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Education

Institution & Location	Degree	Year	Field of Study
University of Colorado, Boulder	B.A.	1987	Environmental, Population & Organismic Biology
University of California, Davis	M.Sc.	1990	Animal Behavior
University of California, Davis	Ph.D.	1993	Animal Behavior

Academic Honors

Dates	Honors
1987	Graduated summa cum laude, CU Boulder
1988, 1989, 1990	Recipient UC Davis Research Awards
1988, 1989	Recipient of Sigma Xi Grants
1989	Regents Fellow in Animal Behavior
1990	Storer Fellowship
1990	Society of Mammalogists Research Grant
1990	Robert Emrie Smith Fellowship
1991	University of California Fellowship
1994-1995	Visiting Scientist, University of Pretoria
1995-1996	NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Alberta
1999, 2002, 2004-2010	PLNU Research & Special Projects Grant
1999	PLNU Teaching Development Award
2000, 2004, 2005, 2010	PLNU Alumni Grant
2000, 2004, 2005, 2010	PLNU Wesleyan Center Scholar
2000	New Mexico Dept. Game & Fish Grant
2001	PLNU Wesleyan Center Fellow
2003	PLNU Provost's Grant
2004-2006	Visiting Associate Professor, UC Davis
2005-2009	NSF-RUI Award IOB-0517771
2011-2020	San Diego Zoo Jaguar Grant
2012-2023	RASP Grant
2012-2013, 2015-2019	Alumni Grant
2012-2018	QERC Grant
2019-2020	Sabbatical Grant
2013-2022	Fellow of the Zoological Society of San Diego
2021	Hero for Heroes Award
2023	Ryan Botts Award for Excellence as an Honors Scholars Mentor

Employment & Experience

- 2006-Present** Full Professor (tenured)
Department of Biology
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- 2002 - 2006:** Associate Professor
Department of Biology
Point Loma Nazarene University
- 1997-2002:** Assistant Professor
Department of Biology
Point Loma Nazarene University
- 1996-1997:** Postdoctoral Research Associate
Department of Anatomy, Physiology & Cell Biology
School of Veterinary Medicine
University of California, Davis, CA 95616 USA
(Supervisor: Dr. Benjamin L. Hart)
- 1995-1996:** NATO Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Biological Sciences
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E9 Canada
(Sponsor: Dr. William M. Samuel)
- 1994-1995:** Visiting Scientist
Department of Zoology & Entomology
University of Pretoria
Pretoria 0002, South Africa
(Collaborator: Dr. Andrew A. McKenzie)
- 1990-1993** Research Associate
Department of National Parks & Wild Life Management
P.O. Box 8365, Causeway
Harare, Zimbabwe
(Chief Ecologist: Dr. A. Conybeare)

Current Research Interests: Neotropical predators and prey
Circadian and lunar activity patterns of predators and prey
Bison behavioral ecology and conservation
Sexual segregation
Sexual selection and reproductive behavior
Behavioral endocrinology
Acoustical communication
Behavioral adaptations against parasites and disease
Space use and habitat selection

Professional Societies: Animal Behavior Society
International Society for Behavioral Ecology
American Society of Mammalogists
The Wildlife Society
Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation
Society for Conservation Biology

Courses taught: Conservation Ecology
Neotropical Ecology
Neotropical Mammalogy
Conservation Biology
Environmental & People
Animal Behavior
Vertebrate Biology
Animal Biology
Human Biology and Bioethics
Anatomy and Physiology

