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Society Election

ONLINE VOTING WILL BEGIN SOON!

Please take the time to vote in the upcoming election! You will receive an E-mail from the ABS Central Office containing a link to the online ballot. This email will be sent to the address in your ABS account as long as you are an active ABS member as of November 15, 2015. A paper ballot is available in **Microsoft Word** format if you prefer to vote by regular mail. Please make sure that your name is clearly indicated on the envelope and is received by **January 31, 2016**. If you have any questions, contact us at info@animalbehaviorsociety.org.



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New Policy: Retired Active Member Support

As of the 2016 ABS conference, retired but active members of the society will be entitled to pay reduced registration fees to attend the annual ABS meeting. Retired but active members who require reduced registration fees can register directly under the retired member category at the registration site for the upcoming ABS 2016 meeting. Retired members will pay rates equivalent to Developing Nations ABS Member Rates.

For more information, please visit the ABS 2016 Conference website [here](#).

Please note, if retired members are able to afford to pay the full rates, ABS would greatly appreciate it.



Announcements

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Opportunities

Check out some opportunities in the field of animal behavior.

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2015 Book Award

Stories and pictures illustrate science in an exciting way. This year the Animal Behavior Society recognized one winner and three finalists through our Outstanding Children's Book Award program.

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NOMINATE NOW!

Call for Nominations

The Animal Behavior Society has a series of Career Awards available. Please consider nominating a worthy recipient.

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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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Michael S. Webster

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John Swaddle

Education: B.Sc. (Hons) Psychology and Zoology, 1991, University of Bristol, UK; Ph.D. Biological Science, 1994, University of Bristol; Natural Environment Research Council postdoctoral research fellow, 1994-1997, University of Glasgow, UK; Royal Exhibition of 1851 postdoctoral research fellow, 1997-1998, University of Chicago; Royal Society of London University Research fellow 1998-2001, University of Chicago and University of Bristol.

Current Position: Professor of Biology, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

Research Interests: Animal communication, sexual selection, biomechanics, avian life histories, developmental stressors, ecotoxicology, noise pollution, conservation science, environmental sustainability, reduction of bird hazards.

ABS and Related Activities: 1st Member-at-Large (elected 2011); ABS Executive Committee (2012-now); ABS Development Committee (2013-now); volunteered to judge at ABS Film festival, and to judge student poster awards; Meeting Host and Local Organizer of 47th Annual ABS meeting at College of William & Mary (2010). Other

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relevant experience: Chair, Environmental Science & Policy program, College of William & Mary (2005-2010); Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, College of William & Mary (2012-13); Chair, principal strategic planning committee of university, College of William & Mary (2012-now); raised >\$5m in private funds to endow professorships and research scholarships, working closely with University Development Office, private donors, and Foundations, College of William & Mary (2010-now); served on grant review and advisory panels for numerous US and international research agencies.

Michael S. Webster

Education: B.A. Ecology, Behavior & Evolution, 1982, University of California, San Diego; Ph.D. Neurobiology & Behavior, 1991, Cornell University; post-doc in animal behavior 1991-94, University of Chicago.

Current Position: Robert G Engel Professor of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and Director of the Macaulay Library, Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Research Interests: Communication and social behavior of birds; evolutionary causes and consequences of variation in sexual signals; the role of behavior in speciation

ABS and Related Activities : ABS Fellow (elected 2015); Allee Award Judge (2006); Service on 6 NSF grant review and advisory panels; served on editorial boards for *Animal Behaviour* (2011-2015), *Emu: Austral Ornithology* (2007-present), *Evolution* (2004-2006, 2008-2010), *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology* (2000-2004); Council member for *American Ornithologists' Union* (2010-2012); Student Awards Committee, American Ornithologists' Union (2005-2008; chaired 2007-2008); Student Research Award Committee, Cooper Ornithological Society (2004); Organizer for 6 national/international workshops and symposia.

Member-at-Large:

Todd Freeberg

Education : B.S. Ecology, Ethology, & Evolution, 1990, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Ph.D. Biology, 1997, Indiana University at Bloomington; post-docs in Audiology & Speech Sciences and in Biological Sciences, 1997-2002, Purdue University.

Current Position : Professor of Psychology, University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Research Interests : Communication and social behavior of songbirds; behavioral complexity; integration of developmental and functional approaches.

ABS and Related Activities : Member of ABS Animal Care Committee (2001 – present; Chair of Committee 2004-2009); Member of ABS Film Committee (1998 – 2010; Chair of Committee 2003-2006); Judge for Allee Competition (2002) and for ABS Graduate Student Research Award (2003, 2009); Fellow of Association for Psychological Science (elected 2012); Fulbright Scholar (2012 at Daugavpils University, Latvia); Consulting Editor for *Journal of Comparative Psychology* (2006 – present); Leader of Research Ethics Component of intern training for NSF-funded summer R.E.U. program in Animal Behavior at Indiana University (2002 – 2004); President of University of Tennessee chapter of Sigma Xi (2015 – present).

