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Dear Fellow HBA Members,

The **45th** Annual Meeting of the Human Biology Association will take place in Los Angeles, California, on April 15-17, 2020. Our meeting will be held at the JW Marriott Los Angeles, with leadership from your elected HBA Program Chair, **Gillian Ice**. We hope you will join us!

Additional information on the meetings, along with instructions for submitting abstracts and proposals, are detailed in the attached **first and only HBA Call for Abstracts/ Proposals**. This will also shortly be posted to the newly updated HBA website, <https://www.humbio.org>. If you would like to propose a *joint AAPA/HBA Symposium*, the deadline is coming up quickly (August 15, 2019).

The Calls for Nominations for the Boas and Little Awards, as well as open HBA offices will be sent separately. Deadlines for *submissions included in this call* are:

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| • Proposals for the Joint AAPA/HBA Symposium | Aug 15, 2019 |
| • Contributed abstracts | Oct 15, 2019 |
| • Phyllis Eveleth & E. E. Hunt, Jr. Awards | Oct 15, 2019 |
| • Hilde Spielvogel Award | Oct 15, 2019 |
| • Proposals for Break-Out Sessions | Oct 15, 2019 |
| • International Member Travel Award | Feb 15, 2020 |
| • Student Travel Awards | Feb 15, 2020 |

Deadline for *submissions for nominations*. *Calls will be sent separately*:

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| • Franz Boas Distinguished Achievement Award | Oct 15, 2019 |
| • Michael A. Little Early Career Award | Oct 15, 2019 |
| • HBA open offices: | Oct 15, 2019 |
| ○ Public Relations Chair | |
| ○ Nominations and Elections Committee (2 members) | |

Please consider joining us in the service of HBA, or encouraging a colleague to do the same.

Feedback from this year's 44th meetings in Cleveland indicated it was a celebration of the strong and creative scholarship being done by our members. We enjoyed an outstanding scientific program, a delicious and delightful general membership reception, a student reception sponsored by Wiley, and a heart-warming awards luncheon where we celebrated the special achievements of human biologists at all stages of their careers. The Plenary on "Life and Death: Water and Human Biology," organized by Asher Rosinger and Alex Brewis, was capped by a

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thoughtful Raymond Pearl Memorial lecture by Amber Wutich on “Water Insecurity: An Agenda for Research and Call to Action for Human Biology.”

Congratulations also to our student awardees for sharing their outstanding research: 2019 E. E. Hunt awardee Carmen Hové; 2019 Phyllis Eveleth awardee Jelena Jankovic; 2019 HBA student travel awardees Rachael Anyim, Madison Bondy, Luisa Rivera, Amanda Rowlands, and Kate Tanawattanacharoen; 2019 International Travel awardees Ana Paula Prescivalli Costa, Genoveva Genyen Reyes Domínguez, Ligia Amaral Filgueiras, and Ariana Silva; and the 2019 Spielvogel Award winner Kate Tanawattanacharoen. Our Michael Little Early Career Awards were presented to Miguel Vilar and EA Quinn, recognizing the rising strength of scholars in our Association. Special congratulations to Peter Ellison, recipient of our Franz Boas Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing his dedication over many decades building both a strong HBA and strong human biology, and in multiple ways – through his science, mentoring many members, leading our journal, and engaging so productively in our professional association. I urge all of you to consider nominating a colleague for the both of these prestigious awards for the coming year, due Oct 15th. We have so many outstanding members who have worked hard and with great success at advancing our society and our field, and it is of great value to the HBA if members nominate those who enhance our scholarship, strength, and vitality.

On behalf of the Association, I warmly thank the outgoing program chair, Amanda Thompson, and her program committee, Morgan Hoke, Yosuke Inoue, Cara Ocobock, Ben Trumble, Amanda Veile, for such an enjoyable and excellent scientific program last year. This year, incoming program chair Gillian Ice is supported by committee members Dan Eisenberg, Morgan Hoke, Asher Rosinger, Zaneta Thayer, and Sharon Williams. In addition to the Program Committee, many elected and appointed office holders and committee members did tremendous work for the HBA membership, before, during, and after the Cleveland meetings. Jason DeCaro does an exceptional job as Treasurer, ensuring that the Association is on solid fiscal footing. Andrew Froehle, our amazing Secretary, has now rotated off his appointment. He has now been replaced by Elizabeth Miller, who will be Secretary for the upcoming meetings. These are very difficult and demanding positions, and we are very lucky to have them serving our association so ably. Andy is staying on to assist in an ex-officio role as we move to completing the new contract with Wiley by the end of the year. Speaking of Wiley, Lynnette Leidy Sievert, completing her fourth year as editor of *AJHB*, has done a stellar job in the increasingly complex world of academic publishing. She has now handed the journal into the very capable hands of William (Bill) Leonard, incoming Editor-in-Chief, who has generously agreed to take on this vital role for our association.

