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## Education

- 2014–2020 **PhD**, *Tufts University*, Medford, MA.  
○ Indirect and interactive effects of climate and herbivory on tea metabolites and quality  
○ PI: Colin Orians
- 2007–2010 **MS**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, Urbana, IL.  
○ Interactions between habitat and ungulate herbivory limit the spread of *Ipomopsis aggregata* (Polemoniaceae).  
○ PI: Ken Paige
- 2002–2006 **B.A.**, *Whitman College*, Walla Walla, WA.  
○ Behavioral evidence for host-race formation in the gall midge *Dasineura folliculi* (Felt).

## Research Experience

- 2022–Present **Scientific Programmer and Educator**, *CCT Data Science*, University of Arizona.
- 2020–2022 **Postdoctoral associate**, *Bruna Lab*, University of Florida.
- 2019–2020 **Graduate Research Assistant**, *Crone Lab*, Tufts University.
- 2014–2020 **Graduate Researcher**, *Tufts University*, Medford, MA.
- 2010 **Research Assistant**, *Colorado Natural Heritage Program*, Fort Collins, CO.
- 2007–2010 **Graduate Researcher**, *UIUC*, Urbana, IL.
- 2005 **Research Intern**, *Bucknell University*, Lewisburg, PA.

## Publications

\* indicates undergraduate mentee author

† indicates a publication that won an award

<sup>†</sup>**Scott ER**, Uriarte M, Bruna EM (2021) Delayed effects of climate on vital rates lead to demographic divergence in Amazonian forest fragments. *Global Change Biology* 28:463-479. DOI: 10.1111/gcb.15900.

**Scott ER**, Wei J-P, Li X, Han W-Y, Orians CM (2021) Differing non-linear, lagged effects of temperature and precipitation on an insect herbivore and its host plant. *Ecological Entomology* 46:866–876. DOI: 10.1111/een.13023

Donatelli CM, Roberts AS, **Scott ER**, DeSmith K, Summers D, Abu-Bader L, Baxter D, Standen EM, Porter ME, Summers AP, Tytell ED (2021) Foretelling the flex—vertebral shape predicts behavior and ecology of fishes. *Integrative and Comparative Biology*. DOI: 10.1093/icb/icab110

<sup>†</sup>**Scott ER**, Crone EE (2021) Using the right tool for the job: the difference between unsupervised and supervised analyses of multivariate ecological data. *Oecologia*. DOI: 10.1007/s00442-020-04848-w

**Scott ER**, Li X, Wei J-P, Kfoury N, Morimoto J, Guo M-M\*, Agyei A\*, Robbat A, Ahmed S, Cash SB, Griffin TS, Stepp JR, Han W, Orians CM (2020) Changes in tea plant secondary metabolite profiles as a function of leafhopper density and damage. *Frontiers in Plant Science* 11:636. DOI: 10.3389/FPLS.2020.00636

Szöcs E, Stirling T, **Scott ER**, Scharmüller A, Schäfer RB (2020) webchem: An R Package to Retrieve Chemical Information from the Web. *J Stat Soft* 93. DOI: 10.18637/jss.v093.i13

**Scott ER**, Li X, Kfoury N, Morimoto J, Han W-Y, Ahmed S, Cash SB, Griffin TS, Stepp JR, Robbat A, Orians CM (2019) Interactive effects of drought severity and simulated herbivory on tea (*Camellia sinensis*) volatile and non-volatile metabolites. *Environmental and Experimental Botany* 157:283–292. DOI: 10.1016/j.envexpbot.2018.10.025

Orians CM, Schweiger R, Dukes JS, **Scott ER**, Müller C (2019) Combined impacts of prolonged drought and warming on plant size and foliar chemistry. *Annals of Botany* 124:41–52. DOI: 10.1093/aob/mcz004

Kfoury N, **Scott ER**, Orians CM, Ahmed S, Cash SB, Griffin T, Matyas C, Stepp JR, Han W, Xue D, Long C, Robbat A (2019) Plant-Climate Interaction Effects: Changes in the Relative Distribution and Concentration of the Volatile Tea Leaf Metabolome in 2014–2016. *Frontiers in Plant Science* 10:1518. DOI: 10.3389/fpls.2019.01518

Kfoury N, Morimoto J, Kern A, **Scott ER**, Orians CM, Ahmed S, Griffin T, Cash SB, Stepp JR, Xue D, Long C, Robbat A (2018) Striking changes in tea metabolites due to elevational effects. *Food Chemistry* 264:334–341. DOI: 10.1016/j.foodchem.2018.05.040

