2020 ABS Election

RESULTS OF THE ABS ELECTION

A total of 315 validated ballots were cast in the election. This represents approximately 21% of the ABS active 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:
Susan Alberts, Duke University

Program Officer:
Ximena Bernal, Purdue University

Member-At-Large:
Noa Pinter-Wollman, University of California, Los Angeles

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ABS 2020 Virtual Conference

ABS 2020 Virtual Conference - July 28-31, 2020

We are pleased to announce the 2020 Animal Behavior Society Virtual Meeting, being held this summer from July 28-31. This virtual meeting offers unique benefits including the opportunity to present and communicate science in different ways, supporting a diversity of research approaches and ideas as well as presentation styles.

Join Us: Register Online Now!

Registration is FREE for Post Docs, Student, Developing Nations, and Emeritus ABS Members, and $40 for non-student ABS members. To register for the virtual meeting an active ABS membership will be required.

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2019-2020 ABS Grant Recipients

We are pleased to announce the 2019-2020 Student Research Grants & ABS Outreach Grant Recipients

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Call for Graduate
**ABS 2020 Virtual Meeting Benefits**

**ACCESSIBILITY - ATTENDANCE FOR ALL**
- No travel restrictions and additional costs. With a virtual conference, no matter where you are in the world, you can attend and participate without enduring costs of travel, child-care, etc. This means inclusion of more members of our academic community.

**INCLUSION - MORE SCIENCE**
- More exciting research. Talks will be pre-recorded, and we can accept more talks, which means more exciting research is being accepted and viewed by members of the academic community. Additionally, there is an opportunity to include research that may not be as easily represented during an in-person conference if it falls under a more unique niche.

**ENGAGEMENT - MORE ENGAGEMENT AND MORE INTERACTIVE**
- On-demand content means no program scheduling conflicts. At first glance, a virtual conference may seem less interactive because folks aren’t face-to-face. But, with a virtual conference we can allow more time for discussions and questions can be submitted online which some people may prefer.

**NEW SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION - PRACTICE NEW WAYS TO COMMUNICATE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**
- Practice communicating research succinctly and efficiently. The 6-minute talks and 3-minute lightning talks are an opportunity to practice communicating your science in a different way.

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**SAVE THE DATE: ABS 2021**

August 3-7, 2021
Crowne Plaza San Jose Corobici
San Jose, Costa Rica

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**Student Representative**

Consider nominating yourself for the 2020-2022 Graduate Student Representative (GSR) and Social Media Fellow position.

[Read more »](http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/NEWSLETTERS/65-1/)

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**Announcements**

View the current ABS announcements.

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ABS Meeting 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.

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ABS 2020 Virtual Meeting

ABS 2020 Virtual Conference

Join Us

The 57th Annual Conference of the Animal Behavior Society
July 28-31, 2020

The Animal Behavior Society believes that scientific excellence flourishes in an environment where a diversity of voices and perspectives are freely expressed, in an environment of mutual respect for the dignity and worth of every participant. We look forward to a virtual meeting where all can learn and be heard.

We are excited to invite you to the first ABS virtual meeting. This virtual meeting offers unique benefits (click here to view a full list of benefits), including the opportunity for your work to reach a broader audience and extended time for group discussions. It also offers an opportunity to present and communicate science in different ways, supporting a diversity of research approaches and ideas as well as presentation styles.

We appreciate your willingness to participate and your enthusiasm about this new concept.

Please visit the conference website for more information on the virtual program and to register!

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Dear Fellow ABS Members,

We are pleased to announce the first virtual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society, to be held this summer with online events scheduled for July 28-31. Registration costs for the meeting will be $40 for regular ABS members, and will be free for students, postdocs and participants from developing countries who are ABS members. The meeting will have a different style than our regular annual meeting. To fit with the virtual format, regular session presentations will be prerecorded and limited to 6 minutes. These will be made available in advance for viewing by those ABS members registered for the conference. The program will also include prerecorded 3-minute lightning talks as poster replacements. Presentations will be organized into topical groupings, with associated real-time discussion sessions scheduled throughout the three meeting days.

