

**AAPA Annual Meeting, 2019  
Annual Report**

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**Early Career Mentoring Award**

We received eight applications for the Early Career Liaison program. Kevin Hatala (Assistant Professor, Chatham University) was chosen as our new Early Career Liaison. In his application, Professor Hatala described a critical gap in the professional development of PhD students and postdoctoral scholars – formal mentorship training. He described how the prevailing model of mentorship is built on the personal experiences of the mentor, and how this model can fail when the personal experiences of mentors and mentees differ. He expressed a commitment to the development of formal mentor training opportunities for early career scholars. He will shadow the President and work closely with the Career Development committee. We wish him the best during his appointment as the AAPA Early Career Liaison, and we thank Kim Congdon for her service as outgoing Early Career Liaison.

**Cobb Professional Development Grants (CPDG)**

The AAPA CPDG committee reviewed 25 eligible applications in 2018-2019. As in the past, we received several applications from outside of the USA and many projects involved international work and collaborations. Overall, the pool of applications was strong, representing the breadth of AAPA membership. Each application was reviewed by three committee members and the Committee Chair. In reviewing proposals, the committee considered the significance of the work, the quality of the proposal, the potential impact of the award on the applicant's career, and the strength of the recommendation letter and CV. The committee endeavored to fund broadly across the discipline and career stages. The committee recommended funding five proposals, each in the amount of \$7500. Award and declination letters were emailed to applicants on March 07, 2019. The award recipients are as follows:

**Elizabeth Berger**

Post-doc, University of Michigan

"Death and disease in a time of climate change: paleodemography of Bronze Age Northwest China"

**Mareike Janiak**

Post-doc, University of Calgary

"Age-related changes in the Digestome of rhesus macaques"

**Stefano Kaburu**

Lecturer, University of Wolverhampton

"Mother-infant face-to-face communication in Barbary and long-tailed macaques"

**Elizabeth Mallott**

Post-doc, Northwestern University

"Contributions of the gut microbiome to reproductive health in female primates"

**Alejandra Ortiz**

Post-doc, Arizona State University

"An ontogenetic study of the internal paranasal anatomy of hominoids"

A committee of 15 reviewed of the pool of eligible proposals. Each reviewer brought insights to the projects and the qualifications of the applicants. The committee included:

Bob Anemone  
Karen Baab  
Aaron Blackwell  
Jerry DeSilva  
Sharon DeWitte

Kara Hoover  
Chris Kirk  
Rich Lawler  
Patrick Mahoney  
Connie Mulligan

Herman Pontzer  
EA Quinn  
Campbell Rolian  
Gary Schwartz  
Qian Wang

### **Career Development Panel**

The Career Development Panel for the 2019 AAPA occurred on Friday, March 29 from 12:15-2:15 pm. The Executive Committee acknowledges that career challenges facing PhDs have evolved significantly over the past 10-15 years and that many of our members are increasingly dependent upon funding from granting agencies to accomplish the goals of their research. This year, the Executive Committee invited leaders from four agencies that provide financial support to pre-professionals and established investigators in Anthropology. Panelists included Rebecca Ferrell (Program Director, Biological Anthropology, National Science Foundation), Paddy Moore (Grant and Program Officer, Leakey Foundation), Danilyn Rutherford (President, Wenner-Gren Foundation), and Miguel Vilar (Senior Program Officer, National Geographic Society). Panelists described their respective grant programs, shared summary statistics, and addressed frequent questions from prior iterations, such as how to look for suitable funding opportunities, how to approach funding agencies to get important questions answered, and how to develop targeted research questions that can turn into funded projects. Attendees were free to ask questions pertaining to specific programs or funding in general, as well as their specific research endeavors.