



Variation in *Paranthropus*; microevolution, sexual dimorphism, and ontogeny

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The genus *Paranthropus* includes at least three distinct species, that share a unique suite of primitive and derived characteristics including small brains, and a hypertrophic masticatory apparatus. The relatively large sample of *P. robustus* and *P. boisei* cranio-dental remains provides a unique opportunity to further investigate population level variation within Plio-pleistocene hominin species, such as degrees of sexual dimorphism and ontogenetic trajectories. In this talk, Jesse will discuss reinterpreting the variation within *P. boisei*, and within all other hominin taxa where high degrees of intraspecific variation has been attributed to sexual dimorphism.

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