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## A Message from the President...



Greetings:

Working successfully in primatology is more complex now than at any other time in the history of our society. Science continues to be the centerpiece, but many, including myself, feel activism has become necessary. Activism can take many forms, but regardless of your background and training in Primatology, I think it is fair to say we all want to be part of the solution.

I have dwelt long and hard on what and how to write this, my second, message from the President. It seems that ASP is approaching a potential fork in the road where there appears to be dichotomies dividing us. Whether it was the wisdom of the recent decision by the board of directors to step away from the STAR Coalition group lobbying on behalf of captive/biomedical research, or the controversy over the recent IUCN decision to reclassify pigtailed and longtailed macaques as endangered, despite little new direct data being produced since its' previous reclassification.

As I have thought about what role I can play as president, I have consulted almost all of the past presidents of ASP via a recent ZOOM call. I truly appreciate the willingness of these people to continue giving to ASP by participating in that discussion. I also have gone back through a number of "Letters from the President" written by my predecessors. Both of these experiences were quite useful.

From these inputs I have gained a better perspective on the current issues facing ASP. First, these apparently dichotomous "forks in the road" are not new to ASP. ASP has always been a society where diverse ideas about primatology have co-existed. The question is why there are times that these choices seem more critical or immediate to our ability to move forward as a unified society. Second, I find that through the rich history of the issues we have faced, these issues are rarely as dichotomous as they might first seem. When we look closely, there is always more to the story.

My role, as current President, is to help mediate the immediacy of current issues. I hope to facilitate the discussion of perceived divisions in our society, if possible, away from being seen as zero-sum, all or nothing, a fork in the road. So, how do we resolve apparent conflicts in ways that unify us rather than divides us? Is it possible to stay focused on the common goal of increasing health and well-being of both human and nonhuman primates?

I know, over the history of the society, we have lost membership due to people feeling that ASP is too captive-research centric. Likewise, and increasingly in recent years, we have lost members due to what is perceived as a bias against the interests of those conducting captive research.

One of the things the leadership of ASP can do better is to improve the way we communicate. We need to do this set a good example for not just the membership but also for the peoples of the world that look to us for help. This increased communication applies not just to the actions we take as a society. But also, we need to communicate better when we choose not to take action on an issue. Sometimes, I think our choice to not take action on an issue is perceived as a lack of caring about that issue and/or a lack of concern/interest. In my experience, this is not true.

I want to apologize for this perceived indifference to any of our members that feel overlooked/ignored at times on certain issues. And I want to double down on a call for better communication within our ranks. The leadership is not driving the society towards valuing any specific point of view or concern. Instead, it is more likely that we are trying our best to navigate the middle ground, to keep all the stakeholders of the society in mind. The unfortunate result may look a lot like stalemate. But, certainly, there is no malicious intent nor ill will.

If this happens to you or has happened to you; rather than expressing frustration, please initiate/join a discussion. ASP is a diverse society with many different interests and points of view both proximal and distal to a given issue. This often makes it difficult for the official voice of the society to take strong views on issues that may be near and dear to you. Nonetheless, we do respect and want to be inclusive of all the diverse science produced by our membership. As a society we want to encourage these discussions that consider all the points of view that our membership may possess. Bring your discussion to the relevant standing committees and ask them to consider helping to magnify your message. This can be accomplished in a number of different ways, either as part of committee discussions about future directions for society business, or perhaps at the yearly conference, as a presentation, or perhaps as part of our new virtual ASP platform, or perhaps even in AJP itself.

