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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - **Research Scientist**, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut
- 2021 - **Adjunct Professor**, Dept. of Psychology, Hunter College
- 2020 - **Subject Editor**, Avian Conservation and Ecology
- 2021 - 2021 **Director of Conservation & Science**, New York City Audubon Society
- 2020 - 2021 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Wildlife Research Division, Environment and Climate Change Canada
- 2019 - 2020 **Undergraduate Program Leader and Research Specialist**, Education Dept., Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
- 2017 - 2019 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut

EDUCATION

- 2017 **Ph.D.** (NSF Graduate Research Fellow)
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut
- Dissertation topic: "Extinction, climate change, and the conservation of parrots: developing the models and tools needed to help save the world's most endangered order of birds"
- 2010 **B.A.** (*Summa cum laude*, Goldwater Scholar, University Scholar, Honors Scholar)
Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut

PUBLICATIONS

Citations: 605. h-index: 11. i10-index: 12. * denotes an undergraduate mentee

Burgio, K.R., K.E. Davis, L.M. Dreiss, B.T. Klingbeil, L.M. Cisneros, S.J. Presley, C.B. van Rees, and M.R. Willig. *In press*. Multiple dimensions of global parrot diversity. *ANIMAL BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION*. Preprint available: *BIORXIV* 812321. [DOI: 10.1101/812321](https://doi.org/10.1101/812321)

Erickson, O.A., R.B. Cole, J.M. Isaacs, S. Alvarez-Clare, J. Arnold, A. Augustus-Wallace, J. Ayoob, A. Berkowitz, J. Branchaw, **K.R. Burgio**, et al. *In press*. "How do we do this at a distance?!" A descriptive study of remote Research Experiences for Undergraduates sites during COVID19. *CBE LIFE SCIENCES EDUCATION*. Preprint available: *BIORXIV* [DOI: 10.1101/2021.05.17.443632v1](https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.05.17.443632v1)

Burgio, K.R., C.J. Carlson, A.L. Bond, M.A. Rubega, and M.W. Tingley. 2021. The two extinctions of the Carolina Parakeet (*Conuropsis carolinensis*). *BIRD CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL*. 1-8. [DOI:10.1017/S0959270921000241](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0959270921000241)

News coverage: [New York Times](#), [National Geographic](#), [New Scientist](#), [Spektrum Magazine](#)

Burgio, K.R. 2021. Night Parrot: Australia's Most Elusive Bird. *ORNITHOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS*. 123: 1-2. [DOI:10.1093/ornithapp/duaa070](https://doi.org/10.1093/ornithapp/duaa070)

Rubega, M.A., **K.R. Burgio**, R.S. Capers, A.A.M. MacDonald, A. Oeldorf-Hirsch, and R. Wyss. 2021. Assessment by audiences shows little effect of science communication training. *SCIENCE COMMUNICATION*. 43(2):139-169. [DOI:10.1177/1075547020971639](https://doi.org/10.1177/1075547020971639)

Burgio, K.R., C.R. van Rees, K.E. Block*, P. Pyle, M.A. Patten, M. Spreyer, and E.H. Bucher. 2020. Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*) v. 1.0 in *BIRDS OF THE WORLD* (P. Rodewald ed.). Ithaca: Cornell Lab of Ornithology. [DOI: 10.2173/bow.monpar.01](https://doi.org/10.2173/bow.monpar.01)

Brightsmith, D., **K.R. Burgio**, B.J. Hiller, K.E. Block*, P. Pyle, and M.A. Patten. 2020. White-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris versicolorus*) v. 1.0 in *BIRDS OF THE WORLD* (P. Rodewald ed.). Ithaca: Cornell Lab of Ornithology. [DOI: 10.2173/bow.whwpar.01](https://doi.org/10.2173/bow.whwpar.01)

