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Synopsis

I am an academic and educator who is dedicated to improving the lives of animals, including the humans who care for them. I have over two and a half decades of experience in conducting research, delivering results, identifying research gaps, writing grants, and managing projects. In addition to my bioscience research portfolio (2001-2020), I have expertise in qualitative research methods. Namely, thematic discourse analysis, narrative analysis, content analysis, and multispecies ethnography (see publications). I also have training in quantitative social science methodologies, and work independently, as part of an interdisciplinary team, or as a team leader. Since 2020, I have published 17 peer-reviewed articles (13 indexed and 10 in Q1 journals), four book chapters, five editorials, and two edited collections in the field of human-animal studies. My current research focus includes more-than-human cultures, urban animals, domestication, multispecies families, more-than-human ethics, and animals in tourism, with a focus on cats (*Felis catus*). I enjoy mentoring and supervising project students and have developed and delivered teaching materials and course content related to human-animal studies. Furthermore, I have experience and enthusiasm for organizing academic events, outreach initiatives, and engaging with a range of audiences and stakeholders. In a voluntary capacity I hold several leadership roles in non-profits and am active in working groups dedicated to research and practice focused on animal wellbeing and the human-animal bond. I also serve on the editorial board of two indexed academic journals.

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Formal Education

- 01.2019-08.2023 **Anthrozoology** **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**
University of Exeter, UK
Part-time Thesis: *A right to roam? A trans-species approach to understanding cat-human relations and social discourses associated with free-roaming urban cats.*
- 09.2016-09.2018 **Anthrozoology** **Master of Arts (MA)**
University of Exeter, UK
Part-time Thesis: *Animal-themed Tattoo Narratives: Insights into Ontological Perspectives and Multispecies Families.*
- 09.2010-06.2011 **Science Communication** **Master of Science (MSc)**
Cardiff University, UK
Thesis: *Attitudes of Russell-group university bioscientists towards public engagement and science outreach expectations.*
- 01.2001-09.2007 **Plant Physiology** **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**
University of Kentucky, US
Thesis: *Identification and Characterization of Proteins that Interact with AGAMOUS-Like 15 (AGL15), a MADS-domain Transcription Factor that Preferentially Accumulates in the Plant Embryo.*
- 09.1997-06.2000 **Biological Sciences** **Bachelor of Science (BSc)**
University of Plymouth, UK
Thesis: *A Biochemical Study to Determine if the Alternative Oxidase is a Widespread Enzyme amongst Macro- Fungi.*
- 1998-1999 **University of Kentucky, US** **Exchange Year**

Selected Career Development Courses and Diplomas

- 2024 **Humans as Subjects IRB Basic Course**
CITI Program course, Miami University, US
- 2023 **Peer Reviewer Bootcamp**
Taylor & Francis, online
A three-day workshop on peer reviewing.
- 2021 **Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LTHE) Certificate**
University of Exeter, UK
- 2019 **Feline Care and Behaviour Diploma**
Compass Education and Training, UK
- 2008 **Teacher Training Course**
Dartmouth Center for Advanced Learning (DCAL), US
An 8-week course (16 workshops) designed for research staff involved in the teaching and supervision of undergrads.

Employment History

02-2025	Research Associate	⇒ Research
Current	Philosophical Faculty at the University of Hradec Králové (FF UHK), Czechia	⇒ Manuscript preparation ⇒ Grant writing
11.2024-05.2025	Visiting Professor	⇒ Developing and teaching a course (Anthrozoology) ⇒ Research
09.2021-02.2022	Postgraduate Teaching Associate	⇒ Teaching sociology ⇒ Grading essays ⇒ Holding office hours
	Bio scientist	Transferable skills
07.2015-07.2020	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	⇒ Manuscript preparation (27 peer-reviewed publications)
	Universität Tübingen, DE	⇒ Peer review
02.2012-06.2015	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	⇒ Project management
	University of Nottingham, UK	⇒ Data management
10.2007-09.2010	Postdoctoral Research Associate	⇒ Grant writing
	Dartmouth College, NH, US	⇒ Oral presentations
01.2001-09.2007	Pre-doctoral Research Assistant	⇒ Mentoring & supervising research students
	University of Kentucky, KY, US	⇒ Training lab personal
07.2000-12.2000	Technical Research Assistant	⇒ Teaching
	University of Kentucky, KY, US	⇒ Science communication
06.1999-08.1999	HHMI Undergrad Research Fellow	⇒ Basic laboratory and research skills
	University of Kentucky, KY, US	
10.1998-06.1999	Undergrad Laboratory Assistant	
	University of Kentucky, KY, US	
	Equestrian career	Transferable skills
04.1990-03.1996	Various positions in the UK. Exercising and training horses, teaching, yard management, and competition groom duties (show jumping and carriage driving). BHS Stage III.	⇒ Animal husbandry ⇒ Team management ⇒ Teaching/coaching skills ⇒ Making lesson plans

