

Curriculum Vitae

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married, two daughters

Research Career

since 01/16 **Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW)**, Berlin
Research Scientist in the Department of Evolutionary Ecology under Prof. H. Hofer:
"Saving from Extinction"

02/07 – 06/15 **Max Planck Institute for evolutionary Anthropology (WKPRC)**, Leipzig
Research Associate in the Department of Developmental and Comparative
Psychology; Ph.D. (2012) under Prof. M. Tomasello: "Unable or Unwilling? Cognitive
and Motivational Foundations of Collaborative Activities in Primates"

10/02 – 12/07 **Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg**
Diploma in Biology with majors in Behavioral Biology, Physiology, Neurobiology,
Ecology, Evolution, Cognitive Science and Molecular Biology (degree: 1.2)

Further stages

08/10 – 02/11 Research project with Prof. C. van Schaik at the **University of Zurich**, Switzerland

04/10 – 07/10 Field Work at the Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust on **Ngamba Island**, Uganda

08/06 **Summer-School of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes**, Salem
Ethological work on Barbary Macaques (with Dr. W. Kaumanns and Prof. M. Singh)

Ad-hoc reviewer for several peer-reviewed journals, e.g., Journal of Comparative Psychology and American Journal of Primatology.

Zoos & Conservation

since 2015 Lecturer at the **Akademie der Hauptstadtzoos** at the Tierpark Berlin

04/10 – 07/10 **Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary**, Uganda
Reintroduction of an orphaned chimpanzee; Conservation work with the local
community

2007-2012 Guided tours at the **Wolfgang-Köhler-Primate-Research-Center (WKPRC)** at the
Zoo Leipzig (various age classes)

since 2006 Member of the **Gesellschaft für Primatologie** and the **International
Primatological Society**

09/04 – 02/05 **Africam Safari**, Puebla, Mexiko
Husbandry; Development of new enclosure designs; Animal training; Development
and implementation of enrichment devices; Breeding (*Ara militaris mexicana*)

Teaching & Advising

- 12/13 Lecturer at the **Neuroethology-Reading** "Primate Cooperation" at the Otto-von-
11/12 Guericke-University Magdeburg
- 10/13 Lecturer at the **Industrial-Design-Workshop** at the Burg Giebichenstein Halle
- 07/11 Participation at the workshop **University Didactics** at the University of Leipzig
- 08/09 Workshop „**Animale rationale. Evolutionary Anthropology under discussion**“ at
the Summer-School of the Cusanuswerk in Nittendorf
- 07/08 – 08/08 Workshop „**Basics and challenges of zoo biology**“ at the JGW-Schülerakademie in
Schney

Supervision of a master student and a doctoral candidate.

Concept Development & Project Management

- 2013/2014 **Catalogue of visions and ideas for the Berlin Zoos:** Draft paper about the future
direction of the Berlin Zoos
- 2011 – 2012 Workshop “**Management-tools for founders**” in the course of the Kompetenzschule
ELSYS Leipzig
- 2011 – 2012 Workshop “**Project management, time management and leadership
competencies**” in the course of the Mentoring Netzwerk Sachsen
- 2003 – 2006 **Rotaract Club Freiburg:** Organization of charity performances (2005/2006 as
president)
- 02/02 – 09/02 **Office Dr. Ulrich Hermanns, Münster**
Assistance at the conception and arrangement of exhibitions (Westfälisches
Pferdemuseum Hippomaxx and BioCity in the Allwetterzoo Münster)

Funding & Awards

Fellowships of the **Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes** (2003-2011), the **Mentoring Netzwerk Sachsen** (2011-2012), the **Max Planck Society** (2011-2013) and **ASSIST** (1999-2000; fellowship for a year abroad at the American independent secondary school Stoneleigh-Burnham-School, Greenfield, Massachusetts, USA)

- 2015 **Frank A. Beach Comparative Psychology Award**
- 2010 **Best Poster Award** at the EHBEA conference in Wroclaw, Poland
- 2002 **Jugend forscht:** essay in the category Biology about the behavior of horses and their
way of communicating with human-beings (2nd prize and special prize of the
Allwetterzoo, Münster)
- 2001 **German History Essay Competition** under the patronage of the German Federal
President: “Used – loved – killed. Animals in our history” (4th prize)

Languages

German (mother tongue); English (business fluent); French and Spanish (basic knowledge)

Technical Skills

Software MS-Office incl. Access, Endnote, SPSS, Interact, iMovie, Adobe Premiere Pro