

Please address correspondence to: 251-25 Gaskell Rd. Little Neck, New York, N.Y. 11362

Email: CARistau99@gmail.com

Web sites

<http://carolynaristau.com> [includes links to 2024 open-access book about Donald R. Griffin]

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Carolyn_Ristau/info [includes copies of many research articles]

Current Position

Research Scholar affiliation with Columbia University Seminars

Retired, Adj Assoc Prof - Barnard College of Columbia University - Psychology Dept. NYC

Recent Positions

Adj Assoc Prof - Barnard College- Psychology Dept. NYC

Research Fellow – Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, Univ. Penn., Philadelphia.

CEO- Akassa Associates (consultants in social performance & community development)

Consultant to Pro-Natura International (International NGO working in community development)

Education

1970-72 - Post-Doctoral Fellow - Animal Communication - lab of Peter Marler, Rockefeller University, NYC

1974 - Ph.D. - Major Field: Comparative - Physiological Psychology

Minor Field: Learning - Motivation, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia., Pa.

W. John Smith, Ph. D. dissertation sponsor

1965 - M.S. - Social and Developmental Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

1963 - A.B. - Major Field: Physics; Minor Field: Mathematics, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Scholarships and Fellowships

Asch Center Fellow (1999-2001)

USPHS Postdoctoral Fellowship (1970-1972)

USPHS Pre-doctoral Traineeship

Outside Funding

IFRA (Institut Francais de Recherche en Afrique) (2005-2006)

Asch Center - Univ. of Pennsylvania (1999-2001)

Univ. of Colorado - UROP fund (1994)

Whitehall Foundation (1985-1988)

Edna Bailey Sussman Fund - Field Assistants (1985)

Harry F. Guggenheim Foundation (1980-1984)

various small fundings for research expenses and student stipends to work as my research assistants

Brief Description of Current and Recent Research and Scholarly Activities

I have two quite distinct fields of interest. My longest-standing interest has been Cognitive Ethology, the study of mental processes in animals as they behave in their natural environment. This research has concentrated on field experiments and observations of communication and injury feigning by shorebirds, including the possibly strategic and purposive use of the displays. Field sites have been on coastal islands in New York and Virginia, in Churchill, Canada, in the arctic Igloodik and on the Colorado grasslands. I have also studied tool use, imitation and laterality in a group of chimpanzees in a rainforest enclosure in Nigeria. My other work in Cognitive Ethology centered on critiques of the ape language and cognition experiments, writing long reviews of that research (Ristau and Robbins, 1982; Ristau, 1996). For the last several years, I have been researching and writing a broad biography of Donald R. Griffin, founder of the field of Cognitive Ethology; the biography entails a review of his and others' research in bat echolocation, avian navigation and Cognitive Ethology (Ristau, 2024). My other main interest is in conflict research and participation in community-driven development projects which has taken me to study and work in the oil-conflicted areas of the Niger Delta of Nigeria. Ethnopolitical conflict and civility was also a focus of research Paul Rozin and I conducted on the public's response to 9/11 here in the USA (Ristau & Rozin, 2015).

Positions Held

Barnard College: Most recently I have been on the faculty of the Psychology Department at Barnard College of Columbia University, both as a Senior Research Scholar and as an Adjunct Associate Professor.

Conflict Analysis: Prior to Barnard, primarily between 1999-2007, I was a Research Fellow of the Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, based largely in Nigeria. Over the years, I have also worked as a consultant, usually for Pro-Natura International, on analyses of conflict in the Niger Delta and advice for community development efforts there.

Various universities: Prior to those efforts, I most often taught at Barnard College, although I was also engaged at other universities in the New York area (CUNY: Hunter College and Brooklyn College; Fordham University) and also at the University of Pennsylvania graduate and undergraduate schools, at Vassar College, and at University of Colorado, Boulder.

Rockefeller University: I was affiliated with Rockefeller University in various capacities beginning with a two-year post doctorate with Peter Marler in 1970. I returned to Rockefeller in 1977, and then joined the Griffin laboratory there in 1980. I was a member of his group until Donald Griffin retired in 1986, and I continued an affiliation with the University until 1992.

