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## A Message from the President...



Dear Colleagues:

As I think ahead to our conference June 20-23 in Reno, NV, I look forward to the really fine program that **Michele Mulholland** and her program committee are putting together and thank all of you for your efforts to make this a great meeting. In addition, sincere thanks to the efforts of **Dawn Abney** and the local arrangements committee for providing the beautiful location. We were last in the high desert when I hosted the meetings back in 2015 in Bend, OR. Let's hope the setting in the high desert will once again bring those memorable experiences that help to bring us back to ASP each year.

This year's meeting, our 45<sup>th</sup>, is fully hybrid. Please know that we want you all to come to Reno and participate in-person, in order to maximize your networking and primatological experience. However, we recognize that is not always possible for everyone. And we would much rather have you at our meeting virtually than not have you at our meeting at all. So, last year we started the transition to a hybrid format. Thanks to the hustle of hard-working volunteers, **Michele Mulholland**, **Jennifer Cramer**, **Steve Schapiro** and myself, we were able to broadcast all the sessions. This year, we take that commitment to accessibility one step further and are fully hybrid! Not only will all the sessions be broadcast, but you can participate in sessions live and give both paper and poster presentations in a virtual format. The deadline for abstracts has passed, but I hope this will entice those of you who cannot be in Reno to register to attend and participate virtually. It is our goal to make this increased interactivity of the virtual sessions meet with your satisfaction and help continue ASP on the path to being more inclusive and accessible for all types of primatologists.

In addition, we have instituted more flexible registration rates for individuals from range countries. Please reach out to your colleagues in range countries and encourage them to attend and participate. Not only can they participate interactively during sessions, the recordings of all the sessions will be available to all registrants for 6 months following the conference.

In Reno, I am hosting a President's Town Hall Roundtable. Please look for it in the schedule and plan to attend. The idea is similar to, perhaps an extension of, the Presidents Forum, which first met for the 2015 meeting. It will provide a place where we can discuss current issues affecting research on both wild and captive primates. Like 2015, this year, issues have surfaced about the role of non-human primates in biomedical research, and on a larger scale, the role for biomedical research

institutions to participate in the conservation of wild populations of the non-human primates they study. I hope we can openly and honestly discuss these issues with one another as a part of the collegial exchange of ideas, recognizing that we all share a common goal of protecting and understanding the species we study.

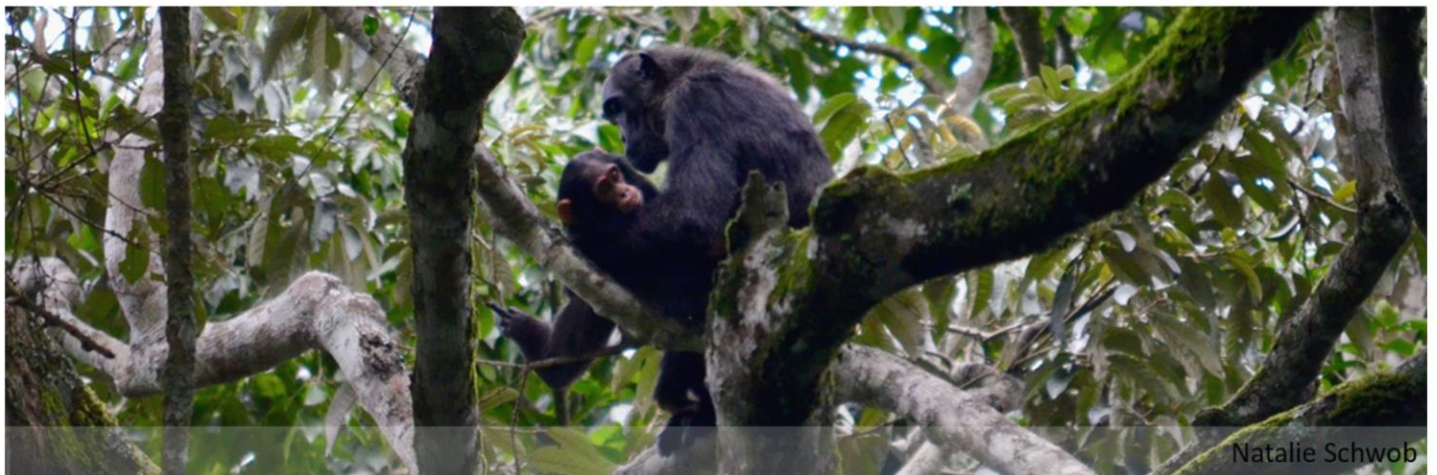
Also in Reno, ASP is taking a leadership role in identifying appropriate and inappropriate professional behavior. We are interested in developing a code of best practices that can be used to promote positive and ethical scientific collaboration and mentorship across our discipline. This code will include policies and procedures that protect claimants from personal and professional retribution. To this end, the American Society of Primatologists has organized a 'best practices' workshop for ASP 2023. We welcome and encourage all to participate, in-person or virtually, and to share your thoughts, questions, concerns, and ideas on how, as a discipline, we can promote fair, equitable, and ethical treatment of primatologists during all phases of their career. Again, please look for it in the schedule and plan to attend.