Marital status: Married to Emma Mooring
Two children: Rebekah and Timothy

Research Publications

1. 1989 Mooring, M.S. Ontogeny of allogrooming in mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*). *Journal of Mammalogy* 70: 434-437.
2. 1990 Hart, B.L., Hart, L.A., & Mooring, M.S. Differential foraging of oxpeckers on impala in comparison with sympatric antelope species. *African Journal of Ecology* 28: 240-249.
3. 1991 Mooring, M.S. & Rubin, E.S. Nursing behavior and early development of Kenyan impala at the San Diego Wild Animal Park. *Zoo Biology* 9: 329-339.
4. 1992 Mooring, M.S. & Hart, B.L. Reciprocal allogrooming in dam-reared and hand-reared impala fawns. *Ethology* 90: 37-51.
5. 1992 Hart, B.L., Hart, L.A., Mooring, M.S. & Olubayo, R. Biological basis of grooming behaviour in antelope: The body size, vigilance and habitat principles. *Animal Behaviour* 44: 615-631.
6. 1992 Mooring, M.S. & Hart, B.L. Animal grouping for protection from parasites: Selfish herd and encounter-dilution effects. *Behaviour* 123: 173-193.
7. 1993 Mooring, M.S. & Hart, B.L. Effects of relatedness, dominance, age, and association on reciprocal allogrooming by captive impala. *Ethology* 94: 207-220.
8. 1993 Mooring, M.S. Predation on a newborn impala by a martial eagle. *Ostrich* 64: 185-186.
9. 1994 Mooring, M.S. Allogrooming, an essential activity in impala behaviour. *Zimbabwe Wildlife*, January 1994: 19-22.
10. 1994 Mooring, M.S., Mazhowu, W. & Scott, C.A. The effect of rainfall on tick challenge at Kyle Recreational Park, Zimbabwe. *Experimental & Applied Acarology* 18: 507-520.
11. 1995 Mooring, M.S. & Hart, B.L. Differential grooming rate and tick load of territorial male and female impala, *Aepyceros melampus*. *Behavioral Ecology* 6: 94-101.
12. 1995 Mooring, M.S. The effect of tick challenge on grooming rate by impala. *Animal Behaviour* 50: 377-392.
13. 1995 Mooring, M.S. & Hart, B.L. Costs of allogrooming in impala: Distraction from vigilance. *Animal Behaviour* 49: 1414-1416.
14. 1995 Mooring, M.S. & McKenzie, A.A. The efficiency of patch sampling for determination of relative tick burdens in comparison with total tick counts. *Experimental & Applied Acarology* 19: 533-547.
15. 1995 Mooring, M.S. & Mazhowu, W. Geographic distribution of ticks and comparison of tick load on male and female impala from three sites in Zimbabwe. *Zimbabwe Veterinary Journal* 26: 76-85.
16. 1996 Mooring, M.S. & Mundy, P.J. Interactions between impala and oxpeckers at Matobo National Park, Zimbabwe. *African Journal of Ecology* 34: 54-65.

17. 1996 Mooring, M.S., McKenzie, A.A. & Hart, B.L. Grooming in impala: Role of oral grooming in removal of ticks and effects of ticks in increasing grooming rate. *Physiology and Behavior* 59: 965-971.
18. 1996 Mooring, M.S. & Mundy, P.J. Factors influencing host selection by yellow-billed oxpeckers at Matobo National Park, Zimbabwe. *African Journal of Ecology* 34: 177-188.
19. 1996 Mooring, M.S., McKenzie, A.A. & Hart, B.L. Role of sex and breeding status in grooming and total tick load of impala. *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology* 39: 259-266.
20. 1997 Mooring, M.S. & Hart, B.L. Self grooming in impala mothers and lambs: Testing the body size and tick challenge principles. *Animal Behaviour* 53: 925-934.
21. 1997 Mooring, M.S. & Hart, B.L. Reciprocal allogrooming in impala lambs. *Ethology* 103: 665-680.
22. 1998 Mooring, M.S. & Samuel, W.M. Tick-removal grooming by elk (*Cervus elaphus*): testing principles from the programmed-grooming hypothesis. *Canadian Journal of Zoology* 76: 740-750.
23. 1998 Mooring, M.S. & Samuel, W.M. Tick defense strategies in bison: the role of grooming and hair coat. *Behaviour* 135: 693-718.
24. 1998 Mooring, M.S., Gavazzi, A.J., & Hart, B.L. Effects of castration on grooming in goats. *Physiology and Behavior* 64: 707-713.
25. 1998 Mooring, M.S. & Samuel, W.M. The biological basis of grooming in moose (*Alces alces*): programmed versus stimulus-driven grooming. *Animal Behaviour* 56: 1561-1570.
26. 1999 Mooring, M.S. & Samuel, W.M. Premature loss of winter hair in free-ranging moose (*Alces alces*) infested with winter ticks (*Dermacentor albipictus*) is correlated with grooming rate. *Canadian Journal of Zoology* 77: 148-156
27. 1999 Mooring, M.S. & Dennis, N.J. Impala, the living fossil. *Africa Environment & Wildlife* 7: 52-61.
28. 2000 Samuel, W.M., Mooring, M.S., Aalangdong, O.I. Adaptations of winter ticks (*Dermacentor albipictus*) to invade moose and moose to evade ticks. *Alces* 36: 183-195.
29. 2000 Mooring, M.S., Benjamin, J.E., Harte, C.R., & Herzog, N.B. Testing the interspecific body size principle in ungulates: the smaller they come, the harder they groom. *Animal Behaviour* 60: 35-45.
30. 2002 Mooring, M.S., Reisig, D.D., Niemeyer, J.M., and Osborne, E.R. Sexually and developmentally dimorphic grooming: a comparative survey of the Ungulata. *Ethology* 108: 911-934.

