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Professional Appointments

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Reader (Assistant Professor) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) Hyderabad, India	2023–
Rose Postdoctoral Fellow, Lab of Ornithology (Supervisors: Dr. Irby Lovette & Dr. Maren Vitousek) Transcriptomics of a sleep-torpor spectrum in hummingbirds Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA	2020–23
Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Arctic Biology (Supervisor: Dr. Cory Williams) Seasonal Affective Disorder in diurnal Nile grass rats: behavior & neuroendocrinology University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska, USA	2019–20
Education	
PhD, Ecology and Evolution (Advisors: Dr. Catherine Graham, Dr. Don Powers) "Field physiology to build hummingbird daily energy budgets: Hummingbirds are energetically flexible", Stony Brook University, New York, USA	2012–18
M.Sc. Ecology and Environmental Sciences (Advisor: Dr. Priya Davidar) "Malabar Pied Hornbill (<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>) nest site parameters in the highly fragmented Northern Western Ghats, India", Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India	2009–11
B.Sc. Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology Stella Maris College, Chennai, India	2006–09
Publications and Manuscripts	

Published = 11, In prep = 2

Miller CR, Houtz JL, Mejia N, Morris NJ, Pipkin MA, **Shankar A**, Uehling JJ, Williamson JL and Vitousek MN. 2024. What can tree swallows teach us about biology?. Frontiers for Young Minds. 12:1274157. DOI: 10.3389/frym.2024.1274157

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Shankar A, Welch KCJ, Eberts ER*, Geiser F, Halter S, Keicher L, Levesque DL, Nowack J, Wolf BO, Wolfe SW*. 2023. Daily torpor in birds and mammals: Past, present, and future of the Field. *Integrative and Comparative Biology*, icad095, DOI:10.1093/icb/icad095

Eberts ER*, Tattersall G, Auger P, Curley M, Morado M, Strauss E, Powers DR, Camacho NM, Tobalske BW, **Shankar A**[†]. 2023. Free-living Allen's hummingbirds (*Selasphorus sasin*) rarely use torpor while nesting. *J Thermal Biology*, 112:103391. DOI:10.1016/j.jtherbio.2022.103391. [†]Supervising author

Somjee U, **Shankar A**, Falk JJ. 2022. Can sex-specific metabolic rates provide insight into patterns of metabolic scaling? *Integrative and Comparative Biology*. 62(5):1460–1470, DOI:10.1093/icb/icac135

Shankar A, Cisneros INH*, Thompson S*, Graham CH, Powers DR. 2022. A heterothermic spectrum in hummingbirds. *Journal of Experimental Biology*. 225:2. DOI:10.1242/jeb.243208. Cover image: JEB 225:2

JEB's **Editor's Choice**, Feb 2022. Covered by: Inside JEB, American Scientist, Scientific American, Audubon, Earth.com, Phys.org, Science Daily, ScienMag, Cornell Chronicle, Bird Watching Magazine

Shankar A, Williams CT. 2021. The darkness and the light: diurnal rodent models for seasonal affective disorder. Invited Review. *Disease Models and Mechanisms*. 14(1):dmm047217. DOI:10.1242/dmm.047217

Shankar A[†], Schroeder RJ[†], Wethington SM, Graham CH, Powers DR. 2020. Hummingbird torpor in context: duration, more than temperature, is the key to nighttime energy savings. *Journal of Avian Biology*. 51(5):jav.02305. DOI: 10.1111/jav.02305. ([†]Equal authors)

Shankar A, Powers DR, Dávalos LM, Graham CH. 2020. The allometry of daily energy expenditure in hummingbirds: an energy budget approach. *Journal of Animal Ecology.* 89:1254–1261. DOI: 10.1111/1365-2656.13185

Shankar A, Graham CH, Canepa JR, Wethington SM, Powers DR. 2019. Hummingbirds budget energy flexibly in response to changing resources. *Functional Ecology*. 3(10):1904-16. DOI: 10.1111/1365-2435.13404

Graham CH, Supp SR, Powers DR, Beck PA, Lim MCW, **Shankar A**, Cormier, T, Goetz S, and Wethington S. 2016. Winter conditions influence biological responses of migrating hummingbirds. *Ecosphere*. 7(10):e01470

Elting R*, Shankar A, Powers DR, Rico-Guevara A. Hummingbirds' maximal feeding rates. In prep

Blackwell ER*, Wolfe SW*, Liang S*, Powers DR, **Shankar A**. Surface temperature is a reliable proxy for metabolic state in hummingbirds. *In prep*

* Mentored students

Grants & Awards (over \$386,399 raised)