Teaching: I have taught a very wide array of courses and seminars in the general fields of Biological Psychology and Cognitive Studies. They are listed below.

Comparative Cognition (human and animal): Barnard College (1990, 1995-1996); Univ. of Pennsylvania (with lab) (1989)
Issues in Human and Animal Cognition (seminar with philosopher S. Larson): Barnard College (1996- 99)
Psychology of Learning: Barnard College (2004)
Fundamentals of Human Neuropsychology (seminar) Barnard College (1998)
Social Psychology: Dalhousie University (Summer, 1978)
Comparative Human and Animal Social Behavior: Fordham University (1978)
Developmental Psychology: Georgia State University (1974-76)
Graduate course in Animal Behavior: Brooklyn College (1992)
Biological Foundations of Animal Cognition (with lab): Vassar College (1986)
Senior Seminars in Biology: Vassar College (1986-87)
Introductory Biology (with lab): Vassar College (1987)
Sensation/Perception: Hunter College (1990)
Experimental Psychology (with lab): Hunter College (1989,1991-93); Brooklyn College (1993)
Cognitive Ethology graduate seminars (with Griffin): Rockefeller University (1980-86)
Tutorials in fieldwork: undergrad: Princeton, Smith, Oberlin, Barnard, Vassar, Univ. Colorado (1983- 98)
Animal Behavior Course: invited lecturer to Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory (selected advanced undergraduate and graduate students) (1980-82)
Advisor for Ph.D. thesis on teaching dolphins an artificial language: Boston University (1981-82)
Comparative Psychology: Univ. of Pennsylvania (1989,1990,1992); Fordham University (1980)
Physiological Psychology: Barnard College (with lab) (1991, 1995-1998); Univ. of Pennsylvania (1989,1990); Fordham University (1979)
Introductory Psychology: Barnard College (1990-1993; 1995-1996; 2010-11, 2016); Brooklyn College (1993); Univ. of Penna. (1989); Georgia State University (1973-75)
Critical Thinking: (topic: Animal Behavior) Univ. Colorado (1994)
First Year Seminar - Psychology of Communication: Barnard College (1996-2000)
Statistics: Brooklyn College (1993)

Selected Publications

Books

Ristau, C. A. 2024. [*Birds, Bats and Minds: Tales of a Revolutionary Scientist, Donald R. Griffin*](#). WellBeing International.

Ristau, C. A. (Ed.) 1991. *Cognitive Ethology: The Minds of Other Animals (Essays in Honor of Donald R. Griffin)*. Hillsdale, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Articles

