

# Taylor Azizeh

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## Education

<b>Ph.D. in Wildlife Science</b> September 2024 – ongoing	<b>Marine Mammal Institute – Oregon State University</b> <i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Joshua Stewart <i>Dissertation:</i> Investigating the population impacts of predator-prey dynamics in marine megafauna
<b>M.Sc. in Marine Science</b> Aug 2021 – Dec 2024	<b>Moss Landing Marine Laboratories – San José State University</b> <i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Birgitte McDonald <i>Thesis:</i> Foraging ecology of late chick-rearing emperor penguins in the Ross Sea, Antarctica

## Research Experience

<b>Ocean Ecology Lab</b> PhD Fellow	<b>Marine Mammal Institute</b> <i>September 2024 - current</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted with biologging tag deployment on killer whales (<i>Orca orcinus</i>) and manta rays, &amp; photogrammetric data and skin biopsy collection of humpback whales (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>) in Bahía de Banderas, Mexico</li></ul>	
<b>Vertebrate Ecology Lab</b> MS Fellow	<b>Moss Landing Marine Laboratories</b> <i>August 2021 – Dec 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lead analysis of emperor penguin (<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>) biologging data with the aim of identifying foraging events and identifying important locations for prey capture</li></ul>	
<b>NOAA UPWELL</b> Aerial Fellow	<b>Monterey, CA</b> <i>August 2021 – Dec 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Help conduct turtle and cetacean aerial surveys to support vessel-based capture of foraging sea turtles off the California Pacific coast</li></ul>	
<b>Cascadia Research Collective</b> Field Biologist	<b>Monterey, CA</b> <i>August 2021 – Dec 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assist with boat-based photo-identification surveys of cetaceans off the California Pacific coast to inform the Dungeness Crab Fishery restrictions, with a focus on humpback whales</li></ul>	
<b>British Antarctic Survey</b> Research Intern	<b>Cambridge, England</b> <i>August 2020 – May 2021</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Led analysis of historical whaling data to update estimates of southern right whale (<i>Eubalaena australis</i>) catch off Australia and New Zealand to estimate post-whaling recovery with first-author manuscript in preparation</li></ul>	
<b>Oceanomare Delphis Onlus</b> Research Intern	<b>Ischia, Italy</b> <i>August 2021</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted with behavioural and acoustic cetacean surveys from the <i>R.V. Jean Gab</i>, with a focus on sperm whales, to contribute to a long-term dataset</li></ul>	
<b>Marine Bioacoustics Lab</b> Student Researcher	<b>Aarhus University</b> <i>August 2019 – May 2021</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Led a research project on the effects of gull micropredation on southern right whales off Península Valdés, Argentina</li><li>Gained experience in lead authoring manuscript and data analysis</li></ul>	

## Publications

**Azizeh, T.R.**, Sprogis, K.R., Soley, R., Nielsen, M.L.K., Uhart, M.M., Sironi, M., Marón, C.F., Bejder, L., Madsen, P.T. and Christiansen, F. (2021). Acute and chronic behavioural effects of kelp gull micropredation on southern right whale mother-calf pairs off Península Valdés, Argentina. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 668:133 – 148. [DOI: 10.3354/meps13716](https://doi.org/10.3354/meps13716)

## Conferences

**April 2024** – International Whaling Commission: Bled, Slovenia

*Invited Workshop Participant:* Global estimates of historical southern right whale whaling

**August 2022** – 24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society of Marine Mammalogy: Palm Springs, Florida

*Session Talk:* “Acute and chronic behavioural effects of kelp gull micropredation on southern right whale mother-calf pairs off Península Valdés, Argentina -- *Awarded Best Regional Student Presentation:* South America

## Fellowships, Grants, Scholarships

### OSU Marine Mammal Institute

October 2024

Graduate Student Award

\$3,030

### ARCS Award

July 2024 – July 2027

Sheila & Mike Goodwin Endowment Scholar

\$18,000

### Oregon State University

July 2024 - present

*Prestigious Diversity Fellow*

\$42,000

### National Science Foundation

August 2023 – present

*Graduate Research Fellow*

\$111,000

### Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

May 2023

*Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Scholarship*

\$625

### CSU Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology

March 2022

*Faculty-Graduate Student Research Collaboration Grant*

\$10,000

### COAST

November 2021

Dr. Kenneth Coale Graduate Scholar Award

\$3,000

### Fulbright Association

August 2019 – July 2020

*Denmark and the Arctic Semester Greenland Open Study/Research Student*

\$20,000

## Leadership & Community Involvement

### Open House Planning Co-chair

Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

*August 2023 – April 2024*

### Student Body President

Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

*August 2022 – May 2023*

### Co-Founder

Moss Landing Marine Labs Climate Collective

May 2022

### Founder and President

Women in Science Society, University of Idaho

*August 2018 – May 2019*

## Professional Service

**Ad-Hoc Reviewer**      ARCTIC Journal (ISSN 0004-0843)

## Teaching Experience

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, Oregon State University**

Fish and Wildlife 113 – *Introduction to Marine Mammals and Birds*

## Awards

**University of Idaho**      Alumni Excellence Award, 2019

**University of Idaho**      Outstanding Environmental Science Senior, 2019

## Certifications

**Federal Aviation Administration**      Part 107 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle License