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2018 ABS Election

Society Election

RESULTS OF THE ABS ELECTION

A total of 296 validated ballots were cast in the election. This represents approximately 16% 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:

Esteban Fernandez-Juricic

Executive Editor:

Nancy Solomon

Member-at-Large:

Suzy Renn

Public Affairs Officer:

Danielle Whittaker

Graduate Student Representative:

Katherine Crocker



Election Results



2018 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 2018 ABS Meeting in Milwaukee.

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ABS 2018

We are pleased to announce the ABS 2018 Plenary Sessions, Symposia, and Pre-conference Events.

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ABS Annual Meeting



55th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY
University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

August 2 - 6, 2018

<http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/2018/>

A message from the 2018 meeting hosts:

Dear ABS Members and Friends, We are pleased to invite you to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in August 2018 for the 55th annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society. We look forward to hosting you on our campus at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), which is located near the shores of Lake Michigan. Milwaukee is an ideal location with easy access from across the country. The Milwaukee airport has been rated one of the ten best in the US and offers nonstop, affordable flights to 35 of the largest cities in the US. We are also 90 min north of the Chicago airport, which has direct buses to Milwaukee. Milwaukee is often called Brew City for its long history of beer making, or the City of Festivals, as it hosts non-stop festivals during the summer,

including Summerfest, the worlds largest music festival. We also have a spectacular art museum with moveable "wings" and a world-class zoo that will be the site of the banquet on the last night.

UW-Milwaukee is located a few miles north of downtown in a residential area next to Lake Michigan and several greenbelt parks. The campus has many rooms available at low prices in suite-style dorm accommodations. There are also three hotels within a 10 min drive (affordable parking is available on campus), although none are within walking distance. The "east side" around campus hosts a wide variety of dining and drinking options, including microbreweries and scenic Biergartens. For more variety, there are over 100 restaurants a short bus or car ride away in downtown.

The academic program is still being finalized, but we have some outstanding plenary speakers and symposia so far. Plenary speakers will include Damian Elias (UC-Berkeley, "Advances in Communication") and Katie Slocombe (York University, England, "Communication in primates"). Conference symposia include "Sexual Dialogues" and "Research questions that we should be asking". The ABS president's plenary will be given by Jeff Podos (University of Massachusetts-Amherst).

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 workshops on teaching, genomics and conservation before the 5-day meeting.

The 2018 ABS conference will be intellectually stimulating, as well as a fun time to meet old friends and make new ones. 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 the Spring; be sure to register early to take advantage of the great early rates.

We look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee in August 2018!

Local Organizing Committee:

Peter Dunn
Gerlinde Hoebel
Rafael Rodriguez
Linda Whittingham



ABS 2018 Conference Website



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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Special Awards

This year, the Animal Behavior Society supported a few new awards supporting Outreach Work, projects in Puerto Rico, and an AIBS Congressional visit.

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ABS 2018 Plenaries



Damian Elias
University of California, Berkley

Complex Communication In Spiders: How We Discovered That We Don't Know Anything



Katie Slocombe
University of St. Andrews

Chimpanzee communication: have we underestimated vocalisations?



Oren Harman
Bar-Ilan University

Antlers and Altruists: George Price's Dramatic Role in the History of Animal Behavior



George Uetz
University of Cincinnati

TBA



Jeff Podos, ABS President
University of Massachusetts - Amherst

The Evolution of Alternative Reproductive Tactics

ABS 2018 Symposia

Sexual Dialogues

Organizers: Peter Dunn, Gerlinde Hoebel, Rafael Rodriguez, and Linda Whittingham

What Are We Not Asking About The Evolution of Behavior That We Should Be Asking

Organizers: Peter Dunn, Gerlinde Hoebel, Rafael Rodriguez, and Linda Whittingham

Animal Behavior in Historical Context: Novel Insights From Interdisciplinary Encounters

Organizers: Zuleyma Tang-Martinez

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How Enemies Shape Communication Systems

Organizers: Ximena Bernal and Rachel Page

Presidential Symposium: Animal Communication, Cognition, and the Evolution of Language

Organizer: William A. Searcy

Allee Symposium for Best Student Poster Paper

Organizer: Jennifer Fewell



Christopher Templeton, Pacific University, E-mail: mematlarge3@animalbehaviorsociety.org

For a full description of each symposium including a list of speakers, please visit:

<http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/2018/program-symposia.php>

ABS 2018 PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Animal Behavior Teaching Collection

Thursday, August 2nd

Organizers: Heather Zimble-DeLorenzo and Susan Longest

After creating an Animal Behavior teaching activity or module, publish it using the Animal Behavior Teaching Collection on EcoEd. This free half day workshop will show you how to use the site, other useful teaching resources sites, and focus on the publishing aspect of teaching resources. This workshop will also continue to build off of past Education workshops and introduce new ideas for teaching methodologies.



Genomics for Animal Behaviorists

Thursday, August 2nd

Organizer: Peter Dunn

This workshop will introduce genomics to animal behaviorists and help them get started using these techniques in their research. We will discuss study design, choice of methods, including practical issues of sequencing facilities, cost and computing resources, and then proceed to some brief hands-on data analyses based on the interests of the participants. The only background assumed is a basic knowledge of statistics and genetics, familiarity with your computer and interest in learning current genomic methods. This is a free half day workshop on Thursday, 2 Aug (12:30-4:30). Interested persons should send an email to pdunn@uwm.edu with their name, affiliation, and a few sentences about what they hope to learn or do with what they learn in the workshop.

2018 ABS OUTREACH FAIR: ADVENTURES IN ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Thursday, August 2, 2018, afternoon, tentative location: Urban Ecology Center
(<http://urbanecologycenter.org/our-branches/riverside-park.html>)

Organizers: ABS Education Committee

It is hard to imagine a field better suited to science outreach than animal behavior. People have innumerable questions about the behavior of their pets or squirrels in their backyard, techniques and experiments are easy to demonstrate, and applications range from agriculture and conservation to understanding our own behavior. Each year ABS members come together by the hundreds at the annual meeting, offering a great opportunity to reach out to the local community to excite them about behavior research and science more generally. For the last several years, over 30 labs (about 15/year) have participated in the ABS Outreach Fair, which is generally hosted by local museums and natural history centers.

Students, postdocs, and PIs have been working to translate their research into engaging and informative activities for the public, from taking fake birds out of mistnets and tracking stuffed mice with radio collars, to watching butterflies get marked and released. Letting kids participate in such methodological demonstrations is often a great hook for telling them about what we can learn from animal behavior. Fair participants have also designed creative ways to communicate concepts from their work, such as the ease with which some animals can distinguish olfactory cues, whereas we are much more visually oriented or the importance of learning in behavior. Thanks to the generous efforts of local museums and the ABS participants, each of these fairs has attracted a diverse audience, generally 300-600 members of the public, from toddlers to teens to seniors. The kids are invariably excited to explore each and every display and have been overheard remarking "Look Mom, a girl scientist!"

While the outreach fair has proven a valuable event for the local community, it has emerged as equally exciting for the ABS participants. When else does one have an opportunity to see the famed "Patricelli Robogrouse" in action? And what better way to learn about possible systems for dissertation research than to see fish, spiders, termites, caterpillars and bees gathered together in one room with people that know how to work with them? Students have also remarked that having to explain their research to such a wide audience forced them to think about the broader importance of their work. And each year, the participants learn a lot about what activities work well for communicating their research (kids love prizes!) and which ones fall a little flat (people would rather do something than read something).

