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EDUCATION		
PhD, Life Sciences (Behavioral Ecology), Anglia Ruskin University, UK		2016-19
MSc with Distinction, Biodiversity Ecology & Evolution, University of Montpellier, France		2008-10
BSc with Distinction, Cell Biology & Physiology, University of Bordeaux, France		2005-08
PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS		
Postdoctoral Associate, University of Calgary, Canada. Pls: Dr Kathy Jack (Tulane University), Dr Amanda Melin (Uni. of Calgary) & Dr Anja Widdig (Uni. of Leipzig)		2023-pres.
Postdoctoral Associate, University of Calgary, Canada. Pl: Dr Amanda Melin (Melin Lab)		2020-23
Field Research Coordinator, Field Projects International & Fauna Forever, Peru		2011-15
TEACHING APPOINTMENTS		
Sessional Instructor: Vertebrate Chemical Ecology (Uni. Veracruzana, Mexico)		2023
Sessional Instructor: Introduction to Bioanthropology (Uni. of Calgary)		2023
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to biology, Animal behavior, Molecular biology, Biostatistics, Research methods (Anglia Ruskin Uni., UK)		2016-18
Field Course Instructor: Tropical Ecology & Conservation: Uganda (Anglia Ruskin Uni.) & Peru (Field Projects International, Wasaí Lodge & Expeditions)		2015-19
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS		
Leakey Foundation Postdoctoral Research Grant with co-PI Melin (International)	\$25,000 (CAD)	2021
Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour Travel Grant (National UK)	£400 (GBP)	2018
Cambridge Philosophical Society Travel Grant (National UK)	£400 (GBP)	2017
Primate Society of Great Britain Research Grant (National UK)	£1,000 (GBP)	2017
UK Reference Excellence Framework PhD Scholarship (National UK)	£56,300 (GBP)	2016
Poitou-Charentes Young Professionals Award (National France)	€3,000 (EUR)	2011
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (* co-first authorship)		
Poirier AC , Kulick NK, Romero Morales S, Kücklich M, Weiß BM, Birkemeyer C, Widdig A, Melin AD & Jack KM. Dominance effects on urine washing and urinary odor profiles in wild male capuchin monkeys (<i>Cebus imitator</i>). <i>Behavioral Ecology & Sociobiology</i>		Submitted
Fernandes, AG, Poirier AC , Veilleux CC & Melin AD. Animal models for translational and preclinical geroscience research on sensory systems. <i>GeroScience</i> , in press.		2024
Poirier AC & Melin AD. Smell throughout the life course. <i>Evolutionary Anthropology: Issues, News, and Reviews</i> . https://doi.org/10.1002/evan.22030		2024
DePasquale AN, Poirier AC , Mah MA, Villalobos-Suarez C, Guadamuz A, Chevez Hernandez S, Navarro Lopez R, Hogan JD, Rothman JM, Nevo O & Melin AD. Picking pithy plants: pith selectivity by wild white-faced capuchin monkeys, <i>Cebus imitator. American Journal of Primatology</i> . https://doi.org/10.1002/ajp.23549.		2023
Poirier AC , Waterhouse JS, Watsa M, Erkenswick GA, Melin AD, Dunn JC & Smith AC. Olfactory communication in tamarins: a comparative analysis of scents from wild and captive populations. <i>Journal of Zoo and Aquarium Research</i> . https://doi.org/10.19227/jzar.v11i1.652		2022

Tang J*, Poirier AC *, Duytschaever G, Moreira LAA, Nevo O & Melin AD. Assessing urinary odours across the oestrous cycle in a mouse model using portable and benchtop GC-MS. <i>Royal Society Open Science</i> . https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.210172	2021
Poirier AC , Waterhouse JS, Dunn JC & Smith AC. Temporal stability of primate scent samples. SN Applied Science. https://doi.org/10.1007/s42452-021-04455-1	2021
Poirier AC , Waterhouse JS, Dunn JC & Smith AC. Scent Marks Signal Species, Sex and Reproductive Status in Tamarins (<i>Saguinus</i> spp., Neotropical Primates). <i>Chemical Senses</i> . https://doi.org/10.1093/chemse/bjab008	2021
Poirier AC , Waterhouse JS, Watsa M, Erkenswick GE, Moreira LAA, Tang J, Dunn JC, Melin AD & Smith AC. On the trail of primate scent signals: A field analysis of callitrichid scent-gland secretions by portable gas chromatography-mass spectrometry. <i>American Journal of Primatology</i> . https://doi.org/10.1002/ajp.23236	2021
SELECTED ORAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	
'Dominance effects on urine-washing and urinary odour profiles in wild male capuchin monkeys'. 16 th Meeting of the Chemical Signals in Vertebrates group, Frankfurt, Germany	2024
'Field techniques in primate scent communication'. Conference "Ecology, Biology, Health and Behavior of White-Faced Capuchins: Celebrating and Promoting Longitudinal Research and Conservation", Costa Rica	2023
'Chemical communication in callitrichids: insights from captive and wild populations'. 52 nd meeting of the Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Switzerland, Leipzig, Germany	2023
'Fruit odor signals and animal-plant coevolution'. Joint meeting International Primatological Society and the Latin American Society of Primatologists, Quito, Ecuador (virtual)	2022
'Captivity and communication: comparative analysis of scents from wild and captive tamarins'. 15 th Meeting of the Chemical Signals in Vertebrates group, Dijon, France (virtual)	2021
'Sniffing out primate scent signals: the first field analysis of callitrichine scents by portable GC-MS'. Primate Society of Great Britain Spring meeting, Portsmouth, UK	2018
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	
Reviewer for American Journal of Primatology, Scientific Reports, Animals, Journal of Mammalian Evolution, PeerJ, Oxford University Publishing	
Organizing team and session chair for the conference Ecology, Biology, and Health of White-Faced Capuchins in Guanacaste, Costa Rica (15-18 Nov 2023)	
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	
Documentary featuring wildlife research and conservation activity in Peru with Field Projects International	2024
Girls in STEM workshop "Sensing Science: the Primate Way" at Tulane University, USA	2024
Documentary series 'Animals Decoded', episode 'Invisible Communication' – The Smithsonian Channel (US) & Love Nature. Collaboration with Dr S. Vaglio, Uni. of Wolverhampton, UK	2018
Treasurer of the Wildlife Society at Anglia Ruskin University, UK	2016-18
Volunteer at WWF Earth Hour in Peru as scientific presenter	2012

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND CERTIFICATES

Languages: French native language, English & Spanish fluent written & spoken First aid training certificate (re-validated Sep. 2021)