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### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2008-2015 **University of Southern California (USC)**, PhD, Department of Biological Sciences: Program in Integrative and Evolutionary Biology (IEB), Los Angeles, CA  
09/08-12/10 **University of Southern California**, Graduate Certificate, Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST), Los Angeles, CA  
2004-2005 **Hunter College, City University of New York**, Continuing Education: Biology Courses and Political Science Courses, New York, NY  
5/04-8/04 **Columbia University**, Continuing Education: Anthropology Courses, New York, NY  
5/99-8/99 **University of Massachusetts**, Continuing Education: Chemistry Courses, Amherst, MA  
1994-1998 **Amherst College**, Bachelor of Arts, May 1998, Biology, Amherst, MA  
1/97-5/97 **St Lawrence University**, Kenya Field Study Program, Nairobi, Kenya

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Manuscripts

**Loyola, LC**, Turcotte, LP. (in preparation). The Tana River red colobus mediate seasonal variations in metabolizable energy intake through behavioral modifications.

#### Oral Presentations

**Loyola LC**, Delgado RA. 2014. The Tana River red colobus (*Procolobus rufomitratu*s) exhibit behavioral flexibility to changes in habitat quality: A longitudinal and spatial comparison of behavioral ecology. Paper presentation. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* (In Press).

**Loyola LC**, Delgado RA. 2014. Surviving in the Tana: Behavioral Ecology and Conservation of the Tana River red colobus (*Procolobus rufomitratu*s). Paper presentation. *International Journal of Primatology* (In Press).

#### Poster Presentations

**Loyola LC**, Turcotte LP, Delgado RA. 2013. Validating the use of Urinary C-peptide as a measure of metabolizable energy intake in captive colobus monkeys – a variation on preservation methods. (Poster) *American Journal of Primatology* 75(S1):88.

E.R. Vogel, S. Coiner-Collier, R.S. Scott, J. Chalk, P. Constantino, H. Glowacka, **L. Loyola**, K. Ossi-Lupo, M. Raguet-Schoefield, M. Talebi, C.J. Vinyard, B.W. Wright, N. Yamashita, N.J. Dominy, P.W. Lucas. Do food material properties predict jaw and tooth morphology in primates? (Poster) *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* (In Press).

**Loyola LC**, Delgado RA. 2011. A proposed methodology for creating a GIS database framework for the analysis of red colobus (*Procolobus rufomitratu*s) habitat (Poster). *American Journal of Primatology* 73(S1):66.

**Loyola, LC**, Vogel, E, Zulfa, A, Delgado, RA. 2010. The physical properties of Northeast Bornean orangutan plant foods (Poster). *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 141(S50):158.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Teaching Experience

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- 08/15-Present **Lecturer**, Lab Instructor, Spatial Sciences 301: Maps and Spatial Reasoning; Lab Co-Instructor, Spatial Sciences 165: Sustainability Science in the City, Spatial Sciences Institute, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 9/14-5/15 **Teaching Assistant**, *Human Biology 200: The Human Animal*, Department of Human and Evolutionary Biology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 1/14-5/14 **Teaching Assistant**, *Anthropology 200: Human Origins*, Department of Anthropology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 9/13-12/13 **Teaching Assistant**, *Spatial Sciences 587: GPS/GIS Field Techniques*, Spatial Sciences Institute, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 1/13-5/13 **Teaching Assistant**, *Anthropology 200: Human Origins*, Department of Anthropology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 9/10-5/11 **Teaching Assistant**, *Anthropology 200: Human Origins*, Department of Anthropology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 9/08-5/09 **Teaching Assistant**, *Anthropology 200: Human Origins*, Department of Anthropology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

### Invited Lectures

- 04/14 **Invited Lecturer**, *From Red Apes to Red Colobus*, *Anthropology 200: Human Origins*. Department of Anthropology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 06/13 **Invited Lecturer**, *Careers in Biological Anthropology*, *Anthropology 200: Human Origins*. Department of Anthropology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 03/13 **Invited Lecturer**, *The Evolution of Altruistic Behaviors*. *Anthropology 200: Human Origins*. Department of Anthropology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 11/11 **Guest Speaker**, *Northeast Bornean Orangutan Food Properties*. *Biology Departmental Seminar* Whittier College, Los Angeles, CA
- 09/10 **Invited Lecturer**, *Community Ecology*. *Anthropology 309: Primate Social Behavior* University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 09/10 **Invited Lecturer**, *Biogeography, Speciation and Conservation*. *Anthropology 406: Theory & Method in Biological Anthropology* University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 11/09 **Invited Lecturer**, *Primate Communication*. *Anthropology 309: Primate Social Behavior* University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 11/09 **Invited Lecturer**, *Physical Properties of Northeast Bornean Orangutan Plant Foods*. *BISC 549a: Integrative and Evolutionary Biology Seminar* University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

