

August 31, 2020 newsletter theme: **Temi & Av on vacation!**



Dear Grey House team and esteemed colleagues,

Greetings lovely quaranteamates! It's now 181 days into our never-ending team-building adventure, and.....Avshalom and I got fed up and went on our vacation after all.

We are sending you this newsletter from our month-long cruise from Alaska to Norway, over the top of Russia, August to September! This newsletter brings you unique photographs from our trip.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A Russian Tourist Visa is required for this voyage.



From the NatGeo brochure: Thrill at remote Siberian shores and far northern archipelagos—including Franz Josef Land, New Siberian Islands and Wrangel Island—little changed since the days of Nordenskjöld, Amundsen and intrepid explorers of the last century. National Geographic Explorer roams free at the top of the world on the most untrammelled, adventurous route in the High Arctic on this epic voyage.



Thanks to climate change, for the first time it is possible to travel by ship from Alaska to Norway, over the top of Russia. Yes, the ice has opened before in the earth's history, but that was at a point long ago when no humans were ready with boats to make the journey. This is the first expedition, ever.





Wish you were here!



We miss you everyone!!!!



Never, never stand up in an open boat.



Imagine the Siberian road conditions that require this kind of CAT.



This place is terribly Russian.





Back soon! Promise! Pretty nasty cold place here. Creepy, frankly.





Take care! Back soon! Really! Keep working! Love, Temi and Avshalom



Meanwhile, here is all the OTHER news I have that's fit to print since 24 August:

FIRST THE HAPPY NEWS!

Temi and Avshalom are on a vacation cruise ship halfway to Norway.

Our Kyle Bourassa spoke in a Duke-sponsored expert press briefing about stress and mental health in the pandemic.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWvjxZKZeSY&list=PLYZhPUaJyXIZ_XZOA9D_O4svIPYPOx8JZ&index=3&t=0s



TWO PAPERS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION THIS WEEK! Congratulations to Jo Newbury and to Kyle Bourassa!!!!

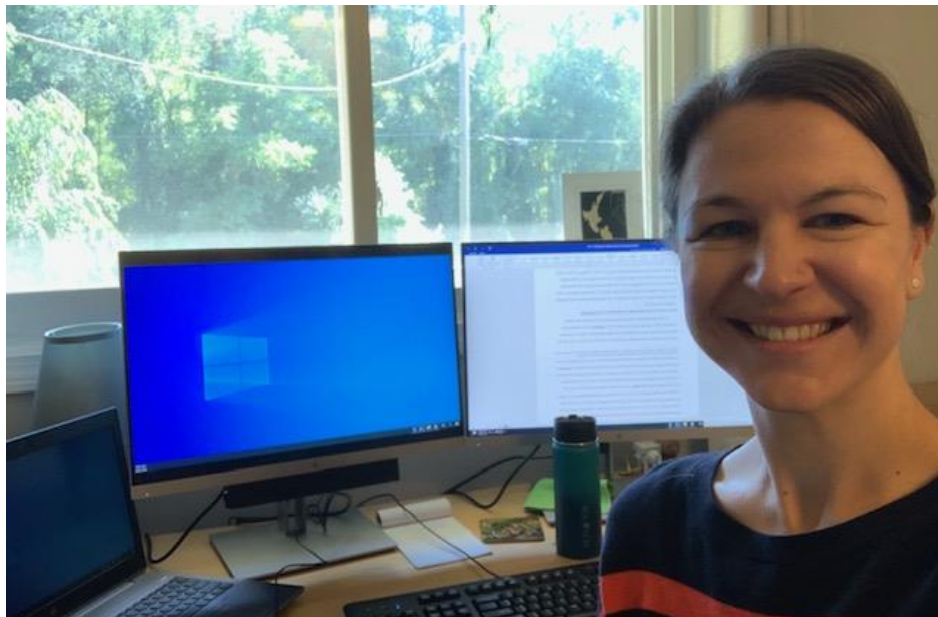
Max Elliott's application to NIA for a combined predoc-postdoc fellowship in aging was funded today! Congratulations Max!!!!!!

