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## Research Interests

My primary research interest is in the distribution and behavior of unstudied populations of great apes across Africa's Congo Basin, in particular of chimpanzees, Pan troglodytes. At every new site where chimpanzees have been studied, they have been found to possess site-specific suites of behavioral traits, argued to represent cultural diversity. Large tracts of forests, particularly in the Northern Democratic Republic of the Congo, remain unexplored, and it is unknown whether or not they are inhabited by apes, or if so, how many apes. By conducting systematic surveys using line transects as well as reces and presence / absence data, we can develop a clearer picture of the distribution of African great apes in these hitherto unexplored forests.

In addition, I seek to understand the distribution of ape traditions, how they map onto genetic diversity, and how they are affected by proposed ape barriers such as rivers. Understanding where the apes live and how their behaviors are similar to or different from those of other populations is a crucial tool in assuring their survival, and also has much to tell us about our own biological and cultural evolution.



## Curriculum Vitae

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| Name               | Thurston Cleveland Hicks   |
| Nationality        | United States of America   |
| Date of birth      | February 21, 1972  |
|                    | Born in Raleigh, North Carolina  |
| Research interests | Distribution, conservation status, and behavioral ecology of the African great apes; African great ape behavioral diversity. |

## Education

- 2004 – 2010 PhD Thesis, University of Amsterdam. “A Chimpanzee Mega-Culture? Exploring behavioral continuity in *Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii* across northern DR Congo”. In order to complete this thesis, I spent two and a half years in the field in DR Congo studying the Bili-Uele chimpanzees.
- 2001 – 2004 Master’s thesis, Central Washington University: "Chimpanzee Tool Use in the Ngotto Forest, Central African Republic," based on the data I collected during my 2001–2002 field expedition to the Ngotto Forest, CAR.
- 1990 – 1994 Undergraduate studies: NC State University and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (I graduated from the latter with a degree in Anthropology).

## Field and laboratory research experience

- 2019-2023 Lead Scientific Director of Chimpanzee Ground Nesting Project, with a field trip to the Epulu Forest in 2019 and a one-year study of nests in Bugoma, Uganda between 2021 and 2022, accompanied by Ph.D. candidate Toni Romani.
- 2010 – 2019 Guest researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Primatology.
- 2004 – 2013 Lead Scientific Director and Field Camp Manager for the Bili Apes Project, DRC. I followed the local chimpanzees and recorded feeding, nesting, and tool-use behaviors, as well as conducted transect and recce nest surveys. In total we surveyed an area encompassing approximately 35,000 km<sup>2</sup> of previously uncharted forests and savannas. We also documented an exploding chimpanzee bushmeat crisis to the south of Bili.
- 2002 Summer Apprentice, Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute, Ellensburg, Washington. During this period and during my subsequent graduate studies, I received basic training in animal care for the four sign

language-using chimpanzees living at the sanctuary / research center, also participating in ongoing behavioral research and becoming sign-reliable for the chimpanzees.

- 2001 – 2002 Chief field researcher and camp manager, Ngotto Field Project, CAR, Friends of Washoe. I conducted behavioral research on chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes troglodytes*) and western lowland gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*). Through the use of transect surveys, I documented the effects of selective-logging on these two species.
- 1999 – 2001 Field assistant, Mondika Research Station, CAR. I aided in the habituation of a group of western lowland gorillas, collecting data on their diet and behavior. In addition I managed the camp during the absence of the scientific director.
- 1998 – 1999 Research assistant, Project Bonobo – In-Situ, collecting behavioral data on bonobos (*Pan paniscus*) at the Planckendael Zoo, Belgium.
- 1995 – 1998 Research assistant, Cayo Santiago, Puerto Rico, collecting and entering daily behavioral data on the island's free-ranging rhesus macaques (*Macaca mulatta*). In addition, I participated in the yearly 2-month trapping season.
- 1994 – 1995 Research assistant, Duke Primate Center, Durham, North Carolina, collecting behavioral data on free-ranging ring-tailed lemurs (*Lemur catta*). I compiled matrices of the dominance hierarchies for two social groups and participated in monthly trappings and weighings.
- 1993 Field assistant, University of North Carolina Archaeological Dig, Mississippi, during which time I received training in archaeological excavation and participated in the unearthing of ancient Native American artifacts.
- 1990 – 1991 Research and field assistant, North Carolina Museum of Natural History, cleaning and preserving dinosaur fossils at the museum. I participated in the Wyoming Dinosaur Expedition in the summer of 1991.