31. 2003 Mooring, M.S., Fitzpatrick, T.A, Fraser, I.C., Benjamin, J.E., Reisig, D.D. & Nishihira, T.T. Insect-defense behavior by desert bighorn sheep. *Southwestern Naturalist* 48: 635-643.
32. 2003 Mooring, M.S., Fitzpatrick, T.A, Benjamin, J.E., Fraser, I.C., Nishihira, T.T., Reisig, D.D., & Rominger, E.M. Sexual segregation in desert bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis mexicana*). *Behaviour* 140: 183-207.
33. 2004 Mooring, M.S., Blumstein, D.T. & Stoner, C.J. The evolution of parasite-defence grooming in ungulates. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* 81: 17-37.
34. 2004 Mooring, M.S. & Rominger, E.M. 2004. Reply – Is the activity budget the holy grail of sexual segregation? *Behaviour* 141: 521-530.
35. 2004 Mooring, M.S., Fitzpatrick, T.A, Nishihira, T.T., & Reisig, D.D. Vigilance, predation risk, and the Allee effect in desert bighorn sheep. *Journal of Wildlife Management* 68: 519-532.
36. 2004 Mooring, M.S., Patton, M.L., Lance, V.A., Hall., B.M., Schaad, E.W., Fortin, S.S., Jella, J.E., & McPeak, K.M. Fecal androgens of bison bulls during the rut. *Hormones & Behavior* 46: 392-398.
37. 2005 Mooring, M.S., Reisig, D.D., Osborne, E.R., Kanallakan, A.L, Wiseman, D.S., Huber, R.R. Sexual segregation in bison (*Bison bison*): a test of multiple hypotheses. *Behaviour* 142: 897-927.
38. 2006 Mooring, M.S., Patton, M.L., Lance, V.A., Hall., B.M., Schaad, E.W., Fetter, G.A., Fortin, S.S., & McPeak, K.M. Glucocorticoids of bison bulls in relation to social status. *Hormones & Behavior* 49: 369-375.
39. 2006 Mooring, M.S., Hart, B.L., Fitzpatrick, T.A, Benjamin, J.E., Fraser, I.C., Nishihira, T.T., and Reisig, D.D. Grooming in desert bighorn sheep and the ghost of parasites past. *Behavioral Ecology* 17: 364-371.
40. 2006 Mooring, M.S., Patton, M.L., Reisig, D.D., Osborne, E.R., Kanallakan, A.L., and Aubery, S.M. Sexually dimorphic grooming in bison: influence of body size and testosterone. *Animal Behaviour* 72: 737-745.
41. 2007 Mooring, M.S., Blumstein, D.T., Reisig, D.D., Niemeyer, J.M., and Osborne, E.R. Insect-repelling behaviour in bovids: role of mass, tail length, and group size. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* 91: 383-392.
42. 2008 Wyman, M.T., Mooring, M.S., McCowan, B., Penedo, M.C.T., and Hart, L.A. Bellow amplitude of bison reflects male quality, seasonal condition, and motivation. *Animal Behaviour* 76: 1625-1639.
43. 2012 Wyman, M.T., Mooring, M.S., McCowan, B., Penedo, M.C.T., Reby, D., and Hart, L.A. Acoustic cues to size and quality in the vocalizations of male North American bison, *Bison bison*. *Animal Behaviour* 84: 1381-1391.
44. 2014 Li, Z., Beauchamp, G., and Mooring, M.S. Relaxed selection for tick-defense grooming in Père David's deer? *Biological Conservation* 178: 12–18.

