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Research Interests

As a conservation biologist, my research integrates spatial modeling and molecular genetics to understand the evolutionary processes that generate biodiversity and the influence of environmental variability on evolutionary divergence. I also explore how knowledge of evolutionary processes can inform conservation planning and the spatial prioritization of conservation actions, alongside knowledge from diverse sources and perspectives in a biocultural conservation framework, which explicitly starts with and builds upon local values, knowledge, and needs while recognizing the interplay between the cultural and biological parts of a system.

Research keywords: Conservation biology; conservation biogeography; ecological niche modeling; social-ecological systems; molecular phylogenetics; landscape genetics and ecology; primatology.

Education

Ph.D., Evolutionary Primatology, 2011, Columbia University Dept. of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology, New York, NY.

M.A., Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 2006, Columbia University, New York, NY.

B.A., Biology and Anthropology, 2005, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. *Phi Beta Kappa*.

Appointments

Director of Biodiversity Informatics Research, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY 2016-Present

Affiliated Professor, Richard Gilder Graduate School, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, 2014-Present

Affiliated Professor, Dept. of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2014-Present

Resource Faculty, New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology, New York, NY, 2013-Present

Assistant Director for Research and Strategic Planning, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY 2013-2016

Adjunct Associate Research Scientist, Earth Institute Center for Environmental Sustainability, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2013-2016.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, 2011-2013

Adjunct Lecturer, Dept. of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2010-2012

Instructor, Columbia University High School Summer Program, New York, NY, 2010

Scientific Publications (Peer-reviewed Journal Articles and Books)

- Musher, LJ, Galante, PJ, Thom, G, Huntley, JW, and **M.E. Blair**. 2020. Shifting ecosystem connectivity during the Pleistocene drove diversification and gene-flow in a species-complex of Neotropical birds (Tityridae: *Pachyramphus*). *Journal of Biogeography* 47(8): 1714-1726. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13862>
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- Chiou, K.L. and **M.E. Blair**. 2020. Modeling niches and mapping distributions: progress and promise of ecological niche models for primate research. In *Spatial Analysis in Field Primatology: Applying GIS at Varying Scales* (Eds. Dolins, F., Shaffer, C.A., Porter, L.M., Hickey, J.R., and N.P. Nibbelink). Cambridge University Press, Cambridge UK. ISBN 9781107062306
- Urbina-Cardona N., Londoño M.C., **Blair M.E.**, Velásquez J., Loyola R. & H. Morales-Devia. 2019. Species distribution modeling in Latin America: a 25-year retrospective review. *Tropical Conservation Science* 12:1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1940082919854058>
- Barrowclough G, Groth J, Muck W, and **ME Blair**. 2019. Phylogeography and species-limits in the red-shouldered hawk (*Buteo lineatus*): Characterization of the northern Florida suture zone in birds. *Ecology and Evolution* 9(11): 6245-6258. DOI:10.1002/ece3.5190
- Md-Zain BM, Mohhoyua KS, Aifat NR, Yaakop S, Rovie-Ryan JJ, Mohd-Ridwan AR, **Blair ME**, Abdul-Latif MAB. 2019. Molecular Data Confirms the Presence of *Nycticebus bengalensis* on Langkawi Island, Malaysia. *Biodiversitas* 20(4):1115-1120.
- Kodis, M, P. Galante, EJ Sterling, and **ME Blair**. 2018. Ecological niche modeling for a cultivated plant species: A case study on taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) in Hawai'i. *Ecological Applications* 28(4): 967-977. DOI:10.1002/eap.1702
- Thạch, HM, Le, MD, Vũ, NB, Panariello, A, Sethi, G., Sterling, EJ, and **ME Blair**. 2018. Slow loris trade in Vietnam: Exploring diverse knowledges and values. *Folia Primatologica* 89(1): 45-62. DOI:10.1159/000481196
- Sterling, E.J., C. Filardi, J. Newell, S. Albert, D. Alvira, N. Bergamini, E. Betley, **M.E. Blair**, D. Boseto, K. Burrows, N. Bynum, S. Caillon, J.E. Caselle, J. Claudet, G. Cullman, R. Dacks, P.B. Eyzaguirre, N. Gazit, S. Gray, J. Herrera, P. Kenilorea, K. Kinney, N. Kurashima S. Macey, S. Mauli, J. McCarter, H. McMillen, P. Pascua, P. Pikacha, A.L. Porzecanski, P. de Robert, M. Salpeteur, A. Sigouin, M. Sirikolo, M.H. Stege, K. Stege, T. Ticktin, A. Toomey, R. Vave, A. Wali, P. West, K.B. Winter, and S. Jupiter. 2017. Biocultural approaches to sustainability indicators: bridging local to global for human capacity and ecological resilience. *Nature Ecology and Evolution* 1:1798-1806. DOI:10.1038/s41559-017-0349-6
- Blair, ME**, Le, MD, Sethi, G, Thạch, HM, Nguyen, VTH, Amato, G, Birchette, M, Sterling, EJ. 2017. The importance of an interdisciplinary research approach to inform wildlife trade management in Southeast Asia. *BioScience* 67(11):995-1003. <https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/bix113> Highlighted by the Editor: <https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/bix129>

- Blair ME**, Le MD, Thạch HM, Panariello, A, Vũ, NB, Birchette, M, Sethi G, Sterling EJ. 2017. Applying systems thinking to inform studies of wildlife trade in primates. *American Journal of Primatology* 79(11): e22715. DOI: 10.1002/ajp.22715
- Blair ME**, Le MD, Sterling EJ. 2017. Multidisciplinary studies of wildlife trade in primates: Challenges and priorities. *American Journal of Primatology* 79(11): e22710. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajp.22710>
- Phillips, S, Anderson, RP, Dudik, M, Schapire, R, and **M.E. Blair**. 2017. Opening the black box: an open-source release of Maxent. *Ecography* 40(7):887-893. DOI:[10.1111/ecog.03049](https://doi.org/10.1111/ecog.03049).
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- Sterling, E.J., E. Betley, A. Sigouin, A. Gomez, A. Toomey, A. Pekor, C. Malone, G. Cullman, F. Arengo, **M. Blair**, C. Filardi, K. Landrigan, and A.L. Porzecanski. 2017. Assessing the evidence for stakeholder engagement in biodiversity conservation. *Biological Conservation* 209: 159-71. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2017.02.008>
- Geller, GN, Halpin, PN, Helmuth, B, Hestir, EL, Skidmore, A, Abrams, MJ, Aguirre, N, **Blair, M**, Botha, E, Colloff, M, Dawson, T, Franklin, J, Horning, N, James, C, Magnusson, W, Santos, MJ, Schill, SR, and K Williams. 2016. Remote Sensing for Biodiversity. In Walters M and RJ Scholes, eds., Chapter 8 in *The GEO Handbook on Biodiversity Observation Networks*, Springer, Cham, Switzerland, pp 187-210. Full text available at: <http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319272863>
- Foster, M.J., **Blair, M.E.**, Bennett, C., Bynum, N. and E.J. Sterling. 2014. Increasing the Diversity of U.S. Conservation Science Professionals via the Society for Conservation Biology. *Conservation Biology* 28:288-291. DOI:10.1111/cobi.12182.
- Blair, M.E.**, Sterling, E.J., Dusch, M., Raxworthy, C., and R.G. Pearson. 2013. Ecological divergence and speciation in *Eulemur* sister species. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* 26(8):1790-1801. DOI:10.1111/jeb.12179.
- Sterling, E.J., Bynum, N., and **M.E. Blair**, editors. 2013. *Primate Ecology and Conservation: A Handbook of Techniques*. Series in Techniques in Ecology and Conservation. Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK. <http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199659456.do#UWP0yKuPh90>
- Blair, M.E.** and A.L. Morales-Jimenez. 2013. Population genetics, molecular phylogenetics, and phylogeography. In Sterling, E.J., Bynum, N., and **M.E. Blair**, eds., *Primate Ecology and Conservation: A Handbook of Techniques*. Series in Techniques in Ecology and Conservation. Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, pp. 238-256.
- Blair, M.E.**, Bynum, N., and E.J. Sterling 2013. Determining conservation status and contributing to *in situ* conservation action. In Sterling, E.J., Bynum, N., and **M.E. Blair**, eds., *Primate Ecology and Conservation: A Handbook of Techniques*. Series in Techniques in Ecology and Conservation. Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, pp. 278-293.
- Sterling, E.J., N. Bynum, **M.E. Blair**. 2013. Introduction. *Primate Ecology and Conservation: A Handbook of Techniques*. Series in Techniques in Ecology and Conservation. Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, pp.1-9.

