

## A Message from the President...



Dear Colleagues,

Here in Ohio, the winter of our discontent has finally come to an end. And, to those of you who could have suffered through winter, but instead took off for the tropics, I salute you!

As I think ahead to our conference June 17-20 in Bend, OR, I am optimistic about the really fine program that **Karen Bales** and **Katie Hinde** are putting together and thank all of you for your efforts to make this a great meeting. The setting in the high desert of Oregon promises a beautiful and a tranquil location for our 38<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. I am optimistic, too, about the newly established

President's Forum that will provide a place, now and in the future, where we can discuss current issues affecting research on both wild and captive primates. To be sure, there are issues that have surfaced in the past six months about the role of non-human primates in biomedical research. I hope we can address these issues openly and honestly with one another as a part of the stimulating exchange of ideas that a professional conference engenders.

Sincere thanks to the efforts of **Matthew Novak** and the local arrangements committee for providing the beautiful location for our meeting this year.

See you in June!



[Pubs.usgs.gov](http://Pubs.usgs.gov) Three sisters volcanoes near Bend OR.

## Committee Update: Program Committee

Abstract submission closed on March 1, 2015. To date, we have received 191 abstracts. The program will feature the following:

### **Pre-conference Workshop**

Methods in Social Network Analysis

### **President's Forum**

Laboratory Research with Nonhuman Primates: Conceptual, Ethical, and Regulatory Issues

### **Interdisciplinary Symposium**

Interdisciplinary Symposium on Primate Social and Biological Networks

### **Other accepted symposia include:**

- The Advancement of the Modern Primate Sanctuary and the Growth of Collaborative Opportunities
- Primates and Snakes, an 80 million Year Dialog
- Considering Zoos as a Unique Opportunity for Experimental Research and Public Engagement
- Documenting, Understanding and Treating Abnormal Behavior in Primates
- Recent Findings in Chimpanzee Welfare
- Evolutionary Perspectives on Behavior, Bones, and Development
- Celebrating 25 Years of Field Training on Tinjil Island, Indonesia

### **Confirmed Plenary Speakers**

Keynote Address

**Louise Barrett, Ph.D.**

Canada Research Chair, University of Lethbridge

*“Monkeys in Space: Geography, Ecology, and Social Life”*

Past President's Address

**Dorothy M. Fragaszy, Ph.D.**

University of Georgia, Athens

*“Tugging at Tool Use”*

2014 Distinguished Primatologist

**Charles T. Snowdon, Ph.D.**

University of Wisconsin – Madison

*“My Life with Cotton-Top Tamarins: Research for Conservation and Human Benefit”*

2013 Legacy Award Winner's Address

**Julienne N. Rutherford, Ph.D.**

University of Illinois at Chicago

*“The Legacy of Placental Function in Primate Brain Development and Evolution”*

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# 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists June 17 – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Bend, Oregon

The 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Society of Primatologists is being held in Bend, Oregon from June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 20, 2015. Don't worry if you missed your opportunity to submit an abstract; register now and don't miss the science and discussion!

Local Host, **Matthew Novak, Central Oregon Community College**, and the **Central Oregon Psychology Enthusiasts** invite you to come early and stay late in the city of Bend, a vacation spot and world-class resort town.

Join your colleagues and/or return to the meeting to see those you have missed for years. Invite a student or colleague to come for the first time.

The conference promises to be a great event in an intimate setting tucked along the Deschutes River in scenic Central Oregon. It is easy to get to via the Redmond Airport (14 miles), Roberts Field, which connects to Denver (DEN), San Francisco (SFO), Los Angeles (LAX), Seattle (SEA), and Portland (PDX) via United Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and Alaska Airlines.

Bend offers lots of restaurants, pubs and coffee shops, and shopping. It is also The Microbrewery Capital of the United States with the Bend Ale Trail, the largest beer trail in the West.

Flying to Bend: <http://www.flyrdm.com/>  
The city of Bend: <http://www.visitbend.com/>  
Bend, local Flavor:  
[http://beermebend.com/http://www.visitbend.com/Bend\\_Oregon\\_Activities\\_Recreation/Bend-Ale-Trail/](http://beermebend.com/http://www.visitbend.com/Bend_Oregon_Activities_Recreation/Bend-Ale-Trail/) or  
<http://beermebend.com/>



For more information, please visit the meeting page on the ASP website: <http://www.ASP.org/meetings/>.



## Conference Hotel Information

The 2015 meeting site will be at the Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center ([www.riverhouse.com](http://www.riverhouse.com)) located in Bend, Oregon. To receive group rates on guestrooms, **attendees must contact the Riverhouse reservations desk directly at 1-800-547-3928** (there is no online registration system available). In order to receive the conference rate, you must identify yourself as attending the ASP Conference.

