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EDUCATION

- 2021–Present **Yale University**
Ph.D. in Anthropology
- 2020 **The University of Cambridge**
M.Phil. in Social Anthropology with Distinction
- 2017 **The University of Chicago**
B.A. in International Studies with Honors
B.A. in Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kaplan, Spencer. In Preparation. “Facing Blockchain’s Double Bind: Trustless Technologies and ‘IRL Friends’ in Berlin’s NFT Community”

Kaplan, Spencer. 2022. “‘Bringing Your Full Self to Work’: Fashioning LGBTQ Bankers on Wall Street.” *Anthropology of Work Review* 43(1). [[Webpage](#)]

Public Scholarship

Kaplan, Spencer. 2023. “Tokens, Voids, and Archives: Locating Berlin’s NFT Projects.” *Platypus*. [[Webpage](#)]

Kaplan, Spencer. 2021. “Gender Transition on Wall Street.” *Anthropology News*. [[Webpage](#)]

Kaplan, Spencer. 2018. “Making Meaning in a Global Art Market: Presentations of European Artworks by Chinese and Arab ‘Supercollectors.’” *EuropeNow*. [[Webpage](#)]

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2023 Mixed Realities: Ethnographic Approaches to the Virtual, Yale University, February 23-24 (50 Participants)

PRESENTED PAPERS

- 2023 “Technologies of dis/trust: Berlin’s NFT Community”. Mixed Realities: Ethnographic Approaches to the Virtual, Yale University, February
- 2022 “Resisting Technologies of Distrust: Berlin’s NFT Community”. GRiSTS: Graduate Research in STS, Harvard University, October
- 2022 “The View from Berlin: Why Physical Place Matters in the Study of Virtual Technologies, Goods, and Markets” Web3 Workshop, Online, July

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 In-person fieldwork among AI researchers in SF Bay Area (3 months)
- 2022 In-person and remote fieldwork among NFT enthusiasts—developers, artists, and collectors—in Berlin (6 months)
- 2020 In-person and remote fieldwork among LGBTQ-identified bankers on Wall Street (3 months)
- 2016 Remote fieldwork on Chinese and Arab art collectors (3 months)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022–Present Student Fellow, Yale Law School Information Society Project
- 2023 Thesis Funding Award, American Ethnological Society
- 2023 Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies, Yale University LGBT Studies
- 2022 Max Kade Foundation Summer Study & Travel Award
- 2022 Alan H. Smith Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2022 Yale Macmillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Grant
- 2021 Yale University Fellowship
- 2021 Cambridge International Scholarship (Declined)
- 2020 Homerton College Dissertation Research Grant
- 2013 University of Chicago President’s Scholarship

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023 Honorable Mention, David Hakken Graduate Student Paper Prize, CASTAC
- 2022 Featured Article: AnthroDay Journal Club, American Anthropological Association
- 2021 Sterling Prize, Yale University
- 2021 College Master’s Prize, Homerton College Cambridge
- 2020 Eric Wolf Paper Prize, Society for the Anthropology of Work
- 2018 Undergraduate Project Prize, Council for European Studies
- 2017 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, The University of Chicago

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2023 Contributing Editor, *Platypus* - Blog for the AAA Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing (CASTAC)
- 2022–2023 Peer Reviewer, *Anthropology of Work Review* and *HAU*
- 2022 SAW Early Career Publishing Workshop, Speaker
Society for the Anthropology of Work
- 2021 Eric Wolf Paper Prize Selection Committee, Committee Member
Society for the Anthropology of Work
- 2019–2020 Postgraduate Program Committee, MPhil Representative
Cambridge Department of Social Anthropology

YALE UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2023 Guest Lecturer, “Writing Essays with AI” course, Yale English Department
- 2023 Panelist, “Publishing Ethnographic Articles” workshop, Yale Qualitative Social Science Initiative
- 2022–2023 Website editor, Yale Department of Anthropology
- 2021–2023 Coordinator, Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium

TEACHING

- 2023 Technology and Culture (Teaching Assistant with Professor Lisa Messeri)
Anthropology of Outer Space (Teaching Assistant with Professor Lisa Messeri)
- 2022 Language and Culture (Teaching Assistant with Professor Paul Kockelman)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Strategist, ContractPod AI, New York
- 2019 Brand Strategy Consultant, Lippincott, New York
- 2017-2019 Management Consultant, Oliver Wyman, New York

FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

Intermediate Speaking and Reading in French and German

References Available upon Request