### Research Experience

- 2/12-12/12 **Dissertation Research**, *A Spatio-temporal Analysis of the Energetics of the Tana River red colobus, Procolobus rufomitratu*,  
Tana River Primate National Reserve, Tana River, Kenya  
This project examined the relationship between metabolizable energy intake (MEI) of the Tana River red colobus (*Procolobus rufomitratu*) and habitat quality over variable seasons and habitats in the riverine forests of the Tana River.  
I collected behavioral data (group scans, focal follows and feeding bouts) and physiological samples (urine) from three groups in two separate forest patches along the Tana River. I also recorded phenological data (tree species density and diversity, diameter at breast height, height, colobine food abundance) to determine resource abundance and seasonality. Urine samples were analyzed for urinary C-peptide (UCP) as an indicator of MEI of the Tana River red colobus. Phenological data were incorporated into a GIS for spatial and temporal comparison of resource availability and habitat quality. These phenological and behavioral data were also used to assess MEI as an indicator of habitat quality.
- 6/09-8/09 **Principle Investigator**, *The Physical Properties of Northeast Bornean Orangutan Plant Foods*, Kutai National Park, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

This project evaluated the mechanical properties of *Pongo pygmaeus morio* (*P.p. morio*) plant foods in East Kalimantan, Borneo.

I collected food samples and performed Scissor and Wedge tests using a Darvell Portable Tester and observed feeding behaviors of habituated orangutans. Data from this research was compared to data collected in Sumatra and Central Borneo to investigate the evolutionary implications of the craniomandibular morphology of *P.p. morio*.

5/06-11/06 **International Field Assistant, Kenya's Forest Monkeys Project**, Gede, Kenya

PI: Steffen Foerster, PhD.

This project studied the feeding ecology, social behavior, and physiological responses to stress of female *Cercopithecus mitis* (*C. mitis*).

I was in charge of data collection on a newly habituated group of *C. mitis* monkeys, including: behavioral focal follows and ad-libitum recording, inter-group encounter tracking, post aggression follows, fecal sample collection, monitoring provisions, and mapping group movements on a daily basis. Duties also included identification and naming of juveniles in study the group and data entry in excel database.

5/97 **Intern, Institute of Primate Research**, Nairobi, Kenya

PI: Dr. Suleman

Multiple projects including research on HIV medications and primate conservation.

Assisted in laparoscopic and open surgeries on olive baboons; conducted field observations of olive baboons and vervet monkeys for relocation purposes; radio-tracked two troops of Sykes monkeys within the Ololua Forest; observed behaviors in the Caged Primate Colony; managed the sorting and cataloguing of primate tissue samples.

### Workshop Attendance

Fall 2014 **American Association of Physical Anthropologists** – Committee on Diversity; Women's Mentoring Network

06/13 **American Society of Primatologists** – Student Workshop: Teaching Portfolios and Strategies for the Teaching Job Search

04/13 **American Association of Physical Anthropologists** – Women's Mentoring Network

02-07/13 **USC - Academic Professional Development – Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education** – Dissertation Writing Group

### Professional Experience

3/07 - 9/08 **Bograd Kids, Inc. – Accounting and Customer Service Manager**, New York, NY

Accounts receivable and payable; daily banking; processed payroll and company payroll taxes; customer service and satisfaction; processed and tracked customer and vendor orders; assisted in updating Employee Policy and Procedural Manual; employee relations.

5/06-11/06 **Kenya's Forest Monkeys Project – Project Manager**, Gede, Kenya

As a Team Leader for five Earth Watch Institute Expeditions responsibilities included: orienting teams with field location and study groups, supervision of team data collection and data entry as well as team transportation within Kenya. Contributed to updating Volunteer Information package for volunteers.

12/05-4/06 **Wildlife Conservation Society – Bronx Zoo – Volunteer, Mammal Department**, Bronx, NY

Assisted Zookeepers with the care of all animals throughout the Mammal Department. Duties included: cleaning of exhibits and holding areas, food preparation to meet specific dietary needs of the animals, and observing training sessions in some installations.

2/04-5/06 **Dr. Robert G. Schwager, M.D./Smooth Touch Laser Center, Center Manager**, New York, NY

Management responsibilities included: customer service and relations; marketing and advertising; budgeting and bookkeeping; personnel scheduling and payroll. Assisted with minor medical procedures and in securing Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) Certification. Performed laser hair removal and skin rejuvenation consultations and treatments; scheduled appointments.

