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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Conservation criminology	Human dimensions of wildlife management
Ecology and conservation of birds and mammals	Scientific communication and outreach
Environmental sociology	Sustainable development

EDUCATION

2021-Present	M.A. in Criminology, Law, and Society, University of Florida Department of Sociology and Criminology
2018	P.G.Dip. in International Wildlife Conservation Practice, University of Oxford Department of Continuing Education Institution: Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU)
2014	B.Sc. in Biology (General), University of Guyana Faculty of Natural Science <i>Minor: Chemistry</i>

Short Courses

2019	M.A. in Criminology, Law, and Society, University of Florida Department of Sociology and Criminology
2018	P.G.Dip. in International Wildlife Conservation Practice, University of Oxford Department of Continuing Education Institution: Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU)
2014	B.Sc. in Biology (General), University of Guyana Faculty of Natural Science <i>Minor: Chemistry</i>

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2019-2020	CL2 Biologist, Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Marine bird observation and monitoring, data collection
2014-2018	Bird Scientist, Operation Wallacea Guyana, Operation Wallacea (Opwall) Mist netting, bird banding, data collection, teaching, remote field work
2018	Robinson Post-Panther Scholar, Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU), University of Oxford Data analysis, publication development
2017	Consultant, Conservation International-Guyana (CI-G) 'An Assessment of Wildlife Management within Region Nine.' Data collection, analysis, stakeholder engagement, reporting
2017	Research Assistant, University of Kent 'The urban habitat mosaic and the birds it supports: a Neotropical case study in Georgetown, Guyana.' Bird observation, data collection

2016	Field Research Coordinator Intern, Panthera Planning field logistics, data management, reporting
2015-2016	Field Technician, Peperpot Bird Banding Project, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences Mist netting, bird banding, data collection
2014-2015	Winston Cobb Fellow, Panthera 'Jaguar and prey response to logging and mining with an evaluation of human-jaguar conflict.' Research design, camera trapping, data collection, remote field work, reporting
2015	Large Mammal Scientist, World Wildlife Fund Guianas (WWF Guianas), Biodiversity Assessment Team: Berbice Expedition Camera trapping, data management, data analysis, research design, reporting
2014	Research Assistant, Smithsonian Institute, Bird Division Expedition to Mt. Ayanganna Data collection, mist netting, museum specimen preparation, remote field work
2014	Internship, Protected Areas Commission (PAC) Guyana, Data management, reporting
2013	Research Assistant, World Wildlife Fund Guianas (WWF Guianas) Biodiversity Assessment Team: Berbice Expedition Amphibian and reptile capture, data collection, reporting

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

2018	Recanati-Kaplan Foundation Scholarship, WildCRU, University of Oxford
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FELLOWSHIPS/ASSISTANTSHIPS

2020	Research Assistantship, Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Law, University of Florida
2019	Tropical Conservation and Development (TDC) Assistantship, University of Florida
2018	Robinson Post-Panther Fellowship, WildCRU, University of Oxford
2014-2015	Winston Cobb Memorial Fellowship, Panthera

GRANTS IN SUPPORT OF RESEARCH AND TRAINING

Wildlife Division Grant (Government of Guyana). "Quantifying conflict and assessing benefits of black caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*) in the North Rupununi, Guyana." (\$5000 USD)

Winston Cobb Memorial Fellowship (Panthera). "Jaguar and prey response to logging and mining with an evaluation of human-jaguar conflict." (\$10,000 USD)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

R Club, University of Guyana (2019)

Volunteer Mentor, Wildlife Conservation Course, WildCRU, University of Oxford (2018)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Conservation Colloquium, Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU), Oxford, UK (2018)

Global Canopy, Oxford, UK (2018)

Tropical Conservation and Development Program Tropi Lunch, University of Florida (2018)

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Jacksonville, Florida (2018)

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Student Conference on Conservation Science, Cambridge, UK (2018)

Student Conference on Conservation Science, Cambridge, UK (2017)

REFERENCES

Dr. Evi Paemelaere – Consultant, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), evipaemelaere@gmail.com

Dr. Egil Droge – Course Coordinator and Lead Tutor, Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU)
Postgraduate Diploma Program, University of Oxford, egil.droge@zoo.ox.ac.uk

Dr. Matthew Hallett – Assistant Research Professor, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida, mhallett2320@ufl.edu

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

Pierre M.A., Jacobsen K.S., Hallett M.T., Harris A.E.M., Melville A., Barnabas H., Sillero-Zubiri C. (In Review). *Drivers of human-black caiman (Melanosuchus niger) conflict in Indigenous communities in the North Rupununi wetlands, SW Guyana*. In Review: Conservation Biology.

