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## EMPLOYMENT:

- 2020 – present      PhD candidate, Institute for Cognitive Science, Osnabrueck University
- 2019 – 2020      Research Assistant, Tai Chimpanzee Project and Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology
- Long term data collection on Tai East Chimpanzee Group
  - Recording and decoding collected vocalizations, part of the Hominoid Brain Project

## EDUCATION:

- 2017 – 2019      Master Degree, Utrecht University, Netherlands  
Environmental Biology – track: Behavioural Ecology
- Major thesis (12 months): Bystander jealousy driven behaviour in zoo-housed chimpanzees at Royal Burgers Zoo.
- Supervised by:** Dr. Christine E. Webb and Prof. Dr. Liesbeth Sterck. In collaboration with Prof. Dr. Frans de Waal.
- Minor thesis (9 months): Signaling during social encounters in relation to social tolerance and affiliation in zoo-housed chimpanzees (Project 1) and non-vocal sounds made during grooming interactions in relation to affiliation in zoo-housed chimpanzees (Project 2).
- Supervised by:** Dr. Roman Wittig, Dr. Catherine Crockford, Dr. Cedric Girard-Buttoz and Dr. Anne Marijke Schel.
- 2014 – 2017      Bachelor Degree (Honors), Maastricht University, Netherlands  
Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 2012 – 2014      International Baccalaureate (IB), Braeburn Garden Estate, Kenya

### RESEARCH & FIELD SITES:

2019 – 2020	Taï National Park, Ivory Coast
2019	Wolfgang Koehler Primate Research Center (Leipzig Zoo) and Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany
2017 -2018	Royal Burgers Zoo, Arnhem, Netherlands

### PUBLICATIONS:

Webb, C. E., **Kolff, K.**, Du, X., & de Waal, F. (2020). Jealous Behavior in Chimpanzees Elicited by Social Intruders. *Affective Science*, 1(4), 199-207. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42761-020-00019-5>

Goldsborough, Z., van Leeuwen, E J. C., **Kolff, K. W. T.**, de Waal, F B. M., & Webb, C. E. (2019). Do chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) console a bereaved mother? *Springer*. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10329-019-00752-x>

### AWARDS:

The *Primates* 2020 Social Impact Award