Li X, Wei J-P, **Scott ER**, Liu J-WJ-W, Guo S, Li Y, Zhang L, Han W-Y (2018) Exogenous Melatonin Alleviates Cold Stress by Promoting Antioxidant Defense and Redox Homeostasis in *Camellia sinensis* L. *Molecules* 23:165. DOI: 10.3390/molecules23010165

**Scott ER**, Orians CM (2018) Differential Changes in Tea Quality as Influenced by Insect Herbivory. In: Han W-Y, Li X, Ahammed GJ (eds) *Stress Physiology of Tea in the Face of Climate Change*. Springer Singapore, Singapore, pp 217–240

Kfoury N, **Scott ER**, Orians C, Robbat A (2017) Direct Contact Sorptive Extraction: A Robust Method for Sampling Plant Volatiles in the Field. *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry* 65:8501–8509. DOI: 10.1021/acs.jafc.7b02847

Dorchin N, **Scott ER**, Clarkin CE, Luongo MP, Jordan S, Abrahamson WG (2009) Behavioural, ecological and genetic evidence confirm the occurrence of host-associated differentiation in goldenrod gall-midges. *Journal of evolutionary biology* 22:729–739. DOI: 10.1111/j.1420-9101.2009.01696.x

Dorchin N, Clarkin CE, **Scott ER**, Luongo MP, Abrahamson WG (2007) Taxonomy, life history, and population sex ratios of North American Dasineura (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae) on goldenrods (Asteraceae). *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* 100:539–548. DOI: 10.1603/0013-8746(2007)100[539:TLHAPS]2.0.CO;2

Dorchin N, **Scott ER**, Abrahamson WG (2006) First record of Macrolabis (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae) in America: A new inquiline species from Dasineura folliculi galls on goldenrods. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* 99:656–661. DOI: 10.1603/0013-8746(2006)99[656:FROMDC]2.0.CO;2

#### Software:

**Scott ER** (2021) **bumbl**: Tools for modeling bumblebee colony growth and decline. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=bumbl>

Szöcs E, Stirling T, **Scott ER**, Scharmüller A, and Schäfer RB (2020) **webchem**: Chemical Information from the Web. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=webchem>

**Scott ER** (2019) **holodeck**: A Tidy Interface for Simulating Multivariate Data. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=holodeck>

Contributor to Levin S. et al. (2022) **ipmr**: Integral Projection Models <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=ipmr>

#### Teaching Experience

2020 **Ecological Statistics and Data (Instructor of record)**, *Tufts University*, Medford, MA.

2019 **Organisms and Populations (Lecture TA)**, *Tufts University*, Medford, MA.

2016–2018 **Biostatistics (Recitation Instructor)**, *Tufts University*, Medford, MA.

2015 **Organisms and Populations (Lab TA)**, *Tufts University*, Medford, MA.

2014 **Cells and Organisms (Lab TA)**, *Tufts University*, Medford, MA.

2011–2014 **General Biology I (Adjunct Faculty)**, *Front Range Community College*, Fort Collins, CO.

2010 **Environmental Biology (Discussion TA)**, *UIUC*, Urbana, IL.

2007–2009 **Organismal and Evolutionary Biology (Lab TA)**, *UIUC*, Urbana, IL.

### Guest Lectures

- Mar 2022 **Plant Signals & Signal Transduction**, *Plant Physiology*, CSU Chico.
- May 2020 **Tea chemistry, the environment, and health**, *Medicinal Plants*, Tufts ExCollege.
- Oct 2019 **Paired t-tests**, *Biostatistics*, Tufts University.
- Feb 2019 **Lessons from fieldwork experiences**, *Intro to environmental fieldwork*, Tufts University.
- Dec 2018 **Lessons from fieldwork experiences**, *Intro to environmental fieldwork*, Tufts University.
- Oct 2018 **Tea sustainability in a changing climate**, *Sustainability in Action*, Tufts University.
- Apr 2018 **Tea chemistry, the environment, and health**, *Medicinal Plants*, Tufts ExCollege.