Academic Publications

Plant Developmental Biology

29 peer-reviewed publications: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-3429-5818>

Human-Animal Studies

27) M. Szydlowski, J. Hooper S. Oxley Heaney, **K. Hill** (2026). The Ethics of Privacy and Consent in Anthrozoological Investigations. *Privacy Studies Journal*, 5(2), 36-59.

[10.7146/psj.v.166782](https://doi.org/10.7146/psj.v.166782)

26) **K. Hill** (2025). Cats, Community, and Tourism on the Costa del Sol: A Transspecies Ethnography. *Tourism Geographies*. 27(8), 1700–1718. [10.1080/14616688.2025.2581193](https://doi.org/10.1080/14616688.2025.2581193)

25) **K. Hill**, S. Oxley Heaney, J. Hooper, M. Szydlowski, T. Aiello (2025). From Dogs to Frogs: A Summative Content Analysis of Four Decades of Scholarly Contributions to Anthrozoology.

Anthrozoös, 38(4), 587–613. [DOI:10.1080/08927936.2025.2496033](https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2025.2496033)

24) S. Oxley Heaney, M. Szydlowski, **K. Hill**, J. Hooper (2025). Rethinking Animal Welfare in a Globalised World: Cultural Perspectives, Challenges, and Future Directions. *Animals*, 15,

891. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani15060891>

23) **K. Hill** (2024). Cat-human intersubjectivity and joint-meaning making within multispecies families and communities. *Humanimalia*, 15(1), 45–74. [DOI:10.52537/humanimalia.18145](https://doi.org/10.52537/humanimalia.18145)

22) **K. Hill** (2024). To roam or stay home? Understanding pet parenting types in relation to the indoor-outdoor cat debate, *Anthrozoös*, 37(6), 1133-1154.

[DOI:10.1080/08927936.2024.2360788](https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2024.2360788)

21) D. Fennell et al. (35 authors, including **K. Hill**) (2024). Tourism, animals & the vacant niche: A scoping review and pedagogical agenda. *Current Issues in Tourism*, 27(22), 3820–3848. [DOI:10.1080/13683500.2023.2280704](https://doi.org/10.1080/13683500.2023.2280704)

20) **K. Hill** (2024). Control your cats! The biopolitics of urban cat-human relations, in *Studies on the Human-Animal Relationship. Anthrozoology Series III*, edited by B. László, A. L. Kiss.

Anthrozoology Research Group of the University of Debrecen. pp. 84-98. [Download book here](#).

19) **K. Hill** (2024). Did anyone ask the cats? Speculating on the potential of speculative fiction to explore the feline perspective, in *Multispecies Communities and Narratives*,

edited by I. Frasin, G. Bodi, S. Bulei, C. D. Vasiliu. Romania: Presa Universitară Clujeană. pp. 125-159. [Download book here](#).

18) **K. Hill** (2024). Humano-cat cultures of the Costa del Sol, in *Emerging Voices for Animals in Tourism*, edited by C. Kline, J. Hooper. Chapter 9, pp. 99-114. *CABI*.

[DOI:10.1079/9781800625259.0009](https://doi.org/10.1079/9781800625259.0009)