45. 2014 Mooring, M.S. and Penedo, M.C.T. Behavioral versus genetic measures of fitness in bison bulls (*Bison bison*). *Journal of Mammalogy* 95: 913-924.
46. 2018 Le Yang, Y.L., Ming, T., Zhigang, J., Zhongqiu, L., Mooring, M. Tick-defense grooming patterns of two sympatric Tibetan ungulates. *Journal of Zoology* 307: 1-7.
47. 2019 Sáenz-Bolaños, C., Fuller, T.K., Mooring, M.S., Porras, J., Sievert, P.R., Montalvo, V.H., Carrillo, E. Bush dogs in Central America: recent range expansion, cryptic distribution, or both? *Tropical Conservation Science* 12: 1-5.
48. 2020 Mooring, M. S., Eppert, A. A., and Botts, R. T. Natural selection of melanism in Costa Rican jaguar and onçilla: a test of Gloger's Rule and the temporal segregation hypothesis. *Tropical Conservation Science* 13: 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1940082920910364>
49. 2020 Botts, R. T, Eppert, A. A., Wiegman, T. J., Blankenship, S. R., Rodriguez, A., Wagner, A. P., Ullrich, S. E., Allen, G. R., Garley, W. M., Asselin, E. M., and Mooring, M. S. Does moonlight increase predation risk for elusive mammals in Costa Rica? *Tropical Conservation Science* 13: 1–21. DOI: 10.1177/1940082920952405
50. 2020 Botts, R. T, Eppert, A. A., Wiegman, Rodriguez, A., T. J., Blankenship, S. R., Asselin, E. M., Garley, W. M., Wagner, A. P., Ullrich, S. E., Allen, G. R., and Mooring, M. S. Circadian activity patterns of mammalian predators and prey in Costa Rica. *Journal of Mammalogy* 101: 1313–1331. DOI:10.1093/jmammal/gyaa103
51. 2021 Wyman, M. T., Pinter-Wollman, N., and Mooring, M. S. Trade-offs between fighting and breeding: a social network analysis of bison male interactions. *Journal of Mammalogy* 102: 504–519. DOI:10.1093/jmammal/gyaa172
52. 2021 González-Tenorio, R., Eppert, A. A., and Mooring, M.S. Diversidad y patrones de actividad de mamíferos silvestres medianos y grandes en la Cordillera de Talamanca, Costa Rica. *UNED Research Journal* 13: e3621. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.22458/urj.v13i2.3621>
53. 2022 Eppert, A. A., Botts, R. T., and Mooring, M. S. Selección natural del melanismo en jaguar y tigrillo (Carnivora: Felidae). *UNED Research Journal* 14(Supl.1): e3857. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.22458/urj.v14iS1.3857>
54. 2022 Mooring, M. S., and Eppert, A. A. Patrones de actividad circadiana y lunar del jaguar y el puma en relación con sus presas y competidoras (Carnivora: Felidae). *UNED Research Journal* 14(Supl.1): e3858. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.22458/urj.v14iS1.3858>
55. 2022 Villalobos-Hoffman, R., Ewing, J.E., Mooring, M.S. Do wildlife crossings mitigate the roadkill mortality of tropical mammals? A case study from Costa Rica. *Diversity* 14: 665. <https://doi.org/10.3390/d14080665>
56. 2023 Mooring, M., Cordero, A. M., Ewing, J. (2023). [Wildlife Crossings in Costa Rica: Are wildlife crossing structures effective in mitigating roadkill mortality on tropical highways?](#). OCELOTS Incubator: Creating an online module in tropical biology, (Version 2.0). QUBES Educational Resources. doi:10.25334/NK85-B873

57. 2024 de Oliveira, T. G., Fox-Rosales, L. A., Ramírez-Fernández, J. D., Cepeda-Duque, J. C., Zug, R., Sanchez-Lalinde, C., ... & Rodrigues, F. H. (2024). Ecological modeling, biogeography, and phenotypic analyses setting the tiger cats' hyperdimensional niches reveal a new species. *Scientific Reports*, 14, 2395. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-52379-8>

