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EDUCATION

University of Georgia Franklin School of Art and Science, Athens GA

2018- **Ph.D.** Integrative Conservation and Anthropology
Dissertation: “Human-primate conviviality in the Anthropocene: rearticulating pathways to human-wildlife coexistence in Sri Lanka’s North Central Dry Zone.”
Major Professor: Dr. Roberta Salmi

Oxford Brookes University Department of Social Sciences, Oxford UK

2015-2016 **MSc.** *with distinction* Primate Conservation
Thesis: “The value of voices: moving beyond ecology in primate conservation in Korup National Park, Southwest Cameroon”
Advisor: Dr. Anna Nekaris

Canisius College College of Arts and Sciences, Buffalo NY

2009-2012 **BS** *Summa cum laude* Animal Behavior, Ecology & Conservation
Student Project: “Observer effects on behavioral data collection in a zoo setting; A case study of white-cheeked gibbon (*Nomascus leucogenys*) at Lincoln Park Zoo”

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

2019- Partners for Red Colobus
• Cofounder/Manager

2018- University of Georgia, GA USA
• Research Assistant, The Center for Integrative Conservation

2018- Red Colobus Conservation Network, Austin TX
• Member and collaborator, conservation outreach sector

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Bioacoustics, biosocial approaches in ecology and conservation, camera traps in population monitoring, colobine conservation, community conservation, engaged social research, ethnoprimateology, environmental anthropology, landscape ecology, public engagement/outreach, primate ecology, protected areas management

GRANTS

2019 **Communication in Research and Scholarship Grant UGA**, “Partners for Red Colobus: an integrative conservation outreach program for Preuss’s red colobus (*Piliocolobus preussi*) in Southwest Cameroon, CO-PI: \$1,500

- 2019 **Campus Sustainability Grant UGA**: “Speaking with Nature: connecting art and science with the Lake Herrick eco-art project” CO-PI: \$5,000
- 2019 **Social Ecology Studio UGA**, “Speaking with Nature: connecting art and science with the Lake Herrick eco-art project” CO-PI: \$400
- 2018 **Idea Wild**, Partners for Red Colobus: an integrative conservation outreach program for Preuss’s red colobus (*Piliocolobus preussi*) in Southwest Cameroon, CO-PI: awarded field equipment
- 2018 **Mohammad bin Species Conservation Fund**: “Partners for Red Colobus: an integrative conservation outreach program for Preuss’s red colobus (*Piliocolobus preussi*) in Southwest Cameroon, CO-PI: \$7,800
- 2016 **Idea Wild**, ““Preuss’s red colobus *Piliocolobus preussi* in northern Korup National Park, Cameroon: A multi-faceted approach to understanding arboreal primate abundance and local reality in a protected area” PI: awarded field equipment
- 2016 **Primate Conservation Inc**: ““Preuss’s red colobus *Piliocolobus preussi* in northern Korup National Park, Cameroon: A multi-faceted approach to understanding arboreal primate abundance and local reality in a protected area” PI: \$3,500
- 2016 **Born Free**: ““Preuss’s red colobus *Piliocolobus preussi* in northern Korup National Park, Cameroon: A multi-faceted approach to understanding arboreal primate abundance and local reality in a protected area” PI: \$1,500
- 2016 **Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund**: ““Preuss’s red colobus *Piliocolobus preussi* in northern Korup National Park, Cameroon: A multi-faceted approach to understanding arboreal primate abundance and local reality in a protected area” PI: \$4,500
- 2016 **International Primatological Society**: ““Preuss’s red colobus *Piliocolobus preussi* in northern Korup National Park, Cameroon: A multi-faceted approach to understanding arboreal primate abundance and local reality in a protected area” PI: \$1,500

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2020 **Beyond the Academy UCLA workshop**, full funding award
- 2018 **The Ardith Eudey Award**, \$1,400
- 2018 **NSF Graduate Scholars Leadership, Engagement and Development (GSLEAD)**: \$5,000
- 2017 **The David Chivers Prize**, Oxford Brookes University
- 2015 **John Henry Brookes Scholarship**, Oxford Brookes University: \$1,300
- 2012 **Animal Behavior, ecology and conservation exemplar award**, Canisius College

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 **Hofner, A.N.** and Svensson, M. Pottos and Angwantibos Traded for Bushmeat. In Evolution, Ecology and Conservation of Lorises and Pottos. Cambridge University press. UK
- 2019 **Hofner, A.N.** Jost Robinson, C.A., Linder, J.M. and Robinson, O. D. Partners for Red Colobus: Protecting Preuss’s Red Colobus (*Piliocolobus preussi*) in Cameroon. African Primates, Vol. 13: 69-71