- 17) M. Szydlowski, **K. Hill**, S. Oxley Heaney, J. Hooper, G. Howarth, I. Perrett, L. Hayward, T. Aiello (2024). Conference Report: Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP): A Student Conference in Animal Studies 2023, *Society & Animals*, Online ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15685306-bja10204>
- 16) **K. Hill** (2024). Review of Ethics in the Wild: Wild Animal Suffering and Intervention in Nature. *Society & Animals*, 33(3), 329-332. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15685306-bja10201>
- 15) **K. Hill**, J. Hooper, T. Aiello (2023). Special Edition Editors' Foreword, in Emerging Voices: The Proceedings of Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP) 2021 Conference. **The Exeter University as Symbiotic Ethics (EASE) Working Paper Series**. Volume 1, pp. 9-15.
- 14) J. Hooper, T. Aiello, **K. Hill**, M. Szydlowski, S. Oxley Heaney (2023). Nothing More than 'Anti-Cull Activists': Accusations of Bias and the Politics of Research that Advocates for Non-Human Animals. *Animal Studies Journal*, 12(1), 2023, 70-95. [DOI:10.14453/asi/v12i1.6](https://doi.org/10.14453/asi/v12i1.6)
- 13) Special Issue Editors: **K. Hill**, M. Szydlowski, J. Hooper, S. Oxley Heaney (2023). Animal Welfare from a Cross-Cultural Perspective. *Animals*. [See here](#).
- 12) Special Issue Editors: **K. Hill**, J. Hooper, T. Aiello. (2023). Emerging Voices: The Proceedings of Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP) 2021 Conference. The Exeter University as Symbiotic Ethics (EASE) Working Paper Series. [See here](#).
- 11) **K. Hill** (2022). Feral and out of control: a moral panic over free-roaming cats? in *Anthrozoology Studies: Animal Life and Human Culture*, edited by I. Frasin, G. Bodi, S. Bulei, C. D. Vasiliu. Romania: Presa Universitară Clujeană. pp. 123-157. [Download book here](#).
- 10) **K. Hill**, M. Szydlowski, S. Oxley Heaney, D. Busby (2022). Uncivilized behaviors: how humans wield "feral" to assert power (and control) over other species. *Society & Animals*, 31(7), 907-925. [DOI:10.1163/15685306-bja10088](https://doi.org/10.1163/15685306-bja10088)
- 9) T. Warda, T. Aiello, **K. Hill** (2022). Nonhuman Animals as Symbols in the #BlackLivesMatter Protests of 2020. *Society & Animals*, 31(5-6), 825-843. [DOI: 10.1163/15685306-bja10116](https://doi.org/10.1163/15685306-bja10116)
- 8) T. Howell, L. Nieforth, C. Thomas-Pino, L. Samet, S. Agbonika, F. Cuervas-Pavincich, N. Ekholm Fry, **K. Hill**, + 77 (2022). Defining Terms Used for Animals Working in Support Roles for People with Support Needs. *Animals*, 12(15), 1975. [DOI:10.3390/ani12151975](https://doi.org/10.3390/ani12151975)
- 7) M. Szydlowski, **K. Hill**, S. Oxley Heaney, J. Hooper (2022) Domestication and domination: human language as a tool for controlling animal bodies. *TRACE ∴ Journal for Human-Animal Studies*, 8, 32-55. [DOI:10.23984/fjhas.110388](https://doi.org/10.23984/fjhas.110388)
- 6) S. Oxley Heaney, **K. Hill**, M. Szydlowski, T. Aiello, J. Hooper (2022) Members Only? the exclusion and inclusion of non-human animal immigrants across human-defined borders. *TRACE ∴ Journal for Human-Animal Studies*, 8, 56-81. [DOI:10.23984/fjhas.110811](https://doi.org/10.23984/fjhas.110811)

- 5) J. Hooper, T. Aiello, **K. Hill** (2022). Portrayals of Animals in Covid-19 News Media. *Anthrozoös*, 35(2), 237-257. [DOI:10.1080/08927936.2021.1974703](https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2021.1974703)
- 4) **K. Hill** (2021). Liminal animals in liminal spaces: A day at Berlin Zoo. *Animalia*, 5(1). 24-31.
- 3) **K. Hill** (2021). Animal-themed tattoo narratives: Insights into ontological perspectives. *Anthrozoös*, 34(4), 579-596. [DOI:10.1080/08927936.2021.1914441](https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2021.1914441)
- 2) **K. Hill** (2021). Happy Hens or Healthy Eggs – A Summative Content Analysis Of How Hens Are Represented In Supermarket Egg Boxes Narratives. *TRACE ∴ Journal for Human-Animal Studies*, 7(1), 70-94. [DOI:10.23984/fjhas.98684](https://doi.org/10.23984/fjhas.98684)
- 1) **K. Hill** (2020). Tattoo narratives: Insights into multispecies kinship and griefwork. *Anthrozoös*, 33(6), 709-726. [DOI:10.1080/08927936.2020.1824652](https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2020.1824652)