Claudia Valeggia, Membership Representative to the EC, continues to enhance membership numbers and the value of an HBA membership. Michaela Howells continues to serve as Public Relations Representative and chair of the PR committee, while Pablo Nepomnaschy is advancing energetic advocacy for international members. The outgoing Publications Chair, Alejandra Nuñez-de la Mora, took a central role in the search for the new *AJHB* editor. Her position has now been replaced by Chris Kuzawa. Lee Gettler is now serving as Chair of the Nominations and Elections committee, taking over from Ivy Pike. We also have two exceptionally effective and dedicated student representatives, Mandy Guitar and Kyle Gowen, who work with the EC to support our student colleagues. Thanks also to Lisa Sattenspiel as HBA liaison to the AAAS Section H, for her efforts to promote HBA research visibility through AAAS; Darna DuFour as our HBA liaison to the AAPA Science Policy group; and Amanda Thompson as HBA liaison to the Societies Consortium on Sexual Harassment in STEM. On that latter point, the HBA will now require members to actively commit to adhere to expectations for a harassment-free meeting as part of the

meeting registration process. The agreement process will be in place soon and will model that Consortium's best practices.

Finally, thank you for your commitment to your membership, supporting our Human Biology Association. The willingness of our membership to engage with, mentor, and support each other is what makes HBA special. Encouraging junior human biologists to submit abstracts and join us in Los Angeles in April is the very best of ways to advance our efforts and impact as a society. Our meeting registration remains incredibly good value, too, including not just the scientific program but also a networking dinner reception.

We look forward to more great science and meeting colleagues – established and new -- at our 45th annual meeting.

Warm regards,



Alexandra Brewis (Slade), President



**HUMAN BIOLOGY
ASSOCIATION**

**45th Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA, 2020)
First & Final Call for Abstracts/Proposals
and Submission Instructions**

Please direct questions to the Program Chair, Gillian Ice (iceg@ohio.edu)

Call for Abstracts:

Both members and non-members are invited to submit an abstract of a proposed presentation to be delivered at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Human Biology Association, scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, April 15th and 16th, 2020 (full instructions follow).

Submission Deadlines:

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| 1) Proposals for the Joint AAPA/HBA Symposium | August 15, 2019 |
| 2) Contributed Abstracts | October 15, 2019 |
| 3) E. E. Hunt, Jr. Award
(indicated at abstract submission) | October 15, 2019 |
| 4) Hilde Spielvogel Award
(indicated at abstract submission) | October 15, 2019 |
| 5) Proposals for Break-out Sessions | October 15, 2019 |
| 6) Application for Student Member Travel Grants | February 15, 2020 |
| 7) Application for International Member Travel Grants | February 15, 2020 |
- Abstracts must be submitted online at <https://www.humbio.org>. Please follow the required format and file type. Detailed instructions on abstract preparation are provided below.

Accommodations:

The AAPA has negotiated special conference rates at the meeting hotel. HBA local arrangements and Hotel Reservation information will be available soon at <https://www.humbio.org>. Also, reservations may be made via the AAPA local arrangements website: <http://physanth.org/annual-meetings/89th-annual-meeting-los-angeles-california-2020/>. A substantial block of rooms has been reserved for this meeting at the JW Marriott Los Angeles. To keep the cost of the meetings reasonable, everyone is encouraged to stay at the meeting hotel and to book early.

Joint AAPA/HBA Symposium:

In cooperation with the AAPA (American Association of Physical Anthropologists), the HBA will co-sponsor one symposium session, on Friday morning, April 17th, 2020, during the AAPA Annual Meeting. HBA members are encouraged to contact the **HBA Program Committee Chair Gillian Ice** (iceg@ohio.edu) to discuss the development of a joint session proposal. The Proposal for the joint session follows the submission procedures outlined in the AAPA Call for papers (<http://www.physanth.org>).

Proposals are **due August 15, 2020 and are to be submitted ONLINE through the AAPA web site**. Joint session proposals are first reviewed by the AAPA and only those accepted for inclusion in the AAPA program are eligible for co-sponsorship by the HBA. Acceptance of a proposal for co-sponsorship does not guarantee acceptance of individual abstracts. Individual abstracts for an accepted jointly sponsored symposium session must be submitted following the AAPA's procedures and deadline (October 15, 2019).