Melissa Hughes

Education: B.A. Biology, 1988, Bucknell University; Ph.D. Zoology, 1994, Duke University; post-doc, 1994-96, Duke University; Humboldt post-doctoral fellow, 1997, Free University Berlin; post-doctoral teaching fellow, 1998-2001, Princeton University.

Current Position: Professor of Biology, College of Charleston.

Research Interests: Communication and social behavior in birds and shrimp; in particular territorial behavior, female aggression and mating behavior.

ABS and Related Activities : Associate Editor, Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology (2009-present); ABS service: Allee Award judge (2011); Cooper Ornithological Society Graduate Student Grants review (2008-2009); ABS Graduate Student Grants review (2004); Career Awards Committee (2000-2002); manuscript and grant reviews: 5.3/year (since 2001), NSF grant review panel (full proposals).

Bruce Schulte

Education: B.S. Biology, 1982, College of William and Mary; M.S. Biology, 1985, University of Southern California; Ph.D. Biology, 1993, SUNY-College of Environmental Science and Forestry; post-doc in chemical ecology 1993-94, Oregon Graduate Institute, Beaverton.

Current Position : Department Head and Professor, Department of Biology, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

Emily DuVal, Florida State University, E-mail: mematlarge3@animalbehaviorsociety.org

Research Interests: Communication, conservation, and social behavior of mammalian herbivores, especially those that serve as ecological engineers, notably elephants and beavers.

ABS and Related Activities : ABS member for over 20 years; Guest co-editor for a forthcoming special issue of *Animal Behaviour* on Conservation Behavior; ABS-Conservation Committee (ABS-CC) Chair (2011-2014) – assisted in organizing workshop and symposium for 50th anniversary meeting in Boulder, CO, and follow-up workshop at Princeton meeting; Assisted with 2015 ABS-CC conservation behavior workshop in Anchorage; ABS-CC member for two separate terms prior to being chair; Mentor for undergraduate student attending 50th anniversary meeting as part of the Charles Turner Undergraduate Program; Regular reviewer of ABS student grant applications; Past member of Review Committees for Animal Behavior Society Developing Nations Research Grants; Associate editor for journal *Behaviour* ; Co-organizer of the 2014 joint meeting of Chemical Signals in Vertebrates (CSiV) XIII and the 30th meeting of the International Society of Chemical Ecology; Co-editor of the 2015 CSiV 13 book volume of contributed, peer-reviewed papers; External reviewer for NSF and past member of NSF DDIG panel.

Parliamentarian:

Peter Bednekoff

Education: B.Sc. Environmental biology, 1988, University of Tulsa; D.Phil. Zoology, 1992, University of Oxford; post-docs 1992-1994 Northern Arizona University, 1994-1996 University of British Columbia and 1996-1997 Indiana State University

Current Position: Professor of Biology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti

Research Interests: Anti-predator behavior and foraging birds and other charismatic creatures. Social strategies for survival through the non-breeding season.

ABS and Related Activities: Presenter in Education poster session 2001; Member of Panel Discussing "Integrating Academics into a Full and Well Rounded Life" 2007; Turner Program mentor 2010; Reviewer for Student Research Grants 2013; Organizing committee for 2013 & 2015 Conservation Behavior workshops; Conservation Committee (2013-now); Reviewer for *Animal Behaviour* and oh so many other journals; Associate Editor: *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology* (2002-now); Service on 5 NSF grant review and advisory panels.

Tamra Mendelson

Education: B.S. Wildlife Ecology, Certificate in Environmental Studies, 1991, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Ph.D. Zoology, 2001, Duke University; post-doc in communication and speciation, phylogenetic reconstruction, 2001-2004, University of Maryland, College Park.

Current Position: Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Research Interests: Communication, sexual selection, speciation in freshwater fish; behavioral evolution; visual ecology

ABS and Related Activities : ABS Member; *Society for the Study of Evolution* Member; *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* Editorial Board Member (2013-present); Manuscript Reviewer for, e.g., *Animal Behaviour*, *Behaviour*, *Behavioral Ecology*, *Behavioral Ecology & Sociobiology* ; Panel and ad hoc reviewer for the *National Science Foundation Divisions of Integrative Organismal Systems and Environmental Biology* ; Program Director, *National Science Foundation, Animal Behavior Program* (2014-2015).

Treasurer:

Gil Rosenthal

Education: B.A. Biology, 1993, Harvard University; Ph.D. Zoology, 2000, University of Texas at Austin; post-doc in sensory ecology 2000-02, University of California – San Diego.

Current Position: Professor of Biology, Texas A&M University, College Station; Director, Centro de Investigaciones Científicas de las Huastecas "Aguazarca".

Research Interests: Mate choice; evolutionary genetics of behavior; animal communication; conservation and behavior.

