society & Animals* 20(2):123-137.

Irvine, Leslie, and **Jenny R. Vermilya.** 2010. "Gender Work in a Feminized Profession: The Case of Veterinary Medicine." *Gender & Society* 24(1):56-82.

### *Online Publications*

**Vermilya, Jenny R.** 2012. "Animals on the Borderline: The Horse Slaughterhouse Controversy." Guest Blogger for *Animals and Us: The Psychology of Human-Animal Interactions* by Hal Herzog, Ph.D. <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/animals-and-us>.

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### *New Research Projects*

**Vermilya, Jenny R.**, and Melissa Jacobi. In Progress. “Can there be ‘Responsible Anthropomorphism’ in Children’s Picture Books? A Review of Animals in Illustrations for Children and Possible New Directions.” (in early phases of data collection; have presented preliminary findings to academic audiences)

This project is a collaboration with an artist and illustrator.

### *Teaching Experience*

2021 Online Skills Mastery Certification, Office of Digital Education, University of Colorado at Denver

2016 Facilitating Learning Online Certification, Distance Education and Technology Integration, University of North Georgia

2013 Certificate in College Teaching, Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado at Boulder

2023-present *Associate Professor, Clinical Teaching Track (now titled Associate Teaching Professor)*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Denver

In-person courses taught: Introduction to Sociology (now Understanding the Social World), Sex and Gender, Animals and Society, Professional Seminar (graduate-level course)

Online courses taught: Introduction to Sociology (now Understanding the Social World), Sex and Gender, Senior Capstone

2020-2023 *Assistant Professor, Clinical Teaching Track*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Denver

In-person courses taught: Introduction to Sociology (now Understanding the Social World), Introduction to Social Psychology, Sex and Gender, Senior Capstone

Online courses taught: Introduction to Sociology (now Understanding the Social World), Introduction to Social Psychology, Sex and Gender, Sociological Theory, Senior Capstone

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- 2019-2020     *Senior Instructor*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Denver
- In-person courses taught: Introduction to Sociology (now Understanding the Social World), Introduction to Social Psychology, Sex and Gender, Animals and Society
- Online courses taught: Introduction to Sociology (now Understanding the Social World), Sociological Theory, Sex and Gender
- 2015-2019     *Assistant Professor, Tenure Track*, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia
- In-person courses taught: Introduction to Sociology; Introduction to Social Problems; Sociology of Gender; Animals and Society; The Social Construction of Sexuality; Constructions of Self
- Online courses taught: Introduction to Marriage and Family
- Hybrid courses taught: Introduction to Sociology
- Internships supervised: Internship in Sociology
- Honors courses taught: Constructions of Self - Honors
- 2014-2015     *Online Graduate Part-Time Instructor*, Online and Independent Learning, Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder
- Online courses taught: Animals and Society; Sex, Gender, and Society II
- 2011-2014     *Graduate Part-Time Instructor*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Boulder
- Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology; The Social Construction of Sexuality; Sex, Gender, and Society
- 2007-2011     *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Boulder
- Courses taught: Gender, Genocide, and Mass Trauma; The Social Construction of Sexuality; Introduction to Sociology; Sex, Gender, and Society; Animals and Society; Deviance in U.S. Society
- 2007-2008     *Teaching Mentor*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Boulder  
I supervised two undergraduate Assistant Teaching Assistants per semester for two semesters as a TA for Deviance in U.S. Society.

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### ***Research Positions***

- 2022-2023 *Masters Committee Chair*, Sociology Masters Program, University of Colorado, Denver
- 2022 *Research Mentor*, EURECA! Summer Fellowship, University of Colorado, Denver  
I was the faculty advisor for a student through the beginning of a qualitative content analysis summer fellowship project, which culminated with a poster presentation on preliminary findings at the end of the summer.
- 2020-present *Masters Theses Committees Member*, Sociology Masters Program, University of Colorado, Denver
- 2018-2019 *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Honors Program, University of North Georgia
- 2016 *Research Co-Mentor* for an undergraduate research project, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia  
I helped mentor a student through writing the final draft of a research paper that she submitted for publication.
- 2008-2009 *Research Assistant* to Leslie Irvine, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Boulder  
I analyzed data and co-authored an article on the feminization of veterinary medicine.