- Ristau, C. A. 2024. Précis of: "Birds, Bats, and Minds: Tales of a Revolutionary Scientist, Donald R. Griffin". *Animal Sentience* 35(1).
- Ristau, C. A. and Strauss, E. 2024. Biologists Ponder: Omni-present Consciousness? Implications for Animal Mind, Human-Animal Relationships and Animal Well-Being. In M. Kafatos, D. Banerji & D. C. Struppa (Eds.), *Quantum and Consciousness Revisited*. pp. 311-355. New Delhi: DK Printworld.
- Strauss, E. and Ristau, C. A. 2023. The case for conservation in the age of the Anthropocene. In A.H. Fine, M. Mueller, Z. Ng & J.M. Peralta (Eds.), *The Handbook on Human-Animal Interactions, Interventions and Anthrozoology*. pp. 421-437. Routledge Press, London.
- Ristau, C. A. 2022. Revisiting Donald Griffin, founder of cognitive ethology. *Animal Sentience* 31(11) Commentary on Target article: Rowan et al. (2022) Animal sentience: history, science, and politics. *Animal Sentience*
- Ristau, C. A. 2018. Insulting words: They are animals! Animal Sentience. 172. Commentary on Target Article: Chapman, C.A. & Huffman, M. A. (2018) Why do we want to think humans are different? Animal Sentience 23(1).
- Ristau, C. A. 2018. Ethology. In M. H. Bornstein, M. E. Arterberry, K. L. Fingerman & J. E. Lansford (Eds.), Sage Encyclopedia of Lifespan Human Development. New York: Sage Publications. 787-789.
- Ristau, C. A. 2017. Self, death, and suicide: Does an animal know of these? *Animal Sentience* 20(5):093. Commentary on Target Article: Peña-Guzmán, David M. (2017). Can nonhuman animals commit suicide? *Animal Sentience* 20(1)
- Ristau, C. A. 2016. Evidence for animal grief? Commentary on Target Article: B. King, How Animals Grieve. *Animal Sentience* 2016.046.
- Ristau, C. A. 2016. Beginnings: Physics, sentience and LUCA. Commentary on A. Reber, Caterpillars, consciousness and the origins of mind. *Animal Sentience* 2016.134.
- Ristau, C. A. 2016. Wild Things. *Science* 352, 6292, p. 1402. doi:10.1126/science.aaf8235. (Review of two books about animal minds)
- Ristau, C. A. 2016. The day of reckoning: Does human ultrasociality continue? Commentary on J. Gowdy & L. Krall, The Economic origins of ultrasociality. *The Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. 39, 32-33. doi:10.1017/S0140525X15001144
- Ristau, C. A. 2013. Cognitive Ethology, Advanced Review. *WIREs Cogn Sci*. doi:10.1002/wcs.1239.
- Ristau, C. A. 2011. Commentary on Carey: Cognitive Ethology, over-attribution of agency, and focusing abilities as they relate to the origin of concepts. *The Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. 34(3):146-47. doi:10.1017/S0140525X10002384
- Ristau, C. A. 2006. Animal mind. In Borchert, D., (Ed.), Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2nd edition. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA.
- Ristau, C. A. 2005. Donald Redfield Griffin - A biographical memoir. Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, 149.3. (September 2005). pp. 399-411.
- Ristau, C. A. 1998. Cognitive ethology: The minds of children and animals. In C. Allen and D. Cummins (Eds.), The Evolution of Mind. London: Oxford Univ. Press. pp.127-161.

- Ristau, C. A. 1998. Cognitive ethology. Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science. MIT Press.
- Ristau, C. A., 1998. Proposed Nature Park/Conservation Area: Report concerning park planning/design, environmental protection, conservation education, and cultural enrichment with accompanying videotape. Submitted to Niger Delta Wetlands Center, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.
- Ristau, C.A. 1997. Animal language and cognition research. In Lock, A. and C. R. Peters (Eds.), The Handbook of Human Symbolic Evolution. London: Oxford Univ. Press. pp.644-685.
- Ristau, C. A. 1996. Animal cognition. Grolier Encyclopedia.
- Smith, H. M., Ristau, C., Bell, T., Bell, M., and Chiszar, D. 1995. Geographical distribution. Lampropeltis triangulum multistriata X Taylori. Herpetological Review, 26: 210.
- Chiszar, D., Holland, R. L., Ristau, C. and Smith, H. M. 1994. Geographical distribution. Chelydra serpentina serpentina. Herpetological Review, 25: 162.
- Holland, R. H., Chiszar, D., Ristau, C. and Smith, H. M. 1994. Geographical distribution. Chrysemys Picta Bellii (Phillips Cty., Colorado.) Herpetological Review, 25: 163.
- Holland, R. H., Chiszar, D., Ristau, C. and Smith, H. M. 1994. Geographical distribution. Chrysemys Picta Bellii (Cheyenne Cty., Nebraska.) Herpetological Review, 25: 163.
- Holland, R. H., Chiszar, D., Ristau, C. and Smith, H. M. 1994. Geographical distribution. Nerodia Sipedon Sipedon Herpetological Review, 25: 168.
- Ristau, C. A. 1993. Cognitive Ethology: Past, present and speculations on the future. In D. Hull, M. Forbes, and K. Okruhlik (Eds.), Philosophy of Science Association 1992. Vol.2. pp. 125-134.
- Ristau, C. A. 1993. The cognitive-ethology of an injury-feigning plover: A beginning. Etologia. 3: 57-68.
- Ristau, C. A. 1991. Aspects of the cognitive ethology of an injury feigning plover. In C. A. Ristau (Ed.), Cognitive Ethology: The Minds of Other Animals. Essays in Honor of Donald R. Griffin. Hillsdale, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. pp. 91-126.
- Ristau, C. A. 1991. Cognitive ethology: an overview. In C. A. Ristau (Ed.), Cognitive Ethology: The Minds of Other Animals. Essays in Honor of Donald R. Griffin. Hillsdale, N. J.: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. pp. 291-313.
- Ristau, C. A. 1991. Before mindreading: Attention, purposes and deception in birds? In Whiten, A. (Ed.). Natural theories of mind. Oxford: Blackwell. pp. 209-222.
- Ristau, C. A. 1988. Deception: A need for theory and ethology. Commentary on Whiten, A. and R. W. Byrne. Tactical deception in primates. The Behavioral and Brain Sciences. 11: 262-263.
- Ristau, C. A. 1988. Review of Schusterman, R. J., J. A. Thomas, and F.G. Wood (Eds.) 1986. Dolphin cognition and behavior: A comparative approach. Marine Mammal Science. 4 (2): 176-179. doi: [10.1111/j.1748-7692.1988.t600199.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1748-7692.1988.t600199.x)
- Ristau, C. A. 1988. Thinking, naming, and deceiving: Means to master the social environment. In: G. Greenberg and E. Tobach (Eds.) Evolution of Social Behavior and Integrative Levels. Vol. 3. T. C. Schneirla Conference series. Hillsdale N. J.: Erlbaum. pp. 213-240.
- Ristau, C. A. 1986. Do animals think? In: R. Hoage and L. Goldman (Eds.) Animal Intelligence.