- Sterling, E.J., N. Bynum, **M.E. Blair**. 2013. Conclusion: Studying Primates in a Changing World. *Primate Ecology and Conservation: A Handbook of Techniques*. Series in Techniques in Ecology and Conservation. Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, pp. 346-350.
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- Blair, M.E.**, Rose, R.A., Ersts, P., Sanderson, E.W., Redford, K.H., Didier, K., Sterling, E.J., and R.G. Pearson. 2012. Incorporating climate change into conservation planning: Identifying priority areas across a species' range. *Frontiers in Biogeography* 4(4): 157-167. <http://escholarship.org/uc/item/5bx4919t>
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- Blair, M.E.**, Sterling, E.J., and M.M. Hurley. 2011. Taxonomy and conservation of Vietnam's primates: A review. *American Journal of Primatology* 73(11): 1093-1106. DOI:10.1002/ajp.20986
- Grobler, P., Jacquier, M., deNys, H., **Blair, M.**, Whitten, P.L., and T.R. Turner. 2006. Primate sanctuaries, taxonomy and survival: a case study from South Africa. *Ecological and Environmental Anthropology* 2(2): 12-16.

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- *Nekaris, K.A.I., Al-Razi, H., **Blair, M.**, Das, J., Ni, Q., Samun, E., Streicher, U., Xue-long, J. & Yongcheng, L. 2020. *Nycticebus bengalensis*. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2020: e.T39758A17970536. <https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/39758/17970536>
- Blair ME.** 2019. Towards more equitable and inclusive spaces for primatology and primate conservation. *International Journal of Primatology* 40: 462-464. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10764-019-00093-y>
- Arengo, F, Porzecanski, AL, **Blair, M**, Amato, G, Filardi, C, and EJ Sterling. 2018. The essential role of museums in wildlife conservation. In *The Future of Natural History Museums* (Dorfman, E, Ed.), pp. 82-100. ICOM Advances in Museum Research Series. Routledge, New York.
- Sterling, E.J., E. Betley, A. Gomez, A. Sigouin, C. Malone, F. Arengo, **M. Blair**, G. Cullman, C. Filardi, K. Landrigan, K. Roberts, and A.L. Porzecanski. 2016. Measuring Impact: Stakeholder Engagement for Biodiversity Goals; Assessing the Status of the

Evidence. Biodiversity Technical Brief, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington, D.C., April 2016.

Blair, M.E. 2011. Habitat modification and gene flow in *Saimiri oerstedii*: Landscape genetics, intraspecific molecular systematics, and conservation. Ph.D. Dissertation, Columbia University, New York, NY. 205 p. Columbia University Academic Commons <http://dx.doi.org/10.7916/D8C8292K>.

Blair, M. 2005. Genetics and Nonhuman Primate Conservation: Using Biological Research to Inform Conservation Practice. Undergraduate Thesis, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.

Presentations and Published Abstracts

Blair, M.E., Galante, P.J., Aiello-Lammens, M.E., Babich Morrow, C. Ersts, P., Gerstner, B.E., Grisales-Betancur, V., Horning, N., Kass, J.M., Merow, C., López-Lozano, D., Suarez-Valencia, E., Noguera-Urbano, E.A. Paz, A., Pinilla-Buitrago, G.E., Velásquez-Tibatá, J., and Anderson, R.P. 2020. Expanding Wallace species distribution modeling software to calculate biodiversity change indicators for conservation management and planning. 5th North American Congress for Conservation Biology. Oral Presentation. Denver, Colorado. 29 July, 2020.

Groom, M., Gallo, T., and **M.E. Blair**. 2020. Creating Supportive Workplaces for All Conservationists: Individual and institutional allyship strategies. 5th North American Congress for Conservation Biology. Invited Oral Presentation to the Interactive Session "Expanding Boundaries Through Allyship in Conservation Biology". Denver, Colorado. 29 July, 2020.

Blair, M.E., Galante, P.J., Aiello-Lammens, M.E., Babich Morrow, C. Ersts, P., Gerstner, B.E., Grisales-Betancur, V., Horning, N., Kass, J.M., Merow, C., López-Lozano, D., Suarez-Valencia, E., Noguera-Urbano, E.A. Paz, A., Pinilla-Buitrago, G.E., Velásquez-Tibatá, J., and Anderson, R.P. 2020. Expanding Wallace species distribution modeling software as a BON in a Box tool for national BON assessment and reporting. Invited Oral Presentation. GEO BON Open Science / All Hands Meeting. Leipzig, Germany. 6 July, 2020.

Galante, P J, Merow, C, Kass, J M, Aiello-Lammens, M E, Ersts, P J, Gerstner, B E, Horning, N, Pinilla Buitrago, G E, Velásquez-Tibatá, J, Anderson, R P, **Blair, M E**. 2019. Expanding Wallace species distribution modeling software to support national biodiversity change indicator calculations. Podium presentation. International Biogeography Society Humboldt-250 Meeting. Quito, Ecuador. 5 – 9 August 2019.

Babich Morrow, C., J.M. Kass, P.J. Galante, and **M.E. Blair**. 2019. Delineating parapatric ranges using species distribution models and support vector machines: an example with three-toed sloths. Podium presentation. International Biogeography Society Humboldt-250 Meeting. Quito, Ecuador. 5 – 9 August 2019.

Porzecanski, A.L., F. Arengo, **M. Blair**, E.J. Sterling, G. Amato, and C. Filardi. 2019. The essential role of museums in wildlife conservation. Oral presentations at the VII Symposium of Natural History Museums, XII International Convention on Environment and Development. Havana, Cuba. 1-5 July 2019.

Babich Morrow, C., P.J. Galante, J.M. Kass, and **M.E. Blair**. 2019. Improving species range estimates for an arboreal species group with a parapatric distribution. Poster presentation. 99th meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists. Washington, D.C. 29 June – 2 July 2019.

