

Author biographies

Terri Fisher

Terri is an Honours student at The Australian National University (ANU). She is currently studying biological anthropology after completing her Bachelor's degree majoring in biological anthropology and history in 2016.

Tess Johnson

Tess is a fourth-year flexible double degree student, majoring in biological anthropology, linguistics and biology. She takes a particular interest in demography, an area she only had exposure to later in her degree. It is for this reason she has produced the essay contained in this journal on birth seasonality—to her, a fascinating phenomenon due to its great diversity of causes and differing trends across the world.

Sarah Martin

Sarah has completed a double undergraduate degree in arts and science, with majors in biological anthropology and biology. She is currently doing her Honours in the division of ecology and evolution, looking at sodium availability for koalas in high-altitude areas. Once this is complete, she is hoping to do a postgraduate veterinary science degree as she loves working with animals and being able to apply her scientific knowledge.

Cynthia Parayiwa

Cynthia Parayiwa, Bachelor of Science/Arts (Honours), is currently employed as a data research analyst reporting on Australia's community services sector. Her interests broadly include researching and exploring innovative approaches to reporting on human health and welfare. Her studies have more specifically

fed her interest in nonhuman primate conservation and more passionately her interest in researching the development of human perinatal health outcomes following stressful events such as environmental disasters.

Phoebe Raff

In 2015, Phoebe graduated from the School of Archaeology and Anthropology, ANU, with Bachelor of Arts degrees in archaeology and biological anthropology. Her interests are in primates and the environment, and it was for a primate ecology and behaviour course in her third year that she originally wrote this essay. Currently, Phoebe is doing a Master of Environment at the Fenner School, ANU, hoping to specialise in biodiversity conservation and management.

Rebecca Jade Sullivan

Rebecca Sullivan is a recent graduate from a Bachelor of Science (majoring in biology and biological anthropology) and a Bachelor of Science (Psychology). Her main research interests are in animal cognition and behaviour, particularly tool use, culture, consciousness, language, problem solving and personality in nonhuman primates and birds. She is also interested in research methodologies and statistics, and is currently employed as a researcher and data analyst within the federal government. In July 2017, she begins researching the impact of sublethal high temperatures on foraging behaviours and chick provisioning in birds for her Honours year.

Victoria Tasker

Victoria has a Bachelor of Archaeological Practice from ANU with a specialisation in forensic anthropology and archaeology. In July 2017, she completes a Masters in Museum and Heritage Studies from ANU.

Melandri Vlok

Melandri Vlok completed her Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts (Honours), majoring in biological anthropology, with the School of Archaeology and Anthropology, ANU, in 2016. Her research focus includes bioarchaeology and palaeopathology, which she plans to pursue further in her PhD. Melandri has a particular interest in studying ancient health and disease in the Southeast Asian region.

Jessica Williams

Jessica graduated from ANU with a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Science (Honours) and no desire to settle into an adult job but rather to adventure. She enjoys seeing, experiencing and learning from the natural world, which is diminishing at a scarily fast rate and would like to contribute to conservation efforts. Jessica's PhD research will see her head off into the jungles of Asia and produce best practice guidelines for tourism involving wild gibbons, which, if managed correctly, can support local communities and conservation initiatives while ensuring the welfare of the animals.

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