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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge MA	
Ph.D. Biology and Anthropology	1996
Harvard University, Cambridge MA	
M.A. Anthropology	1989
University of California, Santa Cruz	
Graduate Certificate, Science Communication	1988
University of California, Santa Cruz	
BA, Biology and Environmental Studies	1986

AWARDS

Louis B. Leakey Great Ape Fellowship	1998 – 1999
Fulbright Fellow	1990 – 1994
Wenner-Gren Fellow	1989 – 1990
Jacob K. Javitz Scholarship	1987 – 1992

EXPERIENCE

University of Alabama, Birmingham AL	
Research Assistant Professor, Department of Biology	2014-present
Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies, Univ. of Texas Health Science Center	
Research Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology	2010-2014
Yurok Tribe, California	
Natural Resource Scientist and Land Use Planner	2006-2010
Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx Zoo NY	
Conservation Scientist	2001-2006
The Christensen Fund, Palo Alto CA	
Assistant Director	1999-2001
Duke University, Durham NC	
Post-doctoral Fellow	1998-1999

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- Fischer KE**, Gelfond J, Soto VY, Chul H, Someya S, Richardson A and Austad SN. Health Effects of Long-term Rapamycin Treatment: the Impact on Mouse Health of Enteric Rapamycin Treatment from Four Months of Age throughout Life. *PLoS1* (submitted)
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- Diaz-Gimenez, LE, Ghildyal P, **Fischer KE**, Hu H, Ja WW, Austad SN, Eaton B, Wu Y and Ranjan R. Modulation of Methuselah Expression Targeted to Drosophila Insulin-producing Cells Extends Life and Enhances Oxidative Stress Resistance. *Aging Cell* 2013 Aging Cell 12(1): 121-129. PMCID: PMC 3552032
- Fok WC, Zhang Y, Salmon AB Bhattacharya A, Gunda R, Jones D, Ward W, **Fischer KE**, Richardson A, Pérez VI. Short-Term Treatment With Rapamycin and Dietary Restriction Have Overlapping and Distinctive Effects in Young Mice. *J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci* 2013: 68(2): 108-116. PMCID: PMC3598360
- Halloran J, Hussong S, Burbank R, Podlutskaya N, **Fischer KE**, Sloane L, Austad SN, Strong R, Richardson A, Hart M, Galvan V. Chronic inhibition of mammalian target of rapamycin by rapamycin modulates cognitive and noncognitive components of behavior throughout lifespan in mice. *Neuroscience* 2012: 223:102-113. PMCID:PMC3454865
- Bhattacharya A, Leonard S, Tardif S, Buffenstein R, **Fischer KE**, Richardson A, Austad SN, Chaudhuri AR. Attenuation of liver insoluble protein carbonyls: indicator of a longevity determinant? *Aging Cell* 2011: 10(4):720-23. PMCID: PMC 3766365
- Fischer KE** and Steven N. Austad. The Development of Small Primate Models for Aging Research. *ILAR Journal* 2011: 8:52(1):78-88.
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- Austad SN, **Fischer KE**. Primate longevity: its place in the mammalian scheme. *Am J Primatology* 1992: 28:251-261.

LANGUAGES

English—native language
French—speak, read and write with basic competence
Melanesian Pidgin—speak, read and write with basic competence

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Gerontological Society of America
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OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

Safe Zone Volunteer