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## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **U.S. Office:**

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### **Education:**

Ph.D.	2006	August	Georgia State University (Early Childhood Education)
M.Ed.	1998	August	Georgia State University (Science Education)
M.A.	1995	May	Northern Illinois University (Biological Anthropology)
B.A.	1991	May	Augustana College (Biology/Environmental Studies)

### **Professional Experience:**

- Clinical Associate Professor, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, July 2020 to present
- Visiting Clinical Associate Professor, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, July 2017 to June 2020
- Director of Humane Education, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, University of Denver, September 2016 to present
- Senior Advisor to Conservation Education, Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, China, January 2019 to present
- Director of Conservation Education, Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, China, January 2006 to December 2018
- Faculty, Antioch University New England-Institute for Humane Education, May 2018 to present
- Associate Research Professor, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, October 2015 to June 2017
- Adjunct, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, Sept 2011 to June 2017
- Scholar-in-Residence, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, September 2009 to present

- Humane Education and Anti-Cruelty Programs Manager, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, April 2014 to September 2015
- Professor, Humane Society University (Washington, DC), March 2010 to Dec 2014
- Adjunct, Biology Department, University of Northern Colorado, Jan-May 2014
- Education Specialist, Black-footed Ferret Recovery Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, January 2009 to May 2010
- Instructor, Environmental Sciences Department, Sichuan University, China, March 2007 to May 2008
- Manager of China Conservation Education Programs, Zoo Atlanta, Jan-Dec 2005
- Field Conservation Education Specialist, Zoo Atlanta, August 1999- December 2004
- Biobus NSF Fellow, Georgia State University, September 2003-December 2005
- Golden Lion Tamarin Conservation Program Coordinator, Zoo Atlanta, September 1997-September 2001
- Biology & Ecology Teacher, Howard School High School, August 1998-June 1999
- Graduate Research Assistant, Georgia State University, 1997-1998 & 2000-2003
- Animal Nutrition Technician, Zoo Atlanta, August 1996 - September 1997
- Program Assistant, Behavioral Research, Camp, Distance Learning, Zoo Atlanta, June 1995-September 1996
- Naturalist & Environmental Educator, Oakdale Nature Preserve, IL, 1994-1995
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Northern Illinois University, Sept 1993 - June 1994
- Education Curator, Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, IL, June 1991-August 1992

### **Journal Publications:**

**Bexell, S. M.**, Lantzy, M., Senecal, J. E., Buckman, A., MacInnis, E., & Lee, H. (2020). State of humane education in the United States: 2018-2019. *International Journal of Humane Education* (1)1, 120-160.

Hamity, M., Dillard, C., **Bexell, S. M.**, & Hughey, K. (2019). The human rights approach to family planning. *Social Change* 49(3), 469-492.

Clayton, S., **Bexell, S. M.**, Xu, P., Tang, Y. F., Li, W. J., & Chen, L. (2019). Environmental literacy and nature experience in Chengdu, China. *Environmental Education Research*. DOI: [10.1080/13504622.2019.1569207](https://doi.org/10.1080/13504622.2019.1569207)

Adams, R. A., Stoner, B, Nespoli, D. & **Bexell, S. M.** (2018). New records of tricolored bats (*PERIMYOTIS SUBFLAVUS*) in Colorado with first evidence of reproduction. *Western North American Naturalist* 78(2), 212-215.

**Bexell, S. M.**, Decker-Sparks, J. D., Tejada, J. & Rechkemmer, A. (2018). An analysis of inclusion gaps in sustainable development themes: Findings in recent social work research. *International Social Work* 00(0) 1-13.

Clayton, S., **Bexell, S.M.**, Xu P., Zhang, Z.H., Li, W. J., Chen, H. W., & Hu, Y. (2018). Confronting the wildlife trade through public education at zoological institutions in Chengdu, China. *Zoo Biology* 37(2) 119-129.

Des Marais, E., **Bexell, S.M.** & Bhadra, S. (2015). Reflexive development: A model for helping social workers contribute to a sustainable global future. *Social Work Education: The International Journal*. DOI: 10.1080/02615479.2015.1074674

Des Marais, E., **Bexell, S.M.** & Bhadra, S. (2015). Transcending national boundaries through reflexive development. *Social Dialog* (11)3: 44-45.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Jarrett, O. S., & Xu, P. (2013). The effects of a summer camp program in China on children's knowledge, attitudes and behaviors toward animals: a model for conservation education. *Visitor Studies* (16)1: 59-81.

Freeman, C.P., Bekoff, M., & **Bexell, S.M.** (2011) Giving voice to the voiceless: incorporating nonhuman animal perspectives as journalistic sources. *Journalism Studies* 11:1-18.

Bekoff, M., & **Bexell, S.M.** (2010). Ignoring nature: Why we do it, the dire consequences, and the need for a paradigm shift to save animals, habitats, and ourselves. *Human Ecology Review*. (17)1: 70-76.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2010). The importance of environmental education for young children. *Green Tianfu Education Journal* (119)2: 51-52. (In Chinese, translation by Feng Rui Xi)

**Bexell, S.M.**, Jarrett, O.S., Xu, P. & Feng, R.X. (2009). Fostering humane attitudes toward animals: An educational camp experience in China. *Encounter: Education for Meaning and Social Justice* (22)4: 25-27.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Feng, R.X., Zhang, Z.H., & Esson, M. (2008). Conservation education and community pride as a tool for protecting Mamize Nature Reserve, Sichuan Province, China. *Journal of the International Zoo Educators Association* 44: 8-11.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Jarrett, O.S., Luo, L., Hu, Y., Sandhaus, E., Zhang, Z., & Maple, T.L. (2007). Observing panda play: Implications for zoo programming and conservation efforts. *Curator* (50)3: 287-297.

Lukas, K.E., Stoinski, T.S., Burks, K., Snyder, R., **Bexell, S.**, & Maple, T.L. (2003). Nest building in captive *Gorilla gorilla gorilla*. *International Journal of Primatology*: 24:1:Feb. pp.103-124.

### **Book Chapters:**

Weisner, B. M., Senecal, J. E., **Bexell, S. M.**, & Griffin, C. A. (accepted). "Cool to be kind:" An evaluation of a classroom-based humane education intervention. In A. Linzey & C. Linzey (Eds.). *A Handbook of Humane Education*.

**Bexell, S. M.**, Clayton, S., & Myers, G. (2019). Children and animals: Incorporating the importance of human-other animal relationships in fostering resilience in children. In P. Tedeschi & M. Jenkins (Eds.). *Transforming Trauma: Finding Resiliency and Healing through Animals*. Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press. Pp. 217-240.

**Bexell, S. M.**, Brown, C. & Johnson, S. (2017). Animals. In J. Urbanik and C. Johnston (Eds.), *Humans and Animals: A geography of coexistence* (1<sup>st</sup> ed., pp. 23-24). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Des Marais, E., **Bexell, S. M.** & Bhadra, S. (2016). Reflexive development: A model for helping social workers contribute to a sustainable global future. In S. J. Fogel, C. Barkdull, & B. A. Weber (Eds.). *Environmental Justice: An Issue for Social Work Education*. New York: Routledge. pp. 130-143.

**Bexell, S. M.** (2015). Failing the giant panda. In L. Kemmerer (Ed.) *Bear Necessities: Rescue, Rehabilitation, Sanctuary, and Advocacy*. Leiden: Brill Publishers. pp. 99-107.

