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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Exp. 2023	Behavior Ecology Evolution & Systematics (BEES), University of Maryland
M.S.	2017	Ecology and Systematics, Fordham University
B.A.	2013	Biology, Colby College

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-present	Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant, University of Maryland	College Park, MD
2017	Project TRUE Project Leader, Wildlife Conservation Society	New York, NY
2015-2016	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fordham University	New York, NY
2015	Field Technician, Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center	Washington, DC
2015	Banding Assistant, Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center	Mad Island, TX
2012	Whooping Crane Intern, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center	Laurel, MD

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021	Animal Behavior, University of Maryland, <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>
2017 – 2019	Ecology and Evolution Lab, University of Maryland, <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>
2015 – 2016	Introductory Biology Lab, Fordham University, <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant/Teaching Fellow</i>
2015	Ecology Lab, Fordham University, <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023	~\$19,000	BISI Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland
2022	\$570	Travel Award, American Ornithological Society
2022	\$583	Biology Department Travel Award, UMD
2022	~\$5,500	Dr. Devra Kleinman Memorial Graduate Endowment, UMD
2021	\$74,648	Co-PI: James Bond Grant, Smithsonian Institution
2021	\$700	Maryland Ornithological Society Research Grant
2020	\$2,500	Dean's Fellowship, UMD
2020	\$2,470	Alexander Wetmore Research Award, AOS
2019	\$500	Biology Department Travel Award, UMD
2019	\$138,292	Co-PI: Core Research Grant, National Museum of Natural History
2018	\$2,500	Dean's Fellowship, UMD
2016	\$712	Professional Development Grant, Fordham University
2015	Hon. Mention	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
2013	Distinction in Biology	Biology Department, Colby College
2012	\$1,800	Linda Cotter Award, Colby College

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022	American Ornithological Society Conference, San Juan, PR <i>Talk:</i> Colorful plumage in bearded manakins: parallel evolution or gene flow?
2021	American Ornithological Society Conference, virtual <i>Talk:</i> Is a river barrier impeding introgression of sexually selected trait?
2019	Manakin Genomics RCN Meeting, Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil <i>Talk:</i> The genetic basis of sexual traits in an avian hybrid zone
2019	Evolution, Providence, RI <i>Talk:</i> The genetic basis of a sexually selected trait in an avian hybrid zone

- 2017** Student Conference on Conservation Science, New York, NY
Poster: Patterns of free-ranging domestic cat abundance along an urbanization gradient
- 2016** North American Ornithological Conference, Washington, DC
Poster: Free-ranging cat densities along an urban-rural gradient

INVITED TALKS

- 2020** Frederick Bird Club
 “Manakins: Evolutionary insights from a dancing bird.”
- 2020** Maryland Bird Conservation Symposium
 “Manakins: Nature’s Lords of the Dance.”
- 2019** Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.
 “Birds of a (golden) feather: Evolutionary insights from manakin genomics and behavior.”

PUBLICATIONS

2021 | Bennett, KFP, HC Lim, MJ Braun. Sexual selection and introgression in avian hybrid zones: Spotlight on *Manacus*. Integrative and Comparative Biology, 61: 1291-1309. <https://doi.org/10.1093/icb/icab135>.

2021 | Bennett, KFP[†], BS Evans[†], JA Clark, PP Marra. Domestic cat abundance and activity across a residential land use gradient. Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution, 9: 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fevo.2021.643845>.

[†]*Shared first authorship*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Maryland Ornithological Society	Member, Maryland/DC Review Committee (2021-present)
Patuxent Bird Club	Member, Board of Directors (2021-present)
UMD B.E.E.S. Student Taskforce	Vice President (2019-2021)
US Geological Survey	External peer review
Journal of Urban Ecology	Peer review

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Ornithological Society
 Society for the Study of Evolution
 Maryland Ornithological Society