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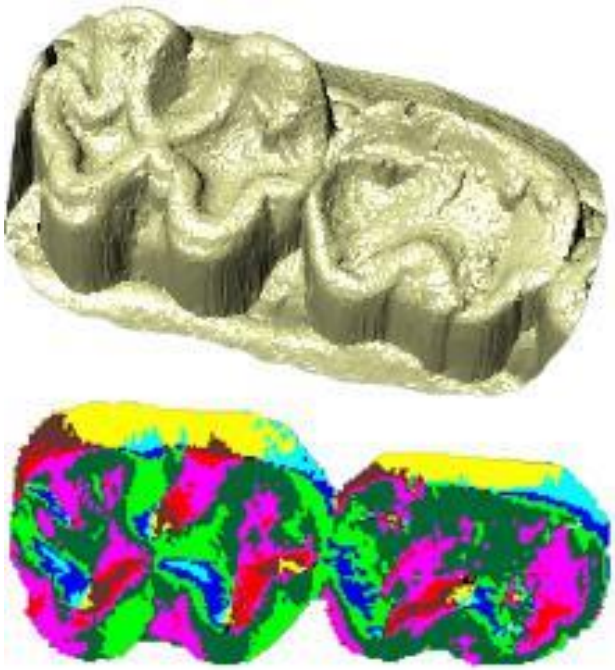
Areas of expertise

Primate growth and development, life history evolution, feeding ecology, dental ecology and adaptation, tooth morphology, wild primates.



Background (I)

Since August 2013, I am a postdoctoral scientist at the Hard Tissue Biology Laboratory – Center for the Advanced Study of Hominid Paleobiology. My current research focuses on growth and life history of wild mountain gorillas monitored by the Karisoke Research Center in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda. This project will generate data on the dental and somatic growth and development of mountain gorillas based on photogrammetry methods: a non-invasive technique to measure morphological traits from photographs.

Background (II)

Before coming to GWU, I studied Biology at the University of Barcelona, where I completed my Ph.D. in Physical Anthropology on dental microwear patterns in primates, under the direction of Dr. Alejandro Pérez-Pérez. After that, I became a post-doctoral researcher (2007 to 2010) at Duke University, supervised by Dr. Susan C. Alberts, to study tooth morphology and tooth wear in living baboons from Amboseli ecosystem (Kenya). Additionally, in 2012 I started new collaborations in order to study several dental ecology aspects in living mandrills from Lékédi Park (Gabon), and marmots from the Pyrenees.

Education & Positions

PostDoc. Hard Tissue Biology Lab (Shannon C. McFarlin). CASHP - Department of Anthropology. The George Washington University, 2013-current.

PostDoc. Susan Alberts Lab. Department of Biology. Duke University, 2007-2010.

Ph.D. Alejandro Pérez-Pérez Lab. Universitat de Barcelona, 2006.

D.E.A. Physical Anthropology. Universitat de Barcelona, 2001.

B.S. Biology. Universitat de Barcelona, 1999.

Main Publications

Galbany J, Romero A, Mayo-Alesón M, Itsoma F, Gamarra B, Pérez-Pérez A, Willaume E, Kappeler PM & Charpentier MJE (2014) Age-Related Tooth wear differs between forest and savanna Primates. PLoS ONE 9(4): e94938. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0094938.

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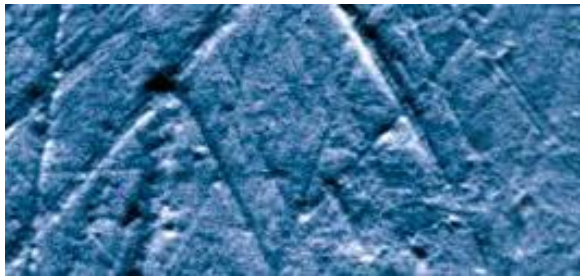

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