NIA invites outstanding graduate students from a wide range of broad research areas including, but not limited to, statistics, neuroscience, physics, immunology, microbiology, informatics, data sciences, and engineering who are interested in receiving aging-related postdoctoral training to apply for this award. The purpose of the Transition to Aging Research Award for Predoctoral Students is to increase, retain, and diversify the pool of trainees in aging and geriatric research. This two-phase award will allow awardees to complete doctoral dissertation projects and provide a variety of training supports to facilitate smooth transition of doctoral graduates into competitive, aging-focused postdoctoral positions.

Oscar's passport arrived, hurrah! So now he can go visit his grandparents in Denmark! I think his grandmas are named Patience and Fortitude. Oscar, have you ever considered the frozen north of Russia? Don't stop at Denmark, sweetie.



Leah is ensconced in her new office!



NEXT, THE UNHAPPY NEWS:

Temi's dad, the real Terry Moffitt, has been in hospital for two weeks now. He is now in a senior care center to see if he can regain his strength. We got so bored waiting for Dad to get out that we decided to go on our National Geographic vacation.



On this day 31 August in 1997, Princess Diana died.

Poor Essi got her copy of our book, and now she must read it. Well, at least chapter 1. On the way back from our trip across Russia, we may stop off in Finland to meet Essi and give her an exam. Eeeeeeeek!

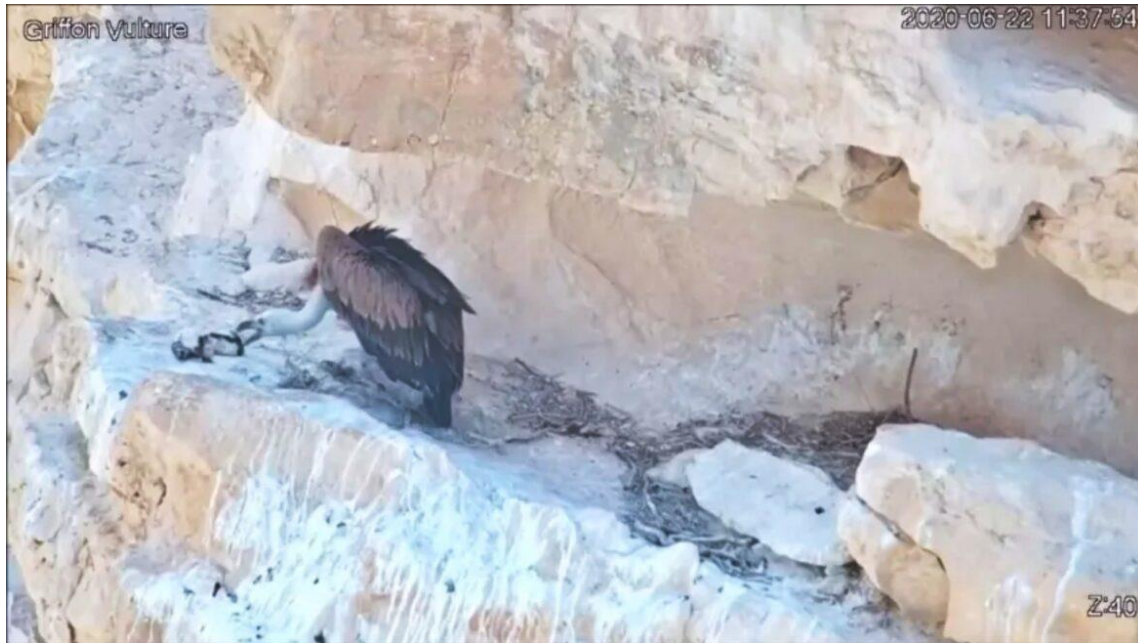


THIS WEEK's Science-visualizations:

And you thought drones were just for bombing.

