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**Current research interests:** geospatial palaeontology, paleoecology, machine learning applications to bioanthropology, geometric morphometrics, hominin origins, evolution of bipedalism

## Education and Training

- 2017-** **DPhil in Evolutionary Anthropology** – University of Oxford (United Kingdom)  
**Project:** Automated geospatial search for hominin ancestors in Mozambique: a computer vision and machine learning approach  
**Supervisors:** Prof. Robert L. Anemone (The University of North Carolina at Greensboro) and Dr. Susana Carvalho (University of Oxford)
- 2013-2015** **Master's Degree in Human Evolution and Biology** – Universidade de Coimbra (Portugal)  
**Dissertation:** Unwarping Heated Bones: A Quantitative Analysis of Heat-induced Skeletal Deformations Using 3D Geometric Morphometrics  
**Supervisors:** Dr. David Gonçalves and Prof. Eugénia Cunha (Universidade de Coimbra)
- 2012-2013** **Erasmus programme** – Háskóli Íslands (Iceland)
- 2010-2013** **Graduation in Anthropology** – Universidade de Coimbra (Portugal)

## Honours and Awards

- 2020** **Best Poster Prize** - Primate Society of Great Britain - Winter meeting 2020
- 2020** **The Boise Trust Fund Research Award** – Department of Zoology, University of Oxford
- 2018** **The Boise Trust Fund Research Award** – Department of Zoology, University of Oxford
- 2017** **The Boise Trust Fund Research Award** – Department of Zoology, University of Oxford
- 2017-2021** **PhD Scholarship SFRH/BD/122306/2016** – *Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia*, Portugal
- 2014** **Finalist: "Best Business Plan" for Osteomics** – *Arrisca C* 2014, Universidade de Coimbra
- 2013-2014** **Grant recipient for a biotech startup** – *Passaporte para o Empreendedorismo*, IAPMEI
- 2013** **Finalist: "Best Business Idea" for Osteomics** – *Arrisca C* 2013, Universidade de Coimbra
- 2012-2013** **Scholarship: LLP/Erasmus Programme** – Háskóli Íslands (University of Iceland)

## Publications

- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Anemone RL, Bobe R, Carvalho S (In Preparation). Combined fossil and molecular data suggest Pan-Homo divergence over 8 Million Years ago.
- Bobe R, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Carvalho S, Leakey M (In Press). Fauna and paleoenvironments of the Koobi Fora Formation, Kenya. In: Reynolds, SC, Bobe, R. (Eds.), *African Paleoecology and Human Evolution*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
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- Curate F, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Silva AM, 2021. CalcTalus: an online decision support system for the estimation of sex with the calcaneus and talus. *Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences*. 13:74.

- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Curate F, Navega D, 2020. Chapter 5.1 - Osteomics: Decision support systems for forensic anthropologists. In: Obertová, Z., Stewart, A., Cattaneo, C. (Eds.), *Statistics and Probability in Forensic Anthropology*. Academic Press: 259–273.
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- Vilas-Boas D, Wasterlain SN, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Navega D, Gonçalves D. 2019. SPINNE: An app for human vertebral height estimation based on artificial neural networks. *Forensic Science International*, 298:121–130.
- Ferreira MT, Coelho C, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Navega D, Wasterlain SN. 2018. New data about sex and age-at-death based on the postcranial skeleton of the enslaved adult Africans found at Lagos, Portugal (15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> centuries). *Cadernos do GEEvH*, 7(1):7–16.
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- Scott GR, Pilloud M, Navega D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Cunha E, Irish J. 2018. rASUDAS: A New Web-Based Application for Estimating Ancestry from Tooth Morphology. *Forensic Anthropology*, 1:18–31.
- Gonçalves D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Amarante A, Makhoul C, Oliveira-Santos I, Navega D, Cunha E. 2018. Dead weight: Validation of mass regression equations on experimentally burned skeletal remains to assess skeleton completeness. *Science & Justice*, 58:2–6.
- Navega D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Cunha E, Curate F. 2018. DXAGE: A New Method for Age at Death Estimation Based on Femoral Bone Mineral Density and Artificial Neural Networks. *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 63(2): 497–503.
- Gonçalves D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Acosta MA, Coelho C, Curate F, Ferreira MT, Gouveia M, Makhoul C, Pinto D, Oliveira-Santos I, Vassalo AR, Navega D, Cunha E. 2016. One for all and all for one: Linear regression from the mass of individual bones to assess human skeletal mass completeness: Linear Regression of Human Skeletal Mass. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, 160:427–432.
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### Conference Papers