- (Proceedings of a Symposium, April, 1983). Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Inst. Press. pp. 165-185.
- Ristau, C. A. 1985. Review of Sebeok, T.A. and J. Umiker-Sebeok (1980) *Speaking of Apes: A Critical Anthology of Two-Way Communication with Man*. Zeitschrift fur Tierpsychologie. 67: 348-350.
- Ristau, C. A. 1984. Review of Bonner, J. T. (1980) *The Evolution of Culture in Animals*. Animal Behaviour. 32: 945-947.
- Ristau, C. A. 1983. Symbols and indication in apes and other species? Comment on Savage- Rumbaugh et al. J. Experimental Psychology: General. 112: 498-507.
- Ristau, C. A. 1983. Intentionalist plovers or just dumb birds? Commentary on Dennett, D.C. Intentional systems in cognitive ethology: The 'Panglossian paradigm' defended. The Behavioral and Brain Sciences. 6: 373-375.
- Ristau, C. A. 1983. Language, cognition and awareness in animals? In: J.A. Sechzer (Ed.). The Role of Animals in Bio-Medical Research. Annals of the N.Y. Acad. of Sciences. 406. New York: N.Y.A.S. pp. 170-186.
- Ristau, C. A. 1982. Separated learning and symbol making. Review of D.D. Davis (1981). The unique animal: The origin, nature and consequences of human intelligence. Nature. 300: 137.
- Ristau, C. A. and Robbins, D. 1982. Language in the great apes: a critical review. In: J.S. Rosenblatt, R.A. Hinde, C. Beer, and M.-C. Busnel (Eds.) Advances in the study of behavior. Vol. 12. N.Y.: Academic Press. pp. 142-255.
- Ristau, C. A. and Robbins, D. 1982. Cognitive aspects of ape language experiments. In: D.R. Griffin (Ed.). Animal mind - human mind. (Dahlem Conference of March, 1981). Berlin and New York: Springer Verlag. pp. 299-331.
- Ristau, C. A. 1980. Ape language, cognition and culture. Review of Desmond, A. 1979. The ape's reflexion. Nature. 284: 684-685.
- Ristau, C. A. and Robbins, D. 1979. A threat to man's uniqueness? Language and communication in the chimpanzee. J. Psycholing. Research. 8:267-300.
- Hayes, R. and others including C. Ristau, 1977. Final report - FIDCR appropriateness study. Chap. IV: Impact of the FIDCR on children, families and caregivers. Wash., D.C.: Mathematica Policy Research. 518p.
- Ristau, C. A., Hamilton, V. J. and Robbins, D. 1977b. West Virginia Paraprofessional Child Care System. Supplemental Report #2. Prepared for the Office of the Asst. Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, H.E.W. 105.
- Ristau, C. A. et al. 1976; Supplement #1, 1977a. West Virginia Paraprofessional Child Care System. Final report. Atlanta, Ga.: Family Learning Center. 589 pp.; 91 pp.
- Ristau, C. A., Hamilton, V. J., Blaney, R., and Smith., M.A. 1976. *Observation Instruments of the West Virginia Paraprofessional Child Care System*, Atlanta, Ga.: Family Learning Centers, Inc.
- Hamilton, V. J., and Ristau, C. A. 1975. *Young Child Assessment Checklist Booklet and Instruction Guide*. Atlanta, Ga.: Family Learning Centers.
- Stephenson, D., C. A. Ristau, and P. Young. 1975. *Day Care for the Elderly in West Virginia: A Needs Assessment*. Atlanta, Ga.: Family Learning Centers, Inc.

