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EDUCATION

- 2021 **Ph.D. Biology, University of Washington**, Seattle, WA
Advisor: Gregory P. Wilson Mantilla
Multituberculates as living animals: new insights into the ecomorphology, behavior, and life history of one of the most successful mammalian lineages
- 2015 **B.A. Anthropology (Geology minor), Colorado State University**, Fort Collins, CO
Advisors: Thomas Bown, Kimberly Nichols

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2024– **University of Michigan**, Assistant Curator & Assistant Professor
Museum of Paleontology & Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- 2023–24 **Kent State University**, Assistant Professor
Department of Earth Sciences
- 2021– **Denver Museum of Nature and Science**, Research Associate
Earth Sciences Department
- 2021– **Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture**, Paleontology Research Associate
- 2021–23 **University of Michigan**, NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Earth Sciences
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (C. Badgley lab) and Museum of Paleontology

PUBLICATIONS

- In Review* Nations, JA., **Weaver, LN.**, Grossnickle, DM. Predictors of arboreality from the mammalian appendicular skeleton illuminate locomotor trends among early mammals. In: Granatosky, MC., Toussaint, SLD., Youlatos, D. (eds.) *Functional Morphology and Biomechanics of Arboreal Locomotion in Tetrapods*. Springer Nature.
- Accepted* Grossnickle, DM., Brightly, WH., **Weaver, LN.**, Stanchak, KE., Roston, RA., Pevsner, SK., Stayton, CT., Polly, PD., & Law, CJ. Challenges and advances in methods for measuring phenotypic convergence. *Evolution*. (Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.10.18.512739>)
- 2024 **Weaver, LN.**, Crowell, JW., Chester, SGB., & Lyson, TR. Skull of a new periptychid mammal from the lower Paleocene Denver Formation of Colorado (Corral Bluffs, El Paso County). *Journal of Mammalian Evolution* 31:1–26.
- 2024 **Weaver, LN.**, Kelson, JR., Holder, RM., Niemi, NA., & Badgley, C. On the role of tectonics in stimulating the Cretaceous diversification of mammals. *Earth-Science Reviews* 248:104630.

- 2023 Claytor, JR., **Weaver, LN.**, Tobin, TS., & Wilson Mantilla, GP. New mammalian local faunas from the first ca. 80 ka of the Paleocene in northeastern Montana and a revised model of biotic recovery from the Cretaceous-Paleogene mass extinction. *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*, e2222777.
- 2022 **Weaver, LN.**, Fulghum, HZ., Grossnickle, DM., Brightly, WH., Kulik, ZT., Wilson Mantilla, GP., & Whitney, MR. Multituberculate mammals show evidence of a life history strategy similar to that of placentals, not marsupials. *The American Naturalist* 200:383–400. (ASN Presidential Award Winner for Best Paper of the Year in *The American Naturalist*)
- 2022 **Weaver, LN.**, Tobin, TS., Claytor, JR., Wilson, PK., Clemens, WA., & Wilson Mantilla, GP. Revised stratigraphic relationships within the lower Fort Union Formation (Tulloch Member; Garfield County, Montana, U.S.A.) provide a new framework for examining post K-Pg mammalian recovery dynamics. *PALAIOS* 37:104–127. (Featured on the cover)
- 2021 **Weaver, LN.**, Varricchio, DJ., Sargis, EJ., Chen, M., Freimuth, WJ., & Wilson Mantilla, GP. Early mammalian social behavior revealed by multituberculates from a dinosaur nesting site. *Nature Ecology & Evolution* 5:32–37. (Published online November 2020)
- 2021 **Weaver, LN.**, and Wilson, GP. Shape disparity in the blade-like premolars of multituberculate mammals: functional constraints and the evolution of herbivory. *Journal of Mammalogy* 102:967–985. (Published online May 2020)
- 2021 Grossnickle, DM., **Weaver, LN.**, Jäger, KRK., & Schultz, JA. The evolution of anteriorly directed occlusion in therian mammals. *Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society* 194: 349–365.
- 2021 Freimuth, WJ., Varricchio, DJ., Brannick, AL., **Weaver, LN.**, & Wilson Mantilla, GP. Mammal-bearing fossil gastric pellets potentially attributable to *Troodon formosus* at the Egg Mountain locality, Two Medicine Formation, Montana, U.S.A. *Palaeontology* 64:699–725.
- 2021 Tobin, TS., Honeck, JW., Fendley, IM., **Weaver, LN.**, Sprain, CJ., Tuite, ML., Flannery, DT., Mans, WW., & Wilson, GP. Analyzing sources of uncertainty in terrestrial organic carbon isotope data: a case study across the K-Pg boundary in Montana, USA. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* 574:110451.
- 2020 **Weaver, LN.**, & Grossnickle, DM. Functional diversity of small-mammal postcrania is linked to both substrate preference and body size. *Current Zoology* 66:539–553. (invited submission)
- 2020 Grossnickle, DM., Chen, M., Wauer, JGA., Pevsner, SK., **Weaver, LN.**, Meng, Q-J., Liu, D., Zhang, Y-G., & Luo, Z-X. Incomplete convergence of gliding-mammal skeletons. *Evolution* 74:2662–2680.
- 2020 Rogers, RR., Regan, AK., **Weaver, LN.**, Thole, JT., & Fricke, HC. Tracking authigenic mineral cements in fossil bones from the upper Cretaceous (Campanian) Two Medicine and Judith River formations, Montana. *PALAIOS* 35:135–150.
- 2019 **Weaver, LN.**, Wilson, GP., Krumeracker, LJ., Moore, JR., & Varricchio, DJ. New multituberculate mammals from the mid-Cretaceous (lower Cenomanian) Wayan Formation of southeastern Idaho and implications for the evolution of Cimolodonta. *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* 39(2), e1604532.