- Dorans ER, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Anemone RL, Bobe R, Carvalho S, Forrest F, Braun DR. 2020. Using remote sensing and machine learning to reconstruct paleoenvironmental features in the Koobi Fora Formation. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, 171:73–74.
- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Anemone RL, Carvalho S. 2020. Filling Gaps in Primate Evolution: Machine Learning Approaches for Automated Fossil Site Discovery in Gorongosa, Mozambique. *Folia Primatologica*:251–252.
- Andrade B, Dias P, Santos BS, Coelho C, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Navega D, Ferreira MT, Wasterlain S. Morphological analysis of 3D skull models for ancestry estimation. 2018. *22nd International Conference Information Visualisation (IV)* 2018 Jul 10 (IEEE):567–573. DOI: 10.1109/IV.2018.00104.
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- Andrade B, Dias P, Coelho C, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Navega D, Wasterlain SN, Ferreira MT, Santos BS. 2016. Towards automatic non-metric traits analysis on 3D models of skulls. *23rd Portuguese Meeting on Computer Graphics and Interaction (EPCGI)*:1–7. DOI: 10.1109/EPCGI.2016.7851196

### Work Experience

- 2016-2017** Co-founder, webmaster and R instructor | **JEST - Junior Enterprise for Science and Tech**
- data modelling and visualization for life and health sciences
  - workshops and conferences on programming languages (R and Python) and data science
  - web developer and designer – [jest.pt](http://jest.pt)

- 2015-** Researcher | **Centre for Functional Ecology**, Coimbra (Portugal)
- collaborator at the Forensic Anthropology and Paleobiology group – [cfe.uc.pt](http://cfe.uc.pt)
  - statistical shape analysis (geometric morphometrics) of osteological material
  - webmaster and webdesigner at Laboratory of Forensic Anthropology – [lfa.uc.pt](http://lfa.uc.pt)
  - 3D scanning expert and curator of the CEIXXI 3D Crania Collection (see [sketchfab.com/lfa](http://sketchfab.com/lfa))
  - public communication and workshops, presenting scientific topics to the general public
- 2013-** Co-founder, software developer, designer | **Osteomics** (startup venture)
- developed dozens of web-apps for biological and forensic anthropologists that allow to estimate age at death, sex, stature and biogeographic origin (see [osteomics.com](http://osteomics.com))
  - acquired experience with osteology, photogrammetry, 3D scanning and printing, machine learning, and business skills

### Paleontological Fieldwork (4 months)

- 2021** Gorongosa, Mozambique – Collected data on a primatology (bipedalism) and a taphonomy (predation to fossilization) project as a member of PaleoPrimate Project Gorongosa.  
(9 weeks)
- 2019** Gorongosa, Mozambique – Instructor at the Oxford-Gorongosa Paleo-Primate Field School (University of Oxford); PhD researcher at Gorongosa National Park.  
(4 weeks)
- 2019** East Turkana, Kenya – Graduate Assistant at the Koobi Fora Field School (George Washington University); member of the Paleoecology research group at Koobi Fora.  
(6 weeks)
- 2018** Gorongosa, Mozambique – Instructor at the Oxford-Gorongosa Paleo-Primate Field School (University of Oxford); PhD researcher at Gorongosa National Park.  
(4 weeks)

