

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Candidate Anthropology**, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
Dissertation: *Grouping dynamics of woolly monkeys (*Lagothrix poeppigii*) in Amazonian Ecuador*. Expected to Graduate Fall 2017.
Advisor: Dr. Anthony Di Fiore
- 2012 **M.A. Anthropology**, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
Thesis: *Are primate folivores ecologically constrained? A comparative analysis of behavioral indicators of within-group feeding competition*.
Advisor: Dr. Mariah Hopkins, Co-Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Lewis
- 2005 **B.S. Primate Behavior and Ecology**, *magna cum laude*, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.
- 2005 **B.S. Biology** (specialization Ecology), *magna cum laude*, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primate Behavior and Ecology, Social Network Analysis, Spatial Data Analysis and Geographic Information Systems, Collective Decision Making

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2015 Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (\$14,114)
- 2015 General Research Grant, Leakey Foundation (\$13,228)
- 2015 Dissertation Field Work Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation (\$17,095)
- 2015 Scientific Research Grant, National Geographic Society/Waite Grants Program (\$13,965)
- 2015 Idea Wild Aid for Equipment (\$375)
- 2014 Department of Anthropology Summer Research Grant, University of Texas at Austin (\$2,000)
- 2014 Exploration Fund Grant, The Explorer's Club (\$1,000)
- 2013 James F. Nacey Fellowship, Nacey Maggioncalda Foundation (\$2,850)
- 2010 Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, University of Texas at Austin (\$2,000)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2016 **Professional Development Award**, Anthropology Department, University of Texas at Austin (\$375)
- 2014 **Professional Development Award**, Anthropology Department, University of Texas at Austin (\$300)
- 2013 **Best Student Podium Presentation**, Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists (\$40)
- 2013 **William S. Pollitzer Prize**, American Association of Physical Anthropologists (\$500)
- 2013 **Professional Development Award**, Anthropology Department, University of Texas at Austin (\$300)
- 2012 **Professional Development Award**, Anthropology Department, University of Texas at Austin (\$281)
- 2011 Honorable Mention Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- 2009 Liberal Arts Instructional Technology Services Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin (\$3,000)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Milton K, Nolin DA, **Ellis K**, Lozier J, Sandel B, Lacey E. 2016. Genetic, spatial, and social relationships among adults in a group of howler monkeys (*Alouatta palliata*) from Barro Colorado Island, Panama. *Primates* 57 (2):253-265.
- Ellis K**, Valenta K, Schoof VAM, Chapman CA. [in prep]. Seasonal differences in the diurnal behavior of two groups of brown lemurs (*Eulemur fulvus*) at Ankarafantsika, Madagascar. *International Journal of Primatology*.
- Ellis K**, Hopkins ME. [in prep]. Male glottal vocalizations predict departure and direction of group movements in mantled howler monkeys.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

with published abstracts

- 2017 Snodderly DM, **Ellis K**, Link A, Fernandez-Duque E, Alvarez S, Abondano L, Di Fiore A. Timing of early morning behaviors of New World primates at the Tiputini Biodiversity Station in Amazonian Ecuador (*Alouatta*, *Ateles*, *Callicebus*, *Lagothrix*, *Pithecia*). *American Journal of Primatology* (submitted).
- 2017 Abondano LA, **Ellis K**, and Di Fiore A. Male-infant relationships in wild woolly monkeys (*Lagothrix lagotricha poeppigii*). *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* (accepted).
- 2016 **Ellis K**, Link A, Di Fiore A. Reproductive seasonality in two sympatric primates (*Ateles belzebuth* and *Lagothrix poeppigii*) from Amazonian Ecuador. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 159 (S62):138-139.
- 2014 **Ellis K**, Pain E, Schmitt CA, Di Fiore A. Ranging and association patterns of woolly monkeys (*Lagothrix poeppigii*) in lowland Ecuador. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 153 (S58):113.
- 2013 **Ellis K**. Are primate folivores ecologically constrained? A comparative analysis of behavioral indicators of within-group feeding competition. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 150 (S56):119.
- 2012 **Ellis K**, Hopkins ME. Glottal pop vocalizations facilitate and direct group movements in mantled howler monkeys. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 147 (S54):139-140.
- 2011 **Ellis K**. Are we there yet? Re-analyzing relative ranging costs in folivorous primates. *American Journal of Primatology* 73 (S1):88.
- 2009 Milton K, **Ellis K**, Lozier JD, Lacey EA. Social behavior, spatial associations and kinship in a howler monkey (*Alouatta palliata*) group on Barro Colorado Island, Panama. *American Journal of Primatology* 71 (S1):104.