Gravelly, J.*, **K.R. Burgio**, and M.A. Rubega. 2020. A Method for Measuring the Thermal Insulation Value of Bird Feather Coats. *JOURNAL OF VISUALIZED EXPERIMENTS*. 160: e60981, [DOI:10.3791/60981](https://doi.org/10.3791/60981)

Burgio, K.R., C.M. MacKenzie, S.B. Borelle, S.K.M. Ernest, J.L. Gill, K.E. Ingeman, A. Teffer, and E.P. White. 2020. Ten Simple Rules for a Successful Remote Postdoc. *PLoS COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY*. 16(5): e1007809. [DOI: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1007809](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1007809)

News coverage: [Science](#), [Nature](#), [Inside Higher Ed](#)

Altmetric Score: [317 \(top 5%\)](#)

Bahlai, C. L.J. Bartlett, **K.R. Burgio**, A.M.V. Fournier, C.N. Keiser, T. Poisot, K. Stack Whitney. 2019. Open Science Isn't Always Open to All Scientists. *AMERICAN SCIENTIST* 107: 78-83. [DOI: 10.1511/2019.107.2.78](https://doi.org/10.1511/2019.107.2.78)

Bond, A.L., C.J. Carlson, and **K.R. Burgio**. 2019. Local extinction of insular avifauna on the most remote inhabited island in the world. *JOURNAL OF ORNITHOLOGY*. 160: 49-60.

Carlson, C.J., **K.R. Burgio**, T.A. Dallas, and W.M. Getz. 2019. The mathematics of extinction across scales: from populations to the biosphere. In: Kaper H., Roberts F. (eds) *MATHEMATICS OF PLANET EARTH, VOL 5*. Springer, Cham. [DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-22044-0_9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-22044-0_9)

Burgio, K.R., K.E. Davis, L.M. Dreiss, B.T. Klingbeil, L.M. Cisneros, S.J. Presley, and M.R. Willig. 2019. A complete phylogenetic supertree and trait database for all extant parrots. *DATA IN BRIEF* 24: 103882. [DOI: 10.1016/j.dib.2019.103882](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dib.2019.103882)

Kosman, E., **K.R. Burgio**, S.J. Presley, M.R. Willig, and S.M. Scheiner. 2019. Conservation prioritization based on trait-based metrics illustrated with global parrot distributions. *DIVERSITY AND DISTRIBUTIONS*. 25: 1156-1165. [DOI: 10.1111/ddi.12923](https://doi.org/10.1111/ddi.12923)

Altmetric Score: [26 \(top 5%\)](#)

Carlson, C.J., A.L. Bond, and **K.R. Burgio**. 2018. Re-evaluating sighting models, and moving beyond them, to test and contextualize the extinction of the thylacine. *CONSERVATION BIOLOGY*. 32: 1198-1199. [DOI: 10.1111/cobi.13187](https://doi.org/10.1111/cobi.13187)

News coverage: [IFLScience](#)

Altmetric Score: [14 \(top 25%\)](#)

Burgio, K.R., C.J. Carlson, and A.L. Bond. 2018. Georeferenced sighting and specimen occurrence data of the extinct Carolina Parakeet 1564 - 1944. *BIODIVERSITY DATA JOURNAL*. 6: e25280. [DOI: 10.3897/BDJ.6.e25280](https://doi.org/10.3897/BDJ.6.e25280)

News coverage: [Pensoft Blog](#), [History of Ornithology](#)

Altmetric Score: [52 \(top 5%\)](#)

Carlson, C.J., A.L. Bond, and **K.R. Burgio**. 2018. Estimating the extinction date of the Thylacine accounting for unconfirmed sightings. *CONSERVATION BIOLOGY*. 32: 477-483. [DOI: 10.1111/cobi.13037](https://doi.org/10.1111/cobi.13037)

News coverage: [Vice](#)
Altmetric Score: [147 \(top 5%\)](#)