And finally, just this past week, we signed the contract for ASP 2024! ASP is excited to be returning to Mexico for the first time since 1991. That was actually before my time in ASP; is that possible? .... (☺, smiley face emoji). **Juan Carlos Serio Silva** and the Akum Al Monkey Sanctuary will host the conference from September 8 – 11, 2024, and we are trying something a little different. The Iberostar Playa Paraiso Resort, in Quintana Roo, near Cancun, where we will be staying and having the conference, is "all-inclusive." This will cause things to look a little different than usual. For example, a shuttle service will be used to get all guests from the airport to the resort and back again, so you won't have to find and negotiate your own taxi/Uber/Lyft, etc. Also, staying at an all-inclusive resort will make the hotel reservations be "per person" rather than "per room" like we typically expect from a more traditional conference hotel. In addition, with food and beverage freely available throughout the day and throughout the resort, breaks and socials, along with time between sessions, might look a little different. We are still figuring out all the details but are excited by the possibilities to try new things. Stay tuned as more information becomes available. Go to your calendar now and mark the dates.

Well, that is all for now. I look forward to hearing your thoughts about all things ASP in Reno.

Best regards,

Matthew Novak  
ASP President



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## ASP 2023 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### On time registration ends May 31<sup>st</sup>!

ASP 2023 will be held June 20-23 in Reno, NV. Early bird registration has passed but on time registration goes until May 31<sup>st</sup> – be sure to register soon and avoid the price hikes of late registration! [Click here for more information about the meeting.](#) We hope to see you in person or online!



### ASP Student Committee requests mentor signup for Student Mentoring Event

Are you attending ASP 2023 Reno in person? Are you a professor, zoo professional, animal care professional or other upper-level primate professional? Sign up to participate in ASP 2023 Reno Meeting Student Mentoring Event! This is a single one-hour event after regularly scheduled program during 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.

### Silent Auction donations needed

The silent auction supports the Conservation Committee's grants and awards. We'd love your primate themed decor and art, vintage ASP gear, and other cool primate related stuff! Please consider bringing or sending your donations to the meeting to help support primate conservation. More details to come in the upcoming months. Questions? Contact [conservation@asp.org](mailto:conservation@asp.org).

### The ASP Student Competition is now open!

The ASP Education Committee will hold the annual Student Competition sponsored by ASP and the American Journal of Primatology (AJP) at the 2023 meeting to recognize high quality, first-authored student presentations.

Student awardees will receive a certificate, cash prize, and a one-year FREE membership to ASP with electronic access to AJP. The Journal's publisher Wiley will give a substantial bonus offer to make the resulting manuscript freely available to download for a period of one-year post-publication, if accepted following submission to AJP.

Interested parties should indicate their wish to participate when they submit their conference abstract(s). Applicants must complete the online application for the Student Competition through their ASP membership portal.



