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## A Message from the President...



Dear Colleagues,

First, I want to thank all of the nominees who participated in the 2016 ASP elections: **Mollie Bloomsmith** and **Lynne Isbell** (President-Elect), **Justin McNulty** and **Amanda Dettmer** (Executive Secretary), and **Erin Riley** and **Cory Ross** (Treasurer)—and to **Karen Bales** and members of the Nominations Committee. Congratulations to the winners, Mollie, Amanda and Cory, and a deep debt of gratitude to all of the nominees who committed to run for office. The strength of any professional organization is partly invested in the officers and fundamentally invested in broader participation of its members. The ASP has standing committees in Membership and Finance, Research, Conservation, Education, Program, Awards and Recognition, Primate Care, Media and Public Engagement and the *ad hoc* Student Committee. According to the ASP Constitution, committee chairs are usually appointed at the beginning of each presidential term. As such, there will be some openings for new chairs at the beginning of **Kim Phillips'** term of office this year and also opportunities to join a committee as a member. Members typically serve for no more than two terms on the same committee. If you would like to participate on one of these committees, see the Committee lists on the Members page of the website and contact the committee chair.

Second, there are two policies that I would like to see developed and implemented before I leave office in August—a Media and Information Policy and a Code of Conduct.

I am very grateful to **Christopher Schmitt** and a small group of committed Tweeters who maintain an active presence of ASP on Twitter and Facebook. But we need a broader media policy that deals with both social media and information exchange at annual meetings. Development of a policy has been in the background for the past several months, but I want to move it into the public realm of the Society so that it can be finalized at the August meeting.

Also, I will work with the members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and volunteers to develop a Code of Conduct policy for ASP members, annual meetings, and other ASP-sponsored events. I hope to have a draft developed and submitted to the Website for comment by June, with the policy distributed and submitted for approval by the membership at the 2016 annual meeting in Chicago. [Katie Hinde and her colleagues at Arizona State](#) provided a recent focus on sexual harassment in academia. The most egregious examples of misconduct in academia are sexual in nature, but we should also be sensitive to power differences that are multi-layered and insidious. There are several good models of codes or statements to work from—particularly the [AAAS Annual Meeting Code of Conduct](#), [American Association of Physical Anthropologists](#), and the [Ecological Society of America](#). If you would like to

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help craft the document, please let me know soon ([mnorconk@kent.edu](mailto:mnorconk@kent.edu)).

Third, ASP's membership in the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS, publisher of *BioScience*), requires that we send a representative to their annual meeting. I attended electronically this year (December 2015), and wanted to fill you in on the meeting's highlights. The focus of the meeting was on big data: collection, repositories and training. **Tim Beardsley**, editor-in-chief of *BioScience*, said that there should be wider discussion of expected benefits to science and society from increased publication of data sets. Journals, he said, can play an important role in pressing researchers to publish data and making large datasets available. While there are issues with intellectual property law (e.g., When should data become public?), Beardsley remarked that more work is needed to standardize data and metadata formats and biological societies should play an active role in designing these policies.

Primateologists, in both wild and captive settings, have traditionally been engaged in long-term studies.

The March 2016 issue of the American Journal of Primatology (78:3) is a special issue guest edited by **Samuel Díaz-Muñoz** and **Karen L. Bales** titled "Monogamy in Primates: Variability, Trends and Synthesis."

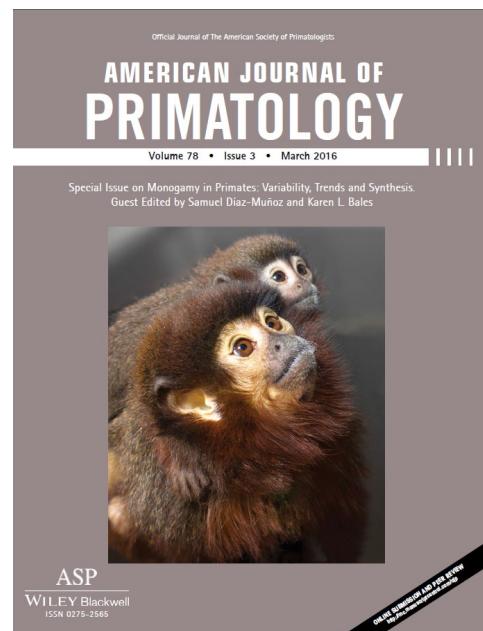
This issue contains eight manuscripts that review, analyze, critique, and re-evaluate concepts of primate monogamy including pair living, pair bonding, and social monogamy, present new data on primate species that form non-monogamous single female breeding groups, examine social relationships among siamang males living in multimale groups, and test several 'monogamous' hypotheses to explain social and mating systems in select species of prosimians, New World monkeys, and apes.

