

Cara E. Brook

A Bay Area Native, Cara grew up in beautiful Sonoma County, CA and graduated from Stanford University with a B.S. degree in Earth Systems in 2010. Post-graduation, she spent two years working a variety of science and development-related jobs as: a communications intern with World Wildlife Fund in Madagascar; a field coordinator for a Smithsonian Institution project focused on emerging rodent-borne diseases in Laikipia, Kenya, a GIS analyst for Peninsula Open Space Trust; and a research technician on the USGS Minnesota Wolf Project. In the fall of 2012, Cara moved to New Jersey to embark on a PhD in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton University and began chasing bat viruses across Madagascar. In August 2017, she defended her dissertation and moved to Berkeley, California to complete a postdoctoral fellowship with the Miller Institute, working jointly in the labs of Professor Mike Boots and Professor Britt Glaunsinger in the Departments of Integrative Biology and Plant and Microbiology. After completing her Miller fellowship, she began a Branco Weiss Society in Science Fellowship, still based at UC Berkeley. In summer 2021, Cara will begin an Assistant Professorship in the Department of Ecology and Evolution at the University of Chicago in summer 2021. When I'm not doing science, you'll find me running or hiking throughout the North American West.

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