FUNDING

Fellowships & Awards

- 2023 ASN Presidential Award for Best Paper of 2022 in *The American Naturalist* – \$1,000
- 2021 Alfred Sherwood Romer Prize, Society of Vertebrate Paleontology – \$750
- 2021 National Science Foundation, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Earth Sciences – \$174,000
- 2021 National Science Foundation, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Biology – \$138,000 (declined)
- 2021 Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Research Fellowship – \$76,512 (declined)
- 2019 Dawson Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Society of Vertebrate Paleontology – \$3,000
- 2017 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Program – \$138,000
- 2016 Washington Research Foundation & Benjamin Hall Graduate Fellowship – \$10,000

Grants

- 2022 David B. Jones Foundation Research Grant – \$258,945.10
- 2020 BLM National Conservation Lands Grant – \$25,000 (with G.P. Wilson & B.T. Hovatter)
- 2019 Paleontological Society Student Research Grant – \$1,200
- 2019 American Society of Mammalogists Grant-in-Aid – \$1,500
- 2019 UW Biology Department Wycoff Award – \$2,000
- 2018 Doris O. & Samuel P. Welles Fund Travel Grant – \$650
- 2017 David B. Jones Foundation Research Grant – \$126,458.21 (with G.P. Wilson & B.T. Hovatter)
- 2017 UW Biology Department Sargent & Iuvo Awards – \$1,700
- 2016 UW Student Technology Fee Grant - \$26,609

Total Funding Awarded – \$985,324.31

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

- 2023 Principles of Paleontology (ESCI 34061) Kent State University

Teaching Assistant (UW Biology)

- 2020 Human Anatomy (BIOL 310) Instructor: Casey Self
- 2020 Invertebrate Paleontology (BIOL 451) Instructor: Peter Ward
- 2019 Analytical Paleobiology (BIOL 438) Instructor: Gregory Wilson
- 2017 Invertebrate Zoology (BIOL 434) Instructor: Kenneth Sebens
- 2015–20 Introductory Biology (BIOL 180) (x5) Instructors: Scott Freeman, John Herron, and Jacob Cooper

Guest Instructor

- 2019 Cretaceous Geology of Montana, Keck Gateway Project, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
- 2019 Paleontology Field Methods and Research (BIOL 475), University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2018 Paleontology Field Methods and Research (BIOL 475), University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Guest Lecturer

- 2023 Vertebrate Paleontology (BIOL 395) Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2021 Biology of Mammals (EEB 451) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2021 Evolution of Vertebrates (EARTH 437) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2019 Analytical Paleobiology (BIOL 438) University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2019 Evolution of Mammals and Their Ancestors (BIOL 443) University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2019 Vertebrate Paleobiology and Evolution (GEOL 416) Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
- 2018 Paleobiology (GEOL 300) Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
- 2018 Functional Morphology (BIOL 439) University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2017 Evolution of Mammals and Their Ancestors (BIOL 443) University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2017 Invertebrate Zoology (BIOL 434) University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2017 Stratigraphy (ESS 455) University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Postdoc Mentorship

- 2024– **Anna Wisniewski** (Ph.D. from U. Chicago)

Graduate Student Mentorship

*Student co- or lead-authors in published peer-reviewed papers or conference abstracts

- 2024– **Rory Sweedler** (Primary advisor for Ph.D., U. Michigan)
- 2024– **Jared Shiffert** (Primary advisor for Ph.D., U. Michigan)
- 2023– **Athena Vohs*** (Primary advisor for M.S., Kent State University & U. Michigan)
- 2022–23 **Richardson Pedigo** (M.S. student, committee member, SUNY ESF)

Undergraduate Student Mentorship

*Student co- or lead-authors in published peer-reviewed papers or conference abstracts