Research grants

Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India Jul 2023.	\$50,000
Center for Vertebrate Genomics , Genomics Scholar Award. <i>"Hot and cold hummingbirds: Comparing birds and mammals to understand vertebrate sleep and torpor"</i> . Nov 2021	\$10,000
National Geographic Society Grant. "Hot and cold hummingbirds: Comparing birds and mammals to understand vertebrate sleep and torpor". Jul 2021	\$40,000
Explorer's Club Discovery Expedition Grant. [Declined]. <i>Hot and cold hummingbirds: Comparing birds and mammals to understand vertebrate sleep and torpor.</i> Jul 2021	\$30,000
American Ornithological Society , Postdoctoral Research Award. <i>Hot and cold hummingbirds: Comparing birds and mammals to understand vertebrate sleep and torpor</i> . Apr 2021	\$2,500
National Geographic Society, co-PI, grant for a website/book on Collective Visions for a Sustainable post-COVID future. Nov 2020	\$12,500
Rose Postdoctoral Fellowship, Cornell University Research and salary for hummingbird physiological transcriptomics project. 2020-2023	\$189,000
Cost of Education scholarship , Dept of Ecology and Evolution, Stony Brook For research in ecology. Mar 2018	\$600
David F. Ludwig travel scholarship, AEHS. For fieldwork on shallow torpor in hummingbirds in Arizona. Aug 2017	\$1000
Experiment crowd-funded grant , Experiment.com. With Erich Eberts*, Dr. Peter Auger, Dr. Glenn Tattersall, and Maria Curley. To study nesting female hummingbirds' torpor use with thermal cameras. Dec 2016. *Mentored student	\$5026
Lewis and Clark field scholarship grant, American Philosophical Society For field work on hummingbird physiological ecology. May 2016	\$5000
Mildred and Herbert Weisinger dissertation fellowship, Stony Brook University. For dissertation research on hummingbird physiology and ecology. Mar 2016	\$10,000
Lawrence B. Slobodkin award for research in ecology, Feb 2016	\$750
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Cedar Brook award for best talk at the Ecology and Evolution departmental retreat, Stony Brook University	Feb 2016
National Science Foundation mentoring program for Young Scientists (Travel and registration award for GRC 2014: "Unifying Ecology across Scales")	Jul 2014
Resource Access Project Award , Graduate Student Organization, Stony Brook University. For conference travel. \$350	Jan 2013
Recent Research Experience	
Postdoctoral work Physiological transcriptomics of heterothermy in Anna's hummingbirds, <u>Funded</u> by a Cornell Lab of Ornithology Rose Postdoctoral Fellowship	2020-current
Postdoctoral work Sleep disruption, carbohydrate consumption, gut microbiome changes in response to short photoperiod in Nile grass rats (A study of Seasonal Affective Disorder), <u>Funded</u> by NIH INBRE Alaska	2019-20
Dissertation work Integrating hummingbird field physiology with ecology (energy expenditure and intake), <u>Funded</u> by NASA.	2012-18
Visiting Scientist, WSL, Switzerland Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research. 3 months; Analyses and paper writing with Dr. Catherine Graham and Dr. Don Powers	2017,18
Visiting Researcher, George Fox University, Oregon 6 weeks; Analyses and paper writing with Dr. Don Powers	2018
Research Assistant, NASA hummingbird diversity grant, Stony Brook, New York Compiled data and performed preliminary data analyses (in R), generated maps for publication, improved methods of data collection and storage	2013, 2018
Field Technician, Shola evolution project, NCBS Bangalore. Mist-netted, collected blood samples, made morphological measurements, extracted DNA and carried out PCR for high elevation bird species	2012
Talks and posters (Total = 115)	
Invited talks = 91	
Company of Biologists Workshop , Kruger, South Africa. How global south research can shape the future of comparative physiology. <i>Hot and cold birds: comparative physiology and transcriptomics in heterotherms</i>	2024
Second ARUMDA Symposium Program , TIFR Hyderabad. (Advanced Research Unit on Metabolism, Development & Aging) <i>Stable isotopes and wild animals: Budgeting energy in coldish endotherms</i>	2024
National Symposium on Avian Biology , by the Association for Avian Biologists in India. Budgeting heat and energy:How do birds in the tropics do it?	2024
Sawaal Jawaab public talk , hosted by TIFR Hyderabad, at Aaromale Cafe. A journey from hoolock to hornbills to hummingbirds: How do cold warm-blooded animals exist?	2024
NCBS Annual Talks , Bengaluru, India. Heterothermy in India: A comparative framework to understand how animals respond to variable environments	2024
National Geographic Learning , Tampa, Florida. <i>Collecting data on hummingbirds and myself: students can too!</i>	2023