**Bexell, S. M.** (2015). Thank you, Jane, for being an inspiration. In D. Peterson & M. Bekoff. (Eds.) *The Jane effect: Celebrating Jane Goodall*. San Antonio, TX: Trinity University Press. <http://tupress.org/about/goodall-bexell>

**Bexell, S. M.** & Feng, R. X. (2013). Considering human development, socialization and enculturation in educational intervention design for wildlife conservation: a case for bats. In R.A. Adams & S.C. Pedersen (Eds.). *Bat Evolution, Ecology, & Conservation*. New York: Springer Science Press. pp. 343-361.

Tedeschi, P, **Bexell, S. M.**, & Nesmith, J. (2013). Conservation social work: The interconnectedness of biodiversity health and human resilience. In M. Bekoff (Ed.) *Ignoring nature no more: the case for compassionate conservation*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. pp. 223-235.

Myers, O. E., Saunders, C. D., & **Bexell, S. M.** (2009). Fostering empathy with wildlife: Factors affecting free-choice learning for conservation concern and behavior. In J.H. Falk, J.E. Heimlich and S. Foutz (Eds.) *Free-choice learning and the environment*. Lanham, MD: AltaMira Press. pp. 39-55.

**Bexell, S. M.**, Jarrett, O. S., Xu, P. & Feng, R. X. (2009). Humane education, animal welfare and conservation. In M. Bekoff (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Animal Rights and Animal Welfare, Second Edition*. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood.

**Bexell, S. M.**, Luo, L., Hu, Y., Maple, T.L., McManamon, R., Zhang, A., Zhang, Z. (2004). Conservation education initiative in China. In D. Lindburg and K. Baragona (Eds.) *Biology and conservation of the giant panda*. Berkeley: University of California Press. pp. 264-267.

## **Books:**

**Bexell, S. M.** (2020). *A Mother's Love*. Chengdu, China: Sichuan Children's Publishing House

Co., Ltd. (bilingual in Chinese and English, Chinese translation by Tang Ya Fei, Illustration by Yuan Yuan)

**Bexell, S. M.** (2017). *My family of gold*. Chengdu, China: Sichuan Children's Publishing House Co., Ltd. (bilingual in Chinese and English, Chinese translation by Tang Ya Fei, Illustration by Lan Zhimin)

**Bexell, S.M.** (2015). *Good day, forest friends*. Chengdu, China: Sichuan Children's Publishing House Co., Ltd. (bilingual in Chinese and English, Chinese translation by Tang Ya Fei, Illustration by Lan Zhimin)

**Bexell, S.M.** (2014). *Our bamboo forest*. Chengdu, China: Sichuan Children's Publishing House Co., Ltd. (bilingual in Chinese and English, Chinese translation by Tang Ya Fei, Illustration by Feng Yi)

Zhang, Z.H. & **Bexell, S.M.** (2014). *Giant pandas: born survivors*. Chongqing: Chongqing University Press. (Chinese version, translation by Wei Ling)

Zhang, Z.H. & **Bexell, S.M.** (2012). *Giant pandas: born survivors*. Camberwell, Australia: Penguin Books.

Zhang, Z.H., Luo, L., McManamon, R., **Bexell, S.M.** (2001). *For Giant Panda*. Chengdu, China: Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Research Foundation.

### **Published Curriculum:**

**Bexell, S.M.** & Xu, P. (2014, Editor & Contributor). *Combatting the Wildlife Trade via Public Education: Volunteer Training Manual*. Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2011, Editor). *Beautiful Heizhugou*. Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. (for 10-12 year olds)

**Bexell, S.M.**, Feng, R.X., & Li, Y. (2010). *Minshan Conservation Education Handbook*. World Wildlife Fund-China and Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2009, Editor). *My Wonderful Hometown, Mamize*. Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. (for 10-12 year olds)

**Bexell, S.M.** (2009, Editor). *Adventures with Giant Pandas and Red Pandas*. Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. (for 8-12 year olds)

**Bexell, S.M.** (2008, Author). *Animals and Me: A Humane Education Guide for Parents and Teachers* (bilingual in Chinese and English, Chinese translation by Luo, L. & Zhou, J.). Sichuan University Press. Chengdu: Sichuan: China.

### **Publication Consultant:**

*Watch Me Grow Panda*. (2008). Staff Writer. New York: DK Publishing.

### **In Preparation:**

Gu, X., **Bexell, S.M.**, Wang, B. (*in preparation*). Attitudes toward animals during the outbreak of novel coronavirus in China. *Anthrozoos*.

### **Peer-Reviewed Presentations:**

**Bexell, S. M.** (July, 2019). *An emerging research and training agenda in humane education*. Presentation at the Sixth Annual Oxford Animal Ethics Summer School. Oxford, England.

Griffen, C., **Bexell, S. M.**, Weissner, B., & Senecal, J. (July, 2019). *Crafting an effective humane education program*. Presentation at the Sixth Annual Oxford Animal Ethics Summer School. Oxford, England.

Lantzy, M., Lee, H., Buckman, A., **Bexell, S. M.**, & Senecal, J. (April, 2019). *State of humane education in the United States: 2018-2019*. Poster presentation at The International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations. Brewster, NY, USA.

**Bexell, S. M.**, Lantzy, M., Buckman, A., Senecal, J., & Lee, H. (February, 2019). *State of humane education in the United States: 2018-2019*. Presentation at The Humane Summit. On-line International Conference.

Senecal, J., Lantzy, M., **Bexell, S. M.**, Buckman, A. & Lee, H., (January, 2019). *State of humane education in the United States: 2018-2019*. Poster presentation at The Association for Professional Humane Educators. Phoenix, AZ, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (January, 2019). *An analysis of inclusion gaps in sustainable development themes*. Speaker for Organized Session: Assessing Scholarship on Social Work and the Environment at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Clayton, S. & Xu, P. (November, 2018). Environmental literacy and nature experience in Chengdu, China. Presentation at the 2018 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Chengdu, P.R. China.

**Bexell, S.M. & Mudliar, P.** (April, 2018). *Just Sustainabilities: The role of higher education in creating a sustainable future*. The Internationalization Summit, University of Denver, Denver, CO, USA.

**Bexell, S.M. & Keuthan, K.** (March, 2018). *Humane education in higher education as prevention for One Health disruptions*. Presentation at the Association for Professional Humane Education annual conference, Orlando, FL, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Mudliar, P., & Savage, A. (January, 2018). *Sustainability justice integration into the Graduate School of Social Work curriculum*. Presentation at the 2018 Diversity Summit, University of Denver, Denver, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (November, 2017). *History and future of conservation education at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding: Established 2000*. Presentation at the 2017 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Chengdu, P.R. China.

**Bexell, S.M.** (September, 2017). *Human population growth and wildlife conservation within the One Health paradigm*. Presentation at the Pathways 2017 conference, Estes Park, CO, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (April, 2017). *Planetary boundaries: Identifying a safe operating space for humanity, animals and ecosystems in the Anthropocene*. Presentation at the Environmental Justice in the Anthropocene conference, Ft. Collins, CO, USA.

Birgiolatte, P., Greenwald, K. & **Bexell, S.M.** (April, 2017) *The role of the human-animal bond and wildlife in fostering compassion and connection to nature*. Poster presentation at the 2017 Children & Nature Network Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

**Bexell, S.M.** & Xu, P. (November, 2016) *Addressing root causes of the conservation crisis: Human population, wildlife trade and environmental (ill)literacy*. Presentation at the 2016 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Chengdu, P.R. China.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Rechkemmer, A., & Decker-Sparks, J. (November, 2016) *Collaborative Practice for Sustainable Development Inclusion in Evidence-Based Social Work Education*. APM of the Council for Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA, USA.