The AAPA/HBA Joint Symposium should appeal to a broad range of scholars within Human Biology and Physical Anthropology and highlight the outstanding research being done at the convergence of our two organizations. Recent topics have included: *Biocultural perspectives on family health within and across generations*; *Multi-generational perspectives on human biology and anthropological genetics: a symposium in honor of Michael H. Crawford*; *The high price of success: Costs of reproductive effort in male primates and humans*; and *Not by Bread Alone: Non-caloric Determinants of Life History Strategies*; *Integrating biosocial perspectives to understand health disparities across the lifespan*.

Break-Out Sessions:

Two Break-out Session(s) will be scheduled during the Wednesday lunch hour, April 15, 2020. The topics of the sessions are up to the interests of the organizers and methodological, professional development, and content-based proposals are all welcomed. The topic, organizers' names, and meeting room will be included in the HBA Program. Proposals for Break-out Sessions should be emailed by **October 15, 2019** to the **HBA Program Committee Chair Gillian Ice** (iceg@ohio.edu).

Please include the following information in the proposal:

1. Organizer(s) name(s) and email address(es).
2. Topic Title
3. A brief description of the specific suitability of this topic for a break-out session (e.g., rapid developments in technology that can enhance human biology research), and the planned activities during the session (e.g., brief presentation by organizer followed by open discussion).
4. Expected attendance (so we can arrange for an appropriate room size).

HBA Abstract & Pre-Registration Instructions

Reminder: Members in good standing are eligible for lower registration fees than non-members. Only members are eligible for awards and grants. Note that memberships are for calendar years! Information regarding abstract format and submission procedures, the E.E. Hunt and Phyllis Eveleth Student Prizes for graduate students, the Hilde Spielvogel Award for Outstanding Presentation by an Undergraduate Student, the International Members' Travel Grants, and Student Travel Awards are included below. Please contact the **HBA Program Committee Chair Gillian Ice** (iceg@ohio.edu) for assistance with abstract or proposal preparation or on-line abstract submission difficulties. Please contact the Treasurer, Jason DeCaro (hbatreas@humbio.org) for assistance with pre-registration.

Pre-Registration

1. Complete the on-line pre-registration process at <https://www.humbio.org>. Print and retain the confirmation page that appears at the completion of pre-registration.
2. At the bottom of the online pre-registration form, you will be directed to the PayPal payment site.
3. Pre-registration will be available until Tuesday, March 29, 2020
4. If you also plan to submit an abstract, please note abstracts will not be accepted for review without paid pre-registration by the first author.

Abstract Submission: All abstracts must be submitted online, as part of the pre-registration process, by October 15, 2019.

The submission portal will soon be available via <https://www.humbio.org>.

Format requirements for HBA abstracts. Use the following CHECKLIST.

1. Times New Roman 12-point font.
2. 250 words maximum (word count does not include title, authors' names, affiliations, & funding).
3. Capitalize only the first word and proper names in the title.
4. Bold the entire title.
5. An individual may be a first author on only 1 abstract.
6. Authors' names: Include author initials (no periods, no spaces between initials) followed by full last name of all authors. Do **not** use all-caps, bold or italics.
7. Include each author's departmental and institutional affiliation, city and state; do NOT give zip code or a full mailing address.
8. In case of multiple authors from different departments or institutions, use a superscript numeral following each author name(s) and again preceding their institution to indicate each author's affiliation.
9. No tables or figures.
10. The **UPLOADED ABSTRACT FILE NAME** must be in the format:
AUTHORLASTNAME.doc or **AUTHORLASTNAME.docx** or **AUTHORLASTNAME.txt**.
Please do **NOT** submit pdf files.
11. Print and retain the confirmation page that appears at the completion of submission.

Contributed Presentations: The 2020 Program will include up to 100 posters, ~24 podium presentations, and flashtalks; authors should indicate a preference, if any, for either mode at abstract submission. The program committee will aim to accommodate requests, but no guarantee is possible. Posters will be presented during a 3-hour session on Wednesday morning, April 15, 2020; an author is expected to be present at the poster for ~1.5 hours to explain the work and answer questions. Podium presentations on Thursday, April 16, 2020, are typically 10-12 minutes plus 2-4 minutes for questions (15 minutes total for introduction by session chair, presentation, questions, and exiting the podium). Additionally, we will have a flashtalk format. The timing of which is still being finalized.

