

**Danger and Dirt: Understanding gendered performance of risk in Montana**

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The thrill of participating in extreme sports has led to people from diverse backgrounds joining niche communities of skiom-div1c

than-human stewardship. By investigating the performance of risk taking among skateboarders, skiers, and kayakers in Montana<sup>2</sup> a landscape marked by colonial dispossession and narratives of frontier masculinity sought to understand how gender performativity is informed by ecologically imbedded practices and histories. Furthermore, my research contextualized the gendering of risk within the everyday life of able-bodied people. VLPXOWDQHRXVO\ QDYLDWH 0RQWDQD ¶ Economic Disparities Within UDLQ DV extreme sports communities.

During the my research in the summer of 2021, I explored the gendered performance of risk among skateboarders, NHLUV DQG ZKLWHZDW HLNKXPDNHU VHLQWLQU MH D RRU constructed out of concrete steel and wood, a snow capped mountain transformed into a ski and whitewater river stretches containing water released from a local dam. I interviewed cismen, ciswomen and a transman at the Bozeman, Livingston and Missoula skate parks focusing on how they began to