ABS and Related Activities : ABS Public Affairs Chair (2006-2009); organized symposium in "Environmental Impacts and Behavior" with Salvador Contreras at 2004 ABS meeting. Associate Editor for *Evolution* (2016-2018) and *Behavioral Ecology* (2009-2013). Developed CICHAZ field station in Mexico as an international resource for

behavioral research (2005-date). Organized Boston Behavior Club Symposia (2004-2005) and Jornada de la Ciencia y Desarrollo Sustentable in Calnali, Mexico (2014-2015 and beyond). Service on an NSF grant review panel.

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Education: B.S. Biology, 1999, The College of New Jersey; M.S. Biology, 2001, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Ph.D. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 2005, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; post-doc in behavioral evolution 2005-2009, Clark University.

Current Position: Associate Professor of Biology, The College of New Jersey.

Research Interests: behavioral evolution, the evolution and development of antipredator behavior, the role of phenotypic plasticity (including learning) in shaping evolutionary outcomes

ABS and Related Activities : Current: *ABS* member (2002-present), *ABS* Education Committee (2014-present), *ABS* Genesis Poster Award judge (2013-present, co-organizer in 2014, 2015), *ABS* Outreach Fair (2013-present), *ABS* student research grant reviewer (2011, 2014), Co-organizer of the *8th International Conference on Stickleback Behavior and Evolution* (2015), *NSF* panelist (2015) and ad hoc reviewer (2011, 2014, 2014).

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Book Award

2015 ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD FINALISTS STIMULATE YOUNG READERS

Stories and pictures illustrate science in an exciting way. This year the Animal Behavior Society recognized one winner and three finalists through our Outstanding Children's Book Award program. These books are targeted to people in grades 3-5 (ages 8-11). Inspire a future scientist by giving one of these as a gift or by encouraging your school or public library to acquire these titles.

The Animal Behavior Society will soon be soliciting books for next year's award. Interested publishers should contact the Book Award Sub-committee Chair, Michelle Solensky, E-mail: msolensk@uj.edu.

Outstanding Children's Book Award Winner



Beautiful may not be the first word that comes to mind when you think about an insect that makes its living on the excrement of other animals, but your opinion may be swayed by this year's winner of the Animal Behavior Children's Book Award. *Behold the Beautiful Dung Beetle*, written by Cheryl Bardoe and illustrated by Alan Marks (Charlesbridge), describes three different types of dung beetles that use animal feces in different ways. Dwellers extract water and bacterial proteins before the dung dries; rollers form dung balls up to fifty times their own weight, and tunnelers stockpile dung clumps in burrows. They fight, they mate, they dig, and they sometimes steal each other's dung treasures. After enjoying this lively and informative book, you will almost certainly consider them fascinating, perhaps even beautiful!

Outstanding Children's Book Award Finalists



How to Speak Cat by Aline Alexander Newman and Gary Weitzman (National Geographic) explains the meaning of more than 55 poses and many behaviors commonly exhibited by our feline friends.

Feathers, Not Just for Flying by Melissa Stewart, and illustrated by Sarah S. Brannen (Charlesbridge) describes the role of feathers in temperature regulation, predator avoidance, mate attraction, sound production, and several other surprising uses.

Get the Scoop on Animal Puke! by Dawn Cusick (Charlesbridge) explains the many reasons why animals vomit, and what we can learn about animals from this unpalatable behavior.

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2016 ABS Conference

53rd Annual Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society



COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, JULY 30 – AUGUST 3, 2016

The 53rd Annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society will be held in Columbia, Missouri, July 30 – August 3, 2016; hosted by the University of Missouri and chaired by Johannes Schul and Zuleyma Tang-Martinez. Please check the ABS 2016 Conference website [here](#) for details about our 53rd annual meeting.

The slate for symposia is now complete for 2016 but there is still room for pre-conference and evening workshops. For more details please contact program officers Drs. Mark E. Hauber, Hunter College, E-mail: progofficer@animalbehaviorsociety.org and Jonathan Pruitt, University of California-Santa Barbara, E-mail: progofficerelect@animalbehaviorsociety.org.

CALL FOR PAPERS: Each ABS member may present or sponsor one contributed paper at an annual meeting. Any topic related to the field of Animal Behavior is welcome, including all aspects of the behavior of animals for field, laboratory, applied or theoretical studies. Abstracts submitted by non-members must be submitted through the account of a willing sponsor member. ABS members may also show one film, participate in invited paper sessions or present plenary lectures in addition to giving or sponsoring their single contributed paper. The research reported at an annual meeting must comply with the ABS guidelines and all applicable laws concerning animal care and welfare.

