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Education:

2024. Began doctoral studies under Dr. Stephen Frost with a focus on Biological Anthropology and Paleoanthropology, University of Oregon (Expected graduation Spring 2030).

2024. Master of Arts in Anthropology with a focus on Biological Anthropology and a secondary focus on Archaeology under Dr. Charles Musiba, University of Colorado Denver.

2020. Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology (minor in Religious Studies), University of Colorado Denver.

Research Interests:

Paleoanthropology, Geometric Morphometrics, Biometry, Biomechanics, Human Osteology, Primatology, Comparative Anatomy, Taphonomy, Zooarchaeology, Vertebrate Paleontology.

Publications:

2024. Preliminary Geometric Morphometric Identification of Cercopithecoidea Teeth from Laetoli, northern Tanzania. Master's Thesis. University of Colorado Denver.

Awards:

2026. University of Oregon, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Anthropology. Thomas L. and Helene S. Johnston Scholarship. \$9000.

2026. University of Oregon, College of Arts and Sciences. M. Gregg Smith Fellowship. \$4000.

2025. University of Oregon, College of Arts and Sciences. M. Gregg Smith Fellowship. \$3600.

2025. University of Oregon, Department of Anthropology. Virginia Green and Leila Johnston Award. \$1000.

2025. University of Oregon, Department of Anthropology. Hannibal Nelsen Scholarship. \$500.

2024. University of Colorado Denver, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Graduate Education Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award.

Conference Presentations:

2026. Gabrielle Jones, M.A., Dr. Stephen Frost, Dr. Hailay Reda, Jensen Wainwright, M.A., Dr. Yohannes Haile-Selassie. Assessment of limb proportions in the oldest *Theropithecus* skeleton, ARI-VP-1/26 from Woranso-Mille, Ethiopia. *American Association of Biological Anthropology*. Denver, CO, March 2026.

2025. Gabrielle Jones, M.A., Dr. Stephen Frost, Dr. Andrew Deane. Elicia Abella, M.A., Dr. Charles Musiba. Re-assessment of papionin diversity at Laetoli using mandibles. *American Association of Biological Anthropology*, Baltimore, MD, March 2025.

2024. Gabrielle Jones, Dr. Andrew Deane, Dr. Charles Musiba. Preliminary Geometric Morphometric Identification of Cercopithecoidea Teeth from Laetoli, northern Tanzania. *American Association of Biological Anthropology*, Los Angeles, CA, March 2024.

2022. Gabrielle Jones, Debra Szuster, Dr. Caley Orr. Preliminary Morphometric Analyses of the Proximal Ulna in Apes and Humans with Application to Fossil Hominin Specimens. *Rocky Mountain Biological Anthropology Association (RMBAA) Conference*. Estes Park, CO.

2019. Gabrielle Jones, Debra Szuster, Dr. Caley Orr. Morphometric Analyses of the Elbow In Apes and Humans with Application to Fossil Human Ancestors. *Research and Creative Activities Symposium (RaCAS) University of Colorado Denver*, Denver, CO.

2018. Joseph M. Findeiss, Gabrielle Jones, Morgan Lark, Charles Musiba. Photogrammetric Comparison of Carnivore Tooth Pitting and Scoring on Bone Assemblages. *Research and Creative Activities Symposium (RaCAS) University of Colorado Denver*, Denver, CO.

Teaching Experience:

University of Oregon

- Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (Fall 2024, F2F, Spring 2025, F2F, Fall 2025, F2F)
- Introduction to Biological Anthropology (Fall 2025, F2F)
- Human Biological Variation (Summer 2025, Remote)
- Introduction to Human Origins (Winter 2026, F2F, Spring 2026, F2F)

University of Colorado Denver

- Lead Teaching Assistant Position (Fall 2023-Spring 2024, F2F)
- Special Topics: Geometric Morphometrics (Spring 2024, F2F)
- Human Osteology (Fall 2023, F2F)
- Introduction to Biological Anthropology (Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2024, F2F)

Research experience:

Fall 2025-Spring 2026. Biometric research involving measurements of cercopithecoid postcrania and analyzing the differences in Intermembral and Postcranial Indices among extant and extinct

cercopithecids, particularly that of ARI-VP-1/26, the oldest known *Theropithecus* skeleton in the fossil record.

