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What We'll Discuss Today

- Why and How I applied for a Fulbright Scholar grant
- What I did on my Fulbright Scholar grant
- *Impact* of my Fulbright Scholar grant
 - Personally
 - Professionally
- Additional Fulbright Scholar opportunities
- How to Stay Engaged





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Fulbright Scholar 2011 Brazil



- Researcher and Instructor
- Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia (INPA)
- Seed-Dispersing Bats in Fragmented Tropical Rainforest; Nocturnal Wildlife Technology Workshops for Students





Why I Chose to Apply

Opportunity: Conduct research in Neotropical ecosystems

Collaborations: Interact with Brazilian scientists, local communities, and students

Prestige: Fulbright is the Flagship educational exchange program of the USA

Diversity: Targets smaller, diverse colleges and universities; encourages underrepresented groups to participate in scholarly collaborations

Advocacy: Opportunity to expand the conversation about the conservation of wildlife; bring experience back to encourage scholars in USA to pursue studies abroad





Seed-Dispersing Bats in Fragmented Tropical Rainforest

Workshop: Nocturnal Wildlife Technology Workshops for Students, INPA

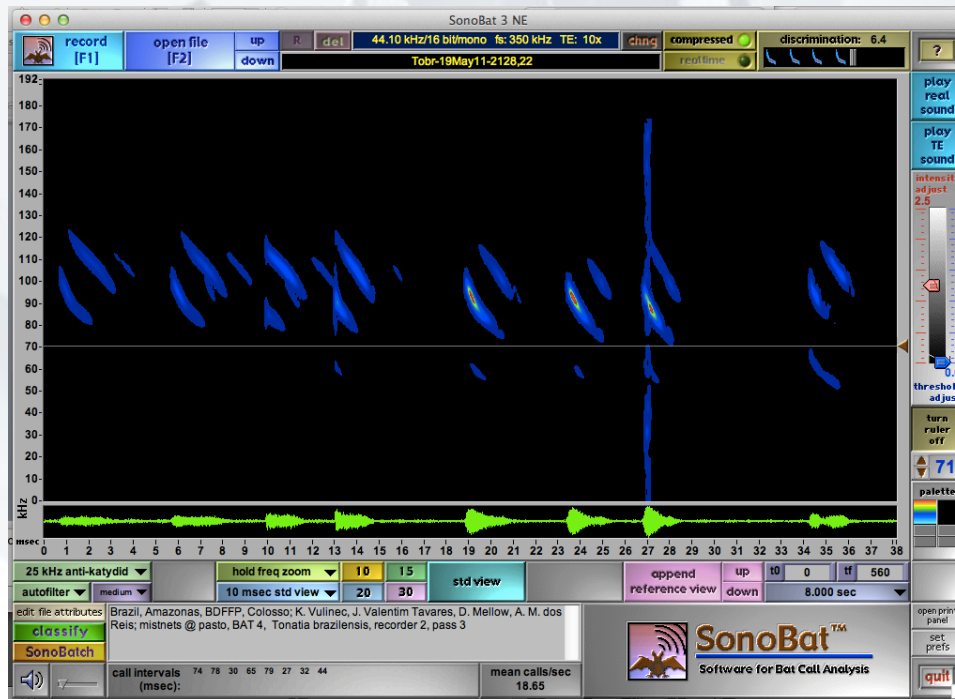
Research: Bats help build forests, control pests, and pollinate plants. Under threat from development, disease, forest fragmentation; what to do?

Lectures: Bats and tropical rainforests, INPA





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Personal Impact

Personal Growth: Opportunity to live and work in another culture; improve language skills; increased awareness of human-wildlife interactions in tropics

Family: Opportunity for my sons and husband to experience Brazil

Experience: Different wildlife and ecosystems

Adventure: Camping out in the Amazon's tropical rain forests!





Professional Impact

Networking and Collaborations: Several collaborations in the works; publications; invitations

Weird Science?: Dung beetles, monkeys, and bats, oh my!

Promotion: Significant for promotion to Full Professor

Initiated Study Abroad Programs: At home institution: to Panama, Belize, and Honduras





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