Cizauskas, C.A., C.J. Carlson, **K.R. Burgio**, C.F. Clements, N.C. Harris, E.R. Dougherty, and A.J. Phillips. 2017. Parasite vulnerability to climate change: an evidence-based functional trait approach. *ROYAL SOCIETY OPEN SCIENCE*. 4: 160535. [DOI: 10.1098/rsos.160535](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.160535)

Burgio, K.R., C.J. Carlson, and M.W. Tingley. 2017. Lazarus ecology: recovering the natural history of the extinct Carolina parakeet. *ECOLOGY & EVOLUTION*. 7:5467-5475. [DOI: 10.1002/ece3.3135](https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.3135)

News coverage: [Washington Post](#), [New York Times](#), [National Geographic](#), [IFLScience](#), [Salon](#), [Smithsonian Magazine](#), [Birding Magazine](#), [Forbes](#), [Audubon Magazine](#), [Stuff You Missed in History Class](#)
Altmetric Score: [195 \(top 5%\)](#)

Carlson, C.J, **K.R. Burgio**, E.R. Dougherty, A.J. Phillips, V.M. Bueno, C.F. Clements, G. Castaldo, T. Dallas, C.A. Cizauskas, G. Cumming, J. Doña, N.C. Harris, R. Jovani, S. Mironov, O. Muellerklein, H.C. Proctor, and W.M. Getz. 2017. Parasite biodiversity faces extinction and redistribution in a changing climate. *SCIENCE ADVANCES*. 3(9): e1602422 [DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.1602422](https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.1602422).

News coverage: [NY Times](#), [Popular Science](#), [Smithsonian Magazine](#), and [the Guardian](#). Altmetric Score: [450 \(top 5%\)](#)

Lopez, B.E., **K.R. Burgio**, M.B. Carlucci, K.A. Palmquist, A. Parada, V. Weinberger, and A.H. Hurlbert. 2016. A new framework for inferring community assembly processes using phylogenetic information, relevant traits and environmental gradients. *ONE ECOSYSTEM*. 1: e9501. [DOI: 10.3897/oneeco.1.e9501](https://doi.org/10.3897/oneeco.1.e9501)

Dougherty, E.R., C.J. Carlson, V.M. Bueno, **K.R. Burgio**, C.A. Cizauskas, C.F. Clements, D.P. Seidel, and N.C. Harris. 2015. Paradigms for parasite conservation. *CONSERVATION BIOLOGY*. 30: 724-733. [DOI: 10.1111/cobi.12634](https://doi.org/10.1111/cobi.12634)

News coverage: [The Atlantic](#) and [Carbon Brief](#)
Altmetric Score: [65 \(top 5%\)](#)

Dreiss, L.M., **K.R. Burgio**, L.M. Cisneros, B.T. Klingbeil, B.D. Patterson, S.J. Presley, and M.R. Willig. 2015. Multiple dimensions of biodiversity for rodents along an extensive tropical elevational gradient: taxonomic, functional, and phylogenetic perspectives. *ECOGRAPHY*. 38: 876–888. DOI: [10.1111/ecog.00971](https://doi.org/10.1111/ecog.00971)

Burgio, K.R., M.A. Rubega, and D. Sustaita. 2014. Nest-building behavior of Monk Parakeets and insights into potential mechanisms for reducing damage to utility poles. *PEERJ*. 2: e601 DOI:[10.7717/peerj.601](https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.601)

News coverage: [NPR](#), [New Hampshire Public Radio](#), and [Hartford Business Journal](#)

Cisneros, L.M., **K.R. Burgio**, L.M. Dreiss, B.T. Klingbeil, B.D. Patterson, S.J. Presley, and M.R. Willig. 2014. Elevational variation of multiple dimensions of biodiversity in bats. *JOURNAL OF ANIMAL ECOLOGY*. 83: 1124–1136. DOI: [10.1111/1365-2656.12201](https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2656.12201)

