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## 2017 ABS Election

Society Election

### RESULTS OF THE ABS ELECTION

A total of 366 validated ballots were cast in the election. This represents approximately 20% of the ABS membership. A big THANK YOU to those who ran for office, those who voted, and those who will soon be serving the society.

#### Congratulations to the new officers:

**Second President-Elect:** Jennifer Fewell

**Member-at-Large:** Chris Templeton

**Secretary:** Patricia Brennan

**Program Officer:** Alison Bell



### Election Results

## ABS Annual Meeting



### 54th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY

University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus, CANADA

June 12-16, 2017

<http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/2017/>

A message from the 2017 meeting hosts:

Dear ABS members and friends,

We are pleased to invite you to join us in Toronto, Canada in June 2017 for the 54th annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society. We look forward to hosting you on our campus at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) for a full academic program. You will find it easy to get here—Toronto is a major travel hub with two airports and frequent flights arriving from all over the world. It is also a (relatively) easy drive from a number of cities in the USA and Canada. (It is important to remember, however, that you will be crossing a border if you're coming from the US, so get your passport now!)

UTSC is nestled in a green belt, close to a national urban park, giving lots of opportunities for connecting with nature while you are here. The campus has many rooms available at great prices in town-house style dorms and an excellent local hotel, as well as a variety of local rooms for rent. We recommend that you stay on or near campus to best enjoy the conference program and reconnect with colleagues. Of course we know the city is a huge draw, as Toronto is an exciting



### 2017 Career Awards

The Animal Behavior Society is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 Career Awards. Plaques will be presented to these distinguished award recipients at the 2017 ABS Meeting in Toronto.

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### ABS Plenary Sessions and Symposia

We are pleased to announce the ABS 2017 Plenary Sessions and Symposia.

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### ABS Outreach Fair: Call for Participants

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place, and one of the most multicultural cities in the world. The schedule will include opportunities to get to know the city in the evening, while enjoying the rich academic program on campus each day. The area surrounding the campus also hosts an interesting and diverse culinary culture, with lots of opportunities for adventurous eating nearby, and if you are looking for a more relaxed evening, our campus pub will be an easy default for conference socializing.

The academic program is still to be finalized, but the line-up of plenary speakers and symposia is outstanding so far. Plenary speakers will include Anita Aisenberg (Uruguay), Rebecca Kilner (Cambridge), Elizabeth Tibbetts (Michigan) and James Dale (New Zealand), and the fellows lecture will be given by Molly Morris (Ohio). The ABS president's plenary will be given by William Searcy (Miami). Conference symposia include 'Cognitive Ecology III' and '50 years of Zoo research'. Of course, another highlight is your own contributed talk or poster! We anticipate strong attendance and a diverse array of interesting and exciting new work to think about.

Other highlights include the annual graduate student Allee Award session, the Charles H. Turner workshop for undergraduates (by invitation), a pre-conference Public Day, and teaching and conservation workshops before the 5 day meeting.

In addition, for the first time in many years, a conference in Canada means: Pictures with Mounties (Well, only if you go downtown. Or to Ottawa). Colourful money with cute nick-names (Loonie! Toonie!). Poutine (Google it). Maple everything. Lots of apologies (sorry). Trudeau – the next generation (need we say more?).

Please check this site regularly for updates and more details about the program, travel, accommodation, and recommended pre- or post-conference sights-to-see. Registration will be opening in December; be sure to register early to take advantage of the great rates.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a memorable conference!



Maydianne Andrade, University of Toronto Scarborough



Andrew Mason, University of Toronto Scarborough



ABS 2017 Conference Website

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## Grants & Awards

The ABS offers a number of grants and awards to support the educational activities of its members.

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## Announcements

View the current ABS announcements.

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## Opportunities

Check out some opportunities in the field of animal behavior.

