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Education

- 2018-present Ph.D. pre-candidate in Biopsychology, University of Michigan
Advisor: Dr. Thore Bergman
- 2018 M.S. in Animal Behavior, Bucknell University
Advisor: Dr. Peter Judge
Thesis: Social relationships and self-directed behavior in hamadryas baboons
(*Papio hamadryas hamadryas*)
- 2011 B.A. in Communication and Psychology with a French Studies minor
University of Maryland, College Park
Summa cum laude

Publications

- Painter, M. C., Russell, R., & Judge, P. G. (in revision). Capuchins (*Sapajus apella*) and squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri sciureus*) fail to attend to the functional spatial relationship between a tool and a reward. For *Journal of Comparative Psychology*.
- Bergman, T. J., Beehner, J. C., Painter, M. C., & Gustison, M. L. (accepted). The speech-like properties of non-human primate vocalizations. *Animal Behaviour*.

Conference Presentations

- Painter, M. C., & Judge, P. G. (2018, March). Dominance rank and self-directed behavior in hamadryas baboons (*Papio hamadryas hamadryas*). (Poster presentation, Kalman Symposium, Lewisburg, Pa.).
- Russell, R., Painter, M. C., Early, K., Rosen, A., & Judge, P. G. (2017, October). Squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri sciureus*) exhibit self-control during a token exchange task. (Poster presentation, Northeastern Evolutionary Primatologists 2017 Meeting, New Haven, Conn.).
- Painter, M. C., & Judge, P. G. (2017, August). Squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri sciureus*) perform similarly to other New World monkeys and prosimians on a tool use task. (Oral presentation, The 40th meeting of the American Society for Primatologists, Washington, D.C.).
- Painter, M. C., & Judge, P. G. (2017, August). Captive hamadryas baboons (*Papio hamadryas hamadryas*) exhibit ritualized post-conflict displacement behavior. (Poster presentation, The 40th meeting of the American Society for Primatologists, Washington, D.C.).

Painter, M. C., & Judge, P. G. (2017, June). A ritualized displacement behavior in hamadryas baboons (*Papio hamadryas hamadryas*). (Poster presentation, The 54th Annual Conference of the Animal Behavior Society, Toronto, Ont.).

Grants and Awards

- 2018 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Honorable Mention
- 2017 Bucknell University Graduate Student Travel Grant
\$300 to present at The 40th meeting of the American Society for Primatologists
- 2017 Bucknell University Graduate Student Travel Grant
\$300 to present at The 54th Annual Conference of the Animal Behavior Society
- 2017 Bucknell University Graduate Summer Research Fellowship
\$3,000 to support thesis project
- 2016 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Honorable Mention

Teaching Experience

- Winter 2019 Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
- Spring 2017 Primate Behavior and Ecology Lab
Teaching Assistant, Bucknell University
- Fall 2016 Introduction to Animal Behavior
Teaching Assistant, Bucknell University
- Fall 2016 Research Methods in Animal Behavior
Teaching Assistant, Bucknell University

Research Experience

- 2016-2018 Animal Behavior Laboratory, Bucknell University
Primate Research Assistant
- May-Aug.
2015 Risk perception and anti-predator strategies in an Amazonian primate (a
dissertation project through The Ohio State University's Department of
Anthropology)
Field Assistant, Los Amigos Biological Station, Peru