### Room Rates at the Riverhouse Hotel

Standard rooms (for students): \$119.00/night (+ tax)  
Deluxe rooms: \$129.00/night (+ tax)  
Superior rooms: \$139.00/night (+ tax)  
*All room rates include breakfast.*

To ensure Conference rates, **rooms must be booked by May 24, 2015.**

## Committee Update: Primate Care Committee

This committee's focus is on advocating for the appropriate care and welfare of nonhuman primates in all settings. As you are preparing your presentations for the ASP conference in June, remember that the Primate Care Committee has established a **new ASP award called the "Primate Welfare Award."** This is given to an outstanding oral or poster presentation at the annual ASP conference, and it *recognizes high quality research that enhances the welfare of captive primates or that provides a better understanding of the welfare of captive primates.* This award is one more way that ASP demonstrates its commitment to improving the welfare of all nonhuman primates.

The committee has developed an ASP policy statement on "Social Housing for Nonhuman Primates Used in Biomedical or Behavioral Research in the United States" which is now available on the ASP website.

We have also added new information on the Social Housing of Primates to the website under the tab "Welfare." There we have provided descriptions of pertinent regulatory resources, a list of important publications on the topic of social housing, and some examples of relevant workshops for learning more about social housing.

Our committee members are **Melinda Novak, Julie Worlein, Alison Grand, Sian Evans, Kate Baker, Andrea Clay, Corrine Lutz, Kris Coleman, Tina Koban, Jaine Perlman, Jim Weed, Melissa Truelove, Alesha West, Greg Wilkerson, Michele Fahey, Stephanie Braccini, Lisa Reamer, Peter Pierre, Stefanie Nelson, and Allyson Bennett.** If you are interested in working on this committee, please contact **Mollie Bloomsmith** ([mabloom@emory.edu](mailto:mabloom@emory.edu)).

- Mollie Bloomsmith, Chair

## Committee Update: Awards and Recognition Committee

The Awards and Recognition Committee has two major responsibilities.

The first responsibility is to evaluate applications and award two *Maderas Rainforest Conservancy Scholarships* annually in March to promising undergraduate/graduate students in primatology who apply for research and career training through field courses at La Suerte Biological Research Station in Costa Rica or Ometepe Biological Research Station in Nicaragua.

The second responsibility is to evaluate nominations and determine winners of the *Distinguished Primatologist Award* for career achievement in primatology, the *Early Career Achievement Award* for young professionals whose research has already made a substantial mark in the field, the *Senior Research Award* for outstanding

contributions to research by those who have not received the highest degree offered in their field, the *Distinguished Service* for exceptional long-term service to the society, and the *Special Recognition Award* for exceptional short-term service to the society.

We thank **Nancy Caine** and **Irwin Bernstein** for their years of service as they step down from the committee this year. Taking their places are new committee members **Andreas Koenig** and **Linda Fedigan**. Continuing committee members are **Leanne Nash** and **Peter Judge**, along with **Lynne Isbell** as Chair.

- Lynne Isbell, Chair

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## Committee Update: Publications Committee

The duty of the Publications Committee is to oversee and coordinate the publication activities of the Society.

The 2014-2016 Publications Committee Chair is **Randy Kyes** and the current membership is **Sue Howell, Matt Novak, Juan Carlos Serio Silva, Suzette Tardif, and Evan Zucker**.

- Randy Kyes, Chair

## Committee Update: Treasurer's Report and Membership And Finance Committee

The role of the Membership and Finance Committee is to assist the Treasurer in the preparation of the Annual Budget, assist the Treasurer in coordinating fund-raising efforts of the Society, advise the Treasurer on the financial affairs of the Society, be responsible for solicitation and recruitment of professionals and students as new members, and be responsible for the distribution of descriptive literature and information of the purposes, membership dues, and benefits of the Society to individuals and groups interested in the Society.

The Membership and Finance Committee is looking for new members! If you are interested in working on this committee, please contact **Cory Ross** ([rossc4@uthscsa.edu](mailto:rossc4@uthscsa.edu)).

- Cory Ross, Chair and Treasurer

### Apply Today: American Humane Association Hero Veterinarian and Hero Veterinary Technician Awards

The American Humane Association Hero Veterinarian and Hero Veterinary Technician Awards honor the doctors in our animals' lives. Nominate outstanding vets and vet techs at <http://www.HeroVetAwards.org>. It takes just a few minutes. The winning vet and vet tech will travel to Hollywood for our annual awards gala to be presented with their awards, which will air on Hallmark Channel later this fall.