Service, Leadership, and Professional Affiliations

Editorial & Peer Review

2024- Current	Co-editor ⇒ <i>Sloth: A Journal of Emerging Voices in Human-Animal Studies</i>
2025- Current	Editorial Advisory Board: ⇒ <i>Anthrozoös: A multidisciplinary journal of the interactions between people and other animals</i>
2026- Current	Associate Editor ⇒ <i>Society & Animals: Journal of Human-Animal Studies</i>
2019- Current	Peer-review I endeavour to review a minimum of two manuscripts for every manuscript I have submitted. In 2025 I submitted 5 manuscripts and reviewed 12. ⇒ <i>Anthrozoös, Society & Animals, TRACE, Animal Welfare, HAI Bulletin, Animals, Tourism Studies, World Leisure Journal, Modern Africa: Politics, History and Society, PloSOne, EASE working Papers Series, CABI, and SpingerNature.</i>

Professional Societies

2019- Current	International Society for Anthrozoology (ISAZ) ⇒ Board Member (elected, 2025-2027) ⇒ Full Member (since 2023) ⇒ Student Member (2019-2022)
2020- Current	Society for Companion Animal Studies (SCAS) ⇒ Chair of the SCAS Research Working Group (since 2025) ⇒ Trustee (since 2023) ⇒ Communications Officer (since 2021) ⇒ Member (since 2020)

The [Society for Companion Animal Studies](#) (SCAS) is a pioneering organisation dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of people and companion animals. Established in 1979, SCAS has been at the forefront of research, education, and advocacy in the field of human-animal interactions.

2020- **Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP)**

Current ⇒ Co-Founder

I initiated and co-organized the first [Anthrozoology as International Practice](#) (AIP) student conference in Human-Animal Studies (AIP 2021) and have been leading this annual event every year since. AIP is actively building a community to foster collaboration and peer support for students and early career researchers who embrace our ethos of dignity and respect for all animals.

2023- **Cat Academic Think Tank (e-CATT)**

Current ⇒ Founder and Chair

I initiated [e-CATT](#), which is a cross-disciplinary group of academics whose interests are related to domestic cats (*Felis catus*) or small wild cat species. Together with five founding members and two associates, I facilitate the monthly 'cat chat' meetings. I also organise an online [Critical Cat Café](#), which welcomes renowned experts as special guests. eCATT has a growing mailing list of >180 and a core 'membership' of 47.

Funding Secured

Research Funding

01.2025- **International Research Teams (IRT) Grant: Awarded by the University of Hradec**
12.2026 **Králové**

1,416,010 CZK; Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI, with F. Jaroš).

Coexistence of humans and free-living cats: conflicts and opportunities in more-than-human neighborhoods.

09.2024- **Society for Companion Animal Studies (SCAS) 2024 Pump Priming Grant**

09.2025 10,000 GBP; Co-investigator (Co-I).

Companion Cats and Dogs in Nepal: A New Frontier (PI, M. Szydlowski).

02.2016- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (GAP-709293)**

02.2018 159,460 Euro; Principal Investigator (PI).

Morphogen-like properties of small RNA gradients: A new paradigm for the role of small RNAs in developmental biology.

Activity and Outreach Grants

01.2025- **Wenner-Gren Foundation Conference Grant**

12.2025 Co-Investigator (Co-I): 5000 USD

To associated costs of hosting the fifth Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP): A student conference in human-animal studies. (PI, M. Szydlowski)

05.2024- **Australasian Animal Studies Association Activities Grant**

12.2024 Principle Investigator (PI): 665 AUD

To support merit-based awards and associated costs of hosting the fourth Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP): A student conference in human-animal studies.

09.2023- **Australasian Animal Studies Association Activities Grant**

08.2024 Principle Investigator (PI): 500 AUD

To support merit-based awards and associated costs of hosting the third Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP): A student conference in human-animal studies.