- Paul Garber,  
Executive Editor,  
American Journal of Primatology

With habitat losses, increased probability of species extinctions, and changes in captive research, our datasets are becoming increasingly valuable. A few examples of existing and accessible data bases include [BABASE](#) and [All the World's Primates](#) website. Federal funding has provided resources for research centers (e.g., NESCent- [National Evolutionary Synthesis Center](#), and [Primo](#) NYCEP's morphometrics database). Increasingly, journals in ecology and evolution and funding agencies (NSF, NIH, NERC) require authors to archive their data for future use (see Whitlock, M.C., 2011, *Trends in Ecology and Evolution* 26:61-65). I am not familiar with the availability of repositories for captive primate data, but I think that ASP, as a professional society, and AJP, as the top-ranked primatology journal, should develop mechanisms/resources to assist with managing and archiving data that could be accessed for future analysis.

I look forward to seeing you all in Chicago in August. If you haven't registered for the joint meeting with IPS, do so today!

- Marilyn



Joint Meeting of  
The American Society of Primatologists  
and  
The International Primatological Society  
August 21-27, 2016



We remind everyone of the American Society of Primatologists and the International Primatological Society joint meeting in Chicago, Illinois, from August 21-27, 2016. We have a great slate of invited speakers including:

2014 IPS Lifetime Achievement Award  
**Jeanne Altmann, Ph.D.**  
Princeton University

IPS President's Address  
**Tetsuro Matsuzawa, Ph.D.**  
Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University

2015 ASP Distinguished Primatologist  
**Frans de Waal, Ph.D.**  
Emory University

2014 ASP Early Career Award Winner's Address  
**Katie Hinde, Ph.D.**  
Arizona State University

We have accepted 42 symposia, three workshops, and eight round-tables, and look forward to review the over 1200 submitted oral and poster presentations. Coming soon, we will announce the *ASP Interdisciplinary Symposium!* Be sure to check the conference website regularly: [www.IPSChicago.org](http://www.IPSChicago.org)

### Get Social With #IPSASP16

Are you on the twitter? What about the facebook?  
Be sure to connect with ASP, IPS, and the upcoming meeting!

[@IPS\\_2016](#) | [@ASPVoice](#)

Remember, ASP members can join the private ASP members only Facebook page via the members only section of [www.ASP.org](http://www.ASP.org).

Please remember to start all of your amazon.com shopping trips at ASP.org!

When you start your shopping trip at ASP.org, a percentage of your purchases at Amazon go to the Conservation Fund.

**amazon.com**

## Committee Update: Conservation Committee

The ASP Conservation Committee supports conservation research and education around the world. The committee raises funds and distributes them to recipients of the Conservationist Award and Conservation Grants. We are currently working to increase our funding for **ASP Conservation Grants** and **Conservationist Prizes**. We encourage members to continue using Amazon Smile and choosing the ASP when you make your online purchases (ASP donation via AmazonSmile: <http://bit.ly/ASPAmazonSmile>).

In addition, we are seeking donations for the **ASP/IPS auction** in Chicago, Illinois. We had great success with framed art pieces in 2014 and 2015. Therefore, we are inviting all ASP/IPS members that create **primate art pieces** to donate. We will highlight the piece and artists during the auction while auctioning the pieces to raise money for ASP/IPS conservation funding. Are you an artist? Do you know an artist? Please consider donating your own work or facilitating donations if you know a primate artist! If you know other primatologists with artistic talent, please request a donation, or put the Chairs of the Committee in touch with the primatologist/artist. And help us spread the word!

The conservation committee is busy reviewing **Conservation Grants!** We will make our recommendations for grants before the end of April 2016 so that grant recipients will be able to acquire their funds before the summer months. All applicants will be informed of decisions by May 2016, and successful applicants will be published in the ASP Bulletin and posted on the ASP web page.