Leading Edge Symposium alumna talk , HHMI Janelia Research Campus. Heterothermy: A comparative framework to understand how animals respond to variable environments	2023
National Geographic Learning, Atlanta, Georgia. Collecting data on hummingbirds and myself: students can too!	2023
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, India. Cold endotherms: Integrating ecology, physiology and -omics in the tropics	2023
National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, India. Cold endotherms: Integrating ecology, physiology and -omics in the tropics	2023
Physiology Guest Lecture, "Basic Course in Ornithology". National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning, India. Hot and cold endotherms: How to study the physiology of wild animals	2023
Stanford University Biology seminar. Hot and cold hummingbirds: The ecology, physiology and genes of cold endotherms	2022
Animal Science guest lecture , Cornell University. Herps to hornbills to hummingbirds: Morphing myself from field (ecology) mouse to a lab (genomics) rat	2022
University of Montana Biology seminar . Hot and cold hummingbirds: The ecology, physiology and genes of cold endotherms.	2022
University of Minnesota Conservation Sciences seminar . Hot and cold hummingbirds: Genes that allow cold endotherms to exist.	2022
Queen's University Biology seminar . Hot and cold hummingbirds: The ecology, physiology and genes of cold endotherms	2022
Ornithology Seminar , Cornell University. Herps to hornbills to hummingbirds: Morphing myself from field (ecology) mouse to a lab (genomics) rat	2022
Oregon State University seminar . Hot and cold hummingbirds: Genes that allow cold endotherms to exist	2022
George Fox University. Hot and cold hummingbirds: Genes that allow cold endotherms to exist	2022
Leading Edge Symposium. Genes that let cold endotherms exist: animals in torpor	2022
UT Austin Hofmann lab group . <i>Linking physiology, ecology, and genes: the mysteries of hummingbird torpor</i>	2022
Center for Vertebrate Genomics, CVG Scholar's lunch. Linking physiology, ecology, and genes: the mysteries of hummingbird torpor	2022
Cornell Ornithology Lecture. Guest lecture. Avian physiology: energetics	2022
Global Education Alaska, Library Live series. Hummingbirds!	2022
Columbia Youth In STEM program. My career path in STEM	2022
Bird Protection Quebec. Hummingbirds are energy ninjas, day and night!	2022
Hidden Compass. Hummingbirds, hibernation, and human medicine: What the world's tiniest birds reveal about our future	2022

Cornell Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Symposium speaker, Hot and cold hummingbirds: how does torpor exist?	2021
Desert Rivers Audubon Society Webinar speaker, The metabolism of hummingbirds	2021
Lab of Ornithology Board Meeting Postdoc showcase. Linking physiology, ecology, and genes: Animals in variable environments	2021
National Geographic Learning Webinar speaker, Virtual Learning Series: National Geographic Explorers in the Classroom	2021
Ada Lovelace Day. Panelist: The Science of Hypersleep	2021
Tata Institute for Fundamental Research Hyderabad. Seminar: Linking physiology, ecology, and genes: Animals in variable environments	2021
Cornell Lab of Ornithology Visitor Center . Webinar: <i>How High-Energy Hummingbirds Survive: a Q&A with the Experts</i>	2021
Global Education Alaska, Library Live series. Hummingbirds!	2021
Asheville Museum of Science. Ask a Scientist: lessons from hummingbirds with Dr. Anusha Shankar	2021
Seattle Audubon & West Coast Birders. Not just powered by sugar: the energetic strategies of hummingbirds	2021
Cayuga Bird Club. Hot and cold energy ninjas: how hummingbirds survive the night	2021
University of Exeter Virtual Costa Rica field course, Guest Lecture, invited by Dr. Neeltje Boogert. <i>Hummingbird ecology and fieldwork</i>	2021
Exploring by the seat of your pants. Talk to an Iowa school district. <i>Studying hummingbirds</i>	2021
Stony Brook University Graduate Career Association. A conversation on balancing research and outreach: who do I want to be?	2021
Exploring by the seat of your pants. Talk to school classrooms <i>Studying hummingbirds</i>	2021
Explorer classroom . Three talks to audiences aged 4-8yo and 9-14yo. <i>Hummingbird ecology</i>	2021
Women Blaze Trails festival. Talk, Seeing Science in Everyday Life: Lessons from Hummingbirds	2021
TEDx IIMBG, India. Talk, What we can learn by listening to nature	2020
Cornell Youth Bird Club, Ithaca, NY. Hummingbirds: energy ninjas	2020
Advanced Animal Behaviour class, Carleton University, Guest Lecture. Collecting data from hummingbirds, "depressed" rats, and myself	2020
NCBS BLISC, Bangalore Life Sciences Cluster, National Centre for Biological Sciences, India. From hornbills to hummingbirds: What watching wildlife can teach us about ourselves	2020
Ornithology Seminar , Cornell University. <i>Collecting data from hummingbirds, "depressed" rats, and myself</i>	2020