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### ABS Meeting Plenary Sessions and Symposia



**Rebecca Kilner**  
Cambridge University

*How behavior changes evolution: experiments with burying beetles*



**Elizabeth Tibbetts**  
University of Michigan

*Animal signals influence social behavior, physiology, and cognition: Lessons from wasp faces*



**Anita Aisenberg**  
Instituto de Investigaciones Biológicas Clemente Estable

*Journey to an upside-down world: a transgressive South American spider as a model for sexual selection studies*

**William Searcy**  
University of Miami

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***Bird song and the problem of signal reliability***

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**Molly Morris**  
Ohio University

***The evolution of alternative reproductive tactics***



**James Dale**  
Massey University

***Plumage colour in males and females***

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**ABS 2017: SYMPOSIA**

***The Future of Zoo Research: 50 Years of Zoo Behavior***

Organizers: Susan Margulis and Nancy Scott

***Cognitive Ecology III: 10 Years Later***

Organizers: Reuven Dukas and John Ratcliffe

***Behavioural Biodiversity: What can under-studied lineages reveal about behavioural ecology?***

Organizers: Maydianne Andrade, Andrew Mason and Malcolm Rosenthal

***Behavioral Genomics in Non-Model Systems***

Organizers: David Schulz, Johannes Schul and Zuleyma Tang-Martinez

***Presidential Symposium: Predicting Behavior***

Organizer: Emilia P. Martins

***Allee Symposium for Best Student Poster Paper***

Organizer: John P. Swaddle

For more information, please visit: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/2017/program-symposia.php>

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## 2017 PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

### Outreach Fair: Adventures in Animal Behavior- Call for Participating Scientists!

**Monday, June 12th, 9 am - 1 pm, Toronto Zoo**

Organizers: Emilie Snell-Rood and Ellen J. Mahurin

Is your lab interested in communicating the importance of animal behavior research to the general public? Then please join us for the 7th annual ABS outreach fair, this year to be held at the Toronto Zoo. Participants present hands-on activities for kids of all ages, from behavior-tracking games and listening to sounds through the ears of different animals to searching for radio-collared stuffed mice and inspecting brains under the microscope. This year, stations will be spread throughout the zoo adjacent to animals that researchers study. Transportation to and from the zoo and campus will be provided.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Emilie Snell-Rood ([emilies@umn.edu](mailto:emilies@umn.edu)).



### Teaching Workshop: Re-Invigorating Your Classroom with Module-Based Teaching

**Monday, June 12th, 12:30 pm-5:00 pm**

Organizers: Laura Sirot and Heather Zimbler-DeLorenzo

**No registration fee, but please RSVP. Lunch and snacks included**

The goals of this half-day workshop are to demonstrate a module-based approach for Animal Behavior courses and to develop the resources for new modules with the assistance of the attendees. A module-based approach to teaching Animal Behavior involves organizing courses or sections of courses around fundamental conceptual issues taught through a series of units focused on fascinating topics or case studies in Animal Behavior. Each module includes short "Just-In-Time" lectures, deep reading of primary literature using the C.R.E.A.T.E. method ([teachcreate.org](http://teachcreate.org)), opportunities for student-developed research projects, and multiple forms of assessment. As examples, topics used by practitioners of this method include: How do animals with the same genotype manifest different phenotypes? and The controversial evolution of monogamy. The workshop will begin with a brief demonstration of the module-based approach followed by a three-hour boot-camp style work session in which small groups complete a series of exercises leading to a final product—a module with all of the resources needed to teach it. Modules will then be made publicly available. The modules can be adapted to be appropriate for courses taught at the level of 10th grade (age of students: 15-16 years) and above. Questions can be addressed to Laura Sirot ([LSirot@wooster.edu](mailto:LSirot@wooster.edu)) or Heather Zimbler-DeLorenzo ([zimbler@alfred.edu](mailto:zimbler@alfred.edu)).

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## Conservation Behavior Workshop: Merging Science and Application

**Monday, June 12th, 2017, 10:30 am-5:00 pm**

Organizers: Preston Foerder and Cassandra Nuñez

**Pre-registration required for this workshop. \$25 for regular ABS registrants, \$15 for student registrants, and free for Developing Nations registrants. Lunch and snacks will be provided.**

There is often a lack of communication between the fields of conservation and animal behavior. To bridge this gap, we will be conducting a one-day workshop aimed at applying behavioral theory and research to solving real-world conservation problems. The workshop will provide a unique and valuable opportunity for the practitioners to learn about the challenges and rewards of applying behavioral biology in the field. Ideally this two-way interaction will inspire future research and networking to aid in solving the increasingly complex problems of real-world conservation. Three conservation problems for which a behavioral approach is likely to facilitate solutions will be presented by wildlife managers at the beginning of the day. We will then break out into focus groups and discuss potential solutions. At the end of the day we will regroup, report on the potential solutions and identify commonalities that may be applicable more broadly to other systems. New collaborations between wildlife managers and animal behaviorists are expected to emerge from this workshop.

