

Dr. Tara Cepon-Robins

Candidate Bio:

Dr. Tara Cepon-Robins is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. She has been a member of HBA since 2009, first as a student and then as a regular member. Dr. Cepon-Robins conducts fieldwork in Ecuador with the Shuar Health and Life History Project and in the United States with her project the Rural Childhood Health and Life History in the Southern United States Project. She also works on the World Health Organization's Study on Global AGEing and adult health, among other research projects. Dr. Cepon-Robins is interested in the effects of socioeconomic status, lifestyle change, and climate change on infectious disease exposure and the role of infectious disease exposure in immune system development and function. She is also interested in child growth and development, chronic disease risk throughout the life course, and minimally invasive biomarker methods development.

Platform statement:

I am excited to run for a position on the Nominations and Elections Committee for the Human Biology Association. I have been a member of HBA since 2009, first as a student and then as a regular member. In that time, I have been an author on seven papers published in the American Journal of Human Biology and have presented regularly at the annual meetings. The HBA has been pivotal in my career development, as it has provided me with countless opportunities to promote my research, network with collaborators, and interact and share ideas with many important people in the field. I have benefitted immensely from my membership and am looking forward to the opportunity to give back to the organization through service. I share the organization's commitment to promoting diversity and supporting early career members and promise to work to promote these values. I appreciate the opportunity to run for this position.