The path forward must, of course, be based on the totality of scientific data, and can sometimes be conflicting. But we are not each other's enemy. We have a common goal. Climate change and mass extinction are the enemy. To meet this enemy with the fullest force that primatology can offer, we need all primatologists to get involved, feel supported, and be productive. I challenge the membership as individuals and ASP as a society to be more accepting of opposing scientific points of view. Take the time to learn where the real differences are and where any similarities might also be. When engaging in activism, avoid extremism. Consider the impact that short term flashy rhetoric might have relative to the common long-term goal. I fear reactionary activities, without this deeper communication, may help you make a point and feel better in the short term, but at the same time cost you

There are two "new" resources available to encourage the communication and involvement discussed above between the membership and the leadership of ASP. First, this past summer, I started holding "Board of Directors office hours". On the first and second Fridays of each month from 8-9 am PST you can drop in on Zoom (<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/2458386027>) to talk directly with me. Second, at the upcoming ASP Conference in Reno (June 20-23), I will also be submitting an abstract to initiate a new session. This new session will be a "Presidents Town Hall", where collegial discussions can be had on these issues that face our society. You can ask your questions and use the session as an opportunity to initiate, continue, and learn about the history of how ASP functions. All presidents of ASP are invited to participate on the stage. We will field discussion items and questions from the audience, and the Presidents will have the opportunity to talk about their time leading the society, their perspective, and the issues they faced. I hope you will include the session on your meeting itinerary!

the support of the broader community, without which your efforts for your cause are unlikely to be successful.


Ultimately, the conservation research community needs the support of the captive/biomedical research community to be successful. Alienating them will not help. Likewise, the biomedical community will not function long without the support of conservationists. Funding for translational biomedical interests without funding basic research on conservation threatens the existence of the very research subjects we need to do our work. We have all trained hard to be the scientists we are. We strive to do the best research we can do based on the resources and knowledge available at the time. If you honestly believe that others shouldn't question your integrity in this regard, then please don't question the honor and integrity of your fellow scientists around you that might disagree with you about the path forward. Instead try to understand why those differences might exist. And, where we might share common ground.

What I am arguing for is "A call to arms" – and by that, I mean embracing each other. Get involved in each other's research. Ensure that the interdisciplinary theme that has always been the backbone of ASP is part of your research too.




Getting involved has many meanings. It could mean service on one of our existing standing committees, it could mean helping with a new initiative, it could mean volunteering your time and skill at the annual conference, it could mean coordinating a webinar for our new virtual ASP resources, and finally, it could mean embracing ASP as an inclusive community for all Primatologists.

My best to all of you, and I hope to see you in Reno!

Matthew Novak  
ASP President



### ASP Reno 2023 – June 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

 <b>Outdoor Activities</b>	 <b>Reno, Sparks and Lake Tahoe Restaurants</b>	 <b>Arts and Culture</b>
 <b>Family-Friendly Activities</b>	 <b>Shopping</b>	 <b>Reno Tahoe Spas</b>
 <b>Lake Tahoe &amp; Reno Events</b>	 <b>Reno Nightlife</b>	 <b>Sports Teams</b>

<https://www.visitrenotahoe.com/things-to-do/>

**Proposals for symposia/workshops/roundtables – Due February 1, 2023 | Abstracts – Due March 1, 2023**



## UPDATE ON THE ASP STRATEGIC PLAN

ASP is in the last year of a five-year strategic plan. Our strategic plan was developed in consultation with a representative from The American Institute of Biological Sciences to ensure the Society's long-term viability and success. The strategic planning components that resulted from this work include the reaffirmation of the mission, vision, and guiding principles of the Society. Specific goals and objectives are to foster an inclusive and diverse community of individuals studying primates, support research about primates, ensure the welfare and conservation of primates, educate the public and policymakers about primates, and increase the membership and financial well-being of our society. We are pleased to report that with the support of our membership, our Society has made substantial progress in achieving these goals. That said, we also realize that we must build on this progress as we continue to confront the challenges of attracting new members, expanding the outreach of ASP and creating community by offering virtual workshops, symposia, and roundtables on issues critical to primatology throughout the year, and increasing the multidisciplinary and collaborative research foci of our society and members. In addition, for ASP to continue to grow and thrive, we will need to prepare 25% of our membership for leadership positions in the society.