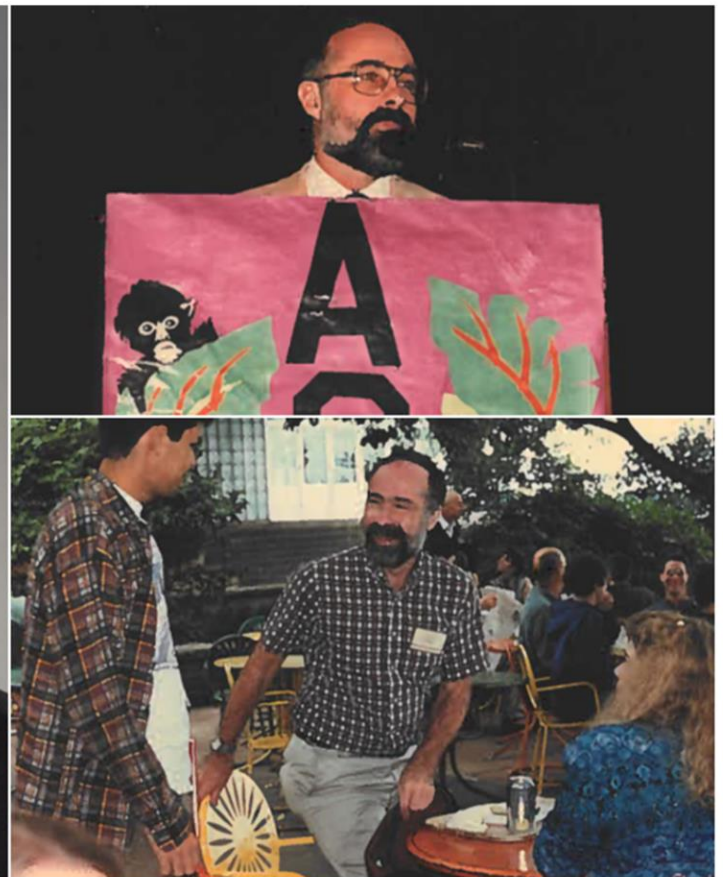
The deadline for this year's student competition is **11:59PM (EST) June 2, 2023**. Details regarding the general application process, eligibility, how to apply, and guidelines for judging can be found [here](#).

Please contact the ASPEC Co-chairs, Brett Frye and Gabriela de Faria Oliveira ([education@asp.org](mailto:education@asp.org)) with any questions.

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## REMEMBERING CHARLES (CHUCK) T. SNOWDON 1941-2023

It is with deep sadness that we share with the ASP community the passing of Chuck Snowdon, who died of complications due to COVID-19 on January 8, 2023. Chuck was a long-term member of ASP and he had a substantial impact on the field of primatology that lives on through his colleagues and former students. ASP members Toni Ziegler and Karen Strier wrote a [heartfelt tribute in remembrance of Chuck Snowdon that can be found in AJP](#).



*Chuck at ASP-IPS 1996  
Madison, WI*

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# COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP UPDATES

## Social Media and Public Engagement Committee



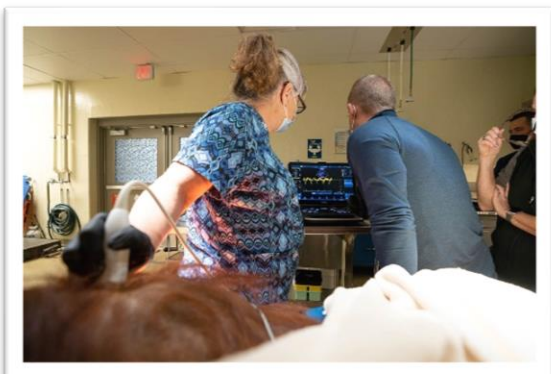
If you or your committee would like to share something on ASP's social media platforms, please complete this request form! <https://forms.gle/MTAiY5WtzSvcTC9>

## ASP-APV Working Group

The Enrichment Exchange is a quarterly webinar series hosted by the ASP-APV Working Group and the NPRC Behavioral Management Consortium. The goal of these webinars is to share successful enrichment devices among institutions in order to improve diversity in environmental enrichment and the psychological welfare of nonhuman primates. This group is led by Kristina Bartley, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Kris Coleman, Oregon Health & Science University and ONPRC, and Lauren Cassidy, The University of California Davis and CNPRC. The next webinar will be "A Tool for Institution-level Animal Welfare Assessment," presented by Melissa Painter, Johns Hopkins University. The webinar will be on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Eastern. To join the listserv to get announcements about upcoming talks please contact Liz Moran ([liz@nhprc.org](mailto:liz@nhprc.org)).

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### Check out the new Hot Topic in Primate Welfare featuring the Great Ape Heart Project

The Spring 2023 Hot Topics in Primate Welfare post features an interview with Drs. Marietta Danforth and Hayley Murphy, director and director emeritus, respectively, of the Great Ape Heart Project. [Check out the post on the website](#) to learn more about this exciting program!

## Deadline Extended – ASP Small Research Grant

The deadline for applications for the ASP Small Research Grant has been **extended to April 20, 2023**. This funding mechanism awards up to \$1500 to ASP members to support research projects with primates in the field or in captive settings. All the information about eligibility and the application process can be found here: <https://www.asp.org/grants-and-awards/research-grants/>. Successful applicants will be announced at the ASP meeting in June 2023. If you have any questions, please email either of the ASP Research and Development Committee Co-Chairs Lydia Hopper ([lhopper7@jhmi.edu](mailto:lhopper7@jhmi.edu)) or Julie Teichroeb ([julie.teichroeb@utoronto.ca](mailto:julie.teichroeb@utoronto.ca)).