Decker-Sparks, J., **Bexell, S.M.**, & Rechkemmer, A. (November, 2016) *Using a Psychoeducational Intervention to Increase Environmental Consciousness and Decrease Consumption*. APM of the Council for Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA, USA.

Rechkemmer, A., **Bexell, S.M.**, & Decker-Sparks, J. (November, 2016) *Migration Induced by Global Environmental Factors: A Major Challenge for Social Work Practice*. APM of the Council for Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA, USA.

Decker-Sparks, J. & **Bexell, S.M.** (July, 2016). *Using a psychoeducational intervention to communicate science, increase environmental consciousness, and decrease consumption*. Presentation at the Society for Conservation Biology Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Rechkemmer, A., Decker-Sparks, J., Zhou, J., & Williams, J.H. (April, 2016) *Using a psychoeducational intervention to communicate science, increase environmental consciousness and decrease consumption in the United States and China*. The Third Annual Internationalization Summit, Denver, CO, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Tedeschi, P., Brisson, D., Chaney, C., Meros, V., & Moody, L. (April, 2016) *Environmental literacy in a major metropolitan and key conservation area in China*. The Third Annual Internationalization Summit, Denver, CO, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** & Rechkemmer, A. (2016, January) *A critical analysis of inclusion gaps in directly relevant sustainable development themes in recent social work research*. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC, USA.

Rechkemmer, A., **Bexell, S.M.**, Rai, A., & O'Connor, A.A. (2016, January) *Globally environmentally induced migration: a major challenge for social work research and practice*. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** & Xu, P. (2015, November) *Conservation education and research of the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding*. 2015 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Dalian, P.R. China.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Rechkemmer, A., & Johnson, S. (2015, October) *Reflexive Development: A model for higher education to contribute toward sustainability*. APM of the Council for Social Work Education, Denver, CO, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Rechkemmer, A., Des Marais, E. Brown, C., Johnson, S., & Harland, B. (2015, April) *Reflexive Development: A model for higher education to contribute toward sustainability*. The Internationalization Summit, University of Denver, Denver, CO, USA.

Rechkemmer, A., Rhai, A., Portalupi, L. & **Bexell, S.M.** (2015, April) *Environmental migration: A rapidly emerging global phenomenon. Preparing DU students for global interventions and practice*. The Internationalization Summit, University of Denver, Denver, CO, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** & Portalupi, L. (2014, April) *Exploring the interdependence of human and animal health: a case study of an animal welfare organization in Soweto, South Africa*. The Internationalization Summit, University of Denver, Denver, CO, USA.

Brisson, D., Tedeschi, P., Rechkemmer, A., **Bexell, S.M.**, Crawford, E. & Nelson, K. (2014, April) *Sustainable development: One health and global practice*. The Internationalization Summit, University of Denver, Denver, CO, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** & Tang, Y.F. (2013, November) *Addressing the most serious threats to wildlife conservation through education*. Presentation at the Panda 2013: Conservation Priorities Conference, Chengdu, P. R. China.

Clayton, S., **Bexell, S.M.** & Xu, P. (September, 2013). *Promoting wildlife conservation through core identities: Possibilities in China*. International Conference on Environmental Psychology, Magdeburg, Germany.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2013, September) *Factory farming and commercial fisheries: the growth of industrial production and its impact on African One Health*. Presentation at the First International Pan-African Animal Welfare Alliance Conference, Nairobi, Kenya.

Tedeschi, P. & **Bexell, S.M.** (2013, September) *The importance of animals in human health*. Presentation at the First International Pan-African Animal Welfare Alliance Conference, Nairobi, Kenya.



Selikow, T.A. & **Bexell, S.M.** (2013, August) *Exploring the interdependence of human and animal health: A case study of an animal welfare organization, CLAW (Community Lead Animal Welfare), in South Africa*. Presentation at the Institute for Critical Animal Studies Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.

Williams, J.H., Tedeschi, P., Des Marais, E., **Bexell, S.M.** & Rechkemmer, A. (2013, June) *Preparing Social Work Students to Address Issues of One Health, Biodiversity Conservation, Animal Welfare and Social-Ecological Resilience*. A panel at the ISSRM Conference, Aspen, Colorado, USA.

Allspaw, K. & **Bexell, S.M.** (2013, April) *Animal minds: the starting point of humane education*. Presentation & Workshop at the Association for Professional Humane Educators Annual Conference, Detroit, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** & Des Marais, E. (2013, March) *Reflexive development: a paradigm shift for global human well-being through integration of human social systems and Earth's biophysical limits*. Presentation at the 2013 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Denver, USA.

Tedeschi, P., **Bexell, S.M.**, Williams, J.H. & Des Marais, E. (2013, March) *Preparing social work students to address issues of One Health to build human resilience*. Presentation at the 2013 Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Denver, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Xu, P. Li, Y., Tang, Y.F., Liu, F. & Xiao, Q. (2012, November) *Addressing Threats to Wild Giant Pandas and Red Pandas: Supporting Nature Reserves*. Presentation at the 2012 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Chengdu, P. R. China.

Tedeschi, P., **Bexell, S.M.** & Williams, J.H. (2012, August) *Preparing Social Work Students to Address Issues of One Health, Biodiversity Conservation and Human Resilience*. Presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Disaster & Risk Conference IDRC, Davos, Switzerland.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Xu, P. & Li, Y. (2011, November) *Increasing success of reintroduction of wild animals through public education*. Presentation at the 2011 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Changsha, Hunan, P. R. China.

Adams, R.A. & **Bexell, S.M.** (2011, October). *Estimates of urban and rural bat species presence and educational outreach in Sichuan Province, China*. Poster presentation at the North American Symposium for Bat Research, Toronto, Canada.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Tang, Y.F., Wang, Y.M., & Xu P. (2011, June). *Overcoming psychological barriers to animal welfare and wildlife conservation through early childhood education*. Presentation at the Asia for Animals Conference, Chengdu, P. R. China.

Li, Y., **Bexell, S.M.**, Wang, J.P. & Xu, P. (2011, June). *Conservation education as a tool for protecting giant panda habitat and minority cultures in rural Southwest China*. Presentation at the Asia for Animals Conference, Chengdu, P. R. China.

Tedeschi, P., **Bexell, S.M.**, & Counter Beaver, H. (2011, April). *Conservation Social Work: Preparing Social Work Students to Aid Communities Facing Environmental Changes*. Presentation at the Society for Human Ecology Conference, Las Vegas, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Tedeschi, P., Feng, R.X., & Ascione, F. (2010, June). *Conservation social work in China and its importance for biodiversity preservation and human welfare*. Presentation at the 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development, Hong Kong, P. R. China.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Feng, R.X., Li, Y., & Shao, W. (2009, November). *Supporting in situ conservation through conservation education in Minshan giant panda reserves*. Presentation at the 2009 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Chengdu, P. R. China.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Zhang, Z.H., Zhang, A.J., Fei, L.S., Wu, X.Z., Xu P., Feng, R.X., & Tang, Y.F. (2009, July). *Conservation education for biodiversity preservation at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, Sichuan Province, China*. Presentation at the Society for Conservation Biology Conference, Beijing, P. R. China.