Carlson, C.J., C.A. Cizuaskas, **K.R. Burgio**, C.F. Clements, and N.C. Harris. 2013. The more parasites, the better? *SCIENCE*. 342:1041. DOI: [10.1126/science.342.6162.1041-a](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.342.6162.1041-a)

Manuscripts in review

Burgio, K.R., L.M. Cisneros, K.E. Davis, L.M. Dreiss, B.T. Klingbeil, S.J. Presley, and M.R. Willig. *In review*. Dimensions of passerine biodiversity along a tropical elevational gradient: a nexus for historical biogeography and contemporary ecology. *JOURNAL OF AVIAN BIOLOGY*. Preprint available: *BIORXIV* 842138. DOI: [10.1101/842138](https://doi.org/10.1101/842138)

MacPherson, M.P., **K.R. Burgio**, M.G. DeSaix, B.G. Freeman, J. Herbert, R. Herman, V. Jirinec, J. Shonfield, D.L. Slager, C.B. van Rees, and J.E. Jankowski. *In review*. Predicting Bird Distributions Under Climate Change. *DIVERSITY AND DISTRIBUTIONS*. Preprint available: *BIORXIV* DOI: [10.1101/2021.05.26.445867](https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.05.26.445867)

Gravely, J.*, **K.R. Burgio**, and M.A. Rubega. *In review*. Seasonal Plumage Condition Variation and the Thermal Value of the Feather Coats of House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*). *JOURNAL OF AVIAN BIOLOGY*.

Capers, R., A. Oeldorf-Hirsch, R. Wyss, **K.R. Burgio**, and M.A. Rubega. *In review*. What did they learn? Objective assessment tools show mixed effects of training on science communication behaviors. *Frontiers in Communication*.

Hess, R.A., O.A. Erickson, R.B. Cole, J.M. Isaacs, S. Alvarez-Clare, J. Arnold, A. Augustus-Wallace, J.C. Ayoob, A. Berkowitz, J. Branchaw, **K.R. Burgio**, et al. *In review*. Zooming through Research: Evaluating the effectiveness of remote undergraduate research experiences. *Life Sciences Education*.

Preprints not currently in review

Carlson, C.J., **K.R. Burgio**, T.A. Dallas, and A.L. Bond. 2018. Spatial extinction date estimation: a novel method for reconstructing spatiotemporal patterns of extinction and identifying potential zones of rediscovery. *BIORXIV* 279679. DOI: [10.1101/279679](https://doi.org/10.1101/279679)

Carlson, C.J., O.C. Mullerlein, A.J. Phillips, **K.R. Burgio**, G. Castaldo, C.A. Cizauskas, G. Cumming, T.A. Dallas, J. Dona, Z. Miao, H. Proctor, H.S. Yoon, and W.M. Getz. 2017. The Parasite Extinction Assessment Red List (PEARL): an extensible, open-source, online biodiversity database for neglected invertebrates. *BIORXIV* 192351. DOI: [10.1101/192351](https://doi.org/10.1101/192351)

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION / NON-RESEARCH PRODUCTS

Burgio, K.R. 2020, Kickstart your science career with a summer research experience. *CARY INSTITUTE OF ECOSYSTEM STUDIES BLOG* ([link](#))

Burgio, K.R. 2018. The mysterious and tragic story of America's only native parrot, now extinct for 100 years. **WASHINGTON POST** ([link](#)), **IFLSCIENCE** ([link](#)), **SALON** ([link](#)), **REAL CLEAR SCIENCE** ([link](#)), and **THE CONVERSATION** ([link](#)); > 100,000 reads.

Burgio, K.R. 2018. Carpe diem: Stories about seizing the day. *THE STORY COLLIDER PODCAST* ([link](#)).