Student Conference Presentations

1. Jill Benjamin, Cynthia Harte, Nathan Herzog, and Michael S. Mooring. "Testing the body size principle at the San Diego Wild Animal Park," presented by Jill Benjamin at the 24th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at University of California-Irvine in Irvine, California, May 1, 1999.
2. Thomas Fitzpatrick and Michael S. Mooring. "Optimal predators and vulnerable prey: predator-prey relations of bighorn sheep and mountain lions," presented by Thomas Fitzpatrick at the 25th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 29, 2000.
3. Ian Fraser and Michael S. Mooring. "Grooming and the ghost of parasites past," presented by Ian Fraser at the 25th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 29, 2000.
4. Jill Benjamin and Michael S. Mooring. "Fly-defense behavior by desert bighorn sheep," presented by Jill Benjamin at the 25th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 29, 2000.
5. Danielle Garcia and Michael S. Mooring. "Exhibit preferences by visitors to the San Diego Zoo," presented by Danielle Garcia at the 25th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 29, 2000.
6. Mark Houseman and Michael S. Mooring. "Role of the dominant male in great ape societies," presented by Mark Houseman at the 25th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 29, 2000.
7. Daniel Miller and Michael S. Mooring. "Grouping against fly harassment in Calamian deer," presented by Daniel Miller at the 25th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 29, 2000.
8. Amy Sheridan and Michael S. Mooring. "Reproductive constraints on sentry behavior in meerkats," presented by Amy Sheridan at the 25th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 29, 2000.
9. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Tara Nishihira, Dominic Reisig, and Michael S. Mooring. "Risk of mountain lion predation in desert bighorn sheep," presented by Thomas Fitzpatrick at the 26th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Santa Clara University, in Santa Clara, California, April 28, 2001.
10. Tara Nishihira, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Dominic Reisig, and Michael S. Mooring. "Sexual segregation in desert bighorn sheep," presented by Tara Nishihira at the 26th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Santa Clara University, in Santa Clara, California, April 28, 2001.
11. Dominic Reisig, Tara Nishihira, Thomas Fitzpatrick, and Michael S. Mooring. "Grooming and fly repelling behavior in desert bighorn sheep," presented by Dominic Reisig at the 26th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Santa Clara University, in Santa Clara, California, April 28, 2001.

12. Eric R. Osborne, Jason M. Niemeyer, Dominic D. Reisig, and Michael S. Mooring. "Developmentally dimorphic grooming in ungulates," presented by Eric Osborne at the 27th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, April 27, 2002.
13. Dominic D. Reisig, Eric R. Osborne, Jason M. Niemeyer, and Michael S. Mooring. "Effect of body size on fly-repelling behavior in ungulates," presented by Dominic Reisig at the 27th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, April 27, 2002.
14. Jason M. Niemeyer, Eric R. Osborne, Dominic D. Reisig, and Michael S. Mooring. "Sexually dimorphic grooming in ungulates," presented by Jason Niemeyer at the 27th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, April 27, 2002.
15. Adam L. Kanallakan, Dominic D. Reisig, Eric R. Osborne, and Michael S. Mooring. "Sexual segregation in bison: a test of multiple hypotheses," presented by Adam Kanallakan at the 28th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 26, 2003.
16. Eric W. Schaad, Brent M. Hall, and Michael S. Mooring. "Effective population size and conservation of bison at Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge" presented by Eric Schaad at the 29th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 24, 2004.
17. Brent M. Hall, Eric W. Schaad, Jacquelynn E. Jella, Shavonne S. Fortin, and Michael S. Mooring. "Fecal androgens of bison bulls during the rut" presented by Brent Hall at the 29th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 24, 2004.
18. Shavonne S. Fortin, Jacquelynn E. Jella, Brent M. Hall, Eric W. Schaad, and Michael S. Mooring. "Glucocorticoids of bison in relation to social status" presented by Shavonne Fortin and Jacquelynn Jella at the 29th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 24, 2004.
19. Michael Dillenbeck, Kevin Yarbrough, and Michael S. Mooring. "Glucocorticoids of bison bulls in relation to social status" presented by Michael Dillenbeck at the 30th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California, April 30, 2005.
20. Angela Merkens, Michael Dillenbeck, Timothy O'Brien, and Michael S. Mooring. "Effect of dominance on acoustical communication in bison bulls" presented by Angela Merkens at the 31st Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 29, 2006.
21. Timothy O'Brien, Angela Merkens, Michael Dillenbeck, and Michael S. Mooring. "Genetic parentage of bison compared with breeding behavior" presented by Timothy O'Brien at the 31st Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 29, 2006.