- 2024– **Piper Hattenbach** (Mount Holyoke College, Remote Research Intern)
- 2022–23 **Kari Myhran*** (Macalester College, Honors Thesis committee member)
- 2022– **Megan Riley*** (U. Michigan)
- 2022– **Sofia Belabbes*** (U. Michigan)
- 2022–23 **Jacob Chu** (U. Michigan)
- 2021– **Grace Pizzini*** (U. Michigan, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program)
- 2021– **Jake Downey*** (U. Michigan, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program)
- 2022 **Fern Sexton** (U. Michigan)
- 2021–22 **Benny Cho*** (U. Michigan, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program)
- 2017–21 **Henry Fulghum*** (U. Washington; **current Ph.D. student**, U. Chicago)
- 2019–21 **Xu ‘Stokke’ Ziqi** (U. Washington; **current M.S. student**, E. Tennessee St. U.)
- 2019–20 **Michaela Leung** (U. Washington; **current Ph.D. student**, UC Riverside)

Public Outreach (since 2018)

- 2015–22 Instructor: **Discoveries in Geoscience (DIG) Field School**, a non-profit program training K–12 teachers in geology and paleontology field methods and developing in-class Earth Science curricula (www.digfieldschool.org)
- 2020 Guest speaker: Facebook live event, “Ask a Paleontologist”
- 2020 Volunteer: Burke Behind the Scenes Night—Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, Seattle, WA
- 2020 Invited Speaker: Physics, biomechanics, and their importance for understanding mammal evolution—Islander Middle School, Mercer Island, WA

- 2018 Invited Speaker: Seattle Public Schools Middle School Science and Engineering Fair—Seattle Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA
- 2018 Volunteer: Dino Days—Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, Seattle, WA

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- 2024 **Ohio State University**, EEOB Seminar (invited by John Hunter)
- 2024 **Northeast Ohio Medical University**, NEOMED Seminar (invited by Lisa Cooper)
- 2024 **New York Institute of Technology**, Dept. of Anatomy Seminar (invited by Simone Hoffmann)
- 2023 **Case Western Reserve University**, EEPS Seminar (invited by Darin Croft and Beverly Saylor)
- 2023 **University of Texas–Austin**, Paleo Seminar (invited by Ben Rodwell)
- 2023 **University of Chicago**, EvMorph Seminar (invited by Graham Slater)
- 2023 **Denver Museum of Nature & Science**, Earth Sciences Colloquium (invited by Tyler Lyson)
- 2023 **Yale University**, Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies (invited by Eric Sargis)
- 2023 **Stony Brook University**, Department of Anatomical Sciences (invited by Alan Turner)
- 2022 **Burpee Museum of Natural History**, PaleoFest (invited by Josh Matthews)
- 2022 **University of Michigan**, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (invited by graduate students)
- 2022 **Princeton University**, Department of Geosciences (invited by Blair Schoene)
- 2022 **University of Michigan**, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences (invited by Jeff Wilson Mantilla)
- 2021 **University of Michigan**, Friends of the Museum of Paleontology (invited by Matt Friedman). *Remote due to coronavirus.*
- 2021 **University of Edinburgh**, School of Geosciences (invited by Steve Brusatte). *Remote due to coronavirus.*
- 2021 **Universität Bonn**, Institut für Geowissenschaften (invited by Julia Schultz). *Remote due to coronavirus.*
- 2021 **East Carolina University**, Department of Biology (invited by Timothy Lee). *Remote due to coronavirus.*
- 2020 **University of Michigan**, Museum of Paleontology (invited by Matt Friedman). *Remote due to coronavirus.*

2020 **Adelphi University**, Department of Biology (invited by Mike D’Emic). *Remote due to coronavirus.*

Professional Conference Presentations

- 2024 North American Paleontological Convention, Ann Arbor, MI (Talk)
Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (Talk)
- 2023 Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH (Talk)
Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Pittsburg, PA (Talk)
- 2022 Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON (Talk)
Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (Poster)
- 2021 Romer Prize Session, Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Virtual (Talk)
American Society of Mammalogists Annual Meeting, Virtual (Talk)
Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, OR (Talk)
- 2020 Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Virtual (Poster)
- 2019 Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Brisbane, Australia (Talk)
Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ (Talk)
Western Association of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Eugene, OR (Talk)
- 2018 Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM (Talk)
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Talk)
- 2017 Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (Poster)
Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Calgary, AB (Talk)
- 2016 Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT (Poster)
- 2015 Geological Society of America, Rocky Mountain Section Meeting, Casper, WY (Poster)
Western Association of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Turlock, CA (Poster)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, & Justice Training

