

## **Madimenos Candidate Bio & Platform**

**BIO:** Dr. Felicia Madimenos is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Queens College (CUNY). She has been affiliated with HBA since 2007 first, as a student and more recently, as an HBA fellow. She has also served on the Local Arrangements Committee for the HBA and AAPA meetings when they were held in Portland, Oregon (2012) and on the HBA Nominations and Elections Committee from 2015-2017. Dr. Madimenos is research coordinator for the Shuar Health and Life History Project and has conducted investigations with the Indigenous Shuar forager-horticulturalists of Amazonian Ecuador for over a decade years. Her research focuses on the influence of market integration on human reproductive ecology, skeletal health, and energetics and is strongly rooted in life history theory. More specifically, Dr. Madimenos' research uses an integrative, biocultural approach to explore the physiological and behavioral strategies that Shuar women adopt to meet the elevated costs of reproduction. Her long-term research agenda includes continuing to explore the flexibility of these biobehavioral strategies in Shuar communities in the more remote Trans-Cutucu region of Ecuador.

**Platform Statement:** I am honored to be nominated for a position on the Nominations and Elections Committee of the Human Biology Association. Since 2007, I have been a member of HBA, most recently as an HBA fellow. For more than a decade, I have presented regularly at the HBA conference. During my academic career, I have also published numerous articles in the *American Journal of Human Biology*. Without a doubt, my affiliation with HBA has had a substantial impact on my professional career, creating a platform for not only presenting my own research but for forging meaningful and long-term professional connections in the process. The degree of support I have received from the HBA family has had significant influence on my career as an academic and as a researcher. It is therefore without hesitation that I enthusiastically accept this opportunity to contribute to an organization that has been paramount in influencing my own scholarly journey.