### Upcoming Deadlines

Consider nominating a primatologist for the **Primate Conservationist Award!** This award provides recognition and financial support for students and

early career investigators from primate habitat countries who demonstrate potential for making significant and continuing contributions to primate conservation. Students, researchers, and educators from primate habitat countries for whom no more than five years have elapsed since receipt of their terminal degree are eligible. Past awards have been presented by U.S. Ambassadors or other senior officials, thereby obtaining favorable publicity for the award, its recipient, and primate conservation in the recipient's country. Nominations are due April 2, 2016. More information on grants and awards can be found at: <https://asp.org/grants>

- Michelle Bezanson and Stacey Tecot,  
Co-Chairs

## 2015 ASP Conservationist Razafitsalama Mamy

Madagascar Country Director and  
Operations Manager of Planet Madagascar



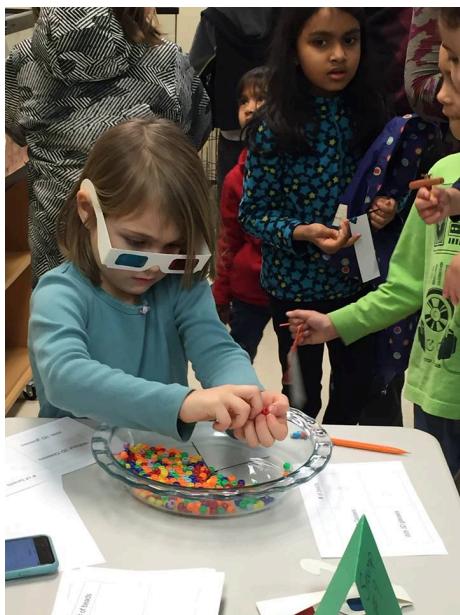
Mamy was awarded a plaque and \$750 to continue his work with primate conservation and education.

Don't forget to nominate someone for special recognition primatologists who have made substantial contributions to our discipline or to the Society. Please see <https://asp.org/grants/awards/index.cfm> for details on the nomination process and available awards. The nomination deadline is **May 1, 2016**.

## Committee Update: Education Committee

The ASP Education Committee (ASPEC) and the International Primatological Society (IPS) Education Committee worked hard over the holidays on the first round of judging for the 2016 Student Competition. This is a blind judging round, whereby committee members from each society evaluated the student competition entries sans identifying information. The finalists have been determined, and announcements will be sent out shortly!

The ASPEC will represent ASP in 2015 as an Official Partner of the [USA Science & Engineering Festival](#) April 15-17, 2016 in Washington, D.C. As in past years, we will have the “Are You Smarter Than a Monkey?” booth to engage the public in primatology, research, conservation, etc. [We seek volunteers from the ASP community to help with this event.](#) This was a huge success in 2014 and we had ASP members from all across the country come help out! NOTE: Some funds may be available to help defray the costs of travel and/or lodging. Please contact [education@asp.org](mailto:education@asp.org) to volunteer.



In January, the ASPEC participated in “Science Night” at Carroll Creek Montessori Public Charter School in Frederick, Maryland, where we introduced PreK-6 students to animals in research and to the evolution of color vision in primates. We reached