04.2022- **Researcher-Led Initiative (RLI) funded by the University of Exeter Researcher**

08.2022 **Development and Research Culture team**

Principle Investigator (PI): 1,000 GBP

Beyond the Brick Campus: Building a more inclusive academic culture

Awards and Recognition

2023 **AASA Journal Article by an Early Career Researcher Prize**

*The Australasian Animal Studies Association (AASA) awarded this prize to Jes Hooper, Thomas Aiello, **Kris Hill**, Michelle Szydlowski, Sarah Oxley Heaney, "Nothing More than 'Anti-Cull Activists': Accusations of Bias and the Politics of Research that Advocates for Non-Human Animals", *Animal Studies Journal*, 12(1), 2023, 70-95.*

2023 **AASA Popular Communication of Animals Studies Prize**

*The Australasian Animal Studies Association (AASA) awarded this prize to **Kris Hill**, Michelle Szydlowski, Sarah Oxley Heaney, Irene Perrett, Gill Howarth, Louise Hayward, Jes Hooper, Tom Aiello for our work establishing and developing *Anthrozoology as International Practice: A Student Conference in Human-Animal Studies*.*

2020 **Penny L. Bernstein Human-Cat Interaction Student Award**

Awarded by the International Society for Anthrozoology (ISAZ)

Selected Blogs and Essays

2023 **Snap Judgments: Ethical Complexities in Photographing Animals.**

MASTERY - Managing Sensitive Topics in Teaching and Research Confidently, University of Birmingham.

2023 **Doing a distance-based PhD before, during, and post-pandemic.**

Published on University of Exeter Doctoral College Blog. [Link](#)

2023 **Will Distance-Based PhDs Replace The On-Campus Experience?**

Published on The PhD Place. [Link](#)

2023 **The more-than-human perspective on research ethics**

Published on the Research Ethics Association (REA) blog, this piece is centred around a workshop I am co-hosting at the Research Ethics Conference (REC2023) in July. [Link](#)

2022 **Respecting the privacy of my feline research participants**

- A guest post published on the Exeter Anthrozoology as Symbiotic Ethics (EASE) working group blog: [Link](#)
- 2020 **Furever Tattoos: An Expression of the Lasting Bonds We Form With Companion Animals**
A guest post published on the International Society of Anthrozoology (ISAZ) student blog: [Link](#)

Conference Presentations

- 2026 **Exeter Anthrozoology Conference**
8 March University of Exeter, UK (Online).
What's in it for the cats?
- 2025 **Music & Cats Conference**
28 Nov Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany (Online).
Sounds of the Seaside: A Multi-Species Sonic Ethnography of a Cat Colony on the Costa del Sol.
- 2025 **The Anthrozoology Symposium, Eighth Edition: Conscious Beings: Rethinking Animality and Awareness**
6 Nov The Institute of Economic and Social Research, Iași, Romania (Online).
[Do Not] Feed the Cats: Feeding as Care, Spectacle, and Conflict.
- 2025 **International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO) Conference**
23 Aug Amsterdam, Netherlands (In person).
Caring and Coexistence with Cats and Dogs in Rural Nepal.
- 2025 **The Cat's Pyjamas – Cats in Society and Culture 2**
14 May Uppsala University, Sweden (In person).
"Oh look, another kitty!": Sun, Sea, and a Cat Colony living on the Costa del Sol.
- 2024 **Seventh Anthrozoology Symposium: Exploring Connections, Hierarchies and Transformations in more-than-human Worlds**
7 Nov The Institute of Economic and Social Research, Iași, Romania (Hybrid).
From Dogs to Frogs: Tracing Trends and Themes Over Four Decades of Scholarly Contributions to Anthrozoology
- 2024 **Third International Anthrozoology Conference: Perspectives of the Human-Animal Relationship**
4 Oct University of Debrecen, Hungary (Online).
*Sun, Sea, and Cats: A Multispecies Ethnography of a Colony of Cats (*Felis catus*) Living on the Costa del Sol*
- 2024 **ISAZ 2024: Watch and Learn: The value of observing and being with animals**
28 June University of Hartpury, UK (In person).
Sun, Sea, and Cats: Humano-Cat Cultures of the Costa Del Sol.
- 2023 **Sixth Anthrozoology Symposium: Multispecies Communities and Narratives**
2 Nov The Institute of Economic and Social Research, Iași, Romania (Online).
*Did anyone ask the cats? Using speculative fiction to gain insight into the unique perspectives of individual cats (*Felis catus*).*