### Scientific Conferences

- Curate F, Navega D, Cunha E, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**. DXAGE 2.0 – An update on adult age at death estimation using bone loss. *19<sup>o</sup> Congresso Nacional de Medicina Legal e Ciências Forenses*, Coimbra, Portugal, 2021 (Poster).
- Scott GR, Navega D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**. The Evolution of rASUDAS and Its Application to Bioarchaeological Problems. *Centro de Investigação em Antropologia e Saúde BioSocial Talks*, 2021 (Online Seminar).
- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Bobe R, Carvalho S. Using fossil evidence to improve our understanding of divergence estimates for the Panini and Hominini lineages. *Primate Society of Great Britain - Winter meeting 2020* (Poster).
- Dorans ER, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Anemone RL, Bobe R, Carvalho S, Forrest F, Braun DR. Using remote sensing and machine learning to reconstruct paleoenvironmental features in the Koobi Fora Formation. *The 89th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists*, Los Angeles, USA, 2020 (Poster).
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- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Braun DR, Bobe R, Anemone RL, Carvalho S. A MaxEnt approach to estimate the likelihood of finding new fossil sites in Lake Turkana, Kenya, using satellite images. *9<sup>th</sup> Annual European Society for the study of Human Evolution meeting*, Liège, Belgium, 2019 (Poster).
- Gabriel B, Makhoul C, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, de Carvalho LB, Cunha E. Thermally induced changes: influence of duration of heat exposure on colorometry, morphometry and chemometrics. *FASE – Forensic Anthropology Society of Europe Advanced Course in Forensic Anthropology and One-Day Symposium 2019*, Brussels, Belgium, 2019 (Poster).
- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Anemone RL, Bobe R, Carvalho S. Let the computers do the surveying: applying support vector machines on spectral data to identify new fossiliferous deposits in Koobi Fora, Kenya. *Paleoanthropology Society 2019 Meeting*, Albuquerque, USA, 2019 (Poster).
- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Anemone RL, Carvalho S. Standing out in a crowd of trees: spectral outliers as predictors of fossiliferous outcrops in modern forests. *Unravelling Human Origins 2019*, York, United Kingdom, 2019 (Podium).
- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Anemone RL, Carvalho S. Fossil sites as landscape outliers: the potential of the dbSCAN clustering algorithm for detecting fossiliferous outcrops in forests. *16<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Gesellschaft für Primatologie*, Göttingen, Germany, 2019 (Poster).

- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Anemone RL, Carvalho S. Finding the needle in a haystack: automating spectral remote searching for hominin fossil sites in Gorongosa, Mozambique. In: *Proceedings of the European Society for the Study of Human Evolution*. 56. Faro, Portugal, 2018 (Poster).
- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Anemone RL, Carvalho S. Why bother surveying? How automated search of fossil sites in Africa can help fill gaps in hominoid evolution. *Abstracts of the 27th International Primatological Society Congress*. Event-714. Nairobi, Kenya, 2018 (Podium).
- Ammer S, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**. Estimating Sex with Outline Shape Analysis of the Trochlear Constriction and the Olecranon Fossa. *American Academy of Forensic Sciences 70th Annual Scientific Meeting*, Seattle, USA, 2018 (Podium).
- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Ammer S. Sex estimation based on outline shape analysis of the posterior distal humerus, *MORPH 2017 - A Conference on the Archaeological Applications of Morphometrics*, Aarhus, Denmark, 2017 (Podium).
- Ferreira MT, Coelho C, Rufino AI, Navega D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Wasterlain SN. Os Escravos do Valle da Gafaria: recuperar a identidade através dos ossos, *Dia Internacional dos Museus*, Viseu, Portugal, 2017 (Podium).
- Rodrigues H, Fagundes L, Ramos R, Galego O, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Navega D, Caseiro-Alves F, Cunha E. Análise da mastóide, ouvido médio e ouvido interno em tomografia axial computadorizada (TAC) - Possível contribuição para a identificação de cadáveres, *16º Congresso de Medicina Legal e Ciências Forenses*, Coimbra, Portugal, 2017 (Podium).
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- Rufino AI, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Navega D. A coleção PAVd'09 (Lagos): futuro e novas perspetivas. *V Jornadas Portuguesas de Paleopatologia*, Coimbra, Portugal, 2016 (Podium).
- Coelho C, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Navega D, Andrade B, Dias P, Santos BS, Wasterlain SN, Ferreira MT. CraMs: uma ferramenta informática para a análise antropológica do crânio, *III Conferência do Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal e Ciências Forenses*, Coimbra, Portugal, 2016 (Poster).
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- Navega D, Coelho C, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Vicente R, Ferreira MT, Wu J, Cunha E. AncestTrees: uma nova ferramenta para a avaliação da ancestralidade em Antropologia forense, *I Congresso da Associação Portuguesa de Ciências Forenses*, Porto, Portugal, 2016 (Podium).
- Gonçalves D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Makhoul C, Navega D, Cunha E. MassReg: An application to predict the skeleton mass of adult individuals in incomplete or poorly preserved assemblages of human remains, *XXI Jornadas Mediterrâneas de Medicina Legal*, Badajoz, Spain, 2016 (Podium).
- Scott GR, Navega D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Cunha E, Irish JD. rASUDAS: A New Method for Estimating Ancestry from Tooth Crown and Root Morphology, *The 85th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists*, Atlanta, USA, 2016 (Podium).
- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Gonçalves D, Makhoul C, Oliveira-Santos I, Navega D, Coelho C, Curate F, Ferreira MT, Cunha E. Retrodeformação morfológica em ossos queimados para estimar a forma prévia e condições de queima, *II Conferência do Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal e Ciências Forenses*, Coimbra, Portugal, 2015 (Podium).
- Navega D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Coelho C, Vicente R, Ferreira MT, Curate F, Cunha E. Teste do método Diagnose Sexuelle Probabilistique (DSP) numa amostra da Coleção De Esqueletos Identificados do Século XXI, *II Conferência do Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal e Ciências Forenses*, Coimbra, Portugal, 2015 (Poster).
- Curate F, Cunha E, Gonçalves D, Coelho C, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Ferreira MT, Navega D. Um novo método para a determinação do sexo a partir do Fémur Proximal, *II Conferência do Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal e Ciências Forenses*, Coimbra, Portugal, 2015 (Poster).
- d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Navega D, Cunha E. Evaluating the performance of classification algorithms for sex estimation through automated Procrustes configurations of 3D surface scans, *FASE One Day Meeting (Symposium)*, Montpellier, France, 2015 (Poster).
- Gonçalves D, **d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Gouveia M, Makhoul C, Oliveira-Santos I, Vassalo AR, Santos AL, Carvalho LB, Cunha E. The Hot topic of burned human skeletal remains: Coimbra's contribution to Forensic Anthropology, *International Symposium on Anthropology and Natural Disasters*, Coimbra, Portugal, 2015 (Poster).