without published abstracts

- 2017 Milich KM, Amato KR, Link A, Di Fiore A, Mallot L, **Ellis K**, Blaszczyk M, Cordoba M, Coggeshall E. Patterns of gut microbial diversity in atelines. 86th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 **Ellis K**, Abondano L, Di Fiore A. Paternity in wild woolly monkeys (*Lagothrix lagotricha poeppigii*) from Amazonian Ecuador. Bi-Annual Meeting of the International Primatological Society, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2016 Snodderly DM, **Ellis K**, Link A, Fernandez-Duque E, Alvarez S, Abondano L, Di Fiore A. Influences of sunrise and morning light on behavior of four sympatric New World primates (*Alouatta*, *Ateles*, *Callicebus*, *Lagothrix*). Bi-Annual Meeting of the International Primatological Society, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2016 **Ellis K**, Link A, Di Fiore, A. Reproductive seasonality in two sympatric primates (*Ateles belzebuth* and *Lagothrix poeppigii*) from Tiputini, Ecuador. New Directions in Anthropology Annual Conference, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

- 2014 Snodderly DM, **Ellis K**, Link A, Fernandez-Duque E, Alvarez S, Abondano L, Di Fiore A. Waking up in the forest: a comparison of early morning vocal behavior of four sympatric primates. Bi-Annual Meeting of the International Primatological Society, Hanoi, Vietnam.
- 2013 **Ellis K**, Pain E, Schmitt CA, Di Fiore A. Ranging and association patterns of lowland woolly monkeys (*Lagothrix poeppigii*) in Tiputini, Ecuador. Annual Meeting of the Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists, University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX.
- 2011 **Ellis K**, Hopkins ME. Glottal vocalizations facilitate group travel in mantled howler monkeys (*Alouatta palliata*). Annual Meeting of the Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, San Marcos
Spring 2016 Primate Cognition

Instructor of Record, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin
Summer 2017 Introduction to Physical Anthropology
Summer 2016 Introduction to Physical Anthropology

Teaching Assistant/Lab Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2017	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. Becca Lewis
Fall 2016	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. Chris Kirk
Spring 2016	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. Denne Reed
Fall 2015	Special Topics in GIS: Analysis of Movement	Instructor: Dr. Mariah Hopkins
Spring 2014	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. Chris Kirk
Fall 2013	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. John Kappelman
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Fall 2012	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. Denne Reed
Spring 2012	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. John Kappelman
Fall 2011	Primate Conservation	Instructor: Dr. Mariah Hopkins
Spring 2011	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. Denne Reed
Fall 2010	Primate Cognition	Instructor: Dr. Mariah Hopkins
Spring 2010	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. Chris Kirk
Fall 2009	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Instructor: Dr. Denne Reed

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Present **Research Associate**, Primate Molecular Ecology and Evolution Lab, University of Texas at Austin. "Influence of ranging and association patterns on microbial diversity in ateline primates."
- 2013-Present **Principal Investigator**, Proyecto Primates, Tiputini Biodiversity Station, Ecuador. "Grouping dynamics of woolly monkeys (*Lagothrix poeppigii*) in Amazonian Ecuador."
- 2013 **Participant**, Ethoinformatics Workshop, National Science Foundation, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.
- 2010 **Principal Investigator**, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Barro Colorado Island, Panama. "Group travel in mantled howler monkeys (*Alouatta palliata*)."
- 2008-2009 **Scientific Aide**, California Department of Fish and Game, Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Recovery Program, Bishop, CA
- 2007-2008 **Veterinary Assistant**, Northeast Veterinary Hospital, Seattle, WA
- 2007 **Field Supervisor**, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Barro Colorado Island, Panama. "Kinship, spatial and social behavior in mantled howler monkeys (*Alouatta palliata*)."

- 2006 **Field Assistant**, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Barro Colorado Island, Panama. "Spatial foraging patterns of mantled howler monkeys (*Alouatta palliata*)."
- 2004-2005 **Intern**, Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
- 2003 **Volunteer**, United States Forest Service, Swakane Bighorn Sheep Habitat Assessment, Wenatchee/Cle Elum, WA

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- 2016-Present **Volunteer**, "Monkey Meals," Girls Day STEM Festival, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016 **Reviewer**, Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program, University of Washington
- 2015-Present **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, American Journal of Primatology.
- 2015-Present **Scientist in Residence Associate**, Environmental Science Institute, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2010-Present **Graduate Student Mentor**, Undergraduate Mentees: Misha Blizzard (2010-2011), Paul Viola (2015-2016), Ritwick Mynam (2015-2016), Sarina Lieberman (2015-2016), Harnaina Bains (2016-present).
- 2013-2016 **Invited Guest Lecture**, "Primates of the Tiptuni Biodiversity Station in Amazonian Ecuador," O. Henry Middle School, Austin, TX (10/15/13, 1/21/14, 3/27/14, 1/20/15); Austin Youth River Watch, Austin, TX (5/13/16).
- 2014 **Volunteer**, Hot Science Cool Talks outreach series, Environmental Science Institute, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2013-2014 **Organizer**, Informal Physical Anthropology Seminar, University of Texas at Austin
- 2010-2014 **Workshop Co-organizer**, "Leaping Lemurs of Madagascar!" Explore UT, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2011 **Session co-chair**, Ecology, 34th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Austin, TX.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Physical Anthropologists, American Primatological Society, American Society of Mammalogists, Animal Behavior Society, Graduate Women in Science, International Primatological Society