## Oral presentations at national and international symposia

- 2023 Hicks TC, Romani T (2023). The Bili-Uéré Behavioral Realm of the Chimpanzees of Northern DR Congo. An oral presentation at the Second International Conference on Biodiversity in the Congo Basin, in Kisangani, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 6-10 March.
- 2022 Hicks TC, Konarzewski M, Romani T (2022). Factors influencing ground nesting in Eastern chimpanzees. An oral presentation at the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference Oral of the Polish Society for Human and Evolution Studies in Gdansk, Poland, 14-17 September.
- 2021 Hicks TC. A large and continuous population of Eastern chimpanzees inhabits Northern DRC. Oral online presentation to the International Congress for Conservation Biology in Kigali, Rwanda. 13-17 December. Part of the Symposium: Hidden treasures of the Eastern Congo Basin: Research and conservation of elusive species.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgomiJrSyoA>
- Hicks TC. Nonhuman behavioral realms: Explorations of chimpanzee technology across the Congo Basin. Oral online presentation to the Faculty of Biology, The University of Warsaw, on 1 March, 2021. In accordance with the procedure for acquiring Habilitation.
- 2018 Hicks TC. “Chimpanzee technology in Northern DR Congo: A comparison of behaviors between savanna mosaic and moist tropical forest habitats.” Oral presentation at the International Primatological Society, Congress XXVII, in Nairobi, Kenya. 20 August , 2018.
- Hicks TC. Specialized chimpanzee technology in Northern DR Congo.” Seminar lecture at Cent Lecture Center, Wild Urban Evolution and Ecology Lab in Warsaw, Poland. 13 June, 2018.
- 2017 Hicks TC. “The Bili-Uéré Chimpanzee Behavioral Realm of Northern DR Congo.” Oral presentation at the Polish Society for Human and Evolution Studies in Krakow, Poland. September 21, 2017.

- 2016 Hicks TC. "It's a Matter of Taste: Chimpanzee Cultural Realms in the Congo." Oral presentation, Tedx Warsaw Talk, University of Warsaw. May 28, 2016.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nt0YXZBvAZE&t=762s>
- 2015 Hicks TC, Kühl H, Roessingh P, Boesch C, Hart J & Menken SBJ. Poster presentation at the German Federation of Primatology conference in Leipzig, Germany. "Tool use by *Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii* is not dependent on abundance of insect prey in Northern DR Congo." February 11, 2015.  
Hicks TC, Kühl H, Roessingh P, Boesch C, Hart J. & Menken SBJ. "Tool use by *Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii* is not dependent on abundance of insect prey in Northern DR Congo." Oral presentation at the European federation of Primatologists in Rome, Italy. 25-28 August, 2015.  
Hicks TC, Kühl H, Roessingh P, Boesch C, Hart J & Menken SBJ. "Tool use by *Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii* is not dependent on abundance of insect prey in Northern DR Congo." Oral presentation at the Primate Society of Great Britain, London Zoological Society. 2 December, 2015.  
Hicks TC. "Explorations of a Threatened Chimpanzee Culture in Northern NR Congo" Oral presentation at the Faculty of 'Artes Liberales' at the University of Warsaw and (via satellite link) The Collaboratory, Rutgers University. 30 November, 2015.
- 2014 Kühl H & Hicks TC. "Humans and African Apes – An Uneasy Coexistence." Oral presentation at 'Humans and Nonhuman Primates – Crossing the Boundaries'. The Faculty of 'Artes Liberales' University of Warsaw. 19 May, 2014.  
Organizer, with Maureen McCarthy and Jack Lester, The Chimpanzee-Human Interface: Symposium at Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig. July 10-11, 2014. Presented here the talk: "Impact of humans on long-distance communication behavior in eastern chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) in Northern Democratic Republic of the Congo."
- 2013 Hicks TC, Tranquilli S, Kuehl H, Campbell G, Swinkels J, Darby L, Boesch C, Hart J, & Menken SBJ. "A Large, Continuous, and Stable Population of Eastern Chimpanzees Inhabits the Forests of Northern DR Congo." Abstract for presentation at the European federation of Primatologists 2013 conference in Antwerp, Belgium. In FOLIA