- Musher LJ, Galante PJ, **Blair ME**, Huntley J, Thom G. 2019. Testing the causes of speciation with gene flow in a Neotropical avian species pair. Poster Presentation. American Ornithological Societies Meeting. Anchorage, AK. 24 June – 28 June, 2019.
- Galante PJ, Merow C, Kass JM, Gerstner BE, Pinilla-Buitrago GE, Aiello-Lammens ME, Horning N, Ersts PJ, Velasquez-Tibatá J, Anderson RP, **Blair ME**. 2019. Expanding Wallace species distribution modeling software to support national biodiversity change indicator calculations for GEO BON assessment and reporting. Invited talk. 1st Symposium on Asian Biodiversity Data and Research. City College of New York, CUNY. New York, NY. 28 January, 2019.
- Galante PJ, **Blair ME**, Sterling EJ. 2019. Applying GIS and Remote Sensing to Conservation and Improving Ecological Niche Models. Guest lecture in Zoogeography, Graduate Center, CUNY. New York, NY. 2 April 2019.
- Galante PJ, Merow C, Kass JM, Gerstner BE, Pinilla-Buitrago GE, Aiello-Lammens ME, Horning N, Ersts PJ, Velasquez-Tibatá J, Anderson RP, **Blair ME**. 2018. Expanding Wallace species distribution modeling software to support national biodiversity change indicator calculations for GEO BON assessment and reporting. Poster Presentation. 100th meeting of the American Geophysical Union. Washington DC. 10–14 December 2018.
- Pinilla-Buitrago GE, Kass JM, Johnson E, Galante PJ, Horning N, Ersts PJ, Merow C, Gerstner BE, Aiello-Lammens ME, Velásquez-Tibatá J, **Blair ME**, Anderson RP. 2018. Wallace: un software para estimar la distribución de especies y cuantificar cambios en la biodiversidad. Podium Presentation. Colombian Congress of Zoology. Bogota, Colombia. 3 Dec 2018.
- Blair ME**. 2018. Moving beyond diversity to inclusion: recommendations for the International Primatological Society. Roundtable: Diversity and Inclusion in Primatology. International Primatological Society Congress, Nairobi, Kenya. August 2018.
- Blair, M.E.**, P.J. Galante, Le Duc Minh, E.J. Sterling, N. Horning, and M. Xu. 2018. Ecological niche models to inform primate conservation under climate change: promise and pitfalls. Symposium: Clima-primatology: primates and climate change. International Primatological Society Congress, Nairobi, Kenya. August 2018.
- Kodis, M., P.J. Galante, E.J. Sterling, **M.E. Blair**. 2018. Ecological niche modeling for a cultivated plant species: A case study on taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) in Hawai'i. North American Congress in Conservation Biology, Toronto, July 2018.
- Ford, C., **Blair, M.E.**, Horning, N., Galante, P.J. 2018. Environmental drivers of sweet potato leaf folder (*Herpetogramma hipponalis*) garden crop devastation in the Solomon Islands. North American Congress in Conservation Biology, Toronto, July 2018.
- Ford, C., **Blair, M.E.**, Horning, N., Galante, P.J. 2018. Investigating sweet potato leaf folder crop destruction in the Solomon Islands. Society for Conservation GIS Annual Meeting, Monterrey, July 2018.
- Ford, C., Horning, N., **Blair, M.E.** 2018. Investigating the spatial-environmental drivers of sweet potato crop devastation by *Herpetogramma hipponalis* in the Solomon Islands. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, April 2018.
- Blair, M.E.**, Anderson, R.P., Kass, J.M., Gerstner, B., Pinilla-Buitrago, G., Aiello-Lammens, M., Merow, C., Horning, N., Galante, P., Ersts, P., and Velásquez-Tibatá, J. 2018. Expanding *Wallace* modeling software to support national biodiversity change indicator calculations for GEO BON assessment and reporting. Invited Poster Presentation. NASA Biodiversity and Ecological Forecasting Team Meeting, Washington, D.C. 24-26 April, 2018.
- H. M. Thach, M.D. Le, N.B. Vu, A. Panariello, G. Sethi, E.J. Sterling, and **M.E. Blair**. 2017. Slow

loris trade in Vietnam: Exploring diverse knowledges and values. Student Conference on Conservation Science – New York. New York, NY, 11-13 October 2017.

- A. Sigouin, Sterling E.J., Betley E., Gomez A., Toomey A., Cullman G., Malone C., Pekor, A. Arengo F., **Blair M.**, Filardi C., Gazit N., Landrigan K., Porzecanski A.L. 2017. How does engaging stakeholders affect conservation outcomes? An analysis of evidence. Poster presentation. Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS) 2017. New York. New York, NY. 11-13 October 2017.
- G. Cao, **M. Blair**, M. Le, and K.A.I. Nekaris. 2017. Conservation of the Slow Loris *Nycticebus* spp. at the Genetic Level: Phylogenetics, Phylogeography and Population Genetics. Poster Presentation at the European Federation for Primatology. 21-25 August, 2017, University of Strasbourg, France. *Folia Primatologica* 88 (2): 170 (Abstract).
- M.E. Blair**, P. Galante, J. Herrera, C. Raxworthy, E.J. Sterling, R. Pearson. 2017. Using phylogenetic endemism for conservation priority-setting: Clades, climate, and scale matter. International Congress for Conservation Biology, 23-27 July, 2017, Cartagena, Colombia.
- F. Arengo, G. Amato, **M.E. Blair**, C. Filardi, A.L. Porzecanski, E.J. Sterling. 2017. Conservation strategies at natural history museums: An overview. International Congress for Conservation Biology, 23-27 July, 2017, Cartagena, Colombia.
- A.L. Porzecanski, F. Arengo, **M.E. Blair**, E.J. Sterling. 2017. Capacity development, conservation and museums. International Congress for Conservation Biology, 23-27 July, 2017, Cartagena, Colombia.
- M.E. Blair**, M.D. Le, H.M. Thach, A. Panariello, N.B. Vu, M. Birchette, E.J. Sterling, and G. Sethi, 2016. Slow loris trade in Vietnam: Examining drivers and scales of trade with an interdisciplinary approach. Podium presentation at the International Primatological Society Congress, Chicago, IL, August, 2016.
- M.E. Blair**, H.M. Thach, N.B. Vu, A. Panariello, M.D. Le, E.J. Sterling, and G. Sethi, 2016. Wildlife trade management and ethnoprimateology in Vietnam: Exploring different knowledges and values in a social-ecological systems framework. Podium presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March, 2016.
- Cao G.T.H., **Blair M.E.**, Sterling E.J., Le M.D., Nguyen T.V. 2015. Inferring genetic diversity of threatened slow loris populations in Vietnam. Student Conference on Conservation Science - New York. New York, NY, October 2015.
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- M.E. Blair**, H.M. Thach, N.B. Vu, M.D. Le, E.J. Sterling, and G. Sethi, 2015. Comparing wildlife trade networks, prices, and drivers across geographic scales in Vietnam - Podium Presentation at the Association of American Geographer's Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015.
- Sterling, E.J., C.E. Filardi, E. Betley, N. Gazit, S. Jupiter, G. Cullman, S. Caillon, M. Esbach, **M.E. Blair**, H. Woltz, S. Albert, N. Horning, J. McCarter, P. Pikacha, S. Mauli, and M. Sirikolo. "Biocultural indicators of resilience: linking across scales." Presentation: International Society of Tropical Foresters (ISTF), Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies chapter, New Haven, CT, January 2015.
- M.E. Blair** and E.J. Sterling. 2014. Ecological niche evolution and speciation processes in primates. Podium presentation at the Northeastern Evolutionary Primatology Group

conference, New Brunswick, NJ, Nov 7-8 2014.