### ***Other Academic Positions***

- 2016-2019 *Sociology Academic Advisor*, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia
- 2011-2012 *Lead Graduate Teacher for Department of Sociology*, Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2008-2011 *Sociology Tutor*, Department of Athletics, University of Colorado at Boulder

### ***Professional Affiliations***

- 2016-2019 *Member*, Georgia Sociological Association
- 2015-2019 *Member*, Southern Sociological Society
- 2014-2019 *Member*, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction
- 2013-present *Member*, American Sociological Association, Sex and Gender Section

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2013-present *Member*, American Sociological Association, Social Psychology Section

2009-present *Member*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section

### ***Funding***

2022 *Creator of 2 8-Week Online Courses*, ONE Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Denver, \$8,000

2020 *Student Recruitment and Retention Plan*, CLAS ACT Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Denver, \$4,000

2014 *Invited Speaker*, Ignite Program, North American Veterinary Community Conference, \$460

2011 *Transcription Software*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Boulder, \$200

2010 *Fellow*, Human-Animal Studies Fellowship, Animals and Society Institute, \$2,000

### ***Presentations***

#### *Presentations at Professional Meetings*

2021 *Co-Presenter*, “‘Responsible’ Anthropomorphism in Children’s Picture Books?: From Classic Examples to New Proposals,” NEPCA’s Animals and Culture Paper Session, The Northeast Popular & American Culture Association’s Annual Conference, virtual conference

2021 *Presenter*, “Treatment Discourses and the Privileging of Knowledge: The Reality of Boundaries for Veterinary Students,” ASA’s Section on Animals and Society Paper Session, American Sociological Association’s Annual Conference, virtual conference

2020 *Presenter*, “Tracking ‘Large’ or ‘Small’: The Reality of Boundaries for Veterinary Students,” Doing Animal Health in more-than-human Worlds: First (digital) Conference for the Network of Veterinary Humanities, Vienna, Austria

2019 *Presenter*, “Framing ‘Friend’: Media Framing of ‘Man’s Best Friend’ and the Pattern of Police Shootings of Dogs,” SSS’s Perspectives on Police Use of Force Paper Session, Southern Sociological Society’s Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA

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- 2018 *Presenter*, “‘Biscuits or Bullets?’: Friendship Narratives of Police Shootings of Dogs Portrayed by the Press,” GSA’s Crime and Violence Paper Session, Georgia Sociological Association’s Annual Conference, Columbus, GA
- 2017 *Co-Presenter*, “‘Biscuits or Bullets?’: News Media Narratives of Police Shootings of Dogs,” SSSI’s Symbolic Interaction and the Nonhuman Animal Paper Session, The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction’s Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2016 *Presenter*, “Traditional vs. Online Teaching: The Oppositional Framing of Complementary Methods,” GSA’s Hans Mauksch Teaching Workshop “Teaching Sociology Online: Challenges and Best Practices for Online and Hybrid Courses,” Georgia Sociological Association’s Annual Conference, Savannah, GA
- 2016 *Presenter*, “Gendered Boundary Work in a Feminized Field: The Case of Veterinary Medical Education,” SSS’s Negotiating Meaning through Interaction Paper Session, The Southern Sociological Society’s Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 *Presenter*, “Learning to Care: Collective Identity Work in Veterinary Medical Education’s Tracking System,” SSSI’s Human/Nonhuman Interaction Paper Session, The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction’s Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
- 2013 *Presenter*, “‘Large’ or ‘Small’ Knowledge: Boundaries and their Consequences for Veterinary Students within the Tracking System,” ASA’s Section on Animals and Society Paper Session, American Sociological Association’s Annual Conference, New York City, NY
- 2012 *Presenter*, “The Non-Feminized Specialty of a Feminized Field: A Gendered Network Analysis of Large Animal Medicine,” ASA’s Section on Animals and Society Paper Session, American Sociological Association’s Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- 2012 *Panelist*, “Teaching Sociology for Graduate Student Instructors,” ASA’s Student Forum Workshop, American Sociological Association’s Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- 2010 *Presenter*, “Tracking ‘Large’ or ‘Small’: The Human-Animal Relationship for Veterinary Students within the Tracking System,” Animals and Society Institute’s Human-Animal Studies Fellowship Program Conference, Clark University, Worcester, MA