IISER Behrampur La Vida , Ecology series. How do the world's smallest birds - hummingbirds - manage to exist?	2020
Centro de Innovación y Educación, Mexico. La vida secreta de los colibríes	2020
British Ecological Society Ecology Live. Spending energy unusually and flexibly: lessons from flying ninja hummingbirds	2020
Madras Naturalists' Society. How do the world's smallest birds - hummingbirds - manage to exist?	2020
Explorer classroom through National Geographic: Live Zoom call for classrooms. <i>Collecting data to understand yourself</i>	2020
Explorer classroom in Spanish through National Geographic: Live Zoom call for classrooms. <i>La vida secreta de los colibríes con Anusha Shankar</i>	2020
Explorer classroom through National Geographic: Live Zoom call for a series featuring women in science and exploration	2020
Tri-Valley School, 8 talks for grades 1-12. <i>Science at the equator and the North Pole;</i> and <i>Using data to learn: lessons from life at extremes.</i> Covered by the Daily News Miner	2020
HHMI Janelia Research Campus, seminar. Hummingbirds: A model for understanding sleep?	2019
National Geographic Education Summit, Lessons from animals at the extremes	2019
Life Sciences Seminar, University of Alaska Fairbanks. Field physiology and energetics: linking ecology and evolution in free-living hummingbirds	2019
National Geographic After Hours Museum talk, Brightest Young Things event. Data from animals, data from myself!	2019
American Ornithological Society, Anchorage, AK. Mini-talk, <i>Early-professionals Symposium: Bringing field physiology to the tropics</i>	2019
South Valley School's Explorer Day 'Vamos explorar!' Virtual Speaker, with teacher Jennifer Chavez-Miller	2019
National Geographic Learning Webinar speaker, Virtual Learning Series: National Geographic Explorers in the Classroom	2019
Explorer classroom through National Geographic: Live Youtube hangout with seven school classrooms reaching over a 1000 students live	2019
TEDx Chennai , India. Talk, <i>What can hummingbirds teach us about time management?</i>	2019
Stella Maris College , Chennai, India. Talk, <i>An Indian ecologist in the forests of Ecuador (and how hummingbirds manage to exist)</i>	2019
IISER Tirupati , India. Field physiology and energetics: linking ecology and evolution in free-living hummingbirds	2019
St. Joseph's College , Bengaluru, India. An Indian Ecologist in the cloud forests of Ecuador (and some of her findings on how hummingbird manage to exist)	2018
Ecology Students' Society: Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, India. Field physiology and energetics: linking hummingbird ecology and evolution	2018
Max Planck Institute for Ornithology, Radolfzell, Germany. Day and night: energy balance in hummingbirds	2018
Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt, New York. Surprising secrets of sleeping hummingbirds	2018

National Geographic Explorer's Festival, Washington D.C. Hummingbirds and Tequila	2018
Telluride Mountainfilm Festival Telluride, CO. Hummingbirds, energy, pee and infrared	2018
Explorer classroom through National Geographic: Live Youtube hangout with seven school classrooms reaching over a 1000 students live	2018
National Geographic Family Day 2018 Why Birds Matter Washington D.C. The secret nightlife of hummingbirds	2018
Nat Geo Nights Bird Nerd: For the Birds Washington D.C. The secret nightlife of hummingbirds	2018
SBU Natural History Club Talk - I Know What You Did Last Summer Stony Brook, NY. The secret nightlife of hummingbirds	2017
Virtual speaker: Comparative animal physiology class, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Cali, Colombia. <i>Hummingbird energy management, and a career in Ecology</i>	2017
Chief Guest, Valedictory speech : Stella Maris College, Zoology Culturals 'Synapse', Chennai, India. <i>Turning failures into successes in a Zoology career</i>	2017
Seminar speaker : Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Land WSL, Zurich, Switzerland. <i>On a shoe string: energy balance in hummingbirds</i>	2017
School of Biology, Universidad del Azuay, Cuenca, Ecuador. Colibríes hipotérmicos y su presupuesto energético (Spanish for: Hypothermic hummingbirds and their energy budgets)	2016
Ecology Students' Society, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, India. Hypothermic hummingbirds: an energy management story	2016
National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, India. Hypothermic hummingbirds: an energy management story	2016
Guest lecture: Chordate Zoology lecture, Stony Brook University. The Biology of Birds	2015
Gordon Research Seminar: Unifying ecology across scales, University of New England, Maine. Field physiology: A key component in forecasting species distributions	2014
To high-school & undergraduate students: at Bala Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School; Department of Zoology, Stella Maris College; and at Science Sense, Chennai	2010-12
Conference Talks and Posters = 24	
Young Investigator's Meeting, India Bioscience, Ahmedabad, India, Talk. Cold endotherms: Integrating ecology, physiology and -omics in the tropics	2023
Young Investigator's Meeting, India Bioscience, Ahmedabad, India, Poster. Cold endotherms: Integrating ecology, physiology and -omics in the tropics	2023
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Austin TX. Symposium Organiser and speaker: Daily torpor across and mammals: Recent progress and how do we advance the field?	2023
American Ornithological Society, Puerto Rico. Temperature, metabolism, and gene expression across metabolic states from normothermy to torpor in hummingbirds	2022
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , Phoenix, AZ and Virtual. Talk <i>Temperature, metabolism, and gene expression across metabolic states</i> from normothermy to torpor in hummingbirds	2022
Animal Behavior Society, Invited symposium talk , Virtual. Symposium: Weaving the Future of Animal Behavior: Technological Advances to Reveal the Secret Lives of Animals. Talk: <i>Unveiling party animals: Thermal imaging and respirometry</i> <i>reveal animals' secret lives</i>	2021