- E.H. López, M.D. Le, T.V. Nguyen, H.T. Duong, G.T.H Cao, E.J. Sterling, **M.E. Blair***. 2014. Inferring molecular phylogenetic relationships among endangered slow lorises (genus *Nycticebus*). Poster presentation at the Society for Conservation Biology Asia Section Meetings, Melaka, Malaysia, August 2014. *=presenter.
- M.D. Le, H.M. Thach, V.H. Nguyen, G. Amato, R. DeSalle, G. Sethi, M. Birchette, E.J. Sterling, and **M.E. Blair**. 2014. DNA barcoding as a part of an interdisciplinary research approach to facilitate improved wildlife trade management. Podium presentation at the Society for Conservation Biology Asia Section Meetings, Melaka, Malaysia, August 2014.
- L.C. Matthews, M.D. Le, E.H. López, C.M. Bergey, E.J. Sterling, and **M.E. Blair**. 2014. The utility of nuclear introns to diagnose among slow loris species (genus *Nycticebus*). Podium presentation at the International Primatological Congress, Hanoi, Vietnam, August 2014.
- E.H. López, M.D. Le, T.V. Nguyen, H.T. Duong, G.T.H Cao, E.J. Sterling, **M.E. Blair**. 2014. Inferring molecular phylogenetic relationships among slow lorises (genus *Nycticebus*) using mitochondrial DNA sequence data. Poster presentation at the International Primatological Congress, Hanoi, Vietnam, August 2014.
- Blair, M.E.**, Sterling, E.J., Dusch, M., Raxworthy, C. and R.G. Pearson. 2014. Inferring speciation process from ecological niche evolution: A case study of lemurs in Madagascar. Podium presentation at the International Primatological Congress, Hanoi, Vietnam, August 2014.
- M.D. Le, H.M. Thach, V.H. Nguyen, G. Amato, R. DeSalle, G. Sethi, M. Birchette, E.J. Sterling, and **M.E. Blair**. 2014. DNA barcoding and forensic tools as a part of an interdisciplinary research approach to facilitate improved wildlife trade management. Podium presentation at the International Primatological Congress, Hanoi, Vietnam, August 2014.
- G. Cullman, **M.E. Blair**, C. Filardi, K. Landrigan, J. Newell, E.J. Sterling. 2014. Exploring the boundaries of a biocultural approach to conservation. Podium presentation at the Society for Conservation Biology North America Section Congress, Missoula, Montana, July 2014.
- L.C. Matthews, M.D. Le, E.H. López, C.M. Bergey, E.J. Sterling, and **M.E. Blair**. 2014. Species Identification and Evolutionary History of Slow Lorises (genus *Nycticebus*) as Inferred by Nuclear Introns. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 153 (Suppl.178-179): [Abstract]. Podium presentation at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting April, 2014 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- E.H. López, M.D. Le, T.V. Nguyen, H.T. Duong, G.T.H Cao, E.J. Sterling, **M.E. Blair**. 2014. Phylogenetic relationships among slow lorises (genus *Nycticebus*) inferred from mitochondrial DNA sequence analysis. Poster presentation at the Ivy Plus Symposium, Cambridge, MA, March 2014.
- Blair, M.E.**, Sterling, E.J., Dusch, M., Raxworthy, C.J., and R.G. Pearson. 2013. Using ecological niche models to infer evolutionary processes and inform conservation: A case study of lemurs in Madagascar. Podium presentation at the 2013 International Congress on Conservation Biology, Baltimore, MD.
- Escovar, T., **Blair, M.E.**, and R.G. Pearson. 2012. Assessing the predictive ability of ecological niche models using data from the north slope of Alaska. Poster presentation at the 2012 Society for Conservation Biology North America Congress, Oakland, CA.
- Foster, M.J., **Blair, M.E.**, Bennett, C., Bynum, N., and E.J. Sterling. 2012. Increasing

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Blair, M. 2010. Landscape genetics and biological corridors in *Saimiri oerstedii*. Podium presentation at the 2010 Student Conference on Conservation Science – New York (SCCS-NY), American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY.

Bett, N., **Blair, M.** and E.J. Sterling. 2010. Ecological niche modeling of grey-shanked doucs (*Pygathrix cinerea*) in Vietnam. Poster presentation at the 2010 Student Conference on Conservation Science – New York (SCCS-NY), American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY.

Blair, M. and D.J. Melnick. 2010. Landscape heterogeneity influences gene flow in the Central American Squirrel Monkey. *Primate Research* 26 (Suppl): [Abstract]. Podium presentation at the 2010 International Primatological Society (IPS) Congress, Kyoto Japan. Presented as a part of a symposium I organized, "Landscape Genetics in Primates: New Methods and Applications."

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Blair, M. and J.C. Hagelin. 2009. Fecal odor is a putative alarm signal in the domestic chicken (*Gallus gallus domesticus*). Poster presentation at the 2009 American Ornithologists' Union Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Blair, M. and D.J. Melnick. 2008. The effect of habitat fragmentation on population genetic structure in the Central American Squirrel Monkey (*Saimiri oerstedii*). *Primate Eye* 96 (Abst#192): [Abstract]. Poster presentation at the 2008 IPS Congress, Edinburgh, Scotland.

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Blair, M. 2007. The effect of habitat fragmentation on the population genetic structure of the Central American Squirrel Monkey. Poster presentation at the 2007 NSF IGERT Project Meeting, Arlington, VA.

Blair, M. 2004. Genotyping South African and Kenyan vervets (*Chlorocebus aethiops*) for eight human microsatellite markers. Poster presentation at the Sigma Xi Poster Session, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.

Popular Articles, Media Events & Coverage

"Endangered Species and Climate Change" AMNH Scientists at Home Facebook Live Broadcast. (9500 views). <https://www.facebook.com/naturalhistory/videos/281697306369677/> (July 23, 2020)

"Mary Blair: Creating Better Biodiversity Maps." Profile, NASA Applied Sciences Website, by Keck, A and Stewart, E. <https://appliedsciences.nasa.gov/our-impact/people/mary-blair-creating-better-biodiversity-maps> (June 2, 2020)

"Mary Blair: Researcher Spotlight." NASA Biodiversity & Ecological Forecasting Newsletter and Website. Winter 2020. <https://cce-datasharing.gsfc.nasa.gov/programs/spotlight/10/0/a/> (2 Feb 2, 2020)

"The unique biodiversity of Vietnam." Public lecture at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi's American Center and Facebook Live Broadcast (9,000 views). <https://www.facebook.com/usembassyhanoi/videos/2213069472055236/> (Aug 8, 2018)

"Joining forces to address the threat of wildlife trafficking." Science at AMNH Podcast. <https://www.amnh.org/explore/news-blogs/podcasts/joining-forces-to-address-the-threat-of-wildlife-trafficking> (Nov 2, 2017)

"Live with conservation scientist Mary Blair." (5,000 views) AMNH Facebook Live Broadcast. <https://www.facebook.com/naturalhistory/videos/10154685165896991/> (Oct 20, 2017)