**d'Oliveira Coelho J**, Navega D, Cunha E. Sex Diagnosis Through Automated 3D Geometric Morphometrics of the Tali Bones, // *Bioanthropological Meeting*, Coimbra, Portugal, 2015 (Poster).

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### Professional development

Used massive open online course (MOOC) platforms, to take courses offered by accredited universities and training programs in data science, programming, mathematics, natural history, among others.

Coursera, Inc. | [coursera.org](https://www.coursera.org)

**Johns Hopkins University:** The Data Scientist's Toolbox (100%); R Programming (100%); Getting and Cleaning Data (100%); Exploratory Data Analysis (100%); Reproducible Research (100%); Regression Models (100%); Practical Machine Learning (100%); Developing Data Products (100%); Mathematical Biostatistics Boot Camp 1 (94%); Mathematical Biostatistics Boot Camp 2 (100%); Bioinformatics: Life Sciences on Your Computer (93.5%); Statistical Analysis of fMRI Data (100%);

**Stanford University:** Machine Learning (100%); Statistical Learning (100%);

**University of Michigan:** Model Thinking (98.2%); Programming for Everybody (Python) (100%);

**The University of Melbourne:** Epigenetic Control of Gene Expression (94.9%);

**University of North Carolina:** Metadata: Organizing and Discovering Information (99.2%);

**University of Alberta:** Dino 101: Dinosaur Paleobiology (98.3%);

**University of Minnesota:** Introduction to Human Behavioral Genetics (98.6%);

**Emory University:** The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Nubia (99.4%);

**Rice University:** An Introduction to Interactive Programming in Python (98.3%);

**The University of Edinburgh:** Astrobiology and the Search for Extraterrestrial Life (97.8%); Introduction to Philosophy (98.2%).

edX, Inc. | [edx.org](https://www.edx.org)

**Harvard University:** PH525.1x Statistics and R for the Life Sciences (100%); PH525.2x Matrix Algebra and Linear Models (100%); PH525.3x Advanced Statistics for the Life Sciences (97%); PH525.4x Introduction to Bioconductor (94%); AT1x AnatomyX: Musculoskeletal Cases (98%);

**MIT – Massachusetts Institute of Technology:** MAS.S69x Big Data and Social Physics (100%);

**The University of Queensland:** World101x Anthropology of Current World Issues (98%);

**Karolinska Institutet:** Kiexplorx Explore Statistics with R (90%);

**The University of Texas at Austin:** UT.7.01x Foundations of Data Analysis (93%);

**University of California, Berkeley:** Stat\_2.3x Introduction to Statistics: Inference (88%).

FutureLearn (The Open University) | [FutureLearn.com](https://www.futurelearn.com)

**University of Wollongong:** *Homo floresiensis* Uncovered (100%); Bioprinting: 3D Printing Body Parts (100%)

**University of Basel:** Statistical Shape Modelling (90%)

**University of Southampton:** Archaeology of Portus (100%)

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