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## Education and Research Experience

- 2020-            PhD Student, Department of Cognitive and Information Sciences  
                  *University of California, Merced*
- 2018-2022      Visiting Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
                  *Harvard University*
- 2019            Master of Arts in Anthropology  
                  *Texas A&M University*
- 2016            Bachelor of Science with Honors in Anthropology, Minors in Statistics and Biology  
                  *Florida State University*

## Manuscripts

- 2023            **Moser, C.** & Smaldino, P. E. (In prep). Factors Which Improve Collective Problem Solving Exacerbate Inequality. *Preprint forthcoming*.
- 2022            Falandays, J. B., Kaaronen, R. O., **Moser, C. J.**, Rorot, W., Tan, J., Varma, V., ... Youngblood, M. All Intelligence is Collective Intelligence. *Submitted*.  
<https://psyarxiv.com/jhrp6>
- Smaldino, P. E., **Moser, C.**, Pérez Velilla, A., Werling, M. Maintaining transient diversity is a general principle for improving collective problem solving. *Submitted*.  
<https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/ykrv5/>
- Moser, C.**, Buckner, W., Sarian, M., Winking, J. Aggressive Mimicry and the Evolution of the Human Cognitive Niche. *Submitted*. <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/hbtf7/>
- Holbrook, C., Yoon, L., Fessler, D. M. T., **Moser, C.**, Delgado, J. D., Kim, H. (2022). Moral Parochialism and Causal Appraisal of Transgressive Harm in Seoul and Los Angeles. *Scientific Reports*, 12, 14227.
- \*Hilton, C. B., \***Moser, C. J.**, Bertolo, M., Lee-Rubin, H., Amir, D., Bainbridge, C. M., ... & Mehr, S. A. (2022). Acoustic regularities in infant-directed speech and song across cultures. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 1-12.
- <sup>1</sup> **Moser, C.**, & Smaldino, P. E. (2022). Organizational Development as Generative Entrenchment. *Entropy*, 24(7), 879.
- Pérez Velilla, A., **Moser, C.**, Smaldino, P. E. (2022). Hidden Clusters Beyond Ethnic Boundaries. [commentary on Uchiyama et al.]” *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 45.
- 2021            **Moser, C.**, Ackerman, J., Dayer, A., Proksch, S., & Smaldino, P. E. (2021). Why don't cockatoos have war songs? [commentary on Mehr et al. and Savage et al.]. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 44.

<sup>1</sup> Awarded “Feature paper” by journal

\* Denotes co-principal authorship

## Peer Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- 2023            \*Milzman, J. & \*Moser, C. (2023). Decentralized core-periphery structure in social networks accelerates cultural innovation in agent-based modeling. *Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*.

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## Talks and Poster Presentations

- 2022            Invited Panelist: Early Career Researcher (ECR) Panel  
*2022 Big Team Science Conference*
- Poster: The Network Science of Cumulative Innovations  
*8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Social Science*
- Podium Talk: The Network Science of Cumulative Innovations  
*Institute for Humane Studies 2022 Graduate Conference*
- Invited Talk: Acoustic Regularities in Infant-directed Speech and Song Across Cultures  
*University of Cambridge Centre for Music and Science*
- Invited Talk: Acoustic Regularities in Infant-Directed Speech and Song Across Cultures  
*UC Merced Developmental Psychology Colloquium*
- 2021            Podium Talk: Structural and Mechanistic Analogies in Evolutionary Thinking  
*California Workshop on Evolutionary Social Science*
- Invited Talk: Theory of Mind Towards Non-Human Animals  
*Yale Department of Psychology*
- 2019            Poster: Aggressive Mimicry as a Human Hunting Strategy  
*Human Behavior and Evolution Society 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference*
- Poster: Acoustical Regularities in Infant-Direct Vocalizations Worldwide  
*Acoustical Society of America 177<sup>th</sup> Meeting*
- 2018            Poster: Echolocation in a Nocturnal Primate?  
*American Association of Physical Anthropologists 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*
- 2016            Poster: Anti-Predator Behaviors in Four Species of Nocturnal Strepsirrhine  
*American Association of Physical Anthropologists 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*  
*Duke Lemur Center 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Symposium*