To this end, we are in the process of compiling data on ASP membership growth, diversity, and areas of expertise. We plan to distribute a survey later this year to assess the current general and specific needs and concerns of our membership and to learn from you, how best to build our society and scholarly community. With your help, we hope to expand ASP's role as a leading national and international voice supporting primate research, primate welfare, and primate conservation.

Paul Garber  
Kimberley Phillips

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## COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

### Awards & Recognition Committee

#### Consider Nominating ASP Members and Supporters of ASP for Society Awards

The Awards and Recognition Committee encourages nominations to recognize those who have contributed in different ways to primatology or to the ASP. Please consider nominating someone who has devoted substantial time and energy over the years to the ASP for the Distinguished Service Award. We also have the Early Career Award for someone who has made an exceptional contribution to primatology at the beginning of their professional career and the Distinguished Primatologist Award for someone who has made exceptional contributions throughout the course of their professional career.

- **Distinguished Primatologist Award** for career achievement in primatology
- **Senior Research Award** for research achievement by one who has not received the highest academic degree in his/her field
- **Early Career Award** for exceptional contributions by a primatologist who is less than seven years past receiving the Ph.D.
- **Distinguished Service Award** for long-term contributions to the ASP

- **Special Recognition/Achievement Award** for exceptional one-time or short-term service to the ASP

Please see <https://asp.org/grants-and-awards/recognition-awards/> for details on the nomination process. The nomination deadline is **March 31, 2023**.

### **Members! Get ready to apply for the new Steve Ross Travel Award**

All current, active members of ASP are eligible for a \$1500 award to offset the cost of travel and accommodation to the 2023 ASP meeting in Reno, Nevada.

Travel Award applications will be accepted once the abstract submissions open in February 2023. Please download the [Steve Ross Primate Welfare Travel Award Application](#) to learn what will be asked of you. You do not need to upload this form, rather, you will complete the application online. You will also need to upload a short (2 pages max.) *curriculum vitae*.

Mark your calendars:

- **Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 1, 2023**
- **Letters of Recommendation Due: Monday, March 6, 2023**

More details are available online: <https://asp.org/grants-and-awards/steve-ross-travel-award/>

### **Student Members! Get ready to apply for the Ruppenthal Student Travel Award**

All current, active student members of ASP are eligible for a \$500 award to offset the cost of travel and accommodation to the 2023 ASP meeting in Reno, Nevada.

Travel Award applications will be accepted once the abstract submissions open in February 2023. Please download the [Ruppenthal Student Travel Award Application](#) to learn what will be asked of you. You do not need to upload this form, rather, you will complete the application online. You will also need to upload a short (2 pages max.) *curriculum vitae*.

Mark your calendars:

- **Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 1, 2023**
- **Letters of Recommendation Due: Monday, March 6, 2023**

More details are available online: <https://asp.org/grants-and-awards/ruppenthal-student-travel-awards/>

## **Primate Care Committee**

Looking for up to \$1500 for new and innovative welfare research? The Primate Care Committee would like to announce that applications for the Melinda Novak Welfare Grant will be available on the ASP website on February 7, 2023 and due on April 7, 2023. Email Lisa Reamer ([lisareamer@gmail.com](mailto:lisareamer@gmail.com)) with any questions.

More details are available online: <https://asp.org/grants-and-awards/asp-primate-welfare-award/>

## Program Committee

### Updates on the 2023 ASP Conference in Reno!

ASP 2023 will be held in Reno, Nevada from June 20-23, 2023. Keep an eye on the [meeting page](#) for additional details in the coming months. We'd love to see you in-person but if you can't make it to Reno, ASP 2023 will be fully hybrid and we'd love for you to present and join us online!

#### Upcoming deadlines:

- Symposium/roundtable/workshop proposals: February 1 (submissions open January 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Abstracts: March 1 (submissions open February 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Reminder, you must register for the meeting before you submit your abstract.