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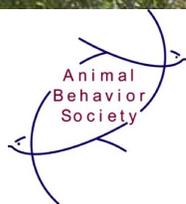
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## Research Grants & Travel Awards

To apply for the following awards and grants, qualified applicants may indicate to be considered in the online abstract submission system. Please note you must first register for the conference to be able to submit an abstract.

### Warder Clyde Allee Award

The 2017 Warder Clyde Allee Session for Best Student Paper Competition will be held during the annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society scheduled June 12th through June 16th at the University of Toronto at Scarborough. All eligible students and recent graduates are encouraged to participate.

Eligibility requirements: Any independent graduate student research (including, but not limited to, the doctoral dissertation) is eligible to apply. The work presented may be part of a larger collaborative effort, but the applicant must be first author and have principal responsibility for conceptualization and design of the research, collection and analysis of the data, and interpretation of the results. The applicant cannot have been awarded the Ph.D. degree before the start of the preceding ABS annual meeting (for the 2017 meeting, this date is July 30, 2016). An individual can apply to the Allee competition only once per lifetime.

To submit an entry to the Allee Session, applicants must (1) check the appropriate box in the online abstract submission system for the annual meeting; (2) confirm that they meet all eligibility requirements; and (3) submit a PDF version of their Allee manuscript. All applications must be submitted on or before the 2017 meeting's abstract submission date.

The Allee manuscript must consist of no more than seven double-spaced, line-numbered, text pages (11 point font or larger), followed by no more than a total of four tables and figures. This limit does not include abstract, references, or acknowledgments. Thesis research that is already published may be included in the Allee paper as long as that work is cited appropriately. Allee manuscripts should be prepared with the same care and attention to detail as if the manuscript was being submitted to a leading journal, such as *Animal Behaviour*.

Allee judges will evaluate manuscripts, and based on that evaluation will select a slate of applicants to be invited to present their research during the Allee Session at the annual meeting. Submission of an entry does not guarantee participation in the Allee Session, as it is a competitive process. If an applicant is not invited to participate in the Allee Session they will be guaranteed a regular oral presentations at the annual meeting.

For invited applicants, the oral presentation of research during the Allee Session must focus on the material presented in the submitted paper, but may also include other original research conducted by the applicant as well as general introductory and concluding remarks. Applicants who participate in the session are also expected to attend the Allee welcoming dinner and the Annual Meeting's award ceremony, both of which occur during the annual meeting.

Questions about the Allee Session should be addressed to ABS Second President-Elect, John Swaddle ([preselect2@animalbehaviorsociety.org](mailto:preselect2@animalbehaviorsociety.org)).

### Genesis Poster Award Competition

First presented at the 2000 ABS Annual Meeting, the Genesis Award honors the best undergraduate poster presentation at the meeting. To encourage quality presentations, the following guidelines and suggestions are

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available for viewing. Further information, if needed, can be obtained from the chair of the Genesis Sub-committee, Sarah Humfeld, E-mail: [humfelds@missouri.edu](mailto:humfelds@missouri.edu).

The deadline for applications is the last day of abstract submissions: **February 28, 2017**

## THE ROLE OF JUDGES

To judge each project.

- Each poster presentation should be judged on its own merits.
- Judges should identify the strengths and weaknesses to determine "the best" student poster presentation.
- To offer encouragement and constructive criticism.
- It is important to give student presenters encouragement and constructive criticism to help them develop their research and presentation skills.
- Written comments for the student can be made on the lower half of your presentation evaluation sheet.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

While judging is often a subjective process, these criteria are offered as a common starting point for judges to begin evaluating presentations. Please, evaluate each presentation using the point values for each category. Judges may add items they feel are appropriate within a category.

### Significance of the research topic (5 points):

- Is the study an original research question?
- Does the study add to the pool of knowledge of the subject?
- Does the rigor match the ability of the student (high school, college freshman, senior)?

### Research methodology (10 points):

- Did the study use the scientific method (observation, hypothesis, test, results, conclusion)?
- Was a good experimental design used?
- Did the student work independently from the supervising faculty or graduate student?
- Did the student bring a new approach to solving the problem?