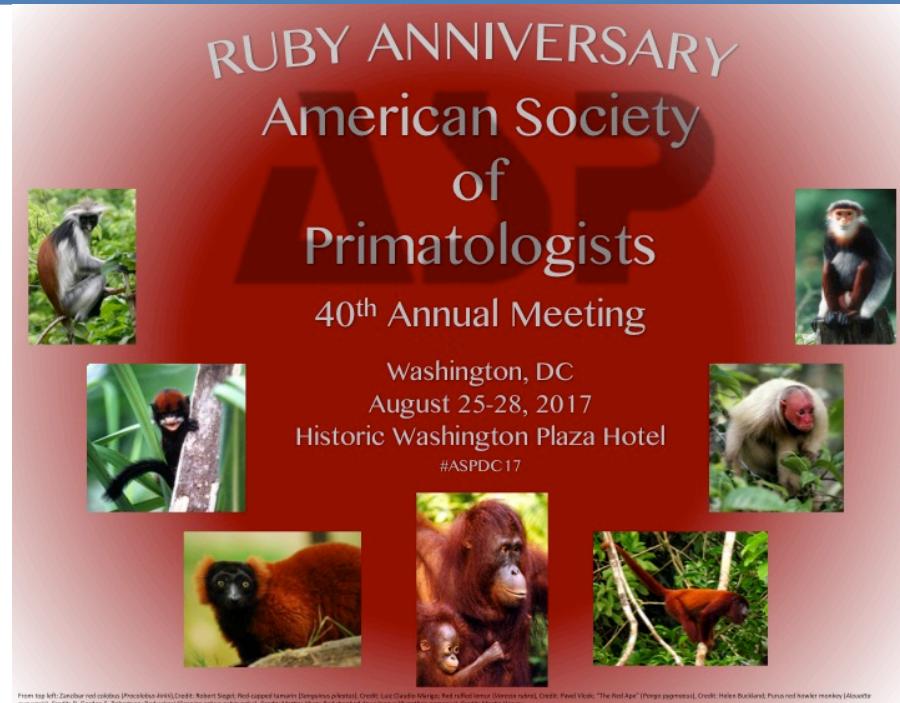
out to over 100 students and parents in just two hours!

The ASPEC is working on revising education materials and developing new ones, including guidelines for poster and oral presentations. If you have high-quality materials you would like to submit for this effort, please send them to [education@asp.org](mailto:education@asp.org).

We welcome new committee members throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the Education Committee, please email [education@asp.org](mailto:education@asp.org) for more information. This committee is open to student and full members of ASP. Committee members include: **Allison Howard, Anja Deppe, Annika Paukner, Cory Ross, Eliza Bliss-Moreau, Franny Vidal-Garcia, Jessica Vandeleest, Kathy West, Katie Chun, Lynne Miller, Matthew Novak, Tamara Weinstein.** We will be electing a new committee chair at the 2016 IPS/ASP meeting, so now is a great time to join (and to consider leading a committee that so well serves the society).

- Amanda Dettmer and Karen Hambright,  
Co-Chairs





## Committee Update: Media and Public Engagement Committee

The ASP Media and Public Engagement Committee works to make sure that ASP and its members put their best faces forward through a number of media, including our Facebook page, Twitter account ([@ASPVoice](#)), and in more traditional media.

First, we would like to acknowledge the amazing work done by our former Chair, Dr. **Julienne Rutherford**, who stepped down since our last update. Julienne blazed the trail for our presence on social media and her vision of an accessible, engaging, and enlightening online presence for ASP remains our primary goal.

We're happy to report that we've been getting the news out to many more folks on Twitter lately, as just this month our [@ASPVoice](#) account hit over 1,000 followers and continues to grow! We do our best to populate our feed regularly with the latest research and news concerning primate behavior, genetics/genomics, ecology, morphology, and conservation, including news and deadlines for ASP grants and awards (and a healthy smattering of fuzzy primate pictures). If you have any suggestions regarding additional information you would like to see in our news feed, Direct Message us at [@ASPVoice](#).

We would also like to renew our call for stories that celebrate and accurately portray lab and field work with nonhuman primates that we can send out via social media and feature on our website. Recent campaigns by animal rights activists have featured a number of negative images and stories that we would like to counter with our own evident care and concern for our study subjects when conducting research. We have already received some wonderful submissions that we will be sending out soon. If you're interested in sharing your research but are unsure how, please contact our Chair, **Christopher Schmitt** ([casmchmit@bu.edu](mailto:casmchmit@bu.edu)) to discuss. We'll use our [#scicomm](#) savvy to help edit for content, clarity, and to keep potential trolls at bay.

Also, a reminder as we ramp up to the ASP/IPS joint meeting in Chicago this August: we are planning on having a robust social media presence. For news on the meetings, please check [#ipsasp16](#) for regular updates, and follow [@ASPVoice](#) and [@IPS\\_2016](#) for more news.

**- Christopher Schmitt,**  
Chair

## Committee Update: Student Committee (*ad hoc*)

The ASP Student Committee is looking for new members. The purpose of our committee is to enhance student membership of the ASP by providing the following services to student members:

1. Offering resources for professional development;
2. Representing the interests of students to the ASP executive board;
3. Promoting the research of our members; and
4. Organizing student-oriented programming.

