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Professional Bio:

I work full time in the University Budget Office while pursuing a PhD in Cultural Anthropology at American University. I am currently in the dissertation writing phase. My research focus is disaster preparedness and response, primarily natural disasters, but I am also interested in risk management and the transportation sector. In 2012, I received an honorable mention from the National Science Foundation for my graduate research on disasters and trauma. My long term career goal is to teach at the college level. I am also interested in a career in the public sector that allows me to advocate for human rights in the event of a disaster. I would like to design and implement adequate disaster management plans. The language and cultural themes that emerge from disaster discourse, illustrate the diversity of individuals advocating for their own rights. I am compelled as an anthropologist, to find a common thread that will allow for interdisciplinary collaboration. I recently married my loving partner of nine years. He and I adopted and raised a puggle, who is now 10 years old. I am an avid reader who also loves to knit, travel, and practice yoga.