### Research results (10 points)

- Was there sufficient sampling to address the question?
- Were statistics used appropriately?
- Do the conclusions drawn by the student agree with the data?
- Appropriate use of graphs and/or tables illustrating the results?

### Poster presentation (15 points):

- Does the poster contain sections necessary for a good presentation? (abstract, methods, results, conclusion, literature cited)
- Is the study question stated clearly and completely?
- Are materials presently in an organized and visually pleasing fashion?
- Appropriate grammar, spelling, and English usage? (Can not exceed 5 points.)
- Is the literature review adequate and is the literature cited complete?
- Does the student demonstrate a mastery of the subject material?
- Did the student improve their understanding of conducting research?
- Does the student use good speaking skills and avoid distracting mannerisms?
- Prospects for future studies discussed or applications of the conclusions discussed?
- Was the presentation self-explanatory to someone with no background on the topic?

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## Charles H. Turner Travel Award

Beginning in 2002, the Animal Behavior Society created the Charles H. Turner Program for undergraduate participation at the annual Society meetings. This program, previously funded by an NSF grant but now supported entirely by the Animal Behavior Society, is a travel grant that supports the goals of increasing the diversity of our membership. Selected Turner Program Fellows will receive support to travel to the Annual Conference, and participate in a one-day workshop structured to integrate students into both the meeting experience and the broader community of the Animal Behavior Society.

Charles Turner was one of the very first African-American researchers in animal behavior. Among other things, his research focused on insect sensory biology and task learning. By naming the undergraduate program after him, the ABS Diversity Committee emphasizes its goal to increase the diversity of its membership by encouraging researchers of all ages, levels, and ethnic groups to participate in the annual meetings.

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Applicants for the Turner award may be at any stage of their undergraduate career (not secondary school) or recently graduated, but may not have finished their undergraduate degree earlier than the end of the fall semester prior to the annual meeting covered by the award. Turner Awardees who have completed research projects of the quality to produce a poster are encouraged to enter the research in the Genesis Award competition, but poster presentation is not required for selection for the Turner Award.

**Submission deadline date: February 28, 2017**

The Turner Program is managed by the Animal Behavior Society Diversity Committee and with generous funding by the The Animal Behavior Society. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation:

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## Founders' Memorial Poster Paper Award

This award is in honor of the founders of the Animal Behavior Society. It is for outstanding posters presented at the annual meeting.

**Eligibility:** Any graduate student or postdoctoral member of the society in good standing is eligible to enter the competition. Applicants can indicate their intention to enter the competition by marking the appropriate box on the Meeting Abstract submission form. All Founders presenters will be expected to provide a single page preview of their poster for the judges.

The deadline for applications is the last day of abstract submissions: **February 28, 2017**

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## Diversity Fund Student Registration Fee Award

The Animal Behavior Society is strongly committed to increasing the diversity of attendees at the ABS Annual meeting and within its membership. A limited number of registration fee bursaries are available to aid attendance by students who will increase the participation of racial minorities under-represented in our field. This includes, but is not limited to students of Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, American Indian/First Nation, Aboriginal or Maori heritage. If funds are available, the bursaries may be extended to help defray costs of African, Asian, Central American, South American or Mexican researchers who are not students. Preference is given to individuals presenting research results.

**Eligibility:** Student applicants from North America must be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application and must be members of under-represented minorities groups. Researchers from Africa, Asia, Central America, South American or Mexico (graduate students or established professionals) are also encouraged to apply.

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General questions should be directed to the Diversity Committee: [diversity@animalbehaviorsociety.org](mailto:diversity@animalbehaviorsociety.org)

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## Latin American Travel Award

The Latin American Travel Awards are intended to encourage greater participation of Latin American researchers in ABS meetings, by helping to defray the costs of international travel, housing, and/or meals at meetings. These awards are restricted to Latin American graduate students enrolled in programs in Latin American institutions, who will be presenting a talk/poster at the ABS meeting. Priority will be given to Ph.D. students who are attending an ABS meeting for the first time and who have not received a Latin American Travel Award in previous years. Award values vary according to funds available.

Given the eligibility criteria below, priority will be given to Ph.D. students who are attending an ABS meeting for the first time and who have not received a Latin American Travel Award in previous years. Award values vary according to funds available. Candidates are prioritized according to the quality of their abstracts and CVs.

**Eligibility:** Latin American Travel Awards are restricted to Latin American graduate students enrolled in programs in Latin American institutions, who will be presenting a talk/poster at the annual ABS meeting.

