

Dr. Samuel Urlacher

Candidate Bio:

Dr. Sam Urlacher is Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Human Evolutionary Biology and Health Lab at Baylor University. He has been an HBA member since 2009. Co-director of two collaborative field and laboratory research projects – the Shuar Health and Life History Project (Amazonian Ecuador) and the Garisakang Evolutionary Anthropology Project (lowland Papua New Guinea) – his research uses life history theory frameworks to better understand human biological variation and disparities in health. He is particularly interested in childhood energy expenditure and the developmental origins of adult obesity and metabolic disease.

Platform statement:

I am very honored to have been nominated by my peers for a position on the HBA Nominations and Elections Committee. The HBA has played an important role in my early career. It was the first professional organization that I joined as a graduate student in 2009. It was also the supporter of my first conference presentation (at the annual meetings in Portland, OR) and my first journal publication (in AJHB). Now a faculty full member, it would be a privilege to serve in my first HBA leadership position. I would strive to fulfill the duties of the Nominations and Elections Committee to the best of my ability and to begin to contribute to the long-term success of an organization that I care about deeply.