Due to the popularity of the contest, the nominations round has been extended by two weeks. Nominations will now close on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 12p.m. ET.

## 3rd Symposium "Primatología en el Perú" 20 – 23 October 2015

The 3rd Symposium, "Primatología en el Perú," will be held from 20-23 October 2015 in Puerto Maldonado.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.monosperu.org/3er-simposio.html>

Save the Date: IPS+ASP 2016

Joint Meeting – **International Primatological Society and American Society of Primatologists**

August 21 – 27, 2016 | Navy Pier | [www.IPSChicago.org](http://www.IPSChicago.org)

Hosted by Lincoln Park Zoo's Lester E. Fisher Center

## Committee Update: Education Committee

### Annual ASP Student Competition

The deadline for submissions for the annual ASP Student Competition is **May 15, 2015**. Prizes for Outstanding Oral and Poster Awards include a \$150 cash prize and a one-year membership to ASP. Honorable Mention Awardees each receive a \$100 cash prize. For competition guidelines and to download the application, please visit <https://www.asp.org/grants/studentprizeawards/index.cfm>. Please contact the Education Committee Co-Chairs, **Amanda Dettmer** ([dettmera@mail.nih.gov](mailto:dettmera@mail.nih.gov)) or **Karen Hambright** ([khambright@ccga.edu](mailto:khambright@ccga.edu)) with any questions regarding the competition.

### Bi-coastal Outreach

Members of the Education Committee continued outreach efforts over the winter, with two events occurring back-to-back on opposite sides of the country. The first was in Frederick, MD, where **Amanda Dettmer** and **Ashley Murphy** hosted the “Are You Smarter Than a Monkey” table at Carroll Creek Montessori Public Charter School’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Science is Fun!” night on January 22. Roughly 150-200 students and their family attended, most of which stopped by our booth to play the 3D glasses/ bead color-sorting game to highlight the importance of primate color vision.

On February 21, the **Central Oregon Psychology Enthusiasts (COPE)**, under the guidance of **Matthew Novak**, traveled on behalf of the Education Committee to nearby Sister’s High School to present ASP’s “Are you Smarter Than a Monkey” booth for the Sister’s Science Club Science Fair (photos from this event on the next page). The fair itself had roughly 600 people attend and we had nearly 350 people visit our booth. In addition to color-sorting and termite fishing, another activity at this booth was a modification of **Tetsuro Matsuzawa**’s Ai project, which focuses on photographic memory. A video of the chimpanzees completing the task played on one computer screen and participants tried it themselves on tablet computers.



**Amanda Dettmer** and **Ashley Murphy** presenting the primate color vision task at Carroll Creek Montessori Public Charter School’s “Science is Fun!” Night on January 22.

### Outreach in Bend

The ASP Education Committee will sponsor a spectacular Pre-Conference Outreach program in conjunction with the annual ASP meeting in Bend, OR. This program will consist of two pre-conference workshops aligned with an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference at Central Oregon Community College (COCC) for which participants may receive continuing educational credits. The first of these sessions will be a daylong workshop held on the COCC campus April 24-25 entitled, “Beyond Curious George: Learning About Primates in Early Childhood Settings,” and will be geared toward familiarizing early educators with the benefits of incorporating primate studies into their curriculum. The second session will be a half day workshop held the morning of June 17 at the conference venue and will cover topics including primate diversity, conservation, and incorporating primatology in the K-12 curriculum. Finally, ECE students from COCC will be provided reduced registration to attend one day of the ASP meeting. Collectively, all three of these events will earn the ECE students continuing education credits from COCC.

- Amanda Dettmer and Karen Hambright,  
Co-Chairs



Members of the Central Oregon Psychology Enthusiasts (COPE) club presenting ASP's "Are You Smarter Than a Monkey" booth at Sister's High School Science Club Science Fair on February 21.

## Committee Update: Conservation Committee

### Raising Funds for Conservation

The Conservation committee is working hard to increase our funding for ASP Conservation Grants and Conservationist Prizes. We encourage members to continue using Amazon Smile and choosing the ASP when you make your online purchases. In addition, we are seeking donations for the ASP auction in Bend, Oregon. We had great success in the 2014 raffle for an original Steve Nash illustration and we hope to increase our number of framed original art pieces for our next auction. Are you an artist? Do you know an artist? Please consider donating.

ASP donation via AmazonSmile:  
<http://bit.ly/ASPAmazonSmile>

### The 2014 Conservationist Prize

The ASP Conservationist Award was awarded to **Mr. Chanthalaphone Nanthavong** in early February. The press release stated:

On the 4th February 2015, Lao citizen Mr. Chanthalaphone Nanthavong was awarded the Conservationist Award from the American Society of Primatologists (<https://www.asp.org/>) for his commitment and contribution to primate conservation in his country. The award was handed to him at the new American Embassy in Vientiane.