R PACKAGES

Burnett, J. and **K.R. Burgio**. 2021. `parrottraits`: an R package for interfacing with the Parrot Traits Database ([url](#))

PATENTS

Burgio, K.R. and M.A. Rubega. 2013. Monk Parakeet Utility Pole Exclusion Device. Provisional Patent # 61/842,608. USA. Filed: 7/3/2013.

RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Career Total: \$168,736

- 2018 (\$1100) American Ornithology Society Travel Award
2011 - 2016 (\$121,000) **National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow**
2016 (\$4671) Experiment crowdfunded project (co-PI w/G. Smith-Vidaurre)
2016 (\$750) UConn Doctoral Student Travel Award
2016 (\$125) American Ornithologists Union Travel Award
2016 (\$2000) UConn Dissertation Fellowship
2016 (\$840) UConn EEB Summer Support Grant
2015 (\$500) UConn EEB Summer Support Grant
2014 (\$2,850) UConn EEB Summer Support Grant
2013 (\$500) UConn EEB Summer Support Grant
- 2013 (\$17,000) UConn Faculty Large Grant (co-author, M. Rubega P.I.)
2013 (\$375) George Clark Jr. Connecticut Natural History Museum Award
2010 (\$150) Connecticut Natural History Museum Award
2010 (\$1500) Edwin V. Gant Memorial Scholarship, UConn
2009 (\$7500) **Barry Goldwater National Scholarship**
2009 (\$3500) Treibick Foundation Summer Research Fellowship
2009 (\$500) UConn Life Sciences Honors Thesis Research Grant
2009 (\$500) UConn Office of Undergraduate Research Grant
2009 (\$375) Katie Bu Memorial Grant
2009 (\$1800) UConn University Scholar Award
2007 (\$1000) UConn Greater Hartford Campus Scholarship
2007 (\$200) UConn Hartford Campus Alumni Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Seminars

- 2021 University of California at Davis, Davis, CA, USA
2021 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA
2020 University of Maine, Orono, ME, USA
2020 Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, NY, USA
2020 Queen's College, CUNY, Flushing, New York, USA
2018 Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, USA
2018 Central Community College, Columbus, Nebraska, USA
2018 Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, USA

International / National Conferences

Burgio, K.R., R.L. White, F. Montaña-Centellas, K.E. Davis, C.B. van Rees, S.J. Presley, and M.R. Willig. 2020. Mapping trait-based extinction risk: identifying areas of conservation concern for parrots in a changing world. *NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE*.

Burnett, J.L., **K.R. Burgio**, and A. Fournier. 2020. USAvian: a tool for enhancing connections among and within the bird management, conservation, and research communities. *NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE*.

Rubega, M.A., **K.R. Burgio**, A.A. MacDonald, A. Oeldorf-Hirsch, R. Capers, R. Wyss. 2020. Direct assessment shows little effect of science communication training. *NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE*.

Gravelly, J.*, **K.R. Burgio**, and M.A. Rubega. 2020. The thermal performance of worn House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) feather coats is even worse than you think. *NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE*.

Carlson, C.J., A.J. Phillips, T.A. Dallas, **K.R. Burgio**, and O.C. Muellerklein. 2017. Taking big data for a spin: the georeferenced U.S. National Parasite Collection and what it can do. *ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA* Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

Kosman, E., **K.R. Burgio**, S.J. Presley, M.R. Willig, and S.M. Scheiner. 2017. Poster: Using functional diversity to set conservation priorities: a methodology and a case study of global parrot diversity. *INTERNATIONAL BIOGEOGRAPHY SOCIETY* Annual Conference, Tuscon, AZ.

K.R. Burgio, K.E. Davis, L.M. Dreiss, L.M. Cisneros, B.T. Klingbeil, S.J. Presley, and M.R. Willig. 2016. Integrating multiple dimensions of biodiversity and considerations of climate change for parrot conservation. *NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE*, Washington, D.C.