## Deadline Extended – Melinda Novak Primate Welfare Grant

The deadline for applications for the Melinda Novak Primate Welfare Grant has been **extended to May 5, 2023**. This funding mechanism awards \$500-\$1500 to ASP members to fund research projects designed to improve the lives of nonhuman primates in any setting (captive, semi-free ranging, and wild) that are highly impactful and innovative. [Click here for more information](#) about eligibility and the application process. Successful applicants will be announced at the ASP meeting in June 2023.

If you have questions, the [website page](#) contains an FAQ section and contact information for the co-chairs of the Primate Care Committee, which oversees this award.

## Deadline Extended – Sign up to be a mentor!

The deadline has been **extended to May 15<sup>th</sup>** for ASP members to submit their application to participate as mentors in the **Mentoring and Scientific Collaboration Program**. We encourage those interested in the program to submit the brief application form to become an ASP mentor and work collaboratively with students and early career professionals. [Click here for more information](#). Those interested in being a mentee will be able to sign up for the program soon.

## 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!

## Primate Position Available! Research Lab Technician III – Shively Lab

### JOB DESCRIPTION

Under general supervision, performs a variety of complex physical, chemical, and/or biological tests that require the use of independent judgment in the planning, modification, and performance of clinical and research laboratory procedures. Provides direction and guidance to lab staff.

Duties include clinical and behavioral data collection from nonhuman primates, data verification, and maintenance of tracking files, data, tissue and image repositories.

Responsibilities include: Animal handling of nonhuman primates, blood and CSF collection, tissue collection, cell separation, data verification and manipulation, repository management, and protocol writing.

The position will be located at the Clarkson Campus, Winston-Salem, NC.

### **EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE**

Bachelor's degree in the biological and/or physical sciences with two years' of related clinical/research experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience. Master's degree in biology or related science preferred.

### **CURRENT PROJECTS IN THE LAB INCLUDE:**

1. Effects of Western and Mediterranean Diets on Metabolic and Neuropathological Risk Factors for Alzheimer's disease in NHPs
2. Psychosocial Stress Effects on Regenerative Medicine Therapies for Lower Urinary Tract Disorders in Nonhuman Primates
3. Development of an Innovative Vervet (*Chlorocebus aethiops sabaeus*) Model of Early Alzheimer's-like Neuropathology and Symptomatology
4. Wake Forest Alzheimer's Disease Core Center – Neuropathology Core

### **Apply at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Jobs**

[https://emis.fa.us2.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX\\_1001/job/77432/?utm\\_medium=jobshare](https://emis.fa.us2.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_1001/job/77432/?utm_medium=jobshare)

For more information please contact Carol Shively [cshively@wakehealth.edu](mailto:cshively@wakehealth.edu)

## **Postdoctoral Fellowship Available in Primate Behavioral Neurobiology**

A postdoctoral position is available in the laboratory of Carol Shively in the Department of Pathology, Section on Comparative Medicine at Wake Forest School of Medicine to study social and biological factors that affect age-related changes in behavior and neurobiology in nonhuman primates (NHPs). The Fellow will work with a multidisciplinary team on the development of a NHP model of social and dietary factors that promote neuropathologic changes characteristic of Alzheimer's disease, and determine functional correlates. The fellow also will be encouraged to make use of extensive NHP data, tissue, and brain imaging repositories that provide a rich source of research projects ready for analysis and publication.

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in the social or biological sciences. Requirements include outstanding skills in data analysis, written and oral communication, and the ability to work both independently and in a multidisciplinary team-oriented environment. Candidates with experience in NHP behavior and neurobiology are particularly encouraged to apply. The position is available for up to three years and compensation will follow NIH postdoctoral stipend levels.



Applicants should submit via email a letter of interest outlining experience and research goals, as well as a CV and the names and complete contact information of three references to:

Carol A. Shively, Ph.D.

Professor, Department of Pathology/Comparative Medicine Leader, WF-ADRC NHP Service Line  
Wake Forest School of Medicine Medical Center Boulevard/Winston-Salem, NC 27157

[cshively@wakehealth.edu](mailto:cshively@wakehealth.edu)

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