Registrants may submit abstracts for a talk or a poster. Talks will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, as per ABS policy. Registrants are encouraged to consider giving a poster presentation. Posters will remain up for the full meeting and will be presented in well-attended evening receptions and provide the opportunity for extensive interaction and discussion. More details on abstract submission guidelines can be found at this link: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/2016/abstracts.php>

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ABS 2016 MEETING RELATED AWARDS

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WARDER CLYDE ALLEE AWARD

The 2016 Warder Clyde Allee Session for Best Student Paper Competition will be held during the annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society scheduled July 30 through August 3, 2016 at the University of Missouri. 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. The work presented may be part of a larger collaborative effort, but the student 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 entrant cannot have been awarded the Ph.D. degree before the start of the preceding ABS annual meeting (for the 2016 meeting, this date is June 10, 2015). An individual can enter the session only once per lifetime.

To enter: Interested candidates must 1) check the appropriate box in the online abstract submission system for the annual meeting; 2) submit a cover letter and an electronic version of their paper as specified below; 3) confirm that they meet all eligibility requirements; 4) present a spoken version during the 2016 Annual Meeting; and 5) attend both the Allee welcoming dinner and the awards ceremony during the Annual Meeting. **Applications, including the written paper, will be due by the abstract submission date (March 31, 2016).** Applicants will be asked to submit a cover letter with addresses and phone numbers, as well as a manuscript in PDF format (see below for details).

Manuscripts should consist of no more than seven double-spaced, line-numbered, text pages, plus no more than a total of four tables and/or figures. This limit does not include abstract, references, or acknowledgments. Papers MUST be formatted using the instruction for authors for a research paper in the journal *Animal Behaviour* to insure eligibility (author instructions: <http://bit.ly/1tfykZF>). The spoken presentation should focus on the material presented in the submitted paper, but may also include other original material as well as general introductory and concluding remarks. Questions should be addressed to ABS Second President-Elect, Jeff Podos (preselect2@animalbehaviorsociety.org).

Application materials should be submitted via the online abstract submission system through your ABS account.

GENESIS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE POSTER PRESENTATION

Undergraduates who submit posters for presentation at the annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society can indicate that they want to be considered in the Genesis Award poster competition when they submit their abstract. Judging criteria include significance of the research topic, research methods, research results, and presentation. Presentation encompasses the student's oral discussion with the judges and the poster itself, including clear statements of the questions and results, demonstration that there has been appropriate literature review, good organization and visual appeal. Students should be prepared to demonstrate a mastery of their subject material. Information about this award is available at: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/web/awards-genesis.php>. Further information, if needed, can be obtained from the chair of the Genesis Sub-committee, Sarah Humfeld (E-mail: humfelds@missouri.edu).

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CHARLES H. TURNER AWARD

The Diversity Committee of the Animal Behavior Society is calling for nominations for the 2016 Charles H. Turner Award. 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 through support for undergraduate students to attend the annual meeting. Selected Turner Program Fellows will receive support to travel to the 53rd Annual Conference being held in Columbia, Missouri, 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.

The deadline for submitting online applications is **February 29, 2016**, including the receipt of all applicant materials and faculty letters of support. The Diversity Committee will review all complete applications and award decisions will be made by March 16, 2016. Interested undergraduate students should contact the Diversity Committee Chair, Dr. Daniel R. Howard, diversity@animalbehaviorsociety.org, before the deadline with any questions on the application process, and we especially encourage those from traditionally under-represented groups to apply for this unique professional development opportunity.

Application materials should be submitted via the online Turner submission system through your ABS account.

FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL POSTER PAPER AWARD

The Founders' Memorial Poster Award competition will be held at the 2016 annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society at the University of Missouri. 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 through the abstract submission system. All Founders' presenters will be expected to provide a single page preview of their poster for the judges and give a rapid fire 1 minute 2 slide poster preview presentation prior to their session. This preview will be your opportunity to increase general interest in your presented research.

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DIVERSITY FUND STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE AWARD

The Diversity Fund Student Registration Fee Awards are intended to encourage participation and defray costs of attending the annual Animal Behavior Meetings by covering registration fees for graduate students and, in some cases (see below), established professionals, of under-represented minorities. Awards will be made by lottery of all valid applications received by the deadline: **March 31, 2016**. The application process is online, and preference is given to individuals presenting research. Questions on the award or application process should be emailed to the ABS Diversity Committee Chair, Dr. Daniel R. Howard, diversity@animalbehaviorsociety.org. Please include in the subject line "ABS Diversity Award" followed by your name.

Eligibility: Applicants from North America must be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application and must be members of under-represented minorities in the STEM fields who are of African, Asian, Latin American, American Indian or Alaska Native descent. Citizens (graduate students or established professionals) of Latin American countries and non-white citizens of African countries are also encouraged to apply.

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Call for Nominations

CAREER AWARDS

The Animal Behavior Society has a series of Career Awards that include the following:

Distinguished Animal Behaviorist: outstanding lifetime achievement in animal behavior

Exemplar Award: major long-term contribution to animal behavior

Outstanding New Investigator: outstanding contribution by a new investigator

Quest Award: outstanding seminal contribution

Exceptional Service Award: sustained service contributions to the Animal Behavior Society

Previous winners can be found here: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/web/awards-career.php>.