Gober, P. & **Bexell, S.M.** (2009, July) *The black-footed ferret, once thought extinct, returns to the wild*. Presentation at the Society for Conservation Biology Conference, Beijing, P. R. China.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Feng, R.X., Wang, Y.M., Li Y., Li, J.L., & Zhang, Z.H. (2008, October). *Conservation education and sustainable poverty alleviation projects for the protection of giant panda habitat*. Presentation at Pathways to Success in the Human Dimensions of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Conference, Estes Park, U.S.A.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Feng, R.X., Xu, P., Wang, Y.M., Tang, Y.F., Jin. S., Guo, J., Zhao, H., Li, J.L., Guo, H.M., Zhang, Z.H., Fei, L.S., & Wu, X.Z. (2007, November). *Conservation Education as a Tool for Protecting Giant Panda Habitat*. Presentation at the 2007 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Chengdu, P. R. China.

**Bexell, S.M.**, & Luo, L. (2006, November). *Comprehensive Conservation Education Programming for Urban and Rural Residents in Sichuan Province: Testing Effective Conservation Education Strategies for China*. Presentation at the 2006 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Luo L., **Bexell, S.M.**, Zhang Z.H., Feng, R.X., Xu, P, Tang, Y.F., Zhao H., Wu, X.Z., Zhou, W.W. (2006, September). *Development of a conservation education department in a zoological park in China*. Presentation at the 2006 International Zoo Educators Association Meeting, Pretoria, South Africa.

**Bexell, S.M.**, & DeHaan, R.L. (2006, May). *The impact of cultural context in teaching conservation instructional strategies to Chinese vs. American teachers*. Presentation at the Sino-American Education Consortium, Chengdu, P. R. China.

**Bexell, S.M.,** Snyder, R.J., Luo, L. & Sandhaus, E. (2005, October). *Understanding giant panda behavior and applying it to conservation education: From recognizing to knowing giant pandas.* Symposium presentation at the Society for Human Ecology's 20th Anniversary Conference, Salt Lake City, U.S.A.

**Bexell, S.M.,** Lakly, M., Jarrett, O.S., Luo, L., Yu, J., & Atkinson, S.L. (2005, August). *Fostering care: can cross cultural research lead to a truly effective conservation education curriculum?* Symposium presentation at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C., USA.

**Bexell, S.M.,** Jarrett, O.S., Yang, J., & Tan, N.N. (2005, April). *Children and animals: Exploring empathic feelings with animals in four year olds in China and the United States.* Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta, USA.

Lakly, M., & **Bexell, S.M.** (2004, September). *Fostering Care: Creating a model conservation education program.* Workshop presented at the American Zoo and Aquarium Association Annual Conference in New Orleans, USA.

Lakly, M., & **Bexell, S.M.** (2004, March). *Environmental education research under the microscope: dissecting models of success.* Panel discussion presentation at the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia's Annual Conference in Cordele, GA., USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2004, March). *Mixed-method approach to evaluating preschool environmental education programs.* Presentation at the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia's Annual Conference in Cordele, GA, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2004, February). *What happens when Scruffy wants to play? Children's bonds with animals.* Presentation at The Association for the Study of Play Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.,** Luo, L., Hu, Y., Tan, N.N., and Yang, J. (2003, November). *Fostering bonds with animals in conservation education programs in the United States and China.* Presentation at the 2003 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Chengdu, P. R. China.

French-Lee, S., **Bexell, S.M.,** Korkmaz, N., Konantambigi, R., and Jarrett, O.S. (2003, February). *University sponsored childcare in four countries: Implications for play theory and practice.* Paper presented at a cross-cultural symposium at The Association for the Study of Play, Charleston, SC, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.,** Jarrett, O.S., Snyder, R.J., Sandhaus, E., Luo, L., Hu, Y., and Maple, T.L. (2003, February). *Interpreting and understanding animal play: Implications for conservation.* Paper presented at The Association for the Study of Play, Charleston, SC, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Luo, L and Hu, Y. (2002, December). *Conservation education and research collaboration between the Chengdu Zoo, Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding and Zoo Atlanta*. Presentation at the 2002 Giant Panda Annual Meeting, Chengdu, P. R. China.

Jarrett, O.S., Turner, S., French-Lee, S., & **Bexell, S.M.** (2002, February). *Outdoor sand play: What kind of play does sand promote?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of The Association for the Study of Play, Santa Fe, NM, USA.

Jarrett, O.S., **Bexell, S.M.**, Turner, S., French-Lee, S., Lan, L., & Hu, Y. (2002, February). *Play in university related child development centers: A cross-cultural comparison*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of The Association for the Study of Play, Santa Fe, NM, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2001, August). *Conservation education programs in US zoos*. Presentation at CAZG Directors Annual Meeting: Conservation Education in Chinese Zoos, Nanjing, P. R. China.

**Bexell, S.M.**, Luo L., Hu, Y., and Maple, T.L. (2000, October). *Conservation Education Initiatives in China: A Collaborative Project between Zoo Atlanta, Chengdu Zoo, and Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding*. Paper presented at Panda 2000: Conservation Priorities for the New Millennium, San Diego, CA, USA.

### **Webinars:**

Korona, K. (host), Panelists: **Bexell, S. M.**, Comasky, E., Itle-Clark, S., Kelly, S., Lantzy, M., Ogle, B., Spanjol, K., Weil, Z. (August, 20, 2020) Launch of the *International Journal of Humane Education*: Discussion with the authors. Humane Education Coalition.

**Bexell, S. M.**, Senecal, J. E., & Lantzy, M. (July 15, 2020). *The need for humane education has never been greater*. Dimensions of Humane Communities Lecture Series: Institute for Human-Animal Connection. <https://socialwork.du.edu/humananimalconnection/dimensions-humane-communities-event-series#humaneed>

**Bexell, S.M.**, Keuthan, K., Moon, M., & King, A. (April 5, 2018). *Why humane education?* Interconnected: A webinar series on the human-animal bond and its impact on public health and well being. Part 3: The Institute for Human-Animal Connection.

### **Workshops:**

**Bexell, S. M.** & Greenwald, K. (June 15-16, 2020). *Nature as healing*. Social Work Continuing Education. Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver.

### **Current Research:**

- An emerging research and training agenda in humane education: A gap analysis
- State of humane education in U.S. schools (repeat every 5 years, next round 2024)

### **Awards:**

2018-2019 Excellence in Teaching Award  
Student Nominated and elected

Graduate School of Social Work, June 14, 2019

Career Champion Nomination  
Student Nomination for support in career planning mentorship  
University of Denver, July 2019

Career Champion Nomination  
Student Nomination for support in career planning mentorship  
University of Denver, July 2020

### **Grants:**

**Zoology Foundation of Crooked Willow Farm**, 2018, *State of Humane Education in U.S. Schools* (3,000 USD) (P.I.)

**University of Denver Internationalization Grants**, 2018, Enhancing student exchange and faculty collaborative research in social and environmental justice: University of Denver and Sichuan University's schools of social work (2,665 USD) (P.I.)

**Having Kids**, 2017, *Current Family Planning Models and the Fair Start Model in the U.S. and China* (5,000 USD) (P.I.)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2015, *Summer Camps and Community Support Impact Assessment for Liangshan Nature Reserves: Laojunshan, Mabian & Heizhugou* (8,000 GBP = 12,545 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I.s Xu Ping & Liu Fei)

**University of Denver IRISE (Interdisciplinary Research Incubator for the Study of (In)Equality) Grants**, 2015, Cultural restoration, humane education and addressing free roaming dog populations on Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota (5,000 USD) (with Philip Tedeschi, Kevin Morris & Michael Yellow Bird)

**University of Denver Internationalization Grants**, 2014, Addressing the LINK in Romania (4,000 USD) (with Philip Tedeschi)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2014, *Summer Camps in Three Liangshan Nature Reserves: Laojunshan, Mabian & Heizhugou* (5,000 GBP = 7,472 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I.s Xu Ping & Liu Fei)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2013, *Volunteer Training and Summer Camps in Liangshan Nature Reserves* (5,000 GBP = 7,472 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I.s Xu Ping & Li Ying)

**University of Denver Internationalization Grants**, 2013, Conservation Social Work Videography Project (8,000 USD) (Co-P.I. with Ethan Crawford, P.I. & Philip Tedeschi, Co-P.I.)