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### Mentoring Experience

- Ellie McDaniel (UF class of 2024) was a summer REU student working on the statistical assumptions and data limitations of applying distributed lag non-linear models to plant demographic analyses.
- Andrew Mercadante (UF class of 2022) was a summer REU student working on edge effects in fragmented tropical forests.
- Ji-Peng Wei (Masters student at Tea Research Institute) collaborated on four papers with me and was an integral collaborator for most of my PhD work. He went on to work in the tea industry China.
- Ming-Ming Guo (Zhejiang University class of 2018) helped carry out field experiments in China in 2018 and co-authored a publication. Ming-Ming was accepted into a PhD program at the Tea Research Institute in Hangzhou, China.
- Amma Agyei (Tufts class of 2022) conducted chemical analyses on tea samples and co-authored a publication. She was accepted to a combined BS/MS program in biomedical engineering at Tufts.
- Lan Ngo (Tufts class of 2018) piloted a research project to look for indirect effects of climate change in a microbially ripened tea product. She was hired as a Research Data Specialist at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.
- Gabriel Taylor (Tufts class of 2018) accompanied me to China in 2017 to assist with fieldwork. After graduation, he worked for a labor union doing contract enforcement.
- Michelle Mu (Tufts class of 2018) piloted a machine learning method for detection of leafhopper damage in leaf scans. She went on to receive a MS from Northeastern and work as a research associate for a biotech firm.

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## Grants

- Mar 2021 **NSF REU Supplement.**
  - \$7,200
- Nov 2019 **R Consortium Infrastructure Steering Committee Grant.**
  - \$6,000
- Jan 2016 **Tufts Institute for the Environment Fellowship.**
  - \$4,975.00
- Mar 2009 **Program in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Research Grant.**
  - \$850.00
- Mar 2009 **Francis M. and Harlie M. Clark Research Support Grant.**
  - \$2,500.00
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## Awards and Honors

- Jul 2022 Ehleringer Prize. Oecologia
- Jul 2022 Postdoctoral Excellence Award. AoB Plants
- Nov 2019 First place in section for student talks. Entomological Society of America
- Mar 2019 Finalist for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education Award. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- Mar 2019 First place in Tufts Graduate Research Symposium 15 minute talk category. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- Nov 2018 First place in section for student talks. Entomological Society of America
- Feb 2017 First place in Tufts Graduate Research Symposium 5 minute talk category. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- Feb 2016 Second place in Tufts Graduate Research Symposium 15 minute talk category. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- Mar 2009 Teaching Excellence award. UIUC School of Integrative Biology

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## Presentations

### Research Talks

- Mar 2022 **Plants in a Changing World: Drought, Herbivory, and Habitat Fragmentation**, *Biology Department Seminar*, CSU Chico.

- Nov 2021 **Delayed effects and habitat fragmentation: are we underestimating the effects of anthropogenic change?**, *UFPDA Seminar Series*, Gainesville, FL.
- Mar 2021 **Impacts of insect herbivory on tea quality: strategies for a changing climate**, *University of Florida Entomology and Nematology Department Seminar*, University of Florida.
- Aug 2020 **Introduction to webchem**, *European Chemicals Agency*.
- Aug 2020 **Using the right tool for the job: Understanding the difference between unsupervised and supervised analyses of multivariate ecological data**, *Ecological Society of America*.
- Nov 2019 **Non-linear effects of tea green leafhopper (*Empoasca onukii*) density on tea (*Camellia sinensis*) secondary metabolites and implications for tea quality**, *Entomological Society of America Joint Meeting*, Saint Louis, MO.  
 ○ First place in section (P-IE Chemical Ecology)
- Nov 2019 **Effects of Climate Change on Tea Quality**, *Biology Seminar*, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.
- May 2019 **Can a leafhopper rescue tea from climate change?**, *The Cambridge Entomological Club*, Cambridge.
- Mar 2019 **Can pests rescue tea quality from climate change?**, *Gervay-Hague Lab Group Meeting*, UC Davis.
- Mar 2019 **Multivariate Statistics for Ecology and Baked Goods**, *Tufts Graduate Student Symposium*, Tufts University.  
 ○ First place in 15 min talk category
- Nov 2018 **The importance of insect herbivore density to induced metabolite blends in tea plants (*Camellia sinensis*) and implications for tea quality**, *Entomological Society of America Joint Meeting*, Vancouver, BC.  
 ○ First place in section (P-IE turf and horticulture)
- Jul 2018 **Can pests rescue tea quality from climate change?**, *Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science Tea Research Institute (TRI CAAS) Seminar Series*, Hangzhou, China.
- Mar 2018 **Combined effects of drought and herbivory on tea metabolites**, *Biology Department Seminar*, Tufts University.