- 2023
4 Oct **Second International Anthrozoology Conference: Perspectives of the Human-Animal Relationship**
University of Debrecen, Hungary (Hybrid).
Unruly neighbors? Free-living cats, roaming pets, and the biopolitics of urban cat-human cultures.
- 2023
16 June **ISAZ 2023: The Spectrum of Human-Animal Interactions and Relationship**
University of Edinburgh, UK (In person).
Did anyone ask the cats? Using speculative fiction to explore the feline perspective on guardianship and agency.
- 2023
10 Mar **Emerging Voices for Animals in Tourism (EVAT) 2023**
Organized by The Civet Project and Fainal (Online).
Sun, Sea, and Cats: A Content Analysis of Travel Video Blogs Featuring Street Cats from the Costa del Sol, Spain.
- 2022
4 Nov **Fifth Anthrozoology Symposium: Non-human Animals in Open Societies**
The Institute of Economic and Social Research, Iași, Romania (Hybrid).
To roam or stay home? Cat (Felis catus) guardianship and the 'indoor versus outdoor' cat debate.
- 2022
7 Oct **PGR/ECR Conference for Sociology, Philosophy, Anthropology and Politics**
University of Exeter, UK (Hybrid).
Collaborating for a less anthropocentric anthrozoology.
- 2022
22 July **ISAZ 2022: Anthrozoology in Translation**
Boise State University, USA (Online).
Feral and out of control: A moral panic over free-roaming cats?
- 2022
17 Mar **Emerging Voices for Animals in Tourism (EVAT) 2022**
Organized by The Civet Project and Fainal (Online).
Adored, abhorred, pitied, and ignored: Mediterranean street cats and human tourists?
- 2021
3 Dec **Reframing Anthrozoology as Symbiotic Ethics (RASE)**
University of Exeter, UK (Online).
The private lives of cats: Why, when, and how should the privacy of otherthanhuman animals be respected?
- 2021
8 Nov **ANIMAL/PRIVACY: Historical and Conceptual Approaches**
University of Copenhagen, Denmark, University of Kent, UK (Online).
The Ethics of Privacy in Anthrozoological Investigations.
- 2021
5 Nov **Fourth Anthrozoology Symposium: Animal Life and Human Culture**
The Institute of Economic and Social Research, Iași, Romania (Online).
Feral and out of control: A moral panic over domestic cats?
- 2021
8 Sept **British Animal Studies Network (BASN) 'LOSS'**
University of Birmingham, UK (Online).
Furever Tattoos and Maintaining an Absence Presence.
- 2021
23 June **ISAZ 2021: The changing nature of human-animal relationships: Theory, research and practice**
Canisius College, USA (Online).
Cats in the Community: Social Discourses Surrounding Free-Roaming Cats in Urban Neighborhoods.

- 2020
4 Sept **ISAZ 2020: One Health, One Welfare**
University of Liverpool, UK (Online).
In or Out? Social discourses surrounding free-roaming cats in urban communities.
- 2019
3 July **ISAZ 2019: Animals in the Public Eye: Interactions and Perceptions of Animals**
Orlando, Florida, USA (In person).
Animal-themed tattoo narratives: insights into ontological perspectives and multispecies families.

Mentoring and Supervision of Research Students

- 2026 **Supervision of MSc placement student**
Ashely Mains, University of Sterling, UK
Society of Companion Animal Studies (SCAS)
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- 2016-
2018 **Co-advisor for PhD student**
Simon Klesen, Universität Tübingen, DE.
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- 2015-
2016 **Supervisor for MSc project student**
Simon Klesen, Universität Tübingen, DE.
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- 2013-
2014 **Supervision of MSc project student**
Nguyen Le, who was enrolled on the 'Plant Genetic Manipulation' programme at the University of Nottingham, UK.
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- 2012-
2013 **Supervision of MSc project student**
Tom Pitcher, who was enrolled on the 'Plant Genetic Manipulation' programme at the University of Nottingham, UK.
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- 2010 **Supervision of Summer Undergrad Research Fellow (SURF)**
Jennifer Conrad, Dartmouth College, US who undertook an independent research project in the Schaller lab.
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- 2009-
2010 **Mentor: Freshmen Women in Science**
Sarah Wildes, Dartmouth College, US who undertook an independent research project in the Schaller lab.
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- 2008-
2009 **Mentor: Freshmen Women in Science**
Elizabeth Kamai, Dartmouth College, US who undertook an independent research project in the Schaller lab.