## Non-Academic Articles

- 2022            *The Ties That Bind Us* – Hungarian Conservative Print Edition Special Issue on Conservatism and Innovation. ([PDF Available](#))  
*Saving Twitter* – A Roundtable w/ Bo Winegard, Jim Rutt, Cody Moser – Quillette Magazine
- 2020            *Freeman Dyson, In Memoriam* – Areo Magazine  
*Driver's License Suspensions and Fees Unfairly Impact the Poor And Are in Need of Reform*– Reason.org
- 2019            *The Enigma of Stephen Jay Gould* – Skeptic Magazine 24.3  
*There's Little Reason to Worry About the SAT's New Adversity Score* – Areo Magazine

*"Is Science Racist?" Book Review – Areo Magazine*

2018      *The Selfish Nature of Human Cooperation – Areo Magazine*  
*The Dangers of Dugin's Particularism – Quillette Magazine*  
*Alice Dreger's Middle Finger: Sex, Gender and Unhelpful Hair-Splitting – Areo Magazine*

## **Service Positions**

2021-      UC Merced Cognitive Science Department Twitter Account  
  
Graduate Student Mentor  
*Cognitive Science Student Association at UC Merced*

2022-2023      Senior Organizer & Campus Representative  
*California Workshop on Evolutionary Social Science*

2021-2022      Junior Organizer & Campus Representative  
*California Workshop on Evolutionary Social Science*

2016-2018      Coordinator  
*Texas A&M Department of Anthropology Graduate-Undergraduate Mentorship Program (GUMP)*  
  
Mentor  
*Texas A&M University GLBT+ Mentorship Program*

## **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

2022      Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship, The Mercatus Center - \$2,500  
  
UC Merced Graduate Student Association Travel Award - \$400  
  
Institute for Humane Studies, Hayek Travel Award - \$800

2021      Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies - \$3,000

2016      Texas A&M MSC LT Jordan Institute for International Awareness Fellowship - \$2,000  
  
TAMU Department of Anthropology Pilot Research Funding Award - \$2,400  
  
Murray & Celeste Fasken Chair in Liberal Arts Research Award - \$500

2015      Florida State University Homepage Featured Student  
  
ACC Undergraduate Collaborative Summer Research Award – \$5,000

## **Internships**

2020      Transportation Policy Research Intern  
*Reason Foundation*  
  
Poverty and Inequality in California Project Research Intern  
*Cato Institute*

2016      Lab Assistant  
*Center for Anchored Phylogenomics*

## Workshops and Training

2023	Institute for Humane Studies: A Responsible Singularity Tech Ethics and Unpredictable Change Workshop
2022	Institute for Progress: Economics of Ideas, Science and Innovation PhD Course  National Science Foundation & Santa Fe Institute: Complexity-GAINs International Summer School on Disintegration of Societies  Complexity Science Hub Vienna: International Spring School on Social Complexity
2021	National Science Foundation: Societal Shock Resilience Workshop
2020	Santa Fe Institute: Evolution of Collective Computational Abilities of (Pre)Historical Societies Workshop

## Selected Media Coverage

*The Guardian*: Gaga for goo goo: Wellington named the global capital of baby talk (07/22/2022)

*New York Times*: Front cover, 'Parentese' Is Truly a Lingua Franca, Global Study Finds (07/25/2022)

*The Today Show*: Baby Talk is Universal (07/25/2022)

*NPR, All Things Considered*: The science is in: Everyone recognizes and uses baby talk with infants (07/31/2022)

*NPR, Goats and Soda*: Scholars confirm what it's bitsy babies around the world already know (08/14/2022)

*Every Little Thing Podcast*: Why do we baby talk? (09/26/2022)

## Peer Review Contributions

Developmental Science

Evolution and Human Behavior

Cognition and Emotion

Evolutionary Human Sciences

## Professional Memberships

California Workshop on Evolutionary Social Sciences

Cultural Evolution Society

Human Behavior and Evolution Society

Long Now Foundation

## Skills and Languages

Skills:

Agent-based models, phonetics and acoustic analysis, networks, text-scraping, field primatology

Languages:

English (Native), German (Working Proficiency)