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curriculum vitae

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languages

german & english
bilingual · french &
spanish notions

coding

</> R · Python · SAS ·
Matlab · Netlogo · \LaTeX
· Java · XML · HTML ·
CSS · JavaScript

education

2018–present	Ph. D. Candidate · Psychology / Cognitive Sciences	Georgia State University
2017	M. A. Psychology / Cognitive Sciences	Georgia State University
2012	B. S. Psychology	Martin Luther University · Germany

grants & awards

2016–present	Duane M. Rumbaugh Fellowship Grant	Georgia State University
2018	Diversity Travel Award	Animal Behavior Society
2016	Birnbaum Scholarship	Society for Computers in Psychology

publications

empirical articles

Aharoni E, Kleider-Offutt HM, Brosnan SF, **Watzek J** (*accepted with minor revisions*) Justice at any cost? The impact of cost/benefit salience on criminal punishment judgment. Behav Sci Law.

Watzek J, Whitham W, Washburn DA, Brosnan SF (*in press*) Responses to modified Monty Hall Dilemmas in capuchin monkeys, rhesus macaques, and humans. Int J Comp Psychol.

Watzek J, Brosnan SF (2018) (I)rational choices of humans, rhesus macaques, and capuchin monkeys in dynamic stochastic environments. Cognition 178:109-117. doi:10.1016/j.cognition.2018.05.019

Amici F, Call J, **Watzek J**, Brosnan SF, Aureli F (2018) Social inhibition and behavioural flexibility when the context changes: a comparison across six primate species. Sci Rep 8:3067. doi:10.1038/s41598-018-21496-6

Talbot CF, Parrish A, **Watzek J**, Essler JL, Leverett KL, Paukner A, Brosnan SF (2018) The influence of reward quality and quantity and spatial proximity on the responses to inequity and contrast in capuchin monkeys (*Cebus [Sapajus] apella*). J Comp Psychol 132:75-87. doi:10.1037/com0000088

Suchak M, **Watzek J**, Quarles LF, de Waal FBM (2018) Novice chimpanzees cooperate successfully in the presence of experts, but may have limited understanding of the task. Anim Cogn 21:87–98. doi:10.1007/s10071-017-1142-2

Eppley TM, **Watzek J**, Hall K, Donati G (2017) Climatic, social and reproductive influences on behavioural thermoregulation in a female-dominated lemur. Anim Behav 134:25-34. doi:10.1016/j.anbehav.2017.10.003

Eppley TM, **Watzek J**, Dausmann KH, Ganzhorn JU, Donati G (2017) Huddling is more important than rest site selection for thermoregulation in southern bamboo lemurs. Anim Behav 127:153-161. doi:10.1016/j.anbehav.2017.03.019

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Eppley TM, **Watzek J**, Ganzhorn JU, Donati G (2017) Predator avoidance and dietary fibre predict diurnality in the cathemeral folivore *Hap Alemur meridionalis*. Behav Ecol Sociobiol 71:4. doi:10.1007/s00265-016-2247-3

review articles

Smith MF, **Watzek J**, Brosnan SF (2018) The importance of a truly comparative methodology for comparative psychology. Int J Comp Psychol 31. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/6x91j98x>

book chapters

Smith MF, **Watzek J**, Brosnan SF (*in press*) Strategies used by non-human primates in dynamic games. In: Croson R, Capra M, Rigdon MI, Rosenblat T (eds) Handbook of Experimental Game Theory. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Watzek J, Smith MF, Brosnan SF (2018) Comparative economics: Using experimental economic paradigms to understand primate social decision-making. In: d'Almeida AF, di Paolo LD, di Vincenzo F (eds) Evolution of Primate Social Cognition. Springer, p 129-141. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-93776-2_9

Watzek J, Brosnan SF (2018) Role-reversal experiment. In: Vonk J, Shackelford T (eds) Encyclopedia of Animal Cognition and Behavior. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-47829-6_1497-1

presentations

talks

- 2018 "Cognitive flexibility in humans and captive rhesus macaques (*Macaca mulatta*) and capuchin monkeys (*Cebus [Sapajus] apella*) in a simple problem-solving task." International Primatological Society, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2017 "Strategic decision-making in capuchins (*Cebus apella*), rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*), and humans during a competitive two-player game." American Society of Primatologists, Washington, DC.
- 2016 "Capuchin monkeys, but neither humans nor rhesus, are 'irrational maximizers' in a stochastic environment." Comparative Cognition Society, Boston, MA.
- 2015 "Chimpanzees assess potential benefits before investing in a cooperative task." American Society of Primatologists, Bend, OR. [Published abstract] Am J Primatol 77(S1):90. doi:10.1002/ajp.22494
- 2015 "More for me, less for you: Capuchin monkeys' (*Cebus apella*) responses to inequity in a group setting." Animal Behavior Society, Anchorage, AK.
- 2014 "Contextual stability of behaviorally assessed personality traits in two groups of captive chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*)." American Society of Primatologists, Decatur, GA. [Published abstract] Am J Primatol 76(S1):79. doi:10.1002/ajp.22382
- 2014 "Navigating pitfalls of researcher/caretaker collaboration." [Invited talk] Georgetown College Seminar: Cognition, Enrichment, and Collaboration, Zoo Atlanta, GA.

posters

- 2018 "WhatsOb: An Android app for note-taking during behavioral observations." International Primatological Society, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2018 "Understanding collective defense behavior using agent-based modeling" Animal Behavior Society, Milwaukee, WI.