Cardillo, C.*, B. Walker, **K.R. Burgio**, and M.A. Rubega. 2016. *Poster: Is A Hothead Stressed? A pilot assessment of thermal imaging as a tool for indexing glucocorticoids.* *SOCIETY OF INTEGRATIVE AND COMPARATIVE BIOLOGY* Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

Willig, M.R., **K.R. Burgio**, L.M. Cisneros, L.M. Dreiss, B.T. Klingbeil, B.D. Patterson, and S.J. Presley. 2014. Gradients of Phylogenetic Relatedness and Size Similarity: Bats and Rodents in a Hotspot of Tropical Biodiversity (Manu, Peru). *AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMOLOGISTS* Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK.

Carlson, C.J., **K.R. Burgio**, and K.E. Block. 2013. Reconstructing the extinction of the Carolina Parakeet: Historical data reveal that two distinct human activities drove two separate subspecies' declines. *ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA* Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

Willig, M.R., **K.R. Burgio**, L.M. Cisneros, L.M. Dreiss, B.T. Klingbeil, B.D. Patterson, and S.J. Presley. 2013. Comparative Biodiversity of Bats and Rodents along an Extensive Tropical Elevational Gradient: Taxonomic, Functional, and Phylogenetic Dimensions. *AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMOLOGISTS* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Lopez, B.E., **K.R. Burgio**, M.B. Carlucci, K.A. Palmquist, A. Parada, V. Weinberger, and A.H. Hurlbert. 2012. Inferring Community Assembly Processes under Niche Liability: Considering the Stress Dominance Hypothesis. *ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA* Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

Klingbeil, B.T., **K.R. Burgio**, L.M. Cisneros, K.E. Davis, L.M. Dreiss, B.D. Patterson, S.J. Presley, and M.R. Willig. 2012. Elevational variation of multiple dimensions of biodiversity: inter-taxon comparisons. *ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA* Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

2021	Science Writing in Evolution - University of Connecticut
2017	Ornithology Laboratory - University of Connecticut
2016	Field Methods in Ornithology - University of Connecticut
2015	Field Methods in Ornithology - University of Connecticut

Teaching Assistant

2016	Biology of the Vertebrates - University of Connecticut
2015	Principles of Biology II - University of Connecticut
2015	Ornithology Laboratory - University of Connecticut
2015	Ornithology - University of Connecticut

2014 Biology of the Vertebrates - University of Connecticut
2010, 2011 Principles of Biology II - University of Connecticut

Other Teaching Experience

2012 -2016 Undergraduate Independent Research Supervisor - Fairfield University
2015 Guest Lectures (2), Ornithology Laboratory - University of Connecticut
2015 Guest Lectures (2), Ornithology - University of Connecticut
2010 Guest Lecture, Topics in Modern Biology - University of Connecticut

MENTORING

Graduate Students

2020 - 2021 Clara Arndtsen '22 (MS) - Hunter College. Thesis: Drivers of nest failure of Piping Plovers in New York City

Undergraduates

2020 - 2021 Elizabeth Jurado '21 - University of Georgia. Independent research project: Cultivating a Sense of Belonging: The Impact of Undergraduate Research Experiences

2020 - 2021 Abigail Williams '21 - Salem College. Independent research project: The Impact of Road Salt on Drinking Water

2017 - 2021 Jordana Gravely '21 - University of Connecticut. Independent research project:
Feather coat insulation of House Sparrows.
- Recipient 2018 UConn SURF Grant (\$3500)
- Authored 2 publications

2012 - 2015 Kali Block '15 - University of Connecticut. Independent research project: Testing Bergmann's, Groger's and Allen's Rule among Monk Parakeet populations
- Recipient 2013 Sigma Xi GIAR (\$1000)
- Co-authored 3 publications

2014 - 2016 Kerri McPhail '16 - Fairfield University. Research assistant: Testing the efficacy of infrared thermography in evaluating stress and metabolic heat loss in House Sparrows