**Hong Kong Ocean Park Conservation Foundation**, 2013, Hot Interpretation at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding: Developing China's First Docent Program (164,000 HKD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Xu Ping)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2012, *Summer Camp Programs for Three Liangshan Nature Reserves: Heizhugou, Mabian and Laojunshan* (5,172 GBP = 7,730 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Li Ying)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2012, *Red Panda Kindergarten and Primary School Program for Suburban Schools of Chengdu, Sichuan Province* (4,960 GBP = 7,412 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I.s Xu Ping, Tang Ya Fei, & Li Ying)

**Hong Kong Ocean Park Conservation Foundation**, 2012, *Combating Trade in Nature Reserve Products to Protect Giant Pandas and Red Pandas* (198,222 HKD = 25,557 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I.s Xu Ping & Li Ying)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2011, *Confronting the Wildlife Trade through Public Education in China's Zoos* (15,000 GBP = 23,190 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Xu Ping)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2011, *Volunteer program and volunteer training manual production for Liangshan Nature Reserves* (4,957 GBP = 7,666 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Li Ying)

**Hong Kong Ocean Park Conservation Foundation**, 2011, *Conservation Capacity Training and Evaluation of Educators in China* (150,000 HKD = 19,245 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Xu Ping)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2010, *Conservation Education Capacity Building for the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, Sichuan Province, China*, (5,000 GBP = 8,000 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Li Ying)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2010, *Conservation Education Training Workshop for Teachers and Nature Reserve Staff of the Liangshan Mountain Region, Sichuan Province, China*, (4,000 GBP = 6,400 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Li Ying)

**Hong Kong Ocean Park Conservation Foundation**, 2010, *Animal Behavior, Animal Welfare and Wildlife Conservation Workshop and Summer Camps in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China* (158,400 HKD = 20,400 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Feng Rui Xi)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2009, *Conservation Education and Community Programming Partnership for Heizhugou Nature Reserve, P.R. China* (4,000 GBP = 6,270 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I.s Feng Rui Xi and Li Ying)

**Compassion for Animals Foundation**, 2008, *Anti-fur Education Campaign for Chengdu University and Middle School Students* (10,000 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I.s Guo Hong Mei, Xu Ping and Li Jin Long)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2007, *Primary School Conservation Education Programming for Urban and Rural Residents in Sichuan Province, P. R. China* (5,691 GBP = 8,920 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Feng Rui Xi)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2007, *Conservation Education and Community Development Research Partnership for Mamize Nature Reserve, P.R. China* (2,573 GBP = 4,035 USD) (P.I. with Co-P.I. Feng Rui Xi)

**North of England Zoological Society**, 2006, *Primary School Conservation Education Programming for Urban and Rural Residents in Sichuan Province, P. R. China* (6,500 GBP = 10,290 USD) (Co-P.I. with P.I. Zhang Zhihe and Co-P.I. Luo Lan)

**Chengdu Municipal Government, Science and Technology Division**, 2006, *Comprehensive Conservation Education Programming for Urban and Rural Residents in Sichuan Province* (200,000 RMB = 30,035 USD) (Co-P.I. with P.I. Zhang Zhihe and Co-P.I. Luo Lan)

**Toronto Zoo Conservation Fund**, 2004, *Addressing the Asian Turtle Crisis through Public Education at the Guangzhou Zoo, P.R. China* (1,000 USD) (P.I.)

**Disney Conservation Fund**, 2003, *Conservation Education Initiatives in China and the United States* (5,000 USD) (P.I.)

**American Zoo and Aquarium Association Conservation Endowment Fund**, 2002, *Addressing the Asian turtle crisis in Mainland China: Conservation Education and Herpetological Capacity Building* (12,300 USD) (Co-P.I. with P.I. Dwight Lawson and Co-P.I. Chris Tabaka)

**Disney Conservation Fund**, 2001, *Conservation Education Initiatives in China and the United States* (10,000 USD) (P.I.)

### **Invited Speaker at Professional Meetings:**

**Bexell, S.M.**, Hammity, M., Dillard, C. & Hughey, C. (2019, April). *A human rights approach to family planning*. Breaking the Taboo Inaugural Conference. Washington, DC, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2019, February). Panelist for *Wind Down with Wellness* live session at The Humane Summit. Online International Conference.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2019, February). Panelist for *Tea and Teaching* live session at The Humane Summit. Online International Conference.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2017, October). Keynote. *Giant pandas: Lost in translation*. Illinois Science Teachers Association Annual Conference, Dekalb, IL, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2017, April). *Humane education: Bringing it home to our thriving communities*. Human-Animal Interaction Conference, Brewster, NY, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2017, April). Keynote. *Integrating the social sciences to influence human population and behavior patterns for feasible species conservation*. American Zoo and Aquarium Association Mid-Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, NM, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2016, October). Keynote. *Integrating the social sciences to influence human population and behavior patterns for feasible species conservation*. IUCN Conservation Specialist Breeding Group Annual Meeting. Puebla, Mexico.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2014, November). *Giant pandas, lost in translation*. Advancing Zoo Animal Welfare Science and Policy Symposium. Detroit, MI, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2014, October). *The economics and politics of extinction: Case study giant pandas*. State of the Wild Symposium, Denver, CO, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2013, June). Keynote. *Giant Pandas: Born Survivors*. 2013 Awakening to Animals Conference, Warwickshire, UK.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2013, April). *Our relationship with the natural world: Retaining our future options and justice for all*. Invited presentation at the 2013 Green Chimneys Conference, Brewster, NY, USA.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2012, July). *The natural sciences in American classrooms and beyond*. Invited presentation at the 2012 China Youth Creativity & Science Forum, Beijing, China.

**Bexell, S.M. & Xu, P.** (2012, July). *Environmental education and wildlife conservation: the case of the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding*. Invited presentation at the 2012 China Youth Creativity & Science Forum, Beijing, China.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2010, September). *Attitudes toward wildlife in China*. Presentation at the 2010 China Colloquium at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO, U.S.A.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2010, September). *Global perceptions of giant pandas*. Presentation at the 2010 China Colloquium at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO, U.S.A.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2010, April). *The role of the human-animal bond in humane education, wildlife conservation and human and animal welfare*. Presentation at the Animals Matter Conference at the University of Denver's Institute for Human-Animal Connection, Denver, Colorado, USA.

**Bexell, S.M. & Loeffler, K.** (2009, December). *Human health and animal health, and human and animal welfare, inseparable*. Invited speaker to the Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability (LOHAS) Conference in Beijing, P. R. China.

**Bexell, S.M. & Luo, L.** (2006, December). *Conservation Education at the Chengdu Panda Base: Protecting Wildlife, Enhancing People's Lives in Sichuan*. Beijing Science and Technology Meeting in Beijing, China.

**Bexell, S.M.** (2004, April). *A multicultural education program for promoting conservation*. Shell invited speaker for the National Science Teachers Association Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA, U.S.A.



**Bexell, S.M.** (2003, September). *Field conservation partnerships: Conservation education in China*. Symposium presentation for the Diversity Committee at the American Zoo and Aquarium Association Annual Conference in Columbus, OH, U.S.A.