- 2022 Rackham Professional Development DEI Certificate Awardee, U. Michigan
- 2021 Evidence-Based Teaching in Biology—Teaching for Equity (BIOL 505), UW Biology
- 2020–21 Diversity & Equity/Graduate & Postdoc Committee Culture Hours, UW Biology
- 2020 Race & Equity Workshop: Words Matter, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture
- 2020 Language Matters: Considering Racial Microaggressions in Science, Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research—Striving for Racial Justice in Academic Biology Series

- 2020 Empowering Prevention & Inclusivity Community (EPIC) Training Program, UW Biology
- 2019 #MeTooSTEM Action Workshop, University of Washington
- 2018 Identifying Sexual Harassment and Bystander Training, UW Biology
- 2016 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Training, University of Washington

Fieldwork

- 2021–23 Frontier, Mesaverde (=Eagle + Judith River), Meeteetse, and Lance formations (Upper Cretaceous), Fort Union Formation (Paleocene), Bighorn Basin, WY
- 2021–22 Goler Formation (mid–upper Paleocene), El Paso Mountains, Mojave Desert, CA
- 2021 Denver Formation (D1 sequence, lower Paleocene), Corral Bluffs, CO
- 2015–22 Hell Creek Formation & Fort Union Formation (Tullock, Lebo, and Tongue River members) (uppermost Cretaceous–Paleocene), Williston Basin, MT
- 2019 Judith River Formation (Upper Cretaceous), Williston Basin, MT
- 2019 Cloverly Formation (Lower Cretaceous), Bighorn and Clarks Fork Basins, MT/WY
- 2017 Lameta Formation (uppermost Cretaceous–lowermost Paleocene), Central India
- 2016 Chinle Formation (Upper Triassic), Petrified Forest National Park, AZ
- 2013–15 Willwood Formation (lower Eocene), Bighorn Basin, WY
- 2014 Cambrian through Paleogene sedimentary rocks in the Bighorn Basin, WY, Iowa State University / University of Nebraska-Lincoln Geology Field Camp

Museum Collections

- 2023 Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL
- 2022 National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 University of Colorado Museum of Natural History, Boulder, CO
- 2021–23 University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2016–22 Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver, CO
- 2015–21 Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture, Seattle, WA
- 2019&23 Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, New Haven, CT
- 2017 University of California Museum of Paleontology, Berkeley, CA

- 2017 Royal Tyrrell Museum, Drumheller, AB, Canada
- 2017 Geological Survey of India, Nagpur, India
- 2016 Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2016&23 American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University Service

- 2020–21 Search Committee, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, University of Washington

Peer Review

- 2024 (1) *Science Advances*; (2) *PALAIOS*
- 2023 (1) *Cretaceous Research*; (2) *Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society*; (3) *AMNH Novitates*; (4) *Biology Letters*; (5) *Contributions from the Museum of Paleontology, University of Michigan*
- 2022 (1) Ohio University Baker Fund Proposal; (2) *Journal of Mammalian Evolution* (x2)
- 2021 (1) *Acta Palaeontologica Polonica*; (2) *Palaeontology*; (3) *Communications Biology*; (4) *Zoological Research*; (5) *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*; (6) *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*; (7) *Journal of Mammalian Evolution*
- 2020 (1) *Evolution*; (2) *Geobios*
- 2019 (1) *Journal of Mammalogy*; (2) *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*

Professional Affiliations

- 2017– Paleontological Society (**Development Committee Member**, since 2020)
- 2016– Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (**Diversity Committee Member**, since 2022)
- 2017– Geological Society of America
- 2018– American Society of Mammalogists
- 2017– Society of Integrative & Comparative Biologists
- 2020–21 Association for Women Geoscientists (**Treasurer**, UW Student Sub-Group, Pacific NW Chapter)

Conferences

- 2024 Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting, Organized Symposium: Mammal Life History
- 2024 North American Paleontological Convention, Organized Symposium: Bighorn Basin

2024 North American Paleontological Convention, Field Trip Logistics

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2023 U-M EARTH Unlearning Racism in Geoscience (URGE) (Year 3 Pod Member)

2021 UW Biology Graduate & Postdoc Programming (Committee Member)

2020–21 UW Biology Diversity & Equity (Committee Member)

2020–21 UW Biology Equity in Fieldwork Task Force

2020–21 UW Biology Field Gear Co-Op (Co-founder/organizer)

2015–21 UW Biology Social Committee (Organized UW Biology Retreats, Happy Hours, and Trivia)

2017–18 UW Paleontology Professional Development Program (Co-founder/lead-organizer)

2017–18 UW Biology Faculty Note-taker

2017 Organismal Biology Graduate Student Research Seminar (Founder/organizer)

REFERENCES

Gregory Wilson Mantilla (Ph.D. advisor), Ph.D., Professor, Department of Biology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195; gpwilson@uw.edu

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Raymond Rogers (Ph.D. committee member), Ph.D., Professor & Chair, Department of Geology, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN 55105; rogers@macalester.edu

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