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- 2017 “Justice at all costs? Transparency about the costs of incarceration decreases criminal sentencing recommendations by laypeople.” Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- 2016 “Rational fools: Capuchins but not rhesus monkeys violate transitivity to maximize their gains in stochastic environments.” Psychonomic Society, Boston, MA. [Published abstract] Abstracts of the Psychonomic Society 21:172-173
- 2016 “WhatsOb: An Android app for note-taking during behavioral observations.” Society for Computers in Psychology, Boston, MA.
- 2016 “Rational fools: Capuchin monkeys’ (*Cebus apella*) (ir)rational choices in stochastic environments.” International Primatological Society and the American Society of Primatologists, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 “Less is more: Great apes’ understanding of probabilities.” Regional Conference of Developmental Psychologists, Halle (Saale), Germany.

departmental talks

- 2016 “Rational fools: (Ir)rational choices of humans, rhesus macaques, and capuchin monkeys in dynamic stochastic environments.” Cognitive Sciences Seminar, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 “More for me, less for you: Capuchin monkeys’ (*Cebus apella*) responses to inequity in a group setting.” Cognitive Sciences Seminar, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

posters by undergraduate mentees

- 2017 Le EH, Truscott CG. “Chimpanzees’ and capuchin monkeys’ responses to inequity in a group setting.” Georgia State Undergraduate Research Conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
* *Best Poster Award for the Social and Behavioral Sciences*
- 2016 Fakhri A, Le EH. “Capuchin monkeys respond to advantageous inequity.” Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

research

- 2018–present **Herpetology Department** Zoo Atlanta
Graduate Student Researcher (PI: Joe Mendelson)
- 2014–present **Language Research Center** Georgia State University
CEBUS Lab · Graduate Student Researcher (PI: Sarah Brosnan)
- 2018 **Evolution, Variation, and Ontogeny of Learning Lab** University of Texas at Austin
Visiting Research Scholar (PI: Cristine Legare) · Fieldwork Manipur, India
- 2016–2018 **Cooperation, Conflict, & Cognition Lab** Georgia State University
Graduate Student Researcher (PI: Eyal Aharoni)
- 2012–2014 **Yerkes National Primate Research Center** Emory University
Living Links Center · Lab Manager · Chimpanzee Research Specialist
- 2011–2012 **Inkawu Vervet Project · South Africa** U’s of St Andrews, Neuchâtel, Zürich, & Cape Town
Field Research Assistant
- 2010–2011 **Wolfgang Köhler Primate Research Center** Zoo Leipzig · Germany
Research Assistant · Bachelor Student
- 2010–2011 **Educational Psychology Lab** Martin Luther University · Germany
Lab Coordinator
- 2010 **Child & Adolescent Psychiatry & Psychotherapy** St Elisabeth Hospital Halle · Germany
Intern

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2009–2010 **Psychology of Perception Lab**
Research Assistant
2009–2010 **Social Psychology Lab**
Research Assistant

Martin Luther University · Germany

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teaching

instructor of record

Fall 2017 **Introduction to General Psychology** Georgia State University
Undergraduate
Win 2009 **Introduction to R for Statistics** Martin Luther University · Germany
Undergraduate

teaching assistant

Sum 2010/12 **Quantitative Methods in Psychology II** Martin Luther University · Germany
Undergraduate
Win 2010 **Quantitative Methods in Psychology I** Martin Luther University · Germany
Undergraduate

guest lecturer

Spr 2018 **Primate Models of Human Behavior** Georgia State University
Advanced Undergraduate: Cooperation
Spr 2018 **Introduction to Research Design & Analysis** Georgia State University
Advanced Undergraduate: z-Scores
Fall 2015/16, **Psychology of Animal Behavior** Georgia State University
Spr 2018 Advanced Undergraduate: Aggression · Cooperation · Comparative
Economics · Monkey Business: Comparative Economics and
Decision-Making
Spr 2014 **Primate Social Psychology** Emory University
Advanced Undergraduate: Social Complexity of Non-Primates

professional societies

Animal Behavior Society · American Society of Primatologists · APA Division 3: Society for Experimental Psychology and Cognitive Science · APA Division 6: Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology · Association for Psychological Science · Comparative Cognition Society · International Society of Primatologists · Psi Chi · Psychonomic Society · Society for Computers in Psychology

ad hoc reviewer

American Journal of Primatology · Journal of Comparative Psychology

other activities

2018–present **Co-chair** Georgia State University
“Hard Data Café” Cognitive Sciences Seminar
2014–2015 **Webmaster** Georgia State University
Cebus Lab

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2012–2014	Webmaster Living Links	Emory University
2008–2012	Student Representative Martin Luther University	
2011	Conference Assistant Conference of Experimental Psychologists (Germany)	
2011	Conference Assistant Regional Conference of Developmental Psychologists (Central Germany)	
2010	Electoral Assistant Martin Luther University	

outreach

2016, 2017	Adventure in Science Day Science outreach for children · Atlanta, GA	Fernbank Museum of Natural History
2015, 2017	Brain Awareness Campaign K-12 classroom visits · Atlanta, GA	Society for Neuroscience
2013	Nerd Nite Presentation · We are 98 % chimp and 50 % bananas: What apes can teach us about our own shortcomings · Atlanta, GA	
2012–2014	Tour Guide Yerkes National Primate Research Center	Emory University
2010–2011	Tour Guide Wolfgang Köhler Primate Research Center	Zoo Leipzig · Germany