**Invited Speaker:**

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, November 9, 2020, Guest speaker for Prof. Ann Petrila's Global Cultural Perspectives course: *Education intervention in China*. (Denver, CO, USA)

**Virginia Commonwealth University**, September 22, 2020, Guest speaker for Dr. Shelby MacDonald's course Animals and Social Work: *Conservation Social Work: Case study on giant pandas*. (Zoom presentation from Denver, CO)

**University of Denver, Biological Sciences**, May 30, 2020, Guest speaker for Dr. Anna Sher's course, Conservation Biology: *Failing giant pandas* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, May 7 & 8, 2020, Guest speaker for Prof. Philip Tedeschi's Animal Assisted Social Work I course: *Humane education and research in the Institute for Human-Animal Connection*. (Denver, CO, USA) (with Julia Senecal)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, April 24, 2020, Guest speaker for Prof. Ann Petrila's Global Cultural Perspectives course: *Education intervention in China*. (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Department of Languages & Literatures**, March 3, 2020, Guest speaker for Dr. Qiu Ping's China Studies course: *China's environment: Importance of biodiversity and protection of endangered species*. (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, February 25, 2020, Guest speaker for Prof. Nina Ekholm Fry's Animal Assisted Social Work II course: *Humane education 101*. (Denver, CO, USA)

**Our Nature**, July 13, 2019, Invited Speaker. *Importance of other animals in child development*. (Chengdu, China)

**University of Denver, Institute for Human-Animal Connection**, May 18, 2019, *Humane education research at IHAC*. Institute for Human-Animal Connection's 3rd Annual Research Symposium. (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Biological Sciences**, May 2, 2019, Guest speaker for Dr. Anna Sher's course, Conservation Biology: *Failing giant pandas* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, April 25, 2019, Guest speaker for Dr. Lisa Ingarfield's course, Feminism and Social Work: *Ecofeminism, One Health and justice beyond humans* (Denver, CO, USA)

**TEDx Mile High Adventures**, April, 17, 2019, *Animals in Art, Science and Activism*. Denver Art Museum. (Denver, Colorado, USA).

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, February 26, 2019, Guest speaker for Prof. Adam Clark's Animal Assisted Social Work II course: *Humane education 101*. (Denver, CO, USA)

**Respect, Empathy, Appreciation for Life (REAL)**, July 28, 2018, Invited Speaker. *Importance of other animals in child development: Humane education as an intervention*. (Chengdu, China)

**Sichuan University, School of Sociology and Social Work**, July 6, 2018, Invited Speaker. *Social work in the U.S. and China: Can we consider sustainable development as justice for all?* (Chengdu, China)

**University of Denver, Department of Languages & Literatures**, May 29, 2018, Guest speaker for Dr. Li Li Peter's Asian Eco-Literature and Film course: *China's environment: Importance of biodiversity and protection of endangered species*. (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Institute for Human-Animal Connection**, May 20, 2018, *Humane education research at the Institute for Human-Animal Connection*. Presentation with K. Keuthan for the Institute for Human-Animal Connection's 2nd Annual Research Symposium. (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, May 7, 2018, Guest speaker for Prof. Sheri Bodenstien's Introduction to Social Work course: *The importance of sustainable development in social work curricula*. (Denver, CO, USA).

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, April 19, 2018, Guest speaker for Dr. Lisa Ingarfield's course, Feminism and Social Work: *Ecofeminism, One Health and justice beyond humans* (Denver, CO, USA)

**Women's Collaborative for Colorado**. April 17, 2018, Panelist, Women and the Environment Opportunity and Impact. (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Department of Languages & Literatures**, March 5, 2018, Guest speaker for Dr. Qiu Ping's China Studies course: *China's environment: Importance of biodiversity and protection of endangered species*. (Denver, CO, USA)

**Highland Community College**, February 16, 2018, *Giant pandas: Lost in translation*. (Freeport, IL, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, February 6, 2018, Guest speaker for Prof. Carri King's Animal Assisted Social Work II course: *Humane education 101*. (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Sturm College of Law**, September 27, 2017. Guest speaker for Prof. Justin Marceau's Animals and Law course: *Early childhood and animals* (Denver, CO, USA)

**Sichuan University**, July 12, 2017, Guest speaker for Sichuan University's Environmental Change University Immersion Program: *Importance of Biodiversity and Protection of Endangered Species* (Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China)

**University of Denver, Korbel School of International Studies**, June 1, 2017, Guest speaker for Dr. Claude d'Estree's course Climate Justice: *Mass extinction, climate change & loss of ecosystem services as a human rights violation* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School for Professional Psychology**, May 23, 2017, Guest speaker for Dr. Laura Meyer's and Philip Tedeschi's course Animals in Therapeutic Settings: *International perspectives on animals: China's consensus and conundrums* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, May 19, 2017, Guest speaker for Karen Stewart's course: Global Cultural Perspectives. *Conservation education intervention in China* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Geography and the Environment Department**, May 17, 2017, Guest speaker for Dr. Paul Sutton's course Environment, Economy, and Human Well-Being: *Giant pandas and the extinction crisis* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Geography and the Environment Department**. May 8, 2017, Guest speaker for Dr. Pranietha Mudliar's Topics in Human-Environment Interactions: Battles of nature: International Conservation and Local Communities course: *Giant pandas, lost in translation* (Denver, CO, USA).

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, April 21, 2017, Guest speaker for Dr. Lisa Ingarfield's course, Feminism and Social Work: *Ecofeminism, One Health and justice beyond humans* (Denver, CO, USA - via ZOOM from Vancouver, Canada)

**University of Denver, Public Good Implementation Cluster of DU Impact 2025**, April 11, 2017, Guest speaker for Public Good Forum: Scholarship for Sustainability. *Sustainable development, environmental justice and the biodiversity crisis* (Denver, CO, USA).

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, April 7, 2017, Guest speaker for Karen Stewart's Global Cultural Perspectives course: *Reflexive development: Biodiversity conservation and human resilience* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Languages and Literatures Department**, February 16, 2017, Guest speaker for Dr. Qui Ping's Chinese Studies course. *China's biodiversity crisis and endangered species* (Denver, CO, USA)

**EarthLinks**, February 9, 2017, Guest speaker for Earthlinks' Community Links Series. *Linking biodiversity and human resilience* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Religious Studies**, February 1, 2017, Guest speaker for Rev./Dr. Gary Browers' undergraduate honors course Pets, Partners or Pot Roast. *Giant pandas: Lost in translation* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Korbel School of International Studies**, January 19, 2017 Guest speaker for Dr. Dale Rothman's course: The Environment, The Economy, and Human Well-Being. *The Interconnectedness of biodiversity health and human resilience* (Denver, CO, USA)

**Kiwanis International**, Rockford, Illinois Chapter, December 22, 2016, Invited speaker. *Giant pandas: Born survivors* (Rockford, IL, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, May 6, 2016, Guest speaker for Rachel Forbes' course Environmental Social Work. *Sustainable Development and Global Practice & Conservation Social Work in China* (Western Colorado Campus, Glenwood, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Korbel School of International Studies**, May 4, 2016 Guest speaker for Dr. David Carlson's course: The Environment, The Economy, and Human Well-Being. *The Interconnectedness of biodiversity health and human resilience* (Denver, CO, USA)