Ristau, C. A. 1974. *Infant vocal communication: A comparison of normal and mongoloid humans, other primates and carnivores*. Ph.D. Thesis Univ. of Pennsylvania. (Ann Arbor, Michigan: Univ. Microfilms)

Ristau, C. A. 1965. *Concept formation with and without verbal labels, under conditions of social and non-social reinforcement*. Master's Thesis, University of Pennsylvania.

Publications, Presentations & Reports of Particular Relevance to Ethnopolitical Conflict

Ristau, C. A. 2019. Post September 11: Memorializing and hopefully learning: A review of *New York After 9/11* by S. Opatow and Z. B. Shemtob (Eds.) *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*. 25(2): 172-175. doi:10.1037/pac0000383

Ristau, C. A. and Rozin. P. 2015. The aftermath and after the aftermath of 9/11: Civility, hostility and increased friendliness. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*. 22, 168-171. doi:10.1037/pac0000156

Ristau, C. A. and Knight, W.D. 2008. *Sustainable Development: The End Game is Good Governance*. Paper #111804 presented by Ristau at Meeting of SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers), Nice, France. April 15, 2008. Published in Conference Proceedings.

Ristau, C. A. 2006. *NGOs' potential roles in managing conflict and promoting community development and good governance: Case study of Pro-Natura International (Nigeria)'s work in the Niger Delta*. Institute Francaise Reserche Africaine (IFRA).

Ristau, C. 2006. A winding road: Physics, ethology and conflict...peace? In (Eidelson, R., Laske, J. and Chefas, L. (Ed.). *Peacemaker 101: Careers Confronting Conflict*. Phila., Pa: Solomon Asch Center for the Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict. p.21-30.

Ristau, C. A. and Okafor, K. 2006, 2005 Risk Analysis for XXX Fields. (several analyses of conflicts and potential risks to corporation and to communities re possible development of selected oil/gas fields. Recommendations for site selection, approach to communities and development strategy.)

Knight, W. D. and Ristau, C. A. 2004. *The Participatory Development Model and the Nigerian Coastal Development Initiative* PowerPoint presentation by C. A. Ristau to the United Nations Global Compact Group Expert Workshop #2: *Identifying Public Policy Options to Promote Conflict-Sensitive Business Practices*. New York. December 13, 2004

Ristau, C. A. (team leader) et al. – Pro–Natura International - Nigeria. Oct., 2004. *Nigerian Coastline Study: Final Report*. Vol I -States of Coastal Nigeria: Ogun, Lagos, Ondo, Delta, Bayelsa, Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Cross River. Vol II- VI. (Detailed results for each state). Vol VII- References and NGOs (compiles results from field visits of study team and previous PNI work to describe socio-economic conditions and conflicts along Nigeria's coastline. Offers recommendations for ameliorating the situation)

Ristau, C. A. with D. Von Kemedi. Nov., 2003. *Social Impact Analysis for AKOGEP Gas Pipeline Project*. (examines the potential risks for both the communities and the oil and associated service companies during the course of laying a gas pipeline on Bonny Island, Nigeria and afterwards. Analyzes conflicts. Recommends mitigations.)