ASP 2023 we will be fully hybrid, which means symposia, workshops, and roundtables can be led live in-person or virtually (via Zoom, although we recommend having a colleague on-site who can help with set up of virtual sessions), and participants can be in-person or virtual. Podium presentations can be given live in-person, live virtually (via Zoom), or as an asynchronous ON DEMAND presentation, while posters can be either in-person during the conference poster session or available ON DEMAND. We are very excited to offer all of these options so that more of you can participate in what is going to be yet another wonderful meeting.

As usual, we will have a limit of two presentations per speaker for the 2023 meeting. See the [Call for Abstracts page](#) for more details.

#### Confirmed speakers:

- Distinguished Primatologist Address: Toni Ziegler
- Keynote Speaker: Steve Schapiro
- Keynote Speaker: Nate Dominy
- More speakers to be announced soon!

If you have questions about symposium/roundtable/workshop proposals or abstracts, or the meeting program, please contact the Program Committee Chair, Michele Mulholland ([program@asp.org](mailto:program@asp.org)). Pre-conference or post-conference sessions require Program Committee approval.

## Research and Development Committee

The Research and Development Committee is pleased to announce that we will be accepting applications for the ASP General Small Grant starting February 7, 2023. The deadline for applications is April 7, 2023. More information on the grant and how to apply can be found here: <https://asp.org/grants-and-awards/research-grants/> Awardees will be announced at the annual meeting in June 2023.

Reflecting on the past year, in 2022 we funded small general grants to four ASP members (Iara Torge, Lindsey Warshawski, Will Whitham, and Lauren Wiseman-Jones). Additionally, and in collaboration with the Primate Care Committee and the Conservation Committee, we co-hosted a virtual grant writing workshop in December 2022. In total, 27 attendees joined the workshop, with folk calling in from Colombia, Benin, Nigeria, Switzerland, Nepal, Portugal, Canada, and, the USA. The

first half of the workshop was a general introduction to grant proposal writing and grant management led by Brett Frye. We then broke out into three groups to give more detailed information on the three ASP funding mechanisms: the small conservation grant (break out session led by Bert Covert with Jennifer Cramer), the small research grant (break out session led by Julie Teichroeb with Toni Ziegler), and the Melinda Novak primate welfare grant (break out session led by Lisa Maharaj with Lydia Hopper). We followed up with all attendees, providing handouts from the workshop for future reference. This is the fourth grant writing workshop that we have hosted for ASP members and we continue to consider new avenues for providing professional development training for ASP members in the coming year.

Lydia Hopper and Julie Teichroeb  
Research and Development Committee co-Chairs



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## Get Social with ASP!

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## WORKING GROUP UPDATES

### ASP-APV Working Group

The ASP-APV Working Group brings together members of ASP and members of the Association of Primate Veterinarians (<https://www.primatetvets.org/>). Our charge is to facilitate continued, coordinated interaction between the two organizations and to find mutually beneficial opportunities for collaboration between ASP and APV.

We are an active group comprised of veterinarians and behaviorists, who are members of both ASP and APV, and who are engaged in working with primates across a variety of settings, including industry, academia, and primate centers. Our current members are Dawn Abney, Kristina Bartley, Rita Bellanca, Melissa Berg, Catherine Boyle, Lydia Hopper, Sherrie Jean, and Joanne Morris. Additionally, Mollie Bloomsmith acts as a liaison between this Working Group and the ASP Board of Directors. The group meets monthly to work on outputs that will share our collective expertise.

One recurring outreach activity of the ASP-APV Working Group is the Enrichment Exchange, a quarterly webinar series co-hosted with the National Primate Research Centers Behavioral Management Consortium. The goal of these free webinars is to share successful enrichment devices among institutions to improve diversity in environmental enrichment and the psychological welfare of

nonhuman primates. To join the listserv and hear announcements for upcoming webinars, please contact Liz Moran ([liz@nhprc.org](mailto:liz@nhprc.org)).