Is your lab interested in participating in this year's outreach fair? Please contact Sue Margulis (margulis@canisius.edu)

ABS MEETINGS CODE OF CONDUCT

ABS meetings, open to ABS members and those interested in the science of animal behavior, are among the most respected scientific meetings in the animal behavior community. ABS is committed to providing a safe, productive and welcoming environment for all meeting participants and ABS staff. All participants including, but not limited to, attendees, speakers, volunteers, exhibitors, ABS staff, and service providers are expected to abide by this ABS Meetings Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct applies to all ABS meeting-related events including those sponsored by organizations other than ABS but held in conjunction with ABS events, in public or private facilities.

Expected Behavior:

- All participants, attendees, ABS staff, and vendors are treated with respect and consideration, valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Be considerate, respectful, and collaborative.
- Communicate openly with respect for others, critiquing ideas rather than individuals.
- Avoid personal attacks directed toward other attendees, participants, ABS staff and suppliers/vendors.
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants. Alert ABS staff if you notice a dangerous situation or someone in distress.
- Respect the rules and policies of the meeting venue, hotels, ABS contracted facility, or any other venue.
- In accordance with ABS policy, request permission from speakers to audio record presentations. Request permission of the Executive Committee and the speaker to video record presentations.
- Respect presenters' requests to refrain from disseminating the contents of their presentation on social media or other public platforms. Presenters wishing to opt-out of media dissemination are encouraged to indicate their wishes by including a logo in their presentation, available here.

Unacceptable Behavior

- Harassment, intimidation or discrimination in any form will not be tolerated.
- Physical or verbal abuse of any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, ABS staff member, service provider or other meeting guest will not be tolerated.

- Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to, verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, national origin; inappropriate use of nudity and/or sexual images in public spaces or in presentations; threatening or stalking any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, ABS staff member, service provider or other meeting guest.
- Disruption of talks at oral or poster sessions, in the exhibit hall or at other events organized by ABS at the meeting venue, hotels, or other ABS contracted facilities will not be tolerated.

Consequences:

- Anyone requested to stop unacceptable behavior is expected to comply immediately.
- ABS staff (or their designee) or security may take any action deemed necessary and appropriate, e.g., a verbal warning, immediate removal from the meeting without warning or refund, or reporting to the offender's employer.
- ABS reserves the right to prohibit attendance at any future meeting.
- If you are the subject of unacceptable behavior or have witnessed any such behavior, please immediately notify an ABS staff member or ABS volunteer in a leadership position. The notifier is not required or expected to discuss the concern with the alleged offender. All complaints will be treated seriously and investigated promptly. Confidentiality will be honored to the extent permitted as long as the rights of others are not compromised.

Notification should be done by contacting an ABS staff person on-site or e-mail your concern to info@animalbehaviorsociety.org.

Anyone experiencing or witnessing behavior that constitutes an immediate or serious threat to public safety is advised to contact 911 and locate a house phone, if available, and ask for security.

ABS shall not be responsible for any defamatory, offensive or illegal conduct of ABS meeting participants, and shall not be held liable for personal injury, property damage, theft, or damage of any kind suffered by the participants at or in connection with the ABS meeting.

ABS 2018 TRAVEL INFORMATION, ACCOMODATIONS, CHILDCARE

Please see the link provided here for **Travel Information**: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/2018/hotel-travel.php>

Please visit our website for information on **Accommodations**: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/2018/hotel.php>

Please see the link provided below for information on **Childcare**:

The Animal Behavior Society offers grants to enable families with children to bring a care-giver to the meeting or to pay a care-giver to remain at home with the children. Please check the link below for information about the ABS Childcare Grants: <http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/web/awards-care.php>

Caregivers and children accompanying ABS registrants may receive free registration and are welcome to attend all conference events.