The meeting's daily schedule will include morning introductions. We will then schedule time blocks to watch or re-watch presentations, followed by virtual discussion and question/answer sessions. To maintain the important networking functions of the meeting, there will also be virtual mentoring lunches, happy hours, workshops, and group discussion rooms for participant-identified topics. Given that virtual food is not as tasty, you will have to provide your own lunch. The Allee competition will adhere as much as possible to the traditional rules, with 15 minute pre-recorded presentations, to be followed by scheduled question/answer sessions during the meeting. More information on program details and meeting events, including symposia and workshops, will be made available on the meeting website. The ABS Executive Committee and the Program Planning Committee are excited to invite you to this meeting.

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diversity of research approaches and ideas as well as presentation styles. We appreciate your willingness to participate and your enthusiasm about this new concept.

We look forward to hosting you at ABS 2020!

Elizabeth Tibbetts  
Program Officer

Tim Wright  
Program Officer-Elect

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We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Student Research Grants and the Developing Nations Research Awards. We received a total of 168 applications across award categories, and were able to award funding to 59 applicants.

Each proposal was reviewed independently by at least 2 referees, who provided evaluations and constructive feedback for the student grant writers. As always, members of the Society went above and beyond to provide constructive reviews. The Research Grant Committee extends a very heartfelt thank you to the following (150!) volunteer referees:


We were helped immensely by Lorena McMahon and Adam Kohm at SPLTrak, who administered the online grant submission and review system, which ran smoothly. Thank you also to Suzy Renn (2nd Member-at-Large) and Lilian Manica (3rd Member-at-Large), who made important contributions during the entire process. Most important, we want to thank all the members of the Society who have supported this program over the years and who have donated funds to make this program such a success.

GEORGE W. BARLOW AWARD
Eduardo Sampaio, MARE - Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre, Collectibe behaviour and social cognition during interspecific collaborative hunting between octopus (Octopus cyanea) and multiple fish species.
E. O. WILSON CONSERVATION AWARD
Madeleine Ostwald, Arizona State University, Behavioral Effects on Pesticide Exposure in Wild and Managed Bees

DAVID TUBER APPLIED ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AWARD
Mohammad Alyetama, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Investigating the Effects of Chronic Infection of Toxoplasma gondii on the Domestic Cat

STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS
Victor Aguiar de S. Penha, Relationship between structural color pigments, corticosterone and malarial parasites in Myiophorus leucoblephara (Passeriformes: Parulidae)
Meghan Barrett, Temperature Effects on the Stability of the Alternative Reproductive Tactics of Dimorphic Centris pallida Male Bees
Olivia Bauer-Nilsen, Effects of Bacterial Infection on Female Assessment of Male Courtship Signals in Wolf Spiders.
Jessica Briggs, The Behavioral Response of Female Australian Black Field Crickets, Teleogryllus commodus, Under Variable Noise Conditions
Melissa Burt, Habitat connectivity and ant-plant interaction networks in a biodiversity hotspot
Sarah Clements, The influence of Social Structure on Survival and Productivity in a Wetland-Dependent Migratory Shorebird
Rebecca Czaja, Environmental Drivers of Intraspecific Behavioral Variation in Crayfish
Kyla Funk, Using Social Network Models to Understand Play Partner Choice Strategies in Wild Vervet Monkeys (Chlorocebus pygerythus)
Kelsey Garner, Assessment of behavioral syndromes in Eastern Red-backed Salamanders (Plethodon cinereus)
Amy Geffre, Communication and Contagions: Exploring changes in honey bee physiology and chemical communication during viral infection
Neil Gilbert, The role of noise pollution in shaping species interactions
Kenneth Glynn, Migratory Movements Following High Lead Levels During the Juvenile Stage in American Robins (Turdus migratorius)
Veronica Gonnet, Sex roles and size dimorphism in a spider from Uruguayan grasslands
Carly Hawkins, Effects of the acoustic signaling environment on comparative mate choice and sperm competition
Jessica Hernandez, Are Sexually Transmitted Pathogenic Bacteria A Cost To Females With Multiple Sexual Partners?
Karly Higgins, Assessing the genetic basis of symbiont mediated host behavior across real and evolutionary timescales: A single species to multi-family assessment of the Cnidarian-dinoflagellate holobiont
Sarah Jennings, The Scent of Family: Uncovering the Mechanisms of Olfactory Kin Recognition in a Wild Seabird
Christopher Johnson, Do eavesdropping migrants settle near heterospecific sentinels?
John Jones, An experimental test of signaling function of female ornaments across seven species of Malurus fairywren
Billii Krochuk, Using social network analysis to describe the structure of mixed-species flocks and identify nuclear species in an Afrotropical lowland forest
Emily Lessner, Origins of Crocoddilian Tactile Sensory Behavior
Colleen Miller, The Potential Disruption of Chickadee Behavioral Cycles and Performance by Artificial Light at Night
Francisco Molina, Resource Availability as a Driver of Behaviorally-Mediated Trophic Cascades: Experimental Tests of Puma-Guanaco Interactions in Patagonia
Kathleen Munley, Aggression and the seasonal clock: Unwinding the central and peripheral actions of melatonin on aggressive behavior in a seasonally breeding rodent
Emily Nonnamaker, Multi-level dynamics in social communication: microbes, olfaction, and mating behavior
Mehrnoush Nourbakhsh-Rey, Metabolism Sensing Mechanisms in the Electric Organ Cells of a Weakly Electric Fish
Shannon O'Brien, Consequences of Sociality to the Gut Microbiome in a Facultatively Subterranean Rodent
Danielle Orrell, Quantifying the empirical benefit of marine protection using holistic models of animal movement
Mariela Anahi Oviedo Diego, What Is Behind the Plug: Determinants of an Inter-sexual Mating Plug in a Scorpion
Sitala Palecanda, Larval Stomatopod Behavior in Response to Ultraviolet Light
Angela Pitera, Pair bonds and female mate fidelity in socially monogamous mountain chickadees
Jenna Pruett, The influence of predation risk on nesting behavior in a lizard
Courtney Reed, Predation Risk Promotes Behavioral Diversity in a Kenyan Savanna
Ian Rines, Accessory-gland proteins as purveyors of reproductive manipulation: using RNAi to explore sexual conflict in crickets
Madison Rittinger, Sex-Specific Effects of Hatching Order and Synchrony on Nestling Baseline Corticosterone Levels
Selina Robson, Behavioral Evolution of the Camelidae†
Nicholas Russo, Exploring the Drivers of Seed Dispersal by Hornbills Across Spatial Scales in Cameroon
Joanna Sbendor, Exploring Evolutionary Trade-offs in Multimodal Signals in North American Wood Warblers
Laura Segura Hernandez, Microlimate change and its effect on the reproductive behavior of a small ectotherm
Raunak Sen, Behavioral sterility in hybrids of a recently diverged species pair
Courtney Silver-Peavey, Carryover Effects of Pesticide Exposure and Pond Drying on Exploratory and Risk-Taking Behavior in a Vernal Pool-Breeding Amphibian, the Wood Frog †
Morgan Sievin, Smarts and symbiosis: Elucidating the Relationships between the Microbiome and Cognitive Performance in Birds
Maria Smith, Task Specialization and Division of Workload in a Cooperatively Breeding Bird
Samantha Stead, Allomaternal care and the energy balance of lactating Angolan colobus mothers
Madeline Strom, Examining the Association between Diet Composition and Habitat Type and the Influence of Intraspecific and Interspecific Competition on Individual Diet Specialization in Wild Mice

Madeleine Ostwald
Arizona State University
Young Ha Suh, Single, but are you ready to mingle? Investigating prospecting and dispersal in a cooperative breeder
Katie Talbott, Examining the role of testosterone in mediating immune and reproductive trade-offs in experimentally infected songbirds.
Julia Tituskin, Effects of warming and temperature variability during development on dragonfly species interactions
Michelle Ward, Exploring the context of communication and how communication inhibition impacts behavior and reproduction in Nicrophorus beetles.
Kiah Williams, Determining the Causes of Nest Failure in Three Beach-nesting Bird Species Using Camera Surveillance
James Wright, Evaluating the Impacts of a Seed Dispersal Mutualism on American Chestnut Restoration in Appalachian Ohio
Allison Young, Investigating Molecular and Evolutionary Mechanisms of Exploratory Behavior Through a Comparative Study of Four Honey Bee Species

DEVELOPING NATIONS RESEARCH AWARDS

Vanessa Cunha, Effects of Trophic Environment on Behavioral Changes in the Facultative Ectoparasite Blowfly Lucilia cuprina (Diptera: Calliphoridae)
Maria Cecilia De M rsico, Nest prospecting behavior and eavesdropping in a specialist avian brood parasite
Maria Florencia, Scaia, Fighting cichlids: how estrogens promote female intrasexual aggression.
Oswaldo Gil-Guevara, Multimodal principles and learning modulation by biogenic amines in Bumblebees (Bombus impatiens).
Palestina Guevara-Fiore, The effect of male mate choice on parasite transmission in guppies, Poecilia reticulata

ABS EDUCATION COMMITTEE OUTREACH GRANT

The Animal Behavior Society is excited to offer Outreach Grants to support outstanding community engagement efforts by ABS members. We have a responsibility as scientists to engage with the public, and most members of ABS are involved in creative outreach activities.