Guest Lectures

- 2025
17 Oct **Kočky a Lidé (Cats and People)**
Philosophical Faculty, University of Hradec Králové, Czechia.
Pet (Cat) Parenting Styles
- 2024
27 Nov **The Center for the Study of Language, Mind and Society (LMS)**
University of Hradec Králové, Czechia.
Sun, Sea, and Cats: Transspecies Ethnography of a Cat Colony on the Costa del Sol.
- 2023
5 May **Society for Companion Animal Studies (SCAS) Webinar**

- Coddled Companions or Pet Prisoners? Understanding ‘pet parenting’ types in relation to the ‘indoor versus outdoor cat’ debate.*
- 2023 **Exeter Scholars (A-level Students)**
3 May University of Exeter, UK (in person)
Bringing in the animal: The human-animal bond and multi-species ethnography.
- 2022 **Human Animal Interaction (HAI) Research Hour (Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Researchers)**
17 Aug Division 17 (Society of Counseling Psychology), USA (via Zoom)
Tattoo narratives: Insights into multispecies kinship and griefwork.
- 2022 **Exeter Scholars (A-level Students)**
8 Apr University of Exeter, UK (in person)
Bringing in the animal: The human-animal bond and multi-species ethnography.
- 2022 **The EduExe Series (Postgraduates and Teaching Staff)**
11 Mar University of Exeter, UK (via Teams, with M. Szydlowski)
Neurodiversity in the classroom: A discussion on how to support students who learn differently.
- 2022 **Applied Animal Behaviour BSc (Undergraduates)**
9 Feb Sparsholt College, UK (via Teams)
Ethics and researching free-roaming cats.
- 2021 **Anthrozoology Lecture Series (Undergraduates)**
7 Oct Plumpton College, UK (via Zoom)
Cat domestication: The story of how a solitary animal evolved social traits.
- 2021 **Senior Anthrozoology Module (Undergraduates)**
4 Oct Beacon College, Florida, USA (via Zoom)
Cat domestication.
- 2020 **Senior Anthrozoology Module (Undergraduates)**
22 Sept Beacon College, Florida, USA (via Zoom)
Cat-human relations.

University Teaching

- 2025 **Introduction to Anthrozoology/Human-Animal Studies**
University of Hradec Králové, Philosophical Faculty (FF UHK)
Visiting Professor: Developed and taught an undergraduate level class (26 credit hours) titled “An Introduction to Human-Animal Studies/Anthrozoology”.
- 2021-2022 **SOC1019 Contemporary Society Themes and Perspectives**
University of Exeter, Department of Sociology, Philosophy, and Anthropology (SPA)
Teaching Associate (TA): First year undergraduates.
- 2020-2021 **An Introduction to Nvivo12**
The University of Exeter Doctoral College
Instructor: Career-development course for postgraduates.

Workshop Development and Facilitation

- 2025 **Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP2025): Publishing Workshop**
I organised and chaired this panel discussion with the editorial team of Sloth (A Journal of Emerging Voices in Human-Animal Studies).
- 2024 **ISAZ 2024: Watch and Learn: The value of observing and being with animals**
University of Hartpury, UK (In person)
I co-developed and delivered this working titled, 'But What is Anthrozoology? A Collaborative Workshop on the Practices and Future of the Field.'
- 2023 **Research Ethics Conference 2023 (REC2023)**
University of Bath, UK (Hybrid)
I co-developed and delivered this working titled, 'Integrity is doing the right thing when you don't have to—when no one else is looking or will ever know' (Marshall, 2002, p142).
- 2021 **Reframing Anthrozoology as Symbiotic Ethics (RASE)**
University of Exeter, UK (Online)
I co-developed and delivered this working titled, 'Problematizing the Ethics Process: An Anthrozoological Perspective.'
- 2021 **Research Ethics Conference 2021 (REC2021)**
Exeter University, UK (Online)
I co-developed and delivered this working titled, 'Problematizing the Ethics Process: An Anthrozoological Perspective.'
- 2022 **Beyond the Brick Campus: Building a more inclusive academic culture (three-part workshop series)**
I led this initiative with funding awarded by the University of Exeter Researcher Development and Research Culture team. The objective of the workshop series was to explore ways remote researchers can support each other and build professional relationships with campus-based colleagues.
- 2021 **Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP2021): Publishing your Anthrozoology Research**
I organised and chaired this workshop, which was designed to demystify the process of publishing academic work and aimed at graduate students with little or no experience of academic publishing. The panel answered questions about finding appropriate journals, preparing a manuscript, the peer-review process, navigating 'rejections', and finding book publishers for your thesis.
- 2010 **Dartmouth College Postdoctoral Association (DCPDA): Career Development Workshop Series**
Dartmouth College, NH, US
As president of DCPDA (2009-2010) I worked with the career development officers to recruit speakers, develop, and implement various workshops for postdocs pursuing a career in academia (grant writing, teaching statements, interviewing for faculty positions, tenure-track expectations, mentoring, conflict resolution).
- 2009 **Science Café Junior Workshop for Prospective Presenters**
Dartmouth College, NH, US