Currently, we are planning student-targeted social events for the upcoming ASP/IPS conference as well as assisting one of our co-chairs, Brett Frye, in planning a roundtable discussion on scientific communication. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact either Morgan (mchaney1@kent.edu) or Brett (bfrye@g.clemson.edu).

- Brett Frye and Morgan Chaney,  
Co-Chairs

## APS + IPS 2016 Update from the Local Host

Plans are coming together for the Joint Meeting of IPS and ASP in Chicago. We had a record-breaking quantity of submissions which we expect will help translate to an equally high level of quality presentations in August. In addition to the academic program, there will be lots to do at the meeting. Check out [www.ipschicago.org](http://www.ipschicago.org) for the latest information on the extracurricular activities including the Primate Promenade (our 5K along the shores of Lake Michigan) and our growing art exhibition featuring The Jean Baulu Collection of Antique Primate Prints. We'll even have a nonhuman primate tattoo contest!

## Committee Update: Membership & Finance Committee

ASP membership renewals have been slow for 2016, but are steadily climbing. As of February 22, 2016 the Society has 211 current active members with 135 full members, 11 retired members, and 65 student members. Of these members there are 17 complimentary members from habitat countries.

We encourage everyone to renew their membership in ASP in order to take advantage of the membership benefits as well as to support the health of the Society.

We are looking forward to a great ASP & IPS joint meeting this summer.

- Cory Ross,  
Treasurer and Chair

If you are already planning to attend the meeting, then we sincerely hope you have begun with your travel planning. Now is a good time to buy your airline tickets before prices go up. Remember there are two international airports in Chicago (O'Hare and Midway) which are reasonable distance from the venue and conference hotels. Speaking of hotels, our block with special rates is filling up fast. Visit the website (<http://www.ipschicago.org/accommodations/>) for more information on accommodation options and use those links to ensure the best price.

## Committee Update: Research and Development Committee

The Research and Development is currently soliciting proposals for the ASP Small Research Grant program. Any member of ASP can apply, but we particularly encourage undergraduate and graduate students, as well as young faculty, to apply. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$1500, and can be used for equipment, travel, and other expenses. Applications must focus on a hypothesis driven study in either a captive or field setting. Proposals that focus on conservation work or surveys should be submitted to the Conservation Awards and Grant committee.

**Who can submit:** You must be an ASP member to submit an application. Students, undergraduate and graduate, must submit a letter from a sponsor/mentor who is a full ASP member. All applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation.

**How to apply:** The application form can be obtained from the ASP website under the Grants/Research header. Please read the instructions carefully before filling out and submitting the document. Once you have a completed application go to the Members landing page and look for the Research Grant Submission button.

**Due Dates:** The completed application and all letters must be submitted before June 1, 2016 to be eligible.

**More Information:** Please check out the Grants and Awards section of the ASP website for complete information on the award and how to submit. If you have additional questions please feel free to contact me at [welawrence@mdanderson.org](mailto:welawrence@mdanderson.org). Good Luck!

- Larry Williams,  
Chair



### Travel Scholarship Winners

Chimpanzees in Context  
Lincoln Park Zoo  
August 18-20, 2016

With generous support from the Arcus Foundation Chimpanzees in Context organizers were able to cover the costs of registration, travel, and accommodation for five ape-range country nationals to attend the meeting where they will present their research to an international audience. Many excellent applications for this scholarship were submitted and selecting the top five was a difficult task. The five winners of the Chimpanzees in Context Travel Scholarship are:

- Dr. Caroline Asiimwe, Budongo Conservation Field Station, Budongo Forest Reserve, Uganda
- Dr. Umaru Buba, Gashaka Primate Project, Gashaka-Gumti National Park, Nigeria
- Dr. Deus Mjungu, Jane Goodall Institute Gombe Stream Research Center, Tanzania
- Dr. Emily Otali, Kibale Chimpanzee Project, Kibale National Park, Uganda
- Moreen Uwimbabazi, Department of Zoology, Makerere University, Uganda

For more information on the meeting, including the schedule and registration fees, please visit <http://www.chimpsymposium.org/>