American Ornithological Society , Virtual. Talk: <i>A torpor spectrum in hummingbirds: can metabolism and body temperature be decoupled?</i>	2021
Young Investigators' Meeting . Postdoctoral Fellow Meeting Organized by India Bioscience. Talk: <i>Integrative organismal physiology,</i> <i>ecology, and -omics in the tropics</i>	2021
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Virtual. Talk and session co-chair, Energy budgets to explain allometry: lessons from flying ninja hummingbirds	2021
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Virtual. Poster, A spectrum of sleep, shallow torpor, and deep torpor in hummingbirds	2021
North American Ornithological Conference , Virtual. Talk and session chair, <i>From shallow to deep: A torpor spectrum in hummingbirds</i> <i>uncovered by thermal imaging</i>	2020
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , Austin, TX. Talk, SAD rats: Effects of short photoperiod on sleep disruption, the gut microbiome, and carbohydrate consumption in diurnal grass rats	2020
American Ornithological Society , Anchorage, AK. Talk and session chair, <i>From shallow to deep: A torpor spectrum in hummingbirds</i> <i>uncovered using thermal imaging</i>	2019
Society for Light Treatment and Biological Rhythms , Chicago, IL. Talk, SAD rats: Effects of short photoperiod on sleep and carbohydrate consumption in diurnal grass rats	2019
American Physiological Society: Comparative Physiology, New Orleans, LA. Talk, Hummingbird daily energy expenditure allometry: Is bigger better?	2018
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, San Francisco, CA. Talk and session co-chair, <i>From shallow to deep: A torpor spectrum in hummingbirds</i>	2018
International Union for Physiological Sciences. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Poster, Activity has largest effect on daily energy expenditure in a sub-tropical hummingbird	2017
Evolution , Portland, Oregon. Dávalos, L.M., Shankar A , and Lauterbur ME. Talk, <i>The unnatural concept of extinction in species-area relationships and teaching conservation biology</i>	2017
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, New Orleans, LA. Talk, Energy budgeting in a temperate hummingbird	2017
National Geographic, Washington D.C. Talk, Hummingbird energy management!	2016
North American Ornithological Conference, Washington D.C. Talk, Hypothermic hummingbirds - an energy management story	2016
Gordon Research Conference: Unifying ecology across scales . University of New England, Maine. Poster, <i>Field physiology: A key component in forecasting species distributions</i>	2014
International Biogeography Society. International Biogeography Society 6th Biennial Meeting, Frontiers of biogeography 4:1, p. 174. Shankar A. et al. Poster, The Malabar Pied Hornbill (Anthracoceros coronatus) nests near human habitations in highly fragmented landscapes in the Northern Western Ghats, India	2013
Students' Conference for Conservation Science (SCCS), Bangalore. Talk, Malabar Pied Hornbills nest in fragmented habitats in the Western ghats	2011

Mentees' Talks and Posters = 21

* Mentored students / presenters	
National Symposium on Avian Biology . Poster. Baruah P*, Shankar A . Understanding thermoregulation and the mechanistic bases of color diversity in high elevation sunbirds	2024
American Ornithological Society . Talk. Wolfe SW*, Blackwell ER*, Prior NH, Powers DR, Shankar A . <i>Differential gene expression between torpor and normothermy in four brain regions in</i> Calypte anna	2023
Cornell CURBx . Poster. Wolfe SW*, Blackwell ER*, Prior NH, Powers DR, Shankar A . <i>Differential gene expression between torpor and normothermy in four brain regions in</i> Calypte anna	2023
Cornell CURBx . Poster. Erices ST*, Guo GL, Shankar A . <i>A phylogenetic comparison of heterothermy in mammals</i>	2023
Cornell CURBx . Poster. Guo GL*, Erices ST, Shankar A . <i>Avian torpor and heterothermy</i> <i>in phylogenetic and ecological contexts</i>	2023
Cornell CURBx 11th Semi-annual Research Conference . Talk. Wolfe SW*, Blackwell ER, Prior NH, Powers DR, Shankar A . <i>Differential gene expression between torpor and normothermy in four brain regions in</i> Calypte anna	2023
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Phoenix, AZ. Talk. Erices ST*, Guo GL*, Shankar A. A phylogenetic comparison of heterothermy in mammals	2023
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , Phoenix, AZ. Talk. Guo GL*, Erices ST*, Shankar A . <i>Avian torpor and heterothermy</i> <i>in phylogenetic and ecological contexts</i>	2023
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , Phoenix, AZ. Poster. Liang, S*, Blackwell ER*, Wolfe SW*, Powers DR, Shankar, A . Organ-specific differential gene expression across torpor and normothermy in Anna's hummingbirds	2023
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , Phoenix, AZ. Poster. Blackwell ER*, Liang S*, Wolfe SW*, Powers DR, Shankar A . <i>Surface body temperature</i> as a proxy for metabolic rate during torpor in hummingbirds	2023
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , Phoenix, AZ. Poster. Wolfe SW*, Blackwell ER*, Prior NH, Powers DR, Shankar A . <i>Differential gene expression between torpor and normothermy in four brain regions in</i> Calypte anna	2023
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , Phoenix, AZ. Poster. Blackwell ER*, Powers DR, Shankar A . <i>Is surface body temperature a good indicator of metabolic state in hummingbirds during torpor?</i>	2022
Cornell Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Symposium . Talk. Wolfe SW*, Blackwell ER*, Prior NH, Powers DR, Shankar A . <i>Differential gene expression between torpor and normothermy in four brain regions in</i> Calypte anna. Won Best undergraduate presentation award	2023
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , Austin, TX. Poster. Callegari K*, Shankar A , Seitz T, Drown D, Williams CT. <i>Effects of short photoperiod and carbohydrate consumption on the gut microbiome of diurnal grass rats</i>	2020
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , Austin, TX. Poster. McCahon SL*, Shankar A , Williams CT. <i>Effects of short photoperiod on sleep and carbohydrate consumption in diurnal grass rats</i>	2020
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , San Francisco, CA. Talk. Eberts E*, Shankar A , Morado M, Tattersall G, Welch K, Curley M, Auger P. <i>Using thermal imaging to detect torpor in nesting hummingbirds</i>	2018

Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, San Francisco, CA. Poster. Cisneros INH*, Shankar A, Powers DR.	2018
Patterns of nighttime body-temperature regulation in hummingbirds	
Reunión Ecuatoriana de Ornithología , Zamora, Ecuador. Poster. Córdova G*, Urgilés G*, Tinoco BA, Shankar A . <i>Ahorro energético nocturno en cuatro especies de colibríes en los Andes del austro Ecuatoriano</i> . (Spanish for: <i>Nocturnal energy savings in four hummingbird species of the southern Ecaudorian Andes</i>)	2016
Reunión Ecuatoriana de Ornithología , Zamora, Ecuador. Poster. Morales AC *, Shankar A , Graham CH, Powers DR. <i>Costos de termorregulación de</i> Heliangelus viola <i>en los Andes sur del Ecuador</i> (Spanish for: <i>Thermoregulatory costs of</i> Heliangelus viola <i>in the Andes in the south of Ecuador</i>)	2016
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , West Palm Beach, FL. Poster. Schroeder RJ*, Shankar A , Powers DR, Canepa JR*, Graham CH. <i>Does high nighttime temperature reduce the energetic value of torpor in hummingbirds?</i>	2015
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology , West Palm Beach, FL. Poster. Canepa JR*, Shankar A , Powers DR, Schroeder RJ*, Graham CH. <i>Changes in</i> <i>hummingbird daily energy expenditure along an elevational gradient</i>	2015
Science Communication & News	
Interview for Scenic Hudson, Up close with New York's only resident hummingbird	May 5, 2023
Interview on KZYX, Mendocino County Public Radio, California, "The Ecology Hour"	Sept 14, 2022
Research covered by Finnish tech magazine, Tekniikan Maailma	Aug 14, 2022
Interview by Times of India, Times Evoke	Apr 2, 2022
Interview on Irish radio, for the wildlife show Mooney Goes Wild on RTE Radio (32:09 to 53:00)	Feb 6, 2022
Media coverage of JEB Heterothermy paper on Inside JEB, American Scientist, Scientific American, Audubon, Earth.com, Phys.org, Science Daily, ScienMag, Cornell Chror	2022 iicle
Interview for ICB blog, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology	Jan 18, 2022
Co-author and chapter lead on two chapters for a "Constructive Visions" Project website creating visions for a sustainable post-COVID future through stories, art and calls to action	2020-22
National Geographic Learning Contributed video, audio, and information for an education series that is went out for school curricula in North America in January 2023	2020-22
Conservation Film Walking the Pine Line co-produced, wrote, filmed, and edited a film on the threats facing White Bark Pines at the Jackson Wild Media Lab	Oct 2021
Cornell hummingbird webinar covered in a local Pennsylvania newspaper article, with the Sun Gazette	Aug 24, 2021
Cornell K-12 Education interview Women in STEM, Dr. Anusha Shankar	Feb, 2021
Birds & Blooms Magazine interview by Jill Staake	Jan 15, 2021
National Geographic Learning series of six learning modules on biology and the life of an ecologist for beginner, intermediate and advanced English learners	2020-22
Interview by high school student Jack Rifkin from George Mason High school for Women's History Month Interview Series, about career paths	Mar 24, 2021
Interview by IISER* Tirupati students for their annual magazine 'Dhwani'. (*Indian Institute for Science Education and Research)	Mar, 2021

