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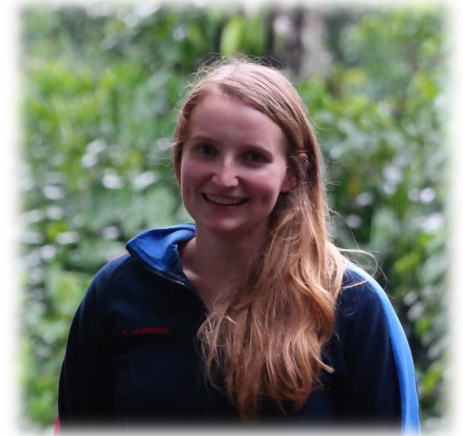
# GRADUATE COLLOQUIUM

## DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

### Inter-group relationships in gorillas

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11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Online – via Zoom

(zoom meeting link on the website)

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Article to read before the talk (mandatory for ANTH grad students) at the link above.

Humans show a level of large-scale cooperation unrivalled in the animal kingdom. But growing evidence suggests that a key component underlying this cooperation: the long-term, inter-group social relationships humans are capable of sustaining, are also present in some of our closest evolutionary relatives. Studying inter-group relationships in other apes can therefore provide insight into the evolution of humanity's complex society and large-scale cooperation. In this talk I will cover the basics of gorilla family life before delving deeper into the patterns with which gorilla groups interact and share space and resources with their neighbors. I will discuss my recent findings on the nature, structure and potential benefits of inter-group relationships in mountain gorillas, shedding light on the elements of human society we appear to share with gorillas, and their implications for understanding the origins of our own complex society.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

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