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 Headquarters** March 30, 2016 Guest speaker for Federal Women's Program, *Conservation social work: The interconnectedness of biodiversity health and human resilience* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, February 16, 2015 Guest speaker for Dr. Andreas Reckhemmer's Human Security course, *Global Environmental Change and Human Security* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Religious Studies**, February 4, 2015 Guest speaker for Rev./Dr. Gary Brower's Pets, Partners or Pot Roast undergraduate honors course, *Endangered species: Can we save them?* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Northern Colorado** October 16, 2014 Invited speaker for the Schultze Speaker Series, *Giant pandas: the economics and politics of extinction* (Greeley, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, October 13, 2014 Guest speaker for Dr. Andreas Reckhemmer's One Health course, *Planetary Boundaries: Safe and Ethical Operating Space for Humanity* (Denver, CO, USA)

**Boulder Chapter, P.E.O.** May 13, 2014, Invited speaker. *Giant pandas: Born survivors* (Boulder, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, February 17, 2014 Guest speaker for Dr. Andreas Reckhemmer's International Social Development course, *Empowering Women in International Social Development Practice* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Religious Studies**, February 4, 2014 Guest speaker for Rev./Dr. Gary Brower's Pets, Partners or Pot Roast course, *Endangered species: Can we save them?* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Northern Colorado** December 4, 2013 Guest speaker for Dr. Rick Adam's ecology course, *Endangered species: Can we save them?* (Greeley, CO, USA)

**Peabody Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 358** April 16, 2013 Guest speaker for monthly pack meeting, *Endangered Species Conservation* (Denver, CO, USA)

**Green Drinks International Club @ Chengdu Bookworm** May 28, 2012 Guest speaker for monthly gathering, *The Economics of Extinction* (Chengdu, Sichuan, China)

**Occupy Denver** April 10, 2012, Guest lecturer for Occupy Denver Teach-In, *The Economics of Extinction* (Denver, CO, USA)

**University of Denver, Institute for Human-Animal Connection**, August 25, 2011, Keynote speaker for the Animals and Human Health Capstone Program, *Humane Education and Promoting Empathy with Animals* (Denver, CO, USA)

**Boulder County Audubon Society** February 22, 2011, BCAS 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Program Series, *Giant Pandas: Born Survivors* (Boulder, CO, USA)

**Nederland High School** December 1, 2010, Seventh Grade, *Chinese culture, conservation issues and giant pandas* (Nederland, CO, USA)

**Boulder Valley School District** October 26, 2010, The Boulder County School Recycling and Environmental Education Program, *Talking about endangered species: black-footed ferrets, golden lion tamarins and giant pandas* (Boulder, CO, USA)

**Colorado State University** September 9, 2010, International Viewpoints: Society and Conservation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, *Giant pandas: ultimate survivors* (Ft. Collins, CO, USA)

**Jane Goodall Institute's Roots and Shoots Program Office** March 4, 2010, Continuing Education, *Humane education for human, animal and environmental welfare* (Beijing, China)

**University of Northern Colorado** February 12, 2010, School of Biological Sciences Colloquium Series, *Recovery strategies for critically endangered species* (Greeley, CO, USA)

**The College of Wooster** February 3, 2010, Program in Environmental Studies Lecture Series, *Recovery of species on the brink* (Wooster, OH, USA)

**Poudre Learning Center** January 28, 2010, Evening Learning Series, *The black-footed ferret: return of a native* (Greeley, CO, USA)

**Boulder County Audubon Society** January 26, 2010, BCAS 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Program Series, *The black-footed ferret: return of a native* (Boulder, CO, USA)

**Georgia State University** 2003, 2004, 2005; Zoo Biology with Dwight Lawson, *Building on panda politics: conservation education in China* (Atlanta, GA, USA)

**Georgia State University** 2003, 2004, 2005; Science Methods with Olga Jarrett, *Environmental education: why should we teach it and how* (Atlanta, GA, USA)

**University of Georgia, Institute of Ecology** 2003, 2004, General Ecology with Cheryl McCormick, *Conservation and research at Zoo Atlanta* (Athens, GA, USA)

**Shorter College**, 2001, 2002, Study Abroad Program with Jennifer Davis, *Field conservation programs at Zoo Atlanta* (Rome, GA, USA)

### **Courses Taught:**

- Macro Social Work Theory and Skills, Spring 2020
- Social-Ecological Resilience and One Health: Connecting Human and Environmental Health, Fall 2018, 2019, 2020
- Social and Environmental Impact Assessment (University of Denver) Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- International Social Development (University of Denver) Winter 2012, 2013; Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Global Cultural Perspectives (University of Denver) Spring 2014; Winter & Spring 2015, 2016; Winter 2017; Winter & Spring 2018; Winter & Spring 2019; Winter 2020
- Just Sustainabilities: Local and Global Interconnections (with Dr. Pranietha Mudliar) (University of Denver) Spring 2018
- Animal Assisted Social Work 3 (University of Denver) Spring 2015, 2016, 2019; Winter 2020
- Contemporary Issues in Western Colorado: Environmental Justice (University of Denver) Winter 2017
- Animal Assisted Social Work 1 (University of Denver) Fall 2013 & 2014
- Animal Protection (Valparaiso/Antioch University-Institute for Humane Education) Summer, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019; Spring 2020, Summer 2020
- Environmental Ethics (Antioch University New England-Institute for Humane Education) Spring 2020, Summer 2020
- Introduction to Humane Education (University of Denver, professional development) Fall 2016, 2017
- Protection Issues for Humans, Other Animals and the Environment (University of Denver, professional development) Winter 2017; 2018
- Program Planning and Modeling in Humane Education (University of Denver, professional development) Spring 2017; 2018
- Sustainable Development and Global Practice (Sichuan University) Summer 2016
- Global Policy and Practice for Sustainable Development (University of Denver) Winter 2018
- Conservation Social Work in China Internship (University of Denver) Summers 2010 - 2018

- Conservation Social Work in Kenya (University of Denver) Fall 2014; Fall 2015
- Biology: Life Science Concepts for Teachers (University of Northern Colorado) Spring 2014
- Wildlife Crime: Drivers, Solutions and a Call to Action (Continuing Education) (with Dr. Marc Bekoff) (University of Denver) Spring 2014
- Independent Study in Just Sustainabilities (University of Denver) Spring 2019
- Independent Study in Global Intersections of Human and Other-Animal Welfare (University of Denver) Fall 2013
- Humane Education Internship Supervisor (University of Denver) 2013-2014
- Independent Study in Humane Education or Animal Studies (University of Denver) Spring 2013; Summer 2013; Spring 2014; Fall 2018
- Animal Behavior (Continuing Education) (University of Denver) Spring 2011
- Animal Protection & the Environment (Humane Society University) Fall 2010–2012, Winter & Fall 2014
- Humane Education (Humane Society University) Winter 2010; Fall 2010; Fall 2012
- Biodiversity Conservation (Sichuan University, China) Fall 2007; Spring 2008

### **Dissertation Support**

Josh Baldwin, Dissertation Committee Member, Geography, University of Denver, *Urban Green Space: Mitigator or Multiplier of Inequality in the Denver Metro Area?*

Elizabeth Shum, Doctoral Paper Committee Member, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver, *Where to Draw the Line? The Reconciliation of Conflicting Behaviors Toward Other Animals*

Feng Jie, Dissertation Committee Member, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, *Female Leadership in Non-Governmental Organizations in China*

