

Kaitlin Brown

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EDUCATION

Lafayette College, Easton, PA August 2011-May 2015
Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Cumulative GPA: 3.77/4; Major GPA: 3.87/4

Research Experience

CAOS Laboratory, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY July 2015-Present
Laboratory Manager/ Research Assistant
PI: Jessica Cantlon, PhD

- Investigating the evolution and development of certain cognitive processes such as number sensitivity, concepts and language in non-human primates and children.
- Training and supervising undergraduate research assistants.
- Caring for and collecting behavioral data from university-housed non-human primates.

Senior Thesis, Lafayette College, Easton, PA January 2014-December 2014
Advisor: Andrew Vinchur, PhD

- Designed thesis project on contrafreeloading in domestic dogs.
- Recruited dog participants through college community and collected behavioral data from participants.
- Analyzed data, interpreted results and successfully presented completed thesis to a committee.

Canine Cognition Lab, Yale University, New Haven, CT June 2014-August 2014
Summer Research Intern
PI: Laurie Santos, PhD

- Studied social deception and social cue perception in domestic dogs.
- Worked with graduate students to design behavioral experiments and collected data from subjects.
- Presented results at lab meetings in front of graduate students, professors, and other interns.

Presentations

Brown, K.A. & Vinchur, A. Contrafreeloading in domestic dogs. Talk presented at National Conferences on Undergraduate Research. Cheney, WA. April 2015.

Work Experience

Psychology Department, Lafayette College, Easton, PA August 2013-May 2015
Psychology Lab Assistant

- Assisted in teaching a lab section of Introduction to Psychology.
- Work closely with the professor teaching the course to become an effective team.
- Responsible for teaching portions of class, organizing materials, and helping students in class and during office hours.

Lehigh Valley Zoo, Schnecksville, PA May 2013-August 2013
Animal Care Intern

- Cleaned animal exhibits and fed animals.
- Performed keeper talks during African Penguin feedings.
- Learned how to use enrichment effectively and respond correctly to behavioral cues.

Volunteer Activities

Rochester Museum and Science Center, Rochester, NY

August 2015-October 2016

Education Volunteer

- Ensured happiness and safety of museum guests while answering questions and presenting exhibits.

Veterinary Exploration Through Service (VETS) Club, Easton, PA September 2013- May 2015

Treasurer

- Oversaw monetary transactions for club.
- Volunteer at local animal shelter, which houses cats and dogs.
- Raise money through fundraisers for animal shelter.

Honors

Honors in Psychology

2015

Sigma Xi

2015

Psi Chi

2013

Dean's List

2011-2015

Skills

Computer: SPSS, R, Xojox (RealBasic), Microsoft Office