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Hicks TC. "Discovery of a large, continuous population of Eastern chimpanzees in the Uele region of Northern DR Congo". MSc Primate Conservation, Oxford Brookes University. Oral presentation at The Primate Conservation Seminar. 2 December, 2013.

- 2010 Hicks TC. "A Mega-Culture? Behavioral continuity in the chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) of northern DR Congo." Oral presentation at the International Primatological Society, Congress XXIII, in Kyoto, Japan. 17 September, 2010.

Hicks TC. "A Chimpanzee Mega-Culture? Behavioral continuity in the chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) of northern DR Congo." The Symposium of Tropical Ecology, the University of Amsterdam. 22 October, 2010.

- 2009 Hicks TC. "Exploration of a chimpanzee Mega-Culture in DR Congo." 16th PhD Day, Wageningen, The Netherlands. 10 December, 2009.

Hicks TC. "Explorations of a threatened chimpanzee 'Mega-Culture' in the northern DR Congo." The Burgers Zoo, The Netherlands. March 2009.

- 2007 Hicks TC. "Apes in Congo". IBED Day, The University of Amsterdam, Hoge Veluwe, The Netherlands. 13 September, 2007.

- 2006 Hicks TC. "Beyond the speculation - Just what are the Bili apes?" International Primatological Society, Congress XXI, Entebbe, Uganda. 29 June, 2006.

Hicks TC. "Some images of the Bili apes." International Primatological Society Congress XXI, Entebbe, Uganda. 29 June, 2006.

- 2005 Hicks TC. "The Bili apes – Are they special?" The European Federation of Primatologists conference in Göttingen, Germany. 12 August, 2005.

- 2004 Hicks TC. "Chimpanzee tool use in the Ngotto Forest, Central African Republic." The Rocky Mountain Psychological Association conference, Reno, Nevada. April 2004.

Hicks TC & Fouts R. "Nest construction by chimpanzees and gorillas in the Ngotto Forest, Central African Republic." The Third Central Washington University Graduate

Student and Faculty Conference. (Together with Dr. Roger Fouts I received an Outstanding Student Presentation Award for this talk). 6 May, 2004.

## Teaching experience

- 2023 I supervised student Nina Hilgier on her Senior Thesis project in the Anthropozoology program of the Faculty of 'Artes Liberales'.
- 2018-2023 I served as the assistant supervisor of Ph.D. candidate Toni Romani in the 'Nature-Culture' program of The University of Warsaw (main supervisor: Marek Konarzewski).
- 2014-present Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of 'Artes Liberales', The University of Warsaw. Classes: 'Culture Beyond *Homo sapiens*', 'Humankind's Place in Nature', 'Humans and their Great Ape Cousins', 'Humans as Great Apes' (co-taught with professor Fran Bartkowski of Rutger's University), 'The Evolution of *Homo sapiens*', 'Primateology'. Current title: Senior Researcher and Technical Specialist.
- 2014-2015 I supervised Master's student Igor Siedlecki on his research project at the Warsaw Zoo for the University of Warsaw. Diploma received in 2015.
- 2002–2004 Docent at the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute's Chimposium. I served as Presenter/Observer Guide for this program, informing visitors about chimpanzee behavior and conservation (including the threat of the bushmeat trade) and introducing visitors to the chimpanzees for brief visits.