Mama' drone saves life of endangered desert vulture chick

Xtend drone company, the Israeli army and conservationists join forces to bring food to an orphaned vulture chick on an isolated cliff.



Drone pilot Aviv Shapira in Tel Aviv, feeding chick miles away in the desert.



RESEARCH-PROJECT PROGRESS SINCE 24 August:

Annchen and Max have written up a delightful blurb summarizing the thoughts from all of our recent discussions on the use of global covariates when reporting structural brain MRI findings. This one-pager serves as a reference for planning analyses, responding to reviewers, etc.

You'll find it here: <https://www.haririlab.com/methods/GlobalCovariates.html>

Kyle's paper is in press!!!! Congratulations!

Bourassa, K. J., Caspi, A., Harrington, H. L., Houts, R. M., Poulton, R., Ramrakha, S., & Moffitt, T. E. (In Press). "Intimate partner violence and lower relationship quality are associated with faster biological aging." *Psychology and Aging*.

Jo Newbury and Helen Fisher's paper is also in press! Well done you!

"Association between genetic and socioenvironmental risk for schizophrenia during upbringing in a UK longitudinal cohort" *Psychological Medicine*

If you are working on something you want others to know about, you can let them know your own self. I'm on vacation.

Upcoming birthdays. RENATE HOUTS TURNS 30 on 3 SEPTEMBER, THIS WEEK!

(If I don't have your birthday, please send it to me! But not till we get home from Russia, OK?)

Resources:

Duke's COVID-19 testing results for N of cases on campus and quarantined are updated every Monday and can be found here:

<https://coronavirus.duke.edu/covid-testing/>.

Don't Forget to check the American presidential race poll being updated daily by the Economist.

<https://projects.economist.com/us-2020-forecast/president>

FYI - VOTING INFO

North Carolina Residents.

You can check your NC voter registration status here:

<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

Register online if you have an NC license or DMV-issued ID here:

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voters/Registering-to-Vote>

Info on NC absentee voting, here:

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voting-Options/Absentee-Voting>

One stop website for residents of other states:

Register - <https://www.usa.gov/register-to-vote>

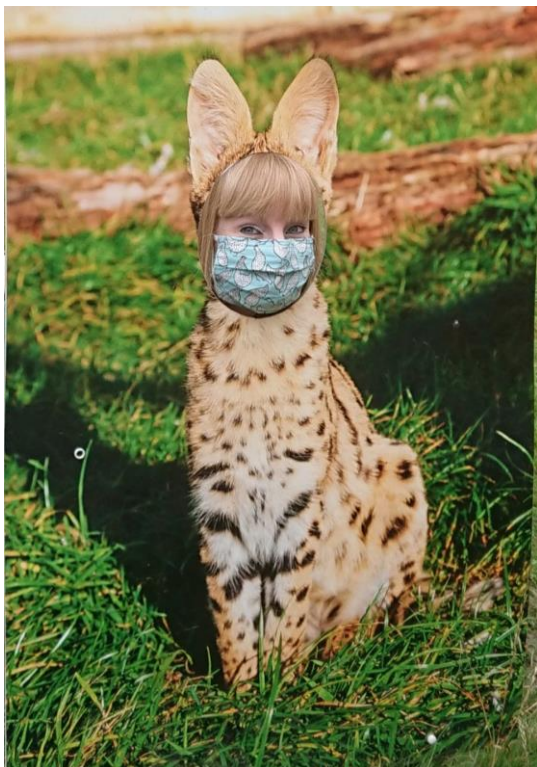
Early voting/absentee voting: <https://www.usa.gov/how-to-vote>

PUZZLER: Which of these cat pics is more believable?

Bobcat family on the Macon Farm, 11:35 am, last Thursday.



Helen Fisher has become an African Serval cat.



OK, which is more believable?

Have a serene week everyone, wherever you are! Temi



View from our summer 2020 shipboard vacation, photo by Avshalom