"A New Approach to Combating Illegal Wildlife Trafficking." AMNH Research Blog Post featuring M.E. Blair. <https://www.amnh.org/explore/news-blogs/research-posts/a-new-approach-to-combating-illegal-wildlife-trafficking> (Oct 13, 2017)

"New Study Combines Biology, Anthropology, and Economics for More Complete Picture of Illegal Wildlife Trade." AMNH Press Release. <https://www.amnh.org/about-the-museum/press-center/study-combines-biology-anthropology-and-economics-for-more-complete-picture-of-illegal-wildlife-trade> (Oct 2017)

"Interdisciplinary Approaches to Wildlife Trade Management." American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) Podcast "BioScience Talks". <http://bioscienceaibs.libsyn.com/interdisciplinary-approaches-to-wildlife-trade-management> (Oct 11, 2017)

- “No longer a black box: How did maxent go open-source?” by M.E. Blair and R.P. Anderson. Ecography Blog Post. <http://www.ecography.org/blog/no-longer-black-box-how-did-maxent-go-open-source> (July 3, 2017)
- “Five Ways to Move Beyond the March: A Guide for Scientists Seeking Strong, Inclusive Science” by Sutton Lawrence, A., Wynn-Grant, R., Malone, C., Sterling, E., Groom, M., **Blair, M.** Union of Concerned Scientists, Science and Democracy Blog. <http://blog.ucsusa.org/science-blogger/five-ways-to-move-beyond-the-march-a-guide-for-scientists-seeking-strong-inclusive-science> (May 15, 2017).
- “The Search for Slow Lorises.” American Museum of Natural History SciCafe. Free, public lecture. <http://www.amnh.org/learn-teach/adults/scicafe/the-search-for-slow-lorises> (March 1, 2017)
- “Live with conservation biologist Mary Blair talking about her work on lorises in Southeast Asia.” (8,000 views) AMNH Facebook Live Broadcast. <https://www.facebook.com/naturalhistory/videos/10154080554746991/> (Feb 27, 2017)
- “Slow Loris Conservation in Vietnam” AMNH.tv Science Video. <https://www.amnh.org/explore/videos/research-and-collections/slow-loris-conservation-in-vietnam> (October 13, 2016)
- “Live now with Assistant Director for Research at the CBC.” (11,000 views) AMNH Facebook Live Broadcast. <https://www.facebook.com/naturalhistory/videos/10153546832411991/> (April 22, 2016)
- Spotlight Asia: Ring in the Year of the Monkey, media coverage of AMNH event featuring our research on primates in Vietnam on Sinovision: <http://video.sinovision.net/?id=32937>. (February 21, 2016)
- National Science Foundation Discovery Blog. “Saving the slow loris: Fighting wildlife trafficking with interdisciplinary research and a legacy of international collaboration.” https://www.nsf.gov/discoveries/disc_summ.jsp?cntn_id=135668 (July 13, 2015)
- American Museum of Natural History Fieldwork Journal Blogs: <https://www.amnh.org/explore/news-blogs/news-posts/the-search-for-slow-lorises-in-vietnam-amnh> (Mar-April, 2014 and July 2015)
- “Tracking Down a Slow Loris” Oxford University Press Blog Post: <http://blog.oup.com/2014/07/slow-loris-conservation/> (July 14, 2014)
- “Field Research and Work-Life Integration” Association for Women in Science (AWIS) Magazine, Summer 2014 Edition, pp. 10-11.
- “The Primate Tracker: Mary Blair combs the forests of Vietnam looking for endangered slow lorises.” Scholastic News for Your Classroom (April 16, 2014) <http://magazines.scholastic.com/news/2014/04/The-Primate-Tracker>
- “The Primate Tracker: Mary Blair combs the forests of Vietnam looking for endangered slow lorises.” Cool Science Jobs. Scholastic’s ScienceWorld Magazine (March 24, 2014) <http://scienceworld.scholastic.com/cool-science-jobs>
- “Tracking Tiny Primates,” Scholastic’s SuperScience Magazine Vol. 25 No. 6 (March 2014)
- “How Does Evolutionary Biology Inform Biodiversity Conservation?” Free, public lecture for the Secret Science Club, The Bell House, Brooklyn, NY. (February 12, 2014) <http://secretscienceclub.blogspot.com/2014/02/wednesday-february-12-8pm-bell-house.html>

"Science Bulletins: Slow Loris Venom-Solving a Toxic Puzzle." American Museum of Natural History BioNews Science Bulletins. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOyC6rEpHJk> (December 12, 2013)

New York Times Scientist at Work Blogs: <http://scientistatwork.blogs.nytimes.com/tag/slow-loris/> (April-May, 2013)

"Evolutionary Primatologist Discusses Diversity in the Scientific Workforce." The Wilson Billboard, Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA. (December 8, 2011)

"Meet Mary Blair: Mentor and Biologist." American Association of University Women Blog <http://www.aauw.org/2012/01/11/blair-mentor-and-biologist/> (January 11, 2011)

Grants and Fellowships

National Science Foundation (NSF) Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Program. Collaborative Research: Phylogenomic analyses of lorisiform primates using museum collections (Institutional PI). 2019-2022. \$114,899

NASA Earth Sciences Division GEO BON Program. Expanding Wallace biodiversity modeling software to support national biodiversity change indicator calculations for GEO BON assessment and reporting (PI). 2018-2021. \$595,057

Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation (U.S.). Collaborative transboundary conservation of vulnerable species and habitats in the Sino-Vietnamese border region under climate change (PI). 2018-2020. \$250,000

Fulbright Specialist Award, Faculty of Environmental Science, Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam National University, 2017.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Biology Research Experience for Undergraduates Mentor-Student Travel Scholarship. 2014. \$3,000 with Elora López.

USAID Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) Science Program. Biodiversity conservation in Indochina: Integrating research and training to enhance wildlife trade management. 2014-2017. \$294,251 to PI Minh Le (CRES-VNU).

National Science Foundation (NSF) Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability Fellowship Program. SEES Fellows: Integrating biology and econometrics across multiple scales for sustainable wildlife trade management. 2013-2016. \$418,464

Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund. Conservation of the slow loris. 2013-2014. \$25,000

Eppley Foundation for Research. Conservation of the slow loris: Informing management of the wildlife trade in Vietnam. 2012-2013. \$25,000

Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation. Slow loris conservation in Vietnam: Informing management of the wildlife trade. 2012-2013. \$10,000

Dissertation Writing Fellowship. American Association of University Women. 1 yr. graduate stipend, 2010-2011. \$20,000

- National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement. Habitat modification and gene flow in an endangered New World primate. 2009-2010. \$10,271
- Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation. Habitat modification and gene flow in an endangered New World primate: Implications for conservation management. 2009-2010. \$10,000
- Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences International Traveling Fellowship. 1 yr. graduate stipend, 2008-2009. \$23,000
- NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Program Fellowship. New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology. 4 yr. graduate stipend + \$5000 research stipend, 2005-2010.
- International Primatological Society. Habitat modification and gene flow in an endangered New World primate. 2008-2009. \$1500
- American Society of Primatologists Conservation Small Grant. The effects of habitat modification on gene flow: Matrix tolerance, dispersal and conservation in the Central American Squirrel Monkey (*Saimiri oerstedii*). 2008-2009.
- Daniel E. Fischer Conservation Grant, Northwest Primate Conservation Society, Eugene, OR. The effect of habitat fragmentation on population genetic structure in the Central American squirrel monkey. 2007.
- Institute of Latin American Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Columbia University. The effect of habitat fragmentation on population genetic structure in the Central American squirrel monkey. 2007.
- Earth Institute Travel Grant, Columbia University. The effect of habitat fragmentation on population genetic structure in the Central American squirrel monkey. 2006.