All members of the society are encouraged to prepare and submit nominations for these awards. To aid the Selection Committee and to help codify the procedures involved, the following items must be submitted for a nomination:

1. A letter of nomination indicating the award for which the nominee is being proposed. It should provide details on the reasons the nominee should be considered for that award
2. A curriculum vitae of the nominee
3. Additional supporting letters from colleagues solicited by the nominator

These materials should be submitted online: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/career-awards/>

The nomination submission **deadline is November 30, 2015.**

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Research Grants & Travel Awards

SEVERAL AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP OFFSET TRAVEL COSTS TO THE ABS 2016 CONFERENCE IN ADDITION TO THE GRANTS LISTED BELOW.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY 2016 STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT AND DEVELOPING NATIONS RESEARCH GRANT

The Animal Behavior Society offers the following grants to support graduate student research:

- ABS Student Research Grants
- George W. Barlow Award
- E.O. Wilson Conservation Award
- Amy R. Samuels Cetacean Behavior and Conservation Grant
- David S. Tuber Award
- Developing Nations Research Grant (for students and other researchers)

Research grants range from \$500 to \$2000 USD, depending on the category of the grant and evaluations. Individuals may receive only one ABS research grant during their lifetime. Receipt of an ABS research grant does not preclude receipt of a Developing Nations Grant in a subsequent year, and receipt of a Developing Nations Grant one year does not preclude the receipt of an ABS research grant in a subsequent year.

The deadline for Student Grant submission is 11:59PM CST on November 30, 2015. Submissions will not be accepted after the closing date. Applicants for student grants must be enrolled in a graduate program and must be active members of the Animal Behavior Society.

Application instructions and more information about the Student Research Grants are available on the grant application website here: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/web/awards-student-grants.php>

If you have any questions about your membership or the submission process, contact the ABS Central Office (info@animalbehaviorsociety.org).

ABS STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS

ABS Student Research Grants for graduate student research are awarded at a level of \$500 to \$2000 USD each, depending on referee evaluations.

E. O. WILSON CONSERVATION AWARD

The Edward O. Wilson Conservation Award seeks to encourage graduate students of animal behavior to participate in meaningful conservation-related research. This single grant of up to \$2000 USD supports a proposal considered meritorious for its integration of behavior and conservation. The award is named for Dr. E. O. Wilson, professor at Harvard University, one of the world's preeminent scientists and pioneers in biodiversity conservation. Dr. Wilson received the ABS Distinguished Animal Behaviorist Award in 2002.

GEORGE W. BARLOW AWARD

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The George W. Barlow Award's purpose is to encourage excellence in graduate student research in the field of animal behavior. This grant will be given annually to one top-ranked proposal in the Student Research Grant cycle in accordance with the most recent ABS Student Research Grant competition rules.

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AMY R. SAMUELS CETACEAN BEHAVIOR & CONSERVATION AWARD

The purpose of the Amy R. Samuels Cetacean Behavior & Conservation Award is to provide financial support for graduate students studying cetacean behavior and/or cetacean conservation in natural environments. The goal of this grant is to encourage original and significant research that focuses on endangered populations or species, or on critically important problems in cetacean behavioral biology. A grant of up to \$2000 USD will be made to a successful applicant. The grant must be used for field research; it cannot be used for laboratory research. This grant will be awarded only if there are proposals deemed worthy by the committee in any given year. Thus, there may be years in which no award is made. Eligible applicants must: (1) be enrolled in a Masters or Doctoral Program in a University accredited by a regional college association, (2) be members in good standing of one of the following professional societies: Animal Behavior Society or Association of the Study of Animal Behaviour. ASAB members planning to apply for this grant must contact the Central Office (info@animalbehaviorsociety.org) prior to the submission deadline (specified above) to be able to submit an application through the ABS web site.

DAVID S. TUBER AWARD

The David S. Tuber award was created to promote excellence in research into Applied Animal Behavior.

Named in honor of David S. Tuber (1942-1995) this award was created by Victoria L. Voith & Peter L. Borchelt, editors of the book "Readings in Companion Animal Behaviour" for his seminal contribution to the field of clinical animal behavior. David S. Tuber was one of the first behaviorist to apply the principles of animal behavior to the behavioral problems of companion animals.

DEVELOPING NATIONS RESEARCH GRANT

Funds for the annual Developing Nations Research Grant Competition are intended to provide financial support for scientific studies of animal behavior conducted by current Animal Behavior Society student members, as well as more established researchers, who are residents of a developing nation and are conducting research at an institution in a developing nation. Please note that developing nation student members of ABS are also eligible to apply for the annual Student Research Grants Competition, and are eligible to receive both a Developing Nations Research grant and a Student Research Grant, but not in the same year.