All application materials listed below should be submitted using the ABS online abstract submission system:

- your submitted abstract, including the title
- your curriculum vita (CV)

a brief statement about your previous attendance at ABS meeting and previous Latin American Travel Award(s)

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Checks in US dollars for the amount of the award will be mailed directly to recipients following announcement of the results. Applicants are responsible for currency exchange and any bank fees.

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## Caregiver Travel Grant

The Caregiver Travel Grant award is intended to provide financial assistance for active ABS members whose caregiving responsibilities for dependent persons would otherwise limit their ability to attend and present at the annual ABS meeting. Dependents include but are not limited to young children and aging parents. Receiving this award does not preclude ABS members from applying for additional funding from ABS.

Award values vary according to funds available. Candidates are prioritized according to their need, abstract and CVs. Preference will be given to applicants who are presenting their work.

**Eligibility:** Caregiver Travel Grant Awards are for ABS members who will be attending the annual ABS meeting. Receiving this award does not preclude ABS members from applying for additional funding from ABS.

Applications consist of:

- Your submitted abstract, including the title
- Your curriculum vita (CV)
- Justification for request for support (one paragraph)
- A brief statement about your previous attendance at ABS meetings
- Applicants will be able to apply for the Caregiver Travel Grant through the online abstract submission system.

**Submission deadline date: February 28, 2017**

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## Graduate Student Travel Grant

The Graduate Student Travel Grant award is intended to provide financial support for graduate students to attend and present at the annual Animal Behavior Society meeting by helping to defray the costs of travel, housing and/or meals at the meetings.

Priority will be given to Ph.D. students who are attending an ABS meeting for the first time. Award values vary according to funds available. Candidates are prioritized according to the quality of their abstracts and CVs.

**Eligibility:** Graduate Student Travel Awards are restricted to graduate students who will be presenting a talk/poster at the annual ABS meeting and who are active members of ABS. Receiving this award does not preclude students from applying for additional funding from ABS.

Applications consist of:

- your submitted abstract, including the title and indicate whether talk or poster
- your curriculum vita (CV)
- justification for request for support, including information about whether support for attendance is covered by other sources
- indicate whether you have attended or presented at a previous ABS meeting and, if so, please describe.

Applicants will be able to apply via the abstract submission system after they register for the conference.

**Submission deadline date: February 28, 2017**

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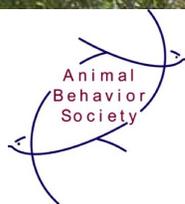
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## Announcements

### CALL FOR SYMPOSIA, INVITED SESSIONS & WORKSHOP PROPOSALS 2018 ABS MEETING

To organize a symposium, an invited paper session, or a workshop for the ABS Annual Meeting, you should first contact the Program Officers to discuss your ideas. We ask you to propose your topic to the Program Officers to make sure that there is no conflict with already existing plans and topics. A symposium should be a profound and stimulating review of an important subject area that currently is a major focus of research. It should be a thorough treatment of past work and current research advances. A symposium should be of general interest to most ABS members. Limited funding is available from ABS to assist with travel, registration, and other expenses for symposia. An invited paper session is a special grouping of papers that focus upon empirical results relating to a particular topic. A workshop is a hands-on exchange of ideas in a more informal setting relative to lectures and symposia. Funding is not available from ABS for expenses related to invited paper sessions and workshops.

Symposia, invited paper sessions, or workshop proposals for the 2018 meeting must be submitted through the website:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCZNSPzuoXICPcbNES5bJmrD3g\\_PuNIXHTQfk1I0KLOHzAIA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCZNSPzuoXICPcbNES5bJmrD3g_PuNIXHTQfk1I0KLOHzAIA/viewform)

Proposals are due on May 31, 2017 before the annual meeting in Toronto. The proposals will be circulated to the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Meeting and then discussed at the Executive Committee meeting.