With this ABS Outreach Grant, we recognize and support a few exceptional programs each year. Currently, awards are up to $1000 each. Winners will share their program on the ABS website (http://www.animalbehaviorsociety.org/web/education-outreachaward.php) as well as through a poster at the ABS annual conference.

This year's recipients are:
Sarah Guindre-Parker: Backyard Behavior – Using nest-box dwelling birds to observe animal behavior locally
Mounica Kota and Kia Seehafer: Boosting the Behavior Bug: An Introductory Animal Behavior Module
Alexandra McInturf: The Ethogram
Matt Wilkins: A Galactic Polymath Interdisciplinary Middle School Unit Based on Female Barn Swallow Song
Call for Graduate Student Representative & Social Media Fellow Self-Nominations

Are you a graduate student member of ABS? Are you interested in helping the Society’s efforts in graduate student representation and mentorship, social media, and other causes? If so, consider nominating yourself for the 2020-2022 Graduate Student Representative (GSR) and Social Media Fellow position! The GSR is a member of the Executive Committee (EC), helping give feedback to the society that represents graduate students’ interests. The GSR also manages graduate student support, including a mentoring program at yearly conferences. As the Social Media Fellow, the GSR helps run the ABS Twitter feed, planned Twitter conferences, and more. Finally, the GSR is encouraged to work with the EC to develop and implement any other programs supporting graduate student interests.

We are accepting self-nominations for this position up to and at the beginning of the ABS 2020 Virtual Conference. Nominees can be graduate students of any stage. Please fill out this form if you are interested in running for this position. Nominees will be able to present their platforms during the conference, with a primary election during the business meeting. The two nominees with the most votes from the primary will then enter a run-off, to be conducted electronically after the conference (finalists will be able to give more details on their qualifications and ideas before the run-off election).

Please email current GSR Patrick Green (p.a.green@exeter.ac.uk) with any questions or concerns.

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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: John Swaddle; pastpresident@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, 2019 to President John Swaddle, 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 Chicago. 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

ABS SOCIAL MEDIA

We are increasing our efforts to be more active on Twitter (@AnimBehSociety) and other social media outlets. As a society, we need to do this not only to increase the exposure of the work of our society members (you!), but also to take an active role in informing the public, policy-makers, and others about the importance of animal behavior research and what we do as scientists. To that end, we do need your help!

- If you are active on Twitter, please mention @AnimBehSociety in tweets about your publications, outreach efforts, teaching, and other accomplishments. We will be happy to retweet them to increase the visibility of your work.
- If you are not active on Twitter, please send an email to socialmedia@animalbehaviorsociety.org to let us know of your recent publications/accomplishments - we will get the word out for you!

A few other notes related to our shared efforts:

- Please do not tweet, send us, or mention @AnimBehSociety in any material that contains personal, politically-charged, or other sensitive items or opinions. We hope to keep our society’s social media presence professional.
- When sending us information about publications/accomplishments please give us a brief (~150 character) description of the work. Make sure this is accessible - avoid jargon and other things that might prevent a broad audience from understanding. Along these lines, consider sending us pictures of your research (field, lab, etc. without materials that may hurt sensitivities) along with the aforementioned brief description. We want to share with the world the enthusiasm of doing animal behavior research!

Thank you in advance for your help in making our society better!

JOIN THE ABS SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

We are looking to grow the Animal Behavior Society social media presence. To that end, we are putting together a social media team, and we are looking for volunteers interested in helping curate our Twitter account (@AnimBehSociety). The idea is to have a team such that each person curates the account only once a week. If you are interested (or have any questions), please, email Esteban Fernandez-Juricic (efernan@purdue.edu).
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Thanks to a lot of hard work by SPLTrak, ABS is now set up to accept tax-deductible donations of stocks and bonds. Please consider optimizing your tax obligations and helping support ABS. Our student research grants are our biggest line item, and with the demise of the DDIG program they are more valuable than ever!

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