2014 - 2016 Christian Cardillo '16 - Fairfield University. Research assistant: Testing the efficacy of infrared thermography in evaluating stress and metabolic heat loss in House Sparrows

2014 - 2016 Sabrae Boisvert '16 - Fairfield University. Research assistant: Testing the efficacy of infrared thermography in evaluating stress and metabolic heat loss in House Sparrows

2014 - 2016 Nicolette Tiernan '16 - Fairfield University. Research assistant: Testing the efficacy of infrared thermography in evaluating stress and metabolic heat loss in House Sparrows

2012 - 2013 Thomas Corona '13 - Fairfield University. Independent research project: Monk Parakeet utility pole nesting preferences

High School Students

2013 - 2015 Nikki Pirtel '15, Manchester High School.

OTHER AWARDS

2010 **University Scholar - University of Connecticut**
2010 Honors Scholar - University of Connecticut
2009 New England Scholar - University of Connecticut
2007 - 2008 Babbidge Scholar - University of Connecticut
2002 **Air Force Commendation Medal - United States Air Force**
2001 Distinguished Graduate - United States Air Force Leadership School
1999 Air Force Achievement Medal - United States Air Force
1997 Top Graduate - United States Air Force Technical Training School

PUBLIC OUTREACH

2021 "The Two Extinctions of the Carolina Parakeet" - Chicago Ornithological Society
2021 "The Two Extinctions of the Carolina Parakeet" - NYC Audubon Society

- 2020 Skype-A-Scientist - 5 middle/elementary school virtual visits
- 2020 "Avian adaptations in a changing climate" Colebrook Consolidated School
- 2018 "Extinction in Two Acts: The Life and Death of the Carolina Parakeet" Linda Loring Foundation
- 2016 Consultant for National Geographic TV series "United States of Animals" Season 1, Episode 11: "The West Sting"
- 2016 "Nesting behavior of Monk Parakeets on Utility Poles" American Federation of Aviculture Annual Conference
- 2015 "The extinction of the Carolina Parakeet" New Haven Bird Club
- 2013 "The Carolina Parakeet: biology, extinction, and current research" The Parrot Club
- 2013 "Monk Parakeets" Western Connecticut Bird Club
- 2013 "Carolina Parakeets" Windham High School, Windham, CT
- 2012 "The Distribution of Monk Parakeets in Connecticut" CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Avian Summit
- 2012 "Ecology: research, graduate school, and careers" Manchester High School, CT
- 2012 "Adaptations of Birds" Franklin Elementary School, Franklin, CT
- 2010 "Monk Parakeets in Connecticut: What Are They Doing Here?" New Haven Bird Club

RELATED TRAINING AND SKILLS

Computer programs: R, ArcGIS, MaxEnt, RSTAN, Survey Monkey, Qualtrics, EstimateS, GEOLocate, Biota, and ResearchIR

Field training/experience: mist-netting and banding, survey techniques (point counts, territory mapping, and line transects), nest searching, behavioral observations, morphological measurements, blood sampling, vegetation sampling, Infrared Thermography (IRT), and automated recording units (ARUs)

Analyses: Bayesian Likert-scale analyses, species distribution modeling, extinction modeling, species biodiversity metrics, linear mixed models, Bayesian modeling, and quantifying functional and phylogenetic biodiversity

REVIEWER

Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Global Ecology and Biogeography, Basic and Applied Ecology, Animal Conservation, Diversity

NON-ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2011 - 2015 Commissioner - Town of Hamden Natural Resource and Open Space Commission
- 2008 Writing Tutor - University of Connecticut
- 2000 - 2002 Head Instructor - Dental Assistant Training Program - American Red Cross
- 1996 - 2002 Staff Sergeant - United States Air Force
- Manager of Aerospace Dentistry - duties include: dental assistant, radiology technician, and dental hygienist
 - combat medic specializing in chemical, nuclear, and biological decontamination

REFERENCES

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