Review Procedures: Each abstract submitted for the contributed presentations will be reviewed independently by at least 2 members of the 2020 HBA Program Committee regarding whether to accept/decline and whether to assign the abstract to a poster or podium session. Abstract acceptance is **not** based on membership status, prior participation, preferences for presentation mode, area of emphasis, or request for consideration for the special session. If accepted, an abstract will be published in the American Journal of Human Biology. The review decision should be sent to the first author via email by **Dec. 15, 2019**.

Some reasons for declining an abstract:

- a. It does not adhere to the required format, especially word count.
- b. It describes a study with little or no relationship to human biology; strictly biomedical studies, paleopathological case studies, or industry sponsored research may fall into this category.

- c. There is no evidence that results of the study are in hand at the time of abstract submission. An abstract must go beyond a statement of planned work and include evidence of analysis, results, and conclusions.
- d. It and another abstract describe essentially the same work (BOTH abstracts will be rejected) or it has been simultaneously submitted/previously presented at other professional meetings.
- e. The 1ST author appears as a 1ST author on another abstract (BOTH abstracts will be rejected).

Some reasons to assign to Poster Session when Podium is requested:

- a. There are more requests than can be accommodated
- b. The presenting author has given a podium presentation within the previous 3 years when others have less recently or never had a podium opportunity
- c. The subject is unique and does not fit well within session themes.

Presentation Guidelines: Whether flash-talk, poster, or podium, all presentations benefit by having a clear, focused message to communicate to the audience. Presenters should address the following:

1. *What is the question?* Succinctly but adequately define the hypothesis or problem.
2. *Why does it matter?* Explain the significance of answering this question.
3. *How was the work done?* Briefly describe the methods and analytical procedures.
4. *What did you learn?* Clearly explain the results of your inquiry.
5. *Now what?* Relate these findings to a larger context as well as to the original question.

Projection Equipment: IBM-compatible PCs will be at the podium for projection of PowerPoint or Adobe Acrobat files. You may **not** use your own PC. You must bring your file on a USB drive. Save files such that they can be read by a variety of PCs, in both .ppt and .pptx formats. Mac-users must add the .ppt or .pptx extension to the filename. Under Page Setup, the presentation should be set to "On-screen show." If you use PowerPoint's "Pack and Go" feature, have the original .ppt file available on USB device just in case. To detect compatibility "issues" and avoid podium panic, virus check your entire USB device, and check your presentation on an IBM-compatible PC other than the one used to prepare the presentation. Many people also save a .pdf copy of their presentation although animations will not work in this format. *Please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the Podium or Flash-talk Session to upload your presentation.*

Poster Dimensions & Type Size: The **maximum allowable poster size is 3ft 10in wide x 4ft high** (116 cm x 120 cm) since two posters will be sharing an 8ft x 4ft board. Please adhere to the size restriction and be mindful of your neighbor's space. The title should be legible from 8 feet (2.5 meters), and the rest should be easily readable from 5 feet (1.5 meters), i.e., text font size ≥ 18 point and heading font size ≥ 30 point. Use consistent fonts and letter sizes throughout. Use short, informative ("headline" style) captions to convey the key point of each figure. Avoid abbreviations, acronyms, or jargon. Figures and tables should occupy ~half of the poster. As most people read technical text at a rate of ≤ 250 words per minute, limit the text to 1500–2000 words (< 10 minutes reading time). "Go Green" and skip lamination. Bring push pins to hang your poster.

How to Apply for International Travel Grants, Student Travel Grants, and Student Presentation Awards

HBA International Members' Travel Grant:

In 2020, the Human Biology Association will distribute up to three (3) travel grants of \$1,000 US dollars each to International (non-North American) members to be used in support of their travel to the annual meeting. The applicants must be members in good standing of the HBA when submitting their applications and when they present their work. The grants are made to HBA members from outside North America who have an abstract accepted for the meeting and who make an appropriate case for support. If you are not currently a member of HBA please visit:

<https://www.humbio.org/membership/> to join.

International members (students and professionals, including new members) who wish to apply for a travel grant should check the appropriate box when submitting their abstract and email an application by **February 15, 2020** to Dr. Pablo Nepomnaschy (Chair, International Committee) at:

pablo_nepomnaschy@sfu.ca.

Application for the Award/Grant must include:

1. A copy of the accepted abstract in which the candidate is the first author.
2. A justification of need and importance of the travel grant in no more than 250 words (one page, A4 or 8.5 inches x11 inches).
3. Details of their expected travel costs (e.g., air fares and hotel costs).