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Dr. Ted Stankowich

Education: B.A. Biology with Honors, Cornell University, 2000 M.S. Animal Behavior, University of California Davis, 2002 Ph.D. Animal Behavior, University of California Davis, 2006 Darwin Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2006-08 Lecturer, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2008-10 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, 2010-12

Current Position: Assistant Professor, California State University Long Beach, 2012-current

Research Interests: Evolutionary Behavioral Ecology: evolution of predator-prey interactions, including antipredator behavior, defensive weaponry, predator recognition, aposematic coloration, risk assessment, and escape decisions. Field behavioral studies on striped skunks and coyotes. Comparative evolutionary studies using museum specimens of all types of mammals, including carnivores, porcupines, deer, tenrecs, and echidnas. ABS

Related Activities: ABS Member since 2004 Attended 12 out of 14 meetings since becoming member Student Research Grant Reviewer (2010, 2012) Annual Meeting Session Moderator (2010,13,14,15,17) Allee Competition Judge (2013) Founder's Poster Competition Judge (2017)

Dr. Elizabeth Tibbets

Education: B.S. Biology, University of Michigan, 1994-1998; PhD in Neurobiology and Behavior Cornell University, 1998-2003; PERT Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Arizona, 2003-2005

Current position: Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Michigan

Research interests: Animal communication, cognition, hormones and behavior, social insects

ABS related things: I am an active member of the animal behavior research community. I've reviewed for journals and granting agencies, served on editorial boards, and organized conferences and symposia. I have not had a leadership position in the Animal Behavior Society, but am looking forward to being more involved in the Society's governance in the future.

Constitutional Changes Approved During the Previous Election:

1. Article 6: (Meetings)

Old language:

A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be seven members.

New language:

A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be at least 2/3 of the committee's voting members.

2. Article 8: (Elections)

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Old language:

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New language:

Additional nominations for all positions except for the Graduate Student Representative may be made in letters to the Executive Committee signed by five or more members in good standing and submitted by the deadline announced in the NEWSLETTER. The full slate of graduate student representatives shall be selected at the business meeting of the prior Annual Meeting of the Society.

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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 2018 Warder Clyde Allee Session for Best Student Paper Competition will be held during the annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society scheduled August 2-6, 2018 at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. All eligible students and recent graduates are encouraged to participate.

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 2018 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 on the meeting's abstract submission date.** 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, Jennifer Fewell (preselect2@animalbehaviorsociety.org).

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, Jennifer Fewell (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 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.

The deadline for applications is the last day of abstract submissions: **April 1, 2018**

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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?

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.

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

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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: April 1, 2018

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:

diversity@animalbehaviorsociety.org

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: **April 1, 2018**

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.

The deadline for applications is the last day of abstract submissions: **April 1, 2018**

General questions should be directed to the Diversity Committee: diversity@animalbehaviorsociety.org

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)

The deadline for applications is the last day of abstract submissions: **April 1, 2018**

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.

General questions should be directed to Member-at-Large Emily DuVal: mematlarge2@animalbehaviorsociety.org

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. **If you are not presenting work at the annual conference, but would like to be considered for this grant, please contact us at: info@animalbehaviorsociety.org**

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: April 1, 2018

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: April 1, 2018



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Announcements

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA, INVITED SESSIONS & WORKSHOP PROPOSALS 2019 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 2019 meeting must be submitted through the website: <https://www.research.net/r/TTW9JPL>

Proposals are due on July 9, 2018, before the annual meeting in Milwaukee. 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: Jonathan Pruitt E-mail: progofficer@animalbehaviorsociety.org or Alison Bell, E-mail: 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, 2018 to President Jeff Podos, E-mail: 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 Milwaukee. 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 Danielle J. Whittaker, Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan, US. E-mail: publicaffairs@animalbehaviorsociety.org

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August 2-6th, 2018- 55th Annual Meeting Animal Behavior Society - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA

OTHER MEETINGS

February 15-19, 2018- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) – Annual Meeting: Austin, TX.

