



History of James A. Kushlan Award Fund use 2005-2019

2005-2007

No awards were made as Hawk Mountain uses a percentage of the five-year rolling average of its endowments as the basis for dispersing interest earned by capital.

2008

Jose Sarasola (Hawk Mountain Research Associate, Argentina). Isotopic analysis of Swainson's Hawk feathers collected at a wintering roost site in Argentina. Jose has since published Sarasola, J. H., J. J. Negro, K. A. Hobson, G. R. Bortolotti, and K. L. Bildstein. 2008. Can a "wintering area effect" explain population status of Swainson's Hawks: a stable isotope approach. *Diversity and Distributions* 14:686-691.



Adrian Naveda wingtags vultures in Venezuela

2009

Sergio Seipke (Trainee from Argentina, Spring 2005). Production of "A field guide to the raptors of South America." Sergio is under contract to produce the first field guide for Princeton University Press with publication slated for 2019.

Adrian Naveda (Trainee from Venezuela, Spring 2007). Wing-tagging migrant Turkey Vultures in Zulia State, Venezuela. \$700. Adrian tagged 443 birds, the North American re-sightings of which (currently they number more than 40) will form the basis of a peer-reviewed paper.

2010

Matias Juhant (Trainee from Argentina, Autumn 2007). Studies of the wintering distribution of raptors in South America. Matias has since published Juhant, M. and Areta, J.I. (2013) Distribution and migration of Mississippi Kites in South America. *Journal of Field Ornithology* 84(3): 255-261. Matias has emerged as the most published of all Hawk Mountain trainees.

Francesco Germi (Hawk Mountain Research Associate, Italy). Do large numbers of Chinese Sparrowhawks overwinter in western New Guinea? Francesco has since published First records of Chinese Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter soloensis*) wintering in Papua (Indonesian New Guinea). Germi, F. A. Salim, and A. Minganti. 2013. *Forktail* 29:42-47.

2011

Siranush Tumanyan (Trainee from Armenia, Autumn 2010). Movement ecology of adult and fledgling Levant Sparrowhawks in southern Armenia. Siranush received her Ph.D at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Yerevan, Armenia.



Camille Concepcion monitors raptor migrants in the Philippines.

2012

Camille Concepcion (Trainee from Philippines, Spring 2011). Full season monitoring of raptor migration in Batanes Island, northern Philippines. Camille earned her Ph.D. at West Virginia University.

Paula Leticia Perrig (Graduate Student from Argentina, University of Wisconsin). Evaluating the importance of native camelids to Andean Condors in Central Argentina. Paula is currently pursuing her Ph.D.

2013

Julie Mallon (Summer Field Experience Intern from Pennsylvania, Summer 2011). Flight behavior of Turkey Vultures and Black Vultures in the eastern US. Julie successfully defended M.S. in January 2015, published her findings in 2016, and is pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland.

2014

Anna Autilio (Summer Field Experience Intern from New Jersey, Summer 2012). Striated Caracara feeding behavior at experimental carcasses. Anna defended successfully her master's thesis at Boise State University in 2016.

2015

Maricel Graña Grilli (Two-year Post-Doc from Bariloche, Argentina, with salary support from the Government of Argentina). Movement ecology of Turkey Vultures. Grant supported two round trips between the Acopian Center and Buenos Aires. Maricel currently is co-supervised by Hawk Mountain scientists and their Argentine counterpart, Dr. Sergio Lambertucci.

2016

Camille Concepcion (Philippines, Graduate Student and former Trainee). Migration behavior of raptors in Philippines. Camille completed her Ph.D. at West Virginia University.

2017

Katie Harrington (California, Trainee 2015, entering graduate school 2017). Striated Caracaras: nutritional consequences of eating Kelp maggots. Katie earned her M.S. and is now pursuing a Ph.D. on further study of the striated caracara.

2018

Shanta Heymadi (Minnesota, Graduate Student) The evolution of raptor morphology and endangered species risk. (Awarded \$2,500). Shanta is a Ph.D. student at University of Minnesota.

2019

Kudzi Dhlawayo (Zimbabwe, Trainee 2018, and 2018 Graduate Student). Grant supported satellite units. Movement ecology of lappet-faced vultures in Zimbabwe at the University of KwaNatal, South Africa.



Top, clockwise, Julie Mallon, Katie Harrington, and Sergio Seipke in the field.