Research Projects

- Expanding *Wallace* biodiversity modeling software to support national biodiversity change indicator calculations for GEO BON assessment and reporting. Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY and City College of New York (City University of New York), the University of Connecticut, Pace University, and the Alexander von Humboldt Institute. Current
- Collaborative transboundary conservation of vulnerable species and habitats in the Sino-Vietnamese border region under climate change. Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY and Rutgers University, Vietnam National University. Current
- An integrative social ecological systems framework for research on illicit wildlife trade in Southeast Asia. Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY and Vietnam National University. Current
- Biocultural resilience across landscape mosaics in Pacific Islands. (Eleanor Sterling, PI) Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, Current
- Diversity, evolution, and conservation of the slow lorises (genus *Nycticebus*) in Vietnam: integrating evolutionary biology, anthropology and economics to address the complex threat of illicit trade. Center for Biodiversity and Conservation and the Sackler

Institute for Comparative Genomics, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, Current

Conservation of evolutionary processes: Ecological Niche Evolution, Phylogenetic Endemism, and Ecotones in Madagascar. Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, Current

Ecological niche modeling, biogeography, and population monitoring of the douc langurs (*Pygathrix* spp). Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York NY, 2010-2012

Incorporating the threat of climate change into range-wide conservation planning for the jaguar (*Panthera onca*). Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History and the Wildlife Conservation Society, New York NY, 2010-2011

Habitat modification and gene flow in *Saimiri oerstedii*: Landscape genetics, intraspecific molecular systematics, and conservation. Columbia University and Molecular Primatology Laboratory, New York University, 2006-2011

Inferring the geographic origin of modern humans using GIS and multi-locus genomic data. Columbia University and Molecular Primatology Laboratory, New York University, New York, NY, 2009-2010

Phylogeny and divergence dating of New World monkeys based on large non-coding genomic sequence data. Molecular Primatology Laboratory, New York University, 2007-2009

New World primate microsatellite marker screening in *Saimiri* fecal samples. Molecular Primatology Laboratory, New York University, 2007

Behavioral indicators of female choice in blue monkeys (*Cercopithecus mitis*) in the Kakamega Forest, Kenya. Columbia University, 2006-2007

Mapping *Saimiri oerstedii* troop locations and illegal deforestation sites using GIS (geographic information systems) technology. Fund for Costa Rica, Quepos, Costa Rica, 2006

Comparative methods of DNA extraction from mammalian feces. Sackler Institute for Comparative Genomics, American Museum of Natural History, 2006

Behavioral monitoring of free-ranging golden lion tamarins to facilitate their reintroduction into Brazil. The National Zoo, Washington, D.C., 2005

Alarm signaling via fecal odor in the domestic chicken (*Gallus gallus domesticus*). Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, 2005

Microsatellite genotyping and mitochondrial sequencing of non-human primates for species, population, and individual-level barcoding. Integrated Primate Biomaterials and Information Resource (IPBIR), Coriell Institute for Medical Research, Camden, NJ, 2004

Handedness and food preference in captive Central American squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri oerstedii*). The Primatological Foundation of Costa Rica, San Miguel de Turrucares, Costa Rica, 2004

Infant carrying behavior in red-crested tamarins. The Primatological Foundation of Costa Rica, San Miguel de Turrucares, Costa Rica, 2004

Invited Talks

- “Biodiversity data, frameworks and tools: Scientific collaborations to guide conservation.” Invited lecture. Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Science Prize for Innovation, Research and Education U.S. Nominee Awards Session. U.S. State Department’s Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, Washington, D.C. 18 August 2020
<https://vimeo.com/450279960/16b63bcf34>
- “Wildlife trade in Vietnam: exploring drivers, scales, and diverse knowledges in a social-ecological systems framework.” Invited lecture. Department of Biology Seminar Series. Fordham University, New York, NY. 10 October 2018.
- “A new R package to process SDMs to estimate species’ ranges.” Invited talk. New York Species Distribution Modeling Discussion Group. American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY. 11 May 2018.
- “GIS and Remote Sensing for Biodiversity Conservation”. Invited talk. Teacher’s Professional Development Spring Break Institute: Global Trends in Biodiversity and their Causes. American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY. 4 April 2018.
- “How does evolutionary primatology inform primate conservation?: From wildlife trade to climate change” Invited lecture for the Center for the Study of Human Origins, New York University, New York, NY, March 29, 2018.
- “The promise and pitfalls of new machine learning methods for biodiversity modeling.” Invited University Public Seminar. Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam, Nov 16, 2017.
- “Ecological niche divergence, conservatism, and speciation processes.” Guest lecture for graduate course in Speciation, Richard Gilder Graduate School, American Museum of Natural History, NY, Oct 27, 2017.
- “Ph.D. Career Trajectories: Beyond the Tenure-Track.” New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology Graduate Program Seminar, American Museum of Natural History, NY, Oct 6 2017.
- “Illicit wildlife trade in Vietnam: examining drivers and scales of trade in a social-ecological systems framework”. Invited Lecture. Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology Seminar, Columbia University, New York, NY. Oct 3, 2017.
- “How does evolutionary biology inform biodiversity conservation? A case study of slow lorises in Vietnam.” Keynote Lecture. NYU Courant Institute’s Girls’ Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (GSTEM) Summer Program Symposium. New York, NY August 11, 2017
- “How Does Genetics Inform Biodiversity Conservation? Opportunities and Pitfalls” Invited Lecture. Sigma Xi - Swarthmore College Chapter, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. Mar 13, 2017
- “Integrating Biodiversity Conservation Science Research Across Disciplines and Scales in the Lower Mekong Basin.” Invited Talk. Lower Mekong Research Collaboration Initiative Symposium. U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. February 10, 2017.
- “Slow loris conservation in Vietnam” Invited lecture for the Yeshiva University Natural History Society, New York, NY, Dec 15, 2016

