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## APPOINTMENTS

- 2021     **Adjunct Professor** | Environmental Science, High Point University.  
2021     **Instructor** | Biological Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin.

## EDUCATION

- 2021     **Ph.D. Candidate** | Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin.  
2019     **M.A.** | Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin.  
2018     **B.S.** | Anthropology/Animal Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation, Canisius College.  
          Minor in Anthrozoology. Honors: Dean’s list every semester, graduated in three  
          years, highest GPA in anthropology department.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Cuozzo, F., Sauther, M., Halajian, A., Linden, B., Linden J., Tordiffe, A., Millette, J.,  
**Romanello, D.** (in prep). Human induced threats to a nonhuman primate of “least concern”  
(*Otolemur crassicaudatus*) in northern South Africa.
- Margulis, S., **Romanello, D.** (2019). Data coding, measurement error, and reliability. In: Choe,  
J.C. (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Animal Behavior*, (2nd ed.). 3: 447–454. Elsevier, Academic Press.
- Margulis, S., **Romanello, D.** (2021). Tools for observational data collection. In: Zimble-  
Delorenzo, H., Margulis, S. (Eds.), *Exploring Animal Behavior in the Laboratory and Field*, (2<sup>nd</sup>  
ed.). Elsevier, Academic Press.
- Romanello, D.**, Clark, V., Bikiny, C. (in prep). Exploring artificial tree hollows as a strategy for  
facilitating recolonization of degraded forests by sportive lemurs (*Lepilemur ruficaudatus* and  
*Lepilemur tymerlachsoni*).

## HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Texas Summer Research Fellowship

\$1,500

**Primate Society of Great Britain** **\$1,100**  
Conservation grant.

**Tusk Trust** **\$3,000**  
COVID-19 Emergency Fund

**American Society of Primatologists** **\$2,000**  
Conservation grant.

**University of Texas Summer Research Fellowship** **\$1,530**

**Laura Bassi Scholarship**  
Runner-up. Ranked 9<sup>th</sup> out of 1200 applicants.

**University of Texas Recruitment Package** **\$20,000**  
Tuition-coverage, fall 2018 fellowship, and summer 2019 research grant, as well as guaranteed teaching assistantships beginning spring 2019.

**Canisius College Ignatian Scholarship** **\$100,000**  
Awarded to students with the highest-grade point average and standardized test scores.

**Philmont Staff Association Scholarship** **\$500**  
Awarded to talented staff on the ranch with the highest grade point average.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Romanello, D.:** “Protected Area Effectiveness: Biodiversity Conservation and Human Well-Being in Kirindy Mitea National Park, Madagascar.” Dissertation Prospectus Defense, March 2, 2021. University of Texas at Austin.

**Romanello, D.:** “The Convergent Evolution of Mammalian Reliance on a Keystone Vegetation Structure in Australia and Madagascar.” Texas Association of Biological Anthropology, November 9, 2019. Baylor University.

**Romanello, D.:** “Primate Tree Hollow Inhabitation in Madagascar.” Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation, August 1, 2019. Antananarivo, Madagascar.

**Romanello, D.:** “Intermediate Forest Recovery Patterns following Cyclone Fanele in Kirindy Mitea National Park, Madagascar.” Texas Association of Biological Anthropology, November 10, 2018. Texas State University. New Directions in Anthropology Conference, April 6, 2019. University of Texas at Austin.

**Romanello, D.:** “Taxonomists in the Field of Primatology: The Inconsistencies of the Primate Order.” Canisius College Ignatian Scholarship Day, April 18, 2018. Buffalo, NY.

**Romanello, D.:** “Megafauna of Madagascar.” Canisius College International Archaeology Day, October 20, 2017. Buffalo, NY.

**Romanello, D.:** “*Leontopithecus rosalia*: Maintaining Monogamy.” Buffalo Zoo Research Day, May 4, 2017. Buffalo, NY.

**Romanello, D.:** “Human Induced Threats to a Nonhuman Primate of “Least Concern” (*Otolemur crassicaudatus*) in Northern South Africa.” May 10, 2018. Canisius College.

**Romanello, D.:** “Baby Come Back: Proximity Maintenance Between Infant and Mother Western Lowland Gorillas.” Canisius College Ignatian Scholarship Day, April 5, 2017. University at Buffalo’s Animal Behavior and Morphology Research Symposium, April 26, 2017. Yale University Northeastern Evolutionary Primatology Conference, October 28, 2017.

## FIELDWORK

- 2019      **Ankoatsifaka Research Station** | Madagascar (Graduate Student)  
Graduate student, attempted to expand limiting resource availability for *Lepilemur ruficaudatus* living in burned habitat through the use of artificial tree hollows.
- 2018      **Ankoatsifaka Research Station** | Madagascar (Graduate Student)  
Graduate student and field assistant, surveyed forest transects for cyclone damage analysis, and collected behavioral data on *Propithecus verreauxi*.
- 2018      **Lajuma Research Centre** | South Africa (Teaching Assistant)  
Teaching assistant for a field course: Wildlife, Ecology, and Conservation in South Africa. Students spend three weeks researching the wildlife of Lajuma Research Centre and Kruger National Park.
- 2017-2018      **Lajuma Research Centre** | South Africa (Field Assistant)  
Field assistant for the South African Galago Ecology Project led by Dr. Michelle Sauter and Dr. Frank Cuzzo. Trapped and examined galagos and assisted in anatomical data collection. Conducted night follows with Dr. Jim Millette using thermal imaging to study primate thermoregulation in a temperate zone. Shadowed Adrian Tordiffe DVM during anesthetizations, body fluid extractions, and PIT tag injections.
- 2017      **Sainte Luce Reserve** | Madagascar (Conservation Volunteer)  
Responsible for leading a staff of eight Malagasy workers in the maintenance of a reserve on Madagascar’s southeastern coast, which is home to a pristine stretch of littoral forest. Designed behavioral research methods for *Eulemur collaris* and trained the staff to conduct the research. Created educational resources for local sea turtle conservation presentations. Planted and maintained a fruit farm to increase the reserve’s sustainability. Gathered propagules and planted mangroves to regenerate depleted riverbanks. Relocated native seedlings from forest trails to

plant nurseries and then back into the forest. Mapped land to plan for future reserve projects, such as a bamboo plantation to reduce the reserve's reliance on lumber.

2017 **Lajuma Research Centre** | South Africa (Student)  
Three-weeks of research and data collection at Lajuma Research Centre and Kruger National Park.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2021 Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Biological Anthropology (web-based).  
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2018 Teaching Assistant: Wildlife, Ecology, and Conservation in South Africa.

### **CONSULTING**

2018 Consultant for Ankoatsifaka Research Station, responsible for creating a research area expansion plan using ArcGIS.  
2018 Consultant for a Madagascar Wild Bytes Conservation short film: *Tsy Mety Gny Mamono Biby*.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Primatology.  
Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation.  
Children and Nature Network: Natural Leader.  
Primate Society of Great Britain.