Panelist for IIT Madras research affairs Instagram Live panel about career paths	Mar 13, 2021
Interviewed for children's news website Owliver's Post, on world wildlife day	Mar 3, 2021
Discussion leader for American Ornithological Society's Careers in Ornithology roundtable discussion	Feb 2021
Interviewed by K-12 Education, Cornell Lab of Ornithology for a Women (of color) in STEM series	Feb 9, 2021
Columnist, Current Conservation magazine	2021-current
Podcast guest, Thriving on the Possibility with Peg Keiner	Dec 1, 2020
Video for second graders, Ms. Corinne Wright, Mount Daniel Elementary School, VA	Nov 2020
Interviewed for comment, by Science Magazine To survive frigid nights, hummingbirds cool themselves to record-low temperatures	Sep 8, 2020
Interview by New Hampshire Public Radio Ask Sam: Why Do Hummingbirds Fight Each Other? and article	Sep 4, 2020
True Facts: The Hummingbird Warrior Interviewed by Ze Frank	Aug 14, 2020
Children's Book with Pratham Storyweaver Illustrated by Harjyot Khalsa. What do Sunbirds Eat All Day?	Apr 23, 2020
Video for ExplorerHome Madagascar	Apr 15, 2020
Blog article for Functional Ecologist, accompanying paper in Functional Ecology	Aug 9, 2019
Current Conservation Kids A day in the life of: Anusha Shankar, Vol 13, Issue 1. <i>Humming with Energy</i>	Mar 2019
Current Conservation Field notes, Vol 13, Issue 1. <i>A city-girl field ecologist</i>	Mar 2019
Video feature, Kim Michaels' hummingbird documentary Nature's single mom: A hummingbird nest story	Mar 2, 2019
News article, Mohammed Rayaan for NewsToday, Chennai Wildlife explorer, Anusha Shankar, shares nuggets about her birds research	Mar 2, 2019
Explorer-Educator partnership through National Geographic: A year long partnership with Steve Kirsche at a school near Jacksonville, Florida, to talk science to sixth graders	Nov 2018-2019
Featured radio guest, National Geographic Kids' Weird But True radio show	Apr 27, 2018
National Audubon Society Why Anusha Shankar doesn't mind being the 'Hummingbird Pee Person'. By Jayme Moye. Also feat. on Stony Brook News	Apr 2, 2018
Featured podcast guest with IndSciComm, A Soupçon of SciComm with Anusha Shankar on hummingbirds and energy budgets	Mar 28, 2018
Featured video in the New York Times and New York Times Science Take of a hummingbird in and out of torpor	Mar 20, 2018
Explorer-Educator partnership through National Geographic: A year long partnership with Kate Craven at a school in Ashford, Connecticut, to develop projects revolving around my science: grades 1-7	Oct 2017-2018
Article for Mental Floss and featured answer on Quora	Feb 2018
Blog post for National Geographic and Science Outside	Feb 2018

Voiceover for National Geographic Learning <i>Panorama</i> Video for Grade 1 "How do animals use their body parts?"	2017
Co-founder and contributor: Science Outside, For field scientists to share their crazy, silly, fun stories with the world	2017-20
Co-founder and contributor: BrainChem & Ecology in collaboration with a Chemical Neurobiologist, to illustrate scientific concepts in simple graphics and videos for the public	2017-20
"Today I Learned" series for National Geographic Hummingbirds Are the World's Hungriest Birds. YouTube	Oct 22, 2016
News Youth for Tigers. The Hindu NxG	Jan 5, 2011
News Pooja Sharma, Dainik Bhaskar (in Hindi)	Dec 6, 2014
News Anusha Parthasarathy, On the Wild Side, The Hindu Education Plus	October 6, 2014
Teaching (Semesters = 9; Students $pprox$ 570)	
Teaching Assistant, Conservation Biology (BIO 336), SBU (Active learning)	Fall 2016/17/18
Head Teaching Assistant, Chordate Zoology (BIO 344), SBU	Spring 2015/16
Teaching Assistant, Ecology Lab (BIO 352), SBU	Fall 2014
Teaching Assistant, Chordate Zoology Lab (BIO 344), SBU	Spring 2013/14/16
Teaching Assistant, Fundamentals of Scientific Inquiry in the Biological Sciences I (BIO 204), SBU	Fall 2012
Additional Experience	
Communicating Across Difference research study, involving two workshops on mentoring style, and making a scicomm video with mentee Sophia Wolfe	2023
1-year Postdoctoral Leadership Certificate Program, Cornell University	2021
Workshop, RNA-seq data analysis, Cornell University Institute of Biotechnology	2020
Workshop, Microbiome bioinformatics with QIIME 2	2020
Workshop , Sequence alignment, clustering, and phylogenetic analysis. Cornell University Institute of Biotechnology	2020
Workshop, Functional Ecology Genomics, Lacawac Sanctuary, Philadelphia	2017
Volunteer, International Biogeography Society 6th Biennial Meeting, Miami, FL	2013
Workshop on rescue and relocation of snakes conducted by Gowri Shankar of the Agumbe Rainforest Research Station and Snake Shyam, Mysore, India	2012
Workshop on basic remote sensing and GIS with a focus on conservation planning, conducted by FERAL, supported by an ATREE-CEPF small grant	2012
Workshop on wetland bird survey and mark-recapture, by Bombay Natural History Society at Point Calimere, India	2011

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Actions and Service

Trainee Executive Committee , Center for Vertebrate Genomics, Cornell University. Initiated and planned the Center's first cross-departmental mentoring program	2021-22
Graduate Admissions Committee Ecology and Evolutionary Biology department, Cornell University	2022-23
Departmental Trainings working group , DEIJB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice and Belonging, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology department, Cornell University	2022-23
Hiring Practices working group , DEIJB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice and Belonging) Ecology and Evolutionary Biology department, Cornell University. Resulted in two faculty job offers to two women of color and a detailed welcome guide for new department members	2020-21
Founder , Departmental mentoring program for & by graduate students, Stony Brook University	2016-18
Founder, cross-departmental Silent Writing group, Stony Brook University	2017
Attendee, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Leadership and Career course	2018
Vice President, Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (GWiSE), Stony Brook University	2017-18