Harris A.E., Maharaj G., Hallett M.T., **Pierre M.A.**, Chesney C., Melville A. (In Review). *The influence of black caiman impacts on human attitudes in North Rupununi, Guyana*. In Review: Human Dimensions of Wildlife.

Fisher J.C., Mistry J., **Pierre M.A.**, Yang H., Harris A., Hunte N., Fernandes D., Bicknell J.E., Davies Z.G. (2021). [*Using participatory video to share people's experiences of neotropical urban green and blue spaces with decision-makers*](#). The Geographical Journal 00:1-15.

Pierre M.A., Ignacio L., Paemelaere E.A.D.P. (2020). [*Medium- and large-bodied terrestrial mammals of the Upper Berbice region of Guyana*](#). Check List 16(5): 1229-1237.

Johnson P., Adams V. M., [and 29 others, including **Pierre M.**] 2019. [*Consequences Matter: Compassion in Conservation Means Caring for Individuals, Populations and Species*](#). Animals 9(12): 1115.

Hayes W., Fisher J., **Pierre M.A.**, Bicknell J.E., Davies Z.G. 2019. [*Bird communities across varying landcover types in a Neotropical City*](#). Biotropica 00:1-14.

Milensky C. M., Robbins M. B., [and 5 others, including **Pierre M.**] 2016. [*Notes on Breeding Birds from the Guyana Highlands with New Records from a Recent Inventory of Mount Ayanganna*](#). Cotinga 38: 64–78.

PUBLICATIONS IN GREY LITERATURE

Pierre M., Ignacio L., Torres D., Torres E., and Paemelaere E.A.D. 2018. Large and medium mammals of the upper Berbice region, Guyana. In Alonso, L.E., J. Persaud, and A. Williams (Eds.). [*Biodiversity Assessment Survey of the Upper Berbice Region, Guyana*](#), pp. 100-113. WWF, Georgetown, Guyana.

Pierre M., Paemelaere E.A.D.P. 2017. *Wildlife Management Assessment Region 9: Upper Takatu–Upper Essequibo, Guyana*. Conservation International–Guyana. Georgetown, Guyana.

Snyder A., and **Pierre M.**, Gomes E., Noonan B. 2016. Amphibians and Reptiles of Kusad Mountain and the Parabara Region in the South Rupununi, Guyana. In [*Biodiversity Assessment Survey of the South Rupununi Savannah, Guyana. BAT Survey Report No. 1*](#). WWF–Guianas, Guyana Office. Georgetown, Guyana

PUBLICATIONS IN POPULAR LITERATURE

Pierre M.A. 2020. [*On Anxitey: My Journey Within*](#). Stabroek News: 26th January, 2020.

- Pierre M., Earle E., Ignacio L., de Frietas K.** 2019. *Basic Guide to the Common Birds of the Rupununi: 2nd Ed.* South Rupununi Conservation Society (SRCS). Dadanawa, Guyana
- Pierre M., O'Shea B.** 2018. [*The trade in seed-finches from the Guianas: Can a diaspora fuel an international trade?*](#). Trading Ideas. Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford. Oxford, UK.
- Pierre M.** 2018. [*Iwokrama, The Green Heart of Guyana: Where Images and Stories are Waiting to be Told*](#). Explore Guyana. Guyana Tourism Authority. Georgetown Guyana.
- Pierre M.** 2018. [*Guide to the Birds of Iwokrama*](#). Iwokrama International Centre for Rainforest Conservation and Development. Georgetown, Guyana.
- Pierre M., Earle E., Ignacio L., de Frietas K.** 2017. *Basic Guide to the Common Birds of the Rupununi*. South Rupununi Conservation Society (SRCS). Dadanawa, Guyana