April 8-13, 2018- Animal Behavior Management Alliance Conference Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, United States. <https://theabma.org/abma-annual-conference/>

May 16-19, 2018- 24th International "Stress and Behavior" Neuroscience and Biopsychiatry Conference, St. Petersburg, Russia. <http://www.stressandbehavior.com/>

July 4-7, 2018- 29th Annual Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES) Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands. <https://www.hbes.com/conference/>

July 15-20, 2018, 13th Annual International Congress of Neuroethology, Brisbane, Australia. <http://icn2018.com/news/1.html>

July 18-21, 2018- Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution meeting, Guelph, ON, Canada <http://csee-scee.ca/category/meetings/upcoming-csee-meetings/>

August 8-11, 2018- 41st meeting of the American Society of primatologists. San Antonio, TX United States. <https://www.asp.org/meetings/conference.cfm>

August 9-12, 2018- ASAB 2018, Liverpool UK . <http://behaviour2017.org/welcome/>

August 11-16, 2018- ISBE. International Society for Behavioral Ecology. University of Minnesota, USA. <http://www.cvent.com/events/isbe-2018/event-summary-8b8c6b90d61e4194b0893e21e3ef0553.aspx>

August 12-16, 2018- II Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology. Montpellier, France. <http://evolutionmontpellier2018.org>

January 3-7, 2019- Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) - Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida. <http://www.sicb.org/meetings/>

ATTENTION AUTHORS

Are you an author or editor of a book related to animal behavior? If so, we would like to list it on the ABS Books by Members Web page. Click on member books under additional resources or click on the following link to see the book currently available (<http://www.shelfari.com/o1514504629/shelf>). Listing your book is quick and easy! And remember, if the book is still available, there is a direct link to [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) from the web site for interested buyers (and ABS earns up to 5% from purchases made through this link). Send the following information to the Chair of Public Affairs Committee Chair of the Public Affairs Committee Patricia Brennan at pbrennan@mtholyoke.edu.

Author name(s), book title, publication year, publisher, number of pages, ISBN number (specify whether for hardcover or paperback), and a BRIEF abstract of the book.

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Special Awards

ABS Outreach Grant 2017-2018 Recipients

Giridhar Malla: An initiative to create awareness about behaviour and conservation of a globally threatened small cat among the kids of a fishing community in India

Fishing cats are one of the most elusive small cat species in the world and are also highly threatened due to habitat destruction. To improve conservation of these small cat species, I believe the easiest way to achieve is by targeting the children of the local fishing community who are not just highly receptive but also can become good ambassadors for their community in future. Owing to factors such as poverty and poor school infrastructure these children do not even get proper education and so have very less opportunities to learn about wildlife conservation or animal behaviour. Therefore, our target will be to disseminate information on behaviour and conservation of Fishing cats by raising awareness and educating about its global importance, behaviour, and its mangrove habitats to the small children of the local fishing community living around mangrove forests of Godavari Delta.

With the help of the ABS Outreach Grant I would like to design a comic book about the relationship between a local kid and a fishing cat. Ecology of Fishing Cats in a mangrove forest and different aspects of its behaviour such as its hunting technique of fishes, effects of tides on their activity in the mangroves, communication between each other (vocal calls) etc. will be highlighted in the comic book, making it interesting and easier for the local kids to understand. Comic books are an excellent and easy way to disseminate information about behaviour and conservation actions of such elusive species to the kids. Through this method, we hope to raise awareness and develop a sense of ownership among the local kids of a globally important species that lives just behind their backyards.

Sue Margulis and Tiffany Vanderwerf: *Encouraging Animal Behavior Studies in Science Fairs*

For anyone who has participated in, or served as a judge at a Science Fair, one branch of science is often conspicuously absent: animal behavior. Why? Animal behavior is approachable to most students, generally involves little if any expense on the part of a student, and promotes original research. Unfortunately, many teachers actively discourage such endeavors based on misconceptions about the issues associated with "use of vertebrates". As members of the education committee recently noted (Braude, Margulis, & Broder, 2017), purely observational studies do not require review or approval and thus the only obstacles to increasing the visibility and presence of animal behavior studies in Science Fair is educating teachers on both the (absence of) permission requirements, and familiarity with methods.