Summer 2025. Research at the National Museum of Ethiopia alongside Dr. Stephen Frost and Jensen Wainwright involving measuring dentognathic cercopithecoid fossil remains and assessing the morphological variation among Plio-Pleistocene fossil cercopithecids from Ethiopian hominin-bearing deposits such as Hadar, Woranso-Mille, Aramis, Galili, and Gona. 140 hours total.

Fall 2022 - Spring 2025. Thesis research involving scanning fossil Cercopithecoid specimens and creating a Geometric Morphometric protocol once again using 3D technology to assess shape differences in cusp morphology in extinct and extant East African Cercopithecoids to identify taxa of fossil specimens from Laetoli, Tanzania.

Spring 2019. Research internship comparative morphology laboratory at the Modern Human Anatomy program, CU Anschutz (Spring 2019 Semester): began taking and analyzing basic measurements from a sample of humans, chimpanzees, and gorillas that formed the basis of the proposed fellowship project.

Summer 2019. Received a stipend to continue research at the morphology laboratory at the Modern Human Anatomy Program (Summer Break 2019): created a Geometric Morphometric protocol using 3D technology to assess shape differences in proximal ulna morphology among large-bodied hominoid species and early hominin fossils using surface area measurements and 3D geometric morphometrics.

Fall 2018. Volunteer research internship in Dr. Caley Orr's comparative morphology laboratory at the Modern Human Anatomy program (for-credits), University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (Fall 2018 Semester): began learning how to generate, clean, and take measurements on 3D digital models of bones and fossils.

Field Experience:

2026. Participated in the two week-long Summer 2026 field season of Cenozoic fossil sites throughout Central Oregon, including those in the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Conducted survey and excavation of vertebrate fossils, on-site specimen identification, and specimen cataloguing under the guidance of Dr. Sam Hopkins (Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oregon) and Dr. Caroline Strömberg (Department of Biology, University of Washington).

2025. Participated in the month-long *Renewed search on Pliocene hominin footprints at Laetoli, in northern Tanzania* project. Conducted field survey, footprint excavation, and specimen cataloguing. Worked under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Charles Musiba (Duke University), Dr. Isaac Onoka (University of Dodoma, Tanzania), Dr. David Mrisho (Saint Augustine University of Tanzania), Dr. Xijun Ni (Chinese Academy of Sciences), Dr. Dipuo Kgotleng (University of Johannesburg), and Dr. Ellie McNutt (Colorado State University). 250 hours total.

2025. Participated in the Spring 2025 survey of the John Day Fossil Beds in East-Central Oregon alongside Dr. Sam Hopkins (Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oregon), Dr. Nick Famoso (John Day Fossil Beds Monument, National Park Services), Jennifer Cavin (John Day

Fossil Beds Monument, National Park Services) as a part of the requirements for completing the UO Earth Sciences Department's Vertebrate Paleontology course. 4 hours total.

2023. Participated in the month-long *Renewed search on Pliocene hominin footprints at Laetoli, in northern Tanzania* project. Conducted field survey, mapping, excavation, and photogrammetry work at Locality 7 (Site A) at Pliocene Laetoli paleoanthropological site in Ngorongoro District, Arusha, in northern Tanzania. Worked under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Charles Musiba (University of Colorado Denver), Dr. Andrew Deane (Indiana University School of Medicine), Dr. Isaac Onoka (University of Dodoma, Tanzania), Dr. David Mrisho (Saint Augustine University of Tanzania), and Dr. Lawrence Conyers (University of Denver). 250 hours total.

Volunteer Experience:

2026. Volunteered at the "Paleoanthropology: Nonhuman Primate Evolution and Paleoenvironments" Symposium Session 26 at the 95th annual American Association of Biological Anthropology conference in Denver, Colorado.

2025. Volunteered at the registration desk at the 94th annual American Association of Biological Anthropology conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

Related Skills:

Human Osteology, Non-human Osteology, Geometric Morphometrics, 3D Imaging and Scanning, Field Survey, Footprint Excavation.

Languages:

English – Native

Swahili – Good

Japanese – Can read with dictionary

Professional Memberships:

2023-present: American Association of Biological Anthropology (AABA)

2022-2024: Rocky Mountain Biological Anthropology Association (RMBAA)