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EDUCATION

- **The Graduate Center, CUNY** New York, NY
PhD in Animal Behavior and Comparative Psychology (In Progress) Anticipated May 2021
- **The Graduate Center, CUNY** New York, NY
Master of Philosophy in Psychology February 2020
- **Hunter College, CUNY** New York, NY
Master of Arts in Psychology January 2018
- **University of South Carolina, Honors College** Columbia, SC
Bachelor of Science in Biology, Minors in Neuroscience and Anthropology, 3.87 GPA May 2015

EXTERNAL COURSEWORK

- **University of Southern Denmark** Odense, DK
Acoustic Communication - Methods and techniques for studying animal sound communication August 2017

TEACHING

- **Queens College, CUNY** Flushing, NY
Teaching Assistant August 2017 - Present
 - Introduction to College Biology (BIOL 011): Spring 2020 (3 credits), Fall 2019 (3 credits), Spring 2019 (6 credits)
 - Principles of Evolutionary Biology (BIOL 287 & 587): Fall 2019 (3 credits), Fall 2018 (6 credits), Fall 2017 (3 credits)
 - Animal Behavior (BIOL 345W & 685): Spring 2018 (4 credits)
- **Hunter College, CUNY** New York, NY
Instructor August 2016 - May 2017
 - General Experimental Psychology (PSYCH 25000): Spring 2017 (4 credits), Fall 2016 (4 credits)
- **Hunter College, CUNY** New York, NY
Teaching Assistant August 2015 - May 2016
 - General Experimental Psychology (PSYCH 25000): Spring 2016 (4 credits), Fall 2015 (4 credits)
 - Neuroscience (PSYCH 22400): Spring 2016 (3 credits)
 - Personality Psychology (PSYCH 22000): Fall 2015 (3 credits)

PUBLICATIONS

• Journal Articles

- [1] Youngblood, M. (2020). Extremist ideology as a complex contagion: the spread of far-right radicalization in the United States between 2005 and 2017. *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*, 7(49). DOI: 10.1057/s41599-020-00546-3
- [2] Youngblood, M. (2020). A Raspberry Pi-based, RFID-equipped birdfeeder for the remote monitoring of wild bird populations. *Ringling & Migration*. DOI: 10.1080/03078698.2019.1759908
- [3] Youngblood, M. (2019). Conformity bias in the cultural transmission of music sampling traditions. *Royal Society Open Science*, 6(9). DOI: 10.1098/rsos.191149
- [4] Youngblood, M. (2019). Cultural transmission modes of music sampling traditions remain stable despite delocalization in the digital age. *PLoS ONE*, 14(2). DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0211860
- [5] Youngblood, M. & Lahti, D. (2018). A bibliometric analysis of the interdisciplinary field of cultural evolution. *Palgrave Communications*, 4(120). DOI: 10.1057/s41599-018-0175-8

• Popular Press

- [6] Friedman, A. & Youngblood, M. (2020, June). Poorer cities spend more of budget on police, even where crime is lower. *Sludge*. URL: <https://bit.ly/2BhR5H4>
- [7] Youngblood, M. (2019, June). A study of collaborative sampling across international networks. *Red Bull Music Academy Daily*. URL: <https://win.gs/2xc9v6s>

PRESENTATIONS

(*invited)

• Talks

- Animal Behavior Society (Virtual Meeting, July 2020): A Raspberry Pi-based, RFID-equipped birdfeeder for the remote monitoring of wild bird populations
- Cultural Evolution Society Conference (Tempe, AZ, October 2018): The cultural transmission of sampling traditions in a network of musical collaborators
- Cultural Evolution Society Conference (Tempe, AZ, October 2018): A bibliometric analysis of interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of cultural evolution
- Cognition and Comparative Psychology Colloquium at the Graduate Center (New York, NY, September 2018): Pattern and process in cultural evolution
- *Principles of Evolutionary Biology at Queens College (Flushing, NY, September 2018): Genes, development, and environment
- International Behavioral Ecology Congress (Minneapolis, MN, August 2018): A bibliometric analysis of interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of cultural evolution
- Applications in Cultural Evolution Conference (Tartu, EE, June 2018): The cultural transmission of sampling traditions in a network of musical collaborators
- Applications in Cultural Evolution Conference (Tartu, EE, June 2018): A bibliometric analysis of interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of cultural evolution
- Queens College Biology Symposium (Flushing, NY, January 2018): A bibliometric analysis of interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of cultural evolution
- *Principles of Evolutionary Biology at Queens College (Flushing, NY, November 2017): Cultural evolution
- Cultural Evolution Society Conference (Jena, DE, September 2017): A bibliometric analysis of interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of cultural evolution
- South Carolina Junior Academy of Science Annual Meeting (Orangeburg, SC, April 2011): Characterization of gene function in the epithelium of female *Drosophila melanogaster* egg chambers by using in vivo RNA interference
- South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Math Annual Research Colloquium (Hartsville, SC, February 2011): Characterization of gene function in the epithelium of female *Drosophila melanogaster* egg chambers by using in vivo RNA interference

• Posters

- Psychology Research Day at the Graduate Center (New York, NY, March 2019): Cultural transmission modes of music sampling traditions remain stable despite delocalization in the digital age
- SNAK Acoustic Communication Symposium (Faaborg, DE, August 2017): A bibliometric analysis of interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of cultural evolution
- Queens College Biology Symposium (Flushing, NY, January 2017): A bibliometric analysis of interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of cultural evolution
- UTEP Undergraduate Research Symposium (El Paso, TX, August 2013): The role of dopamine D2 receptor in brain development and ethanol-induced behavioral disinhibition

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

(*personnel not PI)

• External Sources

- Sigma Xi Grant-In-Aid of Research (2018, \$1,000): The neural basis and spatiotemporal dynamics of female preferences for male bird song
- *John Templeton Foundation (2016-2018, \$89,000): Towards a new synthesis for cultural evolution

• Institutional Sources

- Doctoral Student Mini-Grant, Queens College (2018, \$500): A Raspberry Pi-based, RFID-equipped birdfeeder for the remote monitoring of wild bird populations
- Doctoral Student Research Grant, the Graduate Center (2018, \$1,000): The neural basis and spatiotemporal dynamics of female preferences for male bird song
- Research Enhancement Award, Queens College (2017, \$6,000): The neural basis and spatiotemporal dynamics of female preferences for male bird song
- Science Undergraduate Research Fellowship (2012-2014): The epigenetic expression of dopamine receptor D4 in the deer mouse (*Peromyscus*)

ADVISING

- **Masters Students**

- Macarena G. GomezdelaTorre Clavel (2019-Present): M.A. in Biology, Queens College - Relationship between personality and congitive traits in domestic rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)

- **Undergraduate & Postbaccalaureate Students**

- Joderick Castillo (2019-Present): B.A. in Biology, Queens College
- Ratna Kanhai (2019-Present): B.A. in Biology, Queens College
- Rahhid Khan (2019): B.A. in Biology, Queens College
- Sheila Gogineni (2019): B.A. in Psychology, Queens College
- Christina Takos (2019): B.A. in Biology, Queens College
- Sachin Surendra (2018-2019): B.A. in Biology, Queens College
- Andrea Lopez (2018-Present): B.A. in Biology, Queens College
- Shari Zimmerman (2017-Present): B.A. in Biology, Queens College

- **Committee Membership**

- Macarena G. GomezdelaTorre Clavel (2019-Present): M.A. in Biology, Queens College - Relationship between personality and congitive traits in domestic rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Twitter Management for Animal Behavior Society: March 2019 - August 2020
- Peer Reviewing: Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Animal Behaviour, International Journal of Infectious Diseases

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- **Languages:** R, Python, C++, Bash

Technologies: AWS, CUDA, TensorFlow