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Education

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

Research Experience

Ocean Ecology Lab PhD Fellow	Marine Mammal Institute <i>September 2024 - current</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted with biologging tag deployment on killer whales (<i>Orca orcinus</i>) and manta rays, & photogrammetric data and skin biopsy collection of humpback whales (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>) in Bahía de Banderas, Mexico	
Vertebrate Ecology Lab MS Fellow	Moss Landing Marine Laboratories <i>August 2021 – Dec 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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	
NOAA UPWELL Aerial Fellow	Monterey, CA <i>August 2021 – Dec 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Help conduct turtle and cetacean aerial surveys to support vessel-based capture of foraging sea turtles off the California Pacific coast	
Cascadia Research Collective Field Biologist	Monterey, CA <i>August 2021 – Dec 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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	
British Antarctic Survey Research Intern	Cambridge, England <i>August 2020 – May 2021</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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	
Oceanomare Delphis Onlus Research Intern	Ischia, Italy <i>August 2021</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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	
Marine Bioacoustics Lab Student Researcher	Aarhus University <i>August 2019 – May 2021</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Led a research project on the effects of gull micropredation on southern right whales off Península Valdés, ArgentinaGained experience in lead authoring manuscript and data analysis	

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 – 24th 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

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