- 2018 **Hofner, A.N.**, Jost Robinson, C.A. and K.A.I Nekar. Preserving Preuss's red colobus (*Piliocolobus preussi*); An analysis of hunting and changing perceptions of primates in Ikenge-Bakoko, Cameroon. International Journal of Primatology, 1-23, DOI: 10.1007/s10764-018-0020-3
- 2018 Erb, W.M, Barrow, E.J., **Hofner, A.N.**, Utami-Atmoko, S.S., and Vogel, E.R. Wildfire smoke impacts activity and energetics of wild Bornean orangutans. Scientific Reports, DOI:10.1038/s41598-018-25847-1
- 2017 **Hofner, A. N.** Primate Conservation and Human Livelihoods. In: A. Fuentes (Ed.), International Encyclopedia of Primatology. Wiley-Blackwell. DOI:10.1002/9781119179313

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND LECTURES

- 2019 Hofner, A.N., Jost Robinson, C.A. and Nekar. K.A.I. Preserving Preuss's Red Colobus: An Ethnographic Analysis of Hunting, Conservation, and Perceptions of Primates in Ikenge-Bakoko Cameroon. American Society of Primatologists Conference. Madison, WI.
- 2019 Hofner, A.N., Jost Robinson C.A. and Nekar. K.A.I. *Shifting abundance and perceptions of the Critically Endangered Piliocolobus preussi in Ikenge-Bakoko Korup National Park, Cameroon.* Poster presentation The American Association of Anthropologists Conference. Austin, TX.
- 2017 Hofner, A.N., Jost Robinson C.A. and Nekar. K.A.I. *Ethnoprimateology as a conservation tool: the Ikenge people and the Critically Endangered Piliocolobus preussi in Korup National Park, Cameroon.* Guest lecture to the undergraduate primatology class at Canisius College. Buffalo, NY.
- 2017 Hofner, A.N., Jost Robinson C.A. and Nekar. K.A.I. *Preserving Preuss's red colobus (Piliocolobus preussi); An ethnoprimateological perspective of hunting and changing perceptions of primates in Ikenge-Bakoko, Cameroon.* Presentation at the Mid-Atlantic Bioanthropology Interest Group. Richmond, VA.
- 2016 Hofner, A.N. and Nekar. K.I.A. *Status survey of three large arboreal mammals (Semnopithecus vetulus vetulus, Macaca sinica aurifrons, Rafuta macroura melanochra) in thirteen fragmented lowland rainforest patches in Sri Lanka's wet zone.* Poster Presentation at the Primate Society of Great Britain Spring Meeting. York, U.K.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2019 Hofner, A.N., Contemporary Primatology: approaches and case studies in ethoprimateology, undergraduate lecture in Primate Conservation, UGA
- 2019 Hofner, A.N., Jost Robinson, C.A. and Nekar. K.A.I. Preserving Preuss's Red Colobus: An Ethnographic Analysis of Hunting, Conservation, and Perceptions of Primates in Ikenge-Bakoko Cameroon. Integrative Conservation, Student Symposium, UGA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019- Research Assistantship: Tracking student experiences in an integrative graduate program: lessons from UGA, ICON. Center for Integrative Conservation. Ongoing.

- 2018- COPI: Evaluating conservation education campaigns; a case study at Limbe Wildlife Centre. Partners for Red Colobus. Ongoing.
- 2015 PI: A multidisciplinary approach to assessing the status of Preuss's red colobus. Oxford Brookes University. 1 year.
- 2014 Research Assistantship: Determinants of flanged male orangutan ranging: ecology, energetics, and male competition. Rutgers University, field work in Central Kalimantan, Borneo Indonesia. 6 months.
- 2012 Research Assistantship: Lomas Monkey Project. University of California, field work in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. 1 year.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Program Assistant. Human and Biological Dimensions of Wildlife Conservation undergraduate student study abroad, university of North Carolina Wilmington, work in Cameroon. Summer appointment.
- 2014 Environmental Educator. Camp Don Lee, Arapahoe NC. 6 months.
- 2014 Community liaison and wildlife rehabilitator. Bird Center of Washtenaw Country, Ann Arbor MI. 1 year.
- 2010 Environmental Educator. Canisius College, Buffalo NY. 2 years.

CONSULTING

- 2020 Programme for the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Southwest Cameroon. Consultation on the Integrated Conservation and Education Centre programme. Agreements pending.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2020 Beyond the Academy Workshop for Interdisciplinary Scientists in Sustainability and Conservation.
- 2018 Graduate Student Leadership Engagement and Development Program, The National Science Foundation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH / EVENTS

- 2019 Red Colobus Saturday Nature Club. Limbe Wildlife Center, Limbe Cameroon.
- 2019 Lake Herrick Eco Art Project, Connecting Scientists and Artists in Science Communication. Athens, GA.

WEBSITES and SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook and Instagram @Partners4redcolobus

RESEARCH SKILLS

Behavioral data methods, biomonitoring survey methods, community engaged research, ethnographic methods, ethnoprimateology methods, field project management