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*Invited Presentations*

- 2024 *Virtual Presenter*, “What Can We Learn From Veterinary Education?” Animals & Society Section of the American Sociological Association, “Intersectional Solidarities: Building Communities of Hope, Justice and Joy Across Species,” pre-conference at ASA annual meeting.
- 2022 *Presenter*, “Identity, Gender, and Tracking: The Reality of Boundaries for Veterinary Students,” The British Academy, “Constructing and Contesting Veterinary Expertise: Professionals, Publics, and Prospects,” virtual conference  
The British Academy is the UK’s national academy for the humanities and social sciences.
- 2022 *Guest Speaker*, “Qualitative Methods” in Methods class, Seattle University, virtual presentation
- 2022 *Co-Presenter*, “‘Responsible’ Anthropomorphism in Children’s Picture Books?: From Classic Examples to New Proposals,” The American Sociological Association and The Animals & Society Institute’s Animals & Society Colloquium Series, virtual presentation
- 2022 *Co-Guest Speaker*, “‘Responsible’ Anthropomorphism in Children’s Picture Books?: From Classic Examples to New Proposals” in Animals and Health class, University of Central Florida, virtual presentation
- 2021 *Scholarly Podcast Guest*, “Episode 181: Boundaries and Veterinary Medicine with Jenny Vermilya,” Knowing Animals Podcast, Animal Publics at Sydney University Press and the Australasian Animal Studies Association
- 2021 *Presenter*, “Identity, Gender, and Tracking: The Reality of Boundaries for Veterinary Students,” Department Brown Bag, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2016 *Presenter*, “The Caring Killing Paradox: ‘Segmented’ Collective Identity Work in the Tracking System of Veterinary Medical Education,” Animals and Society Institute and Wesleyan Animal Studies, 10th Anniversary Fellowship Conference “Fellow Travelers: An Animal Studies Conference,” Middletown, CT
- 2016 *Presenter*, “Animals and Society,” Brown Bag Lectures, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia
- 2014 *Panelist*, “Workshopping the Teaching Portfolio,” Sociology Department Proseminar, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2014 *Presenter*, “There’s Work to be done in the Veterinary Profession – Gender Work!” Ignite Program, North American Veterinary Community Conference, Orlando, FL



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- 2013 *Guest Speaker*, “Gender Work in a Feminized Profession: The Case of Veterinary Medicine” in Sex, Gender, and Society class, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2013 *Presenter*, “Qualitative Research,” President's Teaching and Learning Collaborative, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2012 *Poster Presenter*, Lead Graduate Teacher Capstone Poster Event, Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2011 *Presenter*, “Teaching Sociology: A Different Kind of Science,” Sociology Discipline-Specific Workshop for the Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2011,  
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2013 *Guest Speaker* on dissertation research in Leslie Irvine’s Animals and Society class, University of Colorado at Boulder

### *Awards and Fellowships*

- 2024 *Recipient of The Distinguished Book Award*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section
- 2017 *Recipient of The Clifton Bryant Animals & Society Course Award*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section
- 2011 *Recipient of The Best Should Teach Silver Award*, Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2010 *Fellow*, Animals and Society Institute, Human-Animal Studies Fellowship, Clark University, Worcester, MA

### *Service*

#### *Professional*

- 2024 *Awards Committee Chair*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section  
I reviewed submissions and selected recipients for the Animals and Society Distinguished Article Award, Student Paper Award, Course Award, and Service Award.