22. Daniel Sullivan and Michael S. Mooring. "Do bison females synchronize parturition by gestation adjustment?" presented by Daniel Sullivan at the 32nd Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, April 28, 2007.
23. Daniel Sullivan*, Stefanie Eick*, and Mike Mooring. "Role of progesterone in the estrous cycle of bison females", presented by Daniel Sullivan and Stefanie Eick at the 33rd Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 12, 2008.
24. Niccole Schultz*, Kensey Stansberry-Perkins*, Kerry Fulcher, and Mike Mooring. "Effect of progesterone on the annual reproductive cycle of bison females", presented by Niccole Schultz and Kensey Stansberry-Perkins at the 33rd Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 12, 2008.
25. Rachel Bettes*, Mike Mooring, and Dennis Siegfried. "Tending effort and age in relation to reproductive success in bison bulls", presented by Rachel Bettes at the 33rd Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 12, 2008.
26. Lane Votapka*, Jeremiah Minich, and Mike Mooring. "The influence of gates on space use by plains bison", presented by Lane Votapka at the 34th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 18, 2009.
27. Jeremiah Minich*, Lane Votapka, and Mike Mooring. "Space use by plains bison before versus during the rut", presented by Lane Votapka at the 34th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 18, 2009.
28. Robert Perry*, William Taylor and Mike Mooring. "Interactions between bison and horn flies", presented by Robert Perry at the Celebration of the Sciences at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, November 20, 2009.
29. William Taylor*, Robert Perry, and Mike Mooring. "Space use by bison in relation to migration and breeding season", presented by William Taylor at the Celebration of the Sciences at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, November 20, 2009.
30. Mike Mooring*. "A retrospective of seven seasons of bison research", presented by Mike Mooring at the Celebration of the Sciences at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, November 20, 2009.
31. Alicia Jones*, Marie Holman, Taylor Jordan, Alex Bauer, Jessica Davis, Peter Gilson, Troy Kurz, Robert Perry, Luke Tatum, Joshua Westernen, Amy Woods, Jared Yee, David Cummings, and Mike Mooring. "Studying neotropical ecology in Costa Rica", presented by Alicia Jones at the Celebration of the Sciences at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, November 20, 2009.
32. William Taylor*, Caleb Bryce*, Kathryn Thompson, Robert Perry, Christian Sanders, and Mike Mooring. "Bison space use: influence of weather, sex, and topography", presented by William Taylor and Caleb Bryce at the 35th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California, April 24, 2010.

33. Caleb Bryce*, Jared Yee, William Taylor, Robert Perry, and Mike Mooring. "Phototrapping elusive mammals in a Costa Rican montane cloud forest", presented by Caleb Bryce at the 36th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, April 16, 2011.
34. Jared Yee*, Caleb Bryce, William Taylor, Robert Perry, and Mike Mooring. "Retrospective interviews to establish historical presence of mammals in the upper Savegre Valley of Costa Rica", presented by Jared Yee at the 36th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, April 16, 2011.
35. Caleb Bryce. "Optimal survey methods for elusive mammals in a tropical cloud forest in Costa Rica", presented at the Honors Scholar Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, 2011.
36. Austin Fares*, Ryan Dahl*, Caleb Bryce, and Mike Mooring. "Large mammal biodiversity in a Costa Rican montane cloud forest", presented by Austin Fares and Ryan Dahl at the 37th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, April 21, 2012.
37. Trisha Stull. "Apex predators of Costa Rica: a survey of current knowledge", presented at the Honors Scholar Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, 2012.
38. Hannah Green. "Behavioral cues of breeding receptivity in a female jaguar (*Panthera onca*)", presented at the Honors Scholar Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, 2012.
39. Ryan Dahl*, Jonathan Piazza*, Austin Fares, Eduardo Alvarez, and Mike Mooring. "Invasion of a Costa Rican montane cloud forest by coyote", presented by Ryan Dahl and Jonathan Piazza at the 38th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, April 20, 2013.
40. Eduardo Alvarez*, Austin Fares, Ryan Dahl, Jonathan Piazza, and Mike Mooring. "Species richness, diversity, and relative abundance of large mammals in protected areas and buffer zones of the Talamanca Cordillera, Costa Rica", presented at the 38th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, April 20, 2013.
41. Eduardo Alvarez. "Integrating occupancy modeling and interview data to predict presence of jaguars (*Panthera onca*) and other large mammals in Tapanti National Park, Costa Rica", presented at the 2014 Honors Scholar Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, 2014.
42. Dylan Poorboy. "Analysis of occupancy for mammalian species in the tropical montane ecosystems of Costa Rica", presented at the 2015 Honors Scholar Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA (April 18, 2015).
43. Dylan Poorboy*, Jessica Fowler, Carol Williams, and Mike Mooring. "Occupancy analysis of mammalian species in the tropical montane ecosystems of Costa Rica", presented at the 40th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, April 25, 2015.
44. Carol Williams*, Jessica Fowler*, Dylan Poorboy, and Mike Mooring. "Activity budgets of elusive mammals in a Costa Rican cloud forest", presented at the 40th Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, April 25, 2015.
45. Ellen Asselin*, Tanner Mathews, Jessica Fowler, Dylan Poorboy, and Mike Mooring. "Inferring predator-prey relations of Neotropical mammals from activity budgets", presented at the 41st Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, April 9, 2016.

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