Mr. Chanthalaphone Nanthavong has been working in the **Nakai-Nam Theun National Protected Area in Khammouan Province** since 2005 as a wildlife surveyor. In 2013-2014 he completed a Masters degree at the Suranaree University of Technology in Thailand and conducted his final research project on the Endangered white-cheeked gibbons in the same protected area. His hard working spirit, motivation and commitment to primate and other wildlife conservation in Laos was recognized by the American Society of Primatologists, which granted him the prestigious Conservationist Award with a \$750 cash prize and an award plaque.



Left to Right: Dr. **Chanthavy Vongkhamheng**, Director of Lao Wildlife Conservation Association; Mr. **Chanthalaphone Nanthavong**, award recipient; Mr. **Kenneth Kosakowski**, US embassy official; Dr. **Camille Coudrat**, Founder and manager of Project Anoulak.

## Committee Update: Media and Information Committee

At the 2014 ASP meeting in Decatur, the Media & Information Committee teamed with the Education Committee to present the student luncheon workshop “Becoming a Scientist Online: Possibilities, Pragmatics, and Pitfalls.” The session, organized by **Katie Hinde**, **Amanda Dettmer**, **Cory Ross**, **Julienne Rutherford**, and **Christopher Schmitt**, offered perspectives on establishing an online presence using Twitter and blogs.

In recent years, ASP meeting attendees have used a rotating series of hashtags on Twitter in order to “live tweet” meeting events and presentations. This year’s hashtag is:

# #ASP15OR

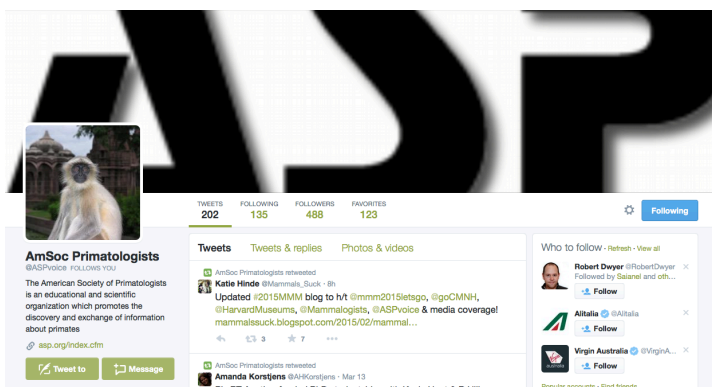
- A live recording of the session is available [here](#).
- Dr. **Katie Hinde**’s Blog, Mammal Suck...Milk!  
<http://mammalssuck.blogspot.com/>
- Dr. **Julienne Rutherford**’s Blog, BANDIT  
<http://aapabandit.blogspot.com/>
- Dr. **Christopher Schmitt**’s Blog, Evopropinquitous  
<http://evopropinquitous.tumblr.com/>

ASP has had an official presence on Twitter since 2013 ([@ASPvoice](#)). We now have over 450 followers, including many primatologists, psychologists, anthropologists, educators, conservation organizations, and research institutions. You don’t need a Twitter account to see tweets from [@ASPvoice](#), but without one you will not be able to reply to or share tweets.

A meeting hashtag is a great way to disseminate the state of the science to interested non-members, colleagues who are unable to attend the meeting, or attendees in a concurrent session. We suggest coining a hashtag for your particular session and use the meeting hashtag in your tweets to keep everything linked together. For example, are you in a session about primate infant development? You might want to tweet about presentations using the hashtags [#primatebabies](#) and [#ASP15OR](#) so that people can follow the discussion. Include the official ASP Twitter handle [@ASPvoice](#) for wider dissemination. For even wider impact, this particular example lends itself to the hashtags [#development](#), [#infancy](#), [#primates](#), [#playresearch](#), [#cognition](#), etc.

It is wise to assume that at least some [#ASP15OR](#) attendees will be using social media in this live, interactive way. Therefore, we highly recommend that presenters provide a disclaimer if they are presenting unpublished data/images that they do not want posted on social media. People tend to be very respectful of presenters’ wishes in this regard. Many recent academic papers address the use of social media at meetings. [Here’s a good place to start reading](#).

Media & Information will be using [Storify](#) to put together a cogent narrative of our ASP web presence during the meetings, which we will then make available on ASP and the conference websites, focusing on the [#ASP15OR](#) hashtag. This will essentially be a curated snapshot of the meetings so that people who did not attend can get caught up, and so that attendees can be reminded of what they saw at the meetings as a whole.



Have you followed [@ASPvoice](#) yet?