- "Primate Conservation and Conservation Genetics." Guest lecture for the New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology's Core Graduate Course in Primate Evolution and Behavior. American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, Dec 5, 2016
- "Primate Conservation Case Studies from Vietnam" Invited lecture, Rutgers University Primate Conservation Club, Nov 11, 2016
- "Illicit wildlife trade in Vietnam: exploring drivers, scales, and diverse knowledges in a social-ecological systems framework." Yale Southeast Asia Studies Council, Southeast Asia Seminar Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Nov 9, 2016.
- "How can genetics inform biodiversity conservation?: Opportunities and pitfalls" Keynote Address. Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists Conference, SUNY Old Westbury, Long Island, NY. Oct 29, 2016.
- Panelist. Roundtable on Diversity. International Primatological Society Congress, Chicago, IL. Aug 22, 2016.
- "Examining the drivers of wildlife trade in Vietnam with an interdisciplinary approach." Bard Center for Environmental Policy, Bard College, NY. April 28, 2016.
- "How does evolutionary biology inform biodiversity conservation?: A case study of the slow loris trade" George Z. Tokieda Memorial Lecture, Brearley School, New York, NY. Feb 11, 2016.
- "Scales of Wildlife Trade in Vietnam: Integrating Evolutionary Biology, Anthropology, and Econometrics to Address a Complex Problem" City College Biology Department Seminar, New York, NY, Feb 8, 2016.
- "Enhancing Capacity for Research and Management of Wildlife Trafficking in the Lower Mekong Basin: Integrating Across Disciplines and Scales." Second NSF 2015 International Workshop to Explore Research Frontiers through Partnerships in the Lower Mekong Basin. Can Tho University, Vietnam, Nov 29-Dec1, 2015.
- "Scales of Wildlife Trade in Vietnam: Integrating Molecular Phylogenetics, Ethnography, and Econometrics to Address a Complex Problem" Rutgers Ecology and Evolution Graduate Program Seminar Series, New Brunswick, NJ, Oct 22, 2015.
- Panelist. "Successes in Primate Conservation." Student Conference on Conservation Science-New York, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, Oct 9, 2015.
- "Enhancing Capacity for Research and Management of Wildlife Trafficking in the Lower Mekong Basin: Integrating Across Disciplines and Scales." NSF 2015 National Workshop to Explore Research Frontiers through US Engagement in the Lower Mekong Basin. Laurel, MD, Sept 25-26, 2015.
- "Slow loris conservation genetics in Vietnam." Assessing the present status of Pygmy loris conservation in South Vietnam Workshop. Cat Tien National Park, Vietnam, August, 2015.
- "Slow Loris Conservation in Vietnam." Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies joint program with the National University of Singapore. Hanoi, Vietnam, July 2015.
- Panelist and Discussant, "Socioeconomic factors and consumer demand." The Biodiversity Affinity Group of the AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship

Program's half-day symposium "Combating Wildlife Trafficking: Communicating, Connecting, and Evaluating Challenges and Solutions for Policy Development and Implementation." Washington, DC, May 7, 2015.

<http://aaaspolicyfellowships.org/event/combating-wildlife-trafficking>
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxDfY7QHVCySJJV5qtnOQK1r1U-QHGBjk>

"Slow loris trade in Vietnam: An interdisciplinary research approach to study trade networks, prices, and drivers across scales." Natural Resource Economics and Environmental Economics course, Bard Center for Environmental Policy, Bard College, NY, Dec 2014.

"Las collecciones de historia natural como base para la investigación, conservación, y educación." Translation: "Natural history collections as a foundation for research, conservation, and education" Plenary talk at the Uruguayan Zoological Congress, Dec 2014, led by co-author Ana Porzecanski.

"Saving the Slow Loris: An Endangered Primate from Southeast Asia." Biology Department Club Hour, Long Island University – Brooklyn, Nov 2014.

"Ph.D. Career Trajectories: Beyond the Tenure-Track." New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology Graduate Program Seminar, City University of New York Graduate Center, NY, Oct 2014. With co-presenters R. Delgado and J. Zichello.

"Slow Loris Conservation in Vietnam: Integrating Evolutionary Biology, Anthropology, and Economics to Address a Complex Problem." Astronomy Department Seminar, American Museum of Natural History, May 2014.

"Slow Loris Conservation in Vietnam: Conservation Genetics as part of an Interdisciplinary Approach to Address a Complex Conservation Problem." Biology Department Seminar, Hofstra University, NY, Feb 2014.

"Ecological Niche Modeling for Biodiversity Conservation." Guest lecture for graduate seminar in Zoogeography, City University of New York Graduate Center, NY, Feb 2014.

"Slow Loris Conservation in Vietnam: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Address a Complex Conservation Problem." Bard Center for Environmental Policy, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, Dec 2013

"Ecology and Conservation: Primate Conservation Case Studies." Guest lecture for the Introduction to Ecology course, Hanoi University of Science, Hanoi, Vietnam, April 2013

"Conserving the Slow Loris." Invited speaker for the Biology Research Seminar. Long Island University Brooklyn Campus, Brooklyn, NY, Nov 2012

"Primate Conservation and Conservation Genetics." Guest lecture for the New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology's Core Graduate Course in Primate Evolution and Behavior. Hunter College, New York, NY, Nov 2012

"Remote Sensing at the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation." Guest lecture for the Lang Science Program, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, Aug 2012.

"Conservation Science at the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation." Guest lecture for the Summer Science Institute, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, Aug 2012.

- “Variación Genética y Dispersión del Mono Tití en el Pacífico Central de Costa Rica.”
Institución Internacional en Conservación y Manejo de Vida Silvestre (ICOMVIS),
Universidad Nacional, Heredia, Costa Rica, July 2012
- “Genética de Paisaje y la Conservación: Estudio del Mono Tití en el Pacífico Central de
Costa Rica.” Universidad de Costa Rica, San Pedro, Costa Rica, June 2012
- “Women and Diversity in Science: An Imperative for Biodiversity Conservation.” For the
"Science and Society" Speaker Series, sponsored by the Institute for Women in
Science, Mathematics and Technology, and the Women's Studies Advisory Group.
Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA, Nov 2011
- "Primate Conservation and Conservation Genetics." Guest lecture for the New York
Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology's Core Graduate Course in Primate Evolution
and Behavior. Hunter College, New York, NY, Oct 2011
- “Conservation Genetics.” Guest lecture in Biodiversity and Conservation, AMNH Summer
Program for High School Students, American Museum of Natural History, New York,
NY, Aug 2011
- “Conservation Genetics.” Guest lecture in Conservation Biology, Dept. of Ecology and
Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, March 2011
- “Primate Conservation.” Guest lecture in Primate Behavioral Ecology, Dept. of
Anthropology, Hunter College, New York, NY, Feb 2011
- “Conservation of the Central American Squirrel Monkey: Preserving Evolutionary and
Population Processes.” Guest lecture in Primate Conservation, Dept. of
Anthropology, Hunter College, New York, NY, Feb 2010
- “Landscape Genetics as a Tool for Conservation Management.” Guest lecture in Wildlife
Ecology and Management, Dept. of Biology, Barnard College, New York, NY, Nov
2009
- “La modificación del hábitat y el flujo genético del mono tití.” Technical Scientific
Committee of the Central Pacific Conservation Area, Ministry of Energy and the
Environment, Santiago de Puriscal, Costa Rica, Mar 2009
- “Habitat fragmentation and gene flow.” Guest lecture in Conservation Genetics, Dept. of
Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology, Columbia University, New York, NY,
Feb 2008
- “La fragmentación del hábitat y la estructura genética del mono tití.” Association for the
Conservation of the Mono Tití, Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica, Aug 2007

Teaching

- Trading Nature: A Conservation Biology Perspective, Undergraduate Advanced Seminar,
Columbia University, New York, NY 2016-Present (Developed and taught).
- GIS and Remote Sensing for Conservation and Evolutionary Biology, Richard Gilder
Graduate School, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, 2011-
Present (co-developed and taught with Richard Pearson, Eleanor Sterling, Peter
Galante)

Spatial Bioinformatics, Richard Gilder Graduate School, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, 2018 (co-developed and taught with Robert Harbert)