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- 2023        *Awards Committee Member*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section  
I reviewed submissions and selected a recipient for the Animals and Society Distinguished Article Award.
- 2022        *Membership Committee Member*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section  
I led a membership drive to recruit and sponsor new members.
- 2022        *Awards Committee Member*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section  
I reviewed submissions and selected a recipient for the Animals and Society Distinguished Book Award.
- 2022        *Reviewer*, American Sociological Review
- 2021        *Reviewer*, New Book Proposal “Learning Animals: Curriculum, Pedagogy and Becoming a Veterinarian”, CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group
- 2021-2024    *Section Council Member*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section
- 2019        *Reviewer*, Sociological Spectrum
- 2018        *Session Moderator*, GSA’s Crime and Violence Paper Session, Georgia Sociological Association’s Annual Conference, Columbus, GA
- 2018        *Reviewer*, BioSocieties
- 2018        *Awards Committee Member*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section  
I reviewed submissions and selected recipients for the Animals and Society Award for Distinguished Scholarship, the Jane Goodall Award for Graduate Student Scholarship, and the Clifton Bryant Animals & Society Course Award.
- 2017        *Reviewer*, Gender, Work & Organization
- 2017        *Reviewer*, Qualitative Sociology
- 2012        *Reviewer*, Gender & Society
- 2010-2013    *Student Representative*, American Sociological Association, Animals and Society Section

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*University*

- 2022-present *Faculty Founder and Advisor*, Sociology Club, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2022-2024 *CLAS Representative to the Campus Academic Integrity Committee*, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2018-2019 *Faculty Expert*, University of North Georgia  
Available to speak on topics I had expertise in with the media.
- 2017-2019 *Faculty Founder and Advisor*, Sociology Club, University of North Georgia
- 2017-2019 *Well-being Committee Member*, Human Resources, University of North Georgia
- 2017 *Council Member*, Gender Studies Council, University of North Georgia
- 2016 *Faculty Advisor*, Love Your Melon Student Organization, University of North Georgia
- 2015 *Sociology Advisor*, American Medical Student Association, University of North Georgia

*College*

- 2020-2022 *College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Academic Standards Committee Member*, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2015 *College of Arts & Letters Diversity Committee and Task Force Member*, University of North Georgia

*Department*

- 2022-2024 *Undergraduate Assessment Committee Chair*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2022-2023 *Undergraduate Committee Member*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2022 *Breakout Zoom Room Discussion Facilitator*, The Men's Story Project: Men's Personal Stories for Healthy Masculinities & Gender Justice, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2020-2022 *Undergraduate Assessment Committee Member*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Denver

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- 2020-present *Alpha Kappa Delta, International Honor Society of Sociology, Faculty Advisor, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Denver*
- 2019-2020 *Executive Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Denver*
- 2018-2019 *Election Committee Chair, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia*
- 2017 *Department Core Curriculum Committee Member, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia*
- 2017 *Sociology & Human Services Representative, Dahlonega Campus Summer Orientation Advising, University of North Georgia*
- 2016-2017 *Tenure-Track HSDA Search Committee Member, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia*
- 2016-2017 *Assessment Committee Member, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia*
- 2016-2017 *Sociology Curriculum Committee Member, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia*
- 2016-2019 *Public Relations Committee Member, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia*
- 2015 *Department Travel Committee Member, Department of Sociology & Human Services, University of North Georgia*
- 2015 & 2017 *Sociology & Human Services Representative, Dahlonega Campus Open House, University of North Georgia*
- 2013-2014 *Friday Kudos Newsletter Organizer and Distributor, Sociology Department, University of Colorado at Boulder*
- 2012-2013 *Faculty Mentor Award Sub-Committee Member, Sociology Department, University of Colorado at Boulder*
- 2011-2012 *Videotaping Teaching Consultant for Sociology Graduate Teachers, Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado at Boulder*
- 2011 *Orientation Organizer and Presenter, Sociology Department, University of Colorado at Boulder*

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2008-2014 *Graduate Student Mentor*, Sociology Department, University of Colorado at Boulder

2008-2011 *Orientation Panelist*, Sociology Department, University of Colorado at Boulder

2008-2009 *Graduate Co-Chair*, Social Committee, Sociology Department, University of Colorado at Boulder