Additionally, in 2022, the working group wrote a position statement on the function and value of environmental enrichment that will be made available on the APV website once reviewed and approved by the ASP and APV leadership. We also hosted a symposium at the annual APV meeting, sharing talks on the topic of primate social housing in challenging situations, with speakers describing approaches to socially house primates that are water regulated or tethered. In the coming year, we plan on hosting another symposium at the APV annual meeting as well as at the ASP annual meeting. We are hopeful that these sessions will further promote dialogue between members of both societies, and between veterinarians and behaviorists. Once finalized, we will announce upcoming symposia in future bulletins.

If you would like to learn more about the ASP-APV Working Group, please contact Lydia Hopper ([lhopper7@jhmi.edu](mailto:lhopper7@jhmi.edu)) or Catherine Boyle ([catherine.boyle@merck.com](mailto:catherine.boyle@merck.com)).

Lydia Hopper, PhD and Catherine Boyle, DVM  
Co-Chairs, ASP-APV Working Group

## Zoo Working Group

The ASP Zoo working group was formed in early 2022, with the charge from the ASP Board of developing strategies to involve more zoo professionals in ASP and to suggest changes to ASP that might make it more attractive to zoo professionals. The working group members have diverse backgrounds and experiences within the zoological field. Members are Grace Fuller, Heidi Hellmuth (current chair), Betsy Herrelko, Amy Levine, and Jennifer Vonk. The initial chair was Steve Ross, whose leadership inspired our initial efforts; the ASP Board liaison is Mollie Bloomsmith.

From the group's inception, one focus has been discussion of which type of zoo professionals might be the most logical targets for interest in joining ASP – researchers, curators, caretakers? Strategies for each group might vary, so continued discussion of the target audience is important to make any efforts most effective at achieving the ASP board and working group's goal.

The working group generated a lot of great ideas and momentum for increasing zoo professional involvement in the 2022 ASP conference, facilitated by the fact that the meeting was being hosted by the Denver Zoo. These efforts, along with those of the conference and primate care committees and others, resulted in a great deal of involvement and content from zoo professionals and about zoo-related primates. Here is an overview of some of the great zoo-related content:

- Conference was hosted by Denver Zoo (Amy Levine) with the Opening Reception at the zoo
- Keynote Speaker Haley Murphy from Detroit Zoo spoke about the Great Ape Heart Project
- Invited Speaker Ed Louis from Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo spoke about conservation work on lemurs
- Interdisciplinary Symposium on Recent Advances in Primatology Taking Place in Modern Zoos, organized by Steve Ross and Betsy Herrelko [This came from the Working Group]
- Roundtable on Zoo Primate Research: What is it like to Conduct Research in a Zoo? organized by Betsy Herrelko [This came from the Working Group]
- Session on Management of Zoo Primates, chaired by Katie Gerstner



- Individual presentations on zoo work in other sessions on (1) Health, (2) Cognition and (3) Behavior in Human Care and (4) in the poster session
- Primate Care Committee hosted a workshop at the Denver Zoo titled Nonhuman Primate
- Enrichment Workshop: Best Practices for Welfare with some speakers and participants from zoos

The working group will be continuing our efforts in 2023 and looks forward to sharing with the Board and membership some new ideas and resources for attracting more ASP members from the zoo community. If anyone has ideas or suggestions to offer, please contact Heidi Hellmuth ([hellmuth@stlzoo.org](mailto:hellmuth@stlzoo.org)). Thanks!

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## ANNOUNCING ASP'S MENTORING AND SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION PROGRAM

ASP is pleased to announce the creation of an exciting mentoring and scientific collaboration program that will greatly expand opportunities for our members to build their research networks, learn from colleagues, and help train the next generation of primate scientists. Our goal is to identify 30-40 ASP members who are willing to serve as mentors (see additional details about the program below or online [under The Society tab on the ASP website](#)). If you have an interest in participating as a mentor in ASP's mentoring and scientific collaboration program, please complete the short mentor form on the website. If you have questions concerning the ASP mentoring program, contact Paul A. Garber ([p-garber@illinois.edu](mailto:p-garber@illinois.edu)).