Fundamentals of GIS in Ecology and Conservation, Graduate Level, Columbia University, New York NY, 2012 (co-developed and taught course with Rob Rose)

Biodiversity, Undergraduate Level, Columbia University, 2010 (developed and taught)

Issues in Biological Conservation, Columbia University High School Summer Program, New York, NY, 2010

Introduction to Human Evolution, Undergraduate Level, Lehman College, New York, NY, 2008 (developed and taught)

As a Teaching Assistant at Columbia University:

Graduate Seminar in Conservation Biology, Graduate Level, 2008

Behavioral Biology of the Living Primates, Undergraduate Level, 2007

Biodiversity, Undergraduate Level, 2006

Computer and Data Analysis Guide, Introductory Biology, Swarthmore College, 2005

Writing Associate, Introductory Biology, Swarthmore College, 2002-2005

Teaching Assistant, Animal Behavior, Swarthmore College, 2004

Workshops Led

Blair, M E, Anderson, R P, Noguera Urbano, E, Aiello-Lammens, M, Merow, C, Pinilla-Buitrago, G, Galante P J, Paz, A, Johnson, B. Consultation Workshop III: Expanding Wallace biodiversity modeling software to support Colombia BON assessment and reporting. Cohosted virtually by The Center for Biodiversity and Conservation at the American Museum of Natural History and the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute. 13 – 15 October, 2020. [Virtual]

Galante PJ, Sandor M, **Blair ME**. Species Distribution Modeling for Conservation with *Wallace*. 5th North American Congress for Conservation Biology. Workshop. 27 July, 2020. Denver, Colorado.

Blair ME, Galante, P J, Kass, J M, Nguyen T A, Le MD. Species Distribution Modeling for Conservation. Training workshop at Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam National University. 25 – 26 July, 2019. Hanoi, Vietnam.

Blair ME, Noguera E. Consultation Workshop II: Expanding *Wallace* biodiversity modeling software to support Colombia BON assessment and reporting. Alexander von Humboldt Institute, Bogotá, Colombia. June 11-12, 2019

Blair ME, Le MD, Horning N, Galante P, Pinilla-Buitrago G, and Xu M. Consultation and training workshop: Collaborative transboundary conservation of vulnerable species and habitats under climate change. Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam. July 11-12, 2018.

Blair ME, Velásquez J. Consultation Workshop: Expanding *Wallace* biodiversity modeling software to support Colombia BON assessment and reporting. Alexander von Humboldt Institute, Bogotá, Colombia. April 17-19, 2018.

Blair ME, Galante, PG, Meierdiercks, K, Sethi, G. Introduction to Spatial Econometrics in R. Bard

Center for Environmental Policy, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY April 28, 2017.

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Moore, A, Sutton, A, **Blair, ME**, Malone, C. Wynn-Grant, R. (co-organizers) "What Am Doing With My Life? Career Planning for the Modern Conservationist". Student Conference on Conservation Science - New York, (annually, in October since 2013), Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, NY.

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Professional Service

- President, New York Women in Natural Sciences, American Museum of Natural History Chapter of the Association for Women in Science, 2013-2019 (Executive Steering Committee 2012-Present)
- Group on Earth Observations - Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON) Species Population Working Group (2018-Present)
- International Primatological Society Conservation Committee (2015-2018), Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (2016-Present), and Congress Scientific Program Committee (2018)
- Vietnam Primate Technical Working Group Member (IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group), 2015-Present
- Editorial Board Member, American Journal of Primatology, 2018-Present
- Mentor, speed talk session moderator, and poster reviewer, Student Conference on Conservation Science – New York, American Museum of Natural History, 2011-Present
- Co-coordinator of the New York Regional Species Distribution Modeling Discussion Group, 2012-Present
- Society for Conservation Biology Board Committee on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, 2014-2019
- Symposium co-organizer, "Cross-boundary Cooperation for Biodiversity Conservation in Asia under Global Change" at Henan University, in Kaifeng City, China (July 2019).
- Asia Field Advisor, Association of Zoos and Aquariums Prosimian Taxon Advisory Group, 2013-2018

- Lower Mekong Research Collaboration Initiative Steering Committee, U.S. Department of State, 2016-2018
- Special Issue Editor: "Multidisciplinary Studies of Wildlife Trade in Primates" American Journal of Primatology Vol. 79 Issue 11, Nov, 2017.
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ajp.v79.11/issuetoc>
- Symposium and Panel Discussion: "Frontiers of biodiversity informatics and modeling species distributions" (M. E. Blair, R. P. Anderson, and D. Schigel, organizers). Global Biodiversity Information Facility and American Museum of Natural History, 4 November 2015, New York, NY
- Member of US Delegation, U.S.-Vietnam Science and Technology Joint Committee Meeting, Working Group on STEM Education and Research Exchange, Dec 2-4, 2015 in Ho Chi Minh City
- International Primatological Congress Scientific Program Committee and Symposium Organizer "Multidisciplinary Studies of Primates in Trade" Hanoi, Vietnam, 2014
- Mentor to teams of high school students for the AMNH Student Research Mentoring Program and the NYC Urban Barcode Project (2012-13)
- Symposium organizer, "Landscape Genetics in Primates: New Methods and Applications," International Primatological Society Congress, Kyoto, Japan, 2010
- Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, *American Journal of Primatology*, *American Naturalist*, *Asian Journal of Conservation Biology*, *Asian Primates*, *Biological Conservation*, *Biological Reviews*, *Biology Letters*, *Conservation Biology*, *Conservation Genetics*, *Diversity and Distributions*, *Ecography*, *Ecology & Evolution*, *Elementa*, *Endangered Species Research*, *f1000 Research*, *Folia Primatologica*, *Frontiers of Biogeography*, *Global Change Biology*, *Global Ecology and Conservation*, *Heredity*, *Hystrix*, *Integrative and Comparative Biology*, *International Journal of Primatology*, *International Zoo Yearbook*, *Journal of Biogeography*, *Journal of Herpetology*, *Journal of Nature Conservation*, *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, *Mitochondrial DNA*, *Molecular Ecology*, *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, *Nature Ecology and Evolution*, *Nature Scientific Reports*, *Oryx*, *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*, *PLoS ONE*, *Primate Conservation*, *Primates*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, *Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation*, *Studies on Neotropical Fauna*, *Zoo Biology*, *Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society*
- Book Reviewer, *Oxford University Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Wiley-Blackwell*

Honors and Awards

U.S. APEC Science Prize Nominee for Innovation, Research, and Education - Runner Up, 2020

Fulbright Specialist Program Fellow, 2017

NSF Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability Fellow, 2013-2016

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Dissertation Writing Fellow, 2010-2011

First Place, Student Oral Presentation, International Primatological Society Congress, Kyoto, Japan, 2010

Finalist, Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching, Columbia University, 2008

Phi Beta Kappa, Swarthmore College, 2005

Leo M. Leva Memorial Prize, Swarthmore College Biology Department, 2005

Professional Affiliations

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Society for Conservation Biology
- International Primatological Society
- International Biogeography Society
- Association for Women in Science
- American Association of University Women
- American Association for the Advancement of Science

Additional Skills

- Fluent in Spanish, conversational Vietnamese
- R language, QGIS, ArcGIS, and other GIS and statistical platforms
- Coached little league baseball team in Harlem, 2009 AAA summer ball champions