Students officially mentored (Total = 23)

Padmanav Baruah, Junior Research Fellow, TIFRH	Nov 2023 - current
Grace Li Guo, Undergraduate student, Cornell University	Feb 2022 - May 2023
Santi Tabares Erices, Undergraduate student, Cornell University	Feb 2022 - May 2023
Shenni Liang, Undergraduate student, Cornell University	Feb 2022 - current
Sophia Wolfe, Undergraduate student, Cornell University	Sep 2021 - current
Emily Blackwell, Undergraduate Richter Scholar, George Fox University	Jun 2021 - current
Whitney Dobbyn, Undergraduate Richter Scholar, George Fox University	Jun 2021 - Aug 2022
Shelby McCahon, Lab assistant & BLAST Scholar, Univ of Alaska, Fairbanks	Feb 2019 - May 2020
Kyle Callegari, Lab assistant & BLAST Scholar, Univ of Alaska, Fairbanks	Feb 2019 - May 2020
Erich Eberts, Field assistant, now: PhD, Univ Toronto at Scarborough	Dec 2015 - 2022
Rebecca Schroeder, Field assistant, now in the US National Park Service	Jun 2014 - 2017
Sarah Thompson, Undergraduate Richter Scholar, George Fox University	Jun - Aug 2018
Alexis Stark, Undergraduate student, Northern Arizona University	May - Jun 2018
Isabelle Cisneros, Undergraduate student, George Fox University	Jun - Aug 2017
Ana Morales, Head field assistant, now: M.Sc. at McGill University, Canada	Oct 2015 - Oct 2016
Gabriela Cordova, Universidad del Azuay, Internship & Bachelor's thesis	Aug 2015 - Oct 2016
Gabriela Urgiles, Universidad del Azuay, Internship & Bachelor's thesis	Nov 2015 - Oct 2016
Rosalee Elting, Field assistant, George Fox University	Sept - Oct 2016
Julisa Ricart, Field assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Jul 2015 - Jan 2016
Amanda Quezada, Universidad del Azuay, Pasantias (internship) project	Aug - Sept 2015
Joshua van Bourg, Field assistant, University of California Berkeley	Sept - Dec 2015
Pedro Jose Machado Tapia, Field assistant, Universidad del Azuay	Jun - Sept 2015
Joseph Canepa, Undergraduate Richter Scholar, George Fox University	Jun - Aug 2014

Other Skills

LaTeX, GPS, ArcGIS, qGIS, small mammal lab maintenance, Radio-telemetry of snakes, photography; handling people, birds, arachnids, reptiles; mist-netting. Science communication, mentoring, active learning methods; coding in R, MCMCglmm, mentoring. **Lab work**: DNA extraction, RNA extraction, cryostat, liver histology and image analyses. CPR (and AED) certified (May 2017). **Fieldwork and team management** (12 months in Ecuador)- led a team of 11 field assistants; over 12 months in India; 5 months in the US. **With birds**: field respirometry, doubly labeled water, stable isotope micro-distillation, plant resource measurements, transects, point counts. **With Nile grass rats**: Piezosleep data collection and analyses, actogram analyses, lab maintenance, iPrecio pump (continuous drug infusion) implantation, programming, maintenance. **With birds and Nile grass rats**: Euthanasia, dissections, tissue extractions, gut microbiome collection and analysis

Languages: British and American English, Tamil, Hindi, conversational Spanish, some Malayalam; Also, the skill and interest to learn new skills and languages quickly

Professional Service

Society Member - Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB), American Physiological Society, British Ecological Society, American Ornithological Society, Graduate Women in Science

Journal Reviewer- Total paper peer reviews: 18. For details, please see my Web of Science profile

Judge, Jackson Wild Film Festival, Nature and People category and Micro-film category	2023
Graduate Student Admissions committee, Cornell Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	2023
Symposium Organizer, Daily Torpor, SICB	2023
Selection committee for Huey awards, SICB	2022
Award committee for Dorothy Skinner award, SICB	2022
Mentor, Broadening Participation program, SICB	2022
Postdoctoral representative, Division of Ecology and Evolution, SICB	2021-23
Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee member for SICB	2021-22
Search committee member and postdoctoral representative, Rose Postdoctoral Fellowships, Cornell Lab of Ornithology	2021
Mentor, North American Ornithological Conference student-mentor meetup	2020
Selection Committee, Distinguished Travel Award committee, Graduate Student Organization, Stony Brook University	2017
Judge, 5th Annual Nassau County Science Competition	2017
Event manager and Newsletter writer, GWiSE, Stony Brook University	2016-17
Student representative to the Faculty, Ecology & Evolution, Stony Brook University	2016-17
Science Educator with Grads for Education and Outreach (GEO)	2016
Treasurer of the Ecology Club, Stony Brook University	2013-14
Departmental representative to the RA union Stony Brook University	2013-14
Senator, Graduate Student Organization, Stony Brook University	2013-15
Executive Officer , Freewheel Collective (helping students learn how to repair their own bicycles), Stony Brook University	2014-18