I co-developed and facilitated this information workshop designed to inform and prepare new presenters.

2009 **Dartmouth College Postdoctoral Association (DCPDA): Travel Award Competition and Ceremony**

Dartmouth College, NH, US

I initiated and organised the First Dartmouth College Postdoctoral Association DCPDA Research Symposium and \$1000 Travel Awards, which recognised the scholarly achievements of four Dartmouth Postdocs. I generated the prize money for our organisation by approaching faculty across campus for donations.

Conference Organization

2021-
current **Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP): A Student Conference in Human-Animal Studies**

I initiated and co-organized the first Anthrozoology as International Practice (AIP) in 2021 and have been organizing this annual event every year since.

2022-
current **Society for Companion Animals (SCAS) Annual Conference**

In 2022 I joined the SCAS Conference Working Group, which is dedicated to organizing this annual event. I have been involved in organizing SCAS2023, SCAS2024, SCAS2025, and now planning SCAS2026

2021 **InSPAration: "Research impact in a digital culture" Exeter Sociology, Philosophy, Anthropology (SPA) postgraduate conference**

Co-organizer and session chair. This conference was for anyone curious to learn more about the impact research conducted by postgraduate researchers can have on society, policy, and the individual themselves.

Science Communication and Outreach Activities

2020-
Current **The Anthrozoology Podcast (Episodes 1-44 + ongoing)**

Co-founder and host of a podcast that features early-career anthrozoologists engaging in conversations on relevant subjects

2010-
2011 **Presenter: Science Theatre & Planetarium (ages 5-13)**

Techniquet Cardiff, UK

A twice weekly voluntary position. Duties included participating in children's science theatre shows, planetarium presentations, and exhibit demonstrations.

2009/
2010 **Presenter: Science Career & Research Talks (ages 16-18)**

Various public high schools, VT, US

Part of a team that organized research/career-related talks for high school students.

2009-
2010 **Presenter: 'Science Café Junior' (ages 9-13)**

Various public schools VT, US

A science outreach initiative, to encourage middle school students to think and ask questions about science. Several cafés per year.

- 2009 **HHMI Elementary School Mentor (ages 8-9)**
Sam Morley Elementary School, VT, US
Delivery of twice-weekly hands-on science lessons.
- 2008 **Guest Presenter (ages 9-13)**
Various middle schools, NH, US
I visited middle schools in NH, US, to interact with and encourage students undertaking science projects.
- 2008 **Facilitator: Children's Plant Biology Symposium (ages 9-13)**
Montshire Children's Museum, VT, US
I worked with teachers to help organize and run an event for local middle schools to present their science projects.
- 2004/
2005 **Supervisor: 'Girls in Research' (ages 12-13)**
University of Kentucky, US
An NIH funded workshop targeted at 6th grade girls from South-eastern Kentucky.

Other Skills

Language Skills:

- ⇒ **German** (Deutsch B1)
- ⇒ **Spanish** (Elementary)

IT Skills:

- ⇒ **Office software:** Extensive experience using Excel and PowerPoints.
- ⇒ **Photoshop & Illustrator:** Experienced in building publishable illustrations.
- ⇒ **NVivo12:** Software for organisation and analysis of large qualitative data sets.
- ⇒ **WordPress & Square Space:** To design and maintain websites.
- ⇒ **iMovie**

Filming and Editing:

- ⇒ **Documentary production:** I completed a module on documentary production as part of the MSc in Science Communication, which included script writing, directing, filming, and editing.
- ⇒ **Podcast production:** I am part of a team developing, recording, and producing an anthrozoology-themed podcast series.

Hobbies & Other Interests

- ⇒ Distance running (marathons and ultra-challenges)
- ⇒ Karate (Shotokan, Brown belt)