## Dr. Benjamin R. Goldstein

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Education

UC Berkeley Berkeley, CA, USA Ecology (Ph.D.) 2023

Advisor: Dr. Perry de Valpine

American University Washington, DC, USA Environmental Science (BS) 2018

Philosophy (BA)

Computer science (minor)

## **Employment**

Postdoctoral Researcher, North Carolina State University.

June 2023 - Present

• Lead the design and implementation of a multi-dataset, continental-scale distribution model for North American mammals

Statistical Consultant, Land Core.

November 2021 - May 2023

- Design and implement a statistical model of risk-mitigating agricultural practices to inform insurers using more than 2 million observations of field-level corn yields, environmental conditions, and practices
- Work closely with the Risk Modeling Team to communicate statistical solutions and findings to stakeholders at bi-weekly internal meetings and external meetings

Scientific Aid, California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

December 2020 - December 2021

- Design and implement statistical models for inference on wildlife distributions from camera trap data and communicate findings in publication
- Provide technical support for computational tasks related to wildlife monitoring

#### **Publications**

Selected

- Goldstein, B. R., Jensen, A. J., Kays, R., Cove, M. V., McShea, W. J., Rooney, B., Kierepka, E. M., & Pacifici, K. (2024). Guidelines for estimating occupancy from autocorrelated camera trap detections. Methods in Ecology and Evolution. https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.14359
- Goldstein, B. R., Furnas, B. J., Calhoun, K. L., Larsen, A. E., Karp, D. S., & de Valpine, P. (2024). Drought influences habitat associations and abundances of birds in California's Central Valley. Diversity and Distributions, 30(5). https://doi.org/10.1111/ddi.13827
- Chapman, M., Goldstein, B. R., Schell, C. J., Brashares, J. S., Carter, N. H., Ellis-Soto, D., Faxon, H. O., Goldstein, J. E., Halpern, B. S., Longdon, J., Norman, K. E. A., O'Rourke, D., Scoville, C., Xu, L., & Boettiger, C. (2024). Biodiversity monitoring for a just planetary future. Science, 383(6678), 34–36. https://doi.org/10.1126/science.adh8874
- Goldstein, B. R., & de Valpine, P. (2022). Comparing N-mixture models and GLMMs for relative abundance estimation in a citizen science dataset. Scientific Reports, 12(1), 12276. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-16368-z

All

- Carlen, E. J., Estien, C. O., Caspi, T., Perkins, D., Goldstein, B. R., Kreling, S. E. S., Hentati, Y., Williams, T. D., Stanton, L. A., Des Roches, S., Johnson, R. F., Young, A. N., Cooper, C. B., & Schell, C. J. (2024). A framework for contextualizing social-ecological biases in contributory science data. People and Nature, 6(2), 377–390. https://doi.org/10.1002/pan3.10592
- Calhoun, K. L., Goldstein, B. R., Gaynor, K. M., McInturff, A., Solorio, L., & Brashares, J. S. (2023). Mammalian resistance to megafire in western U.S. woodland savannas. Ecosphere, 14(7), e4613. https://doi.org/10.1002/ecs2.4613
- Stoudt, S., Goldstein, B. R.\* (co-first author), & de Valpine, P. (2022). Identifying engaging bird species and traits with community science observations. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 119(16)
- Furnas, B. J., **Goldstein, B. R.**, & Figura, P. J. (2021). Intermediate fire severity diversity promotes richness of forest carnivores in California. Diversity and Distributions, ddi.13374. https://doi.org/10.1111/ddi.13374

- Socolar, Y., Goldstein, B. R., de Valpine, P., & Bowles, T. M. (2021). Biophysical and policy factors predict simplified crop rotations in the US Midwest. Environmental Research Letters, 16(5), 054045. https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/abf9ca
- Geeraert, N., Duprey, N. N., McIlroy, S. E., Thompson, P. D., Goldstein, B. R., LaRoche, C., Kim, K., Raymundo, L. J., & Baker, D. M. (2020). The Anthropogenic Nitrogen Footprint of a Tropical Lagoon: Spatial Variability in Padina sp. δ15N Values1. Pacific Science, 74(1), 19. https://doi.org/10.2984/74.1.2
- LaRoche, C. K., **Goldstein, B. R.**, Cybulski, J. D., Raymundo, L. J., Aoki, L. R., & Kim, K. (2019). Decade of change in Enhalus acoroides seagrass meadows in Guam, Mariana Islands. Marine and Freshwater Research, 70(2), 246. https://doi.org/10.1071/MF18062

#### Software

• Goldstein, B. R., Turek, D., Ponisio, L. C., & de Valpine, P. (2020). nimbleEcology: Distributions for Ecological Models in nimble (0.3.0) [Computer software]. https://cran.r-project.org/package=nimbleEcology

# **Fellowships**

- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, 2020-2023
- Data Science for the 21st Century NSF Research Trainee, UC Berkeley 2018-2020
- Fulbright UK Summer Institute Awardee, University of Exeter, 2016

#### **Presentations**

- "Inferring species distributions from participatory science data." Wildlife Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, California, USA 2023.
- "Drought impacts on birds in California's Great Valley revealed in eBird data." The Wildlife Society, Spokane, Washington, USA 2022.
- "Identifying engaging bird species and traits with participatory science data." Ecological Society of America, Montreal, Canada 2022.
- "Identifying engaging bird species and traits with participatory science data." International Statistical Ecology Conference, Cape Town, South Africa 2022.
- "Implementing common hierarchical statistical models in R with nimble Ecology." The Wildlife Society, Reno, NV 2019.