## Awards



- Hicks T. C. & Fouts R. (2004). Winner of Outstanding Student Presentation Award the Third Central Washington University Graduate Student and Faculty Conference. Chimpanzee Tool Use in the Ngotto Forest, Central African Republic.
- Hicks T. C., Roessing P. & Menken S. B. J. (2015). Winner of the AH Schultz Award for Best Paper (*Folia Primatologica* / Primate Society of Great Britain). For the article: "Impact of Humans on Long-Distance Communication Behaviour of Eastern Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) in the Northern Democratic Republic of the Congo." 2013. *Folia Primatologica* 84.3: 135-156.

## Other information

- Languages: English native speaker, fluent in French and Spanish, conversational in Lingala, Sangho and Babenzele. Polish and German–works in progress!
- Author and illustrator of the children’s book about conservation ‘A Rhino to the Rescue: A Tale of Conservation and Adventure’ (2017).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9Jhz8IlyfM&t=172s>

## Publications

Romani T, Mundry R, Shaban GM, Konarzewski M, Namaganda M, Hobaiter C, Gruber T &

Hicks TC (in press). Decay rates of arboreal and terrestrial nests of eastern chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) in the Bugoma Central Forest Reserve, Uganda: implications for population size estimates. *International Journal of Primatology*.

Romani T, Tranquilli S, Roessingh P, Menken SBJ, Mundry R, Konarzewski M & Hicks TC

(2023). Factors affecting nest height and ground nesting behaviour in Eastern chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) of the northern Democratic Republic of the Congo. *Folia Primatologica*, 1(aop): 1-34.

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- Hicks TC, Kühl H, Boesch C, Menken SBJ, Hart J, Roessingh P, Ewango C, & Mundry R (2020). The relationship between tool use and prey availability in Northern DR Congo chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*). *International Journal of Primatology* 41: 936-959.
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- Hicks TC, Kühl HS, Boesch C, Dieguez P, Ayimisin AE, Fernandez RM, Zungawa DB, Kambere M, Swinkels J, Menken SBJ, Hart J, Mundry R & Roessingh R (2019a). Bili-Uéré: A chimpanzee behavioral realm in Northern DR Congo. *Folia Primatologica*. 90: 3-64.
- Hicks TC (2016). Non-Darwinian Notions of Kinship and Friendship Between Humans and Great Apes in the Congo Basin. Pp. 122-131 in: K. Marciniak & E. Olechowska (eds.) *De Amicitia / Transdisciplinary Studies in Friendship*. Faculty of Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw (and illustrations throughout the book). <http://www.al.uw.edu.pl/amicitia>

Lapuente J, Hicks TC & Linsenmair KE (2016). Fluid dipping technology of chimpanzees in Comoé National Park, Ivory Coast. *American Journal of Primatology* 79(5): 10.1002/ajp.22628

Kühl HS, Arandjelovic M, Aubert F, D'Auvergne L, Goedmakers A, Jones S, Kehoe L, Regnaut S, Tickle A, Ton E, van Schijndel J, Abwe EE, Angedakin S, Agbor A, Ayimisin EA, Bailey E, Bessone M, Bonnet M, Brazolla G, Ebua Buh V, Chancellor R, Cipoletta C, Cohen H, Corogenes K, Coupland C, Curran B, Deschner T, Dierks K, Dieguez P, Dilambaka E, Diotoh O, Dowd D., Dunn A, Eshuis H, Fernandez R, Ginath Y, Hart J, Hedwig D, Ter Heegde M, Hicks TC, Imong IS, Jeffery KJ, Junker J, Kadam P, Kambi M, Kienast I, Kujirakwinja D, Langergraber KE, Lapeyre V, Lapuente J, Lee K, Leinert V, Meier A, Maretti G, Marrocoli S, Mbi TJ, Mihindou V, Möbius YB, Morgan D, Morgan B, Mulindahabi F, Murai M, Niyigabae P, Normand E, Ntare N, Orsmy LJ, Piel A, Pruetz J, Rundus A, Sanz C, Sommer V, Stewart F, Tagg N, Vanleeuwe H, Vergnes V, Willie J, Wittig RM, Zuberbuehler K & Boesch C (2016). Chimpanzee accumulative stone throwing. *Scientific Reports* 6: 22219.