PNI- multi-authored with Ristau, C.A. August, 2003. *Niger Delta Institute for Sustainable Development – Pre-Planning Phase Report*. Prepared for Pro-Natura International – Nigeria.

Ristau, C. A. March, 2003. *Evaluation of Pro-Natura International- Nigeria Institution/Capacity Building of CBOs/NGOs*. 40 p. (evaluates capacity of PNI to institutionalize and build capacity of community based and non-governmental organizations)

Ristau, C. A. 2002. *Aspects of Conflict in the Niger Delta and Implications for Community Development Projects*. Report prepared for consultants to European Union Projects MPP3 in the Niger Delta, Nigeria.

Ristau, C. A. and Knight, W. D. 2002. *Management and Development Project Document for Eastern Obolo LGA, Akwa Ibom State and Opobo/Nkoro LGA, Rivers State, Nigeria.- Inception Report*. Port Harcourt: Pro-Natura International – Nigeria. (suggests criteria for selecting sites for community development; analyzes existing and potential conflicts in each site, delineates information to be gathered during participatory community development. Used as basis for further work, finally resulting in ongoing community development projects with ½ million dollar budgets each. Suggestions also used by European Union to select sites for development work.)

Selected List of Papers Presented at Scientific Meetings

Ristau, C. A., Gladstone, S. E., Kranson, R., McMahon, D. L., & Seidel K. 2018. Cognitive aspects of parent plover responses to acoustic playbacks of chick distress calls. Symposium S38 - Avian Cognition. International Ornithological Congress, Vancouver.

Ristau, C. A., Kranson, R., Leone, D., & Seidel, K. 1997. Cognitive aspects of plovers: Responses to acoustic playback of chick calls. International Ethological Conference, Vienna, Austria, Aug. 1997.

Ristau, C. A., Kranson, R., Leone, D., & Seidel, K. 1997. Decision making by plovers during acoustic playback of chick calls. Northeast Animal Behavior Society, Woods Hole, Mass. Oct. 1997.

Ristau, C. A. 1995. Organized invited symposium on animal cognition to the Winter Conference on Animal Learning in Winter Park, Colo.; includes own research. Jan. 1995.

Ristau, C. A. and Bechtel, W. (philosopher of science). 1988. Organized symposium on Animal Communication for The Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting at Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. May, 1988.

Ristau, C. A. and Marler, P. 1987. Organized day long symposium on Animal Cognition for the Animal Behavior Society Meetings in Williamstown, Mass. June, 1987; includes own research; the symposium was funded.

Ristau, C. A. and Byrkjedal, I. 1986. Anti-predator behaviors of four species of 'injury feigning' plovers: A preliminary analysis. Paper presented to the Animal Behavior Society - Northeast Regional meeting in Burlington, Vermont. November, 1986.

Ristau, C. A. 1986. 'Injury feigning' by birds: A purposive behavior? Paper presented to The Society for Philosophy and Psychology at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. June, 1986.

Ristau, C. A. 1985. Do 'injury feigning' plovers lead intruders away from their nest and young? Paper presented at the International Ethological Congress in Toulouse, France. August, 1985.

Ristau, C. A. 1985. Can nesting plovers (*Charadrius melodus*) learn to discriminate between potentially safe vs dangerous intruders? Paper presented at the Animal Behavior Society meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. June, 1985.

Ristau, C. A. 1985. 'Injury feigning' by birds - A purposive behavior? Paper presented at the Eastern Psychological Association meeting in Boston, Mass. March, 1985.

Ristau, C. A. 1984. Intentional behavior by 'injury feigning' birds? Paper presented at the American Psychological Association meeting in Toronto, Canada. August 1984.

Ristau, C. A. 1983. Do 'injury feigning' birds lead intruders away from nest and young? Paper presented at the meeting of the Animal Behavior Society, Lewisburg, Pa. June 1983.