*Image Credit: Jennifer Garber*

**Mentoring and Scientific Collaboration Program:** As a society, ASPs greatest resource is its membership. There are many outstanding ASP scientists who have expressed interest in participating in a mentorship/research collaboration program working with graduate students or early career professionals from universities, zoos, primate centers, research and animal care facilities, sanctuaries, wildlife centers, and veterinary clinics in the U.S. and in primate range countries. This program will be a benefit of ASP membership and will serve to build a stronger professional primatological community.

**Program Goals:** The goals of the mentorship program are (1) to increase networking and research collaboration between ASP members and the broader primatological community, and (2) to help train the next generation of primate scientists.

**Eligibility:** All current, active members of ASP are eligible to participate in the mentoring and scientific collaboration program. Both mentors and mentees must be current, active members.

**Award Criteria:** Unlike other ASP award programs, the primary criteria for acceptance into the mentoring and scientific collaboration program is the willingness of both a mentor and an applicant to work together.

**Program Plan:** The first stage of the plan is to identify 30-40 ASP members, each of whom agree to work with one or two mentees. The anticipated benefits to mentors are the opportunity to engage in new research collaborations, participate in training the next generation of primatologists, and the potential to serve as a coauthor on publications that are a direct result of the program. More specific information concerning the program can be found on the ASP website.

Each mentor is asked to create a brief biosketch and provide an abbreviated CV that they upload to the application form linked to on the [ASP mentoring and scientific collaboration program page](#) before April 15, 2023. If you are unable to mentor at this time but are interested in serving as a mentor in the future, additional opportunities will be available at a later date. Applying to be a mentor does not guarantee you will be paired with a mentee; you will be contacted if someone interested in being a mentee identifies you on their application.

The second stage of the plan is to pair mentees with mentors. This will be done on a rolling basis as those interested in being mentees apply to the program. Interested students and early career professionals applying to the program will submit a brief biosketch of their research/career interests, and include a CV. The mentee application form also includes mentee information such as primate species/taxa the mentee is/are studying/plan to study, their theoretical interests, and the goals they hope to accomplish in this mentorship program. These goals might include, but are not limited to, mentorship in hypothesis formation, mentorship in writing a publishable manuscript, mentorship in writing a research proposal, mentorship with research design, mentorship with data analysis, or mentorship in putting together a presentation for a national/international meeting. Each mentee would list in order of preference their top 3 mentors based on common research interests/expertise.

The first mentor listed in the application would be notified when a mentee's application is received. That mentor will then have a period of two weeks to decide whether or not to work with that mentee. If the first mentor declines, then the second mentor will be notified, and so on. If no mentor agrees to work with the applicant, the applicant will receive a letter indicating that none of their selected mentors are available to work with the applicant at this time. If the mentee remains interested in reapplying to the program, we ask that the mentee wait at least two months to resubmit their application, as additional mentors are added to the program.

Once a mentor agrees to work with a mentee, the nature of their working relationship will be left up to them. Such flexibility is needed so that mentors and mentees can work collaboratively in ways that best accomplish each of their goals.

**Agreement:** If the mentee is a student, then the mentees thesis advisor also would be required to be an ASP member and formally sign on to the agreement (the advisor would be required to sign the student's application form indicating that the advisor approves of the student participating in the

program). This is critical because we do not want to cause any conflict between the student and the advisor.

It also is important to stress (1) that the mentor is not a replacement for the student's advisor, (2) that depending on the activities of the mentor, he/she should be invited to be a coauthor of any publication/presentation that arises from the collaboration, and (3), we encourage mentees to attend and present the results of this collaboration at our annual ASP conference.