Further information can be found on the ABS website or by contacting the ABS Program Officers: Mark Hauber, E-mail: [progofficer@animalbehaviorsociety.org](mailto:progofficer@animalbehaviorsociety.org) or Jonathan Pruitt, E-mail: [progofficerelect@animalbehaviorsociety.org](mailto:progofficerelect@animalbehaviorsociety.org)

### CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions that deal with timely and substantive political or social issues that members wish to submit for the consideration of the ABS membership should be submitted by May 31, 2017 to President William Searcy, E-mail: [president@animalbehaviorsociety.org](mailto:president@animalbehaviorsociety.org). Submitted resolutions should provide direction to the ABS President to facilitate prompt action and will be evaluated by the Public Affairs Committee for appropriateness. Resolutions will be voted on at the annual business meeting in Toronto. Approved resolutions reflect the views of the Animal Behavior Society membership and are sent to the appropriate external agencies, organizations, or to the general public.

Send resolution proposals to the Chair of the Public Affairs Committee Patricia Brennan, Department of Biological Sciences, Mount Holyoke College, 50 College St, South Hadley, MA 01075, E-mail: [pbrennan@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:pbrennan@mtholyoke.edu).

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**June 12-16, 2017: 54th Annual Meeting Animal Behavior Society** - University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada.

### OTHER MEETINGS

**February 16-20, 2017: American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)** – Annual Meeting: Serving Society Through Science Policy, Boston, MA.

**April 23-28, 2017: Animal Behavior Management Alliance Conference Annual Meeting**, Cincinnati, Ohio, United States. <https://theabma.org/abma-annual-conference/>

**May 7-11, 2017: Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution meeting**, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. <http://www.csee2017.ca/?lang=en>

**May 16-19, 2017: 24th International "Stress and Behavior" Neuroscience and Biopsychiatry Conference**, St. Petersburg, Russia. <http://www.stressandbehavior.com/>

**May 31– June 3, 2017: 28th Annual Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES) Meeting**, Boise, Idaho, United States. <https://www.hbes.com/conference/>

**June 23-27, 2017: Evolution 2017**, Portland, Oregon, United States. <http://www.evolutionmeetings.org/>

**July 30– August 4, 2017: Behaviour 2017**, a joint meeting of the 35th International Ethological Conference (IEC) and the 2017 Summer Meeting of the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB), Estoril, Portugal. <http://behaviour2017.org/welcome/>

**August 25-28, 2017: The 40th meeting of the American Society of Primatologists**, Washington, D.C. United States.

**January 3-7, 2018: Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB)** - Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. [Call for Symposia](#) (Deadline: 25 August 2016)

**July 16-20, 2018: 13th Annual International Congress of Neuroethology**, Brisbane, Australia. <http://icn2018.com/news/1.html>

**2018: Dates TBD**, International Primatological Society Conference, Nairobi, Kenya.

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## NOTICE TO DEVELOPING NATIONS SCIENTISTS PLANNING TO ATTEND ABS 2017

The Latin American Affairs Committee and Diversity Committee can provide letters of invitation to help scientists (faculty or students) from developing countries obtain travel funding from their universities in order to attend the ABS meeting in 2017. If such a letter would be useful in helping you to obtain funding, please contact either the Latin American Affairs Committee Chair Lilian T. Manica (Email: [latinamericanaffairs@animalbehaviorsociety.org](mailto:latinamericanaffairs@animalbehaviorsociety.org)) or the Diversity Committee Chair Daniel Howard (E-mail: [diversity@animalbehaviorsociety.org](mailto:diversity@animalbehaviorsociety.org)) to request an invitation. Please provide your name and address, as well as the title or topic of the paper you plan to present at the conference.

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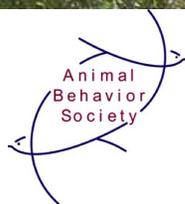
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## Opportunities

### Online Applications for the Animal Behavior & Conservation Master's Program at Hunter College, The City University of New York

Our unique MA program prepares students for careers related to animal behavior and offers interdisciplinary courses that apply ecological and evolutionary principles to the study of behavior, communication, cognition, welfare and conservation science. Our students work with our faculty and develop skills in research and work in research labs and wildlife facilities. See [HunterABC.org](http://HunterABC.org)

### Social Media Manager Needed

The Public Affairs committee is looking for a graduate student or post-doctoral scholar to take on the role of social media manager (Facebook and Tweeter) for ABS for the next few months. In exchange we offer discounted registration to attend the ABS meeting. We expect the social media scholar to tweet regularly with ABS news and articles, as well as during the ABS meeting. Interested parties should email [publicaffairs@animalbehaviorsociety.org](mailto:publicaffairs@animalbehaviorsociety.org) with a paragraph explaining your interest.

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