ABS uses the World Bank's classification of nations by income (excluding all "high-income" and OECD member economies) to identify Developing Nations. Please refer to the following website to check that your nation qualifies: <http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-and-lending-groups>. Grants are awarded for research to be conducted within a 1-year period from the date of receipt of this grant.

ABS 2016 TRAVEL RELATED GRANTS AND AWARDS

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. The deadline for applications is the last day of abstract submissions, **March 31, 2016**.

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.

Applications consist of:

1. Your submitted abstract, including the title
2. Your curriculum vita (CV)

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

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.

Applicants will be able to apply for the Latin American Travel Award through the online abstract submission system.

NEW! 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.

The deadline for applications is the last day of abstract submissions, **March 31, 2016**.

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:

1. Your submitted abstract, including the title
2. Your curriculum vita (CV)
3. Justification for request for support, including information about whether support for attendance is covered by other sources
4. A brief statement about your previous attendance at ABS meetings

Applicants will be able to apply for the Graduate Student Travel Grant through the online abstract submission system.

NEW! CAREGIVER TRAVEL GRANT

The Caregiver Travel Grant award is intended to provide financial caregiving support for active ABS members to attend and present at the annual ABS meeting. Funds may be used to aid in caregiving costs that will enable ABS members to attend the annual meeting (e.g., airfare for caregiver, childcare or dependent care costs).

The deadline for applications is the last day of abstract submissions, **March 31, 2016**.

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:

1. Your submitted abstract, including the title
2. Your curriculum vita (CV)
3. Justification for request for support (one paragraph)
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CALL FOR ABS MEETING INVITATIONS

ABS is seeking proposals for future meeting venues. Sites can be a resort or hotel, university campus or a mixture of the two. Contact ABS Past President, **Past President: Regina H. Macedo**, Universidade de Brasília, E-mail: pastpresident@animalbehaviorsociety.org

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e.g. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00661856>. These are now available to all ABS and ASAB members and subscribers and those receiving gratis access. Among the many significant contributions that are now available is Jane Goodall's classic monograph, [The Behaviour of Free-living Chimpanzees in the Gombe Stream Reserve](#), Volume 1, Part 3, Pages 161-311 (1968). The *Animal Behaviour Monographs* represent precious (and previously largely unavailable) historical content that is now easily accessible online for posterity.

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Interested in proposing a symposium (Invited Paper Session/Workshop) for ABS 2017 in Toronto? Please use our Symposium Proposal Form at <http://tinyurl.com/abs2017CA>. If you have any questions, please contact the Program Officer: Dr. Mark Hauber, E-mail: progofficer@animalbehaviorsociety.org.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETINGS

2016: 30 July-3 August, 53rd Annual Animal Behavior Society Meeting, Columbia, Missouri, United States.

2017: 12-16 June, 54th Annual Animal Behavior Society Meeting, Toronto, Ontario Canada.

OTHER MEETINGS

2016: 3-7 January, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB), Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, United States.

2016: 10-14 January, American Society of Naturalists Meeting, Asilomar, California, United States.

2016: 11-15 February, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., United States.

2016: 30 March-April 3, 12th Annual International Congress of Neuroethology, Montevideo, Uruguay, South America.

2016: 17-22 April, Animal Behavior Management Alliance Conference Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida, United States.

2016: 16-19 May, 23rd International "Stress and Behavior" Neuroscience and Biopsychiatry Conference, St. Petersburg, Russia.

2016: 18-21 June, Evolution 2016, Austin, Texas, United States.

2016: 22-24 June, 7th International Regional "Stress and Behavior" Neuroscience and Biopsychiatry Conference Miami Beach, Florida, United States.

2016: 29 June-2 July, 28th Annual Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES) Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.

2016: July 29-August 4, 16th International Behavioral Ecology Congress (ISBE), University of Exeter, Exeter, England, United Kingdom.

2016: July 30-August 3, 53rd Annual Meeting Animal Behavior Society (ABS), University of Missouri, Columbia,

[Emily DuVal](#), Florida State University, E-mail: mematlarge3@animalbehaviorsociety.org

Missouri, United States.

2016: 21-27 August, 39th Annual American Society of Primatologists Conference, will be held jointly with the 26th Congress of the International Primatological Society Conference, Chicago, Illinois, United States.

2017: 4-8 January, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) - Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, United States.

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

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

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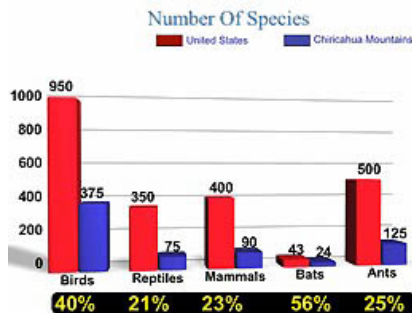
FIELD STUDIES OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

Sponsored By The Southwestern Research Station Of The American Museum of Natural History

Course Description: The study of animal behavior is by nature interdisciplinary - crossing the boundaries between Biology, Psychology, Anthropology and Sociology. An understanding of the behavior of diverse species contributes both to our appreciation of human evolution, and to our ability to preserve biological diversity through conservation.