The Outreach Grant for the Education Committee of the Animal Behavior Society will permit me to run a 1.5-day summer workshop in collaboration with the Buffalo Zoo for teachers on the basic methods of animal behavior. The aim will be to better prepare teachers to mentor students interested in conducting behavioral research studies for Science Fair. Follow-up in the fall with these teachers will pair students and teachers with undergraduates majoring in animal behavior to provide additional mentoring and support as they facilitate student research projects. With the support of the Buffalo Zoo, and the Western New York Science Fair, I hope to see 10 animal behavior-focused projects at the 2019 Science Fair. Projects in animal behavior often represent original science in ways that "cookbook" science fair projects rarely do.

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Ted Stankowich: *The Science of Wildlife Conservation and Pet Safety, a Community Outreach Study*

The future of wildlife conservation rests on the hands of students; but it is up to the scientists of today to create opportunities to help them succeed in the sciences. Led by Dr. Ted Stankowich, the California State University Long Beach (CSULB) Mammal Lab has partnered with the CSULB Science Learning Center (SLC) to provide such an opportunity. With the support of the Education Committee of Animal Behavior Society, we are working alongside K-12 students to address questions of wildlife conservation and pet safety. Student will be given the tools and skills to help disseminate our survey campaign that asks residents to report data on their previously owned dogs' and cats' experiences with coyotes, including the size, color pattern, amount of time spent outdoors, and interactions with coyotes and other wild predators. The results of this survey will help us determine what factors of pet coloration and behavior expose them to greater risk of predation by urban carnivores. The study is designed to teach students about the scientific method and the interactions that occur between predators and prey, emphasizing wildlife and conservation biology, ecology, and human impacts. Follow our progress on Twitter at @CSULBMammalLab, Facebook at "StankowichLab", and our website <http://web.csulb.edu/~tstankow/>



Brooke Woelber: *Science Friday!*

Science Friday serves as an opportunity for 7th grade middle-school students to engage in inquiry-based learning as part of their science curriculum. During this program, the scientific method will be emphasized as students serve as lead scientists who are responsible for the development of their own research experiments. Students will conduct 3 separate research experiments that occur for a period of 6 weeks each. Research experiments will include models for basic ecological concepts as follows: nutrient cycling (Winogradsky Column), biodiversity (bacterial cultures) and parental care (the burying beetle). Follow the students' progress on the Science Friday Blog: dmsScienceFriday.wordpress.com



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AIBS Congressional Visits Day Award

This year, the Animal Behavior Society introduced a new award to fund one graduate student or postdoc member to

attend the American Institute of Biological Sciences Congressional Visits Day in Washington, DC. During this event, AIBS presents an advocacy-training program that provides the information required to effectively advocate for their science, and organizes meetings for scientists and their elected officials in Congress. This year's recipient is Matthew Baker, a graduate student at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Baker is interested in the intersection between science and public policy, and looks forward to the opportunity to participate in the legislative process.

ABS Grants in Aid for Puerto Rican Animal Behavior Projects

The members-at-large reviewed the Puerto Rico grant applications, assessing suitability of the application (whether or not the work included animal behavior), quality of the research proposed, and explanation of need. Given the available funds, we were able to fund 11 grants, and thanks to generous support from the Society and additional donors, the funding level was raised to \$730, instead of our initial target of \$500. **Thank you to all who contributed!**

ABS Newsletter

Send general correspondence concerning the Society to Patricia Brennan, secretary@animalbehaviorsociety.org. Deadlines for materials to be included in the Newsletter are the 15th of the month preceding each issue. The next deadline is April 15, 2018. Articles submitted by members of the Society and judged by the Secretary to be appropriate are occasionally published in the ABS newsletter. The publication of such material does not imply ABS endorsement of the opinions expressed by contributors.

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