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EDUCATION

2019-pr. Ph.D. (in progress), Pennsylvania State University

Department of Anthropology

Ph.D. advisors: Dr. Rebecca Bliege Bird and Dr. Douglas Bird

2012-16 B.S. with Distinction, Duke University

Majors: Evolutionary Anthropology, Biology

Honors thesis: "Water choices and disease: how lemurs avoid exposure to parasites"

EMPLOYMENT

2017-19 Lab Manager / Associate in Research – P.I. Dr. Brian Hare

Department of Evolutionary Anthropology, Duke University

2012-16 Tour Guide

Duke Lemur Center, Duke University

2013-14 Research Assistant – P.I. Dr. Anne Pusey

Department of Evolutionary Anthropology, Duke University

PUBLICATIONS

Salomons, H., **Smith, K.C.M.**, Callahan-Beckel, M., Callahan, M., Levy, K., Kennedy, B.S., Bray, E., Gnanadesikan, G.E., Horschler, D.J., Gruen, M., Tan, J., White, P., vonHoldt, B.M., MacLean, E., and B. Hare. Cooperative communication with humans evolved to emerge early in domestic dogs. *Current Biology*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

2021 **Smith, K.C.M.** Using camera traps to study canid behavior in Australia. East Coast Workshop on Canine Cognition, New Haven, CT.

- 2020 **Smith, K.C.M.** Dog-human social relationships in Aboriginal Australia. East Coast Workshop on Canine Cognition, New Haven, CT.
- 2018 **Smith, K.C.M.** A comparison of wolf and dog social cognition. East Coast Workshop on Canine Cognition, New Haven, CT.
- 2016 **Smith, K.C.M.**, Amoroso, C., and C.L. Nunn. Water choices and disease: how do lemurs avoid exposure to parasites? Duke University Lemur Center 50th Anniversary Scientific Symposium & Gala, Durham, NC.
- 2016 Amoroso, C.R., **Smith, K.C.M.**, Frink, A.G., and C.L. Nunn. Parasite risk influences the water preferences of lemurs. 85th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA), Atlanta, GA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017-19 **Duke Canine Cognition Center**, Duke University, Durham, NC Conducted cognitive experiments with pet dogs (*Canis familiaris*). Trained and supervised team of undergraduate research assistants. Coded research videos. P.I. Dr. Brian Hare
- 2017-19 **Duke Puppy Kindergarten**, Duke University, Durham, NC
 Oversaw the creation, development, and management of the Duke Puppy
 Kindergarten program. Designed system for selecting, scheduling, and managing
 personnel. Trained, supervised, and managed over 120 volunteers. Oversaw
 research with the program's five puppies.
 P.I. Dr. Brian Hare
- 2017-18 Wildlife Science Center, Stacy, MN

Designed and conducted cognitive experiments with captive wolves (*Canis lupus*). Prepared blood samples for hormone and DNA analysis.

P.I. Dr. Brian Hare

2017 Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation, Bukit Batikap, Indonesia

Tracked and collected data on reintroduced orangutans (*Pongo pymaeus*) using focal sampling.

P.I. Dr. Simon Husson

2016 **Project Howler Monkey Palenque**, Palenque, Mexico

Worked with multinational team to track and study spatial navigation of wild black howler monkeys (*Alouatta pigra*) using scan sampling. Marked feeding trees. P.I. Dr. Sarie Van Belle and Dr. Alejandro Estrada

2014-16 **Duke Lemur Center**, Duke University, Durham, NC

Conducted independent research on lemurs' behavioral mechanisms to avoid disease. Designed study, collected and analyzed data, and wrote and defended honors thesis.

P.I. Dr. Charles Nunn. Also mentored by Ph.D. student Caroline Rusk Amoroso

- Organization for Tropical Studies, Kruger National Park, South Africa
 Conducted field research and wrote papers on various topics, including invasive
 mollusks, and human-wildlife conflict, as part of semester courses on savanna
 ecology and conservation. Learned field research methods, including mist netting,
 vegetation transects, camera trapping, biodiversity surveys.
- Duke Lemur Center SAVA Conservation Initiative, Sava Region, Madagascar Tracked and studied bamboo lemurs (*Hapalemur occidentalis*) using group scan sampling. Flagged and GPS mapped trails. Radio-tracked dwarf lemurs (*Cheirogaleus*).

 P.I. Dr. Erik Patel

2013-14 Jane Goodall Institute Research Center, Duke University, Durham, NC Extracted and digitized data from chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) focal follow sheets that were collected in Gombe National Park, Tanzania.
P.I. Dr. Anne Pusey

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021	Tygel Endowment for Educational Programs, Penn State University	\$516
2021	Honorable Mention for NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program	N/A
2021	Flower Grant for Ecological Research, Penn State University	\$4000
2020	Hill Fellowship Training Award, Penn State University	\$1220
2019-20	University Graduate Fellowship, Penn State University	\$30000
2015	Deans' Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University	\$3000
2015	Undergraduate Research Support Independent Study, Duke University	\$400
2015	Molly Glander Research Award, Duke Lemur Center	\$300

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant, Penn State University, State College, PAANTH 140: Anthropology of Alcohol
- 2020 Teaching Assistant, Penn State University, State College, PA ANTH 21: Introduction to Biological Anthropology

2019	Mentored undergraduate independent study students (Sam Lee, Laura Navarrete, Anya Parks), Duke Canine Cognition Center, Durham, NC
2013	Student Instructor, Duke University HOUSECS 59: Created Worlds, an undergraduate-taught course
2013	ESL Tutor, George Watts Montessori Magnet School, Durham, NC
2013	ESL Tutor, Durham School of the Arts, Durham, NC

OUTREACH

2020-21	Skype a Scientist Presented remotely about dog and primate behavior to elementary school students
2017-19	Duke Canine Cognition Center, Duke University, Durham, NC Presented and demonstrated canine cognition research to visitors to lab
2012-16	Duke Lemur Center, Duke University, Durham, NC Worked as tour guide to provide scientific and environmental education about lemurs to public, including children and adults

SKILLS

Languages: English (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic)
R statistical software
Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
Wilderness and backcountry skills and first aid
Driving (automatic and manual transmission)

ACTIVITIES

- 2012-16 Roots and Shoots at Duke, Duke University, Durham, NC
 Organized environmental service projects and outreach events, led meetings,
 applied for funding, managed funds. President 2013-2014, Treasurer 2015-2016.
- 2005-12 Boy Scouts of America, Carson City, NV
 Eagle Scout. Organized group of twenty volunteers in trail maintenance community service project. Learned wilderness skills and first aid.