This 10-day Animal Behavior Field Course is being offered at the Southwestern Research Station, located in The Chiricahua Mountains of southeastern Arizona.

Dates for 2016: July 16 - 26



According to Conservation International, the sky islands of southern Arizona (which include the Chiricahua Mountains) contain some of the richest reservoirs of plant and animal life on earth (see chart blow). It is this outstanding biodiversity that attracts scientists (and their students) from all over the world. During this intensive field course, we will focus on the behavior of a variety of invertebrate and vertebrate species.

Our studies will include:

1. The Adaptability Of Behavior - color and odor preferences in the selection of nectar sources by hummingbirds.
2. Population Dynamics - the size of territory in harvester ants as a function of colony density.
3. Communication - the evolution of visual displays in iguanid lizards.
4. Social Behavior - orientation and communication in slave-making ants.
5. Mating Behavior - The role of auditory signals in mating behavior of spadefoot toads.
6. Chemical orientation in three species of lizards: the role of Jacobson's organ.
7. Visual learning in feeding behavior of Mexican jays
8. Orientation behavior of ant lions

The course will include daily multimedia lectures. Although most of the course will be devoted to class and small-group projects, we also participate in research being conducted by scientists at the Research Station. In addition, we attend evening seminars given by Station scientists. Indeed, it is the presence of so many scientists (and their students) from around the world that makes this field course so unique!

Participants: The Animal Behavior Course is designed for: undergraduate and graduate students; teachers; professors; museum and zoo docents, environmental professionals, or anyone who enjoys observing and understanding the behavior of animals in their natural habitat. The course is limited to 15 participants.

Instructors:

Dr. Howard Topoff, Professor Emeritus of Biopsychology at the City University of New York. Dr. Topoff has been conducting field research on insect social behavior at the Southwestern Research Station for over 40 years.

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SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER



The 12th Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser was held by University of Washington graduate student Saethra Fritscher at the 2015 Annual ABS meeting in Anchorage, AK. We raised a total of \$1836, with \$50 to the Barlow Fund, \$85 to the Latin American Affairs committee, and \$1701 to the Student Research Grant program. Thank you to all who participated!

We look forward to another excellent fundraising opportunity at our 53rd Annual ABS meeting at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO, July 30 – August 3. Anybody wishing to send donations ahead of their arrival at the conference or those

wishing to donate but not able to attend should contact Saethra at sfrits@uw.edu by **June 1, 2016**.

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Memorials

ETHEL TOBACH, PhD

(Written by Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, ABS Historian; Photos from the Internet and from the invitation to memorial celebrating Ethel's life)

Ethel Tobach, one of the founders of the Animal Behavior Society (as well as of the International Society for Comparative Psychology) died in her sleep on August 14, 2015, in Wayland, MA. Up until the end of her life, Ethel continued to be an active researcher, teacher, and political activist.

By any measure, Ethel had a most remarkable life. Born on November 7, 1921 in a small village in Ukraine, her parents took her to Palestine when she was only 2 weeks old, to escape anti-Jewish pogroms being carried out by the White Army (anti-Communist forces). When her father died within the year, 9 month-old Ethel immigrated with her mother to the USA. Her mother was a socialist and active in labor union politics, a fact that seems to have been a major influence on Ethel's subsequent political development.

In 1949, she graduated from Hunter College and later sought admission to graduate school at New York University. Despite NYU's reluctance to accept married women into their graduate programs, Ethel convinced the admissions committee, pretty much by sheer will power, reinforced by her outstanding academic record and assurances that her husband, Charles, supported her pursuing a graduate degree. She completed her Ph.D. in 1957, working with renowned comparative psychologist, T.C. Schneirla. Although Ethel taught at several New York universities and colleges at various times, her major and lasting affiliation was with the Department of Animal Behavior at the American Museum of Natural History. She retired from the AMNH in the 1980's as a Curator Emerita.

After her death, tributes from around the world, extolled her as a "giant" and as a "force of nature". At various times, Ethel had been referred to as somewhat "curmudgeonly" or "difficult", but almost everyone agrees that she was brilliant, kind, generous and a superb and dedicated mentor. In particular, she was a tenacious advocate and supporter of women in science. Ethel was an indefatigable champion for the underdog and her passion for science was matched by her commitment to social justice, peace, and equality. She believed that scientists have a responsibility to society and conducted her life and research accordingly. As such, she was an inspiration to many.

Ethel was a prolific writer and editor. She published over 117 professional articles and books, on a very broad range of topics, including effects of behavior and stress on disease processes (most notably TB), hearing in newborn rats, and the inking behavior of the sea slug, *Aplysia*. Like her mentor, Schneirla, Ethel's research was grounded in evolutionary biology and she believed strongly in the need to integrate field and laboratory studies.