Robbins, D. and Ristau, C. 1980. Critiques of the ape language research: Comments on H.S. Terrace's work with Nim. Paper presented at the Psychonomic Society Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. November, 1980.

Ristau, C. A. 1979. Are there talking chimpanzees? Paper presented at the Symposium on Consciousness in Contemporary Psychology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. August, 1979.

Ristau, C. A. 1971. Similar use of a similar vocalization by a mongoloid child and captive gorillas. Paper presented at the Animal Behavior Society Meeting, Logan, Utah. June, 1971.

Ristau, C. A. 1995. Organized invited symposium on animal cognition to the Winter Conference on Animal Learning in Winter Park, Colo.; includes own research. Jan. 1995.

Ristau, C. A. and Bechtel, W. (philosopher of science). 1988. Organized symposium on Animal Communication for The Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting at Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. May, 1988.

Ristau, C. A. and Marler, P. 1987. Organized day-long symposium on Animal Cognition for the Animal Behavior Society Meetings in Williamstown, Mass. June, 1987; includes own research; raised funding for symposium.

Selected Popular Media

Walter Veit (philosopher) 2024. [Preview YouTube Video Carolyn A Ristau: A Biography of Donald Griffin - Discoverer of Bat Echolocation | WVP #37.](#) Video interview of C. A. Ristau about her book, *Birds, Bats and Minds*....

Marc Bekoff (ethologist) 2024. *Psychology Today* blog. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/animal-emotions/202410/the-eclectic-father-of-cognitive-ethology>. Written interview of C. A. Ristau about her book, *Birds, Bats and Minds*...

Providence Journal. Oct 14, 2009. Oil, Violence and Inequity in the Niger Delta. Op Ed. by C. A. Ristau.

[Television: Aug 2009. Channel 34 –Half-hour Presentation about my cognition research with chimpanzees and birds](#)

[Jo-Lee \(online magazine\) 2007. Autumn Special Issue. Dr. Carolyn Ristau Caught Within Conflicts in the Niger Delta. article and photos by C Ristau.](#)

[Think Tank](#) -National Zoological Park, Wash., D.C. – began Oct. 1995 for several years: exhibit about animal intelligence, including my plover research

Television: Interview about my research for European program covering Int'l. Ethological Congress (1993)

[CBC radio](#), August, 1993 - interview about my Arctic research

[U.S. News & World Report](#), 1990 -report of my avian research in article about animal intelligence

[Equinox](#) magazine (Canada), 1989 - longer article, similar to above

[BBC radio](#), 1987 - I discuss ape language/cognition projects on program dealing with evolution of human language.

[Discover](#) magazine, Oct.1985 – my research with "injury feigning" birds in article on animal intelligence.

[Smithsonian](#) magazine, March, 1985 -report of my avian research in article about animal thinking.

[CBC radio](#), 1985 - I discuss ape language projects on a science program.

[NOVA](#) film ("Signs of the Apes, Songs of the Whales") - I advise producers about research on ape language and whale song.

Membership in Professional Associations (recent)

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Animal Behavior Society
International Society for Ecological Economics
New York Academy of Sciences
American Association for the Advancement of Science

Professional Responsibilities/Activities

Board of Directors – Solar Cookers International (Non Govt. Organization, Sacramento, CA) - (2002-2004)
Co-Chair Local Arrangements Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP) meeting at Barnard/Columbia Univ. (2000)
Program Co-Chair for Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (1997)
Executive Committee of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (1987-1989, 1997-2002)
Columbia University – member of Conflict Resolution Working Group (to 2007); Associate of University Seminars (to present)
Reviewing ms. for journals, books for publishers, and grant proposals including: Animal Behavior, Animal Learning & Behavior, The Behavioral & Brain Sciences, J. of Comparative Psychology, J. of Experimental Psychology: General, Nature, Philosophical Psych, J. of Social & Biological Structures; (Institutions): CUNY, National Science Foundation; (Publishers): MIT Press- Bradford books, Norton, SUNY Press, Oxford U.P.