

Sarah M. Bexell, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

U.S. Office:

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Education:

Ph.D. 2006 Georgia State University (Early Childhood Education)

M.Ed. 1998 Georgia State University (Science Education)

M.A. 1995 Northern Illinois University (Biological Anthropology)

B.A. 1991 Augustana College (Biology/Environmental Studies)

Professional Experience:

- Director of Conservation Education, Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, China, January 2006 to present
- Humane Education and Anti-Cruelty Programs Manager, Institute for Human-Animal Connection & Adjunct, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, September 2009 to present
- Professor, Humane Society University, March 2010 to present
- 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, 2005
- Field Conservation Education Specialist, Zoo Atlanta, 1999-2004
- Biobus NSF Fellow, Georgia State University, 2003-2005
- Golden Lion Tamarin Conservation Program Coordinator, Zoo Atlanta, 1997-2001
- Biology and Ecology Teacher, The Howard School High School, 1998-1999
- Graduate Research Assistant, Georgia State University, 1997-1998 & 2000-2003
- Animal Nutrition Technician, Zoo Atlanta, 1996-1997
- Program Assistant, Behavioral Research, Camp, Distance Learning, Zoo Atlanta, 1995-1996
- Naturalist and Environmental Educator, Oakdale Nature Preserve, Illinois, 1994-1995
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Northern Illinois University, 1993-1994
- Education Curator, Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, IL, 1991-1992

Journal Publications:

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:

Bexell, S.M. (*in press*). Failing the giant panda. In L. Kemmerer (Ed.) *Bear Necessities: Rescue, Rehabilitation, Sanctuary, and Advocacy*. Leiden: Brill Publishers.

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

Zhang, Z.H. & **Bexell, S.M.** (2014). *Giant pandas: born survivors*. Chongqing: Chongqing University Press. (In Chinese, 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.

Publication Consultant:

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

Manuscripts in Preparation:

DesMarais, E., **Bexell, S.M.** & Bhadra, S. (in prep). Reflexive development in social work and social development education. *Social Work Education: The International Journal*.

Portalupi, L. & **Bexell, S.M.** (in prep). Speciesism as a barrier to accomplishing One Health goals. **Social Work Education: The International Journal**.

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

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.

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 4th 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.B., 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., U.S.A

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, U.S.A.

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, U.S.A.

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., U.S.A.

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, U.S.A.

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, U.S.A.

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, U.S.A.

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, U.S.A.

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, U.S.A.

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, U.S.A.

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, U.S.A.

Current Research:

Community Responses to an Animal Welfare Program: A Case Study of CLAW (Community Led Animal Welfare), Soweto, South Africa

Grants:

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

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

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)

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. (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). *Giant Pandas: Born Survivors*. Keynote address at the 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 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 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 *Giant pandas: Born survivors* (Boulder, CO, USA)

University of Denver 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 February 4, 2014 Guest speaker for 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 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 4th 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 21st 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 4th 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)

Published Curriculum:

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

Courses Taught:

Global Cultural Perspectives (University of Denver) Spring 2014 & Winter 2015

Social and Environmental Impact Assessment (University of Denver) Fall 2014

Wildlife Crime: Drivers, Solutions and a Call to Action (Continuing Education) (with Dr. Marc Bekoff) (University of Denver) Spring 2014

Biology: Life Science Concepts for Teachers (University of Northern Colorado) Spring 2014

Animal Assisted Social Work 1 (University of Denver) Fall 2013 & 2014

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 Academic Year

Independent Study in Humane Education (University of Denver) Summer 2013, Spring 2014

Independent Study in Animal Studies (University of Denver) Spring 2013

International Social Development (University of Denver) Winter 2012, 2013

Conservation Social Work in China Internship (University of Denver) Summers 2010 - 2014

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

Synergistic Activities

2014 Organizer, State of the Wild Symposium and Peaceful Demonstration, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, USA October 3-4, 2014

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 working 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:

- Co-Faculty Advisor to *A World With...* (student group, University of Denver)
- Board Member: Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW-USA)
- Member: IUCN Conservation Breeding Specialist Group
- Member: IUCN Commission on Education and Communication
- Member: IUCN Task Force on Cities and Protected Areas
- Member: IUCN/SSC Bear Specialist Group, Captive Bear Expert Team
- Education Advisor to the Giant Panda Species Survival Plan
- Education Advisor to the Chelonian Taxon Advisory Group

Media:

By Seth Doane (reporter) (2013), *Pandas Threatened by China's Booming Economy*, CBS Evening News

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563_162-57599625/

By Alex Cullen (reporter) & Paul Waterhouse (producer) (2013), *Sunday Night Australia, Kung fu pandas*

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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

By Ryan King (2012), Mongabay, *Doing good and staying sane amidst the global environmental crisis, 2012*

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

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 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>

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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 agnostic behavior among same sex individuals of degus (*Octodon degu*), Niabi Zoo 1991

Membership in Professional Organizations:

- Society for Conservation Biology (SCB)
- Society for Human Ecology (SHE)
- Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
- 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