**Adolescent male social strategies in the Kanyawara chimpanzee community**

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**Abstract:** Over a decade ago, I began observing a captive group of bonobos for my undergraduate research project and was instantly fascinated by the behavioral changes that take place throughout maturation, particularly during adolescence. I continued pursuing this research interest in graduate school at the University of New Mexico by studying the Kanyawara community of chimpanzees in Kibale National Park, Uganda. Now that I have completed my dissertation, in which I analyzed a year and a half of data that I collected across several field seasons and more than 25 years of long-term data from the Kibale Chimpanzee Project, I have revealed some answers to my central question: How do adolescent male chimpanzees compete, given their less-than-ideal circumstances? Namely, adolescent males are reproductively mature but not fully grown, which presents them with the difficult situation of competing for mating opportunities without a sufficient body size to exclude rivals as effectively as adult males. By comparing adolescent and adult male behavior in a variety of contexts (e.g. female-directed aggression, coalition participation, grooming allocation) and paying special attention to adolescent male interactions with adult males, I have started to develop a stronger understanding of adolescent male social strategies at Kanyawara. In this talk, I will share some key findings and suggest promising areas for future research on adolescent male chimpanzee behavior.