HBA Student Members' Travel Award:

Each year the Human Biology Association will distribute up to five (5) travel awards of \$500 each to student members to be used in support of their travel to the annual meeting. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the quality of the essay and the advisor's letter of support. The award is open to all student members residing in North America; priority will be given to those presenting a paper or poster at the HBA meetings and to those who have not yet received a Student Member Travel Award.

Applicants must be Student Members during the year the meetings are held and membership must be paid in full prior to submitting the application for the Award. If you are not currently a student member of HBA please join online at: <https://www.humbio.org/membership/>. Note that student members will need their advisor's signature on the application form certifying their student status when they first join the HBA.

Student members who wish to apply for the travel grant should check the appropriate box when submitting their abstract and/or registering. All students attending the meetings are eligible for the award, regardless of whether they have an accepted abstract (but see statement of evaluation priorities above). Application materials must be sent as a single PDF to the Membership Representative to the Executive Committee, Claudia Valeggia at claudia.valeggia@yale.edu, by **February 15, 2020**.

Application for the Award/Grant must include:

1. A brief essay (not to exceed 1000 words + references), on “Human Biology: What issue(s) should drive research over the next 5 years?”
2. A one-page advisor letter of support evaluating student’s current and/or potential contributions to the field of human biology, and verifying student membership status.
3. If presenting at the meetings, a copy of the email indicating acceptance of the abstract. (yes or no)

Edward E. Hunt, Jr. and Phyllis Eveleth Student Awards:

Two awards of \$500 each are given to graduate student members each year. Papers/posters submitted for this award should be based on novel analysis and interpretation of primary or secondary data. The graduate student should be the sole or first author on the submission, and if the poster/paper is multi-authored, the student should be responsible for at least 80% of the data analysis and writing. Students will be contacted by a member of the Publications Committee to verify that their poster/paper meets these requirements prior to the meeting. At the annual meeting, the paper/poster presentations will be judged by members of the Publications Committee. Winners of the student prizes will be announced publically at the **HBA Annual Awards Luncheon** on Thursday, April 16th, 2020.

Self-nomination for the Hunt Award is made at the time of on-line Pre-registration and Abstract Submission (**deadline is October 15**). Self-nomination requires clicking the appropriate box on the on-line form for abstract submission/pre-registration. The candidate must be a Student Member of the HBA in good standing when submitting the abstract and when presenting the work. Pre-registration fees for student members are less than for non-members. If you are not currently a student member of HBA please go to: <https://www.humbio.org/membership/> to join. Note that student members will need their advisor’s signature on the application form certifying their student status when they first join the HBA.

For questions about the Hunt Award please contact Chris Kuzawa, Chair of the Publications Committee, at kuzawa@northwestern.edu.

The Hilde Spielvogel Award for Outstanding Presentation by an Undergraduate Student:

The Hilde Spielvogel Award comprises an award of \$250 and a Certificate given to an undergraduate student member. The undergraduate student should be the sole or first author of a presentation that is based on novel analysis and interpretation of primary data (collected by the student and/or a co-author) and/or secondary data (published or unpublished data collected by someone other than the author[s]). In addition to delivering the presentation at the Annual Meeting, the candidate is expected to have made a major contribution to the work (e.g., at least 50% of the data collection and/or analysis and/or writing). Candidates’ presentations at the Annual Meetings will be judged by a subcommittee of the HBA Executive Committee (co-authors or advisors of nominated candidates will be recused). The Hilde Spielvogel Award will be presented to the recipient at the **HBA Annual Awards Luncheon** on Thursday, April 16th, 2020.

Self-nomination for The Hilde Spielvogel Award is made at the time of on-line Abstract Submission and Pre-registration (**deadline is October 15**). Self-nomination requires clicking the appropriate box on the on-line form for abstract submission/pre-registration. The candidate must be a Student Member of

the HBA in good standing when submitting the abstract and when presenting the work. Pre-registration fees for student members are less than for non-members. If you are not currently a student member of HBA please go to: <https://www.humbio.org/membership/> to join. Note that student members will need their advisor's signature on the application form certifying their student status when they first join the HBA.

In addition, shortly before each Annual Meeting, each nominated candidate will be asked to submit a description of her/his contribution to the planned presentation.

For questions about The Hilde Spielvogel Award, please contact the Membership Representative to the Executive Committee, Claudia Valeggia at claudia.valeggia@yale.edu.