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- Rainey HJ, Regnaut S, Robinson O, Rundus A, Sanz CM, Okon DT, Todd A, Warren Y & Sommer V (2014). Protected areas in tropical Africa: Assessing threats and conservation activities. *PLoS One* 9(12): e114154.
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## Selected Press Links

**2023**

- 'Ground-nesting chimps hold lessons for conservation – and for human evolution'. Mongabay online article by Ini Ekott, April 27, 2023.  
<https://news.mongabay.com/2023/04/ground-nesting-chimps-hold-lessons-for-conservation-and-for-human-evolution/>
- Interview on chimpanzee tool use with Polish national television station TVP:  
<https://nauka.tvp.pl/68818889/dr-cleve-hicks-o-poczatkach-kultury?fbclid=IwAR3zxnui2a0njNKd6okewzUIM7S9-Lx6bpw-f8624egV3cymH2fZwYUMO7o>
- Interview with Cleve Hicks and Toni Romani on chimpanzee behavior with Zwierzęcy Kalejdoskop Filmowy, a Polish blog about animals:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtpCEG9-APY>

**2021:**

- Interview with Leo's Animal Planet:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhqf0jjIYhk&t=27s>
- Research Features article on Cleve Hicks' work with the Bili chimpanzees.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWopwZtBcpQ>  
<https://researchfeatures.com/chimpanzee-population-dr-congo-develops-own-customs-and-traditions/>

## 2019

- Mongabay interview with Cleve Hicks on the Bili chimpanzees, 2019:

<https://news.mongabay.com/2019/04/audio-tool-using-ground-nesting-chimp-culture-discovered-in-dr-congo/2016>

## 2016

- Tedx Talk: It's A Matter of Taste: Chimpanzee Culture in Congo. University of Warsaw, May 28, 2016.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nt0YXZBvAZE&t=398s>

- NBC TV documentary (On Assignment with Richard Engel) on the Bili Chimpanzees:

<http://www.nbcnews.com/dateline/video/on-assignment-mystery-apes-of-the-congo-686499395822>

<http://www.nbcnews.com/dateline/video/on-assignment-one-more-thing-mystery-apes-of-the-congo-686499907922>

## 2014

- Max Planck press release on the Bili chimpanzees

[http://www.mpg.de/7896302/chimpanzee\\_population\\_congo?filter\\_order=L&research\\_to\\_pic=](http://www.mpg.de/7896302/chimpanzee_population_congo?filter_order=L&research_to_pic=)

- Guardian article on large population of chimpanzees in northern DRC

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/feb/07/chimpanzees-congo-forest>

## 2010

- Article from The Guardian on the chimpanzee bushmeat crisis in Northern DRC:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2010/sep/07/congo-chimpanzees-bushmeat>

## 2009

- IPPL Newsletter articles by T. C. Hicks about the chimpanzee victims of the Northern DRC bushmeat trade:

[http://www.ippl.org/newsletter/2000s/108\\_v36\\_n3\\_2009-12.pdf#page=9](http://www.ippl.org/newsletter/2000s/108_v36_n3_2009-12.pdf#page=9)

<http://www.ippl.org/newsletter/2000s/IPPL-News-May-2009.pdf#page=25>

- Een Vandaag: The Bili Chimpanzees:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wRqDGKk4Bo>

## 2005

- Time Magazine piece (Lost Apes of the Congo) on the 2004-2005 Bili field season:

<https://freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1318883/posts>

