Dr. Benjamin Campbell

Candidate Bio: Dr. Benjamin Campbell is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Campbell's primary research interest is in the role of hormones in the evolution of human life history. He has conducted research in Africa with a focus on the male life course, includes field work among Turkana and Ariaal pastoral nomads of Kenya, as well as Zimbabwe schoolboys and male workers. He has also published on primates and evolution education with his students. Dr. Campbell is a long-standing member of the HBA with a long history of involvement. He is currently working with the HBA's new community building and mentoring program. Dr. Campbell's current research efforts center on the development of adiposity among Hunter-Gatherers. He is seeking funding for a study of the role of adiposity in andrenarche among the Ju'Hoansi of Nyae Nyae, Namibia.

Platform Statement: If elected to the Executive Committee as Publications Representative, my primary goal would be to continue the Association's efforts to bring our collective work to the attention of the public. As a small organization, it is essential for us to actively to maintain a presence in the media. Not only does it bring attention to our research, but it helps to attract graduate students. I believe that the current Sausage of Science podcasts offer important insight not only into human biology, but how science is done. The former brings attention to the Association, the latter attention to the importance of science education more generally. I would look to expand the podcasts more globally. Collaboration with other Executive Committee members, especially those working on international relations, would be key to this effort.

In addition, I would perform the central, regular functions of this position, including helping to get the information on the HBA website updated as needed, and helping facilitate coverage by local news media and science reporters of the annual meeting.