- Mar 2017 **A novel, high-throughput method for sampling volatiles in the field**, *Entomological Society of America Eastern Branch Meeting*, Newport, RI.
- Feb 2017 **Can insect damage improve tea quality in a changing climate?**, *Tufts Graduate Student Symposium*, Tufts University.  
 ○ First place in 5 minute talk category
- Feb 2016 **A New Method For Sampling Plant Volatiles in the Field**, *Tufts Graduate Student Symposium*, Tufts University.  
 ○ Second place in 15 min category
- Jan 2016 **Sampling Plant Volatiles in the Field: An Alternative to Dynamic Headspace Sampling**, *Gordon Research Seminar: Plant Volatiles*, Ventura, CA.
- Nov 2015 **An Alternative Method for Sampling Plant Volatiles**, *Biology Department Seminar*, Tufts University.

### Posters

- Aug 2021 **Habitat-dependent delayed effects of climate on demographic vital rates in a fragmented Amazonian landscape**, *Ecological Society of America*.
- Nov 2018 **Interactive effects of drought and herbivory on tea (*Camellia sinensis*) volatile and non-volatile metabolites**, *Entomological Society of America Joint Meeting*, Vancouver, BC.
- Aug 2017 **Generating and analyzing metabolomic data from tea plant volatiles**, *Data Intensive Studies Center (DISC) Symposium*, Tufts University.
- Feb 2016 **Sampling Plant Volatiles in the Field: An Alternative to Dynamic Headspace Sampling**, *Gordon Research Conference: Plant Volatiles*, Ventura, CA.

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### Professional Development

- Jan 2022 Approaching Academic Honesty. University of Florida
- Sep 2021 Bridging Differences for Better Mentoring. University of Florida
- May 2021 Virtual Field Course working group. [brunalab.org/virtualfieldcourse](http://brunalab.org/virtualfieldcourse)
- May 2021 Addressing Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Justice in STEM Teaching. University of Florida
- Mar 2021 Cultural Competence, Crucial Conversations (C4) & Equity. University of Florida
- Nov 2020 Brain, Bias, Being Anti-Racism Workshop. Tufts University
- Oct 2020 Effective Mentoring of Graduate Students. University of Florida

- Oct 2020 Tips for Mentoring Online Right Now!. University of Florida
- Oct 2020 Setting Student Expectations Through an Effective Course Syllabus. University of Florida
- Aug 2020 Anti-Racist Theory & Teaching Practice. University of Florida
- Sep 2013 Working with Student-Veterans: Strategies and Guidance for Creating Veteran-Supportive Classrooms. Front Range Community College
- Sep 2012 How to get students to “eat the textbook”. Front Range Community College

## Outreach

- 2015–2016, **Scientist Pen-Pal**, *Letters to a Prescientist*.
- 2018–2021 [Scientist pen-pal](#) paired with a middle-school pre-scientist
- Fall 2019 **#TeaScienceTuesday**, Instagram.
  - [A social media campaign](#) where I live-streamed a short discussion about an aspect of tea science
- 11/20/19 **The Chemistry of Tea**, *The London Tea Room*, Saint Louis, MO.
  - [Class for general public](#) on tea science
- 9/27/19 **The Chemistry of Tea**, *Mem Tea*, Somerville, MA.
  - [Class for general public](#) on tea science
- 4/26/17 **Bug-Bitten Tea**, *Pint of Science*, Cambridge, MA.
  - [An informal talk to the public](#) about my research at a local pub

## Service

**Manuscript Reviews:** Agronomy (1), Journal of Chemical Ecology (1), Ecological Entomology (3), International Journal of Climatology (2), Oecologia (1), Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology (1), BMC Plant Biology (2), Frontiers in Plant Science (3), Brazilian Journal of Botany (1)

- 2021– Review Editor. Frontiers in Plant Science
- Present
- 2020–2022 Secretary and co-founder. UFPDA (UF Postdoc Association)
- 2017–2018 NSF grant coordinator. Tufts University
- 2015–2016 President. Tufts BUGS (Biology Union of Graduate Students)
- 2009–2010 Outreach and policy committee. UIUC Graduate Students in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (GEEB)
- 2008–2009 Graduate student symposium food committee chair. UIUC Graduate Students in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (GEEB)