- 9/99-2/04 **Biscuits & Bath Doggy Gym – General Manager**, New York, NY  
 Managed staff of 30+ and care of 75-125 dogs.  
 General responsibilities included: overseeing daily staff and financial operations; evaluation of new dogs' social behaviors; managing emergency care procedures for animals and staff. Fiscal Management responsibilities included: accounts receivable, processed payroll, daily banking, inventory, track register, customer service, marketing and promotions. Employee Management responsibilities included: personnel hiring and training, scheduling, and orientation. Edited and translated existing Employee Policy and Procedure Manual into Spanish, and implemented protocol from the manual.
- 9/98-9/99 **Hampshire Veterinary Hospital – Assistant Veterinary Technician**, Amherst, MA  
 Assisted Veterinary Doctor and Technician with patient care management which included: patient intake, taking and developing X-rays, performing EKGs, taking and running blood specimens, necropsy preparation, general surgeries, and follow-up care of patients in Intensive Care Unit. Management responsibilities included: training, scheduling and supervision of all part-time employees. Closing technician responsible for nightly rounds on in-house patients.
- 5/97-8/97 **Wildlife World Zoo – Volunteer**, Litchfield Park, AZ  
 Assisted in food preparation for animals in the Education Department; led public feedings of various bird species; handled wildlife and assisted with educational presentations.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Graduate Student Government (GSG) Travel Grant (\$500)  
 2014 Jane Goodall Institute – (\$500)  
 2013 - 2014 Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) Merit Fellowship (\$5000)  
 2013 IEB Merit Scholarship  
 2013 Graduate Student Government (GSG) Travel Grant (\$500)  
 2013 Jane Goodall Institute Travel Award (\$500)  
 2013 Academic Professional Development (APD) Dissertation Writing Group (DWG) Award (\$1000)  
 2011 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship – Honorable Mention  
 2011 - 2012 Foster Graduate Fellowship  
 2011 USC College Gold Family Fellowship  
 2011 IEB Merit Scholarship  
 2011 IEB Merit Scholarship  
 2009 - 2010 Mayr Life Sciences Fellowship

## MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

### Professional Memberships

- 2010-Present **Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)**  
 -student member
- 2013-Present **Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) – USC Chapter** - member
- 2009-Present **American Association of Physical Anthropologists** – student member  
 -Women's Mentoring Network  
 -Committee on Diversity
- 2009-Present **Animal Behavioral Society** – student member  
 2009-Present **International Society of Primatologists** – student member  
 2005-Present **American Society of Primatologists** – student member

### Other Related Memberships

- 2001-Present **The Sierra Club**  
 2000-Present **Wildlife Conservation Society**

2004-2012      **The Nature Conservancy****Community Involvement**

- 4/2015      **Healthy Living Course, University High School** – Guest Speaker, Human evolution and the modern diet: disequilibrium, nutrition, and food availability
- 10/2014      **SACNAS – IEB Program Representative and Recruitment, SACNAS National Conference**
- 2/2014      **Robert F Kennedy Community Schools, Community Career Day**– School for the Visual Arts and Humanities, bilingual presenter
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- 2012      **Kongoloni Youth Conservation Initiative** – Tree Nursery Development and Maintenance Workshop with Kenya Wildlife Services, Mchelelo Research Camp, Tana River, Kenya
- 10/2011      **Hola Secondary School Visit** – Discussant during secondary school visit to Mchelelo Research Camp, Tana River, Kenya.
- 2009-2011      **Female Undergraduates Educating and Leading in Science (F.U.E.L.S.)** – mentor & panelist
- 2008, 2009      **Children Uniting Nations** – Day of the Child Volunteer/Mentor, Santa Monica, CA
- 1997-98      **Girls, Inc.** – Math/Science Tutor; Cultural Arts Programming Assistant, Holyoke, MA
- 1995-96      **A Better Chance House, Amherst Chapter** – Tutor, Amherst, MA

**Student Engagement**

- 10/2014      **SACNAS USC Day** – Graduate Student Panelist
- 8/2013      **Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) Programs** – Graduate Student Panelist
- 5/2013      **USC Graduate Student Prospective Program** - Volunteer
- 2010      **USC Circle K International** – Biodiversity Conservation panelist, 2010
- 2009-2011      **Alternative Careers in Science & Engineering (ASCE)** – Co-Chair, 2010-2011; IEB representative, 2009
- 2009-Present      **SACNAS Chapter at USC** – USC-IEB Program Representative
- 2009-Present      **Graduate Women in Biology** – student member
- 2008-Present      **USC Latino Graduate Student Association (LGSA)** – Student Advisor 2010-2011; Vice President, 2009-2010; Latino Student Assembly Representative, 2008
- 2009      **Annual Black & White Ball** – planning committee/LGSA representative
- 2008      **Integrative and Evolutionary Biology Professional Development Seminar** – student member, assist in engaging speakers for seminars
- 1994-98      **Amherst College Women’s Chorus** – Vice President, 1996; Sectional Secretary, 1995; Eastern European Co-Tour Manager, 1995
- 1994-98      **Amherst La Causa-Latino Student Organization** – Alumni Representative, 1997-98; Treasurer, 1996-97; Admission’s Liaison, 1995
- 1995-98      **Amherst La Casa-Latino Culture House** – Secretary, 1995-97
- 1997-98      **Chicano/a Caucus** – East Coast Chicano Student Federation Conference Coordinator
- 1995-96      **Amherst Intergroup Action Coalition Team** – Co-Secretary, 1995-96
- Fall 1996      **Amherst Student and Faculty Committee on Admission and Financial Aid** – Student Appointee by Dean of Admissions

**LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

Fluent in Spanish, Conversational Swahili and Indonesian. Geographical Information Sciences and Technology (GIST) Certified; Operation of Darvell mechanical tester; GIS ArcGIS; computer literate on multiple platforms.