### **Synergistic Activities**

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| 2020        | Co-Faculty Lead, Social Work Grand Challenge event, <i>Create Social Responses to a Changing Environment</i> , University of Denver, February 19, 2020  |
| 2019-2020   | Co-Lead, Urban Sustainability Cohort, DU Impact 2025 (Funded, July 2019, \$100,000)   |
| 2019        | University of Denver Knowledge Bridge Member: Institute for Studies of Global Change  |
| 2019        | University of Denver Knowledge Bridge Member: DU Institute for a Just and Sustainable Future  |
| 2017 - 2018 | Organizer and Lead Speaker, Environmental Justice Professional Development Workshop for the Center for Professional Development and the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, January 9, 2018 |
| 2016 - 2017 | Developer & Trainer, Camp critters: Humane education and the human-animal bond, Zoological Foundation at Crooked Willow Farms and Institute for Human-Animal Connection at University of Denver               |
| 2014 & 2015 | Organizer, State of the Wild Symposium and Peaceful Demonstration, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, USA October 3-4, 2014 & October 3, 2015  |

- 2012 - 2014 Organizer & Instructor, Conservation Capacity Training and Evaluation for Educators in China: collaboration between the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding and Sichuan Normal University, June 2012, 2013 & 2014
- 2011 Co-Chair, Conservation Education Training Workshop for Teachers and Nature Reserve Staff of the Liangshan Mountain Region, Sichuan Province, China, August 1 – 4, 2011
- 2010 Co-Chair, Animal Behavior, Animal Welfare and Wildlife Conservation Workshop for NGOs, INGOs, teachers & zoos in China, July 10–14, 2010
- 2010 Co-Chair, Minshan Nature Reserve System Educators Training in partnership with WWF-China, Chengdu, China, June 24-27, 2010
- 2008 Co-Chair, Giant Panda Nature Reserve Educators Training in partnership with WWF-China, Baishuihe Nature Reserve, China
- 2006 - 2008 Developer & Instructor, Early Childhood Conservation Education Workshops for kindergarten and primary school teachers in Chengdu, China

### Service:

- Commission Member, IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group, 2013-2016; 2017-2020
- Commission Member, IUCN SSC Bear Specialist Group 2017-2020, 2013-2016; 2017-2020
- Board of Directors, Humane Education Coalition, 2017-present
- Associate, Community Connections, Having Kids, Inc. 2018-present
- Board of Directors, Institute for Compassionate Conservation, 2017-present
- Co-Faculty Advisor to EcoConscious student group, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, 2015-present
- Sustainability Council Member, University of Denver, 2012-present
- Reviewer: *Human Ecology Review*; *Wildlife Research*; *Anthrozoos*; *Society & Animals*; *Visitor Studies*; *University of Queensland Theses & Dissertation Committee*; *Habitat International*, *International Social Work*
- Member: Center for Zoo Animal Welfare (CZAW) International Advisory Committee, 2016-present
- Faculty Affiliate of the Center for China-US Cooperation (CCUSC), Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, 2017-present
- Mentor: Environmental Justice Post-Doc with the Interdisciplinary Research Incubator for the Study of (In)Equality, University of Denver (past)
- Member: Faculty Ad Hoc Committee for Divest DU (past)
- Co-Faculty Advisor to *A World With...* (student group, University of Denver) (past)
- Board Member: Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW-USA) (past)
- IUCN Commission on Education and Communication, Member (past)
- IUCN Task Force on Cities and Protected Areas, Member (past)
- Education Advisor to the Giant Panda Species Survival Plan (SSP) (past)
- Education Advisor to the Chelonian Taxon Advisory Group (past)

### Media:



- By Marc Bekoff (2018) *Why people should care about animal and human suffering* Psychology Today Blogsite <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/animal-emotions/201812/why-people-should-care-about-animal-and-human-suffering>.
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- By Crispin Andrews (reporter) (2016) *Where the wild things are: how climate change affects the natural world* Engineering & Technology Magazine <https://eandt.theiet.org/content/articles/2016/11/where-the-wild-things-are-how-climate-change-affects-the-natural-world/>
- By Liz Bonnin (reporter) (2016) & Tristan Quinn (producer) *Should We Close Our Zoos?* BBC Horizon Films <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07891ch>
- By Seth Doane (reporter) (2013), *Pandas Threatened by China's Booming Economy*, CBS Evening News [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563\\_162-57599625/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563_162-57599625/)
- By Alex Cullen (reporter) & Paul Waterhouse (producer) (2013), Sunday Night Australia, *Kung fu pandas* <https://au.news.yahoo.com/kung-fu-pandas-17767686.html>
- By Kate Snow (2013), Rock Center with Brian Williams, *Are giant pandas worth saving?* [http://rockcenter.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2013/02/21/16964074-are-giant-pandas-worth-saving?lite](http://rockcenter.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/02/21/16964074-are-giant-pandas-worth-saving?lite)
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- TimeOut Beijing (2013), *In conversation with...Dr. Sarah M. Bexell* <http://www.timeoutbeijing.com/features/Books/18278/In-conversation-with-Dr-Sarah-M-Bexell.html>
- By Ryan King (2012), Mongabay, *Doing good and staying sane amidst the global environmental crisis*, [http://news.mongabay.com/2012/0423-king\\_interview\\_bexell.html#](http://news.mongabay.com/2012/0423-king_interview_bexell.html#)
- Teach-in for Occupy Denver (2012), *The Economics of Extinction*, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sv8HHgHvJdU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sv8HHgHvJdU)
- By Sean Gallagher (2011). *Interview: China photographer Sean Gallagher discusses threat to pandas in Asia Society* <http://asiasociety.org/blog/asia/interview-china-photographer-sean-gallagher-discusses-threat-pandas-photos>
- By Yoyo Yao (2010), Vogue China, *Sarah Bexell: All for the love of pandas*. 2010 series on women in China with careers that give back.
- By Melissa Block (2010), NPR, *Why aren't pandas breeding in Chengdu?* <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=123229126>
- By Melissa Block (2008), NPR, *Quake puts conservation education efforts on hold* <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=90284733>

## Membership in Professional Organizations:

- Society for Conservation Biology (SCB)
- Society for Human Ecology (SHE)
- Association for Professional Humane Educators (APHE)
- Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)
- National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)
- The Association for the Study of Play (TASP)
- Society for Research in Child Development (SRCDD)
- American Psychological Association (APA) Population, Environmental Psychology & Conservation Psychology Division

### **Research Experience:**

- Doctoral Research: Effect of a wildlife conservation camp experience in China on student knowledge of animals, care, propensity for environmental stewardship, and compassionate behavior toward animals, August, 2006
- Attitudes toward and market knowledge of Chelonians in Chengdu, P. R. China, 2002
- Research Assistant (R.A.): developmental behavior in *Ailuropoda melanoleuca*, Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding (CRBGPB), China, and Zoo Atlanta, 1999-2004
- R.A.: Mother-infant behavior in *Ailuropoda melanoleuca*, CRBGPB, China 1999
- R.A.: Foraging strategies and spatial memory in *Leontopithecus rosalia*, Zoo Atlanta, 1999-2000
- R.A.: Orangutan introduction and socialization, Zoo Atlanta, 1999
- R.A.: Removing milk from gorilla diets: the effects on regurgitation and re-ingestion (R/R), Zoo Atlanta, 1997-1999
- R.A.: Nesting activity in captive western lowland gorillas, Zoo Atlanta, 1996-1997
- Master's Thesis, Examination of the effects of melengestrol acetate (MGA)-contraception on the sociosexual interactions of captive *Callimico* and *Leontopithecus* monogamous pairs, Brookfield Zoo, 1993-1994
- R.A.: Cochiti site skeletal survey, Northern Illinois University, 1993
- R.A.: Coalition and alliance formation in yellow baboons (*Papio cynocephalus*), Brookfield Zoo, 1993
- Senior Thesis, Comparison of antagonistic behavior among same sex individuals of degus (*Octodon degu*), Niabi Zoo 1991