The agreement between the mentor and mentee is anticipated to last for a period of up to several months, however, given the need for flexibility on the part of both parties, the length of the mentoring agreement will be determined by mutual consent. The agreement also can be extended based on the discretion of the mentor and the mentee. However, the mentoring agreement can terminate at any time based on the wishes of either party. At the end of the agreement, both the mentor and mentee will be asked by ASP to complete a brief survey form that would be used by ASP to assess the success of the mentor-mentee relationship, whether each felt their goals were accomplished, and to identify problems/changes that would improve the experience for both mentor and mentee.

**Online mentor application submission:** The application form for mentors (brief biosketch and abbreviated CV) is available in the [ASP Member Resources section of your profile page](#). The first round of mentor applications is due April 15, 2023.

**Online mentee application submission:** Potential mentees will be allowed to apply to work with mentors starting May 1, 2023. A link to the form that needs to be filled out by mentees will be available in the [ASP Member Resources section of your profile page](#).

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## SOCIETY AWARDS

### Congratulations to Dr. Yin Yang, winner of the ASP Conservationist Award!

Dr. Yin Yang is the recipient of ASP's 2022 Conservationist Award. Dr. Yang's research has aimed at understanding the ecology and conservation needs of Myanmar/black snub-nosed monkeys. Yin found the second black snub-nosed monkey population in China, documenting its location and population size. Recognized internationally as an expert on this species, Yin has led and participated in conservation status evaluations for this species in 2016 and 2021. By using camera trapping, species distribution models, socio-economic investigation techniques, and remote sensing, Yin plans to confirm more undiscovered populations and propose a systematic conservation framework for preventing the continued decline of the population and the loss



*Dr. Yang leading an education activity.*



of habitat to ensure the long survival of this rare and little-known primate in the Sino-Myanmar border. Yin's service to the field also includes transboundary research, education programs, publishing an educational comic, and training local park rangers in primate conservation methods and technologies. Colleagues who nominated Dr. Yang for the Conservationist Award noted his tireless efforts not only to study this little-known species under difficult field conditions, but also his special ability to collaborate with government and other local partners.



*Dr. Yang with the ASP Conservationist Award plaque.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ASP Student Committee requests mentor signup for 2023 ASP Reno Meeting Student Mentoring Event**

Are you attending 2023 ASP Reno in person? Are you a professor, zoo professional, animal care professional or other upper-level primate professional? Sign up to participate in 2023 ASP Reno Meeting Student Mentoring Event 2023! This is a single one-hour event after regularly scheduled program during 2023 ASP to help provide networking, support and advice to the student members of ASP!

Email Kaelyn Dobson ([kmd212@txstate.edu](mailto:kmd212@txstate.edu)) or Carson Black ([ceb250@txstate.edu](mailto:ceb250@txstate.edu)) with questions or to sign up today.



## Last chance to access ASP 2022 materials!

Did you miss ASP 2022 in Denver? Did you attend ASP but haven't had a chance to check out the presentations you couldn't attend or the virtual-only content? The scientific program is still available but only until late February 2023, be sure to check it out while you still have the chance! If you attended or have already registered for the conference, just return to the meeting schedule and click on the Virtual Conference, your registration is still valid. To register for the virtual conference content from ASP 2022, email [info@asp.org](mailto:info@asp.org).



## Office hours – chat with the ASP Board of Directors!

Do you have questions for the Society or Board of Directors? If so, ASP President Matthew Novak holds virtual office hours on Zoom (<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/2458386027>) on the first and second Friday of each month from 8:00-9:00am PST. If you have anything you'd like to discuss, don't hesitate to drop in!

## Are you a student or early career researcher interested in a discount for ASP 2023? Financial assistance with meeting costs

In 2023, we will be able to offer students and early career researchers (defined as within 5 years of receiving a terminal degree), who need help with conference costs, some financial assistance. In exchange for 3-4 hours of work, individuals will receive a \$100 reimbursement at the meeting to help offset cost of attendance. This opportunity is limited to 10 attendees and is available on a first come, first serve basis. If you do not have grant or institutional funding for your conference attendance, please consider this opportunity. Check the box indicating your willingness to volunteer during the meeting when you register for the conference.

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