

Victoria Wobber

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Harvard University Doctoral student, Biological Anthropology, 2006-present

Harvard University A.M, Biological Anthropology, 2008

Harvard University A.B. *cum laude*, Biological Anthropology (with highest honors), 2006

Publications

McIntyre, M., Herrmann, E., **Wobber, V.**, Halbwax, M., Mohamba, C., de Sousa, N., Atencia, R., Cox, D., Hare, B. (in press). More human-like finger length ratio (2D:4D) in bonobos than chimpanzees. *Journal of Human Evolution*.

Wobber, V., Hare, B., Koler-Matznick, J., Wrangham, R., and Tomasello, M. (in press). Evidence for two waves of selection on the social skills of dogs. *Interaction Studies*.

Wobber, V., Hare, B. (in press). Testing the social dog hypothesis: are dogs also more skilled than chimpanzees in non-communicative social tasks? *Behavioural Processes*.

Herrmann, E., **Wobber, V.**, Call, J. (2008). Great Apes' (*Pan troglodytes*, *Pan paniscus*, *Gorilla gorilla*, *Pongo pygmaeus*) Understanding of Tool Functional Properties After Limited Experience. *Journal of Comparative Psychology* 122: 220-230.

Wobber, V., Hare, B., Wrangham, R. (2008). Great apes prefer cooked food. *Journal of Human Evolution* 55: 340-348.

Hare, B., **Wobber, V.**, Wrangham, R. (in preparation). The self-domestication hypothesis: bonobos evolved due to selection against male aggression.

Wobber, V., Hare, B., Wrangham, R. (in preparation). Behavioral and cognitive paedomorphism in bonobos relative to chimpanzees.

Wobber, V., Neumann, M., Hare, B. (in preparation). Sanctuaries provide captive chimpanzees with an environment that decreases behavioral aberrations.

Undergraduate honors thesis: The evolution of cooperative signal comprehension in domestic dogs (*Canis familiaris*). Advisor: Richard Wrangham. Awarded *summa cum laude* distinction.

Grants Received

Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, 2009-2010.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2009-2010.
Harvard Anthropology Department Early Research and Training Award, Summer 2008
Harvard GSAS Summer Stipend Award, 2007, 2008.
Harvard College Research Program Awards, Spring 2003, Summer 2003, Spring 2004,
Summer 2004, Spring 2005

Awards

Captain Jonathan Fay Prize, 2006: given to the graduating senior who, in the opinion of the selection committee, has produced the most outstanding imaginative work or piece of original research in any field (award for undergraduate honors thesis).

Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize, 2006: awarded to undergraduates on the basis of outstanding scholarly work or research (award for undergraduate honors thesis).

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention, 2007, 2008.

Research Experience

Jul-Aug 2008	Dissertation research, Lola ya Bonobo sanctuary, Democratic Republic of Congo (supervisors: Richard Wrangham, Brian Hare)
May-Jun 2008	Dissertation research, Tchimpounga chimpanzee sanctuary, Congo Republic (supervisors: Richard Wrangham, Brian Hare)
Oct – Dec 2007	Dissertation pilot research, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (supervisors: Michael Tomasello, Brian Hare)
Sep – Oct 2007	Dissertation pilot research, Lola ya Bonobo sanctuary, Democratic Republic of Congo (supervisors: Richard Wrangham, Brian Hare)
Jan 2007, Jun-Jul 2007	Dissertation pilot research, Tchimpounga chimpanzee sanctuary, Congo Republic (supervisors: Richard Wrangham, Brian Hare)
Jun – Aug 2006	Student researcher, Tchimpounga chimpanzee sanctuary, Congo Republic (supervisors: Michael Tomasello, Brian Hare)
Jun – Aug 2005	Student researcher, Kibale Chimpanzee Project, Kibale National Forest, Uganda (supervisor: Richard Wrangham)
Jun 2004 – Jan 2005, Feb – Aug 2006	Student researcher, Department of Developmental and Comparative Psychology, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (supervisors: Michael Tomasello, Josep Call, Brian Hare)
Feb – Jun 2004	Student researcher, Reproductive Ecology Laboratory, Harvard Dept. of Anthropology (supervisors: Peter Ellison, Susan Lipson)
Sep 2003 – Jan 2004	Student researcher, Nutritional Ecology Laboratory, Harvard Dept. of Anthropology (supervisors: Richard Wrangham, Nancy-Lou Conklin-Brittain, Cheryl Knott)

Jun – Aug 2003 Student researcher, Cayo Santiago, Puerto Rico (supervisor: Marc Hauser)

Sep 2002 – Dec 2005 Student researcher, Cognitive Evolution Laboratory, Harvard Dept. of Psychology (supervisors: Marc Hauser, Jeffrey Stevens)

Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow, Reproductive Ecology, Harvard University (Fall 2008).

Guest Lecture

“The evolution of cooperative signal comprehension in domestic dogs,” MIT – The Cognitive Dog: MAS969 (May 2005).

Ad-hoc Referee

Animal Cognition, Behavioural Processes, Proc. of the Royal Society of London: Series B