Among her best-known edited books are *Development and Evolution of Behavior: Essays in Memory of T.C. Schneirla* (co-editors: L.R. Aronson, D.S. Lehrman, & J.S. Roseblatt); *Behavioral Evolution and Integrative Levels* (co-editor: G. Greenberg); and *The Biopsychology of Development* (co-editors: L.R. Aronson & E. Shaw). Her ability to integrate psychology and science with social responsibility is illustrated by books such as *Challenging Racism and Sexism*, and the series *Genes and Gender*, both co-edited with Betty Rosoff.

Ethel's dedication to scholarship and social justice earned her many honors. As examples, she was elected a Fellow of the Animal Behavior Society in 1970 and, in 2003, the American Psychological Association presented her with the Gold Medal Award for Lifetime Achievement in Psychology in the Public Interest. In granting the medal, the American Psychological Association highlighted her work against racism and sexism, and her leadership in



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psychology groups dedicated to peace and nuclear disarmament.



In addition to being a founder and a fellow, Ethel's service to the Animal Behavior Society was varied and significant. Most notably, she served as Assistant Editor of *Animal Behaviour* during the 1960s. Her committee work included chairing the ABS' Comparative and Experimental Psychology Ad hoc Committee, serving on the American Psychological Association Liaison Committee, and on the ABS Research Grant Awards Committee.

Her friend and long-time colleague, Bruce Overmier (Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota) speaks for many when he says: "A giant has passed. Lucky were the few of us that knew her (and often felt the lash of her advice)".

The ABS laments the passing of Ethel Tobach and extends sympathies to her family, colleagues and friends.

(Zuleyma Tang-Martinez gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Sheila Chase and Bruce Overmier, as well as biographical information obtained from obituaries and writings by Gary Greenberg, Howard Topoff, and the Jewish Women's Archive).

JOHN C. FENTRESS, PhD

(Written by: Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, ABS Historian, & Simon Gadbois, Dalhousie University; Photo from Fentress Website)



Noted animal behaviorist and former President of the Animal Behavior Society, Dr. John Fentress, died suddenly of a heart attack, while playing golf in Eugene, Oregon, on August 22, 2015. John remained active in research and writing right up until the time of his death.

Born on February 4, 1939, in East Chicago, IN, John received his B.A. degree from Amherst College, followed by a Ph.D. in zoology and ethology from Cambridge University in 1965, under the mentorship of Robert Hinde and William Thorpe. Subsequently, he conducted postdoctoral research with Richard Doty. One of his passions always was to synthesize animal experimental psychology,

ethology, and neuroscience. In 1974, he moved from the University of Oregon to Dalhousie University in Canada to become chair of the Department of Psychology. When the department eventually changed its name to the "Department of Psychology and Neuroscience", John was thrilled and considered it a high point that vindicated his interest in unifying these fields. Additionally, while at Dalhousie, John also founded the Canadian Centre for Wolf research, which quickly developed an international reputation for quality and ethical research on wolves and coyotes. Following his retirement around 2003, John returned to Oregon but continued to maintain connections and collaborative projects with colleagues at Dalhousie.

In his two main areas of research, action patterns in animals (more specifically grooming sequences) and wolf social behavior, John often contributed to re-defining the status quo by putting forward innovative and thought-provoking ideas. In the 1970s, he re-framed and gave new relevance to the construct of "motor programs" and innate behavior. As such, he was a highly influential thinker and researcher in animal behavior.

Early in his career, John edited the well-known book, *Simpler Networks and Behaviour*; more recently, he published a book on wolf behavior based on a wolf pup he raised by hand, and their life together. He was prolific in his writing, publishing more than 130 scientific papers and abstracts on a range of topics, including aspects of behavioral methodology, behavioral neurobiology, and development and organization of behavior, using both canids and rodents as research subjects. Not surprisingly, throughout his lifetime, John received numerous awards for his outstanding research contributions.

John was extremely active in the Animal Behavior Society. In addition to his service as ABS President (1988-1989), he served on numerous committees, including Education, Policy and Planning, Membership, and Nominating committees. In 1993, he was elected a Fellow of the ABS, in recognition of his exceptional research and service contributions to the society. John is fondly remembered as a true gentleman - a devoted and down-to-earth person who was always kind, friendly with everyone, and scrupulously honest. He loved animal behavior, and his charismatic personality attracted many outstanding students to the field and to our society.

One little known fact about John was his strong interest in health and the mind-body connection. In his younger years he met and conversed on such issues with Carl Jung and Robert Frost. More recently, he led and participated

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in mind-body workshops that included the Dalai Lama.

The ABS mourns John's passing and offers condolences to his family, colleagues, and friends.

Excerpt of poem by John: *"Have you ever seen a wolf